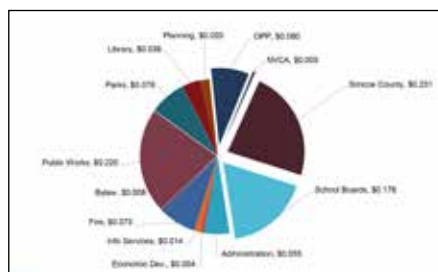


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Four-year-old **Dezmond Friest** tells **Santa** what he wants for Christmas at Creemore Log Cabin after the parade Saturday.

Health Unit wants enhanced smoking ban

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

Is a totally smoke-free Clearview township feasible? Perhaps not, but local government has a vital role to play in reshaping social norms to reduce death and disease, according to **Cindy Baker-Barill**, manager of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's (SMDHU) Smoke Free Program.

In a presentation to Clearview council on Dec. 9, Baker-Barill described a growing problem with the use of tobacco and vaping products among youth. Provincial statistics show a 75 per cent increase in vaping among youth 16-19 from 2017 to 2018. While the most recent Simcoe County data available is from 2015, it points to an even bigger problem here. That 2015 survey found 23 per cent of Simcoe County youth were vaping

compared to the provincial average of 15 per cent.

The current Clearview Township bylaw, passed in 2013, bans smoking in township buildings and within nine metres of entrances, and creates a 20 metre smoke free zone around playgrounds and recreation facilities. Baker-Barill encouraged council to follow the lead of other municipalities that are expanding smoking bylaws to cover all municipal properties, and include all tobacco products, cannabis and e-cigarettes.

Councillor **John Lamers** said he supports the concept, but has concerns about the cost of enforcement. Township Clerk **Pamela Fettes** said Clearview currently has one and a half full time bylaw enforcement officers. If the bylaw were extended to cover

additional municipal properties such as walking trails, existing resources would be inadequate.

The SMDHU is currently responsible for enforcement around hospitals, parks etc., through the Smoke Free Ontario Act. While it is not the goal of the health unit to take on additional enforcement responsibilities for municipal properties, Baker-Barill pointed out that Canadians are basically law-abiding people, and if they are aware of the rules, compliance is generally good. She suggested the biggest cost involved in bylaw enforcement is effective signage.

Fettes asked to be connected with other municipalities to discuss their experience with enforcing expanded smoke-free bylaws, and will report back to council.

"Use it or lose it"

Residents are being asked for feedback on the Creemore to Stayner Route launched by Clearview transit in October.

The new route is a pilot project, with Mayor **Doug Measures** saying this is a "use it or lose it" proposition.

Councillor **Thom Paterson** told council that when he boarded the Creemore bus about two weeks after the launch of the new service, he was the first paying passenger.

A survey can be found at clearview.ca/transit. It will take about two minutes to complete and results will help determine the future of the service.

There will be no Clearview transit service on Wednesday, Dec. 25 or Wednesday, Jan. 1. The Clearview Township Administration Centre will close at noon on Dec. 24, and reopen Thursday, Jan. 2.

Victorian Christmas

Discover the magic of an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas at the Simcoe County Museum on Dec. 12-13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Admission to Victorian Christmas is by donation, with proceeds going to the Friends of the Simcoe County Museum. The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 Highway 26, just minutes north of Barrie. For more information please visit museum.simcoe.ca or call 705-728-3721.

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THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, Dec. 14

- **Winter Farmers' Market at the Creemore Legion** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of vendors, breakfast available for purchase, a variety of bakers, food vendors and crafters to add to the shopping experience.
- **The Treblemakers Adult Community Choir** proudly presents "Home For Christmas," featuring Christmas favourites and Country Rock hits by Lady Antebellum, Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw, Elvis, Amy Grant, and more! The choir is delighted to be joined onstage by three fabulous guest musicians: Valerie Selander Voisey (violin); Ray

Dillard (percussion), and Cory Barnes (guitar). The performance will take place at St. John's United Church (Creemore), at 2 p.m. Doors open to the public at 1:30 p.m. Freewill donations will be gratefully received. Please note that a ticket is not required for the concert – audience members will be seated on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, please contact Penelope Dale, at info@thetrebmakers.ca, or 705-352-4595.

