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Echo staffers **Bonnie MacPherson**, **Natalie de Ruiter** and **Sara Hershoff** help County of Simcoe paramedic **Scott Hobson** load a bunch of toys and food into his ambulance Thursday. Hobson was off to the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank to deliver the food. The toys will be distributed in the area by the paramedic service. Thank you to all of our readers who donated.

New Year brings changes to waste collection

The County of Simcoe has announced it is changing curbside waste collection to bring consistency and predictability back to pick-up schedules and support the growth of the County's green bin program.

Starting Feb. 3, garbage and recycling collection will occur on alternating weeks, while green bin collection will continue every week.

During the week of Feb. 3-7, residents will receive garbage and green bin collection only. The following week (Feb. 10-14), residents will receive recycling and green bin collection only, with the schedule alternating continually on a week-to-week basis.

Collection days are not changing but times will be adjusted so all material should be at the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days.

"Resolving the impacts to waste collections and restoring consistency

and predictability to pick-up schedules are top priorities for County Council and our staff," said Warden **George Cornell**. "We sincerely apologize for the delays that our residents have experienced for the last few months and these changes will assist our contractor with their staffing challenges by reducing the number of drivers required each day. This transition will also mitigate the need to increase our costs for alternate solutions, benefit the environment and help restore confidence that your waste materials will be collected on schedule."

In addition to restoring predictability to curbside waste collections, this change will help lead to long-term environmental benefits, encourage residents to positively adjust their waste habits, and control costs, since it:

- Encourages use of green bins and

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What this means:

- No change to your regular collection day. Collection times will change, so have your materials out by 7 a.m. on your collection day;
- Green bin collection will continue to occur every week;
- Garbage and recycling collection will alternate every other week (one week garbage the next week recycling.)
- Residents can set out two bags/containers of garbage every other week (weight and size restrictions still apply.)
- Recycling no longer needs to be separated into different bins. Materials will be sorted later in the process.
- Excess recyclables can be placed in bins, cardboard boxes or see-through plastic bags.

Creemore Community Christmas Dinner

Plans are underway for Creemore's Community Christmas Dinner, happening at the Legion on Dec. 25.

Organizer **Donna Baylis** said 60 people have already signed up to take part in the feast prepared by chef **Jim Henderson** and his many helpers.

"Attendees include grandparents whose family celebrations are on another day, parents whose children are unable to come home for the holidays, families who need greater table space," said Baylis. "The reasons for attending are as varied as the individuals. Yet all have one thing in common, an appreciation for being with friends and neighbours on this special day of the year."

Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m., with dinner and home deliveries starting around 5:30 p.m.

If possible, the Legion requests a donation of non-perishable food item, and a monetary donation for the dinner is always appreciated. Donations can be made at the event or at TD Bank (#2320 0330-5202657).

Volunteers are needed to help with setup on Dec. 24 (beginning at 10 a.m.), emcee, entertainment, serving or cleanup on Dec. 25; or pack down on Dec. 26 (from 11 a.m.).

All are welcome and registration in advance is appreciated but not necessary.

Public input needed on Creemore transit route

The new Creemore route of Clearview Public Transit launched on Oct. 3.

As part of the Creemore transit pilot project, Clearview is looking to gather residents' input.

Residents are invited to submit their comments to the Creemore route feedback survey at www.clearview.ca/transit. Data collected will be used to shape the overall direction and operation of the Creemore route.

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COMMUNITY Calendar

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THIS WEEKEND

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

- **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.

- We all love Santa Claus but have you met "THE SHABBY CHIC SANTA" of Creemore? **Flowers By Ms. Design** is celebrating 5 years in business, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5 Francis St. East Unit 1. Come celebrate in fashion this holiday season. All ages welcome for refreshments, holiday treats with a special guest! Get those holiday pictures! Optional \$5 donation with a local photographer from Abandoned Echoes, with 100% of donations going to Esprit Place women and children's shelter or bring three canned goods for the local food bank.

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

- **The Old Mill House Pub Christmas Customer Appreciation Free Pancake Breakfast** from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Food, toy or gift card donations of any size will be accepted to distribute amongst families in need within the community.
- **Free public skating at Creemore Arena** sponsored by the Stayner Lions Club from noon to 1:50 p.m.
- **Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Festival** at Centennial United Church at 2 p.m. 234 William St. Stayner. All are welcome. Free will offering.
- **Church Services** on page 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

Sunday, Jan. 5

- **Free curling clinic at the Creemore Curling Club** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come on out and perfect your skills or give it a try for the first time! All levels of experience are welcome. Conventional delivery or stick! Beginners, please bring clean running shoes. The Curling Club is beside the arena on Collingwood Street. For further information, contact Adam Verstegen, 705-607-2326

Tuesday, Jan. 7

- **The first meeting of 2020 for the Collingwood and District Historical Society** will feature "The Dry Docks of the Collingwood Shipyards" with Melissa Shaw of the Collingwood Museum giving the history of this important part of Collingwood's shipbuilding history. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Leisure Time Club on Minnesota Street. Meeting admission is CDHS membership or \$5. Yearly membership fees (\$20) are due in January.

