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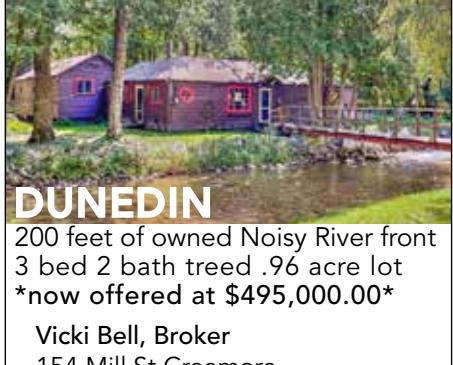
Linda Coulter (from left), **Doug Mills**, **Norah Mills** and **Bruce Hunking** do a lap at the Legion Wednesday.

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Indoor walk n' talk keeps people moving in winter

by Trina Berlo

The Creemore Legion is starting the new year off right with a program that aims to allow people to get their steps in while staying safe and being social.

A group gathered Wednesday morning for the inaugural meeting of the Walk n' Talk Group.

The music was playing as people circled the perimeter of the large hall in pairs and small groups. People were heard catching up after the holidays and introducing themselves to new friends. The conversation ranged from family to the weather.

It is the wintry weather that has motivated the Legion to open the

doors on a weekly basis, giving people a safe place to exercise.

"Given the condition of the sidewalks it's safer to walk indoors," said coordinator **Doug Mills**. "It's easy to get to and there's lots of parking."

The Legion had been open for walking prior to the pandemic and members were happy to revive the program in order to make use of the newly renovated facility and showcase it to the community.

The Walk n' Talk Group meets every Wednesday between 10 a.m. and noon. Participants are asked to bring indoor shoes. Admission is free.

New operator leaves recycling at the curb

by Bonnie MacPherson
and Trina Berlo

Recycling bins, overflowing after the holidays, were left at the curb Wednesday.

It was the first scheduled pick-up under the new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework implemented by the province of Ontario that shifted recycling collection from the County of Simcoe.

This province-wide transition shifts responsibility for the collection and processing of blue box materials from municipalities to producers of recyclable products.

Effective Jan. 1, residential recycling collection in Simcoe County is now managed by Circular Materials, a not-for-profit organization appointed by producers.

Information on the Simcoe County website indicated that recycling would be collected on the same day as previously scheduled, using the same carts in trucks operated by Emterra

Environmental Inc.

A posting on the Emterra website indicated that missed pick-ups in the north end of Simcoe county earlier in the week were weather related.

There is no reference to the Creemore area and no one from Emterra or Circular Materials could be reached prior to press time.

A New Lowell resident who was able to get through to a customer service representative said she too was told inclement weather was the reason for the service disruption. She was instructed to leave her recycling bin at the curb and it would be emptied by end of day Thursday.

By Thursday afternoon parts of Clearview Township had been serviced.

For updated recycling information, visit www.circularmaterials.ca.

The County of Simcoe continues to manage garbage and organics collection, as well as operate waste-drop off facilities as usual.



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Emterra Environmental picking up recycling in Creemore Thursday afternoon.

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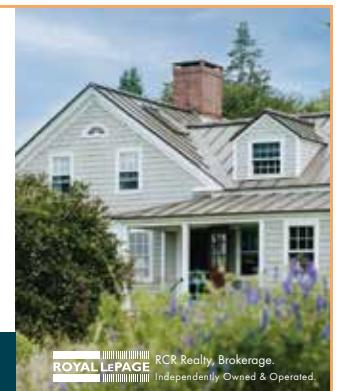
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- Line dancing lessons every Friday night at Station on the Green. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Beginner friendly, bring your water bottle. Sign up at the Creemore 100 Mile Store or call/text Linda at 705-794-0638.
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 457 Stayner, **dart night** every Friday at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Stayner Legion 7149 ON – 26, for more information call 705-428-3809.
- New Lowell Legion **wings and things** every Friday night 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

- Creemore **Farmers' and Craft Market** indoors at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For info creemorefarmersmarket.ca.
- 1st Creemore Scouting will be holding a **bottle drive** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 27 Wellington St. W. All returnable bottles and cans, as well as pop cans gladly accepted. They can be dropped off in the east parking or call Ginny at 705-441-6055 or Mark at 705-718-9635 for pick-up.

