


# The Creemore ECHO

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Clearview Fire and Emergency Services Lt. **Tuker Payment** (left) and Capt. **Warren Darling** (right) were presented the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal for 20 years of service from Deputy Fire Chief **Kevin Spears** (second from left) and Fire Chief **Scott Davison** at an awards ceremony held at the New Lowell Legion on Dec. 5 when more than 30 awards were handed out for the past three years. For a full list of awards, see page 12.

## Elves preparing for Christmas dinner

by Trina Berlo

One of Creemore’s defining community events is the Community Christmas Dinner, which ensures no one has to eat alone on Christmas.

In its 22nd year, the dinner will be held at the Creemore Legion on Dec. 25 and everyone’s invited.

Master Chef Elf **Jim Henderson** and his helpers will once again be cooking up a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The first Creemore Community Christmas Dinner was held in 2001 with 15 people in attendance, and has been offered almost every year since thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers and space donated by the Legion. Attendance grew to 141 in 2014 and last year served 98 meals.

Coordinator **Donna Baylis** says the dinner attracts a wide array of people – volunteers who love to cook and others who love to decorate; empty-nesters whose children are away; grandparents whose family gatherings

are on another day; people new to town; families that need greater table space; people who simply enjoy being with their neighbours on a festive occasion. All are welcome.

Attendees are asked to register as soon as possible to help with meal planning but no one is turned away on Christmas.

Volunteers are welcome to help with food prep and deliveries. Dinner will be offered from the Royal Canadian Legion, Creemore Branch 397 at 27 Wellington St. W. This year’s dinner is being served at about 5 p.m. Doors open at 4: 30 p.m. All are welcome regardless of age or personal circumstance with a goal to ensure that everyone has a little bit of Christmas. Dinner is free but donations to help cover the costs are greatly appreciated.

Organizers are accepting non-perishable food items, gift cards and cash donations for St. Luke’s Community Food Bank, and once again organizers are purchasing gifts

for 11 residents of Creedan Valley Care Community, who do not have family.

Volunteers will be happy to deliver a hot Christmas meal to anyone in the Creemore/Avening area who may be shut-in due to illness, disability or other situation. Volunteers will also be available to assist those in need of transportation to and from the hall. Simply ask when you register. RSVP to 705-466-2523 or [CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com](mailto:CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com).

Volunteers are needed on Dec. 24 to prep food from 10 a.m. (bring your own paring knife), and set tables from 1 p.m. On Dec. 25 people are needed to be drivers, prep dessert from noon, help in the kitchen from 11 a.m., and clean-up after dinner.

To support the event, donate to the “Community Christmas Dinner” account at TD Bank (#0330 5202657) or e-transfer funds to the address above. For more information, visit [creemorechristmas.ca](http://creemorechristmas.ca).

## Simcoe-Grey receiving over \$16M to support infrastructure

The provincial government will allocate \$400 million in infrastructure funding next year to help 425 small, rural and northern communities pay for critical infrastructure projects including roads, bridges, water and wastewater projects.

Simcoe-Grey MPP **Brian Saunderson** announced this week that his riding will receive \$16 million, with Clearview Township’s portion being \$754,648.

The funding is being delivered through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and is part of the government’s plan to support economic growth and job creation.

“Small, rural and northern communities need stable funding for their unique infrastructure needs and to provide safe and reliable services,” said **Kinga Surma**, Minister of Infrastructure in a news release. “That’s why our government continues to provide funding, especially during these challenging economic times. Our investments in community infrastructure are helping to create jobs, build stronger local economies, and lay the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Ontario for generations to come.”

OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in communities with populations under 100,000, as well as all rural and northern communities.

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## Friday, Dec. 15

- **Free skating** at the Creemore Arena every Friday until March from 4:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. Sponsored by Caroline McIntosh Real Estate.
- **Darts** every Friday evening at the Stayner Legion, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Line dancing lessons** at Station on the Green, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Beginner friendly, bring your water bottle. Sign up at the Creemore 100 Mile Store or call/text Linda at 705-794-0638. No lesson on Dec. 22 or 29. See you in 2024!

## Friday, Dec. 15 & Saturday, Dec. 16

- **Michael Gibson Gallery** pops up in Creemore! For two days only, MGG will join Peter Dušek Gallery for a unique pop-up event. In addition to Dušek photographs, artworks by Greg Curnoe, Gathie Falk, Roly Fenwick, Dorothy Knowles, Michael Smith, Michael Snow, and Diana Thorneycroft will be exhibited along with Peter Doig's Zermatt, Switzerland series of etchings. Show runs from noon to 5 p.m. at Peter Dušek Gallery, 151 Mill St., Creemore. Celebratory warm beverages and light snacks will be provided at 3 p.m. each day. For more information, please visit [www.gibsongallery.com](http://www.gibsongallery.com) or @michaeltgibsongallery.

## Saturday, Dec. 16

- Creemore Farmers' Market **Christmas Market** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E.
- **The Missing Link** perform at the Stayner Legion from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. No cover, just great music.

## Tuesday, Dec. 19

- **The Station Cafe** is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E., Creemore. \$2 fee for a bottomless cup of coffee or tea. Now until Christmas, bring a non-perishable food item for St. Luke's Community Foodbank and receive a free coffee. Everyone welcome.

## Monday, Dec. 25

- **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** from 4:30 p.m. at the Creemore Legion. Pay what you can. Everyone welcome to dine and/or volunteer. Take-out/delivery meals available. Donations of non-perishable food item appreciated. Contact Donna at 705-466-2523 or [CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com](mailto:CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com) to reserve your seat or make special arrangements. For more information see [www.CreemoreChristmas.ca](http://www.CreemoreChristmas.ca).

## Sunday, Dec. 31

- **New Year's Eve Party** from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Stayner Legion featuring live music by the ever popular Green Rhino Classical Rock Band. Party favours, buffet lunch. Tickets are \$50 per couple or \$30 per single. Limited amount of tickets for sale, available at Hair By Sue on the Main St. and at the RCL Branch 457, Stayner, 705-428-3809.

## January 2, 3 & 4

- Imaginarium **Winter Holiday Camp**. Three days: January 2, 3, and 4 in Nottawa and Creemore. Contact [CreemoreImaginarium@gmail.com](mailto:CreemoreImaginarium@gmail.com).



### CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

234 William St., Stayner  
Jennifer Irving  
[www.ucstayner.ca](http://www.ucstayner.ca)  
**Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m.** Sunday of Love  
**Wednesday, Dec. 20, 3 p.m.** Longest Night Service  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 2 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service with Plum Pudding  
**Sunday, Dec. 31** No in-person worship

### THE CHURCH OF JESUS, THE LAMB AND THE LION

12 Wellington St. W., Creemore  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service  
Regular worship service will resume December 31 at 3:30 p.m.

### CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Creemore Campus, 22 Caroline St., W.  
Transitional Pastor Micah Den Bok  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m.** and **7 p.m.**  
Child care is available during the morning service

### CREEMORE NEW LOWELL UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

Rev. Jane Sullivan  
New Lowell United Church, 5227 County Rd. 9  
[newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com](http://newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com)  
St. John's United Church, 192 Mill St., Creemore  
[stjohnscreemore.ca](http://stjohnscreemore.ca)  
**Sunday, Dec. 17**, advent services, regular times at New Lowell and Creemore  
**Sunday, Dec. 24**, evening service only  
**6:30 p.m.** New Lowell United Church  
**8 p.m.** St. John's United Church  
**Sunday, Dec. 31** No service

### GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH

219 Scott St., Stayner  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.** Eucharist

### HOLY TRINITY CLEARVIEW

4 Saint Clair St., Duntroon  
Father Ray Dobson  
worship in person or online  
[www.holytrinityclearview.com](http://www.holytrinityclearview.com)  
**Sunday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.** Third Sunday of Advent  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
**Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.** Christmas Day Service  
**Sunday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m.** The Epiphany worship

### JUBILEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7320 Hwy 26, Stayner  
Reverend Darren May  
[jubileestayner.org](http://jubileestayner.org)  
**Sundays, 10 a.m.** Services  
**Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.** Community Christmas Concert  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.** Christmas Eve Service

### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8933 Cty Road 9, Dunedin  
Pastor Jane Archer  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service

### ST. ANDREW'S MAPLE CROSS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1 Caroline St., Creemore  
Reverend Mitch McVeigh  
**Sunday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.** Morning Worship  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.** Morning Worship and Service of Christmas Carols

### ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

22 Caroline St. W., Creemore  
The Rev. Lorna May, Deacon  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 3:30 p.m.** Carol sing  
4 p.m. Service

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

215 Pine St., Stayner  
Fr. Tom Kluger  
[stpatrickstnoelatgmail.com](mailto:stpatrickstnoelatgmail.com)  
**Sunday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 p.m.** Christmas Mass  
Carolling will begin at 10:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m.**

### STAYNER EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH

202 Ontario St. Stayner  
Pastor Rob Harwood  
[www.stayneremc.com](http://www.stayneremc.com)  
**Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.** Cantata "The Splendour of Heaven"



# Action on climate committee slated for new year

by Trina Berlo

“Council is still committed to creating a climate committee,” said Mayor **Doug Measures** in response to a query from former Clearview council member **Doug McKechnie** at the Dec. 11 council meeting.

In June of 2022, council passed a motion championed by McKechnie at the encouragement of his constituents, to take multiple steps to address climate action, including appointing a Climate Action Committee.

At the direction of council, COA **John Ferguson** has been working toward establishing a committee within the framework of the township’s new Strategic Plan.

Ferguson said staff is working on 60 initiatives, with climate action being a priority.

“Once we get all the initiatives together, we want to show the public the initiatives through a dashboard,” he said, with the goal of launching in January, including a terms of reference and selection process for the climate committee.

“I know we can’t change the world ourselves but every little bit that we can do will help,” said McKechnie.

## Council chambers accessibility renovation

Council has approved the design for a renovation project that will render

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council chambers fully accessible.

Staff were directed to proceed to tender after approving the plan that will result in the dais being lowered to floor level and moved out from the outer wall to allow for turning radiuses that comply with accessibility standards. The entry will be equipped with automated accessible doors, and a moveable podium will be made available at the centre of the room to allow for barrier-free access.

Lighting solutions and technology updates will also be incorporated to improve live-streaming and sound within the chambers.

About \$25,000 of the total renovation cost of \$284,109 is coming from grants received for accessibility and improvements to technology. Council was advised there is a chance additional funding will be needed if tender prices continue to come in higher than expected, as has been the case with the township’s other accessibility renovations.

Council will meet at the arena in Stayner during the renovation period, which is estimated to be January to May.

## Cemeteries

Clearview council has supported a request from the clerk’s department



Rendering of the new council chambers design.

asking that the province step up to take on some of the responsibilities associated with management, maintenance and administration of cemeteries that are abandoned or transferred to the municipality.

The Township of Clearview currently owns and operates nine cemeteries, four of which are considered active, meaning there is still available space to be sold or burials to take place.

“Cemetery transfers and abandonments have been an ongoing concern for Clearview Township for many years,” reported clerk **Sasha Helmkey-Playter**. “When you look at the large geography of the township there are many cemeteries within the boundaries that have the potential to be transferred.”

She said the issue has been identified as a concern for many municipalities in Ontario.

The motion passed at the Dec. 11 council meeting asks the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario to consider amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act to: identify the province as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned; provide annual funding to assist municipalities with maintenance; provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

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## EDITORIAL

### Municipalities are getting the message

Two local municipalities – Clearview and Mulmur – have said this week that they will be adopting climate action language in their planning documents based on input from citizens.

This is a tangible example of how the community can make valuable contributions to the future direction of a municipality, and we should keep these milestones top of mind as we continue to work toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions and as we take on new and important issues facing the community, both locally and globally.

We thank Mayor Doug Measures for clearly stating this week that council is committed to forming a Climate Action Committee.

This confirms that he has heard how important this issue is to the community and is willing to follow through on the vote held during the last term of council in support of former councillor Doug McKechnie's motion to take steps toward addressing the climate crisis.

Since then, fearing a lack of follow-through on council's part, a grassroots movement has grown in the form of the Clearview Sustainability Network. Supporters of the group's mission to help local government adapt and evolve in the face of a changing climate showed up and voiced their desire to see climate action addressed in the township's new Strategic Plan.

Although a public meeting to review the proposed Official Plan Wednesday was cancelled due to weather, we know staff has identified climate change and sustainable development as an item of particular interest to community and to council. The new Official Plan proposes to apply a climate lens tool as part of pre-submission consultation process; incorporate policies that make climate change a central pillar of all decision-making; and incorporate policies that make climate change a central pillar of all decision-making.

