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Embracing the winter chill at Sunnidale Winterama

by Bonnie MacPherson

Long before there was a Clearview Township, there was Sunnidale Winterama. Last year, the Greatest Show on Snow celebrated its 50th anniversary, and it's still going strong.

Event chairperson **Adam Pearson** took over the reigns last fall from long-time chair **Chuck Arrand**.

"Chuck looked at me and said Winterama needed some new blood, so here we are," said Pearson.

He said he recognizes that they are big shoes to fill.

After Pearson moved to the area from Brampton, he was unaware of Winterama. A few years ago he came upon an accident on Airport Road, and noticed the Winterama sign while he was stopped. Since then, the carnival has become a real family affair.

"My wife and kids started volunteering a couple years ago," said Pearson. "My daughter wore the Winterama Willie penguin suit for the last two years, and this year my son

takes it over."

This year's Winterama will take place Feb. 6-8. The event kicks off with the Sunnidale Firefighter Association's spaghetti dinner at the Legion on Friday night. At the dinner, Arrand will emcee the annual beard contest with prizes for best overall beard, best Santa beard, and best newly started beard.

After dinner, the focus shifts to New Lowell Recreation Park for the annual Burning of the Green. Pearson says roughly 230 Christmas trees are assembled to fuel the fire.

"It's a pile about 20 feet long by six feet wide, and six feet high," he said. "We expect it will burn for about four hours before the firefighters put it out. We'll have hot chocolate and popcorn throughout and then fireworks starting at 8 p.m."

The evening wraps up with a trivia night at the Legion.

Saturday morning kicks off with a

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File photo

Winterama Willie giving high-fives during the Creemore Santa Claus Parade.

Lease agreement in the works for displaced seniors

by Trina Berlo

Clearview Township council approved a lease agreement Monday that would allow residents displaced by a Jan. 14 fire at The Belmont to move into the building formerly occupied by Stayner Care Centre.

"The township thought it might be a good idea to try to keep those folks in the community and keep the employees working," said CAO **John Ferguson**.

Council approved entering into a lease agreement with The Belmont Stayner Inc and JLW Development Inc for use of a portion of the building located at 7308 Highway 26. The municipality recently purchased the property for additional office space, a new home for the youth centre, and future community uses, which remains the intended use.

"But we thought this would take priority so we're working with the property owners and the business owner

to make sure that this is understood to be a temporary arrangement to try to get the folks back into their property again once it's reconstructed," said Ferguson.

Mayor **Doug Measures** came up with the proposal after visiting the scene of the fire and learned that residents were transported to temporary accommodations in Midland.

"The discussions going on so far have been very positive because we've all been working in that direction in good faith to try to help meet those objectives of keeping those residents here in our community because that's where they want to be," said Measures.

The monthly rent would be set at \$7,000, payable for the term and any extensions of the lease agreement.

Following an in camera discussion Monday council voted unanimously that should the tenancy go on longer than one year, the rent would increase

to \$10,500 per month, and to \$14,000 after 18 months. The lease would be terminated at the end of the second year. The new tenants will be responsible for utilities, maintenance and insurance.

"It will cause a shift in gears for staff but it's well worth supporting the community," said Deputy Mayor **Paul Van Staveren**. "It's reasonable for all parties involved. We've given them the commitment for a one-year term which is what they've really asked for."

Ferguson reported that 36 seniors were displaced by the fire and that a maximum of 28 would be moving in to the former Stayner Care Centre. He said The Belmont will undergo partial demolition and reconstruction, a process that could take up to two years.

Measures said the objective is to see residents back at The Belmont after the renovation.

The Belmont officials declined to comment until the agreement is signed.

County to manage Wilcox Place apartments

Also included on the Jan. 26 council agenda was a property management agreement for Wilcox Place.

The apartment block was purchased by the township as part of the acquisition of the former Stayner Care Centre, both having the address 7308 Highway 26.

Council has approved paying Simcoe County Housing Corporation an annual management fee of \$33,781, to be funded from revenue from the building's six apartments.

"We do not want to be in the rental business," said Van Staveren. "This is a perfect opportunity because if more opportunities come forward, the county knows now that we're willing to cooperate. It may sound like a lot of money for the annual management fee but one situation could make that seem minuscule."