Monday, Jan. 11

- VON SMART **free fitness classes**. Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 22 Caroline St. W. Creemore. For community members looking to improve strength, balance and mobility. Ages 55+. Call for more information or to register: 705-355-2200.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

- The **Station Café** is open from 10 a.m. to noon at Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E., Creemore. \$2.50 fee for a bottomless cup of coffee or tea. Everyone welcome.
- On the second Tuesday of each month Stayner Camp hosts a **free community dinner** called Boards & Biscuits from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A hot dinner is provided and everyone is invited to come participate, meet new people and get to know your community. There is no cost, and no need to register. 240 Scott St., Stayner, ON.
- Pub Trivia Night** every Tuesday 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, Jan. 14

- New Lowell Legion hosts **euchre** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday.
- Wednesday Walk 'n Talk Group** at the Creemore Legion from 10 a.m. until noon. Open to anyone interested in walking, meeting friends, and exercising, without battling ice, snow, and cold winds. Bring indoor walking shoes to keep the hall clean for others. Enter through the west door. For more information contact Doug Mills at 705-466-3339.

Monday, Jan. 19

- Annual Meeting of Stayner Garden Club** at Centennial United Church, 234 William St., Stayner. Social is at 7 p.m. and meeting begins 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Alyson O'Grady on the "First Year of a Cut Flower Business." Your attendance is required to vote. Please remember to bring your mug.

Saturday, Jan. 24

- Coyotes and the Challenge of Coexistence: A fireside **conversation** with award-winning photographer Andrew Interisano, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mansfield Outdoor Centre, main lodge – Pine River Café. From city streets to rural roads, explore the resilience of coyotes through photography, culture and firsthand encounters, and learn how communities can move from conflict toward coexistence. Cost is \$20 plus tax and includes admission, a printed postcard, baked goods, coffee and tea. Register at moc.campbrainregistration.com. Info: events@mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca. Photographer info: Instagram @theotterbiography.
- The New Lowell Royal Canadian Legion Branch 516 presents **Mudmen in concert**: An 19+ evening with Canada's Celtic rock warriors. Tickets are \$30 and available Friday nights at the Legion or by contacting Dick at 705-791-8704. Wear your plaid to show Mudmen support and bring cash for the merchandise booth.
- Lights Up Creemore**: A one-night **pop-up film event** at Station on the Green which includes two Canadian films, *Le Train* by Marie Brassard and *This Is Not a Ghost Story* by Valerie Buhagiar, followed by a live Q&A with Buhagiar hosted by Simon Heath. Proceeds support the inaugural 2027 Creemore Film Festival. Doors open at 6 p.m.; films begin at 7 p.m. Designed as a warm, social winter gathering, the evening features chef-driven appetizers from local kitchens and Creemore Springs beer. Tickets cost \$75 per person.

Feb. 6-8

- Sunnidale Winterama is a **winter-themed festival** presented by Clearview Township and has celebrated winter activities since 1975 in the village of New Lowell. Touting itself as "the greatest little show on snow," active volunteers known as the "Friends of Winterama" have organized this multi-day event filled with great family fun. For event info, visit discoverclearview.ca.

Saturday, March 28

- Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night** in Honeywood 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This laugh-filled night is more than just great entertainment, it's a chance to come together as a community while raising funds to paint new lacrosse and pickle ball lines on the arena floor. Tickets cost \$40 per person at the Honeywood Arena (North Dufferin Community Centre).



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Driver shamed for misusing 911

Dufferin OPP say calling 911 because a snowplow will not pull over to allow vehicles to pass is a misuse of emergency services.

This after police were dispatched to

the area of Highway 10 in the Township of Melancthon on Jan. 4. At the time, police report the weather conditions included whiteout conditions due to blowing snow, making travel hazardous.

Festive RIDE yields 288 charges

The annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign has concluded, with 179 drivers now facing a combined 288 impaired driving-related charges in Central Region.

From Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, OPP Central Region officers conducted 1,916 Festive RIDE spot checks, totalling 3,517.5 hours of enforcement across 13 detachment areas: Bracebridge, Caledon, City of Kawartha Lakes, Collingwood, Dufferin, Haliburton Highlands, Huntsville, Huronia West,

Northumberland, Nottawasaga, Orillia, Peterborough County, and Southern Georgian Bay.

