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Stayner and District Kinsmen's inaugural Harvest Street Festival drew more than 1,000 people to the main street on Sept. 13 for a dance and community social. The Kinsmen received permission to close Highway 26 to vehicles for the event aimed to support the town and its businesses. Kinsmen **Gerry Goorts** said the size of the crowd, entertained by the Strange Potatoes, exceeded expectations.

Mulmur tries speed cameras in hot spot

by Trina Berlo

Signs have been installed on River Road in Terra Nova to notify motorists that Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technology will soon be in operation.

This month, Mulmur council passed three bylaws to authorize the use of speed cameras in partnership with Global Traffic Group and Essa Township.

In 2019 the Government of Ontario passed legislation allowing municipalities to deploy ASE in designated Community Safety Zones and School Zones. Also known as Photo Radar, ASE is an automated system that uses a camera and a speed measurement device to detect and capture images of vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. ASE is focused on altering driver behaviour to decrease speeding and increase safety.

The cameras are anticipated to go live in the first quarter of 2026.

Currently, Mulmur has two zones that qualify for ASE use – on River Road (20 Sideroad) and County Road 19 near the elementary school – but council has the authority to create others where warranted.

Mayor **Janet Horner** said council is aware of other hot spots where excessive speed is a problem.

Of River Road Horner said, "We've been trying all kinds of things there to slow people down and nothing seems to be working well."

They have tried increased enforcement using special paid duty officers, but they are hard to get because of staffing shortages. Horner said it is challenging to hire officers for weekend shifts, and that is when speeding is the most problematic. She said they'd prefer to use officers than

machines but they are unavailable and more costly.

Horner said council decided to try this technology on River Road at the Pine River school community safety zone as a way to reduce the speed.

The road has been closed for construction but Horner said it is expected speeding will continue to be a problem once the road re-opens.

There is no cost to the municipality and the administration will be handled by Essa Township, who shares the revenue with the vendor, the Government of Ontario and Mulmur.

"We don't get very much out of this so it's not the cash grab that everyone thinks it is," said Horner. "The money is going other places. The tool is what we need to help reduce speed."

"Residents for years and years and years, in this particular part of Mulmur, (See 'Vehicle' on page 3)

Stagnant water causes foul odour

Hearing complaints about a foul smell emanating through the village of Creemore, beginning last Friday and intensifying through the weekend, *The Echo* lodged a query with the Township of Clearview's public works department.

Director **Dan Perreault** reported that staff had responded to a call Saturday and that the source of the smell appeared to be stagnant water in the storm sewer basins along Mill Street.

He said staff flushed the storm drains and subsequently found a restriction at the outlet pipe at the Mad River at the south end of Mill Street.

Work was being done to clear the restriction and continue flushing the system.

Staff also note that catch basin cleaning is slated for the fall to further clean the system.

Increasing theft of copper wire

Dufferin OPP is seeing an increase in copper thefts across the region.

The thefts involve telephone wires, utility lines, and cable boxes, and are primarily occurring in rural or poorly lit areas, including parks and other secluded locations, often during the overnight hours. In many cases, the wires are cut from utility poles, dragged to the roadside, and then retrieved at a later date.

There have been reports of people carrying out the thefts in broad daylight while wearing reflective gear to pose as legitimate road or utility workers.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity, such as individuals cutting wires or handling utility equipment, is asked to call 911 or 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous tips can be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.

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 - **Line dancing is cancelled for the next 3 weeks.** 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.
- Saturday, Sept. 20

 - **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.
 - The SilverShoe Historical Society's annual **candlelight service** from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethel Union Pioneer Cemetery, 2249 Creemore Ave. New Lowell.
 - The Museum of Dufferin hosts the inaugural **Earth and Fire: Clay and Glass Festival**, a one-day celebration of artistry and craftsmanship. This event invites art lovers, collectors, and visitors of all ages to explore and purchase works from a collection of handcrafted pieces. Highlights include over 30 clay and glass vendors, kids' crafts, pre-registered workshops, glass gallery tours, silent auction, and food and drink vendors. More info at www.dufferinmuseum.com/earth-and-fire-clay-and-glass.
- Sunday, Sept. 21

 - The **Singhampton Farmers' Market** takes place Sundays until Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park on Hwy. 124.
 - Lilac tree farm **garden open** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's tree time. Snake-barked, trifoliolate maples. Mountain ash with varied berry colours. A 20ft+ seven-son flower tree (Heptacodium) in flower, a sky-high Kentucky Coffee Tree, a lakeside-loving Parrotia (but we have no lake), the silver willow-leaved pear, giant Paulownia foliage, sturdy Zelkovas. Stroll the tree-lined Goosefoot and the Escarpment's edge. Colchicums in profusion, Chinese lespedezas in flower. 'Nature to advantage dress'd'. 547231, Sideroad 8, Mulmur L9V 2T5 lilactreefarm@gmail.com.
- Monday, Sept. 22

 - Stayner Garden Club **visitors night** at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner. 7 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. with speaker Marija Main on biophilic design through art and gardens with a short meeting to follow
- Tuesday, Sept. 23

 - **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.
- Wednesday, Sept. 24

 - Join a dynamic group of 100+ women supporting the work of local charities in our communities through the power of collective giving. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with the **meeting** running 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Collingwood Legion. Over \$550,000 donated so far to community initiatives in South Georgian Triangle. New members always welcome. If you're curious learn more at www.100womensouthgeorgiantriangle.com
- Friday, Sept. 26

 - 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.
 - 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. For more information or vendor inquiries contact Bigheartmarkets@gmail.com.
 - 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. \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids up to 12 years old, children 5 and under are free.
- Sunday, Sept. 28

 - The ACCCC Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada Nottawasaga Region, in conjunction with the Stayner Legion Branch 457, are hosting a **car show** featuring vehicles of all makes and models from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone welcome, 50/50 raffle, BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs available for purchase, plus giveaways throughout the day. All vehicles welcome. The Legion is located at 7149 Highway 26, East Stayner. For more information contact the branch at 705-428-3809.
- Wednesday, Oct. 1

 - **Official opening** of the new Pine River Bruce Trail parking lot. Official opening of the newest parking lot in the Dufferin Hi-Land section of the Bruce Trail. This event will be attended by Bruce Trail Conservancy representatives and local Public Works personnel along with Directors and members of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club. dufferinbruceclub.org
- Sunday, Oct. 5

 - Join us in Blue Mountain Village for the **CIBC Run for the Cure** in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Jozo Weider Blvd., The Blue Mountains 8 a.m. to noon. For more information visit www.support.cancer.ca
- Wednesday, Oct. 8