Sunday, Dec. 15

- **Free public skating at Creemore Arena** sponsored by the Stayner Lions Club from noon to 1:50 p.m.
- **Church Services** on page 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- **An Evening with award-winning Journalist Robyn Doolittle at Quince Bistro** 157 Mill St., Creemore, ON from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include a glass of wine and food samplings. Tickets are available at Curiosity House Books 122 Mill St., Creemore, ON or online at Ticketscene: www.ticketscene.ca/events/27845/

Friday, Dec. 20

- **Theatre Collingwood's A Staged Reading of A Christmas Carol** brings the classic Victorian tale to life, as it would have been performed in a 1930s radio studio. A fun and entertaining event for all ages. Our readers are community members and local actors including Clearview and Collingwood Mayors, Doug Measures and Brian Saunderson, Rowland Fleming, Mariane McLeod, Dean Hollin and more. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 Maple St., Collingwood, ON L9Y 2R2. Tickets are \$25.

Saturday, Dec. 21 & Sunday, Dec. 22

- **Sleeping Beauty – The Panto Game of Thrones.** A traditional Christmas Panto at Wasaga Beach RecPlex. Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. A musical comedy for all ages. \$15 for students and \$20 for adults.

Sunday, Dec. 22

- **Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Festival** at Centennial United Church at 2 p.m. 234 William St. Stayner. All are welcome. Free will offering.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

- **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner.** Creemore Legion at 4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome to dine and/or volunteer. Pay what you can. Donation of non-perishable food item appreciated. Contact Donna at 705-466-2523 or creemorechristmaself@gmail.com to reserve your seat or to make special arrangements. For more information see www.creemorechristmas.ca and have a Merry Christmas!

Saturday, Feb. 29

- **The Craighleith Heritage Depot** is celebrating **Leap Year with a Dance.** Dance the winter night away to the music of Bored of Education, enjoy our sweet and savory nibbles, the fun of a penny sale and a cash bar. This fundraising event will help the museum create two more REEL History Films and grow the museum collection. Tickets are available now at LE Shore Memorial Library. All tickets purchased in 2019 will receive a tax receipt for this year. Makes a great gift for family and friends.

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Annual Food and Toy Drive

This holiday season the Creemore Echo is acting as a collection agent for the Stayner Clearview Foodbank and the Simcoe Paramedics Toy Drive. We invite you to drop by with your donation of non-perishable food, money and toys.

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Clearview council news

Council supports NVCA joint service review

by Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview Township council has expressed support for a joint service program review between the township and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

The review will seek to clarify roles of the NVCA and member municipalities and refine protocols to improve service delivery.

Councillor **Connie Leishman**, formerly Clearview's representative on the NVCA pointed out that there have been many similar discussions in the past, which resulted in little progress. However, **Mara Burton**, Director of Community Services for Clearview suggested that with the many changes in personnel at the NVCA in recent years, this may be a good time for a review.

Clearview CAO, **Steve Sage** suggested that the loss of some long-time staff has contributed to challenges with the NVCA. Sage said that in the past, an employee with 35 years experience might quickly approve an access road to a farm field and devote more time to evaluating the proposed site of a high-traffic fast food restaurant. Now he says, less experienced staff tend to focus on procedure and deal with all applications in the same way causing the whole system to bog down. While the township recognizes the mutual benefit of NVCA services, the focus must be on improving service delivery.

Council continues to encourage Lafarge site rehab

by Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview Township council has adopted a recommendation by the Committee of Adjustment regarding zoning changes to the former Lafarge Quarry site on County Road 9 near New Lowell.

Lafarge had requested creation of two new lots on 3/4 Sideroad Sunnidale. The Committee of Adjustment recommended granting that approval conditional on the site being graded and cleaned up, with large concrete blocks and scrap metal removed.

Councillor **Thom Paterson** suggested that council should also insist on removal of existing fuel tanks and pumps, but planning staff indicated those would be allowed to remain to facilitate potential future industrial use.

There is currently a soil berm along one side of the Lafarge property. Typically this would be removed as part of the site remediation but neighbours to the south have requested that the berm be left in place.

The COA has recommended a 15 metre side yard set back versus the usual 4-5 metres to accommodate this request, but ultimately, the decision on what to do with the berm will rest with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

2020 budget carries 3.37% increase

by Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview taxpayers had an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2020 township budget at a public meeting on Dec. 9.