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- Line dancing lessons every Friday night at Station on the Green from 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 hosts **dart night** every Friday at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Stayner Legion, 7149 ON-26. For more information, call 705-428-3809.

Saturday, Jan. 31

- Join the Stayner Legion and dance the night away with popular entertainer **Len Murphy**, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. for an evening performance.

Feb. 1-2

- Trinity United Church, Collingwood hosts the **Black History Exhibition Here From the Beginning** created for The United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary in recognition of Black History Month. Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Tuesday, Feb. 3

- Pub Trivia Night** takes place every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Old Mill House Pub, 141 Mill St., Creemore. A \$10 cover includes entry, answer sheets and a chance to win prizes. For more information, call 705-466-5244, visit theoldmillhousepub.com, or join the Pub Trivia Facebook group.

Feb. 6-8

- Sunnidale Winterama is a **winter-themed festival** presented by Clearview Township, celebrating 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.

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- Share the Love Pub Night at Dunedin Community Hall. A **pub night** to celebrate the love of the community we live in. Starting at 7 p.m. until midnight. All 19+ people are welcome. Cash bar.

Thursday, Feb. 19

- Cybergnomes Team 2013 **Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join us for a delicious dinner, a silent auction and a very exciting robot reveal. Tickets available at the door. Adults 13+ \$15, children 5-12 \$7, and children 4 and under free. New Lowell Legion Branch 516. cybergnomesteam2013@gmail.com or call Deb, 705-790-4262.

Sunday, Feb. 22

- Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society presents the first concert in the 2026 **Chamber Music Series**, featuring the Kestrel Quartet performing *Four Elements* by Elizabeth Raum and Maurice Ravel's *String Quartet in F major*. The concert begins at 2 p.m. at St. John's United Church in Creemore. Tickets available in advance at phahs.ca.



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Humane Society depends heavily on volunteers

by Bonnie MacPherson

Helping a pet find its forever home is hugely satisfying, according to **Candace Weel**, a volunteer cat adoption counsellor at Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS).

Weel is on duty at GTHS Monday afternoons. Some days, she handles as many as five or six adoptions in a shift. Some days, there are none.

In 2025, a total of 1,078 – 885 cats, 193 dogs – animals were adopted through GTHS. A special holiday adoption event in December with discounted fees placed 118 cats and 18 dogs. Adoption numbers typically go up again in the spring, which is peak kitten season.

“We interface with potential adopters to make sure the home is suitable for a cat,” said Weel. “An important part of it is knowing the cats that are available for adoption. Some are not good with kids or they may have special medical needs. Older people are generally a better fit with older pets.”

She has been involved with a golden retriever dog rescue organization for some time, and joined the GTHS two years ago.

Weel said adoption counsellors must ask some tough questions such as, what would happen to the pet should the owner become ill or need to move to an assisted living facility?

Decisions on where to place cats are based solely on interviews – there are no home visits – so it’s critical that adoption counsellors ask the right questions.

“People need to think about the expense of regular check-ups and shots as well as food and flea and tick medication,” said Weel.

Those costs can add up to between \$1,500 and \$4,000 a year.

“A lot of people who could provide great homes just can’t afford that, so there are programs like Pet Pantry to help out where expense is a barrier,” she said.

“It can be very emotionally taxing when an animal gets placed for adoption, then surrendered again. It’s very sad.”

Weel said it takes time for an animal to settle into a new environment.

She said, “We like to allow three days to decompress. Three weeks to learn the routines of the house and three months to fully come out of their shells.”

Shy animals often get overlooked, said Weel. People are drawn to the animals that seem to choose them.

Karen Marsh, GTHS’ executive director, said volunteers are absolutely essential to the operation.

“We currently have between 380 and 390 volunteers helping with everything from caring for animals to delivering pet food for the Pet Pantry program, to snow removal and cleaning,” said Marsh. “We have retirees who are looking for a way to give back, youth who are fulfilling their volunteer hour requirements, and people with full-time jobs who come and help out on the weekend. All together, they equate to about \$800,000 in annual payroll costs if we had to rely on paid staff to fill all of these roles”

She said there is always a need for more volunteers.

“We will need to fill 600 volunteer positions before we move to our new facility in the spring of 2027,” said Marsh. “Anyone interested should go to our website at GTHS.ca and click on ‘Join our Team’ to fill out an application. Currently we are actively recruiting for people to foster pets, assist with education and outreach and fill board positions.”