Friday, Jan. 10

- Following a successful response to the Fall live-streaming program in Creemore, **Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning** will be live-streaming its **Friday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Winter Series lectures "Water Issues in Ontario"**, from January 10 to February 14, at Station on the Green. Tickets for the series include a GTLLI membership and free access to the video bundle (6 lectures). Go to GTLLI.ca for information and tickets.

Saturday, Feb. 29

- **The Craigeith 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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Local papers vital to democracy: Doolittle

by Bonnie MacPherson

"If you want someone watching city hall, the board of education and the police service, buy a subscription to your local paper. You're not buying a product, you are investing in democracy."

That's the advice of **Robyn Doolittle**, the acclaimed investigative journalist who achieved worldwide recognition for her coverage of Rob Ford, Toronto's crack-smoking former mayor.

Now on tour to promote her second book, *Had it Coming*, Doolittle addressed a packed house at Quince Bistro in Creemore on Tuesday night. She says that at a "moment of peril in the industry," with newspapers across the country struggling to survive, journalism is more important than ever.

As an investigative journalist at *The Globe and Mail*, Doolittle says she has been given leeway to take as much time as she needs to research and develop stories that matter. This, she says, is a luxury unheard of in most news outlets.

Her new book is the stepping off point from an article titled *Unfounded* which was published in *The Globe and Mail* in February 2017. It was the culmination of a 20-month investigation into the way sexual assault complaints are handled by police, and the findings were shocking. Doolittle filed Freedom of Information requests to police services across the country, and received responses from 873 jurisdictions. After wading through thousands of police reports, she uncovered that roughly one-in-five sexual assault complaints was labelled unfounded.



Robyn Doolittle

That means police decided, not that there was insufficient evidence to lay charges, or a reasonable chance of a conviction but, that the alleged assault had never occurred. Because these complaints were deemed unfounded, they were never reported as part of the collection of sexual assault statistics.

When *Unfounded* was published, *The Globe and Mail* made information available online allowing

people to see how their local police service compared to the national average in terms of the number of complaints deemed baseless. Larger cities tended to have lower unfounded rates. In Toronto, the number was seven per cent. For South Simcoe it was 52 per cent; Southern Georgian Bay, 40 per cent; Huronia West, 42 per cent; Collingwood, 39 per cent. Specific numbers were available only for those jurisdictions that responded to the Freedom of Information request.

Overall, Doolittle found that the number of sexual assault complaints labelled unfounded was roughly double the percentage of physical assault complaints that received similar treatment.

Doolittle notes that police services generally did not care that *The Globe and Mail* was calling to ask questions. They started to care when local journalists called. Suddenly people were stopping them on the street, and in the library, and at the local arena asking tough questions. It was that heightened level of scrutiny that led to changes. In the wake of publication of *Unfounded*, many police services have instituted policy changes and improved training. Officers in roughly half of the country's police services now receive specialized sexual assault training that includes a trauma-informed approach. Dozens of police services have adopted a program of civilian case review.

Doolittle believes there is still plenty of room for improvement. Her new book, *Had it Coming*, provides an excellent framework for a nuanced discussion of sexual behaviour and changing social norms.

New curbside collection service will cut costs

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promotes increased diversion (40 per cent of the average garbage bag consists of items that should go in the green bin.)

- Helps keep organic materials out of landfills and thereby extends the lifespan of landfills
- Encourages reduction of single-use plastics, cans and containers.
- Lowers greenhouse gas emissions produced by collection vehicles by reducing the number of trucks on the road each day.
- Helps control contractual costs.

While many Ontario municipalities have already transitioned successfully to bi-weekly collection services, the county recognizes that this is a significant

change for residents.

To support this change, a voucher for a free blue bin will be mailed to County residents to help store recyclables. One voucher per household can be redeemed at county waste management facilities until Feb. 28, while quantities last.

Broad marketing and communication to residents will occur, including the annual waste calendar, which will be mailed to households in January. The best way to track your collection week is through the Simcoe County collects app. You can also call 1-800-263-3199 to sign up for weekly phone reminders and alerts.

For full details about this change to curbside waste collections and why it is happening now, please visit simcoe.ca/collectionschange.

Airport Road watermain work continues through spring

The work related to the replacement of the existing watermain on Airport Road will continue into the spring.

Township officials say the contractor has completed the installation of the watermain and is currently testing it before it is connected to the existing water system by March 2020. Advance notification will be issued to residents for scheduled water service interruptions.

The restoration work related to the topsoil, seed/sod and driveways will be completed in May 2020.

"We apologize for any inconvenience...", said public works manager **Todd Patton**. "Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this construction period."



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Left Stranded: GTHS Van Breaks Down During Dog Transport

Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) transport volunteers were left shaken and shivering after a bout of bad luck on Airport Road just south of Highway 89, on a cold, snowy evening. On Nov. 29, Transport Volunteers Pam Odam, Canine Outreach Coordinator, and Sandra Robinson were returning to Collingwood after picking up dogs who flew into Toronto Pearson Airport through the K9 Advocates Manitoba organization, when the van that was carrying live cargo, broke down.

