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Residents launch petition in fight against DND radar

by Trina Berlo

Terri Jackman says she started knocking on doors right after the Department of National Defence (DND) knocked on hers.

It was July 23 when three DND representatives made their way up the driveway at her home on Concession 7 Sunnidale and told her that the property across the road had been purchased for the purpose of setting up a preliminary Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) receive site.

DND has purchased 288 hectares (700 acres) of prime farmland, overlapping the Minesing Wetlands, for the project and more is needed.

Jackman was informed that the property would be enclosed with 15-foot barbed wire fence, and would have around the clock lighting and camera surveillance. Worse, the farmland will be flattened, without the possibility of reverting back to prime agricultural land. Worst of all, the land was purchased by DND without the community's knowledge.

"I vacillated between sadness and anger, information seeking, and whining," said Jackman.

She said she had a lot of questions and

did not receive a lot of answers, because the project is still in its infancy.

"It has caused anguish and uncertainty," said Jackman. "It has been so unsettling because people have been holding their breath wondering if they'll be impacted."

The big threat is expropriation.

Jackman started going door-to-door to talk to her neighbours about her concerns and has mapped out an area between Concessions 7 and 9, from just east of 3/4 Sideroad Sunnidale to Strongville, where residents have received "Solicitation of Interest in Land Sale in Clearview Township" letters from DND.

Rachel Brooks' family lives and works within the area believed to be of interest for the set up of a larger permanent receive site.

She received a letter dated July 24 by mail. She said she was completely blindsided, as was the rest of her family. Combined, about 1,500 of the acres they farm is within the area of interest, both crops and sheep operations.

Brooks' biggest concern is being displaced. Because the farm is their home and their business, it is everything

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Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Rachel Brooks and Terri Jackman are part of a grassroots movement opposing the Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR).

Proponent seeks support for battery storage system

by Trina Berlo

Compass Greenfield Development is requesting a council resolution in support of a proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) in Stayner.

James Marzotto was before Clearview council on Oct. 6 with a proposal to construct an 18-megawatt AC battery energy storage project on leased land at 219 Industrial Road. The proponent requires the resolution for the IESO's LT2 (c) Window 1 request for proposal bid submission date for capacity due Dec. 18. The bid is in response the province's goal to increase capacity by 75 per cent by 2050 and meet demands at peak consumption periods. The batteries

are charged at night and the operator is paid to be on standby to feed power back into the grid during times of peak usage.

"This long-term capacity procurement is for 600 megawatts of needed capacity throughout the province," said Marzotto. "So it's certainly not a nice-to-have. This 600 megawatts is needed for the grid and our project in Windsor is already contributing to capacity demand that Windsor is facing in southwestern Ontario."

Marzotto said Compass Greenfield Development has over 50 megawatt of solar and battery storage operating, under construction or contracted and

an additional 500 megawatt in early stages of development in Ontario and Saskatchewan.

The Stayner site was chosen for its proximity to electrical infrastructure with available capacity and proper zoning.

The proponent said the benefits to the community include a stronger local energy grid and an annual payment of \$18,000 to the municipality, based on a community benefit agreement of \$1,000 per megawatt.

There will be short-term jobs during the construction phase but once operational, the BESS is operated remotely.

Marzotto told council that the

proponent would work with Clearview Fire and Emergency Services to create an emergency response plan and that the BESS would not become operational without oversight from Hydro One and the Electrical Safety Authority, the Ministry of Energy, and IESO.

Logan Barrett, a consultant with Antler Group chemical response and disaster management, said if there is an issue the fire department would not be expected to extinguish a fire because the containers are designed to burn into themselves. He said the initial evacuation distance would be 500 metres.

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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

- 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.
- **Information session** for Strada Aggregates' 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.

Sunday, Oct. 19

- **139th Anniversary Service** at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church, Creemore. Guest Speaker Rev. Jane Sullivan. Luncheon to follow. All welcome.
- **St. Luke's 170th Anniversary Celebration**. St. Luke's will celebrate 170 years of faithful ministry in the community, at 4 p.m. The guest celebrant and preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto. There will be no morning service at St. Luke's at 11:15 a.m.
- **Artist Talk: Clay Paper Metal** Frith Bail, Liz Eakins and Andrea Mueller will be in conversation about their collaborative show Clay Paper Metal at an artist talk at 2 p.m. at Gallery Lagom, 178 Mill St. Free event. The show continues until Oct. 27.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- **Pub Trivia Night** every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 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.