The enforcement effort resulted in 179 impaired drivers being removed from the road and 28 warn-range suspensions issued by Central Region officers.

Provincially, OPP officers removed 766 impaired drivers off the road and issued 150 warn-range suspensions during 11,130 RIDE check events across OPP-patrolled areas in Ontario.

3,741 students have missing or incomplete immunization records

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is reminding parents and guardians to make sure their children's records are up to date by Feb. 3 to avoid suspension. Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), students whose immunization records are incomplete or missing can be suspended from school.

The health unit sent reminder notices home from school in June and November with Grade 3 and

4 students whose immunization records on file at the health unit are not up to date. Currently, 3,741 Grade 3 and 4 students across Simcoe Muskoka still have missing or incomplete immunization records. These families have now been mailed a suspension order which will take effect on Feb. 3 if the required information is not received by that time.

For more information, visit smdhu.org.



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CGMH WELCOMES NEW YEAR'S BABY Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) welcomed its first baby of 2026 at 1:22 a.m. on Jan. 1. **Noah Carlo Bullock** was born weighing in at 7 pounds and 4 ounces. He is the first child of **Gregory Bullock** and **Rosalia D'angelo**, of Flesherton. "The CGMH team extends heartfelt congratulations to the entire family. Welcoming a new life into the world is always special and it is a joy to celebrate Noah's arrival with our community," said hospital staff.

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Wednesday:
9:00 am Yoga Flow (Sass)
10:30 am Gentle Yoga Flow (Sass) + virtual
6:00 pm The Fitness Class (Jess)

Thursday:
5:30 pm Strong Flow (Gill)

Friday:
10:30 am Gentle Yoga + Strength (Sass) + virtual

Saturday:
10:30 am Yoga Flow (Sass)

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A mighty wind

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"Helm isn't feeling Helmself." And it's thanks to humans – or "up-monkeys," as Helm calls them. Human waste pollutes the air: "burger wrappers, testicle deodorant, lip plumpers." It feels "insidious, sneaky, infectious," like a "toxic waft when you're asleep." Honestly, all of it has Helm feeling a bit under the weather.

Who is Helm? Helm is the weather – or part of it. Sarah Hall's latest, *Helm: An Extraordinary History of a Ferocious Wind from Neolithic Times and the Connection Between Nature and People*, is narrated by Britain's only named wind.

Helm has blown over Neanderthals, medieval pilgrims, wars, geological surveys, and everything in between. At times, Helm sounds wise and poetic. At others, they make fart jokes and "[blow] eggs back up hens' tusses." Their voice is intoxicating, and that kept me hooked for a bit. But, despite the ambitious concept and stunning prose, *Helm* ultimately disappoints. The experimental structure comes at a cost: the human characters who should ground this epic never come to life.

Hall's command of language is virtuosic and has earned its laurels. Lists of items lost to the wind convey the sheer length of human evolution: "Howdah pistol, iron skullcap, Apple iPhone 11 64GB, Tornado F3 series, eject pin." I was delighted when these reappeared later. Rain doesn't just patter, it "[hisses] like soft glass."

The text sparkles with aphorisms that beg to be highlighted.

"For no creature is ugly in this world... there is nothing wicked or sick or ugly, when it is loved."

Beautiful stuff. Hall clearly has the skills for this ambitious project. However, it falters: for a book about humanity's relationship with nature, the humans are underdeveloped.

We meet a huge cast of intriguing characters: NaNay, a Neolithic seer with visions of stone monoliths; Michael Lang, a disfigured medieval priest intent on dragging a wooden cross up a mountain to exorcize Helm; and Selima Sutar, a modern scientist studying climate change harassed by skeptics. Each gives us a glimpse of humanity's evolving relationship with nature, but as characters they lack depth.

In Helm's expansive experience of time, the human cast feels secondary. This is a shame, given the novel quickly pivots from Helm's subversive voice to spend the most time with them. They don't learn, change, develop, or grow.

