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My Son the Hurricane performing at Creemore Springs Brewery’s Copper Kettle Festival last Saturday. For more photos on page 7.

## Public washrooms: no relief in sight

by Trina Berlo

The answer to the public washroom problem in Creemore is to spend some money and build permanent facilities that are connected to sewers, said **Marty Beelen**, Clearview council member and chair of the management board at Station on the Green.

Faced with vandalism and capacity issues, board members are becoming more and more reluctant to open the washrooms at Station on the Green, having already opted to limit public access when the facility is rented for private events.

“Vandalism happens when we open them to the public,” said Beelen. “How do you stop vandalism? It’s senseless.”

He said Station on the Green is on the hook for additional cleaning costs and restocking the washrooms, when damage occurs and when the washrooms are taxed by large crowds.

For example, **Deb Hill**, who cleans the facility and acts as booking agent, said she was notified of an incident of vandalism on Saturday. She arrived to find what she describes as walls painted with chili, which was all over the floor. The emptied cans had been wedged into the toilets. She said all six toilets were clogged and overflowing, urine and faeces everywhere. She said she locked the door and walked away. The next day, it took her and her husband more than four hours to clean up the mess.

It wasn’t the first time she had faced a biohazard. Last summer, on a Saturday morning, she found the wall smeared with blood and a dirty sanitary pad on the floor. Other, albeit less graphic, instances of vandalism happen regularly involving food in toilets, gravy on the walls, full rolls of toilet paper shoved into the toilets.

“It is costing us too much time and money,” said Hill. “It’s hard to know who

is doing it but it seems to happen when the park is full.”

Board members note that the washrooms were built to the capacity of the Station on the Green, which is 200.

Beelen said the Station board has earmarked funds for a renovation to the kitchen and the washrooms but there is a reluctance to proceed until the issues of vandalism and overuse are addressed.

As a temporary solution, the Township of Clearview purchased a new portable washroom trailer.

**Terry Vachon** Director of Parks and Recreation said there have been some operational issues with the trailer including manufacturer defects and user error, which have resulted in closure of the washrooms, but another issue is capacity.

“The size of the washroom isn’t big enough for the events that are happening (See ‘Going’ on page 7)

## DND holds Arctic over-the-horizon info sessions

The Department of National Defence (DND) has scheduled two public engagement sessions to answer questions about the proposed construction of a radar installation in Clearview Township.

DND representatives will be at Creemore Station on the Green at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 to provide details about the construction and seek input. Each session will include a presentation followed by a Q&A.

DND announced in July that a site at 2225 Sideroad 15/16 between Concessions 6 and 7 has been selected for an Arctic Over the Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) preliminary “receive” installation. A site in Kawartha Lakes will be developed as a “transmit” site, as part of a 20-year plan to modernize Canada’s contribution to the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) with total funding of \$38.6 billion. The new early warning radar coverage promises to expand threat tracking of objects entering Canadian airspace.

The Clearview township site is 288 hectares (roughly 711 acres) of agricultural land. Initial work is expected to begin in winter 2026 with the radar network projected to be operational by the end of 2029. DND says the construction phase will generate short-term employment in ground works and site preparation. Ongoing control of the facility will be through normal NORAD processes. It is possible that some facilities management functions will be housed at Canadian Forces Base Borden.

According to the DND, the sites will have a radio frequency radiation hazard zone entirely contained within the site and be fenced to prevent access. The information sessions will be live streamed at [canada.ca/en/department-national-defence](https://canada.ca/en/department-national-defence). A detailed summary and key takeaways from the engagement sessions will be posted following the event.

Online responses are welcome until Sept. 15.

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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### Friday, August 29

- **Line dancing lessons** every Friday night at Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E., Creemore. 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.
- **Wing night** every Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the New Lowell Legion, 5357 Cty. Rd. 9. Dine-in or take-out. Check the Facebook page for updates.
- **Friday Night BBQs** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Stayner Legion. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and more.
- **Darts** every Friday evening at the Stayner Legion starting at 7 p.m.
- **Gallery Lagom Opening** for Scott Gilmore's show *In the Realm of Dreams* from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 178 Mill St. Creemore. If you aren't already on the mailing list, please contact gallerylagom@lagom142.com for an invitation to this event and other openings and artists' talks.

### Saturday, August 30

- **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 more 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: Arnold Montgomery. Sept. 6 - Kevin California. Sept. 13 - Rob Martine. For more info call the Branch, 705-428-3809.

### Sunday, August 31

- The **Singhampton Farmers' Market** takes place Sundays until Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park on Hwy. 124.

### Tuesday, Sept. 2

- **Pub Trivia Night** every Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Mill House Pub, 141 Mill St., Creemore. \$10 cover includes entry, answer sheets and a shot at prizes. Gather your team and put your knowledge to the test. For more info, contact 705-466-5244, visit theoldmillhousepub.com.

### Thursday, Sept. 4

- Learn and practise West African **drumming** rhythms with WARPED (West African Rhythm Practice Ensemble of Drummers), Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Station on the Green. No experience necessary. Bring a djembe or contact Susan at 705-627-1722 about a loaner. Contact Janet at jhayward43@bellnet.ca for more info. \$5 donation accepted toward space rental.

### Friday, Sept. 6

- Creemore Village Green presents **Craft Beer Market** from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Village Green, 181 Mill St., Creemore. Sips, tunes and bites with craft beer provided by 14 local breweries. For more info, visit creemorevillagegreen.ca/beer

### Sunday, Sept. 7

- West Nottawasaga Presbyterian Church Memorial **dedication service** at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome. Bring a lawn chair. 7993 County Rd 33, Nottawa. (Rain date is Sept. 14.)

