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St. Luke's Anglican Church Rev. **Lorna May** accepts a \$500 donation to the Creemore Community Food Bank from **Sim Spry** of Creemore Foodland, at the Dec. 10 Creemore Coyotes hockey game, flanked by general manager **Tom Macham** (right) and assistant general manager **Fred Mills**. The game was dedicated to supporting those affected by the Mill Street fire and raised an additional \$500, collected in donation jars, through a portion of proceeds from ticket sales and from the visiting team, the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks.

## Community invited to Christmas dinner

by **Trina Berlo**

In its 21st year, the Creemore Community Christmas Dinner will return to a sit-down dinner at the Creemore Legion.

On Dec. 25, Master Chef Elf **Jim Henderson** and all his helpers will be cooking up a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for more than 100 people.

The community dinner is open to everyone and often appeals to people who find themselves separated from loved ones on Christmas for one reason or another, or people who don't have enough space at home to host their family. The event attracts people from Creemore and surrounding communities because it feels like a big family gathering.

Coordinator **Donna Baylis** said almost everyone involved contributes

in some way to the event, whether it's a donation or volunteering some time.

"People give what they can and every little bit helps," she said.

This year, Ed Leimgardt Contracting has donated the full cost of preparing the dinner.

"That helps for this year and pretty much ensures that we have a dinner for next year so that's great," said Baylis.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate and prep food on Dec. 24 (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), for food prep (from 10 a.m.), dessert prep (from noon), and clean-up on Dec. 25, and tear-down on Dec. 26 (from 11 a.m.)

Volunteers are also needed to drive people and deliver meals to those who cannot attend.

To volunteer, contact Baylis at 705-

466-2523 or CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com.

The event also allocates resources to purchasing gifts for residents of the nursing home, Creedan Valley Care Community, who do not have family. This year, there will be 11 people on the list.

To support the event, donate to the "Community Christmas Dinner" account at TD Bank (#0330 5202657) or e-transfer funds to the address above.

Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. in Creemore's Royal Canadian Legion. Requests for rides or meal deliveries can be arranged upon request. Please RSVP to allow for meal planning, but the elves don't intend to turn anyone away. For more information, visit creemorechristmas.ca.

## Fire relief funds accumulate

Community efforts to support those displaced by the Dec. 2 fire on Mill Street continue.

Not including funds that have been filtering through the St. Luke's Anglican Church discretionary fund, more than \$30,000 has been raised.

The 'La Cucina Fire Relief Fund' launched by the business community via Go Fund Me has raised \$14,420 and the 'Creemore Fire Fundraiser' launched by **Scott LeBlanc** on behalf of the tenants has raised \$15,590.

LeBlanc is working to distribute the funds to the tenants of 157 Mill St. It is expected the campaign will close early next week. Anyone still wishing to donate is encouraged to do so in the next few days via [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com).

Meanwhile, La Cucina chef **Otta Zapotocky** is working out of the Station on the Green, doing Saturday morning breakfasts and take-out. The campaign to support Zapotocky and his team is ongoing.

## Huronia West OPP investigating deceased dog

Huronia West OPP is investigating an incident involving a dog being injured by a firearm within Clearview Township.

On Nov. 25, at about 6 p.m., officers received a call for service involving a dog being shot within a rural area of Clearview Township. Police attended the scene and spoke to numerous witnesses in regards to what may have transpired. The dog unfortunately later passed away.

In conjunction with Conservation Officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources, police are continuing a joint investigation into determining the circumstances behind the dog's death.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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  - **Adult skating** at the Creemore arena. 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 16**
  - **Free Public Skate** at the Creemore Arena 4:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. sponsored by Caroline McIntosh Real Estate.

**Sunday Dec. 18**
  - **Reading & Signing** with authors Alec Scott and Heidi Sopinka. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Curiosity House Books. Free

**Sunday, Dec. 25**
  - **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** 4:30 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, pay what you can. Everyone welcome to dine and/or volunteer. Donation of non-perishable food item appreciated. Contact Donna at 705-466-2523 or CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com to reserve your seat or make special arrangements. For more information see www.CreemoreChristmas.ca.
- Tuesday December 27**
  - **Free public skate** at the Creemore Arena 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. sponsored by Mad River Dental.

**Saturday, Dec. 31**
  - Creemore Fire Fighters Association presents a **New Year's Eve Dance** at Station on the Green. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Semi formal, cash bar, toast at midnight. Tickets \$20. Contact creemoreffa@gmail.com.

**Saturday, Jan. 21**
  - **Creemore Farmers' Market Bread Contest.** Bring your loaf of bread (yeast bread) to the market by 9 a.m. for judging by the community. Categories include: White bread, Other breads - rye, dark, sourdough, etc., Gluten free bread, Pastry such as croissants, bagels, donuts, etc., but, must be yeast based.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**
  - Creemore Legion's **Robbie Burns dinner.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 with the toast drink included. Please call the Legion at 705-466-2202 or Dee for tickets before Jan. 18.
- Saturday, Feb. 11**
  - Istealya Heart's **Steal'n Hearts Drag show** featuring Angell Morana and Twinklet at the New Lowell Legion 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets \$20 at eventbrite.ca.

**Saturday, Feb. 18**
  - **Winter is a Drag** but the Queens are back to warm it up! Enjoy music and fun with some of Simcoe County's finest drag performers while raising money for Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society. Money raised from ticket sales will be used for the 2023 Creemore Festival of the Arts programming and other arts and history initiatives in the community. Money raised at the bar will support the Creemore Legion. Tickets \$25 on sale now at www.phahs.ca.



THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, December 18

**CENTENNIAL UNITED, STAYNER**  
**1:30 p.m.** - Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Carol Festival. This special service will be followed with Christmas pudding, ice cream and sauce in the CE Hall.