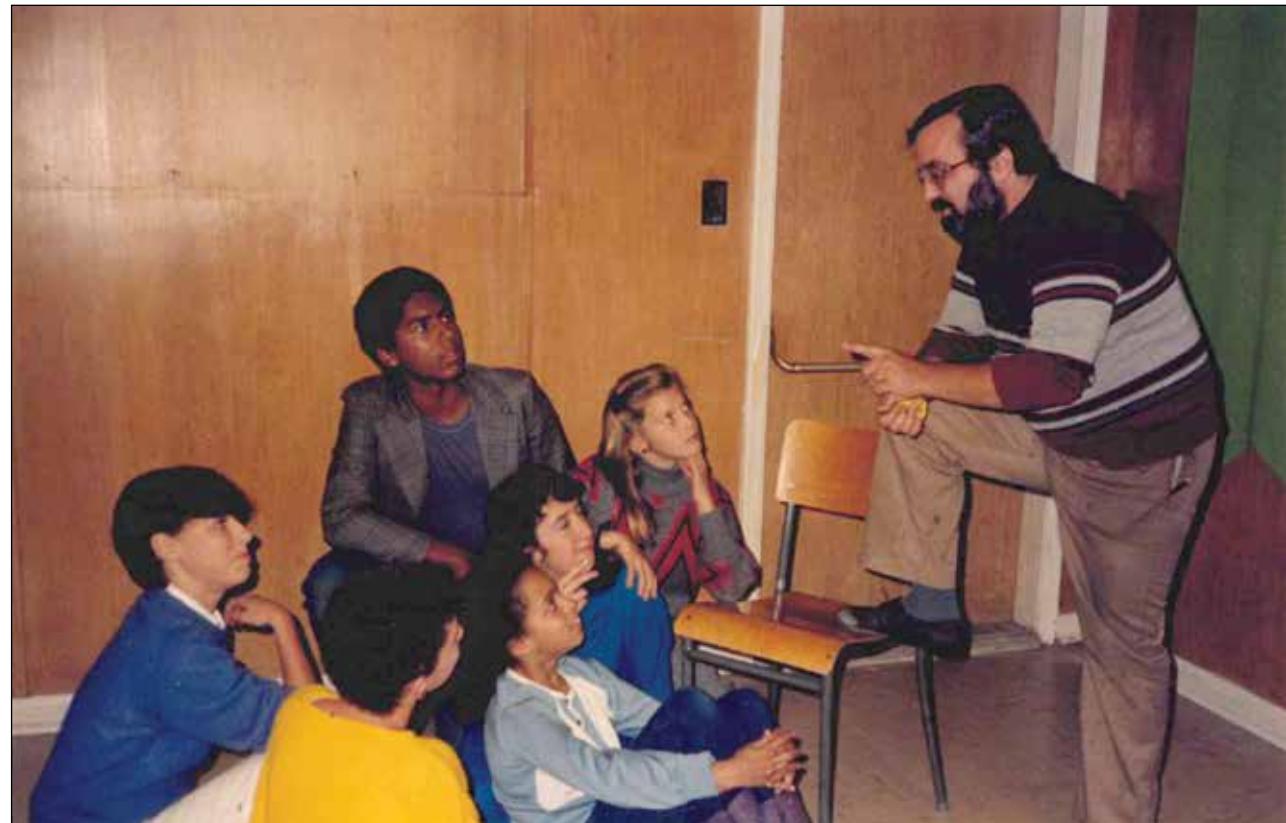
Take Michael Lang. His will to dominate nature defines him. He views Helm as a demon and aims to drag a heavy wooden cross to the summit to exorcise

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Christopher
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THE WAY WE WERE



Tony LaChapelle facilitated a drama club at Dunedin Hall in 1985. Young members included his son Jim and daughter Laura.

New Year's storm of '49

It's not often that a snow storm brings with it a great streak of good luck but that is what the New Year's storm of 1949 brought me. First, however, I must explain a few things.

When we awoke the morning of New Year's day, 1949, we discovered that a large amount of snow had fallen during the night and strong winds were swirling it into mountains all around. At breakfast time my sister found some strange spots on her skin. They were quickly diagnosed as chicken pox by our mother. My poor sister. Here was the snowstorm of the decade and she couldn't go out to play. Lucky big sister.