As the sun was setting during rush hour, traffic whizzed by as the GTHS van, with its four-way blinkers flashing and hood ajar, sat on the side of the busy road. Sadly, despite the high volume of traffic, not one person stopped to help. Two of the canine passengers were just small puppies, so with the plummeting temperature, Pam and Sandra became increasingly concerned about the well-being of the animals in their care.

"Just as the sunset half way home from the airport, our van decided it was going no further. We had a van full of precious cargo, having just picked up 4 dogs that flew in from Winnipeg. The flight coming had already been delayed 45 minutes due to de-icing so these poor pups had been in transit already for a good part of the day," said Pam Odam, GTHS Transport Volunteer.

Thankfully, with the quick action taken by GTHS operations manager and a fellow volunteer, a tow truck was summoned and the transport crew and dogs were picked up safely. Instead of arriving back at the GTHS Animal Centre as scheduled at 4:30 p.m., the team pulled into the parking lot at 7 p.m. that evening. The GTHS volunteers are nothing short of heroes. Using their free time to transport animals, often in treacherous conditions, the organization simply could not operate without them; they are the heart and soul of the GTHS.

In 2019 alone, the GTHS transported over 200 animals and has clocked approximately 20,000 km. Today, the organization's transport vehicle (which is only capable of transporting 4 kennels) sits in the parking lot, undriveable. The GTHS is not only seeking support from a local mechanic to help repair their van so that they can resume animal transports, but the organization also has a dream, to one day, own a cargo van of their own that is retrofitted specifically for animal transport. Glenda Green, GTHS Operations Manager states that "Having our own cargo van would allow us to be flexible and responsive when it comes to animal transports. Additional logistics, oftentimes complex and time-consuming, are required to coordinate vehicle rentals and pose various challenges"

A cargo van capable of transporting up to 30 animals would cost approximately \$60,000. The GTHS does not receive any government funding. Because the GTHS relies solely on donations from the public and local businesses, a \$60,000 expense is currently out of reach.

— Georgian Triangle Humane Society

THE WAY WE WERE



A team of huskies go by the old Creemore Works Building during a 1983 dogsled race. Photo by John Smart.

Coming together for positive change

by Suzanne Wesetvik

A beautifully written article by the Anglican priest Tish Harrison Warren recently explored the complexity of this season for her.

She notes Advent's "countercultural sparseness [and] silent stillness. The music turns to minor keys and becomes contemplative, even mournful. The Scripture readings are apocalyptic and trippy, strikingly short on sweet tales of babies, little lambs and Christmas stars..."

"For Christians, Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birth – that light has come into darkness and, as the Gospel of John says, "the darkness could not overcome it." But Advent bids us first to pause and to look, with complete honesty, at that darkness. Advent offers wisdom to the wider world. It reminds us that joy is trivialized if we do not first intentionally acknowledge the pain and wreckage of the world..."

"Our response to the wrongness of the world (and of ourselves) can often be an unhealthy escapism, and we can turn to the holidays as anesthesia from pain as much as anything else. We need collective space, as a society, to grieve – to look long and hard at what is cracked and fractured in our world and in our lives. Only then can celebration become deep, rich and resonant, not as a saccharine act of delusion but as a defiant act of hope." (*Want to Get Into the Christmas Spirit? Face the Darkness, The NYT, Nov. 30, 2019*)

This year there is much to ruminate on, with the recent COP25 climate talks failing to make progress on much needed stronger carbon emission targets amid dramatic natural upheavals, after record breaking fire

To a Habitable Future

years in Australia and the Amazon and exponentially escalating ice loss in the poles.

Writer Ta-Nehisi Coates said, "You really can't let people's need for hope get in the way of the telling the truth."

Rachel Riederer, inspired by Wallace-Wells' *The Uninhabitable Earth*, explores some of the difficult psychological reasons for our society's dangerously lax response to the climate crisis (*The Other Kind of Climate Denialism, The New Yorker, March 6, 2019*).

The psychologist Renee Lertzman notes we are in an "arrested, inchoate form of mourning" keeping us from action, that requires not only acknowledging our feelings, but also, more difficultly, our culpability in all of this: "We have to come to terms with the fact that what we're doing is no longer sustainable, and the onus is on us to rise to the occasion."

"What works really well is when people feel that they are invited and inspired to be part of something constructive, combined with having the safety to grapple with the magnitude of things," Lertzman observed.

There has been a groundswell of people coming together in local and area groups to achieve positive climate action, including Creemore's CLEAN and Collingwood's CCAT. Another positive development is seeing this movement in established service groups, such as the Collingwood Probus Green working group. Nature groups such as Birds Canada (their *"Buy"* on page 5)

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“Buy less and buy local”

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annual bird count, working with the Audubon Society, takes place over the holidays), the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, The Nature League, and local horticultural and tree societies are other venues that can help make a difference.

