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## Citizens honoured for contributions to sport, community

*Culture and Sports Hall of Fame inductees for 2024 gathered at the Stayner Community Centre for an awards ceremony and dinner on June 11.*

### Young Leader in Sport – Benjamin Martin

Nominating Ben Martin was an easy choice for **Trevor Harris**, he said, but presenting it was not. The award was presented posthumously, with Martin's father and sister accepting on his behalf. At the young age of 20, Martin died in January following a hemorrhagic stroke caused by a brain aneurysm.

A coach and former player for New Lowell and Everett, Martin was involved in many sports and activities.

"His pride and devotion towards Clearview Township, and sport as a whole was exemplary while being a positive role model," said Harris, concluding with, "His dedication and leadership to the team concept and his teammates was admirable."



Conor Loftus/Clearview Township photo

The Young Leader in Sport award was given posthumously to Ben Martin at Clearview's Culture and Sports Hall of Fame ceremony on June 11 with his father **Chris** and sister **Rosalyn** accepting the award from Mayor **Doug Measures** (left) and nominator **Trevor Harris** (left).

### Builder Award – Janice and Julie Bingham

Sisters Janice and Julie Bingham are recognized as builders for their tremendous contributions to slo-pitch

baseball, broomball, synchronized skating and figure skating communities in Clearview and surrounding area.

"The contributions of these two incredible women have often been under

recognized despite their significant and longstanding roles in the sporting community," said nominator **Edina VanStaveren**.

Both started with the Creemore Skating Club at a very young age and went on to be instrumental in the club.

Janice is currently the sole coach teaching all levels, is the director of the Stayner Skating Club carnival, is the coach's rep on the executive of the Stayner Skating Club and coaches at Honeywood Skating Club, running PreCanSkate and CanSkate sessions.

Julie, a Skate Canada approved judge, has taken on several roles including test chairperson, competition chairperson and has been the president for the last 10 years. She is also a program assistant in Creemore, Stayner and Honeywood, and assistant coach.

They helped to establish the Country Blades Adult Synchronized Skating Team where Janice served as coach and  
(See 'Local' on page 3)

## "The only acceptable quarry is no quarry"

by **Trina Berlo**

Melancthon Against Quarries is building opposition to Strada's proposed quarry by building a community organization and moving towards a province-wide campaign.

Since forming last August **Larry Taman** said what began as a small collective of concerned citizens is growing, working towards becoming a more formal organization. Membership includes local residents and people concerned about quarries in general, including those who fought against the mega-quarry in 2012.

"It's pretty clear that the government needs to feel the heat from across the province in these things, but before that can happen we agree there has to be a vibrant energetic community organization and that's what we're trying to build," said Taman.

While North Dufferin Agriculture and Community Task Force (NDACT)

has been working with Strada to ensure local decision making and input into the quarry application, Melancthon Against Quarries' position is that the only acceptable quarry is no quarry. As part of an agreement, NDACT vowed not to oppose the application until and unless the science shows the quarry could harm the environment.

Strada Aggregates is exploring the possibility of turning a portion of its existing 360-acre sand and gravel pit, in operation since 2004 in the area of 4th Line and County Rd. 17 in Melancthon, into a quarry.

Taman said the key concerns include the destruction of water supply and natural habitat, associated hazards like fly rock and silica dust, and dangers associated with heavy traffic.

"We don't believe there is any need for this quarry," said Taman.

A larger concern is building the power and influence of local communities.

"Because its also about our future in a broader sense," said Taman.

He said during consultation the ministry doesn't ask anything about the overall impact on the community.

It is a concern that a blast quarry would negate other possible economic development and tourism opportunities.

"We're concerned that when you put all these issues together you have the likely prospect that it is going to condemn Melancthon to be a mining community for the next couple generations, because people won't come here to do other things," said Taman. "I mean nobody's going to build a resort hotel within a kilometre of a blast quarry, right?"

