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Community arts program launches

by Trina Berlo

Watch next week for the launch of a pandemic friendly version of the Creemore Community Arts Program.

The program, funded by Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, started last year with arts, writing and music components offered to different age groups.

Program coordinator **Sara Sniderhan** said they were ready to roll out the spring program in March when the pandemic hit.

Now, because people cannot get together in groups, art instruction and activities will be published in *The Creemore Echo*, for people to do independently. The program is open to anyone who wishes to participate.

"I hope there's something in it for everyone," said Sniderhan. "The challenge will be that we engage everyone at least once."

Over an eight-week period in January and February local artists will (See "Local" on page 3)



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Creemore Community Arts Program coordinator **Sara Sniderhan** with some of the optional materials and art supplies that are being packaged up the pandemic edition of the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society funded initiative.

Budget goes to public with 1.8% increase

by Trina Berlo

Clearview council continued to hash out the 2021 budget during a six-and-a-half-hour virtual meeting Nov. 30.

After hearing from all departments, councillors took an opportunity to add some items. The goal is to get to a budget that council wants to present to the public on Dec. 7.

When Clearview calculates the tax impact on residents, it takes into consideration the rates from all agencies that appear on the tax bill. The municipality collects taxes on behalf of the County of Simcoe, the school boards, and police.

With the county passing a zero per cent increase budget, and the others expected to come in below zero, Clearview works the decrease into its overall tax impact. The result is that Clearview went into its budget exercise with a 1.92 per cent increase.

Councillors spent many hours taking turns adding items to the budget, and directing staff to investigate other initiatives (see list). All of the motions passed easily, with only one councillor voting in opposition here and there.

That is, until the last vote of the meeting, which Mayor **Doug Measures** assured would be "very impactful."

In order to get the tax increase back down under two per cent, Measures tabled a motion to reduce an allocation agreed to the year prior to a reserve for affordable housing for seniors.

During last year's budget deliberations, council agreed to set aside \$150,000 in 2020, \$250,000 in 2021 and \$350,000 in 2022, to bring the dedicated reserve fund up to \$750,000 in three years. It was a compromise for Deputy Mayor **Barry Burton** who proposed setting up the fund, hoping to save \$1 million in three years. He

hopes the money will put Clearview in a position to partner with the County of Simcoe and developers in the future to create affordable housing, specifically for seniors.

Council was split on the issue 5-4 but Measures was successful in reducing the 2021 allocation by \$100,000.

"In this time of COVID, and restraint, to consider reducing our tax burden to the residents of Clearview," said Measures. "And this particular program, while controversial at our last budget, deputy mayor respectfully, I think it still needs to be flushed out and have further information."

The reduction will mean there will be \$300,000 in the fund by the end of next year, and that is always up for debate during next year's budget talks.

The budget was at an 1.8 per cent increase at the end of the second (See "Recreation" on page 2)

Wasaga teen killed in single vehicle crash

A 19-year-old Wasaga Beach man was killed in a single vehicle crash in Clearview Monday.

Huron West OPP, along with Clearview Township Fire Department and Georgian Ambulance, responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Simcoe Road 10, near Sunnidale Concession 3, toward Brentwood.

At about 5 p.m., a motor vehicle travelling northbound lost control, striking a hydro pole. The driver of the vehicle was transported by paramedics to Royal Victoria Hospital but succumbed to injuries sustained as a result of the collision, and was pronounced deceased.

The victim is identified as Duncan McDonald, 19, of Wasaga Beach.

The cause of the collision is under investigation.

Simcoe County Road 10 was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Traffic Collision (TTCI) attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

Firefighters collect food bank donations

Creemore Firefighters Association's annual Holiday Food Drive is this weekend.

Drop off donations of non-perishable food items at the Creemore Christmas Tree Stroll event at Station on the Green from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4., and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Foodland on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Otherwise, donations of food and toys can be dropped off at *The Creemore Echo* office, at 3 Caroline St. W. All food will be delivered to the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank and the toys will be distributed by Simcoe County Paramedics. Donations of gift cards are encouraged this year.

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Recreation, roads, and trees funded in 2021

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workshop. The increase to Clearview's portion alone is 3.71 per cent.

There will be a public meeting for the 2021 budget on Monday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. The public will be able to join in the Zoom meeting to comment. Anyone interested in participating must register in advance. The budget is posted online at clearview.ca, where there is a link to register. All requests must be received by noon on Dec. 7.

