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Sierra Campbell competes in junior showmanship at the Great Northern Exhibition on Sept. 19. 4-H members were judged on how they handled their animals in the ring. For more photos, see page 9.

Council opposes DND radar project

By Trina Berlo
and Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview council has voted unanimously to oppose the ‘receive’ Site for the Department of National Defence (DND) Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) project, citing an inappropriate use of valuable agricultural land.

The motion, tabled Monday by Councillor **Marty Beelen**, states, “recognizing the importance of national defence and supporting Canada’s efforts to keep pace with new and emerging threats such as hypersonic weapons and advanced cruise missiles, respectfully opposes the use of valuable agricultural land in Clearview Township for the use of a receive site for National Defence’s Arctic Over-The-Horizon (A-OTHR) project.”

He states in his report that DND has already purchased 700 acres for the proposed use but if realized, the project could occupy 4,000 acres of valuable farmland.

“Clearview is an agricultural

community, with agriculture and agri-related businesses being the township’s Number 1 economic activity. Agriculture is a vital part of our culture and heritage. Valuable farmland in Ontario is already being used for roads, housing and development. We do not need to use more valuable farmland for this DND project. Other lands such as crown land, less valuable farmland, abandoned sites such as the Pickering airport or county forests should be considered instead,” reported Beelen. “The Department of National Defence needs to continue its search for appropriate sites rather than using such valuable farmland.”

During the discussion at Monday’s council meeting, Beelen said he doesn’t believe DND has done their homework and due diligence to find less valuable farmland on which to build.

Deputy Mayor **Paul Van Staveren** agreed saying he recognizes the importance of national defence but it does not outweigh the need for food production, adding, “We can’t keep

taking farmland.”

Mayor **Doug Measures** said two public information sessions hosted by DND in Creemore on Sept. 10 have sparked quite a bit of discussion in the community.

“This whole project, I’m disappointed,” said Measures, adding that it took municipal officials by surprise and that he believes the technology will be outdated before long.

“I don’t think it’s worth the money,” he said. “It’s a big spend and the enemy will be able to circumvent it.”

“Agriculture is part of our culture,” said Measures. “It’s who we are. It really shocked me to think that the technology is only good for 30 years, but the land will not be farmable... There is a whole lot wrong with it.”

Council has directed staff to circulate the motion to a list of federal ministers, adjacent municipalities and other interested parties.

Following feedback received at the community engagement sessions, the (See ‘Nothing’ on page 7)

One injured when foundation collapses in Avening

At 8:18 a.m. on Sept. 23, a portion of a foundation at a rural home under renovation on County Road 42 in Avening collapsed on one person. That person was extricated by Clearview Fire and Emergency Services and transported to hospital by County of Simcoe Paramedic Services with injuries.

Huron West OPP was called to assist. Police said the Ministry of Labour was notified.

Collision at problem intersection

On Sept. 19, at approximately 8 p.m. a three-vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of 3/4 Sideroad Sunnisdale and Concession Road 9. Injuries were sustained and occupants were transported to hospital.

Kirk Hartling was driving northbound on the 3/4 Sideroad when he came upon a collision. It was a poignant moment because he knew it was a collision at the same intersection that claimed the life of a New Lowell resident two years earlier.

“People are still running stop signs and people are getting seriously hurt,” said Hartling.

He said he also sees people regularly running the stop sign installed at County Road 9 and Centre Line Road.

The collision is still under investigation. As a result police would not provide any further information.

Fire Prevention Week

Uniformed Clearview firefighters will be going door-to-door during Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 5-11. This year’s theme “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” aims to educate on how important it is to buy safety-certified batteries, charge them according to manufacturers’ instructions, and recycle them at a safe recycling location, in addition to raising awareness about smoke and carbon monoxide alarm requirements.

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Friday, Sept. 26

- **Line dancing** is cancelled for the next 2 weeks.
- Creemore Legion Friday night **mixed darts**. Registration at 7:30 p.m. Open to all, no need to be a legion member. Come on out, make new friends, and enjoy darts in a fun league. For info contact Michael at 705-466-3007.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- 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.
- **Fall Harvest Vendor Market**, a fundraiser for St. Luke's Community Food Bank. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Creemore Legion. Haircuts by Frankie the Barber, over 40 vendors, raffle baskets and more. For info or vendor inquiries contact Bigheartmarkets@gmail.com.
- St. John's United Church's Creemore annual **Fowl Supper**, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids up to 12 years old, children 5 and under are free.
- **Singhamton Show and Shine** welcomes all this weekend at the Singhamton Park. Classic cars, trucks, and antique tractors on display at the Singhamton Park. There will be a BBQ and prizes for best show and shine. Admission by donation. Contact singhamtonhall@gmail.com.