### Wednesday, Sept. 10

- The Department of National Defence (DND) will host **public engagement sessions** to answer questions and provide details about the upcoming construction of a preliminary Arctic Over-The-Horizon Receive Site at 2225 Sideroad 15 and 16, Clearview Township. Members of the community and surrounding areas are invited to attend. DND experts will be available to discuss the project. Sessions are expected to last two hours, depending on attendance, and will include a presentation on the project followed by a question-and-answer session. Creemore Station on the Green, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 13

- **Field Work - Peter Dušek Solo Exhibition Opening** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of Dufferin, 936029 Airport Rd., Mulmur. Free admission. Visit modevents.eventcalendarapp.com for more information and to register.

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

- Clearview Stayner Food Bank **Annual General Meeting** at 7 p.m. at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, 7320 Hwy 26, Stayner. All are welcome to attend.

### Sept. 19-21

- The **Great Northern Exhibition** at the GNE Fairgrounds, 2220 Fairgrounds Rd. N. Animals, kids area, midway, demo derby, and more. For info, visit greatnorthernex.com.

### Friday, Sept. 19

- WSC Parkinson's **Charity Golf Tournament**. Come out and have some fun while supporting a great cause at the Duntroon Highlands golf course, 1226 Concession 10 N Nottawasaga Rd., Duntroon. \$250 per player, includes lunch, golf, cart, practice range golf balls, silent auction, snacks and social after golf (cash bar.) 11:30 a.m. arrival. 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Purchase tickets at www.chronogolf.com/club/1240/events/1237967. \$100 tax receipt will be issued after the event.

### Wednesday, Sept. 24

- Jubilee Presbyterian Church will be hosting a **Community Coffee Party** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 7320 Hwy 26, Stayner. Drop in for social time, conversation and fun. These events run monthly, the last Wednesday of the month.

### Friday, Sept. 26

- Hear the legendary stories behind Newfoundland's musical history with **Newfoundland Songbook** by Shipyard Kitchen Party, 7:30 p.m. at Creemore Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E. Admission: \$45. This event is part of the Clearview Small Halls Festival.

### Saturday, Sept. 27

- **Fall Harvest Vendor Market**, a fundraiser for St Luke's Community Food Bank. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington St. W. Haircuts by Frankie the Barber, over 40 vendors, raffle baskets and more.
- See the **salmon run**, explore nature, and enjoy hands-on fun for all ages from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 11 Buist St., Nottawa. Free admission for kids under 5 (includes lunch), \$5 for ages 6-10 (includes lunch), \$10 for 11+. Hosted by Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, info at seethesalmon.ca
- Save the date for St. John's United Church's annual **Fowl Supper**, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 192 Mill St., Creemore.

### Ongoing

- Surround yourself in light and wellness at the Sanctuary. Several **yoga classes** a week. Gentle, Flow, Strength and Restorative. Call 705-888-7729 or visit www.thecreemoresanctuary.com for details. Email thecreemoresanctuary@gmail.com.
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- Join **Bounce Fit** with Vickie Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Station on the Green. Follow Bounce Fit with Vickie on social media for weekly class schedule or call 705-441-6386.
- The **Retired Women Teachers of Ontario** (Blue Mountain Branch) welcomes newly or previously retired women teachers to contact Lois at 705-428-2880 to participate in meetings and learn more about the group.

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# “Provincial parks belong to the people of Ontario”

by Trina Berlo

NDP MPP **Chris Glover**, at the invitation of Wasaga Beach resident **Mark Winegarden**, and Environmental Defence executive director **Tim Gray** called a press conference Sunday in opposition of Premier **Doug Ford**’s plan to sell off 60 per cent of Wasaga Beach Provincial Park waterfront to private developers.

They say the sell-off threatens to strip the public of access to one of Canada’s most beloved beaches, while setting a dangerous precedent that could open the door to selling off provincial parks and public spaces across Ontario.

Protestors are against the Ontario government’s proposal to sell the crown-owned lands within Beach Areas 1, 2, New Wasaga, and Allenwood Beach to the Town of Wasaga Beach “to support their revitalization of the downtown area and tourism enhancement initiatives, while continuing to protect the area’s natural and cultural heritage.”

They are concerned for the protection of the area’s natural heritage, include the nesting area of the endangered piping plover.

Birds Canada says Wasaga Beach is one of the most important nesting sites for the birds, having produced half of the province’s piping plover fledglings since 2007.

According to Birds Canada, “piping plover habitat in Wasaga Beach is protected and managed through regulations that apply within the provincial park boundaries. If these boundaries shift as the proposal outlines, the recent weakening of habitat protections under the *Ontario Endangered Species Act* with the passing of Bill 5 means this important piping plover habitat will be left with no provincial protection. Additionally, federal legislation doesn’t protect piping plover habitat in Ontario unless it’s on federal land.”

Environmental Defence says the threat to the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* (PPCRA) that protects all of Ontario Parks and Conservation Reserves, is even more concerning. The government is proposing currently unspecified “legislative amendments” to the PPCRA. Environmental Defence is concerned that the provincial government



Bill Hewitt photo

Opponents to the sale of Wasaga Beach Provincial Park lands organized a press conference Sunday with NDP MPP **Chris Glover**.

intends to weaken the process requirements for removing park or conservation reserve lands seeing as the current law would not need to be changed if its process requirements, including a Legislative Assembly vote on the park area changes, are followed.

“Provincial parks belong to the people of Ontario and are meant to be protected forever. It is appalling that the current government is trying to give away big parts of one of our most popular parks, and make changes to the legislation that protects all of our Provincial Parks,” said Gray. “These beachfront lands on Georgian Bay are worth millions of dollars and are owned by the people of Ontario. They should never be a part of a tourism development.”