 - Collingwood **blood donation event** at the Collingwood Legion from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Start changing lives today including your own. Please book your appointment now at blood.ca, on the GiveBlood app or by calling 1-888-236-6283.
- Saturday, Oct. 11

 - Creemore Village Green presents **Harvest Fest** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The farmers' market will be running from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the Horse and Hound parade starting at 11 a.m. Join us for music, a floral pumpkin sale, arts, crafts and face painting. There will be fun for the whole family including photo booths, tarot cards, gratitude tree, a food drive, and apple pie contest.
- Saturday, Oct. 18

 - TD Tree Day's **tree planting** at Carruthers Park in Avening. To sign up and more information visit events@nvca.on.ca
- Friday, Oct. 24

 - **Witches Walk** downtown Stayner from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Downtown Stayner. Get ready for one of the most enchanting nights of the year as the Witches Walk returns to Downtown Stayner. This beloved community tradition is being revived and reimagined by the Clearview Chamber, bringing fresh energy and ideas, while still keeping the spirit of fun you remember. Enjoy a night out filled with a scavenger hunt, snap and spell: costume photo contest, haunted storefront showdown contest, specials and giveaways from local participating businesses, Witches Walk After Party at Friends Pub from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and more. Whether you're dressing up or just showing up for the vibes, it's the perfect excuse to grab your coven and enjoy a wickedly fun night out. Full details and registration: www.ClearviewChamber.com.

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New Mad River channel complete

by Bonnie MacPherson

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) has wrapped up its latest project at Carruthers Memorial Park in Avening.

A 125-metre side channel has been constructed in the area to restore natural flow patterns to the river.

Laura Wensink of the NVCA says the Mad River often splits into two or three channels as is typical for a shallow river. At some point, prior to the 1980s, portions of the river were excavated to straighten its path, resulting in a loss of fish habitat and an increase in erosion.

“They altered naturally occurring river patterns with islands and large mid-stream boulders,” said Wensink. “When we studied the river further upstream from where this straightening occurred, we found more fish species and a healthier rainbow trout population.”

The conservation authority has undertaken several projects in Carruthers Park since 2023 including a major bank stabilization and tree planting to diversify the plant stock. The most recent work involved creation of a side channel roughly two metres wide which will divert up to one-fifth of the river’s flow. Wensink says the overarching goal is to diversify habitat and encourage biodiversity, keeping the river healthy for all users.

The value of this year’s work at Carruthers Park is roughly \$25,000 which Wensink says was supported by donors including Bass Pro and Cabella’s, the Township of Clearview, TD Bank and the Friends of the Mad River.

Volunteers are invited to join in a day of tree planting at the park on Saturday, Oct. 18 as part of TD Tree Days. For sign up information, visit events@nvca.on.ca.

Vehicle owner’s driving record not impacted

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have been adamant that the speeds are too high and the noise is too loud. We can’t do much about noise but we can try to do something about speed,” said Horner.

“We will reassess,” she said. “If this costs us more hassle and aggravation than it does what we are wanting it to do then we can decide we don’t want to do it anymore.”

Horner said council is considering creating a community safety zone in Honeywood, but cooperation from the county will be required. She said there is also a desire to see speed reduction on Airport Road.

How it works: When a vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit in an ASE area, the ASE system captures an image. A provincial offences officer reviews the image and issues a ticket. The ticket, including a digital copy of the image and an enlargement of the licence plate, is mailed to the registered plated holder within 30 days of the offence.

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EDITORIAL

Community newspaper should be exempt from postal flyer ban

In an attempt to get Canada Post back to the bargaining table, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is escalating its strike action to include Neighbourhood Mail. Postal workers will not be processing or delivering unaddressed flyers.

This move means Canada Post will lose a large revenue stream, and Canadians won't get news of the weekly specials from the grocery store. Unfortunately, at this time, it also means that unaddressed community newspapers, government mailings and election related mail will be impacted too.

While we continue to support the union's efforts to negotiate a fair contract, we believe that community newspapers deserve special treatment. A community newspaper is much different than a flyer. At a time when there is an increasing interest in maintaining and preserving independent local journalism, it feels unfair to target community newspapers.

We join those advocates calling on Canada Post and CUPW to make an exception.

As a client of Canada Post, *The Creemore Echo* is able to distribute the newspaper for an affordable fee to various neighbourhoods in Clearview and Mulmur. Newspapers mailed to specific addresses require a sticker and cost more, as well as eliminate the inclusive distribution we believe is so important to our community.

Therefore, using the Neighbourhood Mail program is an efficient and economical way to get the newspaper to all mailboxes. The union may be looking for job action that will minimize the impact on residents and place it on Canada Post's bottom line but people across Canada value their local newspapers (for the most part). We hear regularly from people who lament the loss of their own community newspaper, and say their communities are less cohesive as a result.

A flyer may tell you when you can get a two-for-one sub at Subway but will it inform you of a public meeting you didn't know you wanted to attend, or an event you don't want to miss?

If you agree, let your member of parliament know how much you value your local newspaper and hope there is pressure to get Canada Post back to the bargaining table, or for CUPW to exempt newspaper from the ban.

During the strike, subscribers, boosters, champions and patrons are eligible to receive a stickered copy in the mail. If you have not received a notification about this via email please contact our office to be included in this program.

Anyone who wants to receive a digital copy of *The Creemore Echo* for free by email can sign up at creemore.com.

As was the case during the last strike, we will increase the number of papers being dropped off at dealers and distributors in our coverage area.

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Feedback and old photos welcome

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THE WAY WE WERE

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Mixing business with pleasure at Millsaps'

On Sunday, at the Millsap home, a Heritage Group Steering Committee was formed, then later enjoyed a Bocce Ball Tournament and delicious meal.

Left to right: Peter Stransky, Vivian Pounder, Lorne Stewart, Myrna Johnson, Barb Stransky, Helen Stewart, Dorothy Ann Millsap, June Carruthers, Pete Millsap, Hazel Parrish, Bill Johnson, Rod Robinson, Glenn Millsap, Donna Robinson, Ellen Craig, Wayne Weatherall, Brian Pounder, Jack Craig and Diane Millsap.

LETTERS

A-OTHR poses ecological threat

Editor:

Thank you to each and every one of you who showed up for the NORAD presentation on Wednesday. I'm not sure about others, but it came onto my 'radar' pretty quickly.

I am grateful that so many of us made it a priority to be there. Many thoughtful, intelligent, and wise questions/concerns were shared by members of the GCA (Greater Creemore Area.)