I wasn't lucky big sister. As was his custom our father had gone to Toronto to spend New Year's with his sister and other relatives. The rest of us kept the home fires burning and looked after the cows and the hens at the barn.

Usually the cows were let out each day to amble off to the river for a drink. It meant chopping a circular hole in the ice every day but that was a small effort compared to what I had to do that day.

The snow was far too deep for the cows to navigate their way to the water hole. There was no water at the barn and getting the water at the house meant filling a pail with the power of a good right arm. That meant someone had to carry water to the cows. That someone was me.

Now, carrying pails of water is not complicated normally, although it can be tiring. I tried doing it with skis but had no poles to give me balance in the soft snow. I tried plunging through the snow but the snow was to the tops of my legs and I had to hold the

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pails at shoulder height. Full pails slopped out. Partially filled pails made the job long and tedious. Finally the cows had enough water to choke down the dry hay.

As you might imagine I slept well that night and when I awoke I had the prospect of more trips to the barn. But there at the base of my neck were the same spots my sister had. Our mother had to bravely do all the hard work until my father came home.

This is where the luck set in. School started the next day and, of course, we couldn't go. Our vacation hadn't been spoiled and now it was extended. It's true; the chicken pox made us feel miserable for a few days but we soon recovered. It was believed at that time that as long as we had scabs from the blisters we were still infectious. That meant another week away from school.

We felt perfectly healthy and the weather was wonderfully wintry. We had to decide each day whether we would ski, toboggan or skate. The hills were nearby and the river at our back door was covered with the smoothest of ice. Sometimes we did two things. There was no more carrying water to the barn as a path had been made again to the river.

I suppose we never did properly learn what we had missed at school but I never regretted that streak of luck the storm of New Years '49 brought.

(The above first appeared in *The Creemore Echo* Jan. 13, 1999.)

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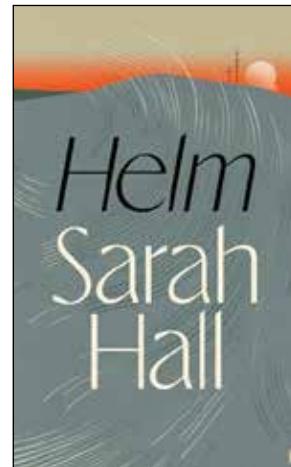
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 the wind and reclaim the mountain for God. He struggles physically against the incline. But internally, he remains convinced of his righteousness. No doubt creeps in. There's no reckoning with his fanaticism. The same is true of NaNay, who pursues a stone monument until her death, never questioning if her visions are worth the cost. Or Selima, who remains locked in paranoia.

Hall freezes her characters in their initial postures. Perhaps she means for humans to feel ephemeral, showing that their lives are "as fast as fireworks." But spending most of the novel with people we never come to care about makes for exhausting reading. They remain symbols of their eras rather than individuals worth following.

Helm is more a cabinet of curiosities than a novel. It's a collection of ephemera in search of a story. Characters and themes feel underdeveloped, with little payoff beyond appreciation for dazzling prose. This will suffice for some, especially readers who appreciate a fragmentary, non-linear approach. But the execution doesn't match the ambition. To chart humanity's relationship with nature across millennia, you need humans we want to follow – and Hall doesn't give us that.

Helm by Sarah Hall was published Nov. 4, 2025 by Mariner Books.

Chris Greer is the co-owner of Nottawa Cottage Bookstore. He grew up in Creemore and has a degree in English from the University of Toronto.



Rolf Meeser photographed a bald eagle at the back of his farm near Cashtown Corners on Jan. 4.

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A scene from *Le Train* directed by **Marie Brassard**.

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Creemore Film Festival in pre-production

by **Trina Berlo**

Steve Lucas has a vision. He would like to see a full fledged film festival come to fruition in Creemore by January of next year. In the meantime, he is planning a special cinematic event this month that will support its creation and build some excitement.

Lucas is a theatre production designer, and cinephile. He said he originally planned to work in film but found it gruelling. He discovered he was better suited to theatre, working in set and lighting design. The Dora award winner has more than 500 productions of theatre, opera, dance and performance art to his name, taking him to more than 27 countries. Lucas' personal interest in film hasn't waned and he said he finally made his own short film during the pandemic. For some time he has had a desire to create a film festival that will bring world-class Canadian films



Steve Lucas

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A scene from *This Is Not A Ghost Story* written and Directed by **Valerie Buhagiar**.

to Creemore.