This is welcome news and makes us feel confident that there is a clear pathway forward. It will be very rewarding when we can redirect the energy used for advocacy toward finding creative solutions.

In Mulmur, this week, we heard that climate language was added to the Official Plan as a result of the same kind of input from residents there.

Municipalities are demonstrating an understanding that, although they may not be able to solve the climate crisis on their own, they must demonstrate to residents that they understand the issue is very important and a willingness to try will breed good faith. This new attitude must be backed by action and follow-through on climate action policies.

As we celebrate this small victory, we must keep in mind that this positive, well-informed, calculated and sensitive approach to citizen engagement can be applied with result to many issues in the community.

We have seen a grassroots movement continue to evolve to face the housing crisis, despite many setbacks.

This is about 'being the change' by working with fellow citizens toward a goal that will benefit the community long after we're gone. This is powerful stuff.

## THE WAY WE WERE



Chambers Towing and Terry Arthurs Fuel's memorable fused car float from a 1990s Creemore Santa Claus Parade. Submitted by Colleen Stamp.

## LETTER

### Council must take the reins

Editor:

I read your editorial of Dec. 8 with interest and frustration (*The Creemore Echo*, *Fund could pay off*, page 4.)

There were three attempts to build seniors' housing in Creemore. The latest was to be funded by a private investor interested in the Village of Creemore.

There were soil tests completed, light studies completed, and simple plans drawn up. There was to be 18 units on three storeys, the main floor to be common areas for support services in our village. The suites would be one- and two-bedroom rented apartments. There would be market rent and some subsidized units.

Having given members of council our information beforehand and following several meetings with some councillors and staff, we made a presentation before council to allow us to use township land to follow through with our plans. We were sucker punched and turned down by one

vote because of NIMBYism.

At that time, there were 115 people on a list who were interested in some kind of affordable rental housing for seniors. Simply because there were two letters to council from people worried about "If there were not enough seniors, would we allow motorcycles groups or homeless to rent" or "the seniors may see in my backyard."

Now when I look at the list there are 45, some because of death, others because they wanted to downsize with nowhere to go.

We will not "run out" of seniors, the system can work very well and be a boost to our community. There are millions of dollars available from federal and provincial governments for this type of housing.

Council must take the reins, talk to the people who know how this can work, and shut down the NIMBYism.

**Wendy Schellenberg,**  
Creemore.

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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OPINION

# Can alcohol be part of a healthy holiday season?

by Dr. Lisa Simon

The holidays are often a time of gatherings and celebration.

Alcohol may be a part of these festivities.

In January 2023, the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction released Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health (CGAH), replacing the 2011 Low-Risk Alcohol Guidelines. Since that time, there has been an increase in awareness and information being shared about the risks of alcohol consumption.

This time of year provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our own alcohol use and to try to be more intentional in our choices around drinking so that we can feel good about it through the holidays and beyond.

During the holiday season, drinking at an event often feels like the most socially acceptable choice, which can make it hard to decline a drink. It can be helpful to ask ourselves ahead of time if we really want to drink and why: Is it because of social expectations, or is it an enjoyable way to celebrate the holiday, or is it just what we always do? Thinking about this in advance is an approach to better understand our behaviour.

The new guidance on alcohol and health helps to inform Canadians about the most current scientific understanding of alcohol's impacts so that they can make informed decisions about their alcohol use. The guidance describes a continuum of risk, where the risk of harm is none at zero drinks per week. At up to two standard drinks per week, the risk of harm is low, avoiding most alcohol-related consequences. The risk becomes moderate with three to six standard drinks per week, with an increased chance of developing



Dr. Lisa Simon

several types of cancer, including breast and colon. Consuming seven standard drinks or more per week is considered increasingly high risk, with the risk of heart disease or stroke increasing significantly. Each additional standard drink beyond this radically increases potential consequences. A key point is that 'less is better,' compared to whatever amount you may currently drink.

One of the areas of evidence that has evolved since the previous guidelines is that, contrary to common beliefs, modest consumption of alcohol is not in fact protective against heart diseases. What's not so new is our understanding that alcohol use – particularly more than two drinks on one occasion – increases the risk of harm to self and others, including injury and violence.

To put these guidelines into action, we need to recall what a standard drink actually is – not just whatever the alcohol industry is selling or someone pours into our glass. It's 341 ml (12 oz) of beer, coolers, ciders or ready-made drinks; 142 ml (5 oz) of wine; or 43 ml (1.5 oz) of spirits with 40 per cent alcohol, like whiskey,

vodka or gin. Our perception can be further skewed when store-bought drinks are packaged in "tall boy" or extra-large sizes, restaurants offer multiple sizes for a single glass of wine or beer, or a wide range of alcohol strengths are available. The Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research's standard drink calculator is a tool you can use to help convert your drinks into standard sizes so that you can understand just how much you're having.

Avoiding or reducing alcohol consumption isn't always easy. It's important to recognize that the risk for alcohol-related harms is strongly influenced by a range of factors in our social, economic, and physical environments. This includes the accessibility and affordability of alcohol, exposure to alcohol marketing, social and cultural norms around drinking, coping with loss of cultural identity, racism, stigma and discrimination, as well as financial resources. Understanding and taking steps to address these wider social determinants of alcohol-related harms are important actions for governments and communities to take.

If you'd like to lower your alcohol consumption this holiday season, consider opting for non- or low-alcoholic beverages, setting and


sticking to a drink limit, measuring alcohol when mixing drinks, and pacing your alcohol intake. Other approaches include alternating alcoholic drinks with water or non-alcoholic beverages and eating before and during alcohol consumption.

If you're finding that alcohol use is creating a problem in your life and you'd like some support, you're not alone. Speaking with your health care provider is a great first step. Additionally, ConnexOntario provides 24/7 access to information for mental health and addiction services.

With all of this in mind, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit wishes you, your family and our entire community much health and happiness this holiday season.

For more information about alcohol and health, visit [smdhu.org](http://smdhu.org) or contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Dr. Lisa Simon is an Associate Medical Officer of Health at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Her interests and primary responsibilities are in the areas of substance use prevention and harm reduction, chronic disease and injury prevention, child health, and health equity.*



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# G&M launches pilot booking system for coughs, colds, minor injuries

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital has launched an emergency department pilot project booking system for coughs, colds and minor injuries.

The pilot project allows patients who need to be assessed and treated for minor ailments to book a same-day or next-day arrival time at the hospital's emergency department. Five arrival times will be scheduled daily between 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m., Monday to Friday, as part of the initial pilot.