It was quite a surprise to hear that both our provincial and municipal offices had no idea about this massive project until five weeks ago. The blatant secretive nature of our federal government is alarming.

After the evening meeting, a few small groups stayed to talk with the panel in a more informal way. After that, we left the Station, and three of us chatted about native flowers and the amazing seeds that would be coming our way via Brenna's initiative with The Sierra Club.

It was a weird and memorable moment: the

juxtaposition of a community seed project to help our pollinators (and ultimately us humans) and the Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) project intending to flatten (literally) 1000s of acres of prime agricultural land.

As a community that has hosted meetings about agricultural practices that can help nurture and build healthy soil and increase food security, we are now faced with a major ecological threat.

If you are also opposed to this ridiculous scheme, please email me at NfldAdventures@gmail.com so we can continue this conversation and find ways to support our farmers and landowners. If you are already connected to concerned citizens, please be in touch so we can collaborate.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" – Margaret Mead.

Ayrlie MacEachern,
Singhampton.

Farmers threatened by radar project

Editor:

As we were puttering in our shop, we heard the sound of a tractor with forage harvester and wagon turning into our field across the road. It was two of my neighbours coming to gather some of our surplus hay to feed their sheep this winter. As I walked over, I wondered if this would be the last opportunity to witness such an operation. Wish I had taken a picture.

All three of us are threatened by the DND radar project. The forage is going to a local property being refurbished to welcome those sheep from another farm elsewhere in Clearview. Are those refurbishments

for naught. Or very little? Another neighbour asked, "What do we plant? Do we fix? How do we make this go away?"

We will go ahead with our fall harvest and planting intentions. The seed is here, most of it has been paid. Besides, we need the therapy of doing what we've enjoyed the last few decades.

Some lost their homes to forest fires this summer; some did not. If this fire comes upon us, there will be no home to which to return.

Ed Pridham,
Clearview.

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LETTERS

Our health must be a priority, not an afterthought

Editor:

I'm alarmed by the Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) project and its potential health and environmental risks. While national defence matters, the lack of transparency around electromagnetic radiation exposure is unacceptable.

The Department of National Defence admits there are radiation hazard zones but hasn't released detailed data to the public. The site spans 550 hectares of beautiful farmland and borders one of the largest and most ecologically important wetlands in southern Ontario. We deserve clarity on the thousands of towers planned and didn't get it at the public meeting.

High-powered radar systems can produce intense electromagnetic fields of radiation that could effect cellular function, the nervous system, and long-term health. Continued installation of EMF-emitting devices and towers are pushing us past a tipping point of cumulative exposure. Canada's Safety Code 6 is outdated, focusing only on short-term heating effects and ignoring long-term impacts and global studies.

Dr. Magda Havas has summarized studies by Dr. Zory Glaser, a military researcher, documenting the effects from non-ionizing radiation and radar exposure.

The Department of National Defence states the radar will operate in the three-to 30-MHz range High Frequency (HF), which I fear is associated with biological effects.

More concerning is the absence of signal strength data. Frequency alone doesn't define risk, power does. Building Biology guidelines recommend RF levels below 10 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ in sleeping areas. I am doubtful that surrounding homes will not be affected.

The feedback window closed Sept. 15. This isn't meaningful consultation—it feels like a check-box exercise.

I urge local officials, media, and residents to demand full disclosure and independent oversight. Baseline Electro Magnetic Field readings must be taken now. Our health and this precious environment must not be sidelined.

Chris McKenzie,
Clearview.

Send letters to the editor to 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.



Tom Arndt captured a photo of the northern lights Sept. 14 from atop Ten Hill on Fairgrounds Road South.

Cycling behaviour causes hazard

Editor:

While driving on Riverside Drive (Nottawasaga Concession 6) between Creemore and Glen Huron last month, this was the third such group of bikers clearly occupying the entire driving lane.

As the photo shows they are going up a hill making it impossible to safely pass.

Clearview needs to post and enforce bicycles to ride in single file before a terrible and completely avoidable tragedy from occurring.

Paul Arnill,
Duntroon.



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Robert McArthur leads the send-off for the 45th annual Terry Fox Run in Creemore on Sept. 14. Close to 50 people participated in the event, raising more than \$7,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research at the Terry Fox Research Institute.

Creemore’s Terry Fox Run raises \$7,000, donations still welcome

The spirit of community and determination was on full display this past weekend as Creemore hosted the 45th Anniversary Terry Fox Run/Walk/Cycle.

Nearly 50 participants came together to honour Terry’s legacy and raise funds for cancer research, bringing in over \$7,000 so far – and donations are still being accepted.

A special thanks goes out to the local school kids, whose enthusiasm and fundraising efforts may help Creemore surpass last year’s total. Their involvement truly reflects Terry’s dream of inspiring young

people to make a difference.

The event wouldn’t have been possible without the generous support of local businesses, who donated prizes and gifts, as well as the dedicated volunteers and community members who made the day a success.

There’s still time to contribute and help Creemore break its record! Donations can be made online at run.terryfox.ca/92847 directly through local fundraising initiatives.

– Submitted by *Patty Cleary*, event organizer

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Sick Kids champion nears fundraising milestone

by Bonnie MacPherson

He's a familiar face at area events. Wherever there are people, you are likely to find **Raymond Hardisty** soliciting donations for the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Sick Kids is very near to Hardisty's heart. Diagnosed with a rare blood disorder as an infant, he was treated there for a compromised immune system. From the age of five months until he was three, Hardisty had frequent hospital visits where he lay with an IV in each hand and each foot. By the time he was four, the blood disorder had evolved into leukaemia requiring chemotherapy, radiation and a splenectomy. Eventually a bone marrow donor match was found and after many weeks in isolation, Hardisty was finally released in June of 1994 in time to celebrate his fifth birthday at home. But there was one more major hurdle in store. Following the bone marrow transplant, he developed graft versus host disease.

A lesser mortal might have given up in the face of all these challenges but Hardisty is not the quitting sort. As a young man working at Dairy Queen in Stayner, he started fundraising for Sick Kids in 2008. Every visitor to the restaurant was asked to purchase a paper balloon, first for one dollar, then later for two. When he took a leave from the DQ job at the start of the pandemic, he wanted to continue fundraising so he and three friends staged a concert at the Collingwood Legion. They held bottle drives that became so successful they were picking up empties from multiple locations several times per week. Hardisty attended car shows, farmers' markets and all sorts of social engagements walking around with his sign and collecting donations.