**ST. JOHN’S UNITED, CREEMORE**  
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Wednesday, December 21

**Centennial United, Stayner**  
**7 p.m.** - Online Blue Christmas Service. This special service held near the longest night of the year acknowledges that this time of year can be difficult for many people. Those who wish can join us for this service live on Zoom or Facebook from the comfort of your own home.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

**CENTENNIAL UNITED, STAYNER**  
**7 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service A special Candlelight Service celebrating Christ’s birth.

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**4 p.m.** - Children’s Service with Special Music  
**7:30 p.m.** Eucharist  
**Reserve seating call 705-220-3739**

**ST. LUKE’S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**3:30 p.m.** - Carol sing  
**4 p.m.** - Joint Christmas Eve service with the Creemore Community Church.

**ST. JOHN’S UNITED, CREEMORE**  
**8 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service

**NEW LOWELL UNITED CHURCH**  
**6:30 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service

**ST. PATRICK’S PARISH CHURCH, STAYNER**  
**10:30 p.m.** - Christmas Carols  
**11 p.m.** - Midnight Mass

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DUNEDIN**  
**5 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service. All welcome.

**CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**4 p.m.** - Creemore Campus Christmas Eve Service.  
**7 p.m.** - Stayner Campus Christmas Eve Service.

**HOLY TRINITY CLEARVIEW, DUNTROON**  
**8 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service. In Person, and Online worship available.

**THE COMMUNION OF JESUS, THE LAMB AND THE LION**  
**7 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

**ST. PATRICK’S PARISH CHURCH STAYNER**  
**10:30 a.m.** - Nativity of the Lord  
**11 a.m.** - Christmas Carols Mass

**CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**9:30 a.m.** - Creemore Campus Christmas Service.  
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# G&M gets operational funds for new MRI machine

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital is one of 27 Ontario hospitals to receive operational funding for a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine.

On Dec. 12, the provincial government announced a \$20 million dollar investment to support operations, which will increase access to care for patients waiting for this service across the province.

MRI is a non-invasive medical imaging technique that uses magnetic fields and radio waves to take detailed pictures of organs and tissues in the body. MRIs are used to diagnose many health problems, including brain injuries, heart disease and various tumours and cancers. Currently, patients in the South Georgian Bay region obtain approximately 5,500 MRI scans in various parts of Ontario annually, and travel a minimum of 60 minutes, in one direction, after waiting for more than two months for an outpatient MRI scan, creating



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MPP **Brian Saunderson**, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health **Sylvia Jones**, and CGMH president and CEO, **Mike Lacroix** at the Dec. 12 funding announcement in Collingwood.

disjointed care.

“We applaud the Ministry of Health (MOH) for recognizing the importance of siting new MRI scanners in rural

communities, such as South Georgian Bay, to expand access to this service across the province,” said **Mike Lacroix**, CGMH President and CEO.

“Having an MRI at CGMH, will not only help to reduce wait times for this service across our region, resulting in more timely diagnosis and treatment, but it will also provide care closer to home by eliminating the travel burden that is placed on our patients and their caregivers who currently travel outside of our region for this service.”

The new MRI machine will be purchased through capital funds raised by the CGMH Foundation and it is hoped it will be onsite and operational within the next 12-18 months.

“I am grateful that the Ministry of Health (MOH) has recognized the need for an MRI to enhance access to service for patients in the South Georgian Bay region and other rural communities across Ontario,” said Dr. **Murray Miller**, Chief of Radiology at CGMH. “This will amount to reduced wait times for urgent cancer, stroke and orthopaedics, while providing care locally in our community.”

# South Georgian Bay docs opt into online booking system

Primary care doctors in South Georgian Bay are currently being supported by the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT) to offer their patients online booking. This allows patients to book appointments quickly and easily access health care in the community.

“The pandemic really exposed the need to have digital health options in place. With online booking, residents in South Georgian Bay now have a really easy way to book a doctor’s appointment and receive

reminders about their appointments,” says Dr. **James Lane**, Family Physician with Stayner Medical Centre and Digital Lead for the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team. “This is a really great way to make it even easier for our patients to book their appointments and access the care they need. As a family doctor in our community, I have received a lot of positive feedback from my patients. I encourage all residents in South Georgian Bay to try online bookings; it’s easy and convenient.”

Many doctors in South Georgian Bay are already using online booking with their patients. If your doctor is not currently offering this option, the SGB OHT encourages you to ask about it next time you are booking an appointment. More information about online booking, including

online booking links for those doctors offering it, is available through this link: [www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca/online-bookings](http://www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca/online-bookings)

If you need support, you can dial 2-1-1 (24/7 bilingual helpline) for assistance with booking an online appointment.



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## COLUMN

### Find peace in a good book

Christmas time can be a time of peace, joyfulness and happiness but it can also be a time of messiness and expense.

If you or any member of your family is looking for some stress-free allotments of solitude, think of us and what we offer at your library.

I quote *House of Trelawney*, by Hannah Rothschild, in which Tuffy says, "Our ability to tell, create and believe in stories is Homo Sapiens' most powerful weapon. It's how we organize ourselves, how we control each other, how we justify our decisions. If we don't have them, we'd be like fleas or rabbits or any other member of the animal kingdom, beings just trying to get through the day."

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- 1) *The Time Traveller's Wife* by Audrey Niffenberger;
- 2) *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee;
- 3) *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier;
- 4) *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini;
- 5) *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel;
- 6) *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen;
- 7) *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott;
- 8) *Beloved* by Toni Morrison; and
- 9) *A Suitable Boy* by Vikram Seth.

