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- 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.
- **Creemore Apple Pie Contest** at the Creemore Village Green. To enter, drop your pie at the apple pie booth between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Winners announced at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

- **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.
- Clearview Wildflower Project **in-person meeting and seed giveaway**. 7 p.m. at Creemore Station on the Green. Free to attend, cash donations welcome. For more info contact brennaL@sierraclub.ca.

Friday, Oct. 17

- Creemore Curling Club **registration night**. All those who curl or are interested in curling are welcome. 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Creemore Curling Club. To register online email creemorecurling@gmail.com.

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. 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.
- Join the Ganaraska Mad River Hiking Club on an easy two-hour **interpretive hike**. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather. Registration required, no dogs allowed. Outhouses at cabin trail head. Bring snacks/water. Meet at Laking Woods, 6936 Concession 2, Lisle. Contact: johnson6462@rogers.com.

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.

Friday, Oct. 24

- **Witches Walk** presented by Clearview Chamber from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 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, bringing fresh energy and ideas, while still keeping the spirit of fun you remember. Witches Walk After Party at Friends Pub from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and more. Full details and registration: www.ClearviewChamber.com.

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.

Sunday, Oct. 26

- Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition (MC²) **Annual Meeting** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. MC² invites you to attend our annual meeting with guest John L. Riley at Monora Park Pavilion, 500 Monora Park Rd., Mono. For more information, @monomulmur, info@monomulmur.com.

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. Christmas crafts, quilts, sewing, toys, needlework, baking and lunch booth. \$2 admission. For info, call 705-466-2000 or 705-444-1334.

Thursday, Nov. 6

- Centennial United Church **Turkey Dinner** with all the trimmings and dessert. \$25 per meal. Dine-in (90 spots) or take-out from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meals must be pre-ordered at 705-445-2006 or fundraisers@ucstayner.ca. Deadline to orders is Monday, Nov. 3. Payment can be made by e-transfer to office@ucstayner.ca or by cash or cheque when you arrive.

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Farmers take a hit from low soybean yields, due to drought

by Bonnie MacPherson

It has been a tough year for area farmers, according to **John Taylor**, owner of Collwest Grain.

“It was a great wheat crop but with so little rain through the last part of June right into August, soybean and corn crops have really been affected.”

Taylor says in a typical year, farmers can expect 50-55 bushels per acre of soybeans. On his farm north of Creemore, he got 33-34 bushels per acre this year. With yields down by half, or even two-thirds, and commodity prices depressed due to oversupply on the world market, many farmers are down about \$300 per acre or more in lost revenue.

“Right now we’re getting \$14 per bushel for soybeans,” said Taylor. “Three years ago, the price was \$17 per bushel.”

At that price, and with a healthy crop, Taylor says the yield was about \$1,000 per acre, while this year, it’s closer to \$500.

Farming has always been an exercise in faith. Taylor says plans are made through the winter, and each spring, farmers commit to costs for seed, fertilizer and land rent. Those expenses can total \$300 to \$400 per acre. Weather is the big unknown, with the impact only being fully realized at harvest.

“I don’t see a lot of local farmers in big trouble yet,” said Taylor. “We’ve had four or five good years, but just like everyone else, if a farmer makes a dollar, he spends three. My dad always said if you want to support the economy, give money to farmers because for sure they’ll spend it.”

Collwest has locations in Collingwood, Meaford and Dundalk and markets grain for farmers throughout Simcoe and Grey counties. It employs five Taylor family members and three truckers. Taylor explains, “We make money handling grain, so much per ton, so with volume down substantially, so is the income.”

From the three local depots, some is loaded into



Staff photos: Trina Berlo

Soybeans (right) yields are down by at least half and corn (above) yields could be worse.

containers bound for China and Malaysia. Lots of it goes to Hamilton to be loaded onto boats there, and some wheat goes to local flour mills. They used to supply all the wheat to the distillery in Collingwood (Canadian Mist) prior to an ownership change in 2020.

Taylor says it was apparent early in the season that yields would not be good this year, so crop insurance claims were filed early.

“They work on a five-year average, and depending on your coverage you can get compensated to 80 or 90 per cent of the typical yield. But,” he says, “not everyone carries crop insurance.”

“In a normal year, we’d be right in the middle of the soybean harvest right now, but I finished taking mine off last week,” says Taylor. “The next thing is the corn. Some think it might be even worse than the soybeans but we won’t know for a couple more weeks.”

For now, local farmers are making the best of a bad situation, and clinging to hope for better conditions next year.





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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Grateful to live in rural paradise, it must be protected

With all that is going on in the world, it is easy to be grateful for where we live.

As the national news is a barrage of war and injustice, I am more grateful for the free press.

As the changing climate presents growing challenges for farmers, I am more grateful for the wholesome food on my plate.

Sometimes crisis breeds gratitude.

No matter where I go in the world, upon my return, I am grateful to see the rolling hills of Mulmur and Clearview, the Niagara Escarpment in the background.

We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, with its rivers and valleys, and Georgian Bay a stone's throw away. We are also living on some of the richest farmland in Canada, and for that we are grateful. But with that comes a responsibility to make sure that farmland is productive, and protected from development and contamination.

The Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition made a presentation to Clearview council this week about exploring opportunities to expand and strengthen Greenbelt protections (more on that in next week's edition). In an introduction, Ontario Farmland Trust chair Bernard Pope, an Oro-Medonte farmer, reminded us that according to the *2021 Census of Agriculture*, Ontario is losing 319 acres of farmland per day to non-agricultural uses. Ontario Farmland Trust has extrapolated that at this pace, we will be out of farmland in 2100.

"Many folks do not realize that in Canada there's only five per cent of good farmland, with most of that in southern Ontario, and that can be seen from the top of the CN Tower," said Pope. "How many folks understand that Ontario farmers and ranchers produce over 200 commodities?"

This drives the point that in addition to gratitude for a bucolic setting and a rural way of life, it is under threat and must be protected. It's purpose is beyond beauty, it is nourishing and an essential part of the economy. Let this be food for thought as we take in the festivities this weekend.