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.
- **The Great Creemore Clothing Exchange** takes place at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find hidden treasures and give your clothes a second life at this fun, community-driven event. Fill a bag for \$10 or donate what you can. Proceeds support the local school. Contact 905-717-6123 for more information.
- **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.

Saturday, Oct. 25

- Brad's Place Addiction Treatment of Southern Georgian Bay hosts its third annual **bowling fundraiser** at Georgian Bowl from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join the fun with strikes, spares and support as the community comes together to raise funds for recovery programs. All skill levels welcome. Visit www.bradspplace.org for more information.

Sunday, Oct. 26

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

Monday, Oct. 27

- **Stayner Garden Club meeting** at Centennial United Church, 234 William St., Stayner. 7 p.m. Social; 7:30 p.m. Speaker Molly Shannon on succulents; 8 p.m. assemble succulent pot. Cost: \$20 per person.

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.

Saturday Nov. 1 - Sunday, Nov. 2

- **Meraki Falliday Artisan Market** at the Georgian Bay Hotel. Explore more than 50 artisans and enjoy free entry, raffles, workshops and live music for a weekend full of creativity and community. Nov. 1 Sip and Shop from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 2 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 705-422-1201 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.

Sunday, Nov. 9

- **New Lowell Harvest Dinner** at the New Lowell Legion from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pre order tickets only. Limited seating. Dine-in or take out.

Sunday, Nov. 16

- **Joel Plaskett** at the Avening Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. Limited number of tickets still available. Visit www.aveninghall.ca.



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Stayner couple takes ownership of new Foodland

by Trina Berlo

Meet the new owners of Foodland in Stayner – **Kyle and Selina Krueger**.

They have been busy settling in and making connections in the community – and getting ready for Christmas. Their store has been selected for an upcoming Christmas show and sell, a holiday showcase of products open to every Foodland operator in the province.

The couple has been living in Stayner for the past year, coming by way of Collingwood, where they ran the Sobeys’ store, which has recently been shuttered for conversion to a Farm Boy store.

Kyle and Selina both grew up in Dundalk, and although they went to high school together, they met at Foodland where they both started working at the age of 14. Kyle was a “produce boy” and Selina worked the cash. They have been together for 19 years, and married for 12, with two children, ages eight and 11.

For Kyle, being a grocer has been his singular professional focus but he always had his sights on becoming a franchisee.

When it came time for him to do the franchise training program, his store was left under Selina’s management. The training took him all over – Tobermory, Penetanguishene, and Hailburton – where he would learn the ropes from store owners. He said he



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Kyle and Selina Krueger are the new franchisees of Stayner Foodland.

worked in all departments, including food prep.

After graduating from high school Selina became a Red Seal certified chef, completing two years of culinary school and completing her certification at a country club.

She said having that level of knowledge about food does come in handy as a grocer, especially when it comes to produce, pairings and providing inspiration to customers.

The new Foodland store on Grand

Trunk Road in Stayner held its grand opening in May.

The 27,000 square foot store doubled the retail space of the old store on Airport Road, including room for an expanded produce section, bakery, deli, hot food service, and cold, ready-to-eat options.

“We like that its close to home,” said Kyle. “It’s nice to work in the community that you live in.”

He said they are working on integrating into the community, and

are exploring ways to support local initiatives and food drives.

“I’d love to see it grow with the town,” said Kyle of the store, “and be an integral part of the community, be that grocery hub.”

On Oct. 25, Stayner Foodland is holding a free cupcake decorating event from 10 a.m. to noon. The first 100 children will get six cupcakes to take home. The Kruegers are also planning a Christmas event and a visit from Santa.



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COLUMN

Boundaries build independence

One of the things I love about living in a small town is the great conversations that take place on the streets and in the shops. These past few weeks several of my conversations have focused on parenting young adults, many of whom are living at home after post-secondary education.

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Nicole
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These “basement boys” and “apartment above the garage girls” are a source of tension for many parents. Friction arises from the young adult’s declining motivation and over-reliance on screens, contrasted with the parent’s desire for their child to live their best life. The dance between allowing our children to find their own way and wanting to tell them what to do can leave us tripping over our feet. Unlike a well choreographed foxtrot we often feel like we’re in a surprise flash mob where the music is too loud, your pants are too tight, and you’re afraid of what’s about to pop up.