Sunday, Sept. 28

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

Tuesday, Sept. 30

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

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. Visit dufferinbruceclub.org.

Friday, Oct. 3-4

- **Clothing exchange** at Centennial United Church, Stayner. Everyone welcome. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Optional donation or canned food donation to church food bank. To volunteer, call JoAnne, 705-446-4514. Donation drop-off starting Sept. 30. Accepting all clothing, footwear and accessories. Must be clean and good condition.

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.
- The Creemore Horticultural Society's **Annual Floral Pumpkin Fundraiser** at the Creemore Village Green from 9 a.m. to sold out. All funds raised go to beautifying the village.

Friday, Oct. 17 - Sunday, Oct. 19

- Clearview Community Theatre is proud to present **The SpongeBob Musical**. Winner of 12 Tony nominations including Best Musical and Best Original Score with songs by some of music's biggest names. *The SpongeBob Musical* is a colourful explosion of heart, humour and rockin' tunes that'll have audiences singing all the way to Jellyfish Fields. So dive into this sea-sational adventure that proves even the smallest sponge can make the biggest difference. Great for the whole family. GNE Fairgrounds, Stayner. Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets at www.clearviewcommunitytheatre.ca and A&D Bird Seed, 705-428-2465. Wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, Oct. 18

- **Information session** for Strada Aggregate Quarry Expansion from 10 a.m. to noon at Mulmur Township Office. The Strada application is for the first blast quarry in Dufferin County, with intent to mine aggregate below the water table. Hosted by the Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition (MC²) and Mulmur Township. All welcome.

Friday, Oct. 24 - Saturday, Oct. 25

- Clearview Community Theatre is proud to present **The SpongeBob Musical**. Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets online at www.clearviewcommunitytheatre.ca and at A&D Bird Seed, 705-428-2465.

Saturday, Oct. 25

- **Vendor Market Fundraiser** for Wounded Warriors. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, Haircuts by Frankie the Barber, over 40 vendors, raffle baskets and more.
- Canadian Foodgrains Banquet **end of season celebration dinner** at Compass Life Church. Adults, \$20; ages 6-12, \$10; under 6, free. For tickets, call 705-428-3741 or email compasslifechurch@gmail.com. Drinks served at 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- **The Great Creemore Clothing Exchange** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station on the Green. Come join us for a fun community event. Find some treasure, and give your clothes a second life. Fill a bag for \$10 or donate what you can. All funds raised will support our local school. Contact 905-717-6123.

Saturday, Nov. 1

- The Collingwood Agricultural Society presents the annual **Christmas Craft Show** at the GNE fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lots of Christmas crafts, quilts, sewing, toys, needlework, baking and lunch booth. \$2 admission. For info, call 705-466-2000 or 705-444-1334.



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New bleachers to preserve ballpark charm

by Trina Berlo

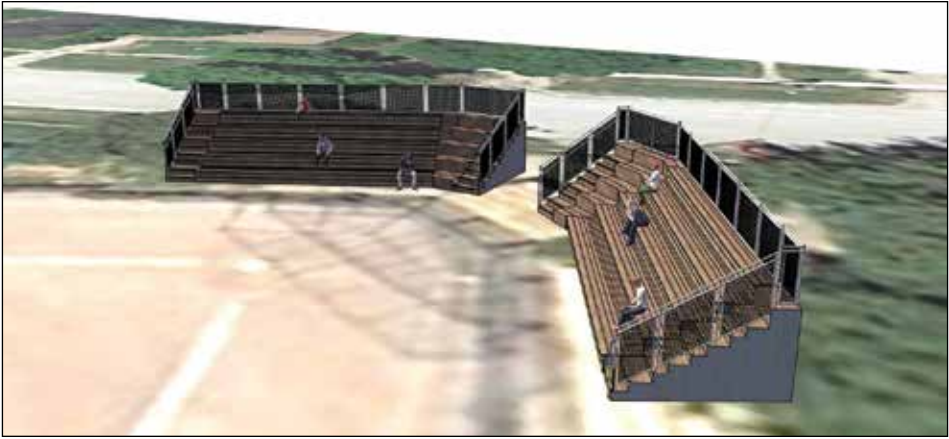
Zak Hayward has received council support for his plea to maintain the character of Gowan Park by rethinking the replacement of the bleachers.

When Hayward heard that the bleachers were slated to be demolished and replaced with low-profile aluminum-style bleachers, he launched a petition and began working toward a campaign to sway the powers that be. The petition he started in July now has more than 500 signatures.

