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Twins **Nathan** and **Gavin Lawrence** won the crazy hat contest, earning them the honour of lighting up the Christmas tree at Creemore Village Green on Dec. 5. See more photos on page 7. Their creative hats and very enthusiastic support from their three older brothers set them apart.

## Mayor reluctant to accept recommendation for Creemore bus

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

Clearview Transit buses will not be returning to Creemore in the short term despite a transit study presented to council this week calling for modifications to the Stayner route and the addition of three trips per weekday to Creemore.

Mayor **Doug Measures** noted that the Creemore route was abandoned in 2020 due to extremely low ridership, and said he has not seen any demand for reinstatement.

“Having said that, if there are Creemore residents who want to see transit service restored, they should reach out to (township) staff,” he said. “For now, I think we should remove the Creemore route from this recommendation pending further discussion by council.”

A report by Left Turn Right Turn transit consultants found that the transit system has been virtually unchanged since it was launched in 2017. Consultant **Matthew Lattavo** suggested it is probably time to adjust routes to reflect

(See 'Transit' on page 3)

## Budget goes through painful public input process

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

During a meeting that lasted more than three hours and was plagued by audio problems, Clearview council reviewed the staff proposed 2026 budget Monday when the public was given the opportunity to provide input.

There were 31 questions submitted to the online portal relating to the budget, of which 30 came from self-appointed watchdog **Dave Witzke**. They ranged from a query about mileage on a used grader to be purchased by the public works department, to a challenge about a new parks and recreation building to be funded through development charges (DCs).

Witzke asked where the money will come from with housing starts basically

on hold. The mayor responded that the project is on hold until such time as the DCs are collected.

One question from the floor of council chambers focused on the township’s reliance on outside consultants.

Treasurer **Kelly McDonald** informed the meeting that last year’s cost for consulting was roughly \$3.5 million.

Mayor **Doug Measures** acknowledged that it is a big expense, but says the township has an obligation to bring in consultants where staff does not have the required expertise, as is often the case with engineering questions.

The proposed budget is \$39.1 million, reflecting a 1.99 per cent increase in municipal spending over last year.

Following some minor tweaks to the budget, Clearview Township residents can expect a property tax increase of 2.06 per cent next year.

Of each dollar collected, 56 cents remains in Clearview. The balance goes to fund county services such as long term care homes and solid waste collection; school boards, OPP policing and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. The County of Simcoe recently approved its 2026 budget with a 3.5 per cent increase on its portion of municipal property taxes. In a news release, the county touts the budget as maintaining existing service levels while focusing on delivering value in today’s challenging financial climate.

Among the changes approved

by council this week are \$2,500 to improve the sound system in the council chambers, \$5,000 to replace 23-year old-furniture in the lobby at the administration centre and \$4,000 to connect the trailer washroom at Village Green park to municipal sewer and water services.

The mayor will present the proposed budget to council on Jan. 8. Council will then have 30 days to pass any amendments. Final adoption of the budget is scheduled for Feb. 7.

More information on the budget process and a department by department breakdown of proposed spending can be found at [www.clearview.ca/government-committees/corporate-finance/annual-budgets/2026-budget](http://www.clearview.ca/government-committees/corporate-finance/annual-budgets/2026-budget).

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## Friday, Dec. 12

- **Line dancing lessons** every Friday night at Station on the Green. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Beginner friendly, bring your water bottle. Sign up at the Creemore 100 Mile Store or call/text Linda at 705-794-0638.
- New Lowell Legion every Friday night **wings and things** from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- The Rob Roy United Church Choir performs its **Christmas cantata, *Come to the Manger*** at 7 p.m. Enjoy a peaceful, candlelit journey to Bethlehem through anthems, narration and traditional carols. Refreshments to follow. Freewill offering gratefully accepted. The church is located at 469487 Grey Road 31 - Simcoe Road 95, Singhampton.

## Saturday, Dec. 13

- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 457 Stayner: **Christmas bake sale** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deep Tracks rock band starts at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more information call 705-428-3809.