"I want to focus on Canadian film because we are in a cultural war right now with the United States and it is important to celebrate and showcase Canadian films," said Lucas.

He said there are so many high quality Canadian films that never make it to theatres or streaming, and he wants people to see them and help break down the stigma that Canadian film is of lesser quality.

Lucas will start with one night of film on Jan. 24.

Throughout his 40-year career, he has met and worked with many actors who have gone on to produce and direct film, creating a bridge to the film industry. Two of his industry friends have agreed to show their films at the fundraiser. The red-carpet gala event

will begin with a screening of *This Is Not A Ghost Story*, a short written and directed by **Valerie Buhagiar**, followed by a conversation with the filmmaker. The feature film will be the French language magical realist film *Le Train*, directed by **Marie Brassard**.

The fundraiser aims to make enough money to cover costs associated with procuring films, marketing, production, etc... As executive director, Lucas said he plans to cast a wide net initially when calling for submissions of both short and feature length films.

"There is a wide range of elements that makes a film Canadian," he said. "I am open to any film that self-identifies as Canadian. Our stories are varied. We are a nation of immigrants and our stories are everywhere."

When the Creemore Film Festival

launches in January 2027, Lucas is hoping for three local venues equipped with high quality projectors, screens, and sound.

He said there is a social implication when people sit together in a room and experience a film at the same time, as a shared experience. He also plans to bring in as many artists as possible over the three-day event.

Lucas hopes to make the Creemore Film Festival an annual event.

Tickets for the Jan. 24 event dubbed *Lights Up Creemore!* cost \$75 each and are available at ticketscene.ca/events/57873.

The venue is Station on the Green. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. The event will feature chef-driven appetizers from beloved local kitchens, and Creemore Springs beer.



Valerie Buhagiar

This Is Not A Ghost Story written and directed by **Valerie Buhagiar** – A cinematic "bio-fairytales" exploring haunting events from the director's life, interwoven with ghost sightings. As a Maltese immigrant, she recounts lingering struggles and experiences that span from childhood to the present day, sharing moments that shocked, froze, and pulled her backward in time.

(WP, 2025, Experimental/Bio-epic, 0:20:11, Canada)

Le Train: Directed by **Marie Brassard** – Québec, 1960s. Agathe, an asthmatic child, lives with her mother Thérèse (Larissa Corriveau), a melancholy artist. The whistle of a train passing behind their house fuels Agathe's fantasy of a parallel world where travellers from a dystopian future voyage outside the laws of time. As a teenager, Agathe meets Frank (Lennikim), a young writer who will help her cross the boundary between present and future.

(2025, magical realist French language film, 105 minutes.)



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Paramedics make spirits bright with success of 23rd Food & Toy Drive

The County of Simcoe Paramedic Services has wrapped up its 23rd annual Food and Toy Drive. Thanks to the incredible generosity of residents, businesses, and community partners, this year's campaign gathered 8,803 toys, over 8,680 pounds of food, and \$42,915.52 in monetary donations to brighten the holidays for local families.

"This drive truly embodies the spirit of Christmas in Simcoe County," said Warden **Basil Clarke**. "During these challenging economic times, our residents once again rallied around our request to 'give a little, help a lot,' opened their hearts and gave generously. Filling ambulances with food, toys, and donations ensures that families across our region can celebrate with joy. Thank you to our incredible residents and volunteers for continuing to showcase the holiday spirit year after year."

With this year's totals included, the CSPS Food and Toy Drive has, over 23 years, collected 139,634 toys, 97,650 pounds of food, and approximately \$333,757 in monetary and gift card donations to support families across Simcoe County.

"Our paramedics are honoured to lead this tradition each year, and we are especially grateful for the efforts of our Paramedic Services team, their families, and friends who dedicate countless hours to this cause," said County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Director and Chief **Sarah Mills**.



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Throughout the month, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services delivered donations to locations across the region, keeping support within local communities.

"Their commitment, combined with the kindness of our community, helps to ensure that meals will be on tables and gifts under trees, making the season brighter for thousands of families."