I’m not a parenting expert but having been exposed to the philosophy of the Pine River Institute I can share that holding your child able and setting boundaries is a powerful beginning. One of the hardest things to ask yourself is, how am I contributing to this situation? For example, you want your child to work, but they aren’t expected to pay for any living expenses like food or rent. Holding your child able by contributing to household costs sends the message that they need to be actively employed to contribute to the home.

Many parents, myself included, are avoiding conflict by allowing a young adult to spend hours on their phone without contributing to the home. You might also gain a sense of importance by doing things like laundry for your young adult. Turning the mirror towards yourself may highlight ways in which you are unconsciously allowing a pattern or relationship to flourish even though you are stressed by the circumstances.

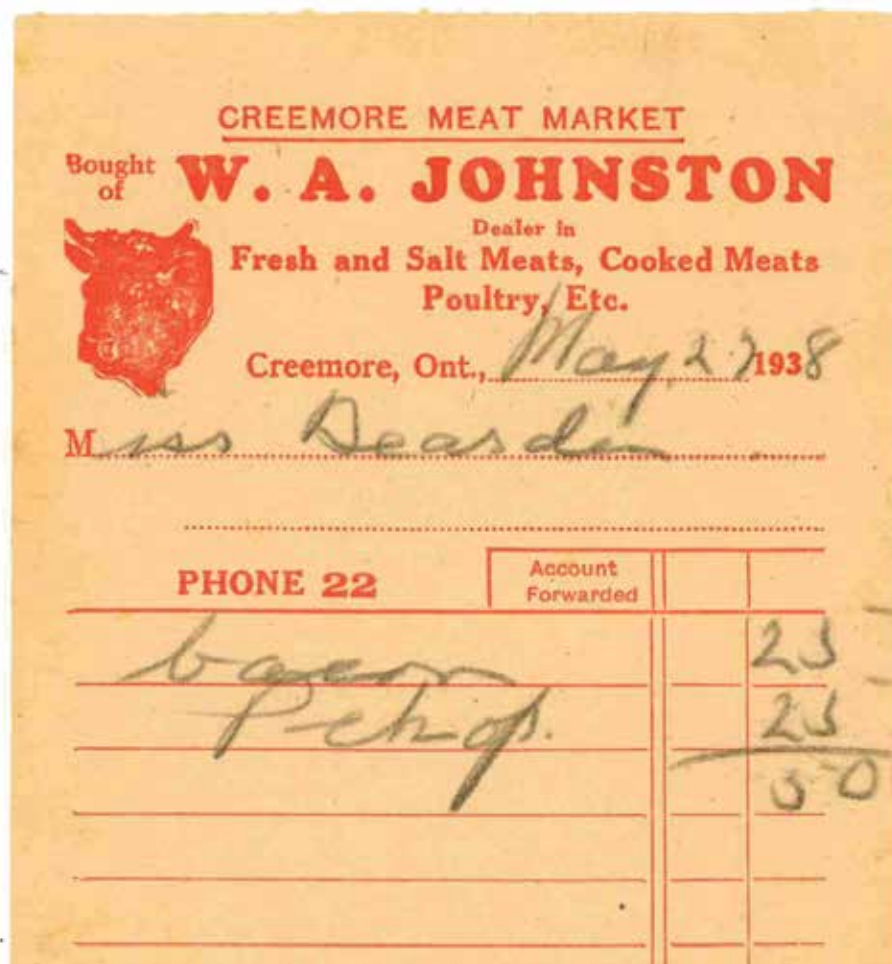
Many parents I spoke to are worried about their young adult’s mental health. We find ourselves in interesting times with AI, technology and highly addictive screens. How are we as parents and role models finding our own balance?

There’s a mental wellness concept coined by sociologist Ray Oldenburg that argues a balanced and fulfilling life requires active engagement in three key areas: home, work, and what he calls “third places.” A third place would be a cafe, attending book club, line dancing and so on. When businesses close at 5 p.m., where is a young adult to go?

Like most things in life, parenting young adults is nuanced. I don’t pretend to have all the answers, but I do know I’m responsible for what I model, and what boundaries I’m willing to uphold.