## Sunday, Dec. 14

- **Christmas in Clearview Market** at Stayner Community Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 35 vendors, crafts with the library, snack bar, 10 swag bags at 9:30 a.m. and noon, door prizes and kids treats.
- A **Community Christmas Concert** at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Stayner. Join for an evening of carols, choirs and community at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to support the work for the Clearview Ministerial. Refreshments will be served following the concert.
- Creemore **Farmers' and Craft Market** indoors at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during December. For info, creemorefarmersmarket.ca.

## Tuesday, Dec. 16

- **Pub Trivia Night** every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Old Mill House Pub, 141 Mill St., Creemore. \$10 cover includes entry, answer sheets and a shot at prizes. Gather your team and put your knowledge to the test. For more info, contact 705-466-5244, visit theoldmillhousepub.com, or join the Pub Trivia Facebook group.

## Wednesday, Dec. 17

- New Lowell Legion hosts **euchre** every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 18

- Join the Mad River Hiking Club for an easy, **two-hour hike** in the Lauden Tract of the Simcoe County Forest. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at 3000 Centre Line Rd. in New Lowell. For more information and to register, e-mail striegl01@hotmail.com.
- Join The Stayner Legion Thursday evenings for the **pool league** starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Stayner Legion 7149 ON – 26, for more information call 705-428-3809.

## Friday, Dec. 19

- Christmas Cheers at The Dunedin Pub. Start your holidays off with good spirits and great company at The Dunedin Pub's annual **Christmas Cheers event**. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. 19+ event. Cash bar with proceeds going to the hall. No cover.

## Tuesday, Dec. 23

- The Night Before the Night Before at the Creemore Legion. 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. A family-friendly evening featuring a **community potluck** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 705-606-2172 or e-mail allangrin@gmail.com.

## Thursday, Dec. 25

- **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** at 4:30 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, PWYC. Everyone is welcome. Come out to dine and/or volunteer. Take-out dinners and delivery available. A donation of a non-perishable food item is appreciated. To reserve your seat, make special arrangements, or donate to the event, contact or e-transfer Donna B. at CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com or call 705-446-2523. For more information, visit www.CreemoreChristmas.ca.
- Stayner Camp is hosting a **free community Christmas dinner** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dinner includes turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, carrots, and pie. To register call 833-326-2267. Eat in, take out and delivery available.

## Saturday, Dec. 27

- The Dufferin County Pony Club hosts an **open house** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 585446 County Rd. 17, Melancthon. The club welcomes anyone who loves horses and wants to learn more about them. Members focus on equine education, horsemanship and stable management through mounted and unmounted meetings, regional competitions and more. Open to participants aged 7 to 99; horse ownership is not required.

## Sunday, December 28

- *A Doctor's Work: Reflections from Gaza* **talk and fundraiser** at Station on the Green from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join Dr. Mel Brecknell as she shares her experience treating patients, supporting families and working under unimaginable conditions. This fundraiser will directly support seven families in Gaza. Event details and tickets at tinyurl.com/doctor28. Tickets: \$25 each.

## Wednesday, Dec. 31

- Rockin' in the **New Year** with Deep Tracks at the Stayner Legion, 7149 Highway 26. Tickets \$40 per person, including midnight buffet and party favours, available soon. For more information contact 705-428-3809.

## Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026

- **Gentle Tai Chi** one afternoon a week at St. Patrick's Hall in Stayner. This class is for anyone who would benefit from learning and practicing Tai Chi at a slower pace than a regular class. It is suitable for anyone with balance, stamina, mobility (chronic disease or joint replacement), anxiety, or other concerns. For more information: staynertaiichi@gmail.com. CTCA website: www.canadiantaihiacademy.org.

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Wednesday, Dec. 17 6 p.m.

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Stayner	7 p.m. 1070 County Rd 42, Stayner
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10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Sass)

Thursday:  
5:30 pm Strong Flow (Sinead)

Saturday:  
10:30 am Yoga Flow (Sass)

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Empower 2026 - Dec. 27, 10:30 am

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# Stayner man sends essential supplies home to Jamaica

by Trina Berlo

After Hurricane Melissa hit Jamaica, **Desmond Herron** began ramping up his efforts to send supplies back home.

Herron, a Stayner based landscaper, regularly sends supplies back home to his wife and family but after the Category 5 hurricane devastated Jamaica and cut off supplies to islanders, Herron's clients began asking what they could do to help.