The following is a list of highlights from the budget meeting, proposed by specific council members, that will impact local communities:

Councillor Doug McKechnie:

- Council agreed to fund 50 per cent of the cost of a new furnace, up to \$10,000, for Duntroon Hall.
- \$2,000 for the purchase of additional radar signs for County Road 91. This will enhance an existing \$10,000 budget line for radar signs, including the replacement of two of the mobile signs that were stolen. (from taxation)
- \$200,000 be transferred from the tax stabilization fund to be used at the discretion of the roads department to improve the state of gravel roads within the municipality. Councillor Doug McKechnie said he wants the department to have more flexibility and that the money come from the "bloated" tax stabilization fund.

Councillor Connie Leishman:

- \$20,000 to cover the cost of traffic signs at the intersection of Hogback Road and Concession 2,



A vote to reduce funding for a seniors affordable housing nest egg narrowly passed Monday to bring the tax increase back down under two per cent.

near New Lowell. Council had already approved equipment to establish a four-way stop with flashing lights, but had not allocated funding. (from taxation)

Councillor Phyllis Dineen:

- \$20,000 to explore options for building a new pavilion at the Nottawa Ball Park, like the one at Gowan Memorial Park in Creemore, including the investigation of using an existing well located in the vicinity, and investigating the installation of proper washrooms, or a better option for temporary washrooms. (from the parks equipment replacement reserve)
- \$20,000 be allocated to replenish the now-depleted COVID-19 Community Assistance Fund.
- The investigation of installing a multi-use sports pad for McKean Memorial Park in Nottawa. Staff said the work could be done in-house and a cost for

installation would be brought back to council.

Clearview Township had budgeted \$75,000 in the 2019 budget for the construction of a sports pad in New Lowell. Only \$50,244.12 was used to build the cement pad, so the balance was used to purchase boards for the outdoor rink, which can easily be moved and used in other areas of the park.

Councillor Thom Paterson:

- \$50,000 to set up an urban canopy reserve to support the health of trees in the township, with an initial \$25,000 expenditure on an inventory of trees in settlement areas. The idea is to support a plan for planting, pruning and care of trees, specifically in Stayner and Creemore. (from taxation)

Mayor Doug Measures:

- \$25,000 contribution to the Town of The Blue Mountains' Joint Municipal Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee, an advisory committee of the councils of participating towns or municipalities for matters related to the development, implementation and progress monitoring of a sustainable solution for the recruitment and retention of primary care physicians for the committee membership catchment population. (from the economic development fund)
- To save money in the future, Measures proposed directing staff to include closing the Collingwood Street culvert, north of 6/7 Sideroad, as an option. The cost of the bridge replacement and associated roadwork is estimated to be \$2.5- to \$3-million.
- An increase of \$10,000 for additional road painting to add stop bars at intersections, providing an additional visual cue that there is a stop sign. The addition of stop bars cost \$40-\$60 per stop sign.
- Measures proposed a transit service to Nottawa in partnership with the Town of Collingwood. Staff will investigate and report back.



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Local trails mapped in new Loops and Lattes

by Trina Berlo

Several hikes in Creemore and Singhampton are included in the newest instalment of the *Loops and Lattes Hiking Guides* series by Nicola Ross.

The Blue Mountains and Beaver Valley edition includes the Creemore Nature Preserve (known locally as The Mingay Tract), Nottawasaga Lookout and Nottawasaga Bluffs in Singhampton, and many others. In total, the book features 35 hikes that range in length from two to five kilometres and take people to some unique rock formations, panoramic views, caves, a keyhole and even the crash site of an airplane.

This latest edition is the sixth in a series that explores area trails. It all began with a book about Caledon hikes, published in 2015. Ross, an author and freelance writer, is from the area but was working at a lodge on the French River owned by her partner Alex Stachan, two years earlier when she received a most generous birthday gift. He said to her, he would pay her expenses for the following two years so that she could write another book. She let that percolate for a while as she continued to work at the lodge, all the while Strachan was cheering her on to get started on her book.

“I call it a hiking love story,” said Ross, adding that first book was dedicated to Strachan.

Ross said she never intended for it to develop into a series but it has now grown into a successful full-time endeavour.

It was a publisher friend who suggested she write a guide, and the idea stuck. The following summer she began hiking with the intent of gathering information for the book. Ross creates the maps and takes most of the photos. Additionally, each hike includes the length, level of difficulty, elevation, and highlights. As the name *Loops and Lattes* would suggest, each hike also includes suggestions for where to get a good coffee or a bite to eat in a nearby town. Ross relies on



Contributed photo

Loop & Lattes author Nicola Ross and partner Alex Stachan hiking in Argentina.

a group of beta testers who go out to test the routes to make sure the map and descriptions are accurate, and for each book, she commissions a local artist to create a cover, and this one is by Nottawa painter Kara McIntosh.