Please reach out to me at nicole@purpletentwellness.com with your thoughts and feelings. I would also love to know of any engaging third places for young adults in our community.

THE WAY WE WERE



A receipt from the Creemore Meat Market dated May 27, 1938 supplied by Lee Anning.

LETTER

Supporting small farms by simplifying OFDU

Editor:

Last week’s Harvest Edition of *The Creemore Echo* described some of the many challenges of farming. Some challenges are difficult to influence – the weather, commodities markets, urban sprawl to name but a few. This makes it so important to make life easier for farmers when we can. We have such an opportunity right now with the Zoning Bylaw review process.

Data from 2016 shows that approximately 32 per cent of Clearview farms are 69 acres or less. Farms of that size can no longer support a family through crop production alone. And although Clearview Township is a prime agricultural area, approximately 30 per cent of the farmland is classified as having limited agricultural capability. This explains why farmers with small farms need different options to generate income – also known as on-farm diversified uses (OFDU).

Here’s the problem. The proposed new zoning bylaws do not distinguish between permissions for OFDUs and permissions for subdivisions. There is no way to distinguish between small scale proposals utilizing land of limited agricultural capability and large projects on prime agricultural land. The current process requires the use of many professionals including landscape architects, planners, multiple engineers, traffic consultants that is financially prohibitive. In fact, the current process supports the consulting industry at the expense of farming families.

Here’s the solution. Treat small scale OFDU

differently. This could be accomplished by doing site visits early in the process where many issues can be clarified without a consultant. Alternative sources of information are available – again, without a consultant. Create a different stream for considering small scale OFDU where the benefits to the farmer and the larger community are valued. This would allow a different mind set and better outcomes for farmers.

Small farms need to be able to diversify without prohibitive costs. I know how expensive this process can be. I am hoping to offer workshops on my farm for a maximum of 24 people a week. When all is said and done, the permissions alone will cost around \$50,000, down from over \$100,000 when I began. Clearview Township needs better tools so that their well-trained staff can use their professional discretion to make decisions that farmers can afford. Without this assurance of reasonableness, farmers will likely choose to operate OFDU without engaging with the township.

Finally, here’s what you can do to support farmers. Leave a comment on the Zoning Bylaw Review by going to www.clearview.ca/node/13813. Ask for a simplified, reasonable process for OFDU. You can also attend the working session on Oct. 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the township office, 217 Gideon St., Stayner (see story on page 8). Let’s not miss this opportunity to make life a little easier for farmers.

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Residents fear land could be expropriated

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to them, and it would not be realistic to pick up and start somewhere new.

She said that over the past 45 years her in-laws have built a farm from nothing, literally feeding the land with their blood, sweat and tears, picking rocks, nurturing the soil and tiling, to make it ideal for their growing purposes.

“We’ve been stewarding the land for the next generation and it could be all for naught, which is pretty depressing,” said Brooks.

If forced to move, she asks, “Where would you find the quality of land, community connections and business relationships?”

Brooks said she would hate to see farmland destroyed for a technology that could become obsolete in 30 years.

“Once we run out of farmland, how are we going to feed our community,” she asks. “You can’t make more farmland.”

She and Jackman agree that they have to try to fight

the DND proposal.

“We would hate ourselves if we didn’t,” said Jackman.

“Consider the ripple effect of ripping these businesses out of the local economy,” she said.

They are part of a grassroots movement that has organically come together. Signs can be seen throughout Clearview Township opposing the project.

There is now a core group forming that plans to figure out next steps.

Jackman has gone through a process of setting up a formal parliamentary petition, which will be presented by MP **Terry Dowdall** in the New Year, after the signing period closes on Jan. 23. The petition has a minimum requirement of 500 signatures but as of this week, including hard copies, is well over 1,000.

The petition is online at www.ourcommons.ca under e-6829 (national defence and military operations). There is also a Facebook group called Clearview DND radar.

Signs are available at GV Graphics in Stayner.



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Please join **Nic Love** from Georgian Bay Forever and **Natasha Rollin, Elaine Hamerton** and **Michele McKenzie** from the Clearview Public Library at the Creemore Branch from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 for a very special afternoon of PA day programming. They will be talking about everything from the local salmon run to the dangers of microplastics in our very own backyards here in Clearview Township. This is a free family-friendly circuit of activities, demonstrations and displays about “everything” in our local watershed - no registration is required. This program will also take place in the Stayner Branch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Attend to find out if you can really speak “fish”?