Please consider participating in the apple pie contest on Saturday morning. It is a fun no-stakes way to honour a rural tradition while getting involved in the community. We encourage bakers of all ages and skill levels to enter. The contest is a tradition that *The Echo* team has been stewarding through the years, building on the local interest in apple growing.

The *Creemore Echo* crew will be at the Village Green at 9 a.m. to accept entries. The judging – delegated to two local pie mavens – will begin at 10 a.m. and the pies will be sliced and served at 10:30 a.m., with the goal of being done in time for people to catch the The Toronto and North York Hunt's horse and hound parade at 11 a.m. Harvest Festival at Creemore Village Green also includes the Creemore Farmers' Market, live music, games and activities.

THE WAY WE WERE



Jay Blair with a group of Blue Mountain Historical and Archeological Society members and guests at the William Ross' mill Petun archeological site, southeast of Duntroon on Sept. 15, 1973. Jay is in the back row, far right. Other local in the photo are numbered: 1. Jim Shropshire, 2. Dorothy Shropshire, 3. Helen Hargrave (Blackburn), 4. Alex Hargrave. (From the book *Jay Blair: Nottawasaga's Last Pioneer* by Charles Gerrad, supplied by Colleen Stamp.)

LETTERS

Call for recessed accessible bleacher seats

Editor:

I send my kudos to Clearview council for the consideration that they have given to a citizen led initiative, in this case the preservation of the bleacher character at the Gowan ballpark. While I have only lived in the area for a few decades, I, too, highly value the preservation of our regional heritage character. I would humbly request another consideration for the initiative that may correct past inattention – accessibility for our seniors and children/adults with mobility issues. If at all possible, could we design a section in the front row that would embrace those in wheelchairs or other mobility aides to sit with family,

neighbours and friends rather than be left to the sides or stuck out exposed in front of the seating area? Perhaps a recessed central space in the front row with typical seating at the 'wings' or a folding back seat option in the front row? It may help include those in wheelchairs, so all members of the public, especially differently-abled children and those living in the nearby long-term care facility, can enjoy 'watching the game,' sitting with their friends, family, caregivers, and community.

Thank you for considering this suggestion.

Lisa Swinton,
Mulmur.

Historians search for veteran information

Editor:

The Second World War happened a long time ago. It began 86 years ago and peace was declared 80 years ago. Memories of the bombing, the suffering, the horrors and the deaths are fading from memory. Perhaps you are able to bring back some faded memories of that time, maybe from what you have heard, maybe from some family tree information.

Ellen Millar, from Simcoe County Archives, and I are searching for information about five service men who lost their lives in that conflict and whose names are on the Creemore cenotaph.

We have some information about Thomas

Eggleton but more would be welcome.

Also we have information about Fraser Charles Weatherall but there is a note to say that the record is doubtful for Creemore. As Weatherall is a local name perhaps someone can tell us if he is local or not.

There is no information at all about John Baker, Harry Brown and Fraser Weatherup.

If you can help please send a message via *The Creemore Echo* to editor@creemore.com, and it will be forwarded to me.

Helen Blackburn,
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LETTER



Would expensive paved shoulders get used?

Editor:
The above photo was taken on Sept. 16 on Warrington Road outside of Stayner heading southeast towards Centreline Road along the completed section of the Clearview-Collingwood Train Trail, open only to walkers and cyclists and paid for by County of Simcoe taxpayers. You can also see the multi-use trail that has run alongside Warrington Road for many years.
If cyclists are clearly choosing to ride in the live traffic lane instead of the multi-million dollar trail running parallel to the road with many access points, would expensive, wide paved shoulders even get ridden on?
Chris Millar,
Duntroon.

COLUMN

New chapter for plant-based ‘meat’

When McDonald’s Canada added the McVeggie sandwich to its menu in September, it marked what could be a new chapter in the plant-based meat sector... a chapter that will be distinguished by plants being presented more as plants, than meat.

Maybe that sounds like an obvious thing to do. But with some products, it hasn’t been the norm.

For years, fast food outlets including McDonald’s, as well as major processors and manufacturers such as Beyond Meat, promoted their vegetarian offerings as head-to-head competition to meat, particularly beef burgers.

But time has shown that overall, consumers who crave meat don’t want plant alternatives.

Alternatively, if they want veggies, they don’t want them dressed up to look, smell or taste like beef, chicken or pork.

That’s especially true given the long list of extra ingredients that had to be added to some plant-based meat to get it to taste familiar.

The McVeggie appears to be trying to break away from that ball and chain. According to the McDonald’s website, the McVeggie is “a breaded veggie



patty made with a blend of vegetables (including carrots, green beans, zucchini, peas, soybeans, broccoli and corn) and seasoning, topped with shredded lettuce and creamy mayo-style sauce, served on a toasted sesame bun.”

Most parts of that recipe sound pretty wholesome. Plus, the word meat is nowhere to be found, in the description or the marketing. That’s a big change.

Other companies have read the tea leaves, too. For example, Beyond Ground lists just four ingredients – water, faba bean protein, potato protein and psyllium husk – in its ground beef alternative. Appearance-wise, this product looks odd, but there’s not much for critics to quibble with in that ingredient list.

And IKEA is reportedly offering a falafel plant ball this fall to replace its plant-based meatball, which failed to make a dent in the market.

To me, this new direction is encouraging, for a couple of reasons. First, it’s a more honest way of doing business. What started out as simply offering consumers alternatives to meat morphed into a name-calling, finger-pointing, all-out war between

the beef sector particularly and plant-based product manufacturers.

The pro-meat group accused plant-based companies of deceiving consumers with their claims of “natural,” minimalistic ingredients. It sparked anti-plant-product campaigns based on meat having but one ingredient, meat.

The plant-based side didn’t have a comparable war chest to fight the meat sector, although animal rights activists had long drawn a line in the sand with their stance against meat production.