Ross said she likes to hike with friends but also enjoys to wander solo, with her dog Frida.

“Just getting away, seeing new sites, breathing fresh

air,” she said of what draws her to the trails.

When asked if hiking has grown in popularity during the pandemic, Ross says, “Sales have gone through the roof if that’s any indication.”

The book sells for \$27.95 and is available at loopsandlattes.ca. It is also for sale at Curiosity House Books in Creemore and Maple Grove Farm in Mulmur.

Local artists commissioned to create activities

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be commissioned to create a series of exercises that are instructional and accessible to all ages and abilities.

Sniderhan said she hopes the program will provide a way for people to engage with the community and learn something new, while providing a little distraction for the long winter ahead.

The *Creemore Echo* is sponsoring the program, and is offering discounted art supply packages for community members, for those who need them, but Sniderhan says most of the activities will be designed so people can use the supplies they have at home.

This pandemic art program will kick off in the Dec. 11 edition, with a Christmas card challenge, created by illustrator Peter Mitchell. After that, every week in January and February there will be a full page in *The Creemore Echo* dedicated to that week’s challenge and instruction, and some of the work completed by participants in weeks past. The artists will also be asked to create supporting videos with tips on how to attack the project successfully. The video links will

be shared in the paper and on social media.

Community members are encouraged to post their work on their own social media accounts using the hashtag #creemoreartchallenge and tagging Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society. Participants can also email their work to info@creemore.com or drop it off at *The Echo* office.

The art packages, available at *The Echo*’s

Newsstand, cost \$17.50, and include a sketch book, three drawing pencils, a white eraser, kneadable eraser, pencil sharpener, a blank watercolour greeting card and a “getting started” drawing assignment prepared by Sniderhan.

For more information, contact sara.sniderhan@gmail.com. Tag Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society on Facebook, and @purplehillsarts on Instagram.

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Warm glow of health for winter

I think it's important to talk about changing seasons and what that means for your wellbeing. Here is my list of things that you will want to incorporate into your wellness routine over the colder months for better physical, mental and emotional health.

HEALTH MATTERS



Kate HUNTER

Eat warm foods – In traditional Chinese medicine, these colder months desire a warming of the Qi (vital force in the body). If cold months are met with cold food and drink, this can create Qi stagnation and show itself in symptoms like loose bowel movements, stress and anxiety, poor sleep and low energy levels. So instead of ice cold water, substitute for warm, caffeine-free teas. Instead of salads, eat more vegetable soups and stews.

Get more sleep – Even just 20 minutes more can go a long way in colder months. This is important because your body is trying to recharge and keep the immune system functioning optimally. So set your bedtime about 30 minutes to one hour earlier than you would in the summer.

Cut out sugar – Viruses and bacteria thrive on high sugar environments. Viruses and bacteria are more prevalent in the colder months, so cutting sugar out of your diet is one way to boost your immune system and be sure to create a terrain that bad bugs won't want to live in.

Increase your vitamin C and D – These two important vitamins are vital for our immune systems and here in Canada we are chronically deficient. Vitamin D has also been shown to decrease the length and severity of COVID-19 infections. I would do a fairly high dose this winter of Vitamin D (1000-5000IU/day). Vitamin C you should take about 3000mg/day to keep the immune system strong.

Boost your morning coffee – Coffee doesn't offer many health benefits other than an energy high (and then a crash), although it keeps many of us alive in the mornings. I have created a boosted morning brew that increases the wellness benefits: One half teaspoon of Beekeeper's Naturals Bee pollen (this acts similarly to a multi as it contains many vitamins and nutrients that we can't make ourselves); one teaspoon of mushroom tincture – ones that I choose are Cordyceps (for energy), Reishi (for stress) or Chaga (for vitality and immunity). I rotate through these or use a blended powder; hydrolyzed collagen powder to help with tissue repair and cell integrity. It also helps keep hair, skin, and nails strong and youthful.

Switch up your skincare routine – These colder months mean different skin conditions. I suggest incorporating a hydrating serum to your routine. The serum would go on after cleansing or toning and before your cream.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Kate Hunter is a Naturopathic Doctor who practices in Creemore, and is the owner of The Creemore Apothecary wellness boutique.