These stories are available in print, movie and electronic formats at the three branches. These branches are open for business during our regular hours except for Saturday, Dec. 24 (open 9 a.m. to noon) and Saturday, Dec. 31 (open 9 a.m. to noon). Please call 705-466-3011 (Creemore), 705-424-6288 (New Lowell) and/or 705-428-3595 (Stayner) or visit [www.clearview.library.on.ca](http://www.clearview.library.on.ca) if you have any questions about your library services.

If you require free at-home entertainment for the junior set over the holidays, our Mega-Kits of crafts and things-to-do will be available on Friday, Dec. 23 at high noon on a first-come, first-serve basis at all branches. These kits also promote what can be found in our collections of child-friendly science, arts and cookery books.

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Michele McKenzie is deputy CEO of the Clearview Public Library.

LIBRARY NEWS



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## THE WAY WE WERE



Santa's sleigh, the same one he uses today, as seen in *The Creemore Star* (year unknown).

## OPINION

### Petition to protect the South Georgian Bay area's Niagara Escarpment signed by thousands

As Doug Ford's government enacted Bill 23, a petition calling for more protection for natural lands in the South Georgian Bay area – including the Niagara Escarpment – surpassed more than 20,000 signatures.

The Escarpment Corridor Alliance (ECA) created the online petition in support of protecting the region's famed natural features, many of which are under threat as a result of increasing development. The group advocates for planning processes which balance the need for development with the conservation of natural spaces and habitats.

"We are not against development, but there are much better suited places which don't sacrifice critical forests, wetlands and don't degrade the UNESCO recognized Niagara Escarpment," said Bruce Harbinson, President of the ECA. "We believe in densification not deforestation – and we want to ensure our natural areas are conserved for future

generations."

The introduction of Bill 23 saw support for ECA's petition and objectives surge. Community members from South Georgian Bay region voiced their concern about the proposed development on over 1,500 acres of the Castle Glen Forest and residents from across the province decried the erosion of environmental protection by the Ford government.

"We cannot replace these spaces once they are destroyed, we cannot create new old trees or restore habitats paved over by developers," added Harbinson. "To destroy a forest to build a resort community based on 50-year-old planning approvals, like the one proposed at

Castle Glen Forest – and let's be clear this is not about solving any housing crisis – should be unheard of in 2022. It looks like Ontario residents agree."

– Submitted by The Escarpment Corridor Alliance

Send letters to the editor to [editor@creemore.com](mailto:editor@creemore.com). All letters must be signed with the writer's full name and include a phone number (which will not be printed.) Deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

We appreciate submissions for our *They Way We Were* feature. Bring in your old photos and we will scan them and get right back to you. We also accept submissions by e-mail to [editor@creemore.com](mailto:editor@creemore.com). Thank you.

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COLUMN

# Keep in mind, the "January Effect": Money Lady

Dear Money Lady,  
I have not topped up my TFSA, should I do it now in December or wait until January?  
Ken

Great question Ken,  
I think a lot of people are wondering this. I don't believe in timing the stock market; however, December and January have specific attributes that the other months of the year just don't have. So, let's talk about that Ken.

For those of you who regularly invest in the equity markets, you may have noticed that your portfolio always takes a bit of a hit at the end of November. This is due to the month-end pension fund portfolio rebalancing done by large mutual fund companies and institutional managed accounts. Typically, markets are always headed into a bit of a soft patch towards the Christmas season, and we should expect a slight pullback.

Often viewed by advisors as the "sweet-month," this is usually a good time to put money into the market to continue to build a higher return anticipated to come in the New Year.

We expect a 1-2.3 per cent pullback this month and for those that have not contributed yet to their RRSP or your TFSA, now would be the time to continue putting money into the market to work for

THE MONEY LADY



Christine IBBOTSON

you next year in 2023. If we look at the past as an example, December tends to gain strength towards the end of the month as we go into January, with an average monthly gain expected to be 1.67 per cent this year.

The odds still favour a small "up" month-end price increase, despite the inauspicious last few months and possible looming recession.

Another thing to keep in mind if you are thinking of investing at the end of the year is the "January Effect," which is often viewed as a seasonal increase in stock prices. Since 1928, analysts have been tracking stock movement and have found that the S&P tends to rise on average 60.5 per cent of the time in January alone. Analysts who have studied this theory (economic data of market trends from 1905 to 2005) speculate that January has a 4-6 times greater increase in stock performance than any other month during the year. One theory is that many investors tend to sell high-year-end stock in December due to capital gains tax and then purchase weaker stock picks in January. It is my view that year end sell-offs tend to attract January buyers interested in low price deals which then in turn drive the stock up again. Investors usually know that the drop in stock prices in December is not based on corporate fundamentals, but rather tax loss harvesting, and therefore prices get driven up

abnormally higher in January due to buying frenzies.

I am the first to suggest that you should never try to "time the market" when planning to invest, however the stats from tracking December to January buy/sell movements over the last 100 years, speak volumes. Talk to your advisor. In 2023, with all the concerns of food supplies, inflation, unemployment, and the war in Ukraine, has been predicted by economists to only have a nominal increase of approximately 1.7 per cent to the global GDP. While I agree that this is indeed low based on previous years, it is not too bad. This is the time to "tuck-in," and make that financial plan and spending budget for next year. The markets will be choppy in the coming year so if you can, invest with your advisor to capitalize on buying opportunities. For others, it is now the time to finally pay off your debts, lines of credit, personal loans and financed toys and vehicles. I know many believe that saving isn't easy and for some impossible. Send me your financial questions and I will try to help (info@askthemoneylady.ca). You can do this!

Of course, if any of my readers have questions about saving for the future or need specific advice about how to retire debt free and wealthy, you can always email me your questions on my website at [www.askthemoneylady.ca](http://www.askthemoneylady.ca).