"The reaction is always very positive when you mention Sick Kids," he says. "People are forever telling me stories about how their daughter or niece or grandchild was helped there. I love to hear those stories and hear how they are doing now."

Hardisty feels a very deep, personal connection to the hospital.

"I've been there and I know what a great place it is and how hard all the doctors and nurses work around the clock to provide the very best care," he said. "I know that every day there is at least one kid wondering, 'when will this be over? When can I go home?' That's what keeps me going."



Raymond Hardisty

In 2023, Hardisty's cumulative fundraising total surpassed \$100,000. So he decided the next target should be \$200,000. He is now just \$1,937 shy of that goal.

One of the major events on his fundraising calendar is an annual golf tournament at Marlwood Golf and Country Club in Wasaga Beach. In 2016, the tournament was renamed Ray's of Light in his honour. This summer the tournament raised \$12,634.

During the pandemic, Hardisty's efforts came to the attention of the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation and they launched a special page to support him. Donations can be made at fundraise.sickkidsfoundation.com/raymondsfundraiserforsickkids.

Even with the \$200,000 milestone in reach, Hardisty shows no signs of slowing down. His next goal is to round the fund up to an even quarter of a million dollars.

When he does take a break from fundraising, Hardisty would like to try his hand at acting and see if he has what it takes to make it in Hollywood. He's not quite sure how to get started, but with his spirit and determination, who knows what he can achieve.

100 Men Who Care supports Candlelighters Simcoe

At its June 2025 meeting, 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay chose to support Candlelighters Simcoe by donating over \$12,200 to support their programs and services for families impacted by childhood cancer in Simcoe County and the surrounding area.

Candlelighters Simcoe, founded in 1990 by the parent of a childhood cancer patient, is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization providing support services for pediatric cancer patients, and to those they depend on for strength and support.

The programs and services support the needs of the entire family, helping alleviate both the emotional and financial stress that families of children with cancer deal with daily.

The programs are facilitated by parents whose children have been diagnosed with cancer. Those support services and programs include parental group meetings; expressive art therapy for the children; teen group activities; bereavement support and more. Financial assistance is provided through an emergency relief fund and Christmas sponsorship programs.

The School Support Program includes presentations to classmates of the impacted children, educators, administrators and school board staff.

"'Your child has cancer' are words no parent should hear. As an organization that primarily relies on community donations, being chosen as the recipient of the 100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay contribution has had a significant impact. These funds allowed us to increase the parking support for parents at the start of their child's cancer journey. Additionally, this generous donation ensures we can continue offering gas cards to families — a vital support during countless trips for treatment and care," said **Cheryl Gotthelf**, board member and parent liaison. "The childhood cancer journey is incredibly challenging. Knowing there is a community standing behind these families, offering both financial and emotional support, means more than words can express. Thank you for making a meaningful difference to the small children facing what no child should."

100 Men Who Care Southern Georgian Bay seeks to provide some of that support by bringing together 100 or more men to each contribute \$100 at each of its four yearly meetings to a local charity chosen by the membership at each meeting. For more information, visit 100menwhocaresgb.ca.

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CCAC to recognize climate action

by Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview Township council has endorsed a recommendation by the Clearview Climate Action Committee (CCAC) to recognize businesses and individuals who have made significant contributions to the fight against climate change.

CCAC representative **Kim Pickett** appeared before council last week to outline the program, which will celebrate small victories.

“This is not a typical awards program where we celebrate only the best of the best,” she said. “We want to let people see what others are doing, what initiatives are out there, and let them see how lots of small changes can roll up to a much bigger impact.”

Jim Campbell of the CCAC said there will be no limit on the number of certificates awarded, or the time frame for nominations.

“We’d like to celebrate everyone who is doing something excellent to

combat climate change, and we think the best time to gather nominations is right after other certificates are given out while it’s top of mind,” he said.

Mayor **Doug Measures** suggested that the CCAC has fallen short of the target expressed in initial meetings, of addressing climate impact versus climate change.

“I’m hoping we can hear from the committee how we can mitigate the impacts of severe weather like high water events and storm water management,” said Measures. “I support this recognition program but let’s not lose sight of the larger goal.”

Pickett responded by saying that community preparedness will be the focus for the committee in Year 2, starting with their next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 1.

Council has authorized staff to develop promotional materials, and certificates, and create an online submission form.

Kittypalooza adoption event returns to GTHS Sept. 19-20

Kittypalooza, The Georgian Triangle Humane Society’s (GTHS) adoption event taking place Sept. 19-20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offers the lowest adoption fees of the year: just \$75 for kittens and \$50 for cats.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, parasite treatment, I.D. microchip, and a health check by the GTHS veterinary team.

With approximately 115 cats and

kittens currently in care, and more arriving daily, the GTHS hopes to find loving homes for every feline by the end of the two-day event. View adoptable animals ahead of time at gths.ca.

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Lady and her calf have earned a place at the The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November after winning Grand Champion in the big class at the Barrie Fair. Lady is owned by **Doug Martin** and **Patsy Glover-Martin** of Mulmur's Morningcall Herefords.