Second public meeting scheduled for battery storage proposal

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“This is very early in the process but it is important that you do feel we are looking for your feedback and [we’re] really heavily depending on working with the local fire service,” he said.

Compass Greenfield Development said it would commit to paying for any additional training and equipment the fire department would require.

Compass Greenfield Development held a community engagement meeting in Duntroon on Sept. 25 which was not advertised and was attended by three people, one of whom was councillor **Robert Walker**.

“I’m grateful for the fact that you acknowledged having a second public engagement session. I appreciate that very much. I felt that your location

was really questionable, being not accessible,” said Walker.

Deputy Mayor **Paul Van Staveren** said, as a neighbour, he was not notified of a meeting.

“We need to hear from the public, particularly in and around the Stayner community how they feel about it, but I would be interested to hear from people all across the township,” said Mayor **Doug Measures**.

Compass Greenfield Development would find out in June if its bid is successful. At that point the permitting process would begin. If all goes according to plan the system would be operational by 2029.

The initial power purchasing agreement would be for 20 years with the intent to extend it.

The next public meeting is at St. Patrick’s Church Hall, 215 Pine St., Stayner, at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 28.

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The prose on a new line of sweatshirts, the first product line from Valley Bloom, is meant to be a wearable postcard, said co-creator **Lindsay Sherry**, a love letter of sorts to the community.

Having dreamed of launching a line of Creemore souvenirs, Sherry found the perfect collaborator in friend **Kim Preston**.

Preston, an optician who also runs a landscaping and property management business, and Sherry, who works in advertising, share a love for travel – and souvenirs. Preston says, between the two of them, they have a large collection of sweatshirts, T-shirts, mugs, and beer glasses.

“Souvenirs don’t get the credit they deserve,” said Sherry. “They capture a moment in time.”

They launched Valley Bloom this month with a series of colour wash pigment dyed crewneck seaters with embroidered lettering.

Sherry and Preston have loved living in Creemore, a community of lifelong residents, transplants, weekenders, and visitors.

“People really love this place – people who have either found this place or moved back to it,” said Sherry. “We wanted to create souvenirs that speak to the anthem of this valley and the



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Lindsay Sherry (left) and **Kim Preston** have launched a line of Creemore souvenirs with a line of sweatshirts.

people in it.”

The slogans are meant to represent, in essence, what it’s like to be here,” said Sherry. “The feeling of some magic told through stories, lyrics and quotes – A mirroring of nature and how it changes your human spirit by being here.”

“It’s about trying to put that feeling into words,” said Preston.

Preston said some people are attracted to the colours while others identify with the words.

The long term plan for Valley Bloom is a line of apparel and home accessories, like candles, mementos, and seasonal goods.

A limited edition of embroidered crewnecks are on sale at www.valleybloom.ca.

Valley Bloom will also have a booth at the Creemore Farmers’ Market on Oct. 25 and Dec. 14, as well as the vendor market at the elementary school on Nov. 13 and The Handmade Holiday Market on Nov. 29 and 30.

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Public meeting changed to working session

Clearview Township has opted to change the format of its public meeting about changes to the Zoning Bylaw to a working session, having heard many concerns about the environmental protection zones.

The time and place remains the same: 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 29, at town hall in Stayner.

Township staff said in a press release Thursday that the review period is being extended to address concerns and listen to feedback.

It says, “We will not be addressing the EP zones at the working session. At this time, we are carefully considering the draft zoning and mapping, and collecting feedback about these concerns. We will update council and the public when we have updated zoning and mapping.”

The working session will be an opportunity for the public to provide feedback and for council to direct staff.

Several key issues will be discussed at the working session: additional residential units (ARUs); on-farm diversified uses (OFDUs); home businesses; archaic plans; residential lot fabric; parking requirements; requirements for cluster development; private servicing (cisterns); use of shipping containers.

A technical report will be released before the meeting with more details about each of these topics. The report will be posted at www.clearview.ca/ZBLReview, where there is an online survey to collect concerns.

The statutory public meeting scheduled for Oct. 29 is being postponed to an undetermined date. Those who submit comments through the survey will be notified of the new date.