He said all concerns are compounded by the threat of Bill 5 which would essentially take away the community role.

Melancthon Against Quarries is hosting a "Water for Life" meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 26 focussing

on the potential impacts of the quarry on local water resources, the environment, and community health. All are welcome. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers, ask questions, and learn more about how they can get involved.

"I'm hoping that more people will be aware, and we'll be ready to engage," said Taman, adding that big aggregate companies have huge resources to apply. "Once the government decides that they're not going to take an active role in assessing need and compliance and so on, it leaves the community to do all that work. Our feeling is that if we're going to succeed in this that its going to take a lot of work from a lot of people and we hope to continue to raise awareness and build strong engagement."

The meeting will be held at Horning's Mills Community Hall, located at 14 Mill St., Melancthon. For more information, visit [juststopit.ca](http://juststopit.ca).

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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### Friday, June 20

- Creemore celebrates the **Summer Solstice** from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mill Street. Creemore Drumming Collective at 5 p.m. Line dancing from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Terra Lightfoot performs on the Village Green stage from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Friday Night BBQs** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Stayner Legion. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and more.

### June 21 & 22

- Summer Solstice **Art and Vintage Pop-Up** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Mill Street Art Studio, 148 Mill St. above the Creemore Bakery. Art, decor, apparel and accessories.

### Saturday, June 21

- Creemore Farmers' and Craft Market **outdoor market** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until the end of October in the parking lot at 10 Caroline St. E. For info, visit creemorefarmersmarket.ca.
- **Saturday night entertainment** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Stayner Legion, 7149 ON-26. No cover, just great people and good times. This week: The Browns. June 28 - Sandy Herron. July 5 - Rob Martine. For more information call the Branch, 705-428-3809.

### Sunday, June 22

- **Annual general meeting** of the Creemore Area Residents' Association at Station on the Green from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be a presentation from the Escarpment Corridor Alliance. All are welcome.

### June 23-26

- Junior Readers of all ages are invited to pick up their Clearview Library "passport and travel itinerary" for a summertime of free reading fun at the TD Summer **Reading Club Registration** Parties taking place on Tuesday, June 24, 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the New Lowell Branch, Wednesday, June 25, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Creemore Branch, and Thursday, June 26, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Stayner Branch.

### Tuesday, June 24

- Nottawasaga Creemore Public School Grade 8 **graduation parade** departing from the Creemore Arena at 5:45 p.m. travelling east on Johnston Street and Nelson Street, south on Mary Street, west on Elizabeth Street, north on Mill Street, and returning to the school along Johnston Street. The community is invited to come out and congratulate the 2025 graduates.

### June 24-26

- **On A First Name Basis** presented by Theatre Collingwood. Four show times: June 24 at 7:30 p.m., June 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and June 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg. Adults \$48 + HST/SC, Youth \$25 + HST/SC. Tickets and more information available at theatrecollingwood.ca, calling 705-445-2200, or emailing info@theatrecollingwood.ca.

### Saturday, June 28

- Share your stories about local encounters with ethereal spirits. Visit Clearview Public Library and Melissa Martin from **The Ontario Paranormal Society** at the Library Outreach Booth at the Creemore Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at the Creemore Library Branch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### June 28 & 29

- Purple Hill Lavender **Summer Festival** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Yoga, kids zone, workshops, vendor market, live music, food trucks. Tickets available online \$20, at the gate \$25. purplehilllavender.com.

### Tuesday, July 1

- Clearview **Canada Day Parade** in Stayner. Line up starts at 9 a.m. at the Stayner Arena. Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. and will travel down Highway 26, ending at Station Park. To join, contact Rhonda at rhondabroderick@coatv.ca.
- Canada Day **Cornhole Tournament** at the Stayner Legion. Everyone welcome. \$20 per person, proceeds go to the branch. Registration opens at noon, games begin at 1 p.m. Live music by classic rock house band Deep Tracks, performing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. BBQ all afternoon.