He was encouraged to set up a Go Fund Me page where people could contribute funds to help Herron purchase specific items, which he ships home in crates and barrels for distribution in his home community.

"I am trying to do more but I can't do it by myself," said Herron. "I need help."

His wife and family are in Seaforth, in St. Thomas Parish, where mercifully, their house is in tact. The supplies are

being distributed there and in small communities in Portland Parish, both parishes being in Jamaica's east end. Herron said residents in the area have been reaching out to his wife for help because they are not able to get the basic supplies they need.

One crate has already been shipped and Herron said he will continue to send goods as resources allow.

To stretch every dollar, Herron shops for non-perishable food items at the dollar store, or by getting discounted products at grocery stores. His shopping list includes things like rice, flower, sugar, tinned meats like tuna, corned beef, and sardines.

Herron is close to his fundraising goal of \$5,000 but will keep the campaign going as long as needed.

To donate, search 'For hurricane damage in Jamaica on gofundme.com or e-transfer herronslandscaping563@gmail.com.



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**Desmond Herron** is sending essential supplies back home to Jamaica where they are being distributed throughout communities impacted by Hurricane Melissa.

# Transit consultants recommend route changes to address growth

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changes in population density.

"There has been significant growth in the east and southern portions of Stayner," he said. "The four most popular destinations on the Stayner route are Stayner Collegiate, the arena, the Superior Street residential area and the former Foodland location."

He noted a significant increase in use

of the stop servicing the new Foodland location at Highway 26 and Grand Trunk Road. Since 2023, the system has been providing 13,000-16,000 trips per year, which works out to an average of 2.5-3 trips per service hour. Lattavo says that is well in line with expectations for this type of local service with regional connectivity.

In addition to the scheduled Stayner

route, Clearview Transit offers specialized door-to-door service for riders in Stayner and Nottawa with disabilities. Lattovo says 40 per cent of those trips go to Wasaga Beach and 59 per cent go to Collingwood showing that specialized transit plays a critical role in connecting Clearview residents to services in neighbouring municipalities.

The recommendation adopted by

council will be cost-neutral, according to Lattavo, and will involve some route changes to eliminate tricky left hand turns. Buses will depart from the administration centre on Gideon Street and travel a clockwise loop through Stayner with connections to Simcoe County's LINX system and Wasaga Beach. Changes will take effect in Spring of 2026.



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## HEALTH

### We can eliminate cervical cancer with the bulletproof HPV vaccine

by Dr. Colin Lee

A new report from the Canadian Cancer Statistics Advisory Committee shows that cancer mortality rates are going down and this is great news. However, cervical cancer rates have stopped declining in Canada. More than 99 per cent of all cervical cancers are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). A safe and effective HPV vaccine has been available through Ontario's School Immunization Program since 2007. This vaccine not only prevents cervical cancer but protects against several other cancers caused by HPV infection, such as oral, throat, anal and penile, types of cancer that many of us have seen affect people we know.

Unfortunately, in Simcoe Muskoka only about 63 per cent of Grade 7 students receive this important cancer prevention vaccine, leaving more than 2,000 Grade 7 youth each year unprotected against several types of cancer that could impact them in the future.

Locally, the rate of cervical cancer for females aged 20 to 44 years is about 50 per cent higher in Simcoe Muskoka than in Ontario. It is estimated that over 75 per cent of Canadians will have an HPV infection at some point in their lifetime, as it is easily transmitted through skin-to-skin contact during sex. Condoms provide only partial protection against HPV infection. By contrast, HPV immunization offers lifelong, bulletproof protection against HPV—a fact supported by a 2024 study in Scotland that found zero cases of cervical cancer among young women fully vaccinated against HPV.

If you are still in high school and missed the HPV vaccine in Grade 7, it is not too late. In Ontario, students can receive the HPV vaccine for free until the end of Grade 12, and men who have sex with men are eligible until age 26. Talk with your health care provider about the vaccine or book an appointment at a health unit immunization clinic.

The Public Health Agency of Canada shares that the risk of cancer from HPV goes beyond cervical cancer as there are more than 100 types of HPV and it is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections (STI). Both men and women can get HPV which is responsible for 80-90 per cent of anal cancers, 40 per cent of vaginal and vulvar cancers, 40 to 50 per cent of penile cancers, and 25 to 35 per cent of mouth and throat cancers in Canada.