Clearview Treasurer **Kelly McDonald** outlined plans for capital and operating budgets which have been in development since September. The proposed 2020 budget assumes total revenue of \$30,230,900 with 56 per cent coming from property taxes. That represents an increase of \$60.77 on an average home assessed at \$284,667 from the 2019 budget. It represents a 3.37 per cent increase, with a net tax increase of 2.07 per cent once county and education taxes are factored in.

Included in the proposed budget are an increase in community assistance grants, additional funding for traffic calming signs, benches at township owned cemeteries, partial funding of a study for the snowmobile trail bridge and a sidewalk study.

Operating expenses for economic development will be reduced by nearly \$155,000 with elimination of a one-time expense for downtown revitalization. The fire department budget is set to increase by \$139,000 with part time fire prevention and training officers becoming full time.

Bylaw operating costs are expected to rise by



\$106,000 with a part-time enforcement officer becoming full-time and a move to proactive enforcement of property standards bylaws.

There were no questions from the public at the meeting. Should any comments or questions be received, they will be considered as council fine tunes the budget in advance of the Jan. 13 meeting where it is expected the budget will be passed. Final approval will come in April at which time council will pass the budget.

EarlyOn Centre requests reduced rent

by Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview Township staff has been asked to weigh in on a request from E-3 Community Services for reduced rent on space in the Stayner Community Centre.

E3 spokesman **Peter Doner** made the request in a presentation to council Monday evening. Doner explained that as the lead agency for EarlyON Child and Family Centres, E3 plays a vital role in preparing children for lifelong learning, health and well-being. Full-time sites are operated in Collingwood and Alliston, with two day per week satellite programs in smaller communities including Stayner. EarlyON started offering services in Stayner from a location at the Clearview Youth Centre in 2018, then moved to the Jubilee Presbyterian Church in 2019. To date, the centre has seen more than 1,000 visits by parents and children looking for support, advice, personal connections and access to a network of resources.

Doner believes that a move to the community centre adjacent to the library would make the service more visible and more accessible to families within the community.

E3 is asking for use of half the large meeting room at the community centre on Mondays and Wednesdays. The posted rate for the rental space works out to \$22,000 per year. As a not-for-profit agency, E3 is requesting a 50 per cent reduction in that rate.

The meeting space is currently used by the VON on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so some councillors expressed concern that granting the E3 request would effectively make the space unavailable to other groups during the week. On the question of whether a rent reduction for E3 would open the door to similar request from the VON, it was revealed that the VON is actually using the space rent-free.

Council has asked for a staff report before responding to the E3 request.

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HISTORY

Locating Port Hope

Last month I asked you if you knew where the Port Hope settlement was. I didn't know then and probably you didn't know either. Now you will find out. The information is taken from an old Creemore Star, Feb. 13, 1918. And as well, about Elm Corners.

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen
BLACKBURN

I will try to explain the location of Elm Corners mentioned in the article (author unknown). When travelling west on County Road 9 about half way to Dunedin there is a turn to the left. Rather than turning, keep straight on west on Sideroad 9/10. At a dead end turn to the right (north), go a short distance to a stop sign and come out on the Eighth Line. Here the Eighth Line curves to the south-west. The triangle formed by these roads and the steep hill to the south was called Elm Corners.

To the south-west angle stood the old Orange Hall in which was spent many a pleasant time – a supper or ball of the old social kind. This lodge was later moved to Glen Huron. (Note: it was moved from Glen Huron to the end of the Ninth Line off Sideroad 12/13.) Near the triangle to the north stood the only frame cottage in the place. Here many a puzzled traveler, at the parting of the ways, got warmed and refreshed and put happy on his right road. Still north beyond the corporations was the tannery operated by Alex Campbell. The grinding stone of his tannery is doing service in tire-setting in a nearby village. (Note: This was Dunedin. Does anyone know if the stone is still there?)

Now about the Port Hope settlement. This refers to the farms along the Eighth Line from Elm Corners to Dunedin. The settlement appears to have been named by the Best family, John, Robert, George and William. Many names are mentioned in the article, none of which are familiar in this area now.