"The population in the South Georgian Bay region has grown significantly over the past three years,

along with the volume of patients who are presenting at our emergency department. Because many of the individuals who have moved to the region do not have access to a family physician, it's important that we continue to pursue innovative ways to ensure access to high quality, timely care when patients need it," said **Mike Lacroix**, CGMH President and CEO.

In order to book an arrival time, patients begin by answering questions online related to their symptoms and injury, and any potential exclusions, such as bleeding, loss of consciousness, head, neck or back

injuries. Should they meet the criteria, patients can then proceed with booking an arrival time. However, should arrival times be full, anyone who is experiencing a health emergency should continue to come to the hospital's emergency department.

Recognizing the importance of healthcare access for those in Simcoe County, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's Emergency Department created and launched this booking system initiative in May of 2023. Data collected from CGMH's pilot will be included in RVH's research study on the program's efficacy.

As part of the pilot project, patients will be asked to complete an anonymous survey, emailed to them post- appointment, to gather patient feedback to make future enhancements and potentially expand the number of assessment spots in the future.

"The goal of this pilot is to increase patient access, improve the patient experience and grow the pilot to include more arrival times for lower acuity items, while preventing overcrowding at the busiest times of day," said Dr. **Greg Devet**, CGMH Chief of Emergency Medicine.

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# New Mulmur school site sought

by Trina Berlo

Representatives from Upper Grand District School Board said they are looking to build a new school in Mulmur to relieve enrolment pressures at Primrose Elementary School but with a minimum timeline of three to five years, a boundary review is being undertaken which could see some students relocated to a school in Shelburne.

The school board's manager of planning, **Ruchika Angrish**, said the boundary review is seen as an interim solution until the new school is built.

She said based on population projections from planned development the school board is looking for two new school sites, one in Mulmur and one in Shelburne. She admitted, once a new school is established in Mulmur, a second boundary review would be required.

The review began last month and trustees will make a final decision on the process on Feb. 13, 2024.

Primrose Elementary School has a capacity of 377 but has a current enrolment of 584.

Parents of Primrose students have been making delegations to trustees asking them to delay the vote on the boundary review process to consider other options, gather accurate up-to-date development data, and to consult with the municipalities. They are concerned that enrolment and growth pressures on the school in Shelburne have not been properly considered and the changes do not offer a long-term solution to the population growth in the area.

They are concerned that some students would have to change schools twice during their elementary school years and that some students who are already on the bus for more than an hour could experience longer travel times.

Mayor **Janet Horner** said the current state is unsustainable.

“The Primrose school has been over capacity for a number of years and we’ve known that as you’ve gone through the whole water fiasco,” said Horner referring to a recent need to truck in drinking water and eventual well replacement. “We understand there is a process and we know too that this area is not the only area in your jurisdiction that is experiencing tremendous growth but I guess we hope that you don’t forget about us here in north of your territory because it just feels like nothing has been done to address some of our pressing issues.”

“The provincial government is really pushing to get homes built but at the same time they’re not pushing with the same energy to put money into building schools,” said Councillor **Patty Clarke**.

On Wednesday, Mulmur council passed a motion requesting Upper Grand District School Board initiate a process of selecting a future school site to prepare for future growth and prevent further capacity issues at Primrose Elementary School immediately.

New requirements from the provincial government now require that school boards acquire a site or are in the process of acquiring land before a project is included in a capital priorities list. Angrish said land acquisition is a confidential process.



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Grade 11 Green Industries students at Stayner Collegiate Institute recently delivered the holiday wreaths they made for residents at Blue Mountain Manor in Stayner.

# Partners announce Canada's first-ever fully integrated regional health and wellness village

Di Poce Management Limited and the Town of Collingwood have announced the execution of a development agreement marking a pivotal milestone toward creating Canada's first-ever fully integrated regional health and wellness village.

The Poplar Regional Health and Wellness Village includes up to 30 acres of land that owner **John Di Poce** has committed to donating as a community benefit for a new state-of-the-art regional hospital campus for Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH).

“This project represents everything I believe in and have practiced over my lifetime – access to healthcare, education, jobs, and housing. I am very proud of this project and everything it will bring to this community,” he said in a news release.

The fully executed development agreement outlines a planning process for the Poplar Regional

Health and Wellness Village and key community benefits encompassing park and trail development and activation, the donation of up to 30 acres for the future CGMH, as well as two acres for a future Town of Collingwood fire station. It also includes a commitment to deliver a minimum of 10 per cent mix of attainable and affordable housing within the project.

The hospital redevelopment scope and location are pending provincial approval.

"I am very pleased to see that the Town of Collingwood and Di Poce Management Limited have negotiated and signed the development agreement. The agreement confirms the way forward for the realization of their shared vision for the Poplar Sideroad lands to provide much needed workforce housing and make our region a leader in the healthcare sector," said Simcoe-Grey MPP **Brian Saunderson**.



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# Market bread contest returns in January

The last Christmas Market hosted by the Creemore Farmers’ and Craft Market is this Saturday, Dec. 16. Each week has seen a variety of local vendors providing artisan products and food items indoors at the Station on the Green. Although the venue is small, the welcome is big! We have 22 vendors to show their wares and give you the opportunity to pick up unique gift items.

The Winter Markets are scheduled once a month through January, February, March and April with a special Easter Market at the end of March. We will be hosting contests at each market and encourage people to enter and participate in each contest. If you are not a contestant then you be the judge! Sample and judge the entries on the day.

“Share the Knead” bread contest on Jan. 13. If you are a bread baker, roll up your sleeves and bring your best to our tables. Entries can be made by email to [creemoremarket@gmail.com](mailto:creemoremarket@gmail.com). Send your name, email and phone number and choose a category: cheese bread, savoury bread, molasses bread, fruit bread, sweet bread, sourdough bread. One loaf for viewing, one cut up for sampling and judging. Your entry will be confirmed by email with instructions for delivery of your entry on the day. Follow us on Facebook or through our website [creemorefarmersmarket.ca](http://creemorefarmersmarket.ca).