In the spirit of this holiday season, “buy less and buy local” seems particularly pertinent. Some sustainable Christmas suggestions from the plastic Grinch for those still in need include Baggu-style shopping bags (small enough to always have on hand, super strong), travel mug, travel spork, shampoo bars (if you have not yet tried these – Unwrapped Life brand is amazing!), proper razor, bamboo toothbrush, and NO lumps of coal ever ;). All of these items are available at local retailers. (Ideas inspired by “Recycling isn’t Working – 15 Ways to Shrink Your Plastic Footprint,” *The Guardian*, Nov. 27, 2019).

Other green gift ideas: Donations in honour of those who are in need of nothing (many great local endeavours to support, from art/music/writing community classes underwritten through the PHAHS initiatives with Sara, Brad, and Emily, to the First Nations work of Water First); or experiences, which offer memories and time to get together (e.g. tix to concerts

at Avening, the Gayety, Simcoe St. Theatre, or Meaford Hall, local plays by Dan Needles, Shipyard Kitchen Party, or Theatre Collingwood, the Be the Change or Collingwood Cinema Club films, and the Lifelong Learning series, among many others. For kids - outings together e.g. skating at a cool outdoor circuit, or going to a cultural, scientific or sports event). When a physical gift is preferred, well considered books (e.g. *The Uninhabitable Earth* ;), consumables (e.g. homemade or locally made goodies, soy/beeswax candles), and locally made creative work can be useful and inspiring. An awkward favourite, regifting (that friend who really does look good in a forest green sweater ;) and thoughtfully picked secondhand items are now au courant! Using recycled gift bags, cool fabric wraps, and good old newspaper (*The Creemore Echo* Christmas edition is perfect!) are some sustainable giftwrap options.

“The light of hope must outlast the fires of hate. That’s what the Hanukkah story teaches us. It’s what our young people can teach us - that one act of faith can make a miracle, that love is stronger than hate, that peace can triumph over conflict.” (Barack Obama, 2014).

Wishing everyone a peaceful and inspiring holiday season.

Church Directory

Sunday, December 22



Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

4th Sunday of Advent service at 10 a.m.
Minister: Rev. Chris Gray

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Our traditional Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols at 11:15 a.m.
22 Caroline St. W. • 705-466-2206
Sunday Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.

Centennial United Church Stayner

4th Sunday of Advent. All-Ages worship service at 10:30 a.m.
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Clearview Community Church Creemore branch – Station on the Green

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Church of the Good Shepherd

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Advent 4 - Eucharist
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Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Susan Snelling 705- 428-3885
Visit us on Facebook at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Stayner

The Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity, Clearview

4th Sunday of Advent service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

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Tuesday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Creemore Pastoral Charge

Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Services:
New Lowell United Church at 6:30 p.m.

St. John's United Church at 8 p.m. in Creemore

St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Centennial United, Stayner
Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon
Christmas Eve Liturgy with Holy Communion at 8 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin
Christmas Eve and Communion at 6 p.m.

Clearview Community Church
Station on the Green Carols.
Christmas Story at 7 p.m.

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.
Come and join us in the joy of this wondrous night.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Christmas Carols at 10:30 p.m.
Midnight Mass at 11 p.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd

Christmas Eve Eucharists
Inter-generational family service at 4 p.m.
Traditional service at 7:30 p.m.

Sixth Line Church

Christmas Eve services at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Mansfield Presbyterian Church St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Christmas Brunch at the RecPlex in Wasaga Beach at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon

The Nativity of Our Lord Liturgy at 10 a.m.

St. Noel Chabanel Mission Church

Nativity of the Lord Mass 9:15 a.m.

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Festive RIDE

Dufferin OPP are conducting a Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) Campaign until Jan. 2.

Officers will be out at various locations throughout Dufferin County ensuring people are driving sober this holiday season.

A few things they would like to remind you of:

Novice, young (under 22) and commercial vehicle drivers cannot have any alcohol or drugs in their system while driving.

Always plan your ride home prior to attending an event, whether that means having a designated driver, calling a cab or staying the night

If you suspect that a person is driving or about to drive impaired by alcohol or drugs, you should call 9-1-1 to report them to police.

Amish furniture comes to Mansfield

by Bonnie MacPherson

The building on the northeast corner of Airport Road and Highway 89 has been many things over the past few years – a deli, an Italian restaurant, a women’s clothing boutique, and now a furniture store.

The Amish Furniture Outlet (complete with buggy parked out front) is the latest venture by a well known family of local entrepreneurs, the Saseks.

Store manager **Talon Sasek** says his parents have long been fans of well-made wood furniture and were looking for a product line to bridge the significant price gap between the sort of “fast fashion” mass-produced furniture sold by Ikea and pricier offerings at traditional furniture stores. They attended many furniture shows looking for the right suppliers, and eventually connected with some traditional Amish furniture makers in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Sasek describes Lancaster as the epicentre of the Amish furniture world, where strict adherence to a very traditional way of life influences the products. Pieces created there are characterized by quality hardware and furniture joints, and beautiful finishes inside and out. This is in contrast to Amish and Mennonite furniture built elsewhere which tends



Staff photo: Bonnie MacPherson

Talon Sasek, manager of the newly opened Amish Furniture Outlet in Mansfield.

to be slightly more rustic.