Christine Ibbotson is a National Radio Host, YouTuber, and author of three finance books.

## Local COVID-19 community risk level at high

As of Dec. 8, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has moved the region's current overall COVID-19 Community Risk Level from moderate to high as the virus continues to circulate within the community. This is the second time the risk level has increased since it was launched in September 2022.

"We are seeing a higher level of COVID-19 transmission in Simcoe Muskoka, which means there is a greater risk of getting sick with potential for severe illness," said Dr. Charles Gardner, SMDHU's medical officer of health. "We note this in the context of ongoing elevated transmission of influenza as well as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Given this, we continue to encourage individuals to use more layers of protection, such as increasing frequency of mask use and maintaining physical distance in indoor

public settings. Getting your bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster and your influenza vaccination is also strongly recommended and available across Simcoe Muskoka."

The COVID-19 Community Risk Level, available on SMDHU's website, is based on five indicators (local percent positivity of PCR tests, confirmed cases, hospitalizations, institutional outbreaks, and wastewater signals) that are monitored weekly. Together, these indicators make up the current overall COVID-19 risk level in our community as one of the following levels: lower (caution), moderate, high, or very high. Each risk level is explained, and information is provided about personal and situational risks that individuals should consider and what actions they can take to protect themselves and others from

spreading and getting severely ill from COVID-19. The more precautions a person takes the better the protection for themselves and others. These actions include:

- Staying up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Staying home when sick with any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Wearing a face mask when required and consider wearing a face mask in public based on your personal situation.

The COVID-19 Community Risk Level is updated each Thursday by 2 p.m. Residents are reminded to visit [smdhu.org](http://smdhu.org) for weekly risk level updates, and to learn more about local COVID-19 transmission and ways to be COVID-safe.



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# Creemore BIA asks to be included in tree management plan

by Trina Berlo

After some inexperienced tree trimming by township staff in the Creemore Business Improvement Area (BIA), the board of management is attempting to avoid further damage by asking for cooperation and co-management.

“We are disappointed in the actions and lack of communication from the roads department regarding the damage done to the trees on Nov. 2, 2022,” writes the BIA in a letter to council dated Nov. 8. “While we appreciate the cooperation from the township, we feel with our help we can better facilitate the management of these trees going forward.”

The letter explains that since the Tree Society of Creemore is no longer caring for the trees on Mill Street the BIA has picked up the responsibility.

The BIA paid a professional arborist \$2,500 in 2022 to have the trees pruned and shaped, and was surprised when the trees were further trimmed in a damaging way using a chainsaw, instead of a handsaw, as recommended by arborists.

Two professional arborists assessed the damage and reported to the BIA that the cuts were poorly executed, cut at the wrong angle, and at the wrong time of year, leaving chainsaw cuts deep into the main trunk on some trees.

“The trees on Mill Street are very important to the downtown area of

Creemore and are more than just trees, they add to the character of the village,” writes the BIA. “The history of these trees is important as they were planted and paid for by volunteers in our community. We, as the BIA, feel very strongly about the preservation of these trees.”

The BIA is asking council for cooperation and cost sharing when it comes to tree maintenance, including a plan for annual professional pruning to allow for snow removal and sidewalk clearance, training for township staff by a certified arborist. The BIA is asking the township to report back on a tree management plan and to contribute \$3,500 towards an annual tree maintenance budget. Members hope to prevent further damage and determine a plan to replace dead and dying trees in 2023.

At the Dec. 12 council meeting deputy director of public works **Dan Perreault** said he is expecting the results of a township wide Tree Canopy Assessment from Davey Resource Group in the near future.

Councillors indicated they would support some additional training for township staff members.

They supported a motion to refer the issue back to the Deputy Director of Public Works to investigate the costs associated with providing the necessary arborist training to public works staff.



A photo included in the BIA letter to council addressing concerns over the trimming of trees shows cuts made with a chainsaw, which arborists have said puts stress on the trees and jeopardizes their health.



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# Realtors support Annual Turkey Challenge

Local real estate agents with The Lakelands Association of Realtors says they are providing meals to 1,488 area families in need this holiday season.

“This year we saw the need for support in our communities increase as the effects of the pandemic remained and inflation significantly increased grocery prices,” states the press release. “We are proud of our local real estate agents and brokerages for keeping this important fundraiser alive for over 20 years.”

Members support housing and shelter-related charities during Relators Care Week. Housing and

shelter-related charities includes refuge, haven or protection that provides or improves the quality of life from hunger, elements, physical/psychological abuse, disabilities, and illness.

In support of Relators Care Week, The Lakelands Association of Realtors once again launched their Annual Turkey Challenge, which encourages members to contribute \$25 donations which are exchanged for grocery vouchers, placed in Christmas hampers by local charities, and distributed to families in need in local communities to use as they see fit.

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# Chéri translator 'inhabits' Colette

by Trina Berlo

**Paul Eprile's** newest translation allows a new generation of English speaking readers into the century old world of *Chéri*, written by French author Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette.

First published in 1920, Colette's novel about an aging courtesan and her young lover, Chéri has been translated and published by NYRB Classics, along with its sequel *La Fin de Chéri*, published in 1926.

Eprile, a Dunedin area resident, is an award winning translator of three books by French author Jean Giono.

"They both used the French language in a way no one else had used it, he said. "And each had a distinctive style."

Eprile said he found translating Colette to be a very different process. Where he had to decipher Giono's idioms, Eprile said he was surprised how much easier it was to translate Colette.

Still, it is the translator's duty to consider every possible equivalent within different contexts to extract the best possible option, therefore remaining true to the original essence of the text.

In translation, Eprile said, one has to consider nuance, tone, rhythm, and phrasing among other things.