Creemore Farmers’ and Craft Market was established 27 years ago and has weathered many changes over the years, including two years of the pandemic. We have a group of entrepreneurs and farmers who attend the market through the year. The Farmers’ Market provides start up companies or small businesses who do not have a brick and mortar establishment with the opportunity to sell their products to the public. As a registered Farmers’ Markets Ontario venue, we are governed by the regulations of FMO and the Health Unit. As with any organization, volunteers are essential and we said goodbye to two of our long-time volunteers this year; **Sandra Lackie** – one of the original founding members of the Farmers’ Market who gave many years to the market – and **Helen Martin**, who was the market manager for many years, – both retired to other activities. The market board and vendors thank both of these outstanding volunteers for all their time and energy and for developing the Market into what it is today.

– Submitted by Creemore Farmers’ Market manager Peta Christen.

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# Family, heritage in every crumb

Many golfers at the Mad River Golf Club know **Michelle Larcher** for her tireless efforts as the food and beverage manager. Some have discovered the extra perk of tucking her amazing granola bars and chocolate coconut balls into their golf bags for the uphill back 9.

Larcher's passion for great food and service however has a deep rooted core, baking Czech sweet delights at her mother's side.

She keeps this tradition alive every Christmas and Valentine's Day with a unique and old-world selection of traditional cookies in memory of her mom.

"I was a child of immigrant parents," said Larcher. "Growing up, everybody seemed to rave about my mom's cookies. She just genuinely loved baking and the love showed through. And this is what I still aim to do today with my baking."

Her parents immigrated to Canada in the late 1960s.

Instead of playing outside with the other kids, the young Larcher would stand at the kitchen table with her mother, Jitka, and help her bake, absorbing all the details and care she would lovingly pour into every batch.

When Larcher moved out west, she took these recipes with her and started to bake on her own, sharing her traditional baked goods with friends, particularly those who were going through some tough times.

"We can all buy stuff but something homemade comes from the heart," she said. "It takes time and it's a reflection of me. It says, 'I am thinking about you and want to give you something sweet.'"

Larcher moved back to Toronto in 2015 after her mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Throughout her fight, through chemo, exhaustion and sickness, her mom continued to bake.

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"All her energy went into baking and her family," said Larcher.

Today, her cookies are made in memory of her mother and her Czech family heritage.

The purple packaging is in support of pancreatic cancer research and the dragonfly is a symbol of their mother-daughter relationship.

Following her mother's death, Larcher moved north. A new friend (and cookie fan!) offered her his commercial kitchen to "really bake and bake a lot."

Excited, she baked for friends, neighbours and strangers and with every tray, she felt closer to her mom and to her roots. She took a leap of faith when the government offered small business owners an opportunity to create a free website during Covid. Her brother jumped in and offered to help with deliveries. When Valentine's Day 2021 drew near, she started taking orders. Jitka's Treats officially opened.

Larcher's cookies are all homemade, locally-sourced where possible, and with no preservatives. Her Slepéné Sušenky (jam cookies) are her most popular but many of her customers, especially those with northern European roots, absolutely love her Ořechové Sušenky – vanilla hand-ground walnut cookies, shaped traditionally as crescents but also as snowflakes and snowmen.

She often hears her buyers nostalgically connect her baking to their childhood, reminding them of eating cookies with their grandparents.

While November to February is Larcher's time off from the busy golf season, she says, "baking revitalizes me. It's a time I dedicate to my mom and to giving that joy to others in her memory".

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Members of the Stayner Lions Club make a \$13,500 donation to the Clearview fire department for an inflatable fire safety education house.

## Safety at home on-the-go

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services received a donation from the Stayner Lions Club allowing for the purchase of a portable fire safety education house to aid in fire prevention education.

The interactive house will be used for fire education at all local schools and provides a fun and easy way to

talk about fire prevention topics such as: planning an escape during a fire; smoke alarms; candle safety; kitchen safety; and space heater safety.

The donation of \$13,500 from the Stayner Lions Club covered the full cost of the portable, inflatable, life-size and fully wheelchair-accessible fire education house.



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# 2023 Firefighter Awards & Appreciation Night

- 2020**  
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Station 3: **Doug Caldwell**  
Station 4: **Sam Measures**  
Station 5: **Lt. Brock Duggan and Graham Kijowski**  
Recruit of the Year:  
Class 19-01, **Nick McEachern**  
Class 19-02, **Justin Paulitzki**  
Officer of the Year: **Lt. Brock Duggan and Capt. Warren Darling**  
Five years of service: **Bill Cross and Logan Davidson**

**2021**  
Firefighter of the Year:  
Station 1: **Justin Paulitzki**  
Station 3: **Doug Caldwell**  
Station 5: **Capt. Brock Duggan and Sarah Burgess**  
Station 6: **Chris Goodfellow**  
Recruit of the Year: Class 20-21, **Adrian Pitoscia**  
Officer of the Year: **Lt. Jesse Stevens**  
Five years of service: **Matthew Leferink and Nate Ernewein**  
Ten years of service: **Jeff Caldwell**

**2022**  
Firefighter of the Year:  
Station 1: **Devon Stokes**  
Station 3: **Steven Jolliffe**  
Station 4: **Sam Measures**  
Station 5: **Sarah Burgess**  
Station 6: **Christina Giosa**  
Recruit of the Year:  
Class 21-01: **Christina Giosa**  
Class 21-02: **Devon Stokes and John Ingalls**  
Officer of the Year: **Fire Chief Scott Davison**  
Five years of service:  
**Kevin Weir**  
**JP Laferriere**  
**Steven Jolliffe**  
**Tammy Knowler**  
  
Ten years of service:  
**Justin Leimgardt**  
**Adam Hutchison**  
  
Fifteen years of service:  
**Doug Caldwell**
- 2023**  
Firefighter of the Year:  
Station 1: **Colin Morris**  
Station 3: **John Ingalls**  
Station 4: **Kyle Gracey**  
Station 5: **Sarah Burgess and Brad Roylance**  
Station 6: **Christina Giosa**  
Recruit of the Year:  
Class 22-01: **Taryn Yurkovich**  
Class 22-02: **Zach Davidson and Clint Duggan**  
Officer of the Year: **Lt. Tucker Payment**  
  
Five years of service:  
**Kate Millman**  
**Lt. Joel Simkins**  
**Sam Measures**  
**Chris Goodfellow**  
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**Todd Butwell**  
**Graham Kijowski**  
  
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10-year firefighter Lt. **Jesse Stevens** (right) was named officer of the year for 2021.

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# Michael Gibson Gallery pops up in Creemore this weekend

by Bonnie MacPherson  
“This wouldn’t be happening if I hadn’t met Peter,” said **Michael Gibson**. “It’s a partnership,”

This weekend, selected works from the Michael Gibson Gallery in London, Ontario will be featured in a pop up display at the Creemore gallery of photographer **Peter Dušek**. Gibson says that the pandemic was generally quite good for the art business but things are a bit soft right now, so it’s the right time to be innovative and reach out to new audiences.