### Sunday, July 6

- **Sundays in the Park** at the Creemore Village Green, 181 Mill St. A free, open-air concert series every Sunday until the end of August. Live music starts at 1 p.m. July 6 - Moondoggy (indie rock). July 13 - Mudmen (Celtic rock). July 20 - The Pairs (folk music). July 27 - Lydia Persaud (rhythm and blues). August 3 - Sonshine & Broccoli (children's music). August 10 - Lonesome Ace String Band (bluegrass). August 17 - Altameda (folk rock). August 24 - Devin Cuddy Band (roots rock).

### Saturday, July 12

- "Symphony Under the Stars," a complimentary **outdoor concert** at the Creemore Village Green featuring the acclaimed Kindred Spirits Orchestra presented by the Collingwood Music Festival in collaboration with Clearview Township. Free, music begins at 8 p.m.

### Monday, July 14

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# Sundays in the Park

by Bonnie MacPherson

Village Green manager **Jeremy Mantesso** says for eight consecutive Sundays, the park will come alive with music and activities.

“We put together a line-up of interesting and unique bands that you might not otherwise see in the area,” said Mantesso. “We chose genres that are digestible for the general public and family-friendly.”

Sundays in the Park is the signature event for the Village Green with free concerts starting at 1 p.m. each Sunday.

Creemore Village Green kicks off its 2025 season with indie rockers Moondoggy on July 6. The summer line-up continues with folk music by The Pairs on July 20, R&B singer **Lydia Persaud** on July 27, and Sonshine and Broccoli will present a special kid-themed concert on August 3. The August 10 performance is by bluegrass band Lonesome Ace Stringband, followed by folk rock group Altameda on August 17. The season wraps up with the Devin Cuddy Band on August 24.

Mantesso says that from its inception, the goal for Sundays in the Park was to complement, but not compete with existing events.

“We wanted to add to Creemore’s vibrant summer schedule and make this a regional tourism draw,” he said. “We’re working to position the Village Green as a premiere outdoor venue and first and foremost, we want to support Ontario artists.”

As the series enters its third year, Mantesso says this year’s lineup includes more big names, including some Juno nominated acts.

“We missed out on a lot of bands last year because they book so far in advance. This year, we started much earlier, and the summer lineup was confirmed by late March.”

“In Year 1, we tended to see people who just happened upon live music in the park and stayed to listen for a while,” said Mantesso. “We were happy with 50 or 60 people per show. As it has grown, we see people coming with their lawnchairs and picnics and planning their weekends around it. This year we’re hoping for 100 to 150 people per show, and for the Mudmen (on July 13), which are a big favourite, we could see 300 plus.”

Last year saw people from places like Thornbury, Caledon and Barrie visiting Creemore for Sundays in the Park and with some higher profile bands Mantesso said he expects to see even more visitors.

“Our goal is to keep people in the heart of Creemore – to have them see this as a half day event not just a concert.”

Enhancements to this year’s program include a pop-up beer garden by Creemore Springs at some events and ice cream by Good Behaviour at others. Looking ahead to next year, he would like to explore the possibility of featuring hyper-local opening acts.

Information about the performers is posted at [www.creemorevillagegreen.ca](http://www.creemorevillagegreen.ca).



Conor Loftus/Clearview Township photo

Helen Blackburn receives her award from Mayor **Doug Measures** and nominator **Suzanne Wesetvik**.

## Local historian honoured

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Julie served as team manager.

“I cannot help but reflect on all the efforts that these two women have put into local, organized sport in our area for the past 20 years while at the same time running a successful family business,” said Van Staveren. “Their dedication, love of sport and willingness to take on multiple volunteer roles is exemplary and the organizations that they have belonged to are richer for their contributions.”

### Artistic Achievement Award – Helen Blackburn

Blackburn, a lifelong local resident, was nominated for cultural and civic achievement as the chronicler of

Clearview’s history. She is the author of local history books *Has the Bell Rung Yet? ; Night Train to Creemore 1872-1901*; and *The Bridges of Creemore Mills 1832-1871*. She continues to write a monthly column for *The Creemore Echo*.