An introduction by Colette biographer **Judith Thurman**, author of *Secrets of the Flesh: A Life of Colette* says, "Colette's fiction is as undoubting to translate as poetry. It demands an ideal of purity

as ruthless as her own... Her translator needs some of the traits she prized in a lover: selfless patience, undistracted prowess, a lithe imagination," she continues. "I have never wanted to read Colette in English because she has never sounded like Colette. Finally, in this volume, she does. Eprile inhabits her."

Colette was born in 1873 and began her literary career as ghost-writer for her husband, Willy, who published the *Claudine* novels in his name. The story is the subject of the 2019 Hollywood film *Colette*, starring Keira Knightly.

Colette worked as a journalist, mime and actress, and reestablished herself as a writer, publishing several novels, including the famous *Gigi*.

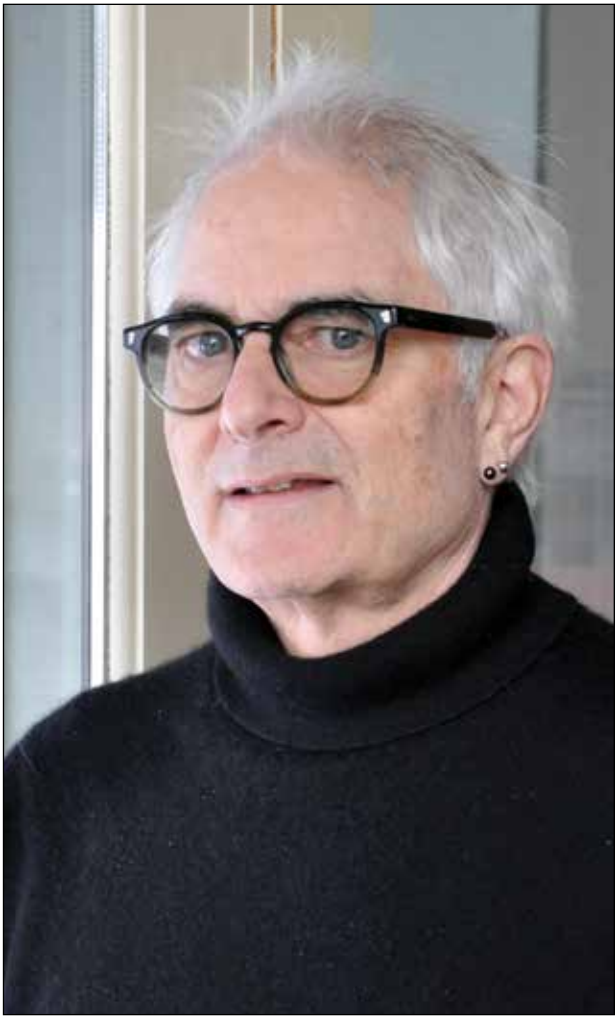
Eprile said he believes *Chéri* has a theatrical quality to the writing, and is a "potent satire" of the Bourgeoisie, of the relationships between men and women, and of the underbelly of French society of the time.

*Chéri* and *La Fin de Chéri* are also an exploration of sexuality and love, by an author who didn't conform to traditional relationships and expectations of women.

"Lea is a vehicle or a conduit for some of Colette's own feelings and thought about aging," said Eprile.

NYRB is launching the book in New York in February, marking the 150th anniversary of Colette's birth.

*Chéri* and *The End of Chéri* is bound as one book, available online at [www.nyrb.com](http://www.nyrb.com).



Paul Eprile

## NVCA calling for submissions from local artists

Artists who live in the Nottawasaga Watershed are invited to submit their best representation of the Tiffin Conservation Area or the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area for a chance to have their artwork displayed and used on NVCA conservation area merchandise.

The Nottawasaga Watershed includes 18 municipalities and spans from Wasaga Beach in the northeast to Moonstone and Bass Lake, southeast through Barrie and Bond Head to Hwy 9 then westward to Orangeville then heading north through Collingwood to Nottawasaga Bay. Artists can check to see if they live in the Nottawasaga Watershed by using NVCA's Interactive Data Viewer.

"We have been offering recreation opportunities in our

conservation areas since the 1970s," said Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands and Operations at NVCA. "Many of our visitors have developed a special relationship with these natural areas. Some people started coming to our conservation areas as children, and continue visiting their whole lives. We also have many regulars who enjoy our conservation areas year-round! We want everyone to have an opportunity to contribute to this initiative."


A panel of NVCA staff will review artwork submissions and have their top picks judged by the public. There will be one winner and two runners up. The artist who received first place will receive \$350, an annual parking pass, choice of merchandise item with their design. The two runners up will receive an annual parking pass and their art displayed at the subject

conservation area.

"As this is a new initiative, we are calling for submissions for the Tiffin and Nottawasaga Bluff Conservation Areas for now. If this campaign is successful, we will be calling for art submissions for other conservation areas as well."

All artwork submitted must be in colour, in the shape of a circle or rectangle. As the artwork will be embroidered, artists are asked not include shading or thin lines.

Artists are welcome to submit their artwork to [events@nvca.on.ca](mailto:events@nvca.on.ca) until February 6, 2023. The winning artwork will be chosen on/by Feb. 13. For full submission rules, visit [www.nvca.on.ca/about/careers-volunteers](http://www.nvca.on.ca/about/careers-volunteers).



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Creemore Curling Club standings

Ladies

Team	win-loss-tie
Verstegen	3-0-1
Fuller	2-2-0
Walker	2-2-0
Millsap	1-2-1
Crawford	1-3-0

From the Hack: Deciding games played on Monday night with Team Verstegen finishing this draw undefeated.

Joining them in next weeks trophy game will be Team Fuller, who advance after winning a tie breaker against Team Walker.