The author goes on to say that his earliest recollections were that of a barn raising and a wedding. Those were the days of the charivari (pronounced shivaree) held in earnest if the parties had conducted their affair without the guests, but the honour of the place forbade all annoyance to those who did it up in fine style.

Of the transient characters of the place mention might be made of Sandy Bob Davidson, who could dig a well, blast a stone or perchance a good name; John Barrot; Thomas Boyle, a typical Irishman of the peasant class; Hugh Allen, noted over the district as the leading professor of potash lore, and many a pleasant evening the boys spent in the lonely shanty as he spun his old-time yarns; Zenneth Roadhouse, a labourer, later was rounded up at Beeton Refuge.

Those were the days of the typical tramp and many there were who passed this way. Each had his stopping place, and each settler thought his tramp was the best.

Port Hope has passed; the sturdy fathers have passed, the sons are spread far and wide. Prosperity and kind fortune have smiled bountifully, but may I ask will the hospitality and the true neighbour compare with the good old days when fortune meant a shanty full of boys and girls and wheat enough left for the next grist?

THE WAY WE WERE



Santa's workshop was the theme of the Creemore Curling Club's 1986 Santa Claus Parade float, with Paul Crevier (from left), Jim Madill and Lorne Rowbotham as carpenters and Karen Crevier as Mrs. Claus. Photo submitted by Karen Crevier.

LETTER

Scam calls, disgusting

Editor:

"Dear Customer, this morning an eBay charge of \$300 was made on your credit card and an international charge of \$1,000. If you did not authorize these charges, press one immediately." I had received this call three times previously. On Dec. 2, the same call came at 6:10 a.m., 6:55 a.m., and 7:35 a.m.

'Customer' is the person unlucky enough to answer the phone. 'Credit card' is not specified. How stupid do they think Joe Public is!? The most disgusting part is that someone must be getting paid to make these annoying calls. Why would anyone sane make the call to the same person three times in 90 minutes, all before breakfast?

Irma Flack,
Creemore.

POEM

What is Christmas?

Christmas is a grateful heart,
Christmas is a prayer,
Christmas is a spirit, of good will that's everywhere.
Christmas is a time of joy, of peace and hope combined,

But Christmas is above all else God's love for all man kind.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Florence Bremner,
Singhampton.

How to avoid overspending at Christmas

I always find it difficult over the holidays to keep the costs down. Have you got any tips for making it through Christmas without spending too much?

Thanks, Francis

Great question Francis!

Everyone feels the financial pinch over the holiday season and most tend to buy on credit and then try to deal with the bills in January. I know it can be extremely hard to stick to a budget so here are some money saving tips to keep in mind this

THE MONEY LADY



Christine
IBBOTSON

holiday season!

It is best to make a list, determine a budget for each gift and stick to it. If you can't find a gift for your price point – then opt for gift cards so that they can be used after Christmas in all the retail sales. Why not consider "teaming-up" and go in on gifts with others to limit costs and maintain your budget. Set expectations with family so that

everyone plans to spend specific amounts on gift giving. You could also choose to have an adult name picking

(See "Be" on page 5)

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Be generous and gracious this season

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or secret Santa. Don't forget the Dollar Store, they are great for Christmas stocking stuffers, wrappings, cards, and decorations. Who says you have to spend a lot to get into the holiday spirit!

Make sure you delegate the dishes or have a potluck dinner to reduce the cost of a large family meal. Everyone has a specialty that they could bring if asked and it is up to the hostess to coordinate the meal and tell people what to bring. Don't forget to tell your guests to also bring their own alcohol. If you are hosting the event at your home, you shouldn't be expected to foot the bill for all the drinks. Instead have a Christmas punch and let everyone BYOB.

Consider buying gifts really early or too late. When you buy early you can take advantage of store sales and discounts, but don't fall into the trap of buying more and going over your budget. When you buy really late – meaning on the 23rd or 24th of December – everything in the stores is already marked down in anticipation for the Boxing Week sales. I have always done my Christmas shopping on the 24th and got amazing deals.

Why not consider buying everything on-line. You won't get tempted to buy more when shopping at the mall, and it is super easy to stick to a budget. If traipsing through one store after another and standing in long line-ups is not for you, why not remove the stress and have

everything delivered to your door. It's like your own little valet service.