“Helen writes vividly of her own past...”, said nominator **Suzanne Wesetvik**. “Her warm character, and sharp and curious mind, are reflected in her writings’ charm and humour, and her early eye for detail and reference to other writers’ works. Helen helps bring the past to life for us all, reminding us of where we have been and what we have lost, and what is important to remember and maintain.”

(See 'Inductees' on page 8)

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## LETTERS

### Creemore, a gem

Editor:

Re: *Crossroads* episode about Creemore airs June 13 *The Creemore Echo*, June 13, page 3.

I just had the pleasure of watching a documentary about Creemore on TVO. It was very well done and truly enjoyable.

As I sit here reflecting on the various dynamics of rural and small town living, it is leaving me with a bittersweet feeling and I've come to the realization of the importance of community. So much loss can arise without community. I wish to congratulate Creemore's BIA and surrounding areas on the hard work – and it takes hard work and dedication to maintain its survival. I look forward to visiting your lovely quaint town.

Suzanne Posey,  
Perkensfield.

### We should be shouting in the streets

Editor:

Why aren't we out there shouting in the streets demanding action on cutting back CO2 emissions? Why do we quietly sit putting up with smoke, wildfires and disastrous global warming?

Helen Blackburn,  
Websterville.

### Vorstermans exceeds fundraising goal

Editor:

The 2025 Walk for Alzheimer's occurred two weeks ago and I couldn't have asked for much more. Due to incredible generosity, I exceeded my goal by several hundreds and this result, combined with the sums of previous years, has placed my overall fundraising total at \$85,217. I'm extremely happy and have every confidence that people's giving nature will enable me to continue the success next year. Thank you wholeheartedly!"

Matthew Vorstermans,  
Creemore.

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## THE WAY WE WERE



Edith Gowan (centre) at the time of her retirement from *The Creemore Star* in 1988, pictured with owner Bev Westbrooke and Anne Emerton.

## The many contradictions of Mark Twain

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Over the course of Ron Chernow's lengthy (and I mean lengthy) new biography of Mark Twain, the titular subject comes to feel like a beloved house guest who overstays his welcome. Yet, once gone, he is missed terribly. Such is the paradox of Twain – a man whose contradictions exhausted and enthralled me.

Chernow's biography focuses on Twain the man, not his literature. Beyond a few excerpts, we see little of his fiction. Instead, we see many letters. These, while fascinating, show us less of the storyteller and more of the restless, troubled soul behind the wit.

Twain was mercurial, eccentric, and frustrating. His private life was turbulent and full of sorrow – most of it self-inflicted. His letters reveal a man who could craft America's sharpest satire yet couldn't see the irony in his actions. This is the genius of Chernow's choice to focus on Twain's letters: we read on and on, eager to learn how he next shoots himself in the foot.

Twain's most befuddling contradiction emerges from his relationship with money. Despite his success as a writer and advantageous marriage to Livy, daughter of a coal baron and heiress to a fortune, he wanted to strike it big in business. He was not immune to the get-rich-quick schemes typical of the Gilded Age (a term Twain himself coined). He invested a fortune in the Paige Compositor typesetting machine, convinced it would revolutionize the newspaper industry and make him a titan of industry. He also started his own doomed publishing company. Ultimately, his investments bankrupted his family and forced them to abandon their beloved Hartford home.

Twain paid off his creditors in 1900. Yet, as Chernow notes, "nothing could quench his thirst for

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Christopher GREER

speculation, not even bankruptcy." The man who skewered human folly in his writing seemed blind to his own – after recovering from near-ruin, he plunged into another dubious venture: Plasmon, a health food product derived from skim milk he encountered in Austria. It failed.