Men

Team	win-loss-tie-points
Gord Fuller	5-1-0-50
Adam Verstegen	4-1-1-45
Bill Neelin	4-2-0-40
Howard Walker	4-2-0-40
Dave Millsap	3-3-0-30
Bill Hewitt	2-4-0-20
Brian Wilson	1-4-1-15
Phil Cober	0-6-0-0

From the Hack: Winning teams this week were teams Neelin, Fuller, Dave Millsap and team Hewitt.

Daytime

Team	win-loss-tie
Coulter	8-0-2
Loranger	6-3-2
Martens	5-6-0
McDougall	3-8-0
Bell	2-9-0

From the Hack: On Monday, Team Martens took an early lead against Team Coulter. Not to be deterred, Linda, Ann and Ron battled back with a few excellent draw weight shots, to overturn the lead and win the game. On the other sheet, Heather, Karen, Marty and Gail tried their best to secure another win for Team McDougall against Team Loranger, but it was not meant to be, as Paul, Joan, Al and Micheal piled on the pressure in the last end with two stones on the button which couldn't be removed. Wednesday had the top two teams in a close fight. Team Loranger had a three point lead going in to the 8th end, and "lucky" Ron, skip of Team Coulter, pulled off a 3-pointer to tie the game! Good curling everyone!

Mixed

From the Hack: Heading into the last game Friday night, Dec. 16, standings are as follows: The leading rink is the Fuller team with the Crevier, Cass and Vorstermans teams in a tie for second place. The Neelin team is in third with the McArthur and Meulendyk in fourth and the Kelly team in fifth. Friday night the winning team will be presented with our first round trophy!



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Yotes split weekend series with Winterhawks

Dec. 9

Creemore 5 vs Saugeen Shores 4 O/T

Creemore goal scorers: Kevin Boyd with 1 goal and three helpers for a four-point night, Kyle Heitzner with a pair, and Jordan Taylor with a single and OT winner going to Barrie's Ben Hughes.

Dec. 10

Saugeen Shores 2 vs Creemore 0 50/50 winner was Lisa Wiggins - \$174

Shoot the puck winner was Hunter Bourne - \$50 Home hardware gift card Attendance: 145

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FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answers on next page

FRED'S FUNNIES  
What do you call Santa's little helpers?  
Subordinate Clauses

Canadian Criss Cross

December 16, 2022

- ACROSS
- 1. Arched bone
  - 4. 'The Snow Queen' character
  - 9. End a game with the same score
  - 12. \_\_\_ dime
  - 13. Send a message with your computer
  - 14. Canadian Hall of Fame hockey player
  - 15. Curved path
  - 16. Swedish turnips
  - 18. Straight muscle
  - 20. Triangular insert in a seam
  - 21. River in France
  - 22. Tie who played for the Maple Leafs
  - 23. Lower the volume
  - 26. Call it \_\_\_
  - 30. \_\_\_ rule
  - 31. Bedaub with grease
  - 33. \_\_\_-de-France
  - 34. Ballet dancer's leap
  - 36. The omission of words from a sentence
  - 38. Rhythmic cheer
  - 40. Portable bed
  - 41. Butter (French)
  - 44. Coils of yarn
  - 47. Childishly immature
  - 49. Japanese drama
  - 50. More than enough
  - 51. Fender guitar, for short
  - 52. Computer part, for short
  - 53. Pothook shape
  - 54. Very small
  - 55. Vietnamese New Year celebration

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- DOWN
- 1. Lion's cry
  - 2. Concerning
  - 3. Casino card game
  - 4. Verbal nouns
  - 5. Australian birds
  - 6. One who betrays friends
  - 7. Line connecting two opposite corners of a square
  - 8. Book with blank pages
  - 9. Clothing
  - 10. "Dies \_\_\_"
  - 11. Formerly (archaic)
  - 17. Largest continent
  - 19. Cookie container
  - 22. Make one's home
  - 23. \_\_\_ Mahal
  - 24. Go through
  - 25. Egg dish
  - 27. Noticeably different
  - 28. \_\_\_ Baba
  - 29. Word of agreement
  - 32. Like an old piece of furniture
  - 35. Jaguarundi
  - 37. Edgar Allan \_\_\_
  - 39. German painter
  - 41. Eat into
  - 42. Son of Seth
  - 43. They come from far away
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  - 45. Antonym of yep
  - 46. Open-and-\_\_\_ case
  - 48. Wrath



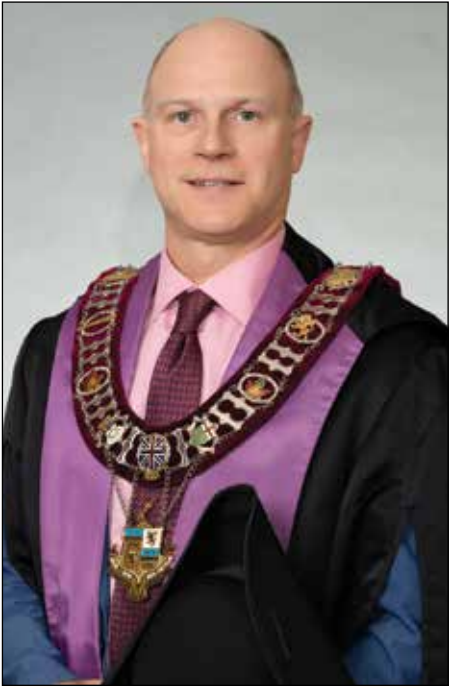
# County council elects Warden Basil Clarke

County council has elected **Basil Clarke**, Mayor of Ramara, as the new County of Simcoe warden.