What all this potentially means to readers of *The Echo* is a less polarized protein sector, less of an us-versus-them mentality. Consumers won’t feel the need to join one camp or the other – they can choose between the two, or patronize both.

And companies can concentrate on marketing benefits, not features.

What consumers really want is safe, wholesome and affordable food. Look at meat and non-meat alternatives and ask which side is offering all three of those benefits – that’s the side that deserves Canadian consumers’ support, as we settle in for an elbows-up fall and winter.

Owen Roberts is an agricultural journalist from Guelph. He regularly visits family in Creemore.



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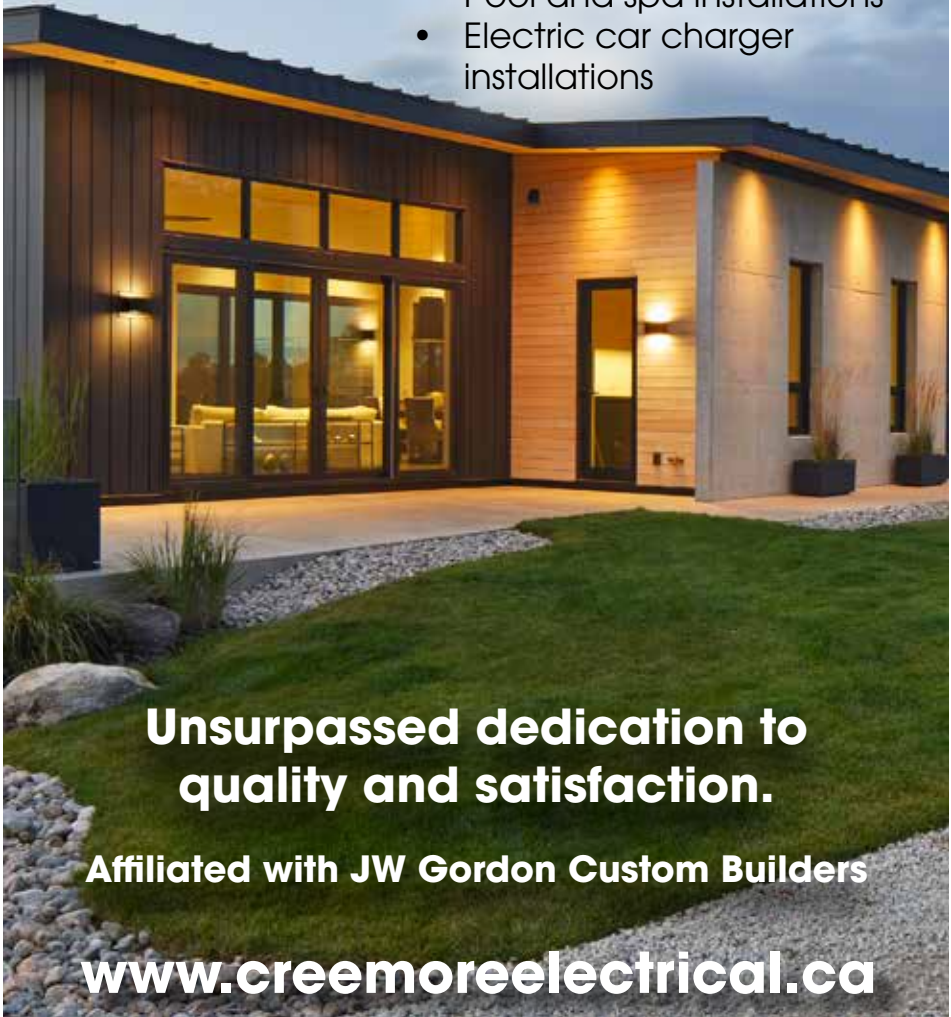
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Giffen family makes tough decision to close market

by Bonnie MacPherson

An integral part of the Glen Huron community for more than 85 years, the doors at Giffen’s Farm Market will not re-open.

The decision was announced on Facebook on Sept. 26: “To all our dear supporters, past and present – It is with a very heavy heart that the family has decided to close Giffen’s Country Market. It was a very difficult decision, knowing the joy our little market brought to the community, especially the amazing butter tarts and pies.”

The market has been closed since the tragic death of Michael Giffen, when a building collapsed last February.

The accident was the latest tragedy to befall the family. Grandfather Frank died in a farm accident in 1976. Then another accident claimed the life of his son Bob Giffen in 2021.

“After we lost my father, Michael and his wife pretty much took over the business. With him gone, we made the difficult decision not to reopen,” said **Lori Pitcher**, Michael’s sister. “At this point, we don’t know whether the property will be sold. It’s really up in the air and we haven’t thought that far ahead yet.”

Frank and Eileen Giffen, Pitcher’s grandparents, purchased the 85-acre property in Glen Huron in 1939. The microclimate was ideal for growing several apple varieties. They sold their apples at the door, and started delivering to local stores.



Contributed photo

Gramm Giffen working in the kitchen at Giffen’s Country Market in Glen Huron.

In the 1950s, they added cold storage and an expanded packing facility, and then expanded again in 1981. By that point, they had storage for up to 36,000 bushels of fruit, mostly from the family orchards.

Pitcher, who now lives in the Kitchener area has fond memories of growing up in Glen Huron, in a house just a few steps down from the store.

“I started working there when I was 12 or 13, mostly doing cash, and sometimes helping Gramms with the baking,” she recalls. “You had to be

spot on with the quality control for Gramms to let you help.”

Legend has it that Gramm Giffen’s butter tart recipe had been passed down through the family for nearly 200 years.

The first critical step in the process, a member of the Giffen family once told *The Echo*, is the pastry. Too thick and it’s no good. Too thin and it falls apart. When it comes to the filling, it’s a perfect balance of runny and thick, oozy but not too runny, and with a silky, never granular texture. Each batch included 32 eggs and four pounds of

butter.

In 2019, the Giffen’s butter tarts, made from Gramm’s secret recipe, won first place at the Royal Winter Fair, confirming what local connoisseurs had long known. They really were the best tarts around.