During a delegation to council Monday, Hayward talked about the character of local ball parks. Of Creemore, he said, “You roll up to the park for a doubleheader on a Saturday and the first thing you see pulling up to the diamond are those bleachers. Standing tall and proud holding memories and history as you sit on them watching the baseball games. Friends, families and fans of the wonderful game of baseball gather on those bleachers to watch as all age groups play the children’s game. On hot days you can gather underneath them to steal a little bit of shade while still being able to watch and cheer.”

Born into a baseball family, Hayward has a lot of fond memories of Gowan Park and the bleachers made of cinder block and wood that give the ballpark a small town feel.

“I’m not just asking you to save a few wooden bleachers, I’m asking you to help preserve the heart of our ball park,” said Hayward. “Gowan Park isn’t just a field; it’s a place where generations have come together, where memories have been made, and where traditions continue to grow. I believe



A rendering of the approved bleachers for Gowan Park.

we owe it to the people who built this town, to those who fill the stands today, and to the future players and fans who deserve to experience the same magic that shaped my love for this game.”

Although he set out to see the bleachers restored, he is happy with a plan to build new ones that maintain the character of the ones currently in use.

After meeting with the township’s engineers, Hayward said it became apparent that the bleachers could not be modified and that new construction was required.

Gord Zeggil, a local builder who has been quite impressed with Hayward’s initiative, vowed to support the project.

The estimated price tag for the redesigned bleachers is \$123,200, well above the \$10,000 originally budgeted. Council has agreed to redirect the initial budget amount to the project, with the remaining balance of approximately \$115,000 to be funded through community fundraising by volunteers and stakeholders.

Zeggil told council he is willing to help build and secure funds for

the project, giving his own time and soliciting in-kind donations.

“The replacement of the Gowan Park baseball grandstand represents a well-supported, community-driven project with engineering, financial, and administrative support already aligning into place. The shared goal is a safe, visually appealing, and historically respectful structure that meets modern standards and enhances the spectator experience for years to come,” reported **Terry Vachon**, director of parks and recreation. “Council’s continued support – both financially and administratively – will be critical to the project’s timely and successful completion.”

He said local trades and suppliers have already offered materials, labour, and time, helping to reduce project costs but it has not been determined if this project will be built by community volunteers or procured through a contractor. A follow-up report will be brought back to council with a recommendation if the proposal is for a community volunteer build.

Game 7 awaits as NDBL rivals trade blows

by Scott Anderson

The North Dufferin Baseball League (DBBL) championship series remains deadlocked after the New Lowell Knights and Owen Sound Baysox traded wins over the weekend.

Owen Sound took Game 5 on Saturday in New Lowell with an 8-3 win and New Lowell responded with a 6-1 win in Owen Sound on Sunday forcing a deciding Game 7 this coming weekend.

The Knights held the Baysox scoreless through two innings in Game 5 and jumped out to a three-run lead in the first. But Owen Sound surged ahead in the third, scoring four runs off an **Adam Shaver** grand slam. The Baysox added two more in the fourth and one run each in the sixth and seventh innings to seal the win.

Shaver also added a single for Owen Sound. **Robert Doyle** contributed a home run and a double, while **Ryan Bartley**, **Greg Slater**, **Steve Barrett**, **Bryan Post** and **Kevin Zettler** each chipped in with singles.

Zakery Hayward led the Knights with a double and two singles. **Chris Greer** hit a double, and **Brandon Norrie**, **Jake Nicholson** and **Brett Elliott** each added singles.

New Lowell starter **Nick Hodgson** pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing six runs on six hits, walking one and striking out one. **Chris Esson** came on in relief, throwing three and a third

(See 'Two-run' on page 12)

For more than 160 years, Indigenous children were forced into Indian Residential Schools.

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COLUMN

Vertical farming needs to stand up and be counted

Vertical farming – growing food plants like microgreens indoors on a large scale, using some kind of hi-tech vertical system – is gaining momentum as an alternative production method.

But are consumers drawn to it, or even aware of it?

University of Guelph agricultural economics and business researchers studying consumer perspectives on vertical farming think its popularity would increase if people only knew what it was.

Their belief is based on a provincially sponsored study they conducted in the spring with more than 1,800 Ontarians. The results are surfacing now.

The researchers know that since vertical farming's arrival on the scene a decade or so ago, most popular posts and articles about it weren't about how consumers, the end users, felt about it. Instead, journalists and others highlighted vertical farming's promise of being able to effectively and efficiently grow food where it's in short supply – that is, in highly urban settings, such as in vacant or purpose-built buildings.