“It is a true honour to be elected to serve as warden for the next two years, and I thank my fellow county councillors for their support,” said Clarke. “I know from my own experience at the county level that we face many challenges in the years ahead, but challenges often lead to opportunities, especially in a region as vibrant as Simcoe County. Opportunities that can advance our economy, enhance our infrastructure and further assist our residents and businesses. I look forward to serving and visiting communities across our great region over the next two years.”

With 22 years of municipal leadership experience, Clarke was first elected to Ramara Township council in 2000, and then deputy mayor in 2006 and 2010, and as mayor in 2014, 2018 and 2022. Entering his fifth term as a County of Simcoe councillor, Clarke has chaired the county’s performance management, food and agriculture charter, and economic development committees.

Clarke is a dairy and livestock farmer and his family previously ran a small retail business, supplying services to his region and adding to the Canadian agricultural supply. He and his wife, **Carey**, have been married for over 33 years and have three grown children and two young grandchildren.



Basil Clarke

Joining Clarke in the leadership of the County of Simcoe is **Jennifer Coughlin**, who was elected as deputy warden.

Coughlin was elected as mayor of Springwater Township in 2022, after serving as councillor and deputy mayor in 2014 and 2018, respectively. As a County of Simcoe councillor since 2018, Coughlin has served as chair of the county’s bursary committee and vice chair of the county’s human services, governance, and grant task force committees, and as vice chair of the Simcoe County Housing Corporation Board. Prior to her entry into politics,



Jennifer Coughlin

Coughlin worked as an early childhood educator and teacher, and remains a supply teacher with the Simcoe Muskoka District Catholic School Board.

Coughlin and her husband, Mark, live in Anten Mills with their three daughters and run a family masonry business.

At its 175th inaugural ceremony on Dec. 13, the County of Simcoe was proud to swear-in the 2022-2026 county council.

Clearview’s mayor **Doug Measures** was elected vice chair of the corporate services committee, supporting chair **Lynn Dollin**.

## Headwaters receives \$1.86M for facility upgrades

**Sylvia Jones**, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon made an announcement at Headwaters Health Care Centre Dec. 9 regarding \$1,865,157 in funding to support critical hospital upgrades and repairs.

The investment is through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) Program which is providing 131 hospitals and 65 community health service providers across the province with support to upgrade infrastructure to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for patients, families and caregivers.

“For over 25 years Headwaters Health staff and volunteers have provided high quality healthcare close to home,” said Jones, “Our government’s investment to improve hospital infrastructure, enhance patient experience and increase capacity ensures our community will continue to receive world class care for years to come, right here in Dufferin-Caledon.”

**Kim Delahunt**, President & CEO, Headwaters Health Care Centre, remarked, “This investment will help us upgrade some of the critical areas in need. We have to be able to depend on our building when providing patient care as well as provide for a safe environment for people who work and volunteer here.”

As a 25 -year-old facility, Headwaters has an extensive list of short- and longer-term repairs and renovations. These funds will be used to support several areas of significant need including flooring replacement, ambulance bay paving, patient washroom renovations, additional signage, sinks and faucets in patient care areas, security camera upgrades and additional roofing upgrades.

### This week’s answers

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Doug Quanbury. We knew Doug was  
a great guy but we are overwhelmed  
with the cards, emails calls we have  
received and the wonderful gathering  
at his service. We would like to thank  
Jim and Danielle from Fawcett Funeral  
Home for all their assistance. Jim,  
your help especially was appreciated.  
A thank-you also to Debbie Hill for  
her involvement with The Station on  
The Green. And a special thank-you  
to Rev. Lorna May for visiting us at  
the hospital and her vital part in our  
family service and the Celebration  
of Doug's Life Service. Also thank-  
you to Dr. Jessica Gencarelli for her  
compassionate care given to Doug.  
The many donations given in Doug's  
name to Collingwood General and  
Marine Hospital mean so much to  
us for it is there that Doug received  
such great care. We are blessed to  
know that Doug was part of such a  
great community. *Liz, Michael, Bryan  
Kevin and families*

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## DEATH NOTICE



**RUSSELL, Margaret Ann (nee  
Hood)** Died peacefully on Friday,  
Dec. 9, 2022, at the General & Marine  
Hospital, Collingwood at the age of  
80. Margaret, formerly of Stayner,  
beloved wife of the late Ross Russell  
and the late Ken Hornsby. Loving  
mother of Sherry Hornsby (Barry  
Brooker), Debra Schmidtke (Michel  
Deschenes), Tracy (Tim MacDonald)  
and Sue-Ann (Joe Power). Cherished  
grandmother of Shannon Mahar,  
Raquel (Ryan Prosser), Kurt Schmidtke  
(Scott Lowe), Sara Schmidtke, Cory  
(Jen) MacDonald, Nathan (Shannon)  
MacDonald, Amanda (Graeme  
Holloway), Robin (Amy) MacDonald,  
John Power and Daniel Power and to  
11 great grandchildren. Dear sister of  
the late David (Carolyn) Hood and  
Diane (Lindsay Keating). Margaret  
was a kind woman who cherished her  
family and her community. She liked  
to write poems, was a member of the  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 397  
and the Red Hats Society. She will be  
missed. Friends will be received at  
the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral  
Home, 7313 Highway 26, Stayner on  
Friday, Dec. 16, from 11:30 a.m. for  
the Memorial Service in the Chapel at  
1 o'clock. The service will also be live  
streamed. The link is available above  
under the Photos & Video tab - Webcast  
link. Interment South Line Cemetery,  
Badjeros. If desired, a donation to  
Diabetes Canada would be appreciated  
by Margaret's family. To sign Margaret's  
Book of memories, please visit [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com).