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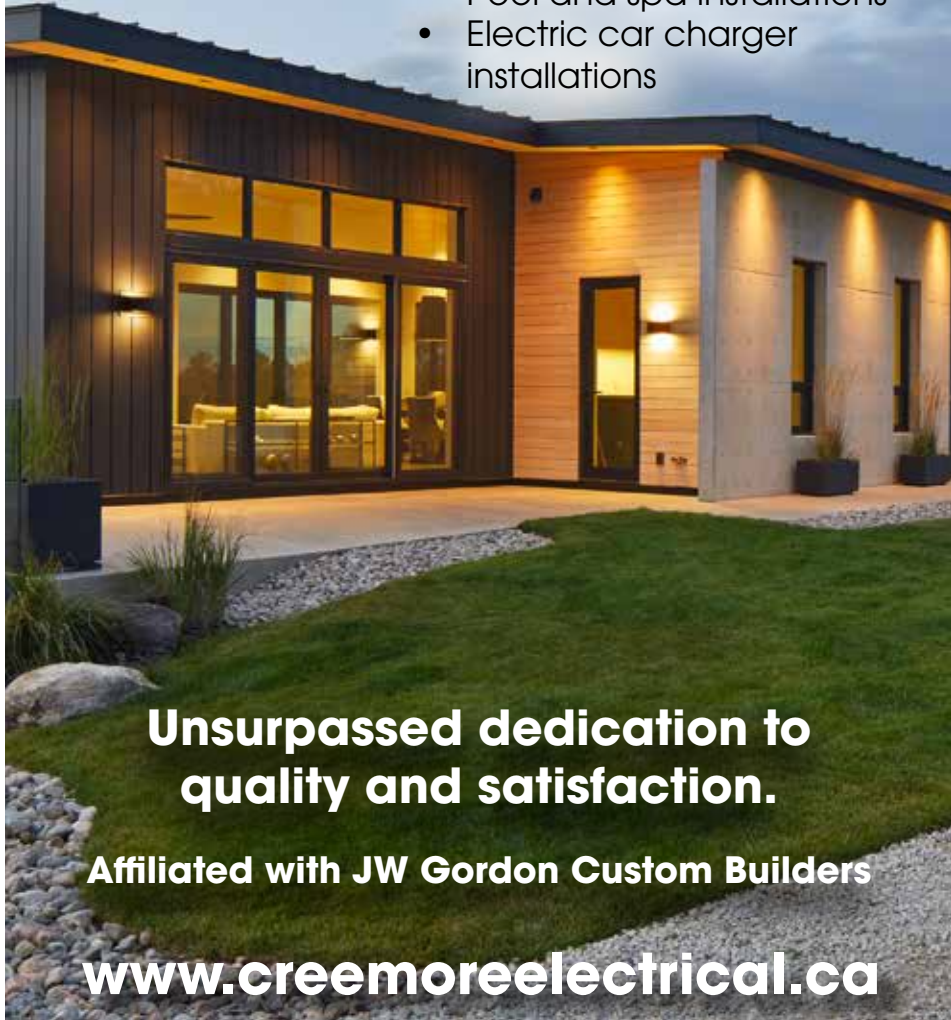
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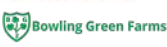
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RAYS announces this year's recipients

by Bonnie McPherson

The latest crop of RAYS (Resources for Area Youth Success) scholars is off and running. Chairperson **Barbara Lemaire** says the RAYS Summer Social was an opportunity to introduce honourees before sending them off to pursue post-secondary studies.

Since 2012, RAYS has awarded more than \$600,000 to students moving on to university, college and apprenticeship programs. There are two categories of awards for university-bound students: the University award of up to \$20,000 over four years and the Award of Merit of \$4,000 over two years. College bound students are eligible for \$2,000 per year and students entering apprenticeship programs, there are one-time awards of \$1,300.

Lemaire says every RAYS student is a success. "They've already graduated high school and thought long and hard to select a career path," she said. "We see students these days becoming increasingly focused on what their interests are, past experience with school and extracurricular activities and world context."

The 2025 graduates include several who have chosen further studies in math, science and engineering, several enrolled in skilled trades programs including a student who will be studying welding and fabrication at Cambrian College and another who is training to become a firefighter.

Lemaire says there are several families who have had more than one student in the RAYS program. She proudly notes that former student **Rylie Farness**, who used her scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Social Work degree, has come back to this area to work in her field and has joined the RAYS board as director of communications and social media.

Mentorship is an important element of the RAYS program, and organizers are pleased to connect previous graduates with current students to share their experiences. The program is open to students attending Stayner Collegiate Institute, Collingwood Collegiate Institute, Our Lady of the Bay Catholic High School, Centre Dufferin District High School, Robert F. Hall High School, ESC Nouvelle Alliance and Ecole Secondaire Romeo-Dallaire.

The recipients are:

University awards

Miles Dempsey – Dempsey graduated from Collingwood Collegiate Institute in June of 2024 then took a gap year to work in construction and travel. While at CCI, he excelled not only academically but in all aspects of school life. As a member of several high school sports teams, he achieved many honours including Senior Athlete of the Year. He is a classical guitarist and played in a band that performed at school and community events. He has supported his community as a volunteer at the Village Green, as a youth basketball coach and as a member of a provincial championship hockey team. Dempsey has been admitted to the Bachelor of Engineering program at Dalhousie University, and he has been invited to run on the varsity track team.

Hailey Griffin – Griffin graduated from Our Lady of the Bay Catholic High School where she was recognized as an outstanding student. She was a member of the school's debate team, participated on several sports teams, took on leadership roles as a manager for other teams and volunteered as a Grade 9 Link Crew leader. Outside of school, she has successfully balanced part-time jobs with her role on a dance team, both as a competitor and as an instructor for the younger dancers. She has been accepted to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) program at Queen's University where she plans to study Political Science and hopes to study law.

Alyssa Rowbotham – Rowbotham graduated from Our Lady of the Bay Catholic High School where she achieved outstanding academic results while also making a significant contribution to her school and community. She was the yearbook editor, a Student Senator on the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, a member of the Student Leadership Committee and the school's representative to the Ontario Student Leadership Conference. She has also had lead roles in theatre productions both at school and in the community. At commencement, Rowbotham was valedictorian and received the Governor General Bronze Medal in recognition of achieving the highest average in her graduating class. She has been accepted to the Bachelor of Medical Science program at Western University.

Christopher Stephens – During his years at Stayner Collegiate Institute, Stephens was student council treasurer, led a committee in the NASA Space Apps Challenge and led a group of artists who painted a mural on the Township of Clearview's Tourist Centre. He contributed to community events such as the arts festivals and he was a volunteered as a technology assistant at the Clearview Public Library. He achieved outstanding academic results in all of his courses while balancing his co-curricular activities and a part-time job. Stephens has accepted an offer to Honours Civil Engineering Co-op at the University of Waterloo with a goal of becoming a transportation engineer with a focus on rail transit.

Awards of Merit

Hannah Bloemendal – A graduate of Stayner Collegiate Institute, Bloemendal was student council president, a key organizer in numerous school events, including the Terry Fox Run, Grade 8 Day and Remembrance Day. Bloemendal made a significant contribution to almost every school team, earning her the Senior Athlete Award. She received several other awards at commencement, including the Excellence in Education Award and the Math Award. Bloemendal has also held part-time jobs and has volunteered at numerous community events such as the Copper Kettle and the Purple Hills Arts Festival. This fall she will enrol in the Bachelor of Engineering, Biomedical and Mechanical, Co-operative Education program at Carleton University.

Isabella May – May is a graduate of Stayner Collegiate Institute, where she was highly involved in school life. She was the Social Convener on Student's Council, managed the school's Instagram account, created social media posts and digital posters and used her technical skills to support many aspects of school life. She contributed to Grade 8 day as a leader and by creating a digital slide show. In the community she broadened her social media skills, digital design capability and video editing skills when promoting the Siskins and Coyotes hockey teams. She balanced her part-time job, her community volunteer and extracurricular school commitments with her academic responsibilities and has achieved outstanding academic results. Isabella has accepted an offer to the Bachelor of Sport Management program at Brock University.