The GTHS is open for adoptions daily from noon to 4 p.m. at 549 10th Line, Collingwood.

The typical cost to adopt an adult cat is \$185, including spaying and/or neutering, vaccinations, flea and worm treatment. Kitten adoptions cost \$240.



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Georgian Triangle Humane Society volunteer cat adoption counsellor **Candace Weel**, a Clearview Township resident, with **Oreo**, one of the cats that is currently available for adoption.

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This year's theme celebrates the Winter Olympics

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pancake and sausage breakfast before the parade, which begins at 11 a.m. This year’s theme is Winter Olympics. Arrand said 23 floats have already registered.

“The forecast is calling for chilly temperatures, but not frostbite territory,” said Arrand. “This is a unique winter celebration where people just pile on as many layers as needed and come out to enjoy the parade.”

Bed races, following the parade, are always a spectator favourite.

There will be a variety of children’s games and activities at the pavilion, including a giant inflatable slide. Arrand says the slide will replace the snow mountain which was a hit in previous years.

“Apparently the township had

some concerns about liability with kids playing on the enormous pile of snow,” he said.

The butter tart competition at the Legion has been expanded to include fruit tart, custard and mini-cheesecake categories. Winners are announced Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m., tarts will be available for purchase.

Sunday begins with another big breakfast at the Legion, before riders head off for the Morgan Taylor Snowmobile Run organized by the Barrie Snowmobile Club and named in honour of long-time president.

Winterama buttons, at \$2 each, are available at multiple locations including Clearview Auto, the Creemore Coffee Company and the New Lowell Legion.

For a detailed list of events, visit www.discoverclearview.ca.

OPINION & Feedback

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Change has led to 21% improvement in response times for most urgent calls

The County of Simcoe is marking one year since the Government of Ontario implemented the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) across the region, and Paramedic Services are reporting clear improvements in how emergency calls are assessed and resources are deployed.

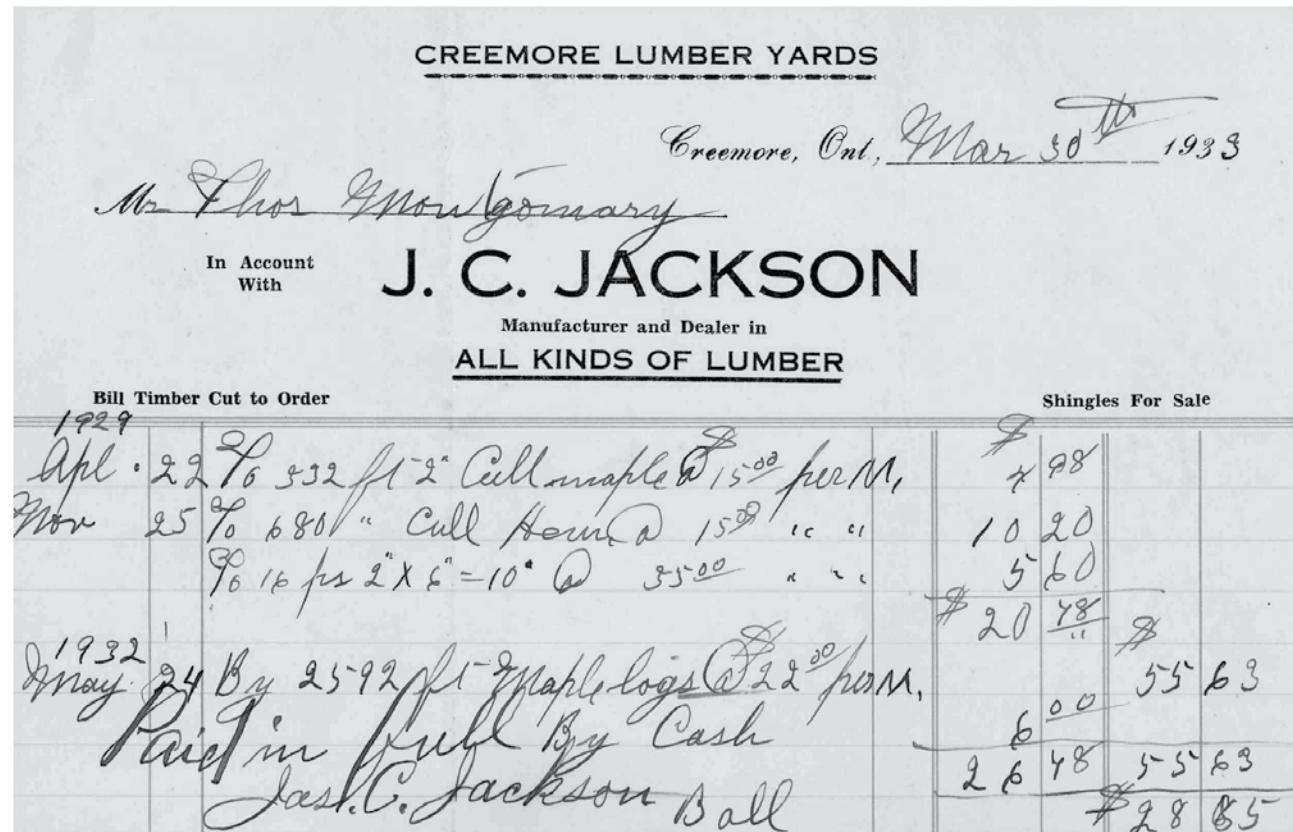
In November 2024, the Georgian Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC), which provides emergency medical dispatch services to Simcoe County, York Region, Beausoleil First Nation and Rama First Nation, transitioned from the longstanding Dispatch Priority Card Index II to MPDS. The evidence-based system, used in more than 35,000 emergency communication centres worldwide, is designed to ensure the right help reaches the right patient at the right time.