Proponents say vertical farming can help supply food deserts (neighbourhoods lacking decent grocery stores) with accessible, much-needed vegetables.

Further, the emerging technology behind growing plants indoors, in self-contained, sanitary facilities other than greenhouses, sounds hopeful and fascinating. As the Guelph researchers explain, light, temperature, water, humidity, carbon dioxide level in the air, as well as nutrients, are monitored and controlled in vertical production.

Under those conditions, fruits and vegetables can be grown and harvested year-round, no matter the outdoor weather conditions.

In media terms, it's a classic "gee-whiz" story.

So what's not to like? Well, back to consumers. Some critics wonder if vertical production, typically carried out behind closed doors to maintain control (versus a rural, open field), reeks too much of technology. Some even wonder if it sounds like science fiction.

Others rail against the suggestion that vertical production is safer than open air cultivation. They say this casts a poor and undeserving light on conventionally produced food.

But for some reason, consumers are seldom asked how they feel about it.

Today, vertical farming products are readily available in many grocery stores, under brand names like GoodLeaf, grown in an industrial park off Guelph's Hanlon Parkway. And that availability is a surprise to most of the people surveyed by the Guelph researchers.

(See 'Vertically' on page 5)

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Avening Church members celebrating 100 years of service with a luncheon at Avening Hall in 1972. (From the collection of Ellen Whitley.)

LETTERS

DND presentation all bafflegab

Editor:

I attended one of the A-OTHR meetings and was disgusted by the total lack of clarity in the presentation. The person identified as the contractor put up black and white diagrams that only added to the confusion when he talked about both the transmitter and receiver sites. If that was the best he could do in this day and age we are in trouble regardless of where this thing is built.

CFB Borden is over 50 square miles and the comment that it is needed for training is laughable. Over the years CFB Borden's terrain has been changed so many times that levelling off the required area wouldn't affect the environment much. No one trains in the best site for A-OTHR because of the poison ivy. Move the tanks back to CFB Shilo or CFB Suffield, both are larger training area also used by our NATO allies.

A-OTHR is an Australian design and I didn't hear that in the meeting and only found out after through a military magazine. Why couldn't the contractor explain

and show a clear picture of what this thing would look like with the receiver site preferably located in CFB Borden.

I don't want to be a doomsday sayer, but by 2043 the triumvirate of Russian, China and North Korea may have us divided up among themselves. This system should be built faster than we did the Dew and Pinetree Lines of the 1950s to be effective. It'll be out of date by the time it's up and running.

I believe DND bought the farm land in obscurity to prevent land speculation, in other words to get it as cheap as possible. Good for them, now give it back but don't expect to get back all the money.

The questions I started to ask at the meeting were to be regarding the receiving site here not the transmitter site, but I went quiet when I felt all I was going to get was bafflegab.

Norman Nordstrom,
Creemore.

Paved shoulders would be safe solution

Editor:

I appreciate Paul Arnill's concern for road safety on Riverside Drive (*Cycling behaviour causes hazard, The Creemore Echo, Sept. 19 letters, page 5*). But riding two abreast, especially uphill, is actually a safety tactic. It makes cyclists more visible and discourages risky passing on blind hills, which keeps everyone safer.

Rather than just frustration, this is a chance to push

for real change.

Paul, with your road construction expertise, you could be a strong advocate for paved shoulders and bike lanes in Clearview.

That's the kind of solution that keeps cyclists and drivers safe, and prevents the very tragedies we all want to avoid.

Kate Sparling,
Singhampton.

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LETTERS

Cyclist have rights, just like cars

Editor:
Regarding *Cycling behaviour causes hazard* (*The Creemore Echo*, Sept. 19 letters, page 5).
I've been cycling in Clearview for more than a decade and I find the drivers very respectful. Most of them know the law – a group of four cyclists is considered a vehicle and they have rights to a lane just as a car does. It's safer that way.

For fun when there is a car behind us and we are approaching a hill I count how long the car waits to pass. I rarely get to 10. A 10-second delay to keep people safe seems reasonable to me.
Sometime we come upon a tractor that's going slower than us. We slow down and pass when it's safe. With a wave.
Robert Barnard,
Creemore.

Dedicated bike lanes would be safest

Editor:
I agree with your reader regarding motorist safety when passing slow moving vehicles on hills (*Cycling behaviour causes hazard*, *The Creemore Echo*, Sept. 19 letters, page 5).
Something must be done to move these cyclists out of the lane entirely so as to not slow the flow of traffic.
A dedicated bike lane would allow both motorists and cyclists the maximum safety and reduce the restriction of traffic flow on the roads

of Clearview.
A bike lane would allow motorists to pass safely on hills without having to cross the yellow line. And since the cyclists would be riding on a paved shoulder their safety would also be maximized.
This is the optimal way to prevent the terrible and completely avoidable tragedy that your reader rightly anticipates.
Karen Pilosof,
Mulmur.