## DEATH NOTICE

**ARMAGOST, Maxine Elizabeth nee  
Rowbotham** – Peacefully on Tuesday,  
Dec. 6, 2022, Maxine passed away  
with family at her bedside at the Royal  
Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton,  
Alberta. Maxine will be lovingly  
remembered by her partner Ken Schutz,  
daughters Christine (Scott), Carrie  
(Nolan) and beloved grandchildren  
Rhyliagh, Brenden, Caelan and Ashley;  
her mother Margaret, father Keith,  
sisters Myrna (John), Jane, brothers  
Norman (Maureen), Neil, Andrew  
(Deborah) and many nieces, nephews,  
family and friends. Maxine loved  
her time at Islet Lake with family,  
crocheting, photography, crafting,  
hiking, kayaking, skating and obtaining  
10,000 steps daily. She was an avid  
reader and loved puzzles. She worked at  
various organizations as a CGA member  
accountant. She gave her heart and  
soul to every company she worked for.  
She also split her time of retirement in  
Creemore, Ontario where she was able  
to enjoy the beautiful lakes and hiking  
trails of Southern Georgian Bay in her  
home next to her parents whom she  
doted over. Maxine had a deep faith and  
a few hours each morning was devoted  
to her readings; along with nature this  
brought her great peace. A memorial  
is being held in Edmonton Alberta on  
Friday, Dec. 16.

## DEATH NOTICE



**IVITS, William (Willy) John**, devoted father and  
grandfather, dependable brother and friend,  
dedicated farmer and firefighter, died of cancer on  
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022. He was 66 years old.  
Willy was born on Feb. 26, 1956 to Martin and  
Ann Ivits of New Lowell, Ontario. He was the  
eldest son of nine children. As a brother, he was  
heartfelt, wise, considerate, and good humoured.  
He helped out on the family farm, eventually  
acquiring half of the property to build a farm of  
his own. In 1979, Willy married Frances Jane  
Kidd and together they raised two children,  
Steven and Shantel. His children valued his kind  
heart, sensible advice, quiet strength, and gentle

sense of humour. Willy was a hardworking farmer for over 40 years. He was  
recognized as Outstanding Pork Producer of the Year by the Ontario Pork  
Producers Association and his hogs won countless prizes at the Stayner  
Community Fair. After retiring from the farm, he continued to work as a consultant  
and mentor to younger farmers across Simcoe and adjacent counties. Willy left an  
indelible mark on Clearview Township. As a volunteer firefighter for 25 years, he  
saved lives and homes across the township. His crew recognized him with a  
bronze wooden shoe dubbed "The Flying Dutchman Award" for always being the  
first one to the firehall in an emergency. He rose the ranks to Captain and eventually  
served as Chief. For 10 years, he volunteered with the Sunnidale Township Parks  
and Recreation Committee and he helped organize many a Winterama (sometimes  
appearing as Winterama Willie himself). Alongside Frances Jane Kidd, he played  
a pivotal role in revitalizing the New Lowell Campground and Conservation  
Park. Willy is survived by his two children, Steven (Erin) and Shantel Ivits, his  
grandchildren Ruby and Beckett Ivits, his past wife and best friend Frances Jane  
(Ann) Kidd, his siblings Joanne (Kevin) George, Mariette (Norm) Frechette,  
Jeannette (Rob) Weselake, Henry Ivits, Mary (Daniel) Mapel, Gerry (Jamilla)  
Ivits, Louise (Rob) Noordegraaf, Diane Crittenden (Ron), and his many much-  
loved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents,  
Martin and Ann Ivits, and loving companion, Christina "Chris" Van Der Heijden.  
His family wishes to thank his supportive friends, compassionate team of  
caregivers, and Campbell House Palliative Residence. Visitation was held on  
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home, 7313  
Highway 26, Stayner. Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 at 11  
a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 215 Pine Street, Stayner. Entombment St.  
Patrick's cemetery. The ceremony was live streamed and the link will be available  
in the Book of Memories. For further information and to sign Willy's Book of  
memories, please visit [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com).

## DEATH NOTICE



**DAY, Gwen Edith** – Died suddenly on  
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022 at the General  
& Marine Hospital, Collingwood at  
the age of 57. Gwen of Collingwood,  
beloved spouse of Ronald Groves.  
Loving mother of the late Christopher  
and step-mother of Derek (Tanya)  
Groves and Jamie (Bobbie) Groves.  
Cherished grandmother of Eric, Kristen,  
Jessica, Ryan and Samantha. Dear sister  
of Jim (Sue), Paul (Nancy) and Lynn  
(the late Brian). Gwen is predeceased  
by her parents Muriel and William Day.  
Gwen was a kind and friendly woman.  
She spent many years caring for the  
elderly through her esthetician services,  
Hygieia Holistic Services. She loved the  
outdoors, from tending to her vegetable  
garden, fishing and hunting. She enjoyed  
carpentry and cabinet making with the  
grandchildren. Her sudden passing has  
left a tremendous void for her family  
and friends. Friends were received at the  
Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home  
- Stayner Chapel, 7313 Highway 26,  
Stayner on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 from  
11 a.m. for the Funeral Service in the  
Chapel at 1 o'clock. Interment Stayner  
Union Cemetery. If desired, a donation  
to the Canadian Diabetes Association  
would be appreciated by Gwen's family.

## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of **GEORGE RANSIER**  
who passed away Dec. 13, 2010  
Your presence is ever near us  
Your love remains with us yet  
You were the kind of father  
That loved ones never forget  
Love and miss you every day  
*Bob, Betty and Grant*

In Loving Memory of **MARION  
PRIDDLE**  
(June 14, 1930 - Dec. 17, 2012)  
Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day.  
Unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.  
Sadly missed and always loved by  
*Brian & Marj, Karen and our families.*

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Hawksley Workman performs his Christmas show, *Almost a Full Moon*, at St. John's United Church on Dec. 13

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