MC2 hosts quarry meeting

Mono Mulmur Coalition, or MC2, will hold a public information session about Strada’s quarry application on Saturday, Oct. 18

A number of citizen groups are calling on the community to submit comments on the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) application submitted by Strada Aggregates for a quarry operation within its existing 360-acre sand and gravel pit, before the Nov. 17 deadline.

The quarry extraction area is 65.7 hectares, equivalent to 110 Canadian football fields. The holding capacity of trenches and ponds is 1.7 billion

litres, equivalent to 640 Olympic swimming pools.

Key concerns include noise, air quality, traffic and the impact on the water table.

Saturday’s panel will include Mulmur Mayor **Janet Horner**, Melancthon Against Quarries representative **Larry Taman**, **Susan Lloyd-Swail** with Reform Gravel Mining Coalition; Melancthon community member **Vera Odette**, and MC2 representatives **Stephen Middleton** and **Don MacFarlane**.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to noon at Mulmur’s town hall, 758070 2 Line E.

Coalition calls for rigorous Greenbelt review

With a review of the Greenbelt scheduled for 2025 the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition is asking regional councils to support pressing on the province that the review should be undertaken, and done in a meaningful way.

Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition is comprised of 47 member groups. Chair **David Jeffery** was before Clearview council on Oct. 6 to request support for the exploration of opportunities to expand and strengthen Greenbelt protections and call on the province to collaborate with municipalities, Indigenous nations, and stakeholders to identify and protect lands of ecological, agricultural, and hydrological significance.

He said the coalition is asking the province to do a review “with rigour, scientific depth, and to sew the seeds for expansion of the greenbelt.”

“Municipalities like yours can forward, can help shape, a review that protects farmland,

protects water, and ultimately ensures that the next generation has a livable place to call home,” he said.

Jeffrey said local farmland and water features are closely tied to the region’s long-term resilience.

“Nature does not note any artificial boundaries. Carbon floats all over the countryside...” said Jeffrey. “We need to make sure we’re doing everything we can to protect the many important features we live near.”

He said that in 2018, the Liberal government of the day discussed expanding the Greenbelt into Simcoe County, a key area to protect threatened water and farmland resources.

Jeffrey said the coalition has and will be visiting councils, with four resolutions having been passed at the time of the meeting. Mayor **Doug Measures** did not commit to including the resolution on an upcoming agenda.

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Collision claims life of teen

A 17-year-old from Collingwood was killed Oct. 10 in a single-vehicle collision on 33-34 Sideroad Nottawasaga in Clearview Township.

Police responded to the scene at about 8:45 p.m., along with local fire and emergency medical services, where the young man was pronounced dead. The passenger, a 17-year-old male from Collingwood, was transported to a Toronto-area hospital for treatment.

The road remained closed until the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) team concluded their initial investigation at 5 a.m. the next morning.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information or dashcam footage is asked to contact the Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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FRED'S FUNNIES

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Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

ACROSS

- Having little colour and excitement
- Rise on the hind legs, like a horse
- Plant and animal life of a region
- Wading bird
- Go places
- Canada's Christine Sinclair's former sport
- Assistant
- Take small tastes of
- Make more acute, as one's skills
- Suffix with hero
- Eucharist plate
- Canada's neighbour (abbr.)
- Animal found mainly in Madagascar
- Surgeon's knife
- Headstone abbreviation
- Piece of neckwear
- An average man (2 words)
- View from a mountaintop
- "___ on a Grecian Urn"
- Clear a chalkboard
- Barley bristle
- Auction cry
- Do your best
- Move lightly and swiftly
- Lying face upward
- Act as a go-between
- TV program you've seen before
- Word processing command
- Tear apart
- Roll call reply

DOWN

- Royal crown
- Move hither and thither
- Broke a fast
- Model airplane wood
- Look up to
- One's image of oneself
- Curved entranceway
- Get back money that has been spent
- Water with salt in it
- Verb form
- Comet part
- Not imagined
- Part of TGIF
- Group of lions living together

- Lacking street smarts
- Big coffeepot
- Floral necklace
- Give warning of
- Chinese idol
- Aroma
- Assistant
- Spike of corn
- Salty
- Unforeseen development
- Poker stake
- Slender, graceful girl
- Desperately urgent
- According to the rules
- One who has taken vows
- Anger

Weekly blast of trivia

In typography, What are the measurements used to measure type?