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Shane Bowman – Bowman graduated from Stayner Collegiate Institute in June 2025. While at SCI, Shane worked with Steer Enterprises during his co-op programs. Shane has now joined Steer Enterprises as an apprentice (Truck and Coach Technician).

Graham Monahan – Monahan graduated from Stayner Collegiate Institute in June 2024. While at SCI, Graham participated in the Dual Credit Plumbing course at Georgian College, Midland campus. Graham has joined James Cober Plumbing as a plumber apprentice.

College awards

Viktoria Williams – During her Grade 12 year, Williams successfully completed a co-op placement with the Collingwood Fire Department. After graduating from SCI in June of 2025, she participated in the Fire Fighting Camp for Girls at Wasaga Beach before beginning a one-year Pre-Service Fire Fighting program at St. Lawrence College.

Keaghan Dea – Dea graduated from Collingwood Collegiate Institute in June 2025. While at CCI, Dea completed her co-op placement at MacLean Engineering in the welding division. She also participated in the welding competition of Skills Ontario. Dea has been accepted into Cambrian College (Sudbury) in their two-year Welding and Fabrication Technician program.



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RAYS students in attendance at the summer social.

Jackson Mitchell – Mitchell travelled to New Zealand to work after graduating from Stayner Collegiate Institute in June of 2024. He is now ready to begin his post-secondary studies at Algonquin College in their two-year Electro Mechanical Engineering program.

Jack Walsh – Walsh graduated from Stayner Collegiate Institute in June 2025. While at SCI, he participated in a co-op placement with Barber Millwork and Cabinetry. Walsh has been accepted into the Architecture Technology program at Georgian College.

Erika Barton – Barton graduated from Stayner Collegiate Institute in June 2025. While at SCI, she participated in sports and student council. Barton has been accepted into the two-year Practical Nursing program at Georgian College.

Samantha Grohal – While at CDDHS, Grohal participated in a Dual Credit program at Conestoga College learning the basics of pastry making. Grohal has been accepted into Conestoga College in Waterloo in the Bakery and Pastry Arts Management program.

Grade 11 and 12 students facing suspension Sept. 23

On Sept. 23, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), in accordance with the Immunization of Schools Pupils Act (ISPA), will enforce suspension orders for students in Grades 11 and 12 with incomplete vaccination records.

Under ISPA, health units are required to maintain vaccine records for every student attending school and enforce suspensions for incomplete vaccine information. As of today, there are more than 2,700 outstanding records. To support students and families, the health unit is offering drop-in clinics in Collingwood the week of Sept. 22 on Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Students may also receive their immunization through their healthcare provider but must report this information to the health unit. Reporting immunizations can easily be done online at smdhu.org/ImmsOnline or by calling the health unit at 705-721-7520, ext. 8827.

Having up-to-date immunizations helps to ensure that students have the best protection against serious vaccine preventable diseases, reduces the risk of outbreaks in schools, and allows the health unit to act quickly to prevent and control outbreaks.

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Knights, Baysox deadlocked in NDBL final

by Scott Anderson

The New Lowell Knights have tied the senior championship series in the North Dufferin Baseball League, winning Games 3 and 4 over the weekend against the Owen Sound Baysox.

Saturday’s contest in New Lowell ended in a 5-4 victory, while Sunday’s game in Owen Sound finished 4-2.

Clutch hits in the seventh inning of both games sealed the wins for the Knights in this tight, nail-biting series.

Game 3 began with both teams trading runs in the second inning. Owen Sound took a one-run lead in the third, but New Lowell responded with two runs to go ahead 3-2.

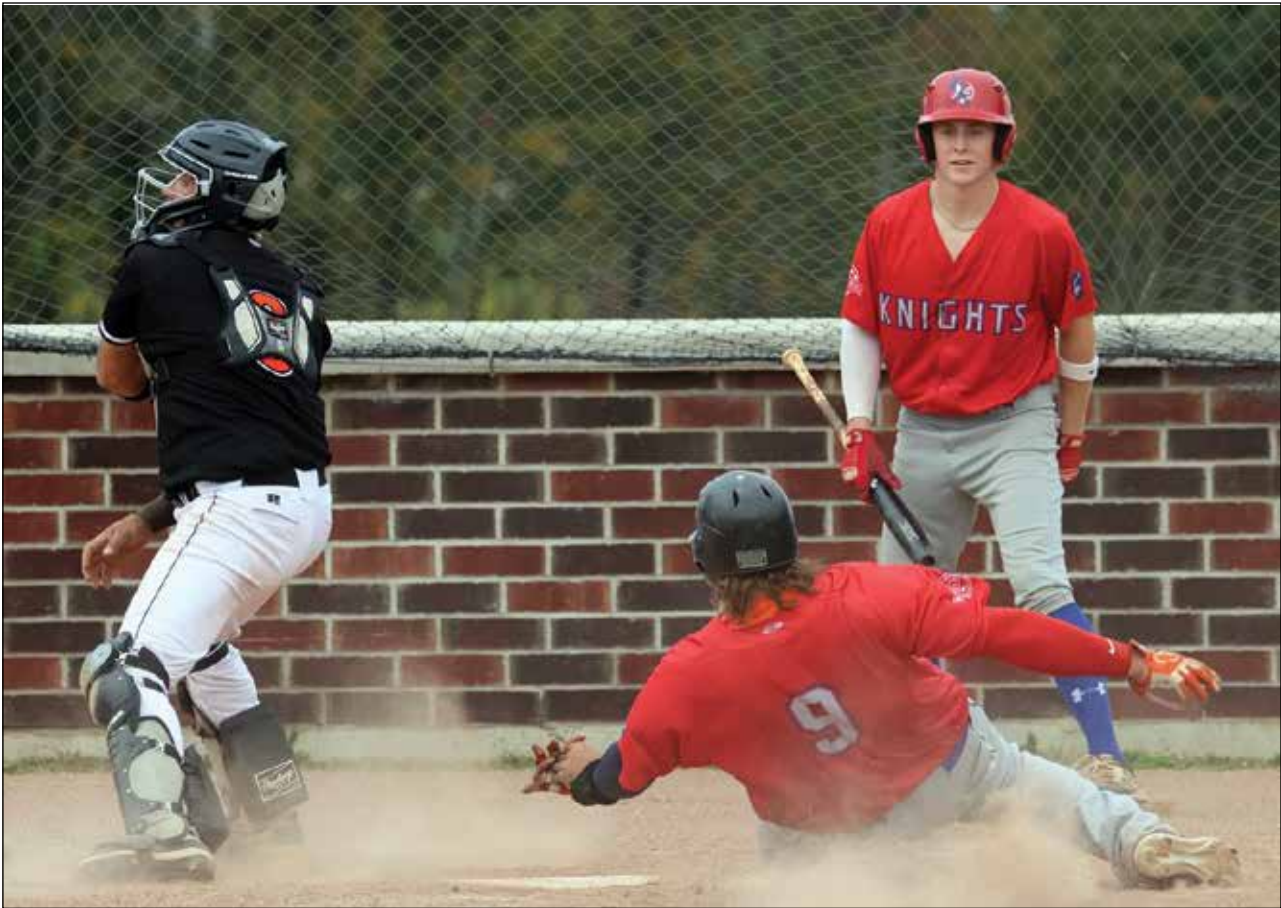
In the fifth, the Baysox regained the lead with back-to-back solo home runs from **Bryan Post** and **Steve Barrett**.