THE WAY WE WERE



News of a 1976 snowstorm spread throughout the globe, according to this November edition of *The Creemore Star*, submitted by Dorothy Shropshire.

County Road 91 sale not subject to due process

Editor:

As I folded up my Nov. 20 *Echo* to recycle it, I noticed an ad from Clearview Township, *Notice of Intention to Sell Municipal Land* on the back page. Reflecting on the page 2 article, *NEC takes 26/27 Sideroad upgrade to hearing*, which references "the closure of a portion of County Road 91."

I note that no such notice has ever been advertised by the township with regard to the sale of a section

of 91 to the adjacent landowner, Walker Industries. No public meeting was announced to discuss the sale. Clearly, the township has been in violation of its own bylaw 04-64 since at least 2010. This whole project is needlessly costing taxpayers a lot of money for something that has never had public input. The money would be better spent getting rid of COVID-19!

Peggy Hutchison,
 Singhampton.

December Climate Action Challenge: Rethink consumerism

by Sherri Jackson

As the holidays approach, it's easy to get swept up in the frenzy of buying, cooking, eating, repeat. So, this month, we're looking at ways we can rethink December. This pandemic has required us to do a lot of creative thinking this year, and this holiday will be like no other. Let's focus on what's important instead of grabbing a glass of wine and making a date with Amazon. In this season of giving, make it a priority to give with your heart before giving with your

Climate Change Challenge

wallet. Giving doesn't necessarily mean shopping. And a price tag doesn't indicate how much you love someone. Now there are ads for cars, and thousand dollar phones to show how much you care. Seriously? My grandma used to be thrilled to get an unwrapped orange!

Don't forget to give generously to people who really
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Tree Society of Creemore wants to hear from the community

The Tree Society of Creemore is taking a step forward and thinking about its role in the community.

The Society is changing at the board level. We want to acknowledge and thank Tracey Kolowska and Keith Mantesso for their valued contributions to the Tree Society; and we welcome two new members of the community who have decided to join the board: Jacey Sampson and Serge Lafleur are now on the board and bring energy and new ideas to the table.

The Tree Society of Creemore has been active in the community for over 30 years. From its roots, the original mandate of the committee was to improve the tree canopy of Creemore, replace trees along Mill Street and raise funds to continue that mandate.

As the committee evolved to become the Tree Society that most people now know, it added to its mandate the personal requests for planting a tree and the Christmas tree lighting event.

As a non-profit organization, the Society relies on volunteers for its board, for membership recruiting and for the execution of all the tasks and events. Membership has been slowly declining over the years, and the current public health crisis has made it apparent that the Society's relevance to the community of Creemore needs to be reconsidered. As a board, we have come up with some ideas about our direction in the future, which include: education on trees, information to tree owners, continuing to be an active voice from Creemore at the township level, increasing our activities that celebrate trees, and forming partnerships with

other groups such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

The board feels that the Society is at a crucial decision point in its evolution. The Tree Society can become a more vibrant, relevant part of the community if the community feels it brings value. If not, it may be time for the Society to end. This would mean that such important services as: advocating to the township for maintenance and renewal of the tree canopy; working with the community and the township to help maintain the health and diversity of the trees in Creemore; having a voice in favour of trees and their environmental benefits; and managing the process for personal request for tree planting would go away.

The board wants to hear from the people of Creemore about what the Society means to them. As we prepare to evolve our mission to include new directions, the support of the community is crucial. In addition to the current membership of 42 people, we would also like to hear from other residents so that we can assess our next steps.

The board invites you to share your thoughts and ideas on the importance of the Tree Society to you now and for the future. Send us a note at tsocinfo@gmail.com, fill out a survey on the Tree Society of Creemore Facebook page or come and meet us at Foodland on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon and tell us what you think.

Submitted by Serge Lafleur and Jacey Sampson.