A statement from Mayor **Brian Smith** says the province is considering the transfer of less than 60

hectares of land – just three per cent of the park’s total 1,844 hectares – back to the municipality.

“This land would go to the town, not to developers – and it would come with the requirement that the beach remains public,” he said. “The citizens of Wasaga Beach wouldn’t have it any other way.”

“Roughly half of the proposed land includes beach and environmentally sensitive dunes – areas that will be preserved,” he said. “That leaves about 30 hectares, mostly paved parking lots, that could be reimagined through a thoughtful, community-led waterfront master plan. That work is already underway. In June, we launched a national search for a multi-disciplinary team of ecologists, designers, and planners to guide that process, grounded in sustainability and public input.”

## School supplies needed

St. Luke’s Anglican Church is looking for donations of back-to-school supplies including pencils, paper, erasers, pencil cases, plain backpacks, etc.

Donations may be dropped off at the church, located at 22 Caroline St. W., Creemore, on Friday or Sunday mornings and also at *The Creemore Echo* office.

For more information, contact Rev. **Lorna May** at 705-352-2759.

The St. Luke’s Community Food Bank also supports Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School with hard boiled eggs and apples each week. Donations to the school’s snack program would also help.

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## LETTER

### Clearview's new copper rush

Editor:

Upon arrival at my place on Aug. 15, I discovered I had no dial tone on the land line. (I am of the generation that still enjoys the land line and needs it for my internet). When I called Bell (with my cell), they told me their technicians were installing cable and the issue would be fixed by the following Monday.

I was surprised when by the following weekend, my Bell service had not been restored. I made an appointment with a Bell technician to investigate the issue for Sunday morning. The technician arrived and informed me that their cable on County Road 9 had been stolen. Apparently, the thieves take it to a recycler and are reimbursed for its copper content. While I understand this is a common problem for Bell elsewhere in Ontario, I suspect it's new to Clearview. I wonder also if Bell installed the cable on the previous weekend, then had it been stolen a second time? The new date I can expect my service to resume is September 1. Perhaps Bell will give the thieves the opportunity to mine the copper yet again?

Anyway, from Bell's website, "Copper theft related incidents have increased 23 per cent year-over-year across Canada. Since 2022, Bell has recorded more than 2,270 copper thefts nationwide. Copper thefts now account for 88 per cent of all physical security incidents on Bell's network, with over 500 cases reported in the first half of 2025 alone. Ontario remains the hardest-hit province, representing 63 per cent of all incidents, with hotspots including Hamilton, Cambridge, and Windsor."

According to Bell, "Copper theft is a serious crime that directly threatens the safety and well-being of Canadians. These thefts are not just about stolen copper; the perpetrators often damage other infrastructure such as fibre cable and the crime can potentially put lives at risk when people can't call 911 as a result of the damage."

I'm reminded of the Noisy River Telephone company and the efforts the founders went to in 1908 to establish the original service connecting Dunedin and Websterville to Creemore (thank you Helen Blackburn). I wonder what they would have done if they were aware of thieves stealing their lines. Perhaps I should heed the advice of my friends (particularly the younger ones) to permanently cut my land line.

In the meantime, I wait. Maybe the thieves will keep striking until the last strand of copper is gone, or maybe Bell will finally decide that fibre is the only way forward. Maybe Bell should hire the thieves as subcontractors. Either way, it's strange to think that in 1908 the Noisy River pioneers strung lines across fence posts and farm fields so neighbours could talk—and more than a century later, we're still struggling to keep those connections alive. Perhaps the great County Road 9 copper caper will convince Bell (and me) to get rid of copper and join the fibre future those early pioneers could only have dreamed of.

**Greg Young,**  
Creemore.

## THE WAY WE WERE



Creemore Public School, 1961. Photo submitted by Orneva Pardy.

## LETTER

### Devil's Glen: ground zero for regulated rock climbing in Ontario Parks

Editor:

Current proposed amendments to the Devil's Glen Provincial Park management plan under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, representing a regulatory overhaul of Devil's Glen, essentially seek to resolve the ongoing tension created by the impacts of rock climbing on the park's sensitive ecology. Effectively, this makes Devil's Glen 'ground zero' for regulated rock climbing on public lands in Ontario—what happens here, happens in Lion's Head, Killarney, Algonquin Park, and more.

Some amendments, such as the change in classification of the park from 'recreation' to 'natural environment', and the notable re-zoning of a portion of the Mad River watershed a 'nature reserve', recognize the significant and rare ecological values within the park. Other changes, such as including rock climbing as a permitted activity—albeit only in areas designated by the park superintendent, would deliver a landmark victory to the climbing community seeking to legitimize their historically unauthorized use of public parks.

If clashes with private property owners, as described by the Ontario Association of Climbers (OAC) in their AGM of 2022, are any indication, we the public should be prepared for conflicts to arise increasingly with the climbing community as

the upward trend of their activities continues in our provincial parks.

Rock climbing, which the OAC self-describes as "tolerated", has already had an observed impact on areas surveyed by park ecologists.

The brief appearance and subsequent unexplained disappearance of Ontario Parks signage in 2023 in Devil's Glen that closed a mere 23 of 140-plus climbing routes that were known to interact with rare and precious ecological values identified through a years-long assessment may foreshadow what could become a long and protracted conflict with a highly organized and influential hobby lobby—depending on how this new management plan works...or doesn't.

Public input is open on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO number 019-8238). Ontario climbers are organizing to flood the comments. Who will speak for the 270 metres of cliff length identified to contain old growth cedars, regionally rare cliff ferns, high vegetation abundance and texture, as well as special feature locations such as a seasonal turkey vulture and bat roosts? Who will stand up for species at risk such as Canada warbler, Louisiana waterthrush, wood thrush, eastern wood peewee, butternut and hart's-tongue fern?