“My aunts **Pat** and **Fran** have copies of Gramm’s recipe, as does my sister-in-law **Kim**. So far, there are no bakers in the next generation. What will eventually become of the recipe is a question for the family, for sure,” said Pitcher.

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Schaapples Market changes hands

by Trina Berlo

It's almost like **Mark Ironside** has stepped into the life of **Theo Schaap**. He has moved into his home and taken over his business. The humour is not lost on him.

Luckily, this is the life of a man he admires – a hard worker who has built a business and a community of growers – and his godfather no less.

When **Theo Schaap** and **Niki Tucker-Schaap** began exploring a route to retirement they didn't know who would take over Schaapples Market, which has been at Cashtown Corners in one form or another from for almost five decades.

"We worked very hard for 45 years to establish what we had but it was the local people that really kept us going," said Theo, adding that those travelling Airport Road regularly also became loyal customers.

Theo was 23 years old when he moved from Stouffville, having purchased a dairy farm and orchard in Glen Huron. He knew the dairy business but had no knowledge about growing apples. The seller convinced him to keep the orchard and he would teach him how to care for it.

The following year, in 1978, Theo began selling his apples on weekends out of the back of a pick-up truck

outside the corner store at Cashtown Corners. He had his three children in tow – **Adam**, **Brydon** and **Corinne**.

"They grew up at the corner, plus on the farm, and they knew what it was like to do hard work, and so they were a big part of it at the start, with the family," said Theo.

Niki came along in 1995 and expanded the businesses, bringing in other area produce and preserves. She made almost 1,500 jars per season using only local fruits and vegetables.

Eventually the market was displaced by the reconstruction of the gas station at Cashtown Corners but the Schaaps found a home on the edge of the Isaac property a little farther north.

In addition to working at the stand, Niki worked as a PSW, while Theo ran the dairy farm and had the apple business, in partnership with Bob Giffen.

"We just really enjoyed doing it but, as everybody gets older, we just felt it was time for us to enjoy the rest of our life," said Theo.

"Because it consumes you the whole five months you're there, because we did it ourselves," said Niki, adding that they had minimal staff.

As their 70s were approaching they decided they wanted to travel but Niki

(See 'Love' on page 8)



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Niki Tucker-Schaap and Theo Schaap with his three children **Adam**, **Corinne** and **Brydon** at a customer appreciation barbecue they hosted at Schaapples Market when it was changing hands.



Mark Ironside with his godparents **Theo Schaap** and **Niki Tucker-Schaap**.

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Mark Ironside feeds corn to **Moose the Goose** as his feathered friends look on in envy. Left: Ironside picks tomatoes in the hoop house.

Love of growing comes with share of heartbreak

(Continued from page 7)
admits the thought of closing up and walking away brought her to tears more than once.
Theo said his children have established lives and careers elsewhere and it wasn't realistic for them to take it on, but they found a successor in their godson Mark, who had been forging a path toward farming for some years, perhaps even before he had access to land. But when the offer to take over the market was initially presented, he

had an unexpected reaction. He balked.
But then his father pointed out that he was being stupid, he said, and he came to his senses.
The Schaaps taught their godson the ropes and in the fall of 2023 it became his, although Niki stayed on to help until last month.
Mark has made a few changes – he renamed the business The Stand Farm Market, he brought in a point of sale, and a few new products.
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“What Niki and Theo did was create a food system,” said Mark. “They built a community of growers.”

When asked if there is a label he identifies with Mark said he has struggled with his mission statement. He said it comes down to figuring out his values. Currently, he is taking a free-range, chemical-free approach, using as few motorized tools as possible but he is learning the limits of what he can grow and is prepared to adapt.

When he first started farming, Mark admits he held the common misconception that farmers weren’t using good practices but he said he has gained a respect for the entire food system.

He studied engineering and architectural technology at school but has somehow been called to farming, even though he grew up in Collingwood and has few connections to the agricultural community.

The engineering firm he worked for required him to spend time working on high-rise buildings in Toronto. Already feeling overworked, Mark said he realized the ladder he would have to ascend to become a residential architect was not one he wanted to climb.

While between jobs he spent time with a friend at a small scale produce farm in Mansfield and a seed was planted. He loved being around the animals, and the plants.

Then, about eight years ago his parents bought a piece of property in Clearview Township. He says they, “being way too supportive,” have allowed him to have a flock of very free-range chickens, ducks and geese.

It began when he bought himself 30 chickens as a 30th birthday present.

“It went from there,” said Mark. He describes the first two or three years as extremely painful. He was trying to run the construction company and sell his produce at farmers’ markets. At times he was driven to despair by what he calls “the fields of justice.” No mercy.

“Every time you take your eye off the land something bad happens,” said Mark.

So, why do it? “I just love it,” is his answer.

Mark says, the hoop house where he grows vegetables, is his favourite place.

Throughout six growing seasons Mark has learned a lot about seeds, disease, pests and he says he will never stop learning.

As for the Schaaps, they have purchased a 40-foot trailer and are travelling through the U.S., visiting family and Niki has passed her recipes on to Mark’s mother **Marlene Ironside**, who worked at the stand for 15 years. Between Mark and his mother, they plan on keeping The Stand well stocked with preserves.

The Stand Farm Market, located at 2761 County Road 42, will be open until next weekend and will open again the last weekend in June.