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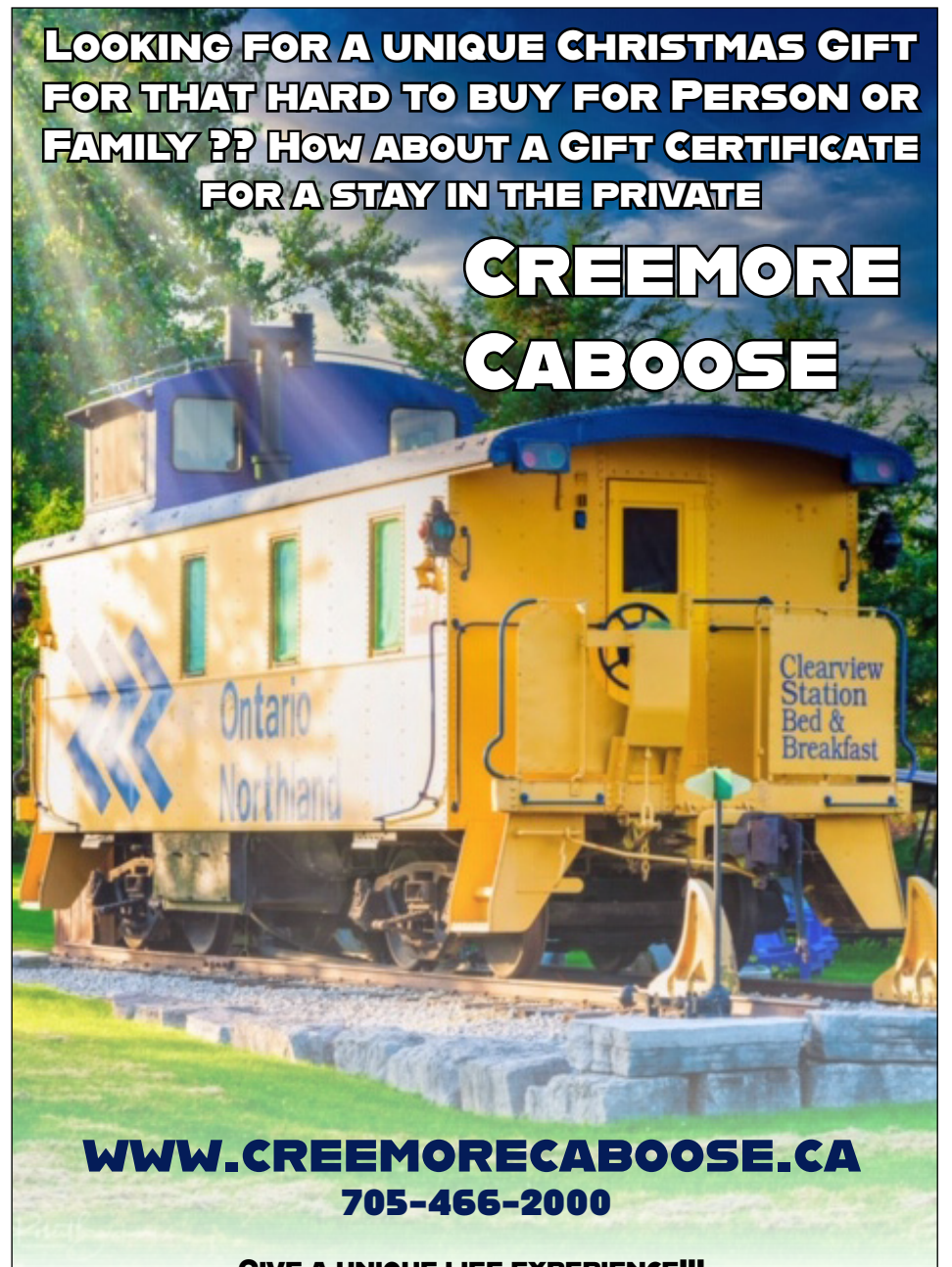
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Make an environmentally focussed New Year's resolution

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need it. Our food banks, charities and local organizations are all suffering, and there are more people in need than ever before. Consider giving one less gift to everyone on your list, and pooling that money as a donation to a local group who really needs it. Here are your challenges for December:

Dec. 4: This week, notice where regularly purchased items come from, and buy as close to home as possible. Get creative with your gift-giving. Buy less. Give experiences. Buy local. Regift. Hand down heirlooms. Buy used goods from online sources, or thrift shops. Pare down.

Dec. 11: Want to know how consumerism damages the planet? Here are a few videos for you. The Problem with Consumerism: youtu.be/x0ckvo2Z5BU. Did you know the average person's carbon footprint explodes exponentially over the holidays? Yikes! Also, CBC Marketplace's Tracking Amazon Returns: youtu.be/W1yqcagavFY. Spoiler alert: most Amazon returns go to landfill. Yeah. You heard me.

Dec. 18: Use cash instead of Interac or credit if you shop for holiday gifts this week – you'll spend less and consume less.

Dec. 23: Turn off all electronics and head outside for a walk one evening this week.

Dec. 30: Make your New Year's

resolution an environmentally sustainable one from one of the four main categories: transportation, home energy, consumption (buying stuff), food.