Twain's contradictions defined his business ventures and worldview. In

later life, he advocated for African Americans and women's rights, but was blatantly racist toward Native Americans. He was hilarious and charming in public, but cutting and vindictive in private. He loved his family dearly, but caused them pain through neglect or impulsivity. Through these paradoxes, Twain embodied America – a nation founded on freedom while enabling slavery, preaching equality while practicing discrimination.

This biography captures the complexity of America's most celebrated humorist, justifying its considerable length. Chernow doesn't attempt to reconcile Twain's contradictions or excuse them – he presents them with unflinching clarity. The result is a portrait that feels more human and exasperating than the genial funny man we think we know. Like a houseguest who lingers too long, Twain may exhaust us, but his absence leaves a void of charm, humour, and intrigue that no amount of critical distance can fill.

*Mark Twain* by Ron Chernow was published on May 13, 2025, by Penguin Press, and comes in at 1,174 pages. The book was provided courtesy of the publisher for this review.

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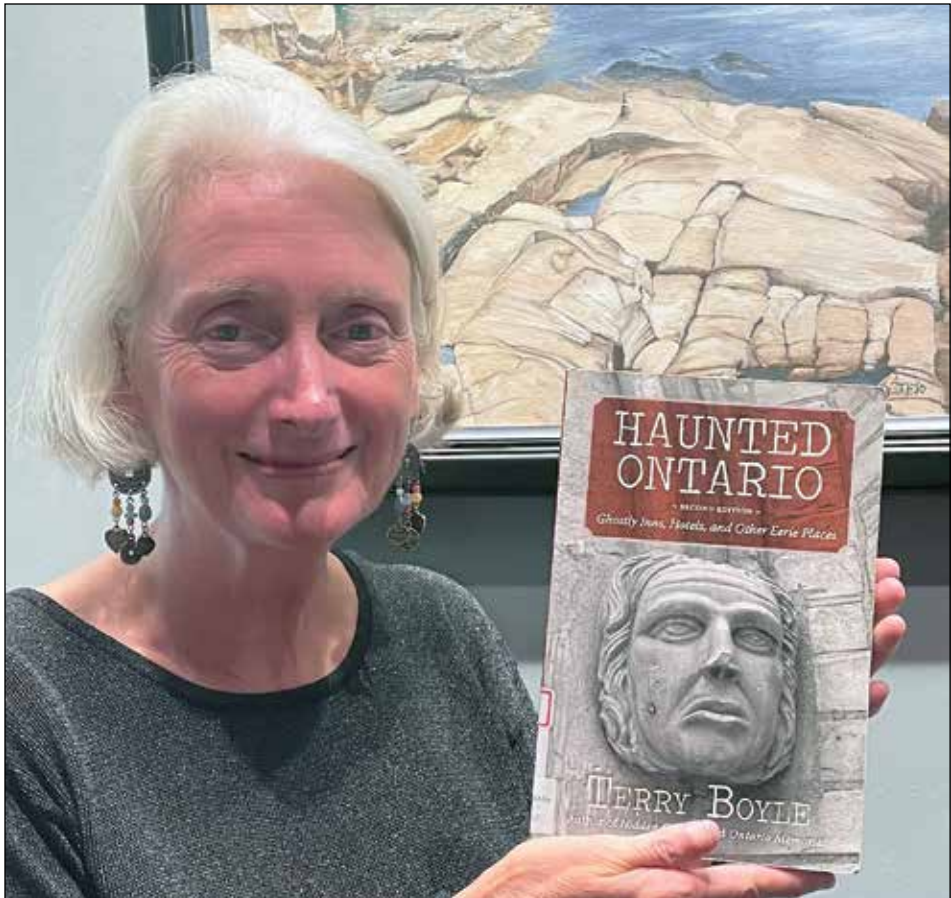
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**Michele McKenzie** and her “gentleman companion” will be joining the crew from The Paranormal Society of Ontario on Saturday, June 28 at the Creemore branch of the Clearview Public Library.