**Nick Clayton,**  
Blue Mountains.

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Bring back the EV rebate

Editor:  
I highly commend *The Echo's* August 22 letter-from-the-editor in support of electric vehicles (EVs). While we have been witnessing a blip in the carbon-free movement politically, we all need to look ahead, and to take concrete steps that will leave a better world for our children and grandchildren.  
Auto experts agree that the “pause” in the federal rebate program has reduced the sales of EVs. Please Mr. Carney, let’s get it back! And Mr. Ford, Ontario should join other provinces in also providing an EV rebate program.  
**Tony Dittenhoffer,**  
Collingwood.

Guardian gardener

Editor:  
I would like to shout out a big thanks to my secret fence admirer. As many will note I have been working on an “art installation” along my property line and trying to incorporate old yard tools into the installation.  
I was butting heads with my gardener (wife) by using her garden tools (which are still very much in play). That was causing some tension.  
When we returned home from the Copper Kettle Festival on Saturday someone had dropped off a lovely selection of old garden tools. These were really appreciated. They may have even saved my relationship with my gardener.  
This is one of the many things I love about Creemore. The generosity of our community is unparalleled.  
Thanks again.  
**Murray Lackie,**  
Creemore.

Katabasis takes us deep into the underworld of the mind

★ ★ ★ ★ ☆  
Like the stinging wasps in Dante’s *Inferno*, something needled me as I read *Katabasis*, the latest from **R.F. Kuang**, academic and best-selling author of *Yellowface*, *Babel*, and *The Poppy War* series.

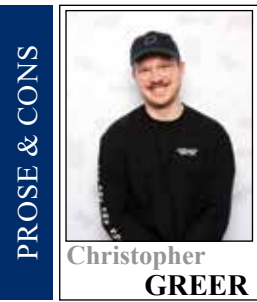
*Katabasis*, meaning descent into the underworld in ancient Greek, serves as title, plot device, and metaphor, culminating in a satire of academia.

When Grimes, a brilliant-but-toxic Cambridge professor, dies in a “magick” accident, Alice, our protagonist, is to blame. She made an error while prepping a pentagram for him and blew him to smithereens. With her academic and career prospects gone, Alice decides to follow him into Hell and bring him back. Who else but Grimes could approve her thesis and write the recommendation letter she needs to get a job?

But there’s a price. She must sacrifice half of her remaining life to cast the spell to descend into Hell.

Here’s the rub: I didn’t find this motivation believable. Really? Half a life for an academic posting? What a terrible bargain! Grimes made Alice miserable. There are other career paths. Who would make that trade?

But as I read on, I realized I’d been fooled. Alice’s actions were intentionally hard to believe. The rigours



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of Cambridge academia had sapped her will. Of course she’d sacrifice half her life to enter Hell and rescue Grimes, her ticket to prestige and validation.

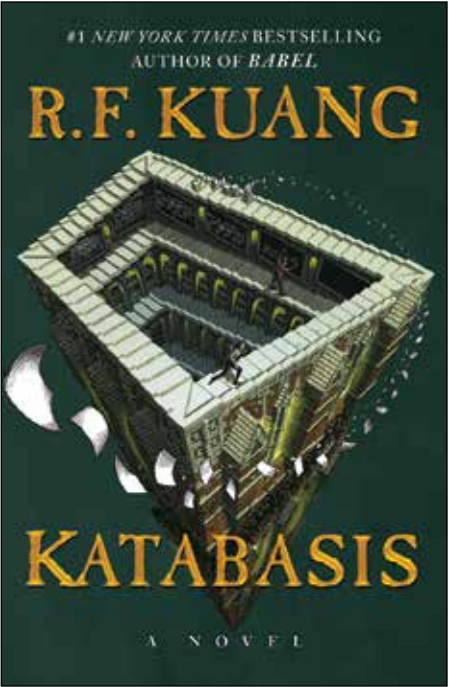
Alice isn’t the only one willing to make that trade. Peter, the class golden boy, also descends to Hell to rescue Grimes and his prospects.

Alice, cursed with a perfect memory by a cruel Grimes experiment, is “tired of the contents of her mind.”

“Alice had thought rescuing Professor Grimes from Hell was the solution to her problems – but why go to all that effort?” she asks herself on the banks of the Lethe, a mythical river in the underworld that washes away all memory. “She almost laughed. Here was the real answer: to wash away the dregs upon her mind and come out the other side dewy clean; a mewling babe ready to start afresh.”

Alice’s descent into Hell—which, not coincidentally, resembles Cambridge—is a metaphor for her mental health. She’s trapped between a desire for success and approval and a craving for oblivion. Given that, sacrificing half of her remaining life doesn’t sound so bad.

*Katabasis* has fantasy hallmarks like climactic battles, bizarre creatures, and exotic climes, but it is also a satire of academia, an interrogation into the cost of pursuing knowledge, and an exploration of seeking significance in



a world that often feels indifferent.  
Some might find the academic language and concepts alienating, but they reward a curious mind and make the characters seem more authentic. After all, they’re scholars. If you don’t mind some pretentious terminology, it’s worth the read.  
*Katabasis* was published Aug. 26. (Advanced reader copy provided courtesy of Harper Voyager for this review.)  
*Chris Greer is the co-owner of Nottawa Cottage Bookstore. He grew up in Creemore and has a degree in English from the University of Toronto.*

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# Going concerns

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in Creemore,” said Vachon. “So a lot of times we are stuck having to close down the washrooms because the holding tanks are full.”