Our obsession with buying things is actually what makes the holidays more stressful. It's an orchestrated pressure that we can choose to opt out of. So let yourself off the hook this year, and do something good for the environment at the same time.

Our key message for December is to slow down and enjoy the holiday season, instead of running yourself ragged trying to make it perfect. We're going to need a healthy dose of compromise and endurance to make it through this pandemic. That doesn't mean you have to sacrifice the things that are important. Celebrate the festival of lights in this dark time. Crank up the cheesy tunes, and watch sappy movies. Tell people you love them. Remember what family is about. Be grateful for your friends, and all the things you have. Be generous of spirit. Forgive. From Laurel and me to you and yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, joyful Diwali and Kwanzaa, and may you be blessed with health and happiness this holiday season.

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Simcoe Manor COVID-19 outbreak declared over

The COVID-19 outbreak at the Simcoe Manor long-term care home in Beeton has been declared over by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. The outbreak was originally declared on Oct. 2.

The County of Simcoe, which owns and operates Simcoe Manor and three other not-for-profit long-term care and seniors services facilities, took swift and aggressive action to contain the spread of this highly infectious virus. Immediate measures included visitor restrictions, rigorous screening, safely quarantining residents in their rooms with close monitoring and heightened nutritional care and assigning staff to work only in their designated units.

On Oct. 13 the Ministry of Long-Term Care issued a Mandatory Management Order appointing Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) to temporarily manage Simcoe Manor for 90 days. The order enabled RVH to deploy a Rapid Response Team, including infection control, workplace safety

and environmental services experts to the home. RVH and the County of Simcoe also convened an Emergency Operations Centre to direct recovery efforts.

A 260+ point Action Plan was developed which included rapid testing of all residents and staff and a deep clean of the entire home. Although strict infection control protocols were already in place, even more stringent safety measures were introduced and audits are conducted continuously. An intensive re-training program led by infection prevention and control experts from RVH was launched, the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) was enhanced and staffing was stabilized. A detailed Transition Plan will ensure any changes and additional measures put in place are sustained to ensure safe, quality care.

During the outbreak, 43 Simcoe Manor residents and 32 staff tested positive for COVID-19. The virus claimed the lives of 10 residents.

“The well-being of our residents and staff remains our highest priority. We will continue to support our staff across all our homes in their steadfast commitment to fight against the spread of COVID-19,” said Warden **George Cornell**. “Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of our residents who passed away. Our gratitude goes to all our amazing staff and our partners at RVH and Public Health who worked with us to end this serious outbreak.”

As community transmission in Ontario increases, we echo the serious advice from our local Health Unit in asking residents to follow all 'orange-restrict' level guidelines to protect yourselves, your loved ones and our most vulnerable residents in our communities.

“RVH has significant experience and expertise in managing and containing infectious diseases and we were pleased to share our practices, protocols and policies with our County of Simcoe partners to help end this outbreak and

ensure infection control measures are sustained in the future,” says **Janice Skot**, RVH President and CEO. “RVH’s team continues to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the Simcoe Manor team and we have found their compassion and commitment to the home’s residents has been inspiring.”

“Despite our history of success in controlling outbreaks in our four homes prior to and throughout this pandemic, and our continued efforts to keep our residents and staff safe, this insidious virus made its way into Simcoe Manor by spreading quickly and silently,” said **Jane Sinclair**, General Manager of Health and Emergency Services, County of Simcoe. “We mourn those who we have sadly lost and we will never forget the efforts and support of those who demonstrated unwavering commitment to rid this virus and save lives. To our residents and families, our dedicated staff, our partners at RVH and the Health Unit, and the outpouring of community support, we thank you.”

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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FRED'S FUNNIES

What does Jack Frost say when the first flakes of winter start to fall?
It's snow time!

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December 4, 2020

- ACROSS**
- Breathe hard
 - Mountain passes
 - Tablet of writing paper
 - Food thickener
 - ___ breve
 - Street in French
 - Chimney pipe
 - Unwilling to change one's mind
 - Christmas tree decoration
 - Spotted cat of Central and South America
 - Baby's bed
 - High, rocky hill
 - Vehicle used for moving over snow
 - In a satisfactory way
 - Literary gossip
 - Destroy a document
 - Drink slowly
 - Strip of leather in a shoe
 - Walks tiredly
 - Cut grass
 - Fencing sword
 - Unpleasant smells
 - Capital of Canada
 - Straight up and down
 - River in Germany
 - Actress Thurman
 - Ankle bones
 - Relating to the ear
 - One thousandth of an inch
 - Flows back, as the tide
 - Sections of tree trunks