Another idea could be to give the gift now and have it keep giving all year round. A magazine subscription or wine club membership are great gift ideas for a hard-to-buy family member. The payments can be spread out over the year and make it easier on the wallet during the month of December. Ordering tickets to a play, ballet or opera are also great ways to give a gift, with the added anticipation of a future intimate outing.

Be generous and gracious this season. Homemade cookies and gifts, a thoughtful Christmas message in a handmade card, or a letter of devotion and love, can be cherished more than any store bought item. Be kind to one another, watch your manners, forget the grudges and enjoy your family. Remember, happiness isn't defined by how much you spend, it is what you do, how much you love, how caring and supportive you are, and above all your true compassion for others.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Best wishes,
Money Lady

Christine Ibbotson is the author of "How to Retire Debt Free and Wealthy." Follow her on Facebook and Instagram. If you have a money question, please send her a message through her website, at www.askthemoneylady.ca.



A big-hearted thanks to all those involved in the Santa Claus Parade

First and foremost we would like to thank Mr. John Harper for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Santa Claus Parade. Over the past half century John created, perfected, assembled and drove Santa's float. We so appreciate the help he offered this year as new volunteers took on these tasks.

To all those who entered a float, thank you - it is your collective effort and time that makes a parade happen!

Thanks also go to the Creemore Legion for donating their space and to their dedicated volunteers for providing help and hot drinks, Hamilton Brother's for donating Christmas Trees, and Clearview Township for their ongoing support.

Santa would have been walking this year had it not been for Brian Doran, Brodie de Ruiter, Bill Hewitt and Jeff at Gravity Sun Power - so a big thanks to all of you.

The financial contributions of The Godwins and Sandra Inmah are a big help.

Thanks to all of the volunteers: Santa Claus, Joanne Garlick, Brent Baverstock, Fred Mills, Jen Yaeck, Bonnie MacPherson, Rick Schubert, Trina Berlo, Laurie Copeland and Corey Finklestein for your contributions.

Thanks to darci-que and Brodie de Ruiter for their TV appearance and to all of those who came out to enjoy this long-standing tradition.

Last but not least we would like to thank Natalie de Ruiter for stepping in to coordinate this event with just over a month. Thanks for making the Christmas magic happen!

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The Brulotte brothers – **Daxton** (from left), **Tristan** and **Brennen** – pose with the guest of honour at Breakfast with Santa at Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School. The event included annual favourite activities and a pancake breakfast.



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Emma Harte, Herald the Library Dragon and Kieron Rupke at the After Parade Party at the Creemore Branch of the Clearview Public Library, where there was a full house for the festive shindig.



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Power outage postpones concert

by Trina Berlo

The popular Treblemakers Community Choir concert planned for Dec. 6 was interrupted by a power outage caused by a blown transformer.

According to member **Kate Fleming**, 56 Treblemaker choristers, four musicians and conductor **Penelope Dale** were happily rehearsing for the concert when the power went out. She said the church’s emergency lights came on and several people activated their cell phone flashlights. They checked the electrical panel but all was well.

Firefighters who were doing a food drive across the street came over to assist and were greeted with a cheer, said Fleming.

It turned out the house behind the church was also without power but the problem was isolated to a small area.

“A phone call was made to EPCOR

and they said that it would be 2 to 4 hours before it would be fixed,” said Fleming.

“With heavy hearts we had to tell the people who were lined up at the door waiting to come in that the concert was cancelled and we started to disassemble the stage and set the church ready for Sunday service all by flashlight.”

The concert has been rescheduled to Saturday, Dec. 14. A 2 p.m. show will take place at St. John’s United Church, 192 Mill St., Creemore.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Audience members will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tickets are not required for this performance. Freewill donations will be gratefully accepted and a portion of the funds collected will be donated to local community groups and charities.

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Creemore Curling Club standings

Men
Team win-loss
Crevier 4-2
Lambert 4-2
Cass 4-2
Rowbotham 4-2
Verstegen 3-3
Flack 2-4
Hewitt 2-4
Millsap 1-5

From the Hack: The winner of this draw is going to come down to the last game next Tuesday night. With four teams all in the running everyone will have to bring their ‘A’ game. After next week we will be taking a break for the holidays and starting back up with a new draw and new teams on Jan. 7. Contact Adam at 705-607-2326 if you are interested in curling with the men’s league in the New Year.