For 23 years, the Food and Toy Drive has been a cherished tradition, uniting residents in support of those in need. The county extends its deepest gratitude to all donors, volunteers, and

partners who made this year's drive a resounding success.

All donations were distributed to local children and families in need by charitable organizations working in partnership with County of Simcoe Paramedic Services. Some of the charities supported by the County of Simcoe Paramedic Services Food and Toy Drive include the Salvation

Army, WOW Living Bradford, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions, Barrie Christmas Cheer, Kinette Club of Wasaga Beach, Georgian Bay Food Network, Christmas in a Box, Innisfil Christmas for Kids and several local food banks including those in Alliston, Angus, Bradford, Clearview, Coldwater, Elmvale, Tottenham, Orillia and Wasaga Beach.


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Concert raises funds for new hospital

An event organized by a grateful Collingwood General and Marine Hospital patient and his wife has raised close to \$60,000 for the new hospital building campaign.

Community members gathered for *Up Close and Personal with Jim Cuddy*, an evening of music, generosity, and community spirit, at Osler Bluff Ski Club in October.

Hosted by **David Barrett** and his wife **Karen**, the event welcomed guests for an intimate performance by **Jim Cuddy**, joined on stage by his sons **Devin** and **Sam**. The evening also featured a live auction for an acoustic guitar signed by Jim Cuddy, along with a silent auction showcasing generous contributions from local businesses, from golf passes to gift cards.

The event raised an incredible \$59,525.

"The event was truly magical and full of warmth," said **Sandra Taylor**, president and CEO of the CGMH Foundation. "It was moving to see the community come together in such a meaningful way. A heartfelt thank you to David and Karen for bringing this special evening to life and for their incredible support."

The CGMH Foundation extends sincere gratitude to everyone who attended, donated, and helped make the evening such a success.

The CGMH Foundation is leading the charge



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Up Close and Personal with Jim Cuddy

to raise over \$100+ million to build Tomorrow's Hospital: a new, state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the growing healthcare needs of South Georgian Bay.

"With community support at the heart of our mission, we want to inspire individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to help bring this vision to life. Your generosity will shape the future of healthcare in our region, ensuring access to modern, compassionate care for generations to come."

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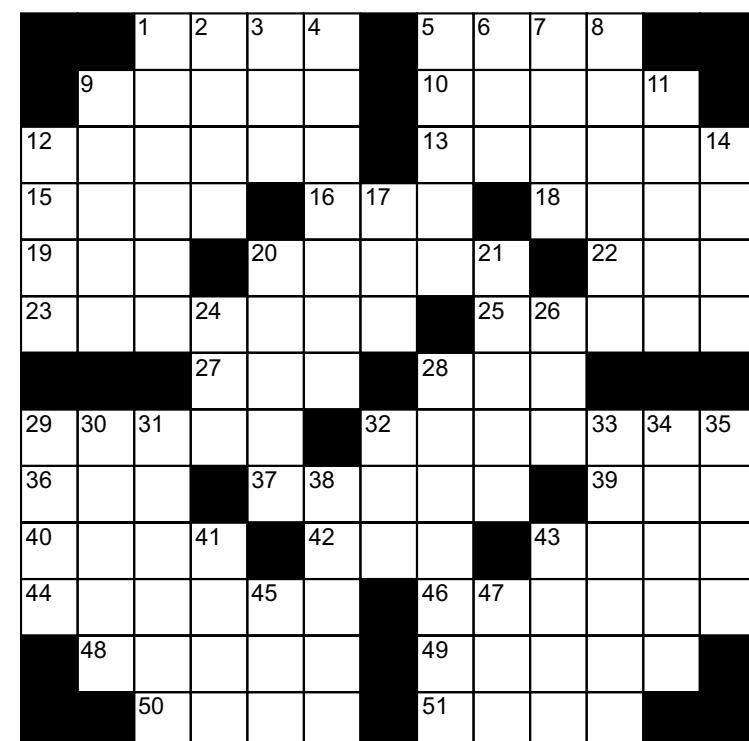
**Why are libraries so strict?
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by Walter Feener