Is it safe to cross the yellow line?

Editor:
I would like to suggest to the author of *Cycling behaviour causes hazard*, (*The Creemore Echo*, Sept. 19 letters, page 5) that passing any slow moving vehicle while going up a hill is never really that safe to begin with.
In order to pass without crossing the yellow line the letter writer's vehicle would need to be narrower than the width of the lane minus however much space your dear reader will afford even a single cyclist passed safely.

As a cyclist myself I always try to take up enough room to cause following motorists to ask themselves whether the risk of crossing the yellow line to get around me is worth the seconds of time they will be saving.
Further, I'd ask the editor if it is now the policy of *The Creemore Echo* to publish reader submitted photos of regular folk behaving in ways that the photographer deems unsafe, inappropriate or perhaps even illegal?
Wayne Hansen,
Mulmur.

Vertically farmed product labelling could help measure consumer support

(Continued from page 4)
The problem is that vertically farmed products aren't typically labelled as having been grown with this technology. So many people – 65 per cent in the Guelph survey – said they weren't sure they'd ever consumed a vertically farmed product. But of those who knew they did, Prof. Andreas Boecker, research team co-advisor, said they liked the freshness and taste.
As well, he says survey participants overwhelmingly liked descriptions they were given explaining vertical farming production.
"This could mean that the vertical farming industry can simply describe

how it produces its produce, and generate positive attitudes among consumers," he says. "Many vertically farmed products are not clearly labelled as such, making it difficult for consumers to identify them if they are interested. But they can ask their grocers whether they carry vertically farmed produce."
Without labelling, and other than conducting their own research, that's about the only way people will find out if they're supporting this new food production approach.
Owen Roberts is an agricultural journalist from Guelph. He regularly visits family in Creemore.

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“Nothing but theatre” residents doubt process

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public engagement period has been extended by one month to Oct. 15. Council was asked to comment on the proposed project as part of the consultation period.

At a recent public information session, a number of residents expressed concern that the original Sept. 15 cut-off did not allow sufficient time to respond.

“The subject property has already been acquired. This is a done deal and the information session is nothing but theatre,” said **Dan Vick**, a County Road 10 resident.

He claims property values in the area were impacted as soon as word of the project got out. “Property values will go down,” he said. “You pretend to be good neighbours. What is the DND going to do for us?”

He said land owners are in limbo, holding off on improvements to their properties while waiting for a decision on subsequent sites.

The proposed A-OTHR installation would be located on a 288-hectare parcel of land (roughly 711 acres) on the 15/16 Sideroad between Concessions 6 and 7. In June, it was announced that the site would be developed as a preliminary receive site as part of a \$38.6 billion plan to upgrade NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) early warning capabilities. A site in Kawartha Lakes will be developed as a permanent transmit site.

A DND spokesperson told the meeting that as northern waterways become more navigable and air traffic increases, an accurate view further north is an essential component of an early warning system to protect Canadian sovereignty.

Since the DND purchased the original parcel in Clearview, neighbouring property owners have been surveyed as to their interest in potential sale of their land, leading to concerns that if willing sellers don’t come forward, the federal government might move to expropriate. Those in attendance were assured that the DND is only trying to determine interest at this stage, and has no plans to force anyone to sell.

Clearview resident **Matthew Whittle** said he is concerned about the potential for harmful radiation from the site.

“Right now, in the middle of my field, I can measure two to five micro-watts of radiation per square metre. I am putting Clearview council and the head of DND on notice that if radiation rises to harmful levels causing harm I will seek legal remedies.”

Tamara Lorincz, of Waterloo, said governments should focus their efforts on more pressing matters than our sovereignty over the Arctic.

“We’re faced with catastrophic climate change and rampant poverty,” she said. “Why are we subsidizing the U.S. war machine when we should be focused on making peace with our Russian neighbours?”

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Amazing Race contestants advise pick a good partner

by Bonnie MacPherson

The best preparation for contestants in the upcoming Amazing Race Clearview, Small Halls Edition, is life, according to **Olivia Curto**. Curto, together with fellow Amazing Race Canada alumni **Julia Viola** will be the hosts when competitors head out on the course on Oct. 25.

Curto said physical conditioning is important, but contestants have to be very flexible because race organizers can throw anything at you.

“There could be dancing and singing challenges and challenges where you have to memorize things. Fitness and conditioning help, but they’re not everything,” she said.