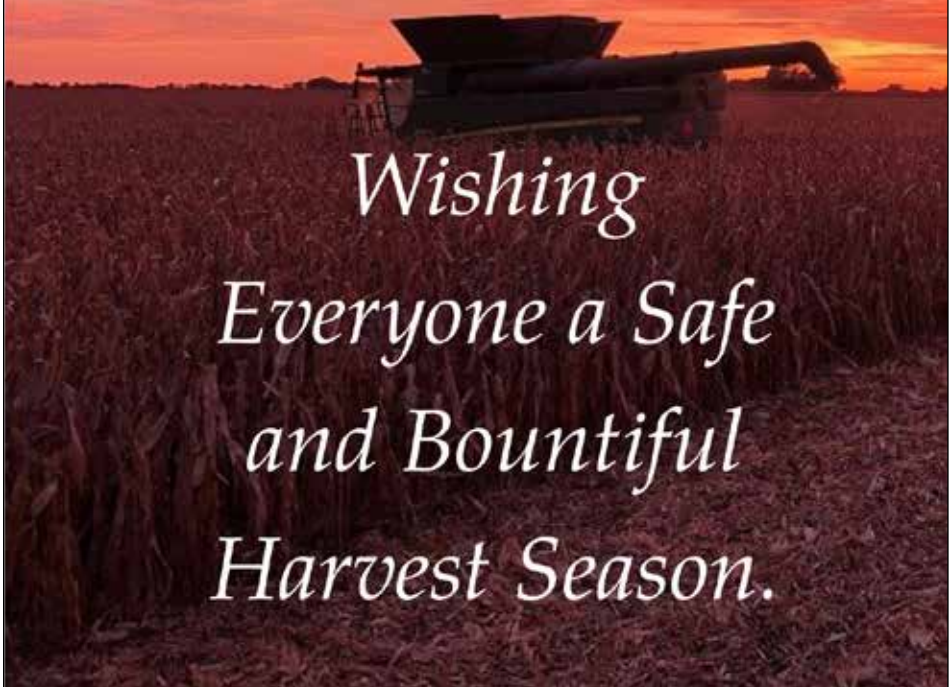


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Clockwise from above: **Geoff Parker** animates one of **James Paterson's** moving wire sculptures at Station on the Green; **Anastasia Phillips** discovers her clown self in *The Gogo Show*. There were more than 40 artists set up through the village over the weekend's Artists on Location: Art lovers strolled the village in search of treasures; **Dorothy Shropshire's** newest work depicts how the Tionontati people (known as The Petun), indigenous to this area, moved their community to the other side of the valley in order to access replenished resources. Shropshire participated in the area Petun study groups in the 1970s (see photo on page 4).





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Bruce Trail Club opens new parking lot in Mulmur

by Bonnie MacPherson

Members of the Bruce Trail Club (BTC) celebrated an important milestone last week, with the opening of a new parking lot to service the Dufferin Hi-Land trail section. The lot, located near Prince of Wales and 15 Sideroad Kilgore, provides access to the Kilgorie, Pine River and Meladonna loops.

Carl Alexander, a long time Bruce Trail volunteer, said the club has been using the property since the 1980s by means of a handshake agreement with the owners.

“The Van Nostrand family had purchased this 90-acre property in the early 1950s and built a lovely weekend cabin. However, as the family evolved and spent less time here, the cabin was vandalized and the property was abused by off roaders and garbage dumpers.”

Alexander worked with the family for several years to secure a permanent location for the trail, and eventually to transfer ownership to the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Directly west of the Van Nostrand property is 90 acres of forested land, which at one time was overrun by off-roaders, and was a favourite Saturday night bush party site, according to Alexander.

“This annoyed the property owners on the north side of 15 Sideroad. When the property was offered for sale, they generously agreed to financially



Staff photos: Bonnie MacPherson

Carl Alexander cuts the ribbon Oct. 1 to officially open a new Bruce Trail parking lot in Mulmur.

support BTC in acquiring it, on the condition that the off-roaders had to go, and the land had to be rehabilitated,” reports Alexander. “There must have been over 1,000 beer cans and every other kind of debris and litter you can imagine including a partially burnt large boat, furniture and many tires. It took hundreds of hours of picking up trash, putting up signage, fencing and positioning donated concrete barriers and large logs to create what is now the wonderful Pine River Nature Reserve encompassing the 180 acres between 15 Sideroad and the Provincial Fishing Area. This is a true community treasure.”

Alexander commended the Van Nostrand family for their stewardship of the land.

“They had the property professionally logged every 25 years, harvesting mature trees and removing blemished ones,” he said. “Look around this lot surrounded by beautiful mature maple trees and thank the visionary Van Nostrands. This illustrates how we think we own the property for the now, but really we are its stewards for future generations.”

Alexander says more than 1,500 volunteers are involved with stewarding conservancy lands, adding, “This is an efficient, effective land trust as well as



Carl Alexander is the first recipient of the Jack Morgan Award, presented by volunteer coordinator **Rhiannon Carruthers**. Morgan, a long-serving volunteer for the BTC, was known for his dedication and hard work securing landowner agreements on the Bruce Trail. The award recognizes Alexander's contributions to securing land to grow the trail system.

a trail organization.”

The new parking lot, roughly 70 by 140 feet, was built on an existing clearing.

“We tried to maintain the original contours to make it look as natural as possible,” said Alexander. “I have always promoted the building of parking lots that provide safe trail access and reduce roadside parking that can annoy nearby landowners.”

BTC undertakes many projects beyond trail building such as school outreach, invasive species control and resistant species planting. It has now added four new parking lots, and expanded another lot to serve the trail.

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Health unit begins annual school immunization program

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), in partnership with local school boards, will be providing school-based clinics for three routine recommended immunizations for Grade 7 students: hepatitis B, meningococcal conjugate (Men-C-ACYW), and human papillomavirus (HPV).

From October through December, nurses will visit elementary schools across Simcoe and Muskoka to administer the first round of these free vaccines. Information and consent forms were sent home with students in early September. Parents or guardians who did not receive a form are encouraged to contact their child's teacher or call the health unit at 705-721-7520, ext. 8827.

Students in Grade 8 who missed a dose and did not complete their vaccine series in Grade 7 will be able to catch up during the second round of clinics, scheduled for April to June. Grade 7 students who miss the fall clinics will be able to begin their series in the spring and complete it in the fall of Grade 8.