Entering the bottom of the seventh, the Knights rallied with key hits to tie the game and walked it off with a single from **Brett Elliott**.

Owen Sound’s offence included hits from **Ryan Bartley**, **Robert Doyle**, **Travis Bennett**, a single and home run from Post, two singles and a homer from Barrett, and a double from **Kevin Zettler**.

For New Lowell, **Josh Hanley** hit a home run and a single, **Kurt Roy** and **Tristan Cabral** each had a double and a single, **Brandon Norrie** added a double, and **Steve Bowman**, **Jake Nicholson** and **Elliott** contributed singles.

Knights starter **Nick Hodgson** pitched three innings, allowing two runs on five hits, walking two, hitting one batter and striking out one. Norrie took over for the final four innings, giving up two runs on



David Anderson photo

Tristan Cabral of the New Lowell Knights slides into home plate before the throw to Owen Sound Baysox catcher **Travis Bennett** during Game 3 of the NDBL championship series on Sept. 13.

four hits, walking one and striking out three.

Trevor Smith went the distance for the Baysox, pitching seven innings and giving up five runs on 10 hits, walking three, hitting one batter and striking

out four.

In Game 4, the Knights struck first, scoring a run in both the first and third innings. Owen Sound tied the (See 'New Lowell' on page 13)

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New Lowell hosts Game 5 Saturday

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game in the third with a two-run homer from Barrett.

The game remained deadlocked until the top of the seventh, when Nicholson hit a bases-loaded double to drive in two runs. New Lowell then retired Owen Sound’s top of the order in the bottom half to secure the win.

Norrie led the Knights at the plate with a double and two singles. Nicholson added a double and single, while teammates **Tanner Zeggil**, Roy and Bowman chipped in with singles.

Owen Sound was limited to four hits: two singles from **Greg Slater**, a single from Bartley and a home run from Zettler.

Bartley pitched all seven innings for the Baysox, allowing four runs on eight hits, walking two and striking out seven.

Nic Guthrie had an efficient outing for New Lowell, pitching seven innings and giving up two runs on four hits, walking five and striking out four.

New Lowell will host Game 5 on Saturday at 1 p.m., with the series returning to Owen Sound for Game 6 on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the best-of-seven final.

The Dry Run Club brings a fresh twist with the Mocktail Mile

The Dry Run Club is introducing its first-ever event, the Mocktail Mile, bringing a refreshing twist to the local running scene.

The Mocktail Mile is a 5K social run that swaps pints for alcohol-free mocktails. Set for Saturday, Oct. 18, the event blends fitness and fun, offering participants a lively “happy hour on the move” – minus the headache.

“The Mocktail Mile is our first official event, and I’m thrilled to give runners and walkers the chance to enjoy a social route where the aid stations serve mocktails – a fresh twist on the classic beer mile,” said founder **Kelly O’Neil**. “It’s about getting outside, connecting with community, and proving you can have just as much fun—and wake up without the hangover.”

Gather at Endswell Beer at 5 p.m. for a warm up, and start out on a 5-km route with a mix of trail and road running, featuring three popular local venues: pose by the Low Down mural with one of their renowned mocktails; cheers at Bar Gondola with virgin margaritas; finish at Endswell Beer for celebratory mocktails.

Pre-registration required at DryRunClub.ca. Registration costs \$50 per person and includes one signature mocktail at each stop and entry into a draw to win a Dry Run Club membership.

“As a trail runner, I’m also an advocate for what I call alcohol empowerment—feeling in control of your relationship with alcohol. For some that means moderate drinking, for others it means choosing not to drink at all. Either way, you can still enjoy fun, social experiences without alcohol. My hope is that people leave feeling energized, included, and excited to be part of something different,” said O’Neil.

The Dry Run Club is a Collingwood-based running community for sober, sober-ish, and sober-curious runners. The club offers accountability runs, alcohol-free lifestyle resources, and inspiration for both mental and physical wellness. Focused on goal-setting, connection, and achievement, the Dry Run Club promotes “natural highs” and reclaims social spaces through fitness and fun. In addition to runs, the club hosts alcohol-free social gatherings that build community and celebrate active living.

FUN Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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FRED’S FUNNIES

A slice of apple pie costs \$2.50 in Jamaica, \$3.75 in Bermuda, and \$3 in the Bahamas.

Those are the pie-rates of the Caribbean.

Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

- ACROSS**
- 1. Swallow hurriedly in one swallow
 - 5. Criminal charges
 - 9. Blows a fuse
 - 10. Praise highly
 - 12. Negotiation between enemies
 - 13. One who is older than you are
 - 15. Somewhere else
 - 16. Greek consonants
 - 18. As easy as ____
 - 19. You can’t walk on just one of them
 - 20. Dogs and cats do it
 - 21. Ponder
 - 22. Straight up and down
 - 24. Postmortem examination
 - 26. Reading desk in a church
 - 28. Moral consideration
 - 31. Greek vowels
 - 35. Genealogy diagram
 - 36. For that reason
 - 38. French goose
 - 39. Be the matter with
 - 40. Container for flowers
 - 41. Dark area on the moon
 - 42. Think logically
 - 44. Spied on racehorses
 - 46. Boils slowly
 - 47. Fire sign
 - 48. Manoeuvre gently
 - 49. Vetch plant

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- DOWN**
- 1. Place where cars are repaired
 - 2. Unattractive
 - 3. Protective shelter
 - 4. “Gotcha!”
 - 5. Gunshot evidence
 - 6. Tools for splitting wood
 - 7. Baking container
 - 8. Mistake
 - 9. Less experienced
 - 11. Works hard and long
 - 12. Whitish
 - 14. Have confidence in
 - 17. They warm you up
 - 20. A rest for the foot
 - 21. One prefix
 - 23. Fact that helps solve a mystery
 - 25. Group of three
 - 27. Wash
 - 28. Point of light in the night sky
 - 29. Utters inarticulate sounds
 - 30. Tell the story of
 - 32. Exactly
 - 33. Buenos ____
 - 34. Plant’s beginning
 - 37. Gain access to
 - 40. Wedding words
 - 41. “The Maple Leaf Forever” composer
 - 43. Kind of horse
 - 45. Mouths

Weekly blast of the Duntroon Hall's Know-it-all-Ball trivia questions

What is the name of the First Nations people who inhabited the area around Creemore in the early 1600s, referred to by colonists as the Petun (or Tobacco Nation)?