Because the trailer is not hooked up to municipal water and sewer, during busy events, the 400-gallon holding tank is not keeping up, said Vachon. He said the service provider is not available to pump it out until Monday. He said it was initially estimated that the tank could be pumped out once per week, but in reality it needs to be pumped three or four times per week.

“Council and staff are going to have to reevaluate the effectiveness of that washroom,” he said. “Those portable washrooms were purchased and installed there as a temporary means to offset the pressure of what was going on with respect to the amount of folks using the Station on the Green washrooms and some of the conflicts with the clients.”

He said the hope is that a permanent solution is found.

Beelen would like to see washrooms and changing rooms added to the Village Green. He is also open to the idea of coin access facilities, like in Europe, to generate revenue and limit access to vandals.

“These big events need more washrooms,” said Beelen. “I don’t know why they’re not bringing in porta-potties.”

**Stuart Lazier**, a founding member of the Creemore Community Foundation that built the Village Green, said initially determined that the existing washrooms at Station on the Green would be adequate.

“Frankly we didn’t really know how successful it was going to be,” said Lazier. “But because of its success it has obviously created some issues.”

He said the Foundation is in the early stages of talks with the municipality.

“What we have to do is come up with a longer term solution which requires capital,” said Lazier. “We’re open to conversations about it.”

“I don’t see this as an acceptable long-term solution,” said Lazier.

He said thanks to Village Green manager **Jeremy Mantesso** the park has been hosting some great events, and as the community continues to engage and grow, these are the kind of problems that surface.

“Everyone is well aware of it and we’re thoughtful about it,” said Lazier. “It’s a problem now to manage for the township... and we’re happy to be part of a conversation for a solution.”

He said that conversation could include a financial contribution toward permanent facilities and bringing in addition portable toilets for big events.



Staff photos: Trina Berlo

Without breaking a sweat, **Steve Hills** from Wasaga Beach wins a contest to see who can hold a case of beer at shoulder height the longest at Creemore Springs Brewery’s Copper Kettle Festival on August 23; **Bob Garcia** and **Bill Molnar** win the cask competition with their salted blood orange IPA; **Jessica Trout** and **Cameron O’Hearn** serve their Honey IPA entry in the cask competition; the Beinn Gorm Highlanders drummers show off their skills with the sticks.



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# Padres power past Cardinals to clinch back-to-back title

by Scott Anderson

The Creemore Padres are North Dufferin Baseball League (NDBL) junior division champions for the second consecutive season, defeating the Innisfil Cardinals 10-0 in Game 4 on Aug. 21.

The two rivals, who also met in last year’s final, began the championship series on Aug. 13. The series was disrupted by rain, with three games postponed. Game 4 was delayed twice before finally being played in Innisfil.

The opening games were split, with Creemore taking Game 1 by an 11-1 score, and Innisfil edging the Padres 3-2 in Game 2.

In Game 3 on Aug. 18, the teams traded runs early, with Innisfil leading 5-4 after two innings.

Creemore responded with two runs in the third to retake the lead, added four in the fifth, and three more in the sixth. Innisfil scored once in both the fifth and sixth innings, but the game was called due to darkness before the seventh, giving Creemore a 13-7 win.

Both teams delivered big hits in the game. **Brady Wynne** hit a two-run homer for the Cardinals, while **Michael Dawe** tripled. **Sebastien Pasquali** and **Caden Firlotte** each doubled, and singles came from **Tyrus Harper**, **Jackson Levely**, **Ethan Robertson** and **Pasquali**.

Creemore racked up 16 hits, including a three-run homer from **Josh Hanley** and a two-run shot from **Seth Walker**. **Liam Reynolds** had a standout performance at the plate with two singles and two doubles. **Joseph Parke**, **Aidan Pain** and **Ben**

**Nicholson** each had two singles, while **Danny Herman**, **Nic Guthrie**, **Dale Critchley** and **Anson Dupuis** added one hit apiece.

**Justin Goldie** started on the mound for Innisfil, pitching five innings and allowing 10 runs on 12 hits. He walked four, hit one batter and struck out five.

**Caden Biemiller** pitched one inning in relief, giving up three runs on four hits and walking one.

Creemore’s **Trent Hill** pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up six runs on three hits, walking three and striking out two.

**Pain** closed out the game with 1 2/3 innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out one.

In the final game, the Padres dominated, scoring one run in the second inning, four in the third, two in the fourth, two in the sixth and one in the seventh.

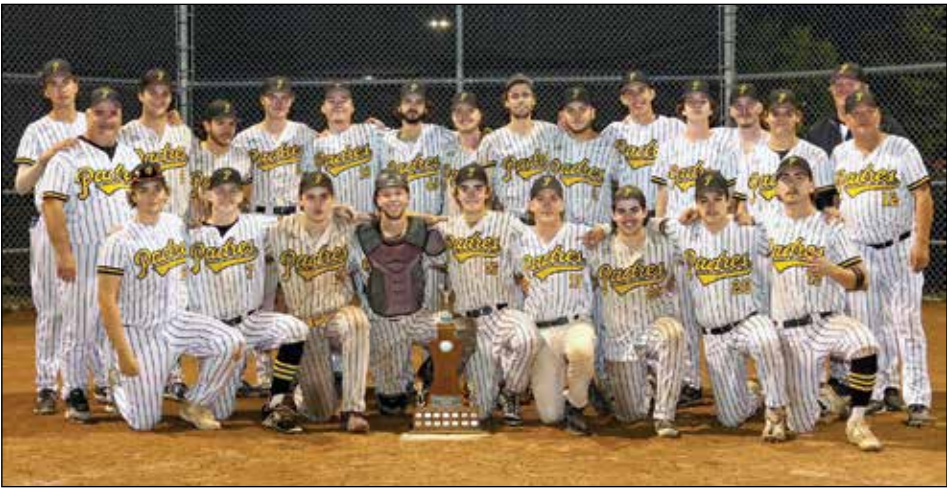
The Cardinals had scoring chances leaving 12 runners on base. In the first inning, they loaded the bases, but Creemore’s ace **Guthrie** struck out the next three batters to escape the jam.