## Explore the paranormal with library guest

by **Michele McKenzie**

You are invited to share stories about encounters, sightings, and engagements with ethereal spirits with staff of Clearview Public Library and **Melissa Martin** from The Ontario Paranormal Society on Saturday, June 28. Martin will be our guest at the Library Outreach Booth located at the Creemore Farmers’ Market from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., she will be sharing her ghostly experiences and gathering your stories on the lawn in

front of the Creemore branch. (In case of inclement weather, she will be inside, with a special display of hauntings.)

If circumstances permit, we will walk the heritage plaque route or investigate a site of paranormal interest. This is a novel way to draw attention and gather information for our local history collection located in each of our three branches of the library.

*Michele McKenzie is deputy CEO of Clearview Public Library.*

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# Inductees selected from community nominations

(Continued from page 3)

### Builder Award – Frank Bednarek

Bednarek was instrumental in bringing soccer to New Lowell. With Henry Verstraten, he started the Barrie Soccer Association in 1972. He started the New Lowell Minor Soccer Association in 1988 with three teams that played in the Newmarket region. Under Bednarek’s leadership the association grew to more than 120 players. He was the first president of the association and held the position for 20 years.

Bednarek was a FIFA referee, working nationally and internationally. He is credited with developing many referees and coaches.

### Athletic Achievement Award – Bob Lowe

Lowe played 12 years of minor hockey in Stayner followed by three years with the Siskins before moving on to a 22-year career coaching and officiating. He lost his left eye to cancer in 2007. Then a few years later a piece of metal pierced his right eye in a workplace accident leaving him completely blind.

Six years ago Lowe joined the Ice Owls, a blind hockey organization based in Agincourt. To be eligible, players must have 10 per cent vision or less. The group has about 40 members, and Lowe says on any given Sunday from October through March, about 20 people turn out to play from as far away as Windsor, Peterborough, Ottawa and Sudbury.

### Community Volunteer Award – Todd Patton

Patton was nominated by Trevor Harris for developing a Select team for New Lowell Minor Baseball Association (NLMBA) and being a key contributor to the changing look of the organization.

“He represented the community in a positive manner through his dedication, respect for others, teaching the players both baseball and social skills while employing professionalism,” said Harris. Through “tireless efforts, he brought coaches, manager and players together as a cohesive team, resulting in his Select team being awarded the York Simcoe Baseball Association Select (YSBA) Team of the Year award. Spearheading the coordination, taking on the role of convenor, NLMBA hosted the YSBA qualifier for U11 Select that consisted of 13 teams, which had great success.”

### Community Volunteer Award – Michelle and Gord Hussey

The Husseys are recognized for being reliable volunteers with the Stayner Garden Club. President Anne Ripley wrote in her nomination that Gord and Michelle wear many hats in Clearview Township. They help with the plant sale, Tulip Days, participate in parades and assist with weekly town garden clean ups.

“They are always very pleasant to work with and once you let them know what you want they are there and will get the job done in no time at all,” said Ripley.

### Festival & Event Award – 8th Annual Clearview Tulip Days Festival

The eighth Annual Clearview Tulip Days Festival was held in Stayner on May 16, 2024 celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Airforce and the role that Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands near the end of the Second World War. Clearview Councillor Marty Beelen was emcee for the event. He told the crowd that his father spent most of the war as a prisoner and vowed that if he made it out alive, he would emigrate to Canada. The Tulip Days Festival was presented by the Stayner Garden Club and the Stayner Heritage Society. Stayner Kinsmen hosted a free barbecue lunch and Chris Vanderkruys supplied a traditional dutch treat, Oliebollen.

### Team Award – U18 Rep (2023) Clearview Canucks

The U18 Clearview Canucks Rep Hockey Team were recognized for their 2023 win in the Tier 2 Ontario Minor Hockey Association Championship. In the series the Canucks won 4-0 over Middlebrook, tied 2-2 vs East Lambton and then followed with three more wins 4-2 over Brighton Bolts and Tavistock, and 3-2 over Minto Mad Dogs.