Over the past year, County of Simcoe Paramedic Services has seen a 38 per cent reduction in life threatening dispatches, demonstrating more accurate triage and fewer unnecessary lights-and-sirens responses. Dispatchers are now better able to distinguish between levels of medical urgency, ensuring the most critical patients receive immediate attention. While less urgent calls may experience longer wait times, overall response times continue to meet or exceed provincial standards, as life-threatening emergencies are prioritized without compromising care for others. This has led to a 21 per cent improvement in response times for the most urgent, life-threatening calls, ensuring that patients with the highest needs are prioritized effectively.

MPDS also enhances coordination across the province's integrated ambulance network by supporting Ontario's long-standing "seamless principle," which requires that the closest appropriate ambulance respond to a patient, regardless of municipal or regional boundaries. Because response is based on proximity rather than geography, MPDS enables call centres across the province to share information effortlessly with neighbouring regions. Dispatchers can view the general status and location of nearby units, reducing duplicate responses and ensuring that life-threatening emergencies receive the fastest, most effective care. Only urgent calls are shared across borders, while less-acute incidents remain with the local service.

Ambulance distribution is now based on data, not geography. Through the County of Simcoe Paramedic Service Rapid Deployment Plan, resources are positioned where emergency risk is highest, using historical call patterns, population density, and hospital demand. Crews often wait in strategic standby locations rather than stations to maintain broad coverage, and deployment levels shift between day and night. System pressures, such as hospital offload delays, increased time spent on each call, and the differing challenges of urban and rural environments, also influence how many ambulances are available and where they are positioned at any given time.

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Library hosts Crayola Day Party on PA Day Friday

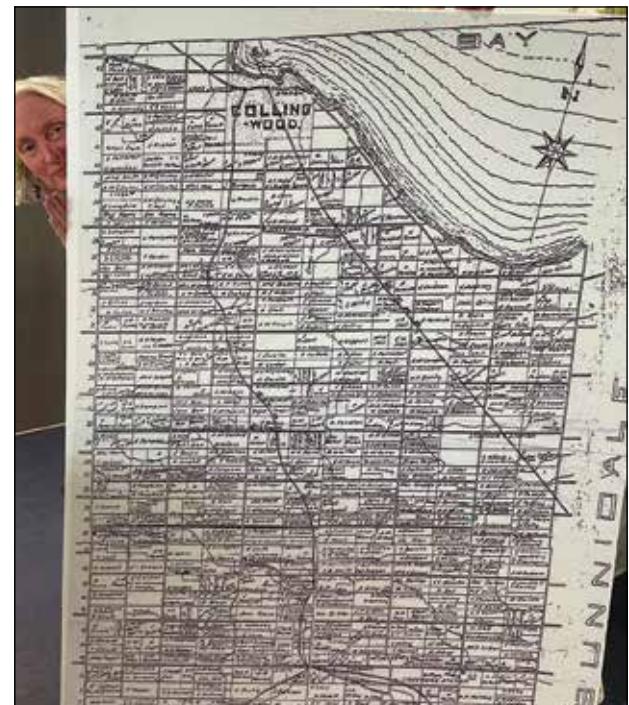
It's another PA Day here in Clearview Township and we at the Clearview Public Library have a fun-filled day planned for Friday, Jan. 30 with super special programs and activities in Creemore (10 a.m. to 11 a.m.), New Lowell (2 p.m. to 3 p.m.) and Stayner (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