The HPV vaccine is 99 per cent effective at preventing HPV infections, as well as the cancers and warts they can cause. In my clinical practice, I have seen young people devastated when they seek medical care for their genital warts. None of these patients had received the HPV vaccine and all of them wish they had.

Vaccines work best when given before someone is exposed to a disease which is why the vaccine is offered to students in Ontario in Grade 7 through in-school immunization programs, along with vaccines for meningococcal disease and hepatitis B. Vaccines are also more effective when given to young teens

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## THE WAY WE WERE



The Creemore Legion's fairy tale float in the 1985 Creemore Santa Claus Parade.

## Humane Society launches Home for the Holidays adoption event

### Event supports accessible pet adoptions throughout December

Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) has launched its annual Home for the Holidays adoption event.

"With the holiday season upon us, we know that many families are looking to open their homes and hearts," said **Karen Marsh**, executive director of the GTHS. "This event is designed to make adoption accessible while ensuring every pet receives the compassion, care, and the thoughtful matchmaking they deserve. Our team is ready to help connect people with pets who will bring joy, comfort, and companionship into their lives."

For the first time, the promotion includes dogs.

Throughout December, adoption fees are:

- Adult cats, \$100
- Kittens, \$140
- Adult dogs, \$100 off the adoption fee
- Signature pets – Overlooked pets (longer than average length of stay), special paws (medical condition or quite elderly) or Underdogs (animals experiencing behavioural challenges) – by donation

To adopt during the Home for the Holidays event go to [gths.ca](http://gths.ca) and navigate to the Animals for Adoption page. Browse available cats and dogs to learn more about their personalities and needs. Then visit the GTHS Animal Centre any day between noon and 4 p.m. throughout December to meet the animals and complete an adoption application with the help of an adoption counsellor.

Send letters to the editor to [editor@creemore.com](mailto:editor@creemore.com). All letters must be signed with the writer's full name and include a phone number (which will not be printed.) Deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

We appreciate submissions for our They Way We Were feature. Bring in your old photos and we will scan them and get right back to you. We also accept submissions by e-mail to [editor@creemore.com](mailto:editor@creemore.com). Thank you.

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## CHAMBER MUSICAL

Tom Allen (from right) performed his chamber musical JS Bach's Long Walk in the Snow at St. John's United Church Dec. 7 with **Patricia O'Callaghan, Rebekkah Wolkstein, Joseph Phillips, and Jamie Parker**. The sold-out show was presented by Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society.

Don Beaulieu photo

# Latest stats show a plateau in cervical cancer rates

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when their immune systems are most responsive to the vaccine.  
While the vaccines for HPV and hepatitis B are not required to attend school, they are strongly recommended. The fact that HPV and hepatitis B are sexually transmitted viruses adds a stigma that can cause parents to hesitate to vaccinate against those diseases, and there is also confusion about who needs to get vaccinated for HPV due to its link to cervical cancer. However, because HPV can cause other types of cancers and warts that affect males and females, the vaccine has been available to both sexes since 2016.  
Grade 7 might seem too early to worry about protecting them from STIs and it is natural to want to wait until they are "ready" or are an adult, but

vaccines are needed before a person is exposed to infection. Moreover, the vaccines do not cause or lead them to be sexually active sooner. The HPV and hepatitis B vaccines each need two doses, and the body needs time to build up strong immunity. This is why we offer these vaccines to students when they are in Grade 7 — so they can grow up to be healthy and protected from these preventable diseases.  
Until the latest Canadian Cancer Statistic report showed the plateau in cervical cancer rates, Canada had been on target to eliminate HPV by 2040. Australia is on track to reach HPV elimination status by 2035, so it is possible to eliminate it here as well. By preventing the spread of HPV with vaccination, we can protect people's health and ultimately, eliminate cervical and HPV-related cancers, and

genital warts. Getting students vaccinated against HPV is not just about reducing the spread of an STI, it is about protecting people from an entirely preventable cancer.  
For more information about routine and required vaccines given to students and the diseases they prevent, please visit [smdhu.org](http://smdhu.org). To speak with a public health professional, call 705-721-7520, ext. 8827 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
  
*Dr. Colin Lee is an Associate Medical Officer of Health at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. His primary responsibilities are in the areas of vaccine preventable diseases, infectious disease and sexual health.*

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**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** Vickie Brulotte gathered family, friends and school staff to pull off Breakfast with Santa again this year at the Creemore Legion on Dec. 6. Although funds are still trickling in from the silent auction, it is estimated the event raised about \$5,000 for Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School and St. Luke’s Community Food Bank.