The team was made up of captain Tait Lighthouse, assistant captains Holden Andrews, Brody Foster, and

Carter Westendorp, goalie Aiden Forte, Luke Lighthouse, Sawyer Hughes, Luke Millsap, Seth Walker, Jackson Mitchell, Miles Dempsey, Griffin MacIntyre, Jack Walsh, Evan Longfield, Brady Reynolds and Troy Walker.

The team clinched the championship following an already stellar season winning the U18C Regional Silver Stick Champions, the U18 Huntsville Classic Tournament champions, and the U18 Tier 2, Region 5 Champions, under the leadership of head coach Brian MacIntyre, assistant coaches Pete Walker and Mike Hughes, trainer Martin Walsh, assistant trainer Peter Mitchell, and team manager Fran Moore.

The awards are on display in the atrium of the Stayner Community Centre and Stayner Branch of the Clearview Public Library. For more information about the Culture & Sports Hall of Fame or to view past inductees, please visit [www.discoverclearview.ca/hall-of-fame](http://www.discoverclearview.ca/hall-of-fame).

*Three new Lifetime Contributions to Community Awards were handed out recognizing individuals who have resided in Clearview Township for a minimum of 10 years and having demonstrated athletic prowess, artistic achievements, establishing youth organizations and outstanding volunteerism. They will be featured in next week’s edition.*



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# FUN & Games

**Sudoku** by Barbara Simpson

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Answers on page 11

**FRED'S FUNNIES**

**Why do people in Athens hate getting up early?**

**Because dawn is tough on Greece.**

*Canadian Criss Cross* by Walter Feener

**ACROSS**

1. Gone by in time
5. Tool used for shaping wood
9. Lake in Manitoba
10. Round the bend
12. Hold close in an affectionate manner
13. Food store owner
15. Age in history
16. Homework assignment
18. Atomic number of hydrogen
19. Have a repast
21. Definite article
22. Part of B.A.
23. Esculent
25. What a glass of ice water does in a warm room
26. One thousand dollars
27. Place for fish and ships
28. Turn the corners of your mouth up
31. Early
35. Without companionship
36. Make an engine go vroom
37. Make weary
38. Volcanic dust
39. Police officer in training
41. A Bobbsey twin
42. You might bring one to a fight
44. Strong and healthy
46. Street talk
47. Playing marble
48. Otherwise
49. Delayed

**DOWN**


1. Dull and overly exact teacher
2. Recipe word
3. Mall attraction
4. Bridge support
5. Aquarium problem
6. Fisherman's boat
7. Place to visit animals
8. Concert finale
9. Senate house in ancient Rome
11. Female gossip
12. Give up by treaty
14. Lie down
17. That girl
20. Two under par
22. Be in store for

24. Flower visitor
25. Adjust the alarm clock
27. More than two or three but not many
28. Cabbage salad
29. He received the Ten Commandments
30. Fill your lungs
31. Hospital unit
32. 60 seconds
33. Backspace over text
34. Already in the mail
36. Cooking stove
39. They are in prison
40. One-piece garment
43. Close friend
45. Black Halloween creature

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**What was the first sport film to win an Oscar for best film?**

A. Raging Bull B. Chariots of Fire C. Million Dollar Baby D. Rocky



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## SPORTS Cardinals win big against Collingwood

by Amanda and Julie Kaden  
Monday evening saw the 11U Cardinals facing off against the Collingwood Blue Jays.

The game got off to a hot start with bases loaded and **Elijah Rousom** at the plate, carefully choosing his pitches and earning a bases-loaded walk.

**Max Milligan** stepped up to the plate next and smashed a triple that brought three runners home!

Pitching featured strongly in the outcome of this game with strong showings from the Cardinal pitchers including **Harlen Barkovitz's** debut on the mound who recorded his first strike out ever.

Cardinal bats were on fire in the fourth inning with 5 hits total including a single for **Riley Holzer**, his first RBI of the season.