In recognition of the 51st annual Winterama next weekend, we are making special buttons and crafting penguins as decorations for the event. From 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., something very special is happening in the Stayner branch with the livestream broadcast of the Crayola Day Party! No registration required, just drop in.

This is also a good time to sign up for the St. John Ambulance courses taking place on Friday, March 20. We are presenting our ever popular Babysitter Course (ages 10.5 to 15 years) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for \$75 and the Home Alone (ages 8 to 10.5 years) from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$65 in the Stayner Community Centre hall. Registration is required and the deadline for payment is on Wednesday, March 11 by 8 p.m. Cash or cheque payments accepted (cheques payable to Clearview Public Library). For more details, please email ehamerton@clearview.ca.

We have had a special request about availability of old maps of our surrounding area (specifically a 20-mile circumference around Creemore). What do you have in your attic or basement that you would be willing to share with us? Please contact mmckenzie@clearview.ca or leave a message at one of our three circulation desks.

Please join Natasha Rolling (our children's



programmer) and Michele McKenzie (deputy CEO) on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the New Lowell branch as we participate in the fun of Winterama. We will be offering a full line-up of family friendly craft activities, a quiet space corner as well as a warming station and a diaper changing location.

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New policy to impact local events

by Bonnie MacPherson

A new policy will require users of township facilities to hire security staff for events with attendance of 100 or more when alcohol is being served.

The policy applies to public and sporting events including concerts, and ticketed stag and doe events. Generally, private, invitation-only events such as weddings and business meetings can be exempted at the discretion of hall boards.

Manager of Parks and Recreation **Amanda Murray** said the policy was crafted to limit liability for both venues and patrons. By reducing the potential for alcohol-related issues, the Township of Clearview reduces its liability risk and fosters safe, enjoyable facility use for public enjoyment, states the policy.

The policy was actually adopted by Clearview council in March of 2025, and Murray's team has been meeting with community groups to educate them about the new rules since last summer. The changes have been phased in gradually, as those presentations were made.

"The township's original policy was approved in 2012, and hadn't been updated to reflect changes to the province's Liquor Licence and Control Act (2019) that deals with serving, selling and consuming alcohol," according to Murray. "We started testing small changes in 2024 and council eventually adopted the new policy last March. The old policy spoke of off-duty police officers for events with alcohol but that was a huge expense for event organizers so it was never enforced."

The focus of the policy is to ensure adequate supervision and safe serving at all township facilities including rec centres and halls, as well as events hosted in parks and on closed streets, said Murray. Those costs will be borne by event organizers, and will vary based on the type, size and duration of events.

Debbie Hill, the booking agent for Creemore's Station on the Green, said the cost of hiring private security may be prohibitive for renters.

"The township came to our September meeting to talk about the new policy. It was one week before an event which we had already booked that included a sit down dinner. It would have cost about \$700 for security and we expected alcohol sales of less than \$1,000 so we said we would have to do the event without alcohol. Eventually, the township decided to give us a pass for that event."

Murray said in the past, there were problems with over consumption, people bringing outside alcohol to events and leaving the premises with alcoholic beverages.

It is incumbent upon organizers to provide non-alcoholic beverage alternatives and safe transportation options.

Murray stresses the role of township is not to be the enforcer of the policy, but rather to provide a level of education and empowerment. Anyone renting a township facility is expected to signify their compliance.

Meetings have not yet been held with all organizations, including the Avening Hall board and the Creemore Business Improvement Area board.

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