More information regarding the full school clinic schedule, strategies to support a positive immunization experience for students, and details about the vaccines and the diseases they prevent is available at smdhu.org/Grade7. For more information, call 705-721-7520, ext. 8827 (toll-free 1-877-721-7520), weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



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Knights claim Strother Cup in Game 7 thriller

by Scott Anderson

The New Lowell Knights are North Dufferin Baseball League champions after edging the Owen Sound Baysox 5-4 in a dramatic Game 7 on Sept. 27, capping off a fiercely contested series.

Owen Sound, last year's league champions, came into the final with momentum, but the Knights proved resilient. The two teams were separated by just one point in the regular season standings and traded wins throughout the final series. Owen Sound took the first two games, New Lowell responded with two of their own, and each team claimed a victory to force the decisive seventh game.

After a scoreless first inning, New Lowell struck first, scoring twice in the second. Owen Sound answered with a run in the third, but the Knights extended their lead with three more runs in the fourth to go up 5-1.

The Baysox rallied in the sixth when **Steve Barrett** hit a three-run homer over the centre-field fence, narrowing the gap to one. Owen Sound threatened again in the seventh when **Ryan Bartley** laid down a bunt, but **Ryan McNeill** was tagged out at home trying to score the tying run. With two outs, **Greg Slater** stepped up but struck out, sealing the win for New Lowell.

Adam Shaver led the Baysox offence with three singles. McNeill and **Kevin Zettler** each added two, while **Robert Doyle**, **Bryan Post**, and **Nick Van Wyck** chipped in singles. Barrett's late-inning home run was a pivotal moment in the Baysox comeback attempt.

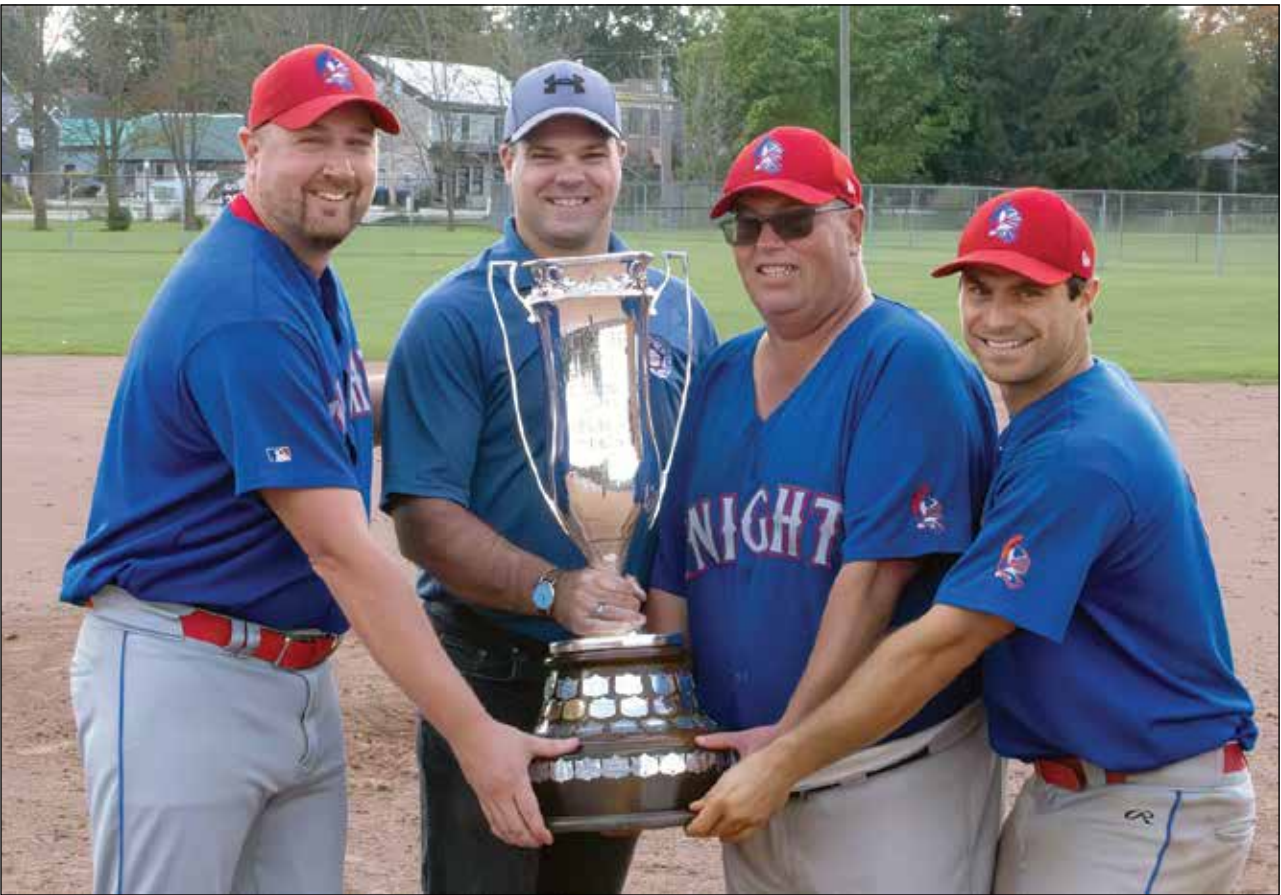
Chris Greer paced the Knights with a triple and a single. **Tanner Zeggil** and **Jake Nicholson** each had two singles, while **Tristan Cabral** and **Steve Bowman** added one apiece.

Owen Sound leaned on power throughout the series, hitting a total of nine home runs. New Lowell countered with small ball tactics – bunting and clutch hitting to move runners and manufacture runs.

Baysox starter **Nate Kramer** pitched five innings, allowing five runs on eight hits, walking four, hitting one batter, and striking out two. Bartley pitched a clean sixth in relief.

Knights starter **Brandon Norrie**, who later was named playoff MVP, threw 5 1/3 innings, giving up four runs on eight hits, walking two, and striking out three. Young pitcher **Nic Guthrie** closed out the final 1 2/3 innings, allowing no runs on three hits and striking out one.