**Mack Jago** also delivered an RBI single in the fourth, repeating her performance at the plate in the third inning when she performed under the pressure of two outs, cracking a sweet RBI single, for a final score of 11-4 for the Cardinals.

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## MEMORIAL

Friends of **Ben MARTIN**, as we approach five months since Ben's passing, we hope you are finding ways to honour and remember his life. We, along with many others in Ben's circles, were looking forward to sharing space and celebrating all that Ben was and is. Unfortunately, we have made the difficult decision to postpone Ben's celebration of life originally scheduled for July 26, 2025 to the summer of 2026. We will be in touch with a new date as able. In the meantime, please continue to find ways to keep Ben's memory alive and spirit known. Thank you for loving our Ben. *The Martin/Dawson Family*

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**Marie KIDD** would like to thank everyone who came out to her Birthday Tea Party. She was overwhelmed by the 196 guests who came with smiles, hugs and well wishes. Unfortunately the Thursday after her party she fell at home and broke her pelvis, badly bruising her hip, shoulder and right side of her body. Marie has been in the Alliston hospital since and will be transported on Thursday to West Park rehabilitation center in Toronto for four weeks. Please pray for a speedy recovery and to lessen her pain. Thank you, *The Kidd Family*

**ST. JOHN'S** United's Community Dinners have been hugely successful. Our thanks to you. Save the date for our fowl supper Sat. Sept. 27. \*No summer services June 29 to Aug. 31.

I would like to thank everyone that helped me celebrate my 80th birthday and for the many gifts, cards, and flowers. Thanks to my daughter Lorna (Jeff), step-daughter Paula and my nieces Heather, and Tracey (Derry). *Joan Muirhead*

Thanks to family and friends for joining us to celebrate our anniversary and birthdays at the Creemore Legion. It was great to visit with family and friends; some of whom we have not seen in quite a while. Thanks for all the gifts, cards, and best wishes. A special thanks to our family members for all their hard work in arranging the celebration. *Robin and Judi*

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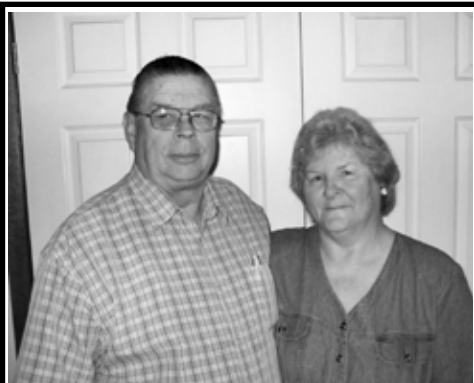
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Trivia: D. Rocky

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June 27, 2025

*From, Bryan and Brenda*  
*and their families.*

# CANADA DAY in Creemore

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

hosted by

Creemore Firefighter's Association



Enjoy a day filled with **FREE** activities and lots of fun



10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.

9:45 p.m.

**STREET HOCKEY**

on Veteran's Way

**CANADA DAY BBQ**

Hosted by Creemore Ladies Auxiliary

**HAROLD CRAWFORD  
MEMORIAL BIKE PARADE**

from Mad River Park to the Legion

**FAMILY STYLE GAMES**

in the Legion

**MUSIC WITH HOGBACK ROAD  
FIREWORKS**

The splash pad in  
the Creemore Village Green  
will be open all day!

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## 3-on-3 Ball Hockey Tournament

\$10 per player

must register as a team at [creemoreffa@gmail.com](mailto:creemoreffa@gmail.com)

## FIREWORKS at Dusk

Dogs do not enjoy fireworks. Please leave pets at home.



## Thank you to the Creemore Legion

Thank you to our sponsors for their financial support and donations, allowing us to provide this program.



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Donations in support of the fireworks can be made by e-transfer to [creemoreffa@gmail.com](mailto:creemoreffa@gmail.com),  
dropped off at The Creemore Echo, or given during the boot drive that will take place at the fireworks