Dealing directly with Amish builders in Lancaster allows the Saseks to offer their furniture at very attractive prices, but comes with certain challenges. They are dealing with suppliers who don’t use the internet and e-mail, or offer shipping.

That means every five weeks, they must drive the roughly 550 km to south central Pennsylvania to restock. The Mansfield store has a variety of furniture including dining sets, hall trees and dressers on display. All can be ordered in a range of finishes for customers who want something slightly different than what is in stock and picked up on the next trip. By the end of January, they expect to have a catalogue with additional items available for custom order, and they will expand the product line to include quality outdoor furniture by next spring.

Since the store opened in early December, Sasek says response has been very positive. Based on initial traffic, he expects The Amish Furniture Outlet to be popular with local residents and the cottage/chalet set as well.

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The family of two-year-old **Maggie Morrison** invited those attending her November birthday party to donate gifts to The Echo's toy drive. They delivered quite a pile this past week. The Morrisons did the same for her first birthday.



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Building restoration attracts attention from community



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Before and after: A building at the main intersection of Duntroon has had a facelift by stucco contractor **Charlie Eckersley**, who said he received a lot of kudos during the work.



by **Trina Berlo**
It wasn't a typical job for **Charlie Eckersley**, but then again he may not be a typical stucco contractor.

The man who stuccoed the commercial building in downtown Duntroon said he received a huge amount of positive feedback and encouragement from people while the work was underway this past summer. Eckersley said he didn't have an exact plan for what he wanted to do with the building, and it continually evolved. He had been given carte blanche by the owner **Steve Wroe**, (whose only stipulation was that it be grey).

"The more people who stopped to say 'thanks, good job' and everyone who got out to shake my hand or give a thumb's up, I was inspired to do more," said Eckersley.

He said he was happy to do it for the community, so he went above and beyond, furnishing details that are inspired by the building's original cross brickwork, which is typical of the area.

Going by the business name of Simply Stucco, Eckersley has been doing stucco in the area for almost 20 years and has worked on several buildings in Creemore. He said he combines his personal style with the traditional design – for instance there are the subtle impression of birds worked into the stucco, textured to look like stone.

The building has been newly renovated and has three commercial units on the lower level, with apartments upstairs.

Living in the house next to the building is **Wayne and Marj Clute**.

Back in the 1940s, Marj's father Jack Swalm bought the building, which had been sitting idle. It was once a hotel called Bowmore House. Wayne said his late father-in-law said the hotel had 76 swinging doors and was a popular stopover for people travelling to and from Collingwood by horse and buggy. There was a coach house where the horses would be kept while the guests dined at the restaurant and rested for the night.

Wayne said there are some local legends about the building, some of the criminal nature. One story tells of a hotelier who was fond of the drink so her brother intervened by dumping the whisky barrels out into the street, where a bunch of pigs imbibed.

Swalm renovated the building and added the apartments. On the main floor he ran Swalm TV and Electric.

Marj said her father was getting into business at the end of wartime, when there was a growing demand for electricity in the rural areas so he made a good living wiring homes, selling household appliances and stereo equipment (she said hi-fi was all the rage).

Marj said she has fond memories of working in the store, along with her sister. Swalm also built the house next door, where the Clutes now live.

As the store changed hands it became Lageers Appliances and then Clearview Appliance. Later, it was home to Dreany's Upholstery. The building currently has one store open, Arizona

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Creemore Curling Club standings

Mixed

Team win-loss
Crevier 4-2
Vorstermans 4-2
Fuller 4-2
Bell 4-2
Meulendyk 3-3
McArthur 3-3
Cass 1-5
Neelins 1-5

From the Hack: Mixed Curling for our first session is ending with a very exciting finish. Four teams are tied for first presently, so on Dec. 20 a four-end round robin will determine the Champion. The teams that will be competing are: Crevier, Fuller, Vorstermans and Bell. Dec. 20 will be the last evening before Christmas; so hope you can come and support this exciting finish! Merry Christmas!

Daytime

Team win-loss-tie
Lambert 9-4-0
Coulter 8-4-1
Bell 7-6-0
McDougall 6-7-0
Loranger 5-7-0
Martens 2-9-1

From the Hack: A very exciting final two games played by the top teams. Team Lambert lost to Team Coulter on Monday but rebounded nicely on Wednesday, to beat Team McDougall and secure the top spot! Thanks to everyone for bringing in food for our wrap-up party on Wednesday. The Daytime curlers will be back on the ice on Jan 6. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Good curling everyone!

Ladies

Team win-loss-tie
Baylis 5-2-0
Millsap 4-3-0
Crawford 2-4-1
Walker 2-4-1

From the Hack: Exciting finish to this session with a nail-biter championship game. Both skips, Donna and Gayle made crucial shots to keep the score close. The consolation game was a friendly competition that ended in a tie. Over food and drinks afterwards, it was decided we would ‘get our groove on’ and have ‘a 70s themed’ bonspiel in February. Next draw begins Jan. 6.