Contributed photo

Volunteers have been installing new bridges along the Mad River section of the Ganaraska Trail in the Glencairn area. The Mad River club, under the leadership of **Sharon Streigl** (front), has now constructed four bridges, mainly over washout areas, improving safety for hikers. Funding for the project was provided by landowners and the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy. Members of the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club helped with planning, measuring and clearing of fallen trees, along with actual bridge construction and volunteers from the Mad River Hiking Club carried lumber in to the construction sites and helped with assembly.

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First phase of arena upgrades complete

by Bonnie MacPherson

Lace up your skates. The ice is back in at the Honeywood arena.

This year, arena users will see some improvements including new resilient flooring in the dressing rooms and main lobby areas and the addition of fully accessible washrooms on the main level. **Chris Wolnik**, infrastructure director for the Township of Mulmur, says this is the first phase of a multi-stage project to give the facility a badly needed facelift.

“This latest work, completed over the summer, cost about \$100,000,” said Wolnik. That is in addition to the \$1.6 million spent last year on the arena floor, including a new refrigeration system, new pipes and a new concrete foundation. Roof repairs were also completed last year.

Wolnik says the next phase of the project will see a new addition on the south side of the building to house improved dressing rooms and viewing areas.

“We currently have four small dressing rooms and a women’s dressing room, which is housed in a converted storage space,” he said.

In 2024, community leaders unveiled an ambitious multi-year fundraising campaign with an overall \$10-million goal. Major upgrades are

needed to preserve the North Dufferin Community Centre, which has been a hub of the community since 1912. (The current building was erected in 1965, after fire destroyed the original arena.)

A fundraising committee has set a goal of \$4 million to be raised by 2027 to fund the addition.

Future phases of the project will see additional accessibility upgrades, improvements to the façade, parking and landscaping, as well as a new ice making machine, slated for purchase in 2030.

The arena opened for the 2025-26 season on Oct. 4, a week earlier than last year’s opening.

Wolnik says there are many regular user groups at the arena, with 12 minor hockey teams, a sticks and pucks pickup league, and public skating.

“We’ve also entered into a relationship with the Pine River Institute, which will see them using the facility a couple of times per month,” he said.



Chris Wolnik



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DEATH NOTICE



HOLLOWAY, James Francis – Jan. 19, 1939 to Oct. 8, 2025. With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Jim Holloway on Oct. 8, 2025, at the age of 86. Jim leaves behind his son James (Caroline) Holloway and daughter Eva (John) Taylor and grandson's Jordan, Ben, Nolan, Ethan and Nathaniel. He is also survived by brother George (Liz) and sister Sharon (Rory). Predeceased by siblings Dave (Joan), Peter (Ann), Theresa (Charlie) and Mary (Pat). He is predeceased by special friend of many years Bertha Benedict. Jim was born in the Hazleton Lanes area of Toronto and at a young age moved with his family to Collingwood, where he made his home. In Collingwood he met and married Carol Miller, built a house on Sixth Street and started a beautiful family. Jim established himself as a carpenter and was well known for his carpentry skills. He was highly respected throughout the community by customers and colleagues for both his skills and his humble and joyful personality. He found real passion in specialized kitchen cabinetry, taking pride in the quality and care that he brought to every project. After retiring from carpentry, he began a new career as a farmer. He devoted his time and love to the Taylor farm where he thrived doing farm work, renovations and always being present to greet his grandsons when the bus arrived home after school. At the end of a hard day, he could always be found under the old maple tree with a beer in hand and his loyal companion Max by his side. Jim will be lovingly remembered by his family, friends and community with affection and respect. He will be deeply missed by everyone. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at the Station on the Green in Creemore from noon to 3 p.m. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. Friends may visit Jim's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

This week's answers

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- Stayner: Sept 29- Oct 17
- Creemore: Oct 15-16
- New Lowell: Oct 16-17
- Nottawa: Oct 20-22
- Colling-Woodlands: Oct 27-29
- Buckingham Woods: Oct 29-31

Please be advised that there may potentially be water interruptions and discoloured water could stain laundry during these times. If your water remains discoloured or dirty, run water until clear. It is recommended water softeners are left in bypass mode during these times.

For more information, please contact:
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