After the game, league secretary and convenor **Scott Anderson** praised both teams for a hard-fought series and thrilling finale. He presented the Strother Cup to **Chris Rettie**, **Kurt Roy**, and coach **Pete Kinghan** of the Knights.



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Above: The New Lowell Knights won the North Dufferin Baseball League championship Sept. 27. Pictured are, back row, from left: **Zakery Hayward**, **Kurt Roy**, coach **Pete Kinghan**, **Steve Bowman**, **Sean Connor**, **Dale Lightheart**, **Nic Guthrie**, **Chris Rettie**, **Chris Esson**, **Jesse McIntyre**. Front row, from left: **Brandon Norrie**, **Brett Elliott**, **Tristan Cabral**, **Mack Morrish**, **Chris Greer**, **Nick Hodgson**, **Jake Nicholson**, **Tanner Zeggil**, and **Todd VanLieshout**.

Below: League secretary **Scott Anderson**, second from left, presents the Strother Cup to **Chris Rettie**, **Pete Kinghan**, and **Kurt Roy** during a post-game presentation Sept. 27.

Coyotes home opener Oct. 18

by Trina Berlo

The Creemore Coyotes' home opener is coming up on Oct. 18 giving them an opportunity even the score with Georgian Bay Applekings after a 7-3 loss at the season's opening game on Oct. 4.

The Coyotes are heading into the season with more than 25 players on the roster but general manager **Tom Macham** continues to recruit. He feels he needs a few more top-notch players, including a couple of strong defensemen, in order to be competitive.

The pressure is on.

"We're not where we need to be to be competitive yet... yet," said Macham. "And it's on me to find the players."

With an expansion of the Ontario Elite Hockey League, 18 clubs will be split into two divisions. The north division is made up of Creemore Coyotes, Durham Thundercats, Elmvale Harvesters, Georgian Bay Applekings, Lucknow Lancers, Minto 81's, Ripley Wolves, Saugeen Shores Winterhawks, Shelburne Muskies. The south division: Delhi Flames, Dunnville Aeros, Elora Rocks, Erin Outlaws, Milverton 4-Wheel Drives, Petrolia Squires, Seaforth Centenaires, Tavistock Royals, Tillsonburg Thunder.

Macham said the change means less travel for the team but he expects a healthy rivalry to form with the newly formed Elmvale Harvesters.



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Tayden Hannivan, pictured shaking hands with general manager **Tom Macham**, has signed with the Creemore Coyotes for the 2025-2026 season.

The Coyotes lost two players to the team, due to the proximity to Barrie. Macham said both Creemore and Thornbury lost players to the new team, which was expected, but he supported the addition to the league.

Macham has been hustling to rebuild the team after losing 12 players, due to a variety of circumstances.

He said senior hockey recruits – typically those who have played at the

Junior A level and above – often come through word of mouth.

For the regular season, each team will play 20 games entirely within their respective division.

Teams finishing first through seventh place in each division qualify for the "AA" Playoffs.

The eighth and ninth place teams in each division will play a best-of-three series for the eighth seed.

Divisional quarterfinals and all subsequent rounds will be best-of-seven, with re-seeding after each round.

The prevailing teams from the North and South will then meet each other for the J.F. Paxton Trophy.

The home opener on Oct. 18 will be John Deere night with lots of giveaways including free hats and prizes. Every game will have giveaways each period, and shoot the puck.

The game starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission costs \$10. Family season passes are available.

For the full season schedule, visit creemorecoyotes.com.

Matt Saddler will be performing the National Anthem and playing with Hogback Road during their set in the booster club, where pizza and drinks are served.

Macham said he is grateful for his game day staff but there is room for a few more volunteers, including someone to manage the bar set up.



Compass Greenfield Development will be holding a public meeting in regards to the proposed **Stayner BESS** Project.

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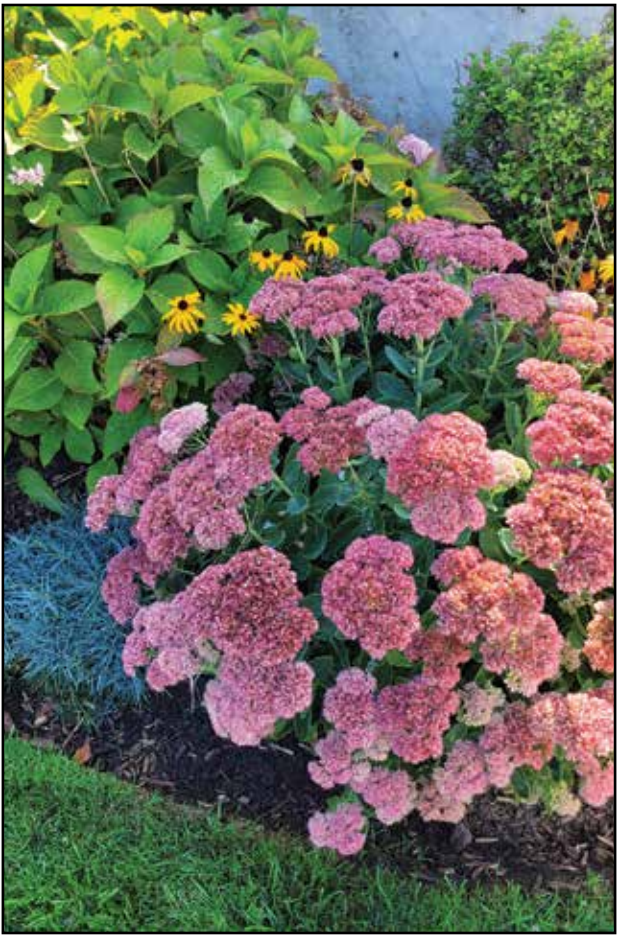
Late bloomers ensure last blast of garden colour

by Anna Sauve

The colour show in your garden doesn't have to end after summer fades. A trick of good garden design is making sure something is blooming throughout the seasons. Fall-blooming perennials are some of the showiest plants in the garden. Many are tall and flower in gorgeous rich jewel tones – golds, reds, purples and yellows. Ideally, plant them early in the season so they're established for the fall colour show.

