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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, Jan. 5

- **Free curling clinic at the Creemore Curling Club** from 1 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 Versteegen at 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.

### Saturday, Feb. 29

- **The Craigleith 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.

### Saturday, March 7

- Join award winner **singer songwriter Donovan Woods** for a seated afternoon show at the Avening Hall. 2 p.m. Tickets \$40 includes tea and treats. Tickets at The Creemore Echo and online at [www.aveninghall.com](http://www.aveninghall.com).

### Saturday, March 28

- **Indie rockers Born Ruffians** take to the stage of the Avening Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets on sale now. \$40 each in advance available at The Creemore Echo and online at [www.aveninghall.com](http://www.aveninghall.com).



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Also, a big thank you to our anonymous patrons, champions and boosters! We really appreciate all the support from everyone.

# TD Bank slated for conversion to Village Green

## In the News

A number of topics dominated the local news in 2019. The cancellation of Roxodus hurt a lot of people and scandalized the township, and Creemore Springs' rebranding made the beer's fans far and wide lose their minds.

The discussion about cannabis retail also made headlines. In our case it was a fictional story about how this newspaper was planning to subsidize publication with a cannabis retail location of our own that got a lot of attention. Much to our surprise most people were thoroughly disappointed to learn that it was an April Fool's joke. We had to turn away many curious and disappointed shoppers in the days, weeks and months following its publication. In fact, we still get calls!

Although these themes were front and centre in 2019, from our perspective, the conversation about the Village Green project on the TD Bank property certainly dominated headlines, garnered the most letters-to-the-editor and sparked the most sidewalk debates. For a while, we couldn't go anywhere in town without hearing from people on both sides of the issue, and those who couldn't decide.

It started late in 2018 with the first of two public meetings.

The idea was already out there. **Stuart Lazier** and **Tony Arrell** had pitched a proposal to BIA members that a foundation be established to accept a donation of the shuttered TD Bank property and that it be razed to make way for an expanded town square style garden.



File photo

There was a packed house for Village Green meetings in 2019.

Meeting mixed reactions, a consultation committee was formed and a consultant was hired to conduct two public input sessions.

It may be difficult for outsiders to understand the level of community engagement this topic elicited. There were people who were lamenting the loss of commercial space and those who couldn't believe there would be any opposition to it at all (not to mention, those still grieving the loss of the local bank.)

In June, Creemore Community Foundation's build team hired PFS Studio, a leading planning, urban design, and landscape architecture firm based in Vancouver, BC,

as the design firm for Creemore's Village Green. Some preliminary designs were presented at a third public meeting in September but some fine tuned designs are still forthcoming.

The project received support from Clearview council in October.

Just this month, we reported the land has been transferred to the Creemore Community Foundation and plans are in the works for the bank's demolition, which will happen in the New Year but an exact date is not known.

There is a lot to explore in 2020. Stay tuned.

# Donna Harper, Community service continues behind the scenes

This year we give a nod to Creemore volunteer **Donna Harper**.

Harper finished a 21-year run as an executive member for Creemore Minor Hockey, serving long after her two sons had left the program.

Harper got involved in Creemore Skating Club when her sons were seven and eight filling a number of roles from 2001-2011.

Since 2006 she has been president of Creemore Minor Hockey. It should be noted she continued to serve as president for seven years after her sons aged out of minor hockey.

In 2019, Harper was inducted into the Clearview Sports Hall of Fame as Volunteer of the Year, recognizing her as a "tireless, hardworking volunteer and leader."

She was nominated by the executive committee of Creemore Minor Hockey.

"Donna has assisted parents to get their children to and from hockey games/work and volunteer opportunities, on her own time using her own resources. Personally dropping off forms to people in their workplace, place of residence when they have no time," wrote long-time treasurer and dedicated volunteer **Susan Michalchuk** in the nomination. "One particular event stands out for me over the years. One year, two families could not afford to play hockey in our organization. One family was going through a medical crisis with a family member and the other

## Volunteer Spotlight



File photo

**Donna Harper** receives the Reg Westbrooke Memorial plaque for her Years of Dedication to Creemore Minor Hockey, presented by **Brian McIntyre**.

was a single mom dealing with a kidney transplant. Donna went out and secured sponsors for these two boys through her private cleaning business. Both boys that year played hockey. The only way I knew that was because I was treasurer of Creemore Minor Hockey."

In its final year, before amalgamating with Stayner Minor Hockey to form Clearview Minor Hockey,

Harper was presented the Reg Westbrooke Memorial plaque for her years of dedication.

She has also volunteered with Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School, Creemore Minor Soccer and various other community groups.

We also happen to know that she supports other individuals and organizations, some she is not even a member of. Harper does many things for many people in the community without making them widely known.

"Donna is the person that quietly goes from one person to the next touching their lives and making it a better place. Not expecting any glory. Those are the volunteers we need today and tomorrow," said Michalchuk.

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# From the Front Page

The Creemore Echo looks back on some of the news that made headlines in 2019.