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- DOWN**
- Axe handle
 - Jamaican citrus fruit
 - Man-like creature with goat's legs and horns
 - Picture painted on a plastered wall
 - Film starring Ingrid Bergman
 - Keyboard key
 - Purple fruit
 - Canadian composer Marc
 - Forward movement
 - Invisible emanation
 - Refuse to agree with
 - Forehead
 - Units of energy
 - Canadian cartoonist, and animator of the silent film era
 - Large marble used for shooting
 - Single thing
 - Unincorporated village in Manitoba
 - Simple Minds album
 - Made-up story
 - Albums, for short
 - Eat selectively
 - Solicit aggressively
 - British word for gasoline
 - Egg
 - Half prefix
 - Healing wound covering
 - Car
 - Past member of a British political party
 - Curved shapes
 - White vestment worn by clergy

NVCA conservation area fees on the rise

User fees for Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) conservation areas are set to increase on Jan. 1. All fees collected are annually reinvested into general and enhanced maintenance needs. Visitor safety in the conservation areas is paramount and is one of the bigger maintenance costs.

“The past few years, and especially in 2020, we have had exponential growth in the number of visitors to our conservation areas,” said **Byron Wesson**, Director of Conservation Services at NVCA. “New visitors are always welcome, as we sincerely encourage the exploration of outdoor spaces. However, this also means

that there are increased maintenance and management costs to upkeep the properties.”

The maintenance list for trails and other recreational areas is long and constantly being addressed. Many NVCA’s trails are accessible and require a high degree of attention. Hazardous tree removals or maintenance have always been a key item for safety assurances. Accessible boardwalks, bridges, washrooms and interpretive signage are all part of a positive visitor experience. To better accommodate this new surge of visitor numbers the NVCA will be building new and enhancing existing parking lots.

“We are now seeing more trash being left behind, and that has to be looked after by someone,” continued Wesson. “Usually, our signage highlights the wonders of the natural world, but now it includes COVID precautions.”

NVCA’s conservation areas offer activities beyond a leisurely hike. Visitors also enjoy hunting, angling, paddling and snowshoeing. Professional photography, movie shoots and weddings are also among the many other activities that occur in the conservation areas.

Daily and seasonal parking passes are only required per vehicle. Occupants of the vehicle do not need to purchase additional passes. For a list of new fees, please visit www.nvca.on.ca.

Visit the NCPS silent auction at Foodland this Saturday

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DEATH NOTICE



SULLIVAN, Naomi Grace (formerly St. Clair nee Adams) passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Nov. 25. Naomi was born in 1949 and grew up in Creemore, in the little white house built by her parents at the end of the school yard on Caroline Street. Her father, John Adams, was a preacher and her mother, Olive Price Adams, was an artist. She graduated from Teachers College, married Bruce St. Clair and moved to a hundred-acre forest near Callander to build a log cabin, start a family and a garden all the while attending night school where she earned her Bachelor of Arts with Laurentian University. Naomi's teaching career would last the rest of her life. She taught at Powassan Junior, South Shore Education Centre and several more (teaching elementary grades, special education and directing operettas). Naomi taught hundreds of children, and eventually the children of those children. With her second husband, Clifford White, she became a boater and explored Lake Nipissing. They rescued a sled dog team and learned to love the lake in the winter, too, sledding and ice fishing. After she retired, she moved to Duntroon to live with her daughter and her family where she decided she was bored and needed to start teaching again – this time at True North Academy. She retired a second time and got married a third time to James Sullivan of Durham. Living in Durham was where Naomi built a wonderful life with Jim, countless Sullivan relatives and great neighbours. She truly never stopped teaching – tutoring her grandchildren and more recently local children throughout this summer of Covid. She was lucky enough to spend a lot of the pandemic on Georgian Bay on the boat with Jim. She had a truly wonderful “retirement”. Best of all, Naomi supported her children and grandchildren with enough love to last their lifetimes. Her joyful laugh and generous heart will be forever missed by her brother, Philip Adams (Yvette Nolan), her children John St. Clair (Danielle) and Rosalyn Campbell (Garry), her stepchildren Dawn Fetherston (Jason) and Daryl Sullivan, her grandchildren Jonathon St. Clair, Rowyn and Angus Campbell and Brett Fetherston. “Nome” will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, cousins and in-laws, as well as countless students and lifelong friends. An outdoor Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. Naomi is at peace now with her loving Creator. Her love of life and learning are lessons we will keep forever in our hearts.