While exhibiting in Toronto in late October, Gibson met Dušek and the two got to talking about life and art. Gibson followed up with a phone call and the partnership was born.

“This is ultimately a win-win which will make life a little more fun. We may make a few sales but at least we will meet some new people and reconnect with people we know.”

Gibson and his wife like to take long drives so they’ve been to Creemore a number of times over the years. Last August they spent a couple of weeks in the area and identified it as a place they’d like to return. He says they know many people who live here or who plan to retire here.

On a phone call earlier this week, Gibson reported that he hadn’t yet packed the van, but anticipated bringing about 30 pieces to the weekend show. These will include etchings by **Peter Doig**, a British artist who spent several years in Canada. During the pandemic he holed up in Zermatt, Switzerland and his recent works pay homage to his passion for skiing, rugged mountain landscapes and the alpine lifestyle.

The pop-up will also feature landscapes by **Roly Fenwick**, born in Owen Sound. Gibson says Fenwick’s paintings, “capture the soul of the Niagara Escarpment.”



**Greg Curnoe** *Mariposa TT*, 1978

Also on display will be works by the late Saskatoon based painter, **Dorothy Knowles**, known for her prairie landscapes with low horizons and endless skies.

From the estate of **Greg Curnoe** comes the Mariposa TT, a life-size rendering of a bicycle he helped design printed on plexiglass (above).

The works will be juxtaposed with the minimalist landscape photographs for which Dušek is well known to local art lovers.

The pop-up gallery will be open Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16 from noon to 5 p.m. at Peter Dušek Gallery, 151 Mill St., Creemore.

Michael Gibson Gallery was established in downtown London, Ontario in 1984 specializing in the works of established and emerging Canadian artists, and have a mission to enrich the cultural life of their clientele.

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## Valley Varmints improve record 8-3

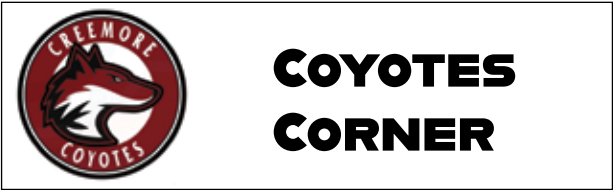
Never the team to do things the easy way, once again the Varmints needed an extra frame to bring home the two points to raise their season total to 17.

It was a sloppy game from the get-go on the part of both teams with Creemore finally opening the scoring with a power play marker by newcomer **Robert Flick**, only to see the Winterhawks draw even with a power play goal of their own.

Saugeen jumped ahead with a questionable goal early in the third, where the puck appeared to be frozen under goalie **Brendan Macham**'s pad and was eventually pushed into the net after two or three stabs by Winterhawks winger **Justin Donnelly**, a former Grey-Bruce Highlander teammate of Macham's.

The Coyotes tied the score late in the third on a goal by former Siskin **Ben Hughes**, his 12th goal in 11 games.

Five minutes of three-on-three overtime ensued, looking like a shoot-out would be needed, but with only 23 seconds left sniper **JD Falconer** buried his fourth goal of the year to go along with his 17 assists. An entertaining game featuring a goalie fight (actually a wrestling match) between **Mason Kameka** and **Clayton Fritsch** sending both goalies to the showers early. Enter New Lowell's Macham, who has seen limited action this year due to the outstanding play of Kameka. Macham did the job stopping 12 of 13 that came his way in the third period and the OT frame. Up next is the



Seaforth Centenaires this Saturday, with a puck-drop at the usual time of 7:30 p.m.

Shoot the puck winner: **Clara Rentsch** - \$20 gift card to Georgian Bowl  
Stockyards prize pack winner: **Dave Falconer**  
Flag bearers: **Jayse Minnings** and **Kai Banks-Stanton**  
50/50 winner: **Brenda Falls** - \$230.  
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Feb. 3: Retro jersey night - players will be wearing modified jerseys honouring the Creemore Chiefs - jerseys will be auctioned off after the game.  
See everyone at the rink.

– Submitted by Tom Macham, President and General Manager of Creemore Coyotes Hockey Club

## CREEMORE CURLING CLUB STANDINGS

Mixed	
Team	win-loss
Crevier	5-1
Fuller	5-1
Neelin	3-2
Vorstermans	1-5
Meulendyk	2-4
Cass	2-4

From the Hack: Lots of excitement at the Creemore Curling rink Friday Night. Team Meulendyk was able to win over the undefeated Team Crevier. Also winning was Team Fuller, which now have them tied with Team Crevier. Team Vorstermans had its first win after many close games throughout the session.

Friday night, Teams Crevier and Fuller will be competing for the Steed family trophy. Barb Steed and her husband Dave will be attending to present their family trophy.-

All are welcome to come and attend the game Friday night. Hope to see you there!.

Ladies	
Team	win-loss-tie
Neelin	3-0-1
Verstegen	3-1-0
McKay	1-2-1
Crawford	1-2-1
Millsap	1-2-1
Walker	1-3-0

From the Hack: A very exciting evening of Curling. McKay, Crawford and Millsap were all tied –requiring a tie-breaker by points scored.

Ice 1, was a close competition ending with a fabulous shot by Jaz to stop a tie game. Ice two was close ends, with a final tie score.

Monday night will be the final game for the McArthur trophy, with Neelin vs Verstegen.

Good curling ladies!

Men	
Team	win-loss-tie-points
Verstegen	5-1-0-50
Dave Millsap	5-1-0-50
Fuller	3-3-0-30
Walker	3-3-0-30
Cober	3-3-0-30
Neelin	2-4-0- 20
Sauder	0-6-0-0

From the Hack: Winning teams this week were teams Verstegen, Fuller and Dave Millsap. With one week left in the first draw, two teams tied at five wins and one loss.

50/50 winner was Russell Flack.


Daytime	
Team	win-loss-tie
Coulter	10-3-1
Lambert	9-4-1
Loranger	8-4-1
Bell	5-8-0
McDougall	4-10-0
Martens	3-10-1

From the Hack: On Monday, Linda, Mary, Karen and Michael put in a great team effort to overcome the challenge from Team McDougall. Eugene, Ann and Ron threw excellent rocks against Team Lambert for the win and to seal the top spot for Team Coulter. Good curling everyone!