## Beer fans reject new logo

by Trina Berlo  
Creemore Springs Brewery has been taking a lot of heat for its new logo.

## Roxodus cancelled

by Trina Berlo  
Roxodus Music Fest has been cancelled leaving ticket holders concerned about refunds.  
A media release states due to heavy rains, the property at Edenvale Airport will not be ready in time to accommodate large crowds and performance stages.  
Officials made an announcement via social media channels Wednesday morning, saying, "During the past couple of months, our venue at Edenvale Airport has battled tremendous rainy weather that has impacted our ability to produce the festival. It is with a heavy heart we announce the cancellation of Roxodus Music Festival this year."  
"Our team has worked tirelessly to find a solution in which the festival could go on but unfortunately, we cannot make it happen this year. Our goal of producing a 'once in a lifetime experience' has been put on hold. We will take the much-needed time to reassess the venue and venue plan for next year."

## Terry Dowdall, new MP

by Trina Berlo  
Simcoe-Grey will be represented on Parliament Hill by Conservative Terry Dowdall.  
Nationally, Canadians voted in a Liberal minority government but remained true blue locally.  
"I am honoured to represent Simcoe-Grey and I look forward to working for those who voted for me."



Terry Dowdall

## Public has its say on 26/27 SR project

by Trina Berlo  
Almost two hours into a meeting about proposed upgrades to the 26/27 SR project, the public had already made their voices heard.  
"99.9 per cent of us in this room are hoping for a miracle that 91 would stay open," said Mike Selby, adding that there are a lot of people who work after wetlands were identified in the area.  
NEC senior strategic advisor Nancy McMillan said the project is a "game changer" for the area.



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

A second public consultation meeting at Station on the Green Jan. 20 attracted a large crowd to hear options for the use of the TD Bank property.

## Public ponders TD Bank scenarios

by Trina Berlo  
A second public consultation session at Station on the Green Jan. 20 attracted a large crowd to hear options for the use of the TD Bank property. The Community Foundation to gauge public opinion on the use of the property. Both TD and the Foundation with estimates of \$400,000 to \$1 million.

## Clearview swept up in government review

by Trina Berlo  
Clearview Township is included in a government review of municipalities.



Big and Small  
TD land topic of second public meeting

"This township has been down this road before... I would be really disappointed if we had to go through this and go through another process."

disappointed if we had to go through that again and go through another re-building process," said Measures. "I appreciate where the province is coming from, however. An important aspect of governing is to always review how you do it and whether you are doing it right."

He said while it's always good to review governance, the timeline is a challenge.

The advisory body will develop recommendations on page 3 of the report.

## Clearview opts out of recreational cannabis

Council acknowledges cannabis retail is coming, but holds off on approval until dust settles

by Trina Berlo  
Clearview council has decided to opt out of recreational cannabis retail, at this time.  
Most council members were in a night when the council was in consensus with so much of the council members including Clearview, but with so much of the council members roll out, council members should see what happens.  
Before council members discussed the topic, they were in a night when the council was in consensus with so much of the council members including Clearview, but with so much of the council members roll out, council members should see what happens.

## Mulmur says yes to cannabis retail stores

by Trina Berlo  
Mayor Janet Horner said after careful consideration, Mulmur council has decided to opt-in for recreational cannabis retail stores.



Ontario, what are the chances really that Mulmur is going to have to deal with this? Because it is such a small municipality, retail isn't going to come to us in the first round," said Horner.

same place here with marijuana and that eventually this is going to be as every-day as alcohol at some point," said Horner.

## Creemore, Stayner hockey amalgamate

by Trina Berlo  
Members of Creemore Minor Hockey and Stayner Minor Hockey have voted to amalgamate into one new organization.



## Skating Club marks 50th anniversary

by Trina Berlo  
The Creemore Skating Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

faces and many recognizable local family names.

When the club formed in 1969, there were 50 skaters registered before the first lesson, and it continued to attract youngsters.

Verna Coker's inaugural president's message said, "In this our first year of operation we have...

every year and hope to make this an annual event. Although our first season was shortened somewhat by the late installation of the artificial ice plant our young skaters have gone through an extensive training period under the instruction of Miss Willene Stewart of Collingwood and I am sure their efforts will make you...

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# Candid Camera

The camera is always snapping. One never knows who will be caught on camera.



Clockwise from top left: **Chris Bowyer** at Winterama; **Jim Richards** on Canada Day, drumming at Clearview Meadows Elementary School; Future's so bright for Clearview council they have to wear shades; **John Smart**; Queen Victoria and Prince Albert at Creemore Log Cabin; a student rolls into NCPS grad while texting.



## Church Directory

Sunday, December 29



**Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin**  
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# Events

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# Memorable Moments

A few of the moments that made 2019 memorable.





Clockwise from top left: CLEAN's plastic sculpture during Creemore Festival of the Arts; Climate strike action; taking refuge from a snow storm in Singhampton; A proposal at the Stayner Habitat for Humanity house dedication; Pride flag raising at Clearview's emergency hub; Sarah Richardson's second show about Creemore airs; the old school bell is installed at NCPS; Clearview Minor Hockey hits the ice; Locals suffer Roxodus fallout (inset).