Viola adds that the most important preparation is to choose the right teammate.

“You never know what the challenges are so it’s important to have a partner that you get along with, that you can work together well with and who is supportive to help you get back into the game when you are feeling down,” she said.

Viola and Curto agree that the toughest challenge they faced on Season 10 of Amazing Race Canada was the grain bin challenge. The goal was to find a clue hidden in a load of grain.

“It was so deep it was up past our knees,” said Viola, “and we didn’t know if we were pushing the clue further down as we searched. With other challenges, you knew what



Staff photo: Bonnie MacPherson

Organizers of Amazing Race Clearview limber up in preparation for the Small Halls Festival event on Oct. 25, from left: **Amanda Murray, Sonja McArthur, Olivia Curto, Robert McArthur, and Julia Viola.**

you had to do but with the grain bin challenge it felt like there was no end in sight.”

Curto said it’s also important to take your time and pay very close attention to the instructions you are given at each challenge.

“You need to listen for hints because if you miss something and have to go

back and ask questions, you need to start the challenge over,” she said.

Her advice is to take your time and take in all the instructions to avoid mistakes which can cost valuable time.

“Then you just have to try and fail if you must,” said Curto. “If you rush through you make mistakes and it takes longer than if you’d taken a few

minutes to really understand the task.”

Amanda Murray, Manager of Parks and Recreation for Clearview Township, said there has been a lot of interest since organizers spent the weekend at the Great Northern Exhibition talking it up. There is still limited availability for teams but the final cut-off for entries is Wednesday, Oct. 22.

“It’s a brand new component of the Small Halls Festival,” said Murray, “and people are really excited. The race is capped at 20 two-person teams with the entry fee \$50 per person, including lunch and dinner.

Organizer **Sonja McArthur** said the actual challenges will remain a secret until competitors arrive at each venue but she notes there will be a grain bin challenge. Individual challenges will be held at ten different locations throughout the township with small halls taking centre stage.

“It is a race,” said McArthur, “so the actual challenges will be timed.” However, in the interest of safety, organizers have calculated safe travel time between venues and anyone found to be speeding or driving recklessly will be disqualified.

The day will wrap up with a costume party at Station on the Green featuring Elvis impersonator **Lance Dobinson**.

Tickets are on sale at www.smallhallsfestival.ca. Admission to the Amazing Race costs \$50 per person and an additional \$10 for the after-party, beginning at 8 p.m. Entry to the dance is \$25. Pay at the door or online.

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Grade 3 and 7 students from the region were invited to the GNE fairgrounds on Sept. 19 for education day, during which students move through stations to learn about various aspects of agriculture. Clockwise from above: **Tim Young**, of Steer Enterprises, talks transportation; **David Dineen** shares some family antiques with students, including rope-making; **Jim Whitley** talks about beef farming; Students are introduced to **Cody**, a 25-year-old Pony; Students clamor for a chance to sing with Dan the Music Man.



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Officials take part in a ground-breaking ceremony at the new David and Helen Capin Regional Centre for Pets and People in Collingwood on Sept. 18.

Humane Society breaks ground on new facility

by Bonnie MacPherson

Life is going to get better for people and pets in the area, now that construction of a new Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) facility is officially underway.

At last week’s ground breaking ceremony for the David and Helen Capin Regional Centre for Pets and People, Campaign Manager **Erin Tuckey** said, “This is a place where the bond between humans and pets will be strengthened and celebrated for years to come.”

The 19,000-square-foot facility

on Sandford Fleming Drive in Collingwood will replace the current building that has been bursting at the seams, servicing far more pets than it was originally designed to handle. The new facility will be equipped to shelter 5,500 pets and provide more than 6,700 spay/neuter surgeries per year. It is also expected to engage more than 6,000 youth in hands-on learning through humane education programs, and welcome more than 30,000 visitors per year. The facility will service not just Collingwood, but

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Opening slated for 2027

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the entire southern Georgian Triangle including Clearview, the Town of the Blue Mountains and Wasaga Beach.

Michael Gallant, of Unity Design Studio, has been involved with the project since a feasibility study was launched in 2017. He says the new building will incorporate many advancements that put the needs of shelter users at the forefront.

“In the traditional shelter design, there was one large space with rows of kennels. They were noisy and had no direct access to the outdoors creating a stressful environment for animals,” said Gallant. “In this new design, we’ll have pods housing no more than five dogs per pod where we can put dogs with similar dispositions together. Dogs do better in this environment, both physically and behaviourly. It makes them more adoptable and less likely to return to the shelter.”