Men

Team win-loss
Lambert 5-2
Crevier 4-3
Cass 4-3
Rowbotham 4-3

Verstegen 4-3
Flack 3-4
Hewitt 3-4
Millsap 1-5

From the Hack: Congratulations team Lambert for winning the Gord Miller Trophy. Team: Al Lambert, Wes Sauder, Scott McKay and Andy Metheral. With a 4 way tie going into the final night, the win came down to the final rock. With Cass and Rowbotham both taking losses in their games, it came down to the Lambert and Crevier game. With a tie game going into the last end and Crevier looking like he was going to win, Al Lambert made a very difficult draw around multiple guards to put a rock right on the button and take the victory! Next draw will start Jan. 7, anyone interested in playing contact Adam at 705-607-2326.

Heritage Depot will be a leapin'

The Craigleith Heritage Depot is celebrating Leap Year with a Dance on Feb. 29.

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Tickets are available now at LE Shore Memorial Library in Thornbury. All tickets purchased in 2019 come with a tax receipt.

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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	3						6	2
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4				8	5			1

Answers on page 11

FRED’S FUNNIES

How do Christmas angels greet each other?

Halo!

Merry Christmas!

Canadian Criss Cross

December 20, 2019

ACROSS

1. Container on a set of scales

4. Grape refuse

8. Shakespearean king

12. “___ Believer” (Monkees hit)

13. Figure skating jump

14. Children’s game

15. Gold medal winner in the 1976 Olympic Games

17. Greek consonant

18. Island in the Caribbean

19. By itself

21. No longer useful

26. Young Scottish girl

29. Jewish month

30. Small battery

31. Country’s official song

33. Hair colour

35. Shiba ___ (Japanese dog)

36. bridge part

38. Highest volcano in Europe

39. Overall view

42. Constellation containing Vega

43. Warmish

47. Write computer programs

50. Extramarital affair

52. Woodwind instrument

53. Fork part

54. Know how to

55. Make new coins

56. Needing little effort

57. Look at

DOWN

1. Letter size in typewriting

2. Roman love god

3. Fishing port in British Columbia

4. Grand ___ (Canadian island)

5. Tool for chopping wood

6. Kick back, as a rifle

7. Glittering with tinsel

8. Country in Africa

9. Compass point

10. Likely

11. Scandinavian rug

16. Make ashamed

20. Island of British Columbia

22. Within a middle range

23. Completely stretched

24. Make, as a living

25. CFS ___ (military radar station in Saskatchewan)

26. Secular

27. ___ Domini

28. Make unconscious

32. Catch sight of

34. Attack from all sides

37. University in Nova Scotia

40. Frozen rain

41. “Newhart” handyman

44. Chest muscles, for short

45. “Dies ___”

46. Unit of force

47. Web address ending

48. Japanese sash

49. Get dressed in

51. Young ___ (kids)

Pictures of Christmases past

by Dorothy Shropshire

During the winters my father got up early every morning to start the fire that had gone out in the kitchen stove and to restoke the living-room heater, that, if the night had been especially freezing, he had already fed a number of times.

Then into his outdoor gear and away to the barn, shovelling his way down the path or making big steps through the drifts, to start the morning chores.

My mother also rose at the same time. Breakfast was begun and the kitchen range coaxed to toasty warmth. Water was heated for a quick “behind-the-ears” wash and the coffee pot set on the stove to perk. We were usually allowed to stay in bed until the last possible minute. Our mother’s call of, “I see your father coming up the path,” gave us the incentive to fling back the heap of blankets and dress rapidly in the clothes we had dragged under the covers earlier for warming.

If we had to rise with our parents, we were not shy about dressing in the front room, our warm clothes that had been piled on the range helping to get the blood circulating.

Christmas mornings were the high point of the year! The cold was forgotten. Parcels that had magically appeared were explored in the early morning dark under the tree, and our bulging stockings dragged back to bed where little fingers checked the toes to make sure the prized orange was there. Our father’s work socks made wonderful Christmas stockings as they were long and expandable. We had never seen anything else that could

take their place.

One Christmas Eve I begged to be allowed to sleep downstairs in the hope of catching Santa at his work. The living room couch was wrestled into a backwards position by my obliging parents and I happily went to bed there knowing Santa would not escape my tuned-in ears. Of course, he came and left as I snored softly on, up to the ears in blankets and dreams of the morning joys to come.

Two other Christmas Eves come to mind as the season approaches.

One is of my brother and me helping Dad put the finishing touches to a beautiful homemade doll house for our younger sister. We felt very special to be allowed to help with this surprise, shingling the roof, papering the little rooms and painting the window trim.

She thought it was the most wonderful thing to receive and it graced our house for many years to follow. The second picture is of returning home after a cold sleigh-ride, which took us for miles around our rural community with other young people.

While carolling for neighbours and shut-ins was a noble thing to do, we also had a glorious time shoving each other off the sleigh and running madly down snow – covered roads trying to reach the hands stretching out to pull one back aboard into the sweet – smelling hay. I treasure this memory – the sleigh ride behind the uncomplaining team of horses, the sweet sound of carols, of neighbours, who through their generosity and kindness made our nighttime visit so

warm and safe, and the fun we derived from close-knit friendships.