ACROSS

- Magnificent display
- Persian word for king
- Part of the intestine
- Canadian brand of coffee
- Remove written words
- Newspaper employee
- Eye part
- Imitate
- Faithful, as a friend
- Check for accuracy
- Switch on
- Worn with age
- Artist's studio
- Cowboy competition
- Football player
- Young dog
- Period of development
- Operating power of an appliance
- Cobbler's tool
- Anger
- Grown up
- One's own person
- Creative work
- Molten matter
- Big rig
- Jubilant
- Monetary unit of Denmark
- Varnish ingredient
- Pitcher with a flaring spout
- Extremely enthusiastic



DOWN

- Well-mannered
- Has a loan from
- Ran into
- Like some skirts
- Curl one's lip
- Gave birth to
- Somewhat
- Car modified to go very fast
- Woollen hat
- Imitation gemstone
- Opera singer
- Start again
- Equal level
- Tendon
- Verified fact
- Part of a relay race
- Decide on
- Decorative design, as for wallpaper
- Window part
- Adjust slightly
- Tempting quality
- Armed conflict
- Defensive obstacle
- Because of
- Mild exclamation
- Less common
- Run like water
- After all the others
- Compass heading
- Romanian currency unit

Trivia: Who voiced the role of Genie in the 1992 animated film Aladdin?



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CREEMORE CURLING CLUB STANDINGS

Ladies

Team	win-loss-tie
Arsenault	1-0-0
Crawford	1-0-0
Dunford	1-0-0
Harvey	0-1-0
McKay	0-1-0
Vertegen	0-1-0

From the Hack: The Creemore Ladies' Curling League returned to the ice Monday night, with Teams Dunford, Crawford, and Arsenault earning the first wins of the session. The ice was in excellent condition, and a big thank-you goes to our volunteer ice makers for their hard work.

Happy New Year, and good curling to all!

Daytime

Team	win-loss
Loranger	2-0
Lambert	1-1
Coulter	1-1
Gallaugh	0-2

From the Hack: Monday was the start of the second session for the Daytime curlers. Team Loranger easily beat Team Lambert, and it was surmised that Team Loranger was out for revenge having lost to Team Lambert in session one! I have it on good authority that was not true! (wink, wink!)

On Wednesday, Jim, Sandy, Lawrie and Michael continued their winning ways against Team Coulter. Team Lambert rebounded with a victory over Team Gallaugh. Good curling everyone!



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CREEMORE CURLING CLUB Congratulations to Team Crevier on winning The Steed Family trophy for the fall session. Going undefeated and plowing its way through the completion and helping cap off a great first session of mixed curling. From left: **Jonathan Filion** (Steed family representative), **Wade Dunford**, **Karen Crevier**, **Celeste Dunford** and **Paul Crevier** (skip).



INTER-LEAGUE CHALLENGE The Creemore Curling Club hosted the Inter-League Challenge, sponsored by the Creemore Legion, on Wednesday, Jan 7. From left: Legion executive member **Michael Loranger** presents the trophy to the winning team of **Paul Crevier**, **Celeste Dunford**, **Wade Dunford**, and **Karen Crevier**, representing the Mixed League.

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Trivia: Robin Williams

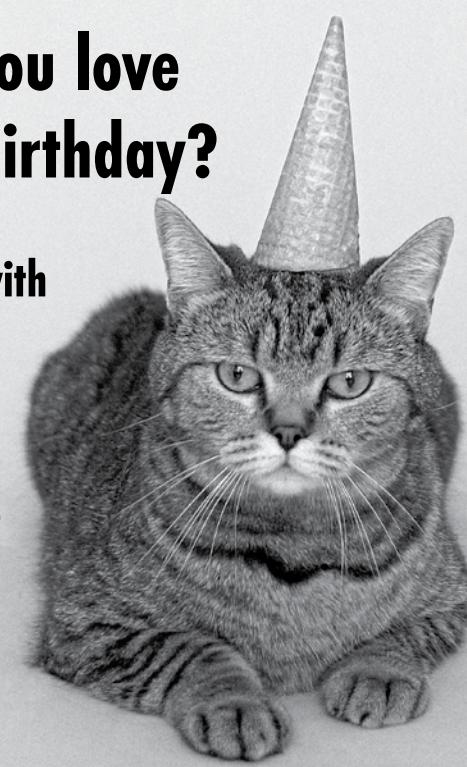


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