Cat rooms will house a maximum of 10-20 cats, with access to natural daylight.

The new building will include dedicated community spaces where people can interact with pets in care. GTHS Executive Director **Karen Marsh** says the facility will transform the way the society is able to help animals and serve people.

“We will be a full service animal health centre with separate dog and cat adoption wings,” said March. “We’ll have outdoor education and training areas. We are building a future where no animal is left behind.”

She said GTHS staff are constantly saying they wish they could help more animals, and she thanked donors for their support, and belief in the vision.

Occupancy of the new building is slated for 2027.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$17.6 million. So far, more than \$10.6 million has been raised. The next major fundraiser on the calendar is the annual FurBall at Craighleith Ski Club on Oct. 18. Tickets cost \$250 per person and are available at gths.ca/furball-soiree.

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Two-run triple secures early control



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Kurt Roy of the New Lowell Knights slides into third base for a two-run triple before the ball reaches **Adam Shaver** of the Owen Sound Baysox during Game 6 of the NDBL championship series on Sept. 21.

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innings and giving up two runs on four hits, with one walk and two strikeouts.

Nate Kramer toed the rubber for Owen Sound, pitching a complete game. He allowed three runs on seven hits, walked four, hit one batter and struck out two.

In Game 6 on Sunday afternoon, the Knights took control early on some sloppy plays from the Baysox, scoring two runs in the first and four more in the second. A **Kurt Roy** triple drove in two of those runs, giving New Lowell a commanding lead. Owen Sound's lone run came on a right-field homer from Shaver – his second of the weekend.

Strong pitching from both sides kept the remainder of the game scoreless over five innings.

New Lowell's offence was led by **Tanner Zeggil** with four singles. Nicholson added three singles, Roy hit a triple, and Norrie, Elliott and Greer each had singles.

Slater had two singles for Owen Sound, while Doyle, Bartley and Post each added one, in addition to Shaver's home run.

Trevor Smith started on the bump for Owen Sound, pitching three and a third innings and allowing six runs on eight hits. Bartley finished the game, giving up three hits, walking one and striking out four.

Norrie earned the complete-game win for New Lowell, allowing one run on six hits, hitting one batter and striking out three.

The final game of the series is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. in New Lowell, where one team will hoist the Strother Cup.



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Passing the storybook

Clearview Public Library wishes a happy retirement to children's programmer **Janice Harvey**, who has created and produced quality educational programming for young patrons at all three library branches for the past 10 years. Above: Harvey passes the story time book to **Natasha Rolling**, who will be taking over the children's programmer role on Sept. 30. The library is hosting three sessions to say goodbye to Janice and hello to Natasha – at the Stayner branch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Creemore from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and New Lowell from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited for pizza and cake.

On Sept. 27, the library outreach team will be at the See the Salmon Run event at 11 Buist St., Nottawa from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., celebrating the return of the Chinook Salmon to their spawning grounds in The Pretty River with some fun "fishy" activities.

– Submitted by Michele McKenzie, deputy CEO of Clearview Public Library.

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FRED'S FUNNIES

If money really did grow on trees, everyone's favourite season would be fall.

Canadian Criss Cross

by Walter Feener

ACROSS

- Instrument in a marching band
- Goodbye, in England
- Large striped feline
- Not getting any younger
- Chunky piece of firewood
- Flag carried on a knight's lance
- With competence
- Wine sediment
- Exist
- Game that ends in a draw
- Toothed machine part
- Pond plant
- Bit of stable gear
- Beginning
- Almost imperceptible period of time
- Stewed fruit
- Astronomical event
- Complexion problem
- Cart without sides
- Rainbow colour
- What a broken-down car may need
- E-mail button
- Percussion instrument
- List of printing mistakes
- Go by
- Of birth
- Noisy riotous brawl
- Cribbage markers
- 52-week period

DOWN

- Rudder handle
- Extremely displeasing to the eye
- Stinging insect
- Without any trickery
- Become gradually smaller toward one end
- Seemingly long time
- Metal that shines like silver
- Historical records
- Shinbone
- Eat greedily until full
- You do it in a tub
- Straight, as a drink of liquor
- Part of EST
- Chromosome part
- Against
- Thoughtful and kind
- By itself
- Private high school
- Satisfy an appetite fully
- Oak tree fruit
- Open on Christmas morning
- Right for the occasion
- Be aware of
- Move through a crowd
- Hands out cards
- Restricted to men
- Festive celebration
- Consumed
- Area sheltered from the wind



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PATTERSON, James Scott Melville "Jamie" – With love and sadness we announce that Jamie passed away in Burlington, on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, at the age of 49. Cherished husband of Tammy for 27 years. Loving father of Autumn and Mackie and step-father to Steven. Dear brother of Chris. He will be greatly missed by his parents Ted and Elaine Patterson. A funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Burlington. Cremation has taken place.