The same feeling of joy envelopes me as I step back in time, in my mind’s eye, through the south door into our kitchen.

The smells of baking, the sight of candies and grapes ready on the sideboard for stocking stuffing, the gentle gurgle of coffee perking on the stove and the happy, flushed faces of my parents as they welcomed us home in time to put the last parcels under the tinselled tree and drape the stockings of all believers in the magic and blessings of Christmas, over the back of an old stuffed chair, delight me once again.

In later years, our father developed a love for photography and dutifully we all posed on Christmas Day for family, group and individual pictures. Mother had some of these hanging on her hall wall and they were always a reminder of fine holidays spent together over the years. But where are the pictures of those childhood years of fond memory? Non-existent in any tangible form but treasured forever in my mind as portraits of steadfastness during a troubled time of depression and war.

My parents never seemed to complain nor did I ever feel that Christmas had not provided everything my heart desired.

Pictures of Christmases past, yes, but also those of the future, as we rejoice in the blessings of the season and the warmth of the goodwill that still binds us all together, now as before, and in all the Christmases to come.

Big Heart Seniors

November 28

We had 25 for cards.

50/50: **Debra Hanna, Marilyn Sommerville, Jim Rigney, Melvin Loughed, Barb Pilon.**

Moon shots: **Al Avery, Dave Smith x2, Lloyd Sommerville. Roger Zeggil** got the travel prize. Winners: **Debra Hanna, 288; Melvin Loughed, 284; Marcia Cameron, 278; Wilma Zeggil, 278.** Hidden score: 125. **Betty Sartor** had 132. Lucky chair: **Carol Tymchuk.**

December 19

We had 24 for cards.

50/50: **Elsie Longson, Peter Gubbels, Isabelle Gubbels, Phyllis Seed.**

Moon shots: **Phyllis Seed, Marcia Cameron, June Hartley. Janice Stephens** got the travel prize. Winners: **Dave Smith, 328; Betty Sartor, 302; Marcia Cameron, 276; Janice Stephens, 263.**

Hidden score: 175. **Melvin Louheed** had 172. Lucky chair: **Betty Sartor.**

December 12

We had 25 for cards. We welcomed **Randy Johnston and Lynette Wallace.** We will be having elections in late January.

50/50: **Debra Hanna, Bill Martin, Marcia Cameron, Roy Veinot, Randy Johnston.**

Moon shots: **Ron Laing, Leona Hartling, Morris Tymchuk, Wanda Avery, Jim Rigney, Dave Smith, Marcia Cameron, Janice Stephens. Barb Pilon** got the travel prize. Winners: **Marcia Cameron, 315; Debra Hanna, 288; Wanda Avery, 286; John van Voorst, 280.** Low: **Randy Johnston, 116.** Lucky chair: **Lynette Wallace.**

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FERRIS, Natalie Theresia - With great sadness we announce the passing of Natalie Theresia Ferris of Wellington, Ontario, who died peacefully on December 15, 2019 in her 87th year, with her children by her side. Natalie is survived by her loving partner, Brian Beasant. Beloved Mother of Iris Andrews (Brian), Monica Johnston (Paulus), Sonja Johnston (Michael), and Ivan Johnston (Leonie). Natalie will be forever cherished by her grandchildren, Joseph, Ian, Candice, Tyler, Natalia, Taio, Shannon, Ryan, Jake and Brandon. She is fondly remembered by her great grandchildren. Natalie was predeceased by her loving husbands Lavern Johnston (1982) of Ruskview, and Earlby Ferris (1999) of Yellowgrass, Saskatchewan. Natalie immigrated to Canada from Germany in 1959 and raised her family in Toronto with Lavern. She spoke often and fondly of Lavern's extended family around the Creemore area who warmly accepted her and always made her feel welcome. When Natalie retired, she lived in Creemore and Barrie before moving to Wellington. A talented floral designer, Natalie was also passionate about quilting, and created beautiful handmade cards that will be treasured by her family and friends. Natalie was a woman of great faith. She volunteered at hospitals and brightened the days of ailing friends. She had a great love of animals, birds and wildlife. Natalie's love will warm her family and friends' hearts forever. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church in Picton on Friday, December 20, 2019. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be announced and held in Creemore in the spring, with interment in Lavender Cemetery.

OBITUARIES



LENGYEL, Irma Frieda (nee. Burkhardt) Beloved wife of Zoltan "Zoli" Lengyel. Passed away peacefully at the General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood, on December 14, 2019. Irma was born in Bucha-Jena, East Germany, on March 28, 1933. In 1954 she graduated from nursing school. In that same year on a visit to West Germany she met her future husband Zoli a Hungarian Immigrant. Zoli moved to Canada and in 1957 Irma immigrated to Canada and they were married April 6, 1957. Irma worked at Workmen's Compensation Hospital, Toronto, from 1959-1990. Zoli and Irma bought their beautiful farm on Highway 91, west of Stayner in 1979 and proudly raised their Limousine cattle. Zoli is a resident at the Stayner Care Centre. Irma and Zoli did not have children of their own but they have a wide circle of neighbors and close friends. Visitation will be held at Chatterson Funeral Home, Collingwood, on Saturday, December 21, 2019, at 2 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 2:30 p.m. Cremation. If desired, a donation to the General and Marine Hospital would be appreciated. A special thank you is extended to the doctors and nurses at the General and Marine Hospital.