Only four Innisfil players recorded hits: **Aidan Farrow** doubled, while **Brennan Hedrick**, **Dawe** and **Pasquali** each singled.

Creemore’s offence was powered by three home runs from **Herman**, **Guthrie** and **Dupuis**. **Dupuis** also singled, as did **Pain**, **Nicholson** and **Dylan Brown**.

**Guthrie**’s pitching was key to the win. Over five innings, he allowed no runs on three hits, walked seven and struck out 14.

**Pain** was called in for relief again, and pitched the final two innings, giving up one hit and striking out one.



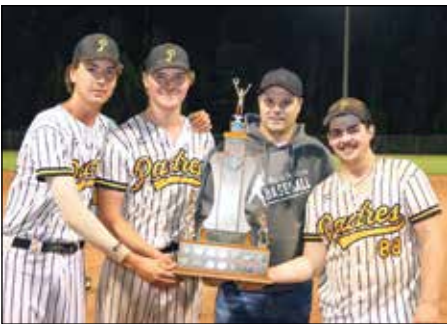
David Anderson photos

The Creemore Padres won their second-straight NDBL 2025 junior division championship on Aug. 21. From left: **Brady Reynolds**, coach **Chris Hayward**, **Tait Lightheart**, **Ben Nicholson**, **Luke Millsap**, **Aiden Pain**, **Josh McBride**, **Dale Critchley**, **Joseph Parke**, **Logan Sheppard**, **Danny Herman**, **Nolan Reynolds**, **Alexander Johnston**, **Jacob Armstrong**, coach **Jesse McIntyre**, coach **Tim Armstrong**. Front row, from left: **Seth Walker**, **Josh Hanley**, **Anson Dupuis**, **Dylan Brown**, **Nic Guthrie**, **Lukas Hayward**, **Wylie Ferris**, **Josh Young**, **Liam Reynolds**. Missing from photo: **Griffin MacIntyre**, **Trent Hill**, **Timmy Herman**.

**Dawe** started for Innisfil, allowing seven runs on five hits over 4 2/3 innings. He walked six, hit one batter and struck out three.

**Noah Ubogi** entered in the fifth to record the final out and pitched the last two innings, giving up three runs on two hits, hitting one batter and striking out one.

After the game, league secretary and junior division convenor **Scott Anderson** presented the Anderson Trophy to **Brady Reynolds**, **Luke Millsap** and **Wylie Ferris** of Creemore. The trio accepted the hardware on behalf of the team as back-to-back NDBL champions.



NDBL secretary **Scott Anderson** (third from left) presents the Anderson Trophy to **Brady Reynolds**, **Luke Millsap** and **Wylie Ferris**.

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# 8U Stayner baseball team celebrates B-side championship win

by Lisa Soules

What a season to remember for our local Stayner White Sox! This group of young ballplayers capped off their year with an incredible victory, bringing home the B-Side Championship after a season filled with growth, learning, and plenty of fun.

Back in the spring, some of these kids were picking up a baseball glove for the very first time. Fundamentals like throwing, catching, and base running were all new skills to learn. Fast forward a few months, and this same team was turning groundouts, tagging runners, and making smart plays in the field.

Their playoff run showed just how far they'd come. They played intense back to back games and didn't let rain delays or tough opponents dampen their spirits. In the championship game, Stayner edged out Angus in a thrilling 17-15 battle that had fans on the edge of their seats. The Stayner White Sox were hot, with doubles flying fast off their bats, RBIs piling up, and even an infield home run to ignite the cheering crowd. On defence, the team worked together to rack up forced outs, groundouts, and tags that showed off their growing confidence and teamwork.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedication of the coaching staff. With



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Stayner Minor Baseball's 8U White Sox team won the season's B-side championships.

patience, encouragement, and countless hours spent teaching, the coaches helped these kids not only learn the game but also fall in love with it.

The team and families would also like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to this year's sponsors, whose support made the season extra special. A special shout-out goes to Jamie's Main and Local for keeping spirits high (and bellies full) with the ice cream that

was so well enjoyed by players and fans alike.

The B-Side Championship win is a proud moment for the players, their families, and the entire community. But more than the title, what stands out is the heart, determination, and friendships built along the way. Congratulations to the 8U Stayner White Sox on a season that will be remembered for years to come.

## FUN & Games

### Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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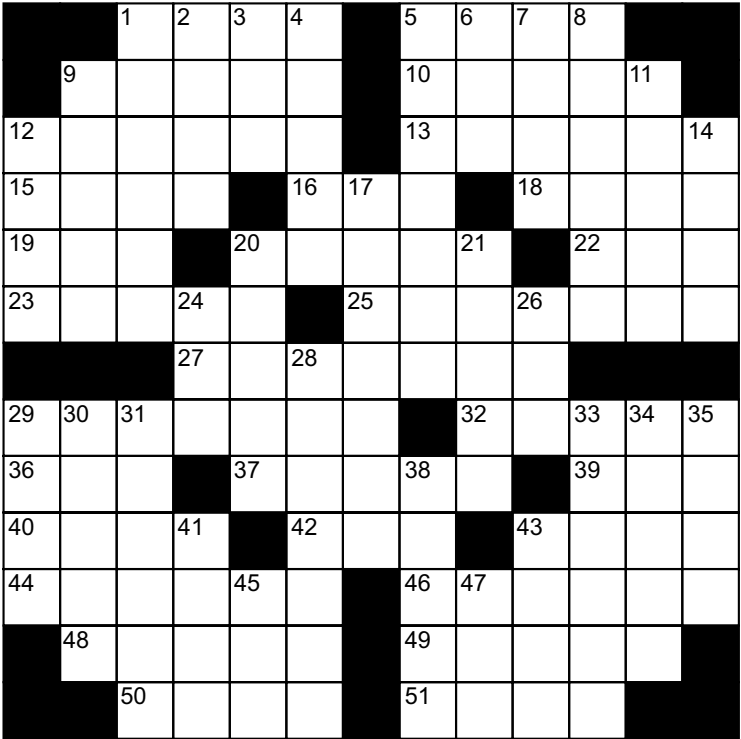
What do cell phones and dogs have in common?