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Singhampton Community Centre thanks all volunteers and supporters who have participated in events this year, especially 2025 donors for our recent Golf Tournament including: Barcelo's Steakhouse, B. Edward Transfer, Beaver Valley Ski Club, BK Wilson Farm, Boho Beaver, Brunello at 27 on Fourth, Campbell Mechanical, Cass Audio, Clearview Firefighters Assoc., Clearview Nursery, Clearlite Electric, Cobble Beach Golf Course, Collingwood Charters, Compenso, Cooper Rental, DBD Systems Inc, Dean's Carpet One, Duntroon Highlands Golf, Fawcett Funeral Home, Ferris Trucking, Georgian Bay Outdoors, Georgian Bowling Alley, Hamilton Bros, Harbour Dental, Hear Canada, Ice River Spring, John Bunn Electric, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Maria Medica, Maxwell Stone, Milltown Hose, Osler Bluff Ski Club, Prime Seven Nine, Side Launch, Smart Insulation Systems, Stayner Holdings Inc, Steer, Sunbelt Rentals, Susan & Rick Lloyd, Tirecraft, Tim Hortons Singhampton, Tremont Café, Walkers Aggregates Inc., Zwart's Topsoil.

We also thank:

Neil Owen, Blue Rock Wealth Management
Gord Zeggil, Mountain Ridge Custom Homes
Mike Carleton, Happenings Party Rentals
Adeel Ahmid & Mahsin Tufail, Singhampton Esso Station
Spencer Ridding, Mylar & Loreta's Restaurant
and special thanks to tournament organizer, Seeta Ferris.
A total of \$35,000 was raised!

SHOW & SHINE SAT. SEPT. 27


Welcomes all this weekend at the Singhampton Park.
Contact singhamptonhall@gmail.com

This week's answers

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Trivia: Duncan



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Communications available in alternative formats upon request.

DEPUTY CLERK

Clearview Township is currently seeking a permanent full-time (35 hours per week) Deputy Clerk. This position is an in-office position, and the location of work is onsite at the Township's Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

Key Accountabilities:

Reporting to the Director of Legislative Services / Municipal Clerk, the Deputy Clerk is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Clerk's Department and carrying out responsibilities in the following functional areas: Council, Committee and Board services, licensing and vital statistics, cemetery operations, and Municipal and School Board Elections. Key responsibilities include providing legislative, administrative, and procedural information, advice, and recommendations to Council, municipal staff, consultants, businesses, and the public, as well as responding to enquiries and liaising with the public and various Government agencies and Ministries, regarding Municipal functions, processes, and departmental responsibilities. Responsibilities also include managing the Clerk's Department administrative functions, supervising positions within the Clerk's Department, and other duties as may be assigned in accordance with Departmental and Corporate Objectives.

Qualifications:

- Recognized post-secondary Degree or Diploma in Public or Business Administration, or related discipline, together with a minimum of three years of municipal experience.
- AMCTO Municipal Administration Diploma, or willingness to obtain the Diploma.
- AMCTO Membership or eligibility for full membership in the AMCTO.
- Demonstrated and thorough working knowledge of legislation related to municipal government, strong knowledge of Committee and Council procedures and protocol, and ability to draft by-laws, agreements, and legal documents.
- Excellent administrative, organizational, multi-tasking, interpersonal, report writing, problem-solving, minute-taking, and agenda creation skills.
- Thorough working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, records management tools, and software.
- Ability to demonstrate tact and discretion, as well as dignity and respect, in handling matters of a confidential or politically sensitive nature, and to maintain confidentiality.
- Managerial skills with the ability to tactfully supervise employees in the Clerk's Department.
- Flexibility to work evenings to attend Council and Committee & Board meetings as required, and occasional weekends to attend special events, functions, or meetings.
- Ability and willingness to travel within the community and out of town as required.
- Valid Class "G" Driver's License with dependable personal transportation.

Salary:

Salary range offered for this position is \$75,265 to \$92,399 per year, plus a competitive benefits package.

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 - 036** to Human Resources **by October 13th, 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.

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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.
- Insurable (under the Corporation's fleet policy).
- No criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted.
- Clear police clearance for Vulnerable Sector Search, free of convictions for which a pardon has not been granted.
- Effective communication skills.
- Mandatory attendance requirement during full 200-hour recruit training process.
- 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)

Note: The preferred candidates 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 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.

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