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**TREE LIGHTING** The Creemore Community Children's Choir warmed up the crowd gathered for the annual tree lighting held at Creemore Village Green on Dec. 5 with a selection of Christmas carols before the crazy hat contest determined who would light the tree.



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# Township to connect washroom trailer to services to solve capacity issues

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

The Township of Clearview will allocate money in the 2026 parks and recreation budget to address problems with three washroom trailer units purchased last year. The portable trailer-style washrooms were positioned this year at Creemore Village Green, the Nottawa Baseball Park and Station Park in Stayner.

It quickly became apparent that the trailer in Creemore could not handle the crowds at major events. In a typical weekend, the holding tank would be full by Sunday evening or Monday morning. During major weekend events, once tanks were full, toilets were overflowing and washrooms had to be closed in keeping with Ministry of Health regulations.

Scheduled maintenance included weekly pumping by a local contractor and daily cleaning by parks staff for a total annual budget of \$15,000. In fact, tanks needed to be pumped twice per week, and vandalism necessitated extra cleaning.

Washrooms inside Station on the Green building are unavailable for major events, due to the need to keep them for the use of people renting the facility.

Mayor **Doug Measures** suggested that the capacity issue could be resolved by connecting the trailer to municipal water and sewer services.

“It would be great if we could build permanent washroom facilities but that is going to take time and money,” he said. “In the meantime, we can install plumbing to connect the trailer to water and sewer, much in the same way you would connect an RV at a campground.”

Measures asked council to allocate \$4,000 to install the connections, and said this is a significant opportunity for the public works and parks departments to work together.

Council agreed to start with the Village Green washroom trailer and then decide whether to proceed with more permanent installation of the two remaining trailers.



**The Board of the Creemore BIA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this year's Santa Claus Parade possible.**

Thank you to the many businesses, community groups, and individuals who decorated their trucks, tractors, animals, members, and friends to bring the parade to life—and to all those who came out to enjoy it!

Special thanks to Keith Boulter and Sara Hershoff for their work organizing the event, and to the volunteers who implemented the plan: Michele Boileau, James Bruer, Leslie Johnston, Sandra Gaudet, Clayton Culham, Brian Doran, Jenn Hubbs, Robert McArthur, Sonja McArthur, Bonnie MacPherson, Stewie Patterson, Eugene Petrov, Chandra Rooney, Carol Sperandeo, Sue Underhill, John Underhill, and Gary Walters.

We would like to acknowledge the estate of John Harper, along with the efforts of Nancy Johnston, Ed Leimgardt, Ashley Leimgardt and their team, the Steve Prosser painting team, Hamilton Bros., and James Bruer for creating Santa's new float.

**Thank you as well to Creemore's downtown business community and BIA members who pay the levy and fundraise to ensure this cherished tradition continues. As you shop this season, please remember their contributions to the community and support them whenever you can.**



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## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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	3					7		
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		9					6	
				7			3	1
6			1		8			
	1	5						8

Answers on page 11

FRED'S FUNNIES

Doctor: Relax David, it's just a small surgery. Don't panic.

Patient: "But my name isn't David."

Doctor: "I know. I'm David."

Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

ACROSS

1. Spanish sparkling wine

5. Temporary stitch

9. Glossy fabric

10. Speak extemporaneously

12. Address part

13. Piece of pasta

15. Make lace

16. Candle part

18. Bite on persistently

19. A long time

21. Garment worn outdoors

23. Fruit drink

24. Downstairs, maybe

26. Juno Award winning Canadian rock band

28. Andiron

30. Cabal member

33. Worthless stuff

37. You can't live without it

38. One named in a will

40. Catch sight of

41. Move little by little

43. Lowest high tide

45. Bottom of a dress

46. Warm up again

48. Having no vegetation

50. Funeral song

51. In \_\_\_ daylight

52. Place for a peephole

53. Newspaper piece

DOWN

1. Price-fixing group

2. Gobbled up

3. Range of vision

4. Playful prank

5. Big beer mug

6. Without further \_\_\_\_

7. Wooden shoe

8. Steal a person

9. Detachable rocket unit

11. Skate part

12. Hurt with a knife

14. Large jug with a wide spout

17. Exclusive group

20. Kind of drink

22. Horn sound

25. Accompanying

27. Monster in fairy tales

29. Go back in

30. Match up

31. Like notebook paper

32. Three-petalled flower

34. Religious retreat

35. Drive fast

36. Song sung in church

39. Leader of a Jewish congregation

42. Long sandwich

44. Not all

47. Gone by

49. Fish eggs

## Trivia

What were the names of Lady Simcoe's Dogs?



Police warn of speed camera text scam

Dufferin OPP is warning residents about a text message scam circulating in the area that falsely claims recipients have incurred a speed camera fine.

In a incident reported to the Dufferin OPP, a victim received a text message stating that a speed camera fine had been issued, along with a link appearing to direct the individual to a secure Service Ontario payment page. Believing the message to be legitimate, the victim paid what appeared to be a \$12 fine.

By submitting the payment, the victim unknowingly provided scammers with access to their credit card information. Fraudsters then attempted to withdraw \$750 from the card. Fortunately, the suspicious transaction was detected by the credit card company, the card was cancelled, and no further losses occurred.

The victim later received a second, similar text message.

Police want the public to know:

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Daytime	
Team	win-loss-tie
Loranger	8-4-0
Lambert	7-5-0
Beelen	5-6-1
Gallaughier	3-8-1
From the Hack: On Monday, Team Loranger was back in the winning column, after a close battle with Team Gallaughier. Barb, the lead for Team Loranger, managed a wonderful double takeout with her last rock. She was overheard stating; "Wow, I've never done that before!"	
Teams Lambert and Beelen put "Ws" on their score cards on Wednesday. Team Lambert is climbing up in the standings; can they overtake the league leaders? Stay tuned... the top two teams play on Monday!	
Good curling everyone!	

Mixed Team		win-loss-tie
Crevier		5-0-0
Meulendyk		3-1-1
Filion		3-2-0
Fuller		3-2-0
Prosser		2-2-1
Bryant		2-3-0
Cass		2-3-0
Arsenault		0-5-0
Ladies Team		win-loss-tie
Fuller		3-1-1
Arsenault		3-2-0
Millsap		2-1-2
Crawford		2-2-1
Harvey		2-2-1
Verstegen		2-3-1
McKay		1-4-0
From the Hack: On Ice 1, Team Arsenault came on strong with a seven-point lead, then an unexpected turn from Team Fuller to catch up, taking the win with a five-point last end. Proving again anything can happen, so never give up! Ice 2 was a close game between Team Millsap and Team Harvey, ending in a tie.		
Team Crawford played Team Verstegen in the late game, with Team Verstegen for the win, good curling everyone!		

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Trivia: Tay, Tiny and Flos



# Locking in on reputation for having a big heart

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

On a recent trip to Toronto, Creemore resident **Tricia Jeffery** was inspired by a large heart bearing heart shaped locks and messages of love and hope outside Mount Sinai hospital.

Jeffery was in the city to visit **Joan Gordon**, who is undergoing cancer

treatment there. She immediately thought that a village called Creemore (Gaelic for big heart) should definitely have such a monument.

“I snapped a picture and put it on Creemore Caremongering (Facebook page) and asked for help from the community,” says Jeffery. “**Robert**

**McArthur** responded and said **Craig Eskra** would be just the guy to help.”

McArthur and Eskra donated the material and labour to construct the heart which was unveiled outside Station on the Green on the weekend.

Creemore Home Hardware is selling engravable heart shaped locks for \$10

each, which Jeffery says is just to cover costs.

The heart will be more permanently installed in the spring, and Jeffery is hoping to add lighting.

Residents and visitors are invited to add their locks and post a picture on their social media.

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An unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Dec. 6 for the new love lock sculpture outside Station on the Green with **Marilyn Badger** (from left), **Joan Gordon**, **Tricia Jeffery**, **Robert McArthur**, and **Craig Eskra**.

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