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## Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

### ACROSS

- Think over
- Cut into pieces (with "up")
- Canadian whose parents were Japanese immigrants
- Ruinous damage
- Cram for an exam
- Site for curved hairs
- Easily heard
- Rattler in a whistle
- Tear apart
- Manitoba's neighbour (abbr.)
- Slender, graceful girl
- Break a Commandment
- Tearful
- "Harry Potter and the \_\_\_\_ Hallows"
- It can be used for religious rituals
- Shape
- Make one's hair look fuller
- Egg cells
- Airport problem, sometimes
- Faulty firecracker
- Crumbly earthy deposit
- "See you later"
- Lose hair, like a dog
- Lists of printing mistakes
- Cure
- Sing like Wilf Carter did
- Habituate
- In a good way
- Cutting side of a blade



### DOWN

- Sixty seconds
- Not new
- Monetary unit of Moldova and Romania
- Given to back talk
- Beat down the price of
- "You have to make it while the sun shines"
- On the other side of
- Make smooth and shiny
- Opposite of everybody
- Using good manners
- Be out of breath
- Refuse to acknowledge
- Past middle age
- Ecclesiastical council
- Too quick or careless
- Orchestra's place
- Curling target
- It's white with no number on it
- Reach a destination
- Flower part
- Of slender width
- Become stuck to
- Jacket material
- Circular movement of water
- Nest built on a cliff
- Take on cargo
- Complacent
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## THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone for making our 60th wedding anniversary special and memorable! We enjoyed your company and appreciate all of your thoughtful cards and kind wishes!  
*Anne & Murray*

The family of Isobel Morby is deeply grateful for the love, prayers and support shown to us after her passing. Your kindness has brought us comfort and will always be remembered. A special thanks Pastor Rob Harwood, Best Centered Care, Saint Elizabeth, LIHN, Shawn at Carruthers and Davidson Funeral Home, plus mom's amazing caregiver Cathy.  
*The families of Isobel Morby*

## DEATH NOTICE



**SMITH, Hilton** - Hilton transitioned peacefully into his eternal home in heaven, surrounded by the love of his family at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, two weeks after his 85th birthday. The Stayner community was home to Hilton for his entire life. He was the beloved husband of Edna (née Baird) for a little over 61 wonderful years. Loving father of Kevin (Laura Lee) and Darrin (Beth). Cherished grandfather of Charlotte and Lilia. Dear brother of Margaret "Peg" (late Bob). Brother-in-law to Ina (née Baird) (late Harvey), Ellen (née Baird) (Robert). Proud uncle of Debbie, Denise, Lisa (Jamie), Trevor (Tanya), Laura (Gordon), Karen (Nathan) and Linda (Nicholas). He will be lovingly remembered by the Smith, Baird and McGibbon families and all his friends. Hilton was born on Aug. 3, 1940, to parents Gordon and Lillie Smith. He had a special love for his family, social gatherings and every buffet table he met. His presence was always warmly felt and his love for cats was as gentle and loyal as he was. When president of Smith Bros. Farms Ltd., Hilton took pride managing employees and crops, and later assisting management at Martin Ready Mix, in partnership with the family farm. As a licensed AZ truck driver, working at Winchester Equipment, GW Gascho Construction – A2B Haulage, or helping his good friends Roger and Bill McLeod of Mountain View Farms, gave him many more opportunities to use his skills and follow another of his passions. Over the last 38 years, Hilton and Edna enjoyed many travel adventures as they grew their business with the AIM Companies, successfully achieving the highest level of Chairman's Club Directors. Many precious friends were made along their journey and lifelong relationships formed. For many years, Hilton served as an elder as well as chairman of the board of managers at First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood. As a gifted vocalist, Hilton's voice resonated through the choir, Messengers Quartet, men's chorus, Outreach Singers and the beloved Singing Christmas Tree — bringing joy and inspiration to many. Even after he retired from the choir, Hilton continued to serenade the love of his life with the many gospel songs that were their favourites during praise times at home. Hilton's legacy lives on in the hearts of those who shared in his laughter, his music, and his unwavering love and kindness. Private interment, Stayner Union Cemetery. A celebration of Hilton's life is being planned, and details will follow when available. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please indicate your intent to join us by completing the RSVP form. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Hilton to the Canadian Bible Society or the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation – Dialysis Unit would be appreciated by the family. To RSVP or to sign Hilton's Book of Memories, please visit [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com).