Jonathon Barraball photo

About 650 people sampled offerings from area breweries during the inaugural Craft Beer Market hosted by Creemore Village Green on Sept. 13. In total, 2,200 beers were sampled from about a dozen breweries.

Church Directory

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

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

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

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Lost hikers guided to safety using app

Huronion West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) located two individuals that had walked off the trail in the Springwater Provincial Park with the assistance of the "What3words" app.

On Sept. 7, just after 6:30 p.m. police were dispatched to a missing persons call. A 23-year-old from Barrie, and a 24-year-old from Innisfil, had veered of the path and found themselves lost within a wooded area of the provincial park.

Using What3words, the police were able to quickly determine the hikers' precise location and guide them safely back to their vehicle.

The communications operator at PCC Orillia sent a link to the lost hikers for What3words.

Thanks to the app and with the assistance of the park wardens, the Huronia West OPP located the hikers in good health within 35 minutes.

What3words divides the entire world into a grid of three-by-three-metre squares and assigns each square a unique three-word address.

This means that every location on the planet has a unique identifier made up of three random words.

Rescuers urge people to use what3words, saying it is easy and straightforward, it provides first responders with an exact location without having to use GPS coordinates.

"This story is a powerful reminder of how What3words app can be a valuable tool in an emergency situation," said police.

Be The Change film series launches with 'Incandescence'

Season 18 of the Be The Change film series, in support of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust launches with Incandescence, courtesy of the National Film Board of Canada.

Incandescence by Nova Ami and Velcrow Ripper is an immersive exploration of wildfires. Weaving on-the-ground footage with extraordinary stories of survival and adaptation that transform our understanding of wildfire. The film takes shape from the ancient patterns embodied in fire: destruction, aftermath and rebirth. From the flight path of bees to an osprey's aerial

perspective, floating over the landscape: the Earth comes back.

Organizers promise a season of powerful films that inspire, educate, and spark meaningful conversations about our environment, community, and the change we can create together. Incandescence is being screened at Simcoe Street Theatre, Collingwood, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, and \$8 for students. To purchase tickets, go to bethechangefilmseries.com. All proceeds go to The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation.

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CROSSING GUARD – RELIEF POSITION

Clearview Township is currently seeking one (1) relief Crossing Guard to begin as soon as possible and in various locations within Clearview Township. The crossing guards of Clearview Township play an essential role in the community, ensuring the safety of children and families travelling to and from school. This rewarding opportunity will allow you to contribute to the community while maintaining a light work schedule and earning extra income.

Key Accountabilities:

Reporting to the Supervisor, By-Law Enforcement, the Crossing Guards are responsible for safely assisting children crossing the street to and from school at designated locations and times throughout the municipality, while complying with the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act and the Township’s policies and procedures.

- Qualifications:**
- Minimum of Grade 12 Education or equivalent.
 - Must be physically fit with physical strength and ability sufficient to meet job requirements.
 - Able to exercise discretion and judgment to assess when to stop vehicular traffic and when it is safe to permit school children to cross.
 - Able to communicate with children, pedestrians, school, and other staff in a clear manner.
 - Able to work outside during adverse weather conditions.
 - Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment.
 - Required to provide a satisfactory Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening.
 - Possess 20/20 vision (with corrective lenses if needed) to observe and assess oncoming traffic from a safe distance.
 - Must have reliable transportation to the crossing location.

Salary:
Currently: \$23.23 per hour.
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 - 034** to Human Resources **by September 23, 2025**, to: 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

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 16, 2025, at the Township of Clearview Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner Ontario.

Description of Land:
Roll No. 43 29 010 002 11439 0000; 8 MURRAY CRES., STAYNER; PIN 74028-0082 (LT); File No. 24-03; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,354.22**

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.clearview.ca or you may contact

Caroline O’Neill
Tax Collector, The Corporation of the Township of Clearview,
217 Gideon Street, Stayner ON L0M 1S0
Telephone: 705-428-6230 Ext 273

FIREFIGHTER – PAID-ON-CALL

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services is currently seeking paid-on-call firefighters for our stations located in **Stayner, New Lowell, Creemore, Nottawa and Singhampton.**

- Requirements:**
- Must reside in the primary response area, in close proximity to the fire station.
 - Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) and legally entitled to work in Canada.
 - Ability to handle intense and sustained physical effort necessary to safely perform firefighter duties. CPAT testing is part of the recruitment process, information about testing can be found at <https://www.clearview.ca/municipal-services/emergency-services>.
 - Current medical clearance certificate (cost to be responsibility of the candidate).
 - Valid Ontario Driver’s License in good standing and a reliable means to respond to the fire station for emergency calls.
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 - After recruit firefighter training phase, firefighters must maintain attendance requirements of at minimum 20% emergency calls, 60% of trainings/extra duties.

- Preferred Skills (but not required):**
- Class DZ driver’s license
 - Previous fire service experience
 - Related experience (trade, nursing, mechanics, operating heavy equipment)

Pay Range (paid quarterly):
Suppression: \$28.46 - \$33.20 / hour (2025 Rate)
Training: \$19.92 - \$23.25 / hour (2025 Rate)

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Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume with a Fire Application Form to Clearview Fire and Emergency Services by **OCTOBER 31st, 2025** to: sdoyle@clearview.ca

IMPORTANT DATES
November 4-7: Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by email.
November 26: CPAT and INTERVIEW at FIRE STATION 1 - STAYNER.
January 2026: Recruit Class Commences (Evening/Weekend Training)

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Please direct any inquiries to 705.428.6230 x401. The Township of Clearview is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).
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