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## New Lowell Minor Baseball Association awards

The York Simcoe Minor Baseball Association (YSBA) presented its 2023 awards at the Liberty North Event Center in Barrie in October:



**Brady Eggleton** receives the Athlete Achievement Award from Clearview Mayor **Doug Measures** during the 2023 Clearview Township Culture and Sports Hall of Fame presentations at the Stayner Community Centre. Eggleton played for New Lowell Minor Baseball Association for several years and was part of teams that won several championships. He was selected to be part of the SSMBA All-Star game on two occasions, the latest being in 2019. His last year of minor baseball was played in New Lowell for the 18U team in 2022.



**Matthew Hepburn** received the YSBA Junior Umpire of the Year Award for the 2023 season from president **Steve Koziel**. Hepburn has been umpiring games for the past three seasons demonstrating an increased confidence and growth.



**Todd Patton** and **Shane Duits**, coaches for the U9 Select Team of the New Lowell Minor Baseball Association (NLMBA) received the YSBA Select Team of the Year Award for the 2023 season from YSBA president **Steve Koziel**, on behalf of the team. This was the inaugural season for a U9 Select Team, which had success at the YSBA championships, getting the opportunity to compete at the provincial championships in Sault Ste. Marie over the Labour Day Weekend achieving a 2-2 record.



# Museum launches online database

The Collingwood Museum has launched a new online database containing more than 500 photographs from three of the its most requested photographic collections – Historic Residences, Huron Institute Historical Catalogue, and Hurontario Street.

Through keywords and advanced searches, digital images relating to local families, residences, and downtown businesses may be easily explored from a smart device or computer. Historic landscapes and streetscapes are also available from as early as 1858, and the number of digitized records will continue to grow.

Searches may be customized to be as general or as specific as needed. For example, a search for “Huron Street” will return 302 results, while the specific address “241 Oak Street” produces six unique photographs.

Due to the vast size of the Collingwood Museum’s collection, this is the first of many record uploads that will be completed as staff members work to

increase access. Searchable catalogues for Objects and Archives will be added as items are digitized, and new donations are processed.

Visit the online collection at [collingwood.pastperfectonline.com](http://collingwood.pastperfectonline.com). A link, as well as tips for searching Collingwood’s unique collection, may also be found on the Collingwood Museum’s webpage: [www.collingwood.ca/museum](http://www.collingwood.ca/museum).

Museum staff are eager to receive feedback, so assemble a keyword list and see what you can find! A built-in feedback option allows suggestions and corrections to be forwarded directly to staff. Likewise, researchers can submit requests for images directly through the online platform.

The digital database has been a long-term goal of the Collingwood Museum and aligns with numerous objectives in The Collingwood Museum Master Plan: 2020-2025. Over a century of collecting efforts by volunteers and staff have made this project possible, reaching back to the establishment of Collingwood’s first museum, the Huron Institute, in 1904.



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## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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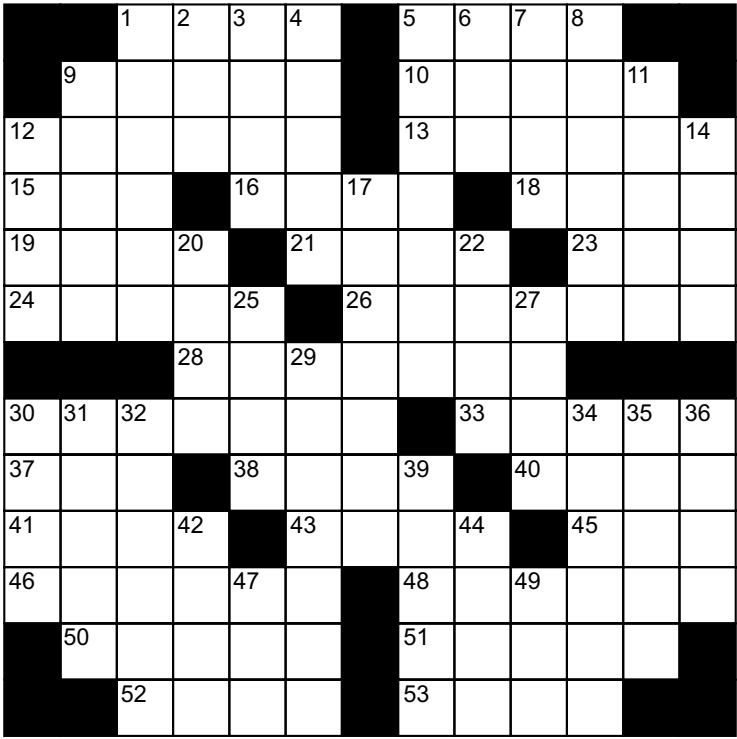
Why does Santa Claus  
go down the chimney on  
Christmas Eve?

Because it soots him.

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### ACROSS

- Fairly short hair styles
- Breathe laboriously
- Stare angrily at
- One over twenty-one
- Commission agent
- Astrologer’s diagram
- Not far above the ground
- Significant other
- Island in the Netherlands Antilles
- At any time
- Containing as much as possible
- Japanese drama
- Soft brimless cap
- One of the “Greatest Guitarists of All Time”
- Place that does not exist
- Winners
- Pub game
- Tennis player Budařová
- Hawaiian necklaces
- Eye cosmetic in the Middle East
- Put things in a particular order
- Former goaltender for the Oilers
- Domi who played for the Maple Leafs
- One who is very good at something
- Second Premier of Nova Scotia
- Sing in the Alps
- Legendary bird that brings a new baby into the home
- Hawaiian goose
- Belonging to God



### DOWN

- Telephone
- Furniture wood
- Make coffee
- Sans \_\_\_\_
- Fast African antelope
- Unnecessary excitement
- Froth on soapy water
- Easily flexed
- Small group of trees
- Forbidden
- Air bubble in glass
- Lyricist Sammy
- Purplish red colour
- Tenant’s payment
- Pig fat
- Hammer, for one
- Visor of a cap
- Fight like “Rowdy” Roddy Piper used to
- Passport endorsement
- Tusk substance
- Milk container
- Traffic circle
- Have an opinion
- Toboggan
- Reduce drastically, as prices
- It comes in and goes out daily
- Aware of
- Monetary unit Japan
- Prime minister of Cambodia twice

## Weekly blast of the Duntroon Hall's Know It All Ball trivia questions

What is a murmuration of birds? A. an unruly bird bedtime behaviour B. the sound of multiple birds drinking simultaneously C. the action of birds waiting for food, or D. the act of birds flying and changing direction together?