DEATH NOTICE



DYMENT, Holly Andrena. On Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, Holly Andrena Dymment died at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto. A non-smoker she faced a devastating diagnosis of lung cancer with her characteristic grace, bravery, elegance, and loving consideration toward everyone around her. She is survived by her aunt Robin Vaile Robinson, her beloved sons Andrew Lauder (and his wife Carly Deziel) and Cooper Dymment (Emily Spencer), all of Toronto, her brother Cam Dymment (Barbara) of Collingwood, ON,

and their children Kirstie, Brandon, and Kylie, her double first cousin Philip Dymment (Petra Mattes) and his children Gabrielle and Jack, and her lifelong friend Janet Heisey. Her parents Donald Dymment and Lexie Miller, both of Toronto, predeceased her. Everyone adored Holly. Artistically gifted, for many years she was a successful Toronto interior designer who decorated her own houses and those of her clients with customary verve, every room including that usually antiseptic space containing a fridge and stove reflecting her bohemian love of those hectic, incense-infused non-Occidental countries where joyful colours jostle for attention with pattern and texture. Beige was not an option in Holly's personality or vocabulary — her favourite colour was vermilion. One of her previous happy places was an airy colonial-era vacation house in Mérida, Yucatán, which she imbued with the daringly explosive colours of Mexico. After first travelling to India in 2002, and then, for artistic inspiration, continuing to visit Delhi, Kolkata, Jaipur, Hampi, and other storied and ancient cities at least once a year, she decided to launch what was an immediately successful and lauded jewellery business — Holly Dymment Fine Jewelry, her collections using precious stones in delightfully witty, unique (and often gothic) settings — rings, earrings, necklaces and bracelets wrought in her favourite black-and-white striped enamel, or gold, and hand-made in Jaipur, the centre of India's jewellery manufacture. Her jewels have been featured in Town & Country, Elle Canada, and a number of European fashion magazines and worn by such fashion-forward celebrities as Madonna and Rihanna. Another admirer of her work is Lynn Yaeger, a longtime New York fashion personality who writes for American Vogue. In 2017, Holly's work was included in Juliet Weir-de la Rochefoucauld's book 'Women Jewellery Designers,' a deluxe volume featuring such legendary names as Elsa Peretti of Tiffany & Co., Suzanne Belperron, and Cartier's once resident genius Jeanne Toussaint. Born in Toronto on August 18, 1959, Holly was educated at the Toronto French School, the Bishop Strachan School, and Bennington, a Vermont liberal arts college whose curriculum emphasizes the fine and performing arts. Some of her happiest years were spent at her farm near Creemore, Ontario, where, until recently, she delighted in entertaining family and friends in a very Holly house with a beautiful back forty. Holly loved many people, pets, amusements, and things including her family, the memory of her maternal grandparents, her mighty though miniature schnauzers, Twyla and Ham, solitude, her childhood summers on Lake Joseph, red lipstick, world music, the art of Frida Kahlo and Helen Frankenthaler, big bowls of whipped cream, both as main course and dessert, South Asian clothes, silent movies, Ab Fab, the satisfying look of great rooms and finally, the love of going deep or, as she laughingly called it, the 'ooey-booeey' — that is, the spiritual world where she hoped she'd see her people again. Due to COVID-19, a celebration of Holly's life will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, at thepmcf.ca.

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JOIN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clearview Township is seeking volunteers to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). The EDAC is an advisory committee that will assist Council in expanding the prosperity base to aid in the growth and progress of Clearview Township as a desirable place to move to and do business. The (EDAC) will provide feedback, recommendations and vision to Council to address priority Economic Development issues and opportunities in the Township's business community while maintaining focus on the five key pillars from the Clearview Strategic Plan:

- I. Recreation and Culture
- II. Identity-Marketing-Promotion
- III. Economic Activity
- IV. Quality of Life
- V. Governance

The Township is seeking four (4) plus public members to represent a variety of sectors. Deadline for submission: January 15, 2021, at 4:30 PM. Please provide a letter of application that includes related personal background, reason(s) for volunteering and what contribution you will bring to this committee.

Interested applicants can find the Committee Terms of Reference and application form online at www.clearview.ca/economic-development-committee.

Completed applications can be sent to Pamela Fettes, Director, Legislative Services/Clerk by email to pfettes@clearview.ca, by mail, or in person, to 217 Gideon Street, Box 200, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0


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