Sedum (Stonecrop) – Whether you choose classic favourite 'Autumn Joy' or a newer cultivar like 'Autumn Fire', sedum is a must-have in every perennial garden. Sedum are tall, reliable, hardy, long-lived plants and a magnet for bees and butterflies. Both enjoy a long bloom time and are drought tolerant. They prefer full sun and will grow in average, poor or sandy well-drained soil. These plants require minimal attention, and their gorgeous rich pink-red blooms will last until frost. After blooming, the flower heads form attractive seed heads, providing nice winter interest. Sedum can be divided spring or fall, and also be propagated via cuttings.

Helenium (Sneezeweed) – These hardy three-foot tall clump-forming perennials enjoy fertile soil and full sun. They like moist soil, so are a good choice for areas where drainage is poor. The daisy-like flowers in rich yellow or orange-to-red tones attract bees. It's a fantastic plant for the back of a border. Dividing the plants every three years will avoid overcrowding and keep the plants looking fresh. Helenium dies back in autumn and re-emerges in spring. All parts of the plant are toxic; it should not be consumed by humans or animals.



Anna Sauve photo

Sedum is a must-have in every perennial garden.

Heliopsis (False Sunflower) – This tough, easy-to-grow plant is another popular one for moist, fertile soil in full sun, although it will grow in sandy or clay soil. This tall (three to six feet) plant is best

situated framing the back of a garden or bordering a woodland setting. Deer and rabbits tend to avoid it, a bonus for rural settings. The sunflower-like bright yellow flowers bloom midsummer to early autumn and attract bees and butterflies. Once the foliage has died back, cut to ground level.

Fall Asters (Aster novae-angliae) – These hardy deer-resistant perennials with fragrant daisy-like flowers can grow one to three feet tall and prefer full to partial sun with well-drained loamy soil. Available in shades of purple, pink, blue and white, they are easy to grow, disease-resistant plants, and a food source for bees and butterflies. Pinch back to in early summer for a bushier plant that will bloom until hard frost.

Chrysanthemum – “Mums” are the true symbol of autumn. They are resilient, but best planted in spring in a sunny, sheltered location. Mums prefer moist but well-drained soil, amended with compost or manure. As with asters, pinching them back in June results in a bushier plant, one to three feet tall, depending on the cultivar. Do not cut back mums in fall – cut off dead stems and leaves in spring when you see the first green shoots emerging.

Consider this: Dividing your perennials will reward you with healthier plants and provide extra plants to share with friends.

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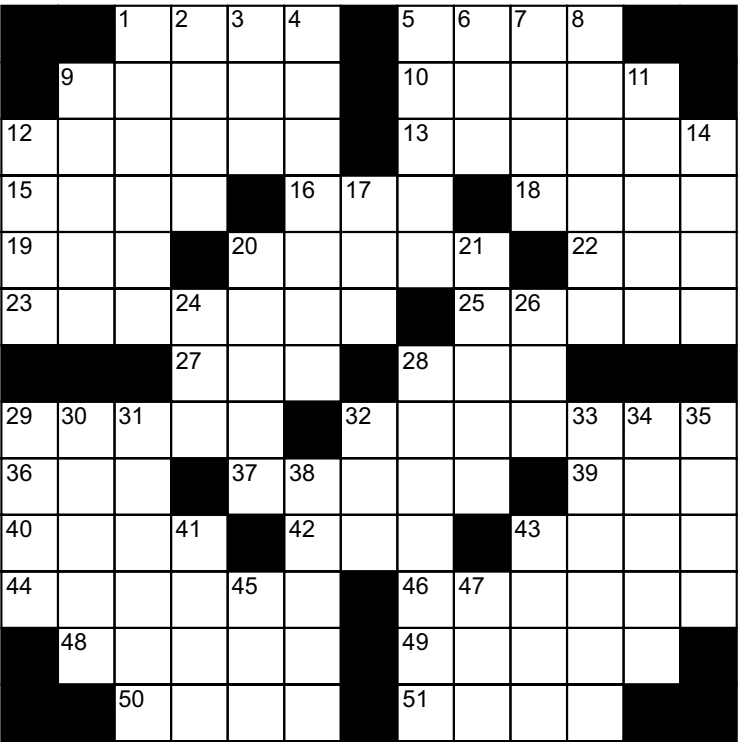
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**Why did the
cranberry blush?**

It saw the turkey dressing

Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

- ACROSS**
- Money in a wallet
 - Elevator button
 - Place to see some bronco riding
 - Baseball misplay
 - Bathroom problem
 - Word used in footnotes and bibliographies
 - Burden
 - Move more slowly than others
 - Big brass instrument
 - Distinctive doctrine
 - Marriage announcement
 - Wreath of flowers
 - Merciful
 - Use a weapon effectively
 - Clear (of)
 - Knight's title
 - Weighed down
 - Golf course hazards
 - Overwhelming wonder
 - Model of the earth
 - Sudden bite, as from a puppy
 - Sir's opposite
 - ___ and outs
 - Spanish sparkling wine
 - Passionate
 - Almost identical compound
 - Take exception
 - Winter Olympics athlete
 - Written reminder
 - Money drawer



- DOWN**
- Vertical section in a newspaper, magazine, etc.
 - Uses the "+" function
 - Look at
 - Father of Confederation
 - Condescend
 - Sphere
 - Written court order
 - Small swelling
 - Washer cycle
 - One who fights against authority
 - Work hard
 - Butler's counterpart
 - Aardvark snack
 - Human ___
 - Some squealers
 - Fury
 - Vex
 - Remain alive
 - Tibetan Buddhist monk
 - Give as a result of a legal decision
 - Make impervious to sound
 - ___ voyage
 - Paint that dries to a hard glossy finish
 - Oromocto, for one
 - Do some punching
 - Unit of petrol
 - Office note
 - Wind around and around
 - It screws onto a bolt
 - Compete in a slalom

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 - 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.

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.

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