# Holiday Help – 9 tips for a happy hangover!

Naturopathic doctor Kate Hunter offers this (somewhat tongue-in-cheek) advise on how to beat that New Year's Day hangover and make a healthy start to 2020.



1) Eat before you drink – We’ve all heard it before. But it really is true. And this doesn’t mean McDonalds. So what exactly should you eat? Think healthy slow-carbs and fats. This delays digestion over time, blocking the valve into the small intestines allowing alcohol to be absorbed at a slower pace. For example: a whole wheat bun and black bean burger.

2) Replenish your vitamin B levels – Opt for a sub-lingual vitamin B complex to carry around in your bag or pocket. Just put a few drops under your tongue before you head out -- and then again before you go to bed. Drinking alcohol dehydrates you and subsequently sucks up all your vitamins. If you choose to do nothing else in this list- choose to replenish your b vitamins. It works WONDERS.

3) Go for the clear substances: vodka, white wine,

gin – Darker booze contains more chemicals called congeners, which inflame the body and intensify hangovers.

4) Avoid diet drinks – Diet sodas empty out your stomach more quickly which makes you woozy at an unexpected pace. Be smart about your mixers.

5) Drink electrolytes in your H2O – Alcohol reduces the liquid around blood cells making your brain shrivel which is what causes the most commons symptoms of headaches and nausea. Opt for some H2O electrolytes.

6) Eat eggs for breakfast – Ever wonder why you just crave them in the morning? Your body is intelligent. Eggs contain a substance called cysteine, which breaks down acetaldehyde – a hangover causing toxin in alcohol.

7) Apple cider vinegar – This (not-so blissful) elixir is becoming a go-to in the health and wellness industry. The taste can be a bit much, but considering your prior drink choices, this should be a step up. Do your liver a favour, and sip a teaspoon of apple cider vinegar to help dissolve foreign substances in the body. ACV will also balance pH levels and increase deficient minerals such

as potassium, calcium, magnesium, sodium and iron.

8) Juice it up – If you own a juicer, and have been putting it off. Now is your time to shine. One of the top three benefits of juicing is... (drum roll, please), liver detoxification. This by default puts juicing into the gold-medal-hangover-cure category. But in case that wasn’t enough, juicing requires zero digestion (kind of like alcohol). This means that all of the nutrients from your home made juice are instantly zapped into your bloodstream to super-fire your energy faster than you can say hangover.

9) Sweat and twist – Yoga is great for detoxifying the body and moving around the stagnant energy to get your blood flowing (all of which needs to happen after drinking). Good blood flow = happy hangover. Specifically, try twisting poses and back bends to reverse the blood flow and wring out the toxic build up in your spine!

Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!

Kate Hunter is a naturopathic doctor who is practising at Body ‘n Balance on weekends. Visit [www.katehunternd.com](http://www.katehunternd.com).

## FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answers on page 11

### FRED’S FUNNIES

I’m not impressed with the organizers of the New Year’s Eve celebration at Times Square.

They always drop the ball.

Canadian Criss Cross

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1. Plant with blue flowers

5. Metal container

8. Mountaintop

12. Dalai \_\_\_\_

13. Go through

14. Gently persuade

15. New \_\_\_\_, New Brunswick

16. Substance to protect roofs

17. Single instance

18. Herb used in Japanese cooking

20. Song sections

22. Percentage off

24. Find and correct errors, in a computer program

27. Marching call

28. Increase by

31. WWW address

32. Press a certain handle

34. Negative vote

35. Actress Joanne

36. Pole with a flat blade

37. Sworn statements

39. Canadian four-time World Champion figure skater

42. Largest brewer in Canada

44. Women’s stockings

48. Yemen port

49. Worn out

51. Heroic poem

52. Scottish dagger

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1. Imperfection

2. Hot liquid rock

3. Old Testament book

4. 1980 Olivia Newton-John film

5. True skin

6. \_\_\_\_ rule

7. Easily frightened

8. Fruit of the oak tree

9. Is always there

10. Spice made from nutmeg shells

11. Choices on ballot papers

19. Sasquatch

21. Pleasing speech sound

23. Make butter

24. Failed firecracker

25. Make a mistake

26. Fat

29. Morse code sound

30. Bad prefix

33. Canadian drug store chain

38. Tips at the end of shoelaces

40. Rows of people

41. Back part of some books

42. Young boys

43. Sarah McLachlan song

45. Colour-changing precious stone

46. Enjoyable

47. Flat-bottomed boat

50. Wreath of flowers





# Community Commerce

There was some turnover and re-invention in the Creemore business community in 2019.



Clockwise from top left: New owners for the 100 Mile Store; Chez Michel; and Foodland (inset); new digs for Steer; new businesses – Colours of Creemore; Quince; Creemore Pizza Co; and Foodland changes hands.



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- Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm

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

For more information, please contact:  
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