Ladies
Team win-loss
Baylis 4-2

Crawford 2-4
Millsap 4-2
Walker 2-4
From the Hack: Wins this week by teams Baylis and Crawford to set up for the trophy game.
The McArthur Family trophy will be won by either Team Baylis or Team Millsap. The winner will then compete in the club “Inter league Challenge.” Stay tuned, or better yet, come and cheer them on next Monday at 7 p.m. Thanks to Barb for the club’s festive appearance.
Quote of the week: “Win or lose, it’s still good curling!”

Daytime
Team win-loss-tie
Lambert 8-3 -0
Coulter 6-4-1
Bell 6-5-0
McDougall 5-6-0
Loranger 5-6-0
Martens 2-8-1
From the Hack: Thanks to everyone who brought in goodies this week. We enjoyed chocolate chip cookies, chocolate-marshmallow squares, shortbread

cookies, apple squares, cinnamon-raisin cookies and butterscotch-chocolate bark! Delectable! Oh yes, and there was curling also! A few upsets actually! And we recorded our first tie - Martens vs. Coulter. We’re coming up to the last two draws and anything is possible. Can Team Lambert hold on to the lead or can Team Coulter, or Bell, overtake them at the finish line? We’ll soon find out. Great job decorating the clubhouse, Barb. Good curling everyone!

Big Heart Seniors

December 5
We had 18 for a delicious pot luck. A motion to give a donation of \$500 to the hospital and hospice carried. We want to welcome new members Joyce McQuay and Marilyn Somerville.
50/50: Leona Hartling, Elsie Longson, Joyce McQuay, Peter Gubbels.
Moon shots: John van Voorst, Janice Stephens, Wanda Avery. Al Avery got the travel prize.
Winners: Wanda Avery, 294; Leona Hartling, 277; Janice Stephens, 264; Al Avery, 260. Hidden score was 155. Lloyd Somerville had 151.
No lucky chair.

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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FRED’S FUNNIES

Why was the snowman
rummaging in a bag of
carrots?

He was picking his nose!

Merry Christmas

Canadian Criss Cross

December 13, 2019

ACROSS

1. They go with guys

5. Not easily explained

8. Animals with hooves

12. One greatly admired

13. Calendar abbreviation

14. Box worn on a Japanese sash

15. Tallest animals

17. Check a computer for a virus

18. Despite that

19. In line

21. Away from home

23. Walk slowly and heavily

24. Physical injury

27. In despair

31. Inuit knife

32. Fakes out a goalie

33. Recent prefix

34. Decimal part of a logarithm

36. Hearty meal

37. Early capital of Japan

38. Mouse relative

40. Periodic medical examination

43. Joyous song

47. Old word meaning listen

48. Look like

50. Jewish month

51. Web page address

52. Greek god of love

53. It's used for tying up boats

54. It's black at night

55. Negative responses

DOWN

1. Jobs for comedians

2. Mine entrance

3. Canadian music singer Yates

4. Downhill race

5. Not at work

6. Pulled curtains shut

7. Vanish from sight

8. Handgun

9. Unpleasant event

10. “___ Torino” (2008 film)

11. Music with words

16. Common illness

20. English classical pianist

22. Synonym dictionary

24. Bee sound

25. Wing

26. One who finishes in second-place

28. Gives the go-ahead

29. Make sure

30. Female adult pig

32. Long straight-bladed dagger

35. Try to take a football from, in a game

36. Pollen-producing flower part

39. Zoo attraction

40. She was married to Sonny

41. Circle of light

42. Make coffee

44. River in Spain

45. ___ vera

46. Headland

49. Cunning

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THE FAMILY OF PAT CONNOR would like to thank all of those who attended the Celebration of Life and made donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Thanks also to Fawcett Funeral Home and the New Lowell Legion for their help.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of those who participated in the Ninth Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament. We had another successful year, with six men's teams and five women's teams participating. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time preparing and organizing the tournament, score/time keeping, refereeing, bartending, and setting/cleaning up the tournament. Your hard work, dedication, and support are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to those who generously donated silent auction and raffle items, monetary donations, and those who showed their support by coming out to watch some hockey games!

The Michael Tupling Memorial Fund was established to encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament go towards recreation activities, community projects, and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate. Thank you again for your continuous support and generosity and hope to see everyone out again at next year's tournament!

Sincerely, The Michael Tupling Memorial Fund Committee

OBITUARY

WEEL, JEANNETTE (NEE VALLEE) - March 29, 1945 - December 2, 2019

Beloved wife of the late Ted Weel of Stayner; loving mother of Louise Spicer (Barry), Theresa Robitaille and Ed Robitaille (Tanya); proud Grandma and Oma to many grandchildren and great grandchildren; dear sister of Tom Vallee passed away peacefully at Campbell House surrounded by the love of her family. Cremation has taken place, a celebration of life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House would be appreciated. Friends may visit Jeannette's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of **George BRIAN KENNEDY** of Creemore Ontario in his 73rd year. George was a loving husband to Marlene Kennedy. Son of the late Frank and Helen Kennedy. Brother to Sharon Ashton (Lester) the late Thomas Kennedy and the late Colleen Skinner (Bill). George was loved by his sons Brian Kennedy (Paulette) Nicholas, Patrick, Mark and Mark Craig. He will be missed by his grandchildren Ashley, Jennifer, Charlie, Alayna and Taylor. Loving uncle of Michelle, Leanne, Darrel and Cindy. A small service for family will take place followed by a celebration of life for George's many friends in the spring of 2020. Friends may visit George's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

YOUNG, Anja passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday December 11, 2019 in her 75th year. Anja, loving wife of Tom; proud mother of Jeffrey (Darla) and Timothy (Kim); cherished grandmother of Zac, Heather, Jared and Jocelyn will be deeply missed. As per her wishes cremation has taken place. Friends may visit Anja's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE RANSIER who passed away Dec 13 2010.

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VOKES, CHRISTOPHER

Remembering a special son, grandson, nephew and cousin, who left us December 18, 2006.

Thinking of you always bring smiles as well as tears. We miss you every day.

Always loved and remembered by Kathy, Eric and family.

OBITUARY



MASSELIN, Elinor Burness died peacefully, with her husband by her side on Saturday December 7, 2019 at the Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood after a brave two year battle with brain cancer. She was predeceased by her adoring parents Joyce and William Allan. She is survived by her beloved husband Michel and their cherished daughter Chantal (Cole). She'll be sadly missed by Michel's sister Jacqueline and her husband Pierre and their sons Sébastien and Stéphane. She is also survived by her brother Iain and many loving relatives in France and of course her stalwart dog Ollie.

Elinor was very proud of her Scottish heritage, her parents having emigrated from Scotland to Auckland, New Zealand before she was born. She was always a very proud Kiwi and a keen supporter of the All Blacks, New Zealand National rugby team! In her late teens she bravely moved to Australia by herself where she met the man who would shortly become her husband. Michel, originally from Normandy France was travelling the world and was immediately smitten with the beautiful, vivacious Elinor. Soon married they travelled across Europe before finding themselves in Canada where they opened the ever popular Chez Michel restaurant in Craighleith in 1989. Soon after their adored daughter Chantal was born.

Elinor had a childhood passion for horses that she passed along to Chantal. From a very young age evenings and weekends were spent riding and at horse shows. Elinor rekindled her love of all things equine and rode her beloved horse Logger almost until the end of her life. She was exceptionally proud of Chantal's accomplishments in the show ring where she naturally excelled as a Grand Prix jumper with the help of her coach Jeanne Mervyn.

In 2005 Michel and Elinor moved their home and restaurant to Creemore where they quickly became an important part of that tight knit community. Their friends and neighbours have very fond memories of fun (and delicious!) evenings at their charming French bistro. Elinor was adored by a small but loyal circle of friends and family who rallied round when she was diagnosed. No one who loved her will ever forget her amazing sense of humour, sweet Kiwi lilt, and her infectious laugh. She was kind and gentle but with a core of steel. Through her battle she fought fiercely and never gave up hope. She never complained and gave strength to those around her. We cherish our memories of sweet Elinor and are so grateful to have had her in our lives. You live in our hearts forever.

A funeral service will be held at Fawcett Funeral Home, 82 Pine St in Collingwood at 1 p.m. on Friday December 13, 2019. In lieu of flowers a donation to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House would be greatly appreciated. Friends may visit Elinor's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

This week's answers

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