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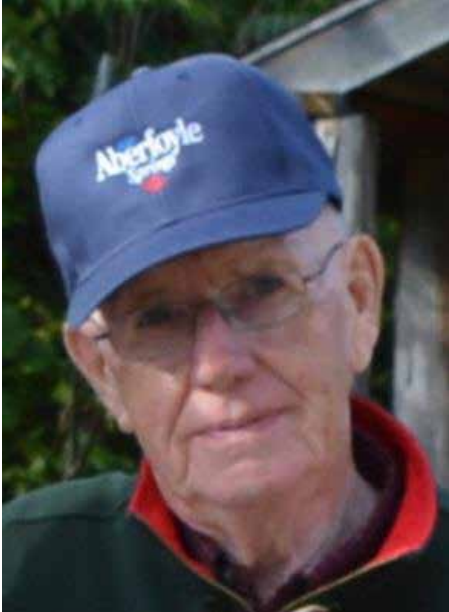
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**BEDNAREK, Michael “Mijo”** of New Lowell, ON, passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie, ON, on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, in his 89th year. Dear brother-in-law of Sandra Bednarek of New Lowell. Cherished uncle of David Bednarek (Rose), and great-uncle of Brandon and Jason, all of Oakville, ON. Predeceased by his brother Frank Jr., sister Anne, and parents Frank Sr. and Mary Bednarek. Mijo will be missed by his family and friends. Friends may pay their respects, and visit with the family at the STEVEN R. BRIDGE FUNERAL HOME, 207 Mill Street Angus, ON on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 from noon until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. Interment immediately following at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery, 208 Sunnidale Road, Barrie, ON. As expressions of sympathy, donations to New Lowell United Church would be appreciated by the family. E-transfers can be sent to nlunitedchurch@gmail.com. For more information, or to leave a condolence message for the family, please visit our website at [www.bridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgefuneralhome.com).

DEATH NOTICE



**CORNELISSE, Cory** – It is with heavy hearts that the family announces that Cory died at Sunset Manor Long Term Care, Collingwood on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 at the age of 79. Cory Cornelisse, of Stayner, was the beloved husband of Maria for 59 years. Loving father of Sharon (Marcel), Terry (Lila), and Linda (Andy). Cherished grandfather of Peter (Christina), Lindsay (Matt), Perry (Tamara), Justin (Jenn), Michelle (Chris), Shaney, Joy, Faith-Anne, Ben and Claire. Treasured great-grandfather of Jacob, Avry, Isaac, Sophia, Sydney, Jack, Elise, Freya, Ava, Emily, Lilly, Casey, Brooklyn, Janelle and Remy. Dear brother of Adrian (Tina), Herb (Heidi), John (Carrie), Bill (late Sue), Ron (Kathryn) and brother-in-law of Wilhemina (late George), Lena (Wayne), Klaas (Margie), Mary (Casey), late Len (Gerrie), Elizabeth (Rob), Harry (Marlene), Lucy (Mike) and Rob (Louise). Lovingly remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Cory was also predeceased by his parents Case and Johanna Cornelisse and by Maria’s parents Leendert and Margie Noordegraaf. Born in the Netherlands, Cory immigrated to Canada with his family when he was a young boy. He loved keeping busy: fixing, building, woodcarving, gardening, camping, feeding the critters or simply spending time with friends and family. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a big kid at heart. He loved the Lord and was always the first to lend a hand, whether to friends, family or a stranger. Cory was able to fulfill his dreams. He had a successful career as a heavy equipment mechanic and volunteered all while having a working farm. He moved to the cottage with the love of his life Maria, building their own home on their little piece of heaven, Hamer Lake in MacTier. In retirement he and Maria were blessed with the ability to travel North America for a year in an RV. Meeting new friends and making amazing memories. He will be missed by many, but our memories will last forever. Friends are invited to join the family at the Jubilee Presbyterian Church, 7320 Highway 26, Stayner for visitation on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 from 10 a.m. for the memorial service at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Cory to the County of Simcoe - Sunset Manor for the purchase of a new bus or to the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation for Campbell House Hospice would be appreciated by the family. To sign Cory’s Book of Memories, please visit [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com).

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**James Richard MCKENZIE**  
– May 27, 1946 - Nov. 30, 2023  
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Kathy, Eric and family.*

DEATH NOTICE



**SZAJKOWSKI, Sandra Louise (nee Hawthorne)** – Peacefully passed away on Saturday Dec. 9, 2023 with her daughter at her side after a valiant battle against cancer. Sandra died at her daughter’s home, with her daughter caring for her at the age of 77. Sandra of Wasaga Beach, beloved wife of the late Fred Sasvari. She is survived by her daughter and best friend Christine McFarlane, her grandchildren Sarah (Justin) and Matthew (Jen), her great grandchildren Colton, Rainie, Jenna and Xhianne, her sister-in-law Gail Hawthorne, nephew Andrew and niece Nicole and their families. Sandra will be missed by Christine’s companion Robert Jamieson, his son James, her canine companion Timmy and feline Della. She is predeceased by her son-in-law Al McFarlane, her brother Ronald Hawthorne and her longtime canine companion McKenzie. Sandra was a fun-loving woman who enjoyed being the center of the attention. She was a fanatical fan of the Maple Leafs and Blue Jays. She enjoyed knitting and making hand crafts which will be cherished by her family. Private family arrangements. Cremation with interment at Stayner Union Cemetery. Sandra’s family thank the medical professionals that helped her care during Sandra’s final journey. If desired, Sandra’s family ask that you consider a donation to the Living Wish Foundation as her wish for Christmas in Hawaii was a wonderful experience. Arrangements under the direction of the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home. To sign Sandra’s Book of Memories, please visit [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com).

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Trivia: D. the act of birds flying and changing direction



## Budget presented, no comments received

The community was mum on the 2024 municipal budget during a Dec. 11 public meeting.

Council put forward a budget with a net municipal tax increase of 6.5 per cent, and an estimated blended rate increase of 4.55 per cent (once education, policing and county taxes are factored in).

Property owners will pay an additional \$49 per \$100,000 of assessment.

“This council has worked diligently to bring forward the best budget we can,” said Mayor **Doug Measures**.

No comments were received.

Council is expected to pass the final budget and tax bylaw in May.



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