OBITUARIES

ELDER, Eleanor Joyce passed away peacefully at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood on Monday December 16, 2019 in her 95th year. Eleanor, beloved wife of the late James Elder (2008). Much loved mom of Wayne (Heidi), Brent, Eyrill (Lori) Elder and Beverlee (Chris) Fekete. Adored grandmother of Gregory & Jennifer, Meaghan & Brian, Brad & Robyn, Andrew & Chelsea, Elyssa and Lauryn; cherished great grandma of Audrina, Derek, Mara, Maverick, Jackson, Adelyn, Finleigh and Reese. Eleanor is survived by her sisters in law Betty Rose, Beth and Mildred Elder. Predeceased by her grandchildren Liam, Quinn, A.J., Mya and Amy, her parents James & Ethel and by her siblings Harold, Ivan and Audrey. Eleanor will be forever cherished by her many nieces, nephews, friends and special neighbours Sharon & Ray. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday January 25, 2020 at St. Luke's Anglican Church. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House or St. Luke's Anglican Church would be appreciated. Friends may visit Eleanor's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the pasta night at the Singhampton Community Centre to support the Stayner Clearview and Flesherton and Community Food Banks.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who has spoiled us rotten this week, bringing us treats and sending cards. We truly appreciate your kindness and encouragement. Happy Holidays!
The Echo staff

Many Greetings to all the fun people at euchre, bowling and darts. A special thanks to Anne & Gayle for making it possible for me to enjoy them all.
Linda Cockton

Our warmest wishes to all our family and friends for a Merry Christmas and Love, Health and Happiness in the New Year.
Gertie & Terry Gowan

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*Last pre-Christmas
Farmers' Market
at the Creemore Legion*

Saturday, Dec. 21

9 am to 1 pm

Legion canteen will be open for
breakfast sandwiches and coffee.

www.creemorefarmersmarket.ca



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**NOTICE - CLEARVIEW FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

CLEARVIEW, ON- The Clearview Fire and Emergency Services is hosting two recruitment information sessions for paid-on-call firefighters for our stations located in Stayner, New Lowell, Creemore, Singhampton and Nottawa.

If interested, please attend either one of the following information sessions:

- Wednesday January 8th, 2020 at 7:00pm
- Wednesday January 22nd, 2020 at 7:00pm

The sessions will be held at Fire Station One located at 6993 Highway 26 in Stayner and will provide a great opportunity to learn about the position and how the recruitment process works. We encourage anyone who is interested to attend.

Preference will be given to those who have attended information sessions.

Applications are available online at:
<http://www.clearview.ca/home/municipal-services/emergency-services>

Applications will be accepted until January 23rd, 2020 at 12:00pm.

For more information, please contact:
Sandra Doyle, Administrative Assistant
Clearview Fire and Emergency Services
705-428-6230 ext.401
sdoyle@clearview.ca

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
- TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER -**

Please be advised that the Township of Clearview has scheduled a Public Meeting for the proposed construction of a telecommunication tower. The proposed tower is planned to be 70m in height and will be a multi-carrier tower.

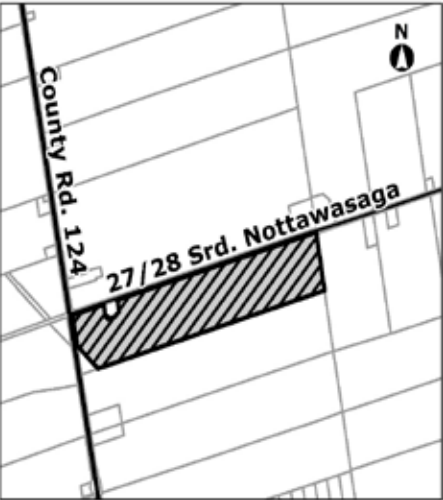
Meeting Date & Time: January 13, 2020 6:30 PM
Meeting Location: Council Chambers
Township of Clearview Admin. Centre,
217 Gideon Street, Stayner, Ontario

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Number: 2019-060-SP
Project Applicant: Bell Mobility
Lands Subject to Application:
7597 27/28 Sideroad Clearview, ON
Commenting Period Ends:
January 18, 2020

**PLEASE DIRECT ALL COMMENTS
AND QUESTIONS TO:**

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CLEARVIEW

**Holiday
Schedule**

Office Closed:
December 24th at noon to January 1st

The Clearview Administration Centre
will reopen on January 2nd, 2020

Happy Holidays!





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**Public Transit
Holiday Closure**

Public transit will not be operating on:

**December 25th
& January 1st**



www.clearview.ca/transit