## DEATH NOTICE



**DENNIS, Peter** – Peter Dennis is deeply missed by his wife Paulette, sister Julie Dennis, niece Kris Mancuso, children Martine and Mark, (Laura), and grandchildren, Logan Ingold, Jack and Riley Dennis. His was a life of creativity: plein-air painting as a youth in the islands of Georgian Bay on summer canoe trips; graduation from the Ontario College of Art (OCA) in industrial design, 1966; designing and fabricating many commercial installations during Toronto's building boom of the '70s and '80s; to a teaching career at Georgian College. In 1977, Peter accepted a teaching exchange with a sculptor in Northampton, England. The family packed up and flew off for a year of adventure: travelling around Great Britain for the summer of 1977 by car, teaching a whole new curriculum for the academic year in Northampton, and touring France and Italy with backpacks and two children, aged five and seven, the following summer. The family returned to Canada and Peter resumed his teaching at Georgian College. While in England, Peter became inspired by the growing trends in solar heating and began to design a passive solar house, which was completed in 1980. In 2006, Peter and Paulette moved to Collingwood so Peter could pursue his own personal creativity. He had two solo exhibitions of intricate moveable automata at the Mad and Noisy Gallery in Creemore and at the Double Door Gallery in Anton Mills. His life was filled with creativity and kindness, and he will be missed by all who knew him and deeply mourned by his family. A celebration of life will be announced in the near future. Friends may visit Peter's online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com).

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Trivia: Noisy River Telephone Company

## Church Directory

*Knox Presbyterian Church*

10 a.m. Sunday  
Rev. Carson Hansford  
8933 County Rd. 9, Dunedin

**CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**

9:30 a.m. Sunday  
Pastor Micah denBok  
22 Caroline St. W., Creemore  
705-430-6056

[clearviewcommunity.church](http://clearviewcommunity.church)

*St. Luke's Anglican Church*

Sunday services at 11:15 a.m.


Rev. Sharon Sangster and Rev. Lorna May  
22 Caroline St. W., Creemore  
705-352-2759 or 705-466-2206  
[www.stlukescreemore.ca](http://www.stlukescreemore.ca)

**CREEMORE & NEW LOWELL PASTORAL CHARGE**

No summer services - June 28 to Aug. 31

Rev. Jane Sullivan • 705-466-2200  
[newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com](http://newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com)  
[www.stjohnscreemore.ca](http://www.stjohnscreemore.ca)





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Communications available in alternative formats upon request.

SEASONAL OPERATORS, PUBLIC WORKS  
(ROADS)

Seasonal Roads Operators | Winter Patrol Operators  
Sidewalk Operators

Clearview Township is currently seeking seasonal full-time (40 hours per week) Roads Operators (Days & Afternoons), Winter Patrol Operators, and Sidewalk Operators beginning October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through to approximately April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Clearview Township is located in a region that has a long history as one of Ontario's favorite tourist and vacation destinations, attracting over 2 million visitors annually. Our community offers all the modern urban amenities with the attractiveness and friendly charm of small-town quality of life.

Key Accountabilities

Reporting to the Public Works Operations Manager and Roads Supervisor, the Seasonal Roads Operators are responsible for assisting the Public Works Roads department with snow removal, sanding, inspecting, and repairing road infrastructure, as well as clearing sidewalks, patrolling roads, and ensuring compliance with current Road Safety standards.

Skills and Experience

- Minimum Grade 12 education with 2 years of demonstrated experience operating heavy equipment.
- In addition to operating heavy equipment, must possess the ability to operate utility trucks, pumps, compressors, generators, common hand and power tools, shovels, wrenches, two-way radios, and phones.
- Valid DZ Driver's License with a clean Driver's Abstract.
- Current WHIMIS training.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Knowledge of safety standards and precautions pertaining to the use of tools and safe work practices.
- Ability to understand, read, and follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to perform heavy manual labour, including bending, stooping, reaching, and lifting heavy objects.
- Physical strength and ability sufficient to meet job requirements for extended periods under uncomfortable conditions in all types of weather.
- In case of urgent call-ins, must be able to respond to the workplace within 30 minutes.

Salary:

Currently: \$30.06 per hour (2025) plus 4% vacation pay.

*Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a criminal background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.*

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2025 - 033** to Human Resources **by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025** to: [hr@clearview.ca](mailto:hr@clearview.ca)

*We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please. The Township of Clearview is an equal opportunity employer.*

Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).  
Please visit: [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)

SEASONAL RECREATION MAINTENANCE

Clearview Township is currently seeking one (1) seasonal part-time (24 hours per week) Recreation Maintenance for the period of approximately September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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Key Accountabilities:

Reporting to the Supervisor of Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, the Seasonal Recreation Maintenance is responsible for providing operational and maintenance services to Clearview Township's municipal facilities to ensure that all parks, recreation facilities, municipal buildings, and equipment are kept in a high standard of operational effectiveness and efficiency. The preferred candidate will possess a strong working knowledge of building maintenance, operation, and repair practices and procedures, as well as the ability to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

Skills and Experience:

- Minimum Grade 12 education with 2 years of demonstrated progressive municipal experience or any combination of education and experience.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Ability and knowledge to operate an Ice Resurfacer.
- Knowledge of standard hand and power tools and equipment used in facilities maintenance activities, and the ability to operate such safely and effectively.
- Knowledge of safety standards and precautions for using tools and safe work practices.
- Ability to understand, read, and follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to perform heavy manual labour, including bending, stooping, reaching, and lifting heavy objects.
- Physical strength and ability sufficient to meet job requirements for extended periods under uncomfortable conditions in all types of weather.
- Ability to climb on ladders.
- Related training in arena refrigeration process, ice maintenance, pools, and parks operations (Class B Refrigeration Certificate, Pool Operator Certificate preferred).
- Current certification in Standard First Aid, CPR "C" with AED and WHIMIS.

Salary:

Currently: \$28.48 per hour (2025) plus 4% vacation pay.

*Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a criminal background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.*

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2025 - 032** to Human Resources **by September 2, 2025**, to: [hr@clearview.ca](mailto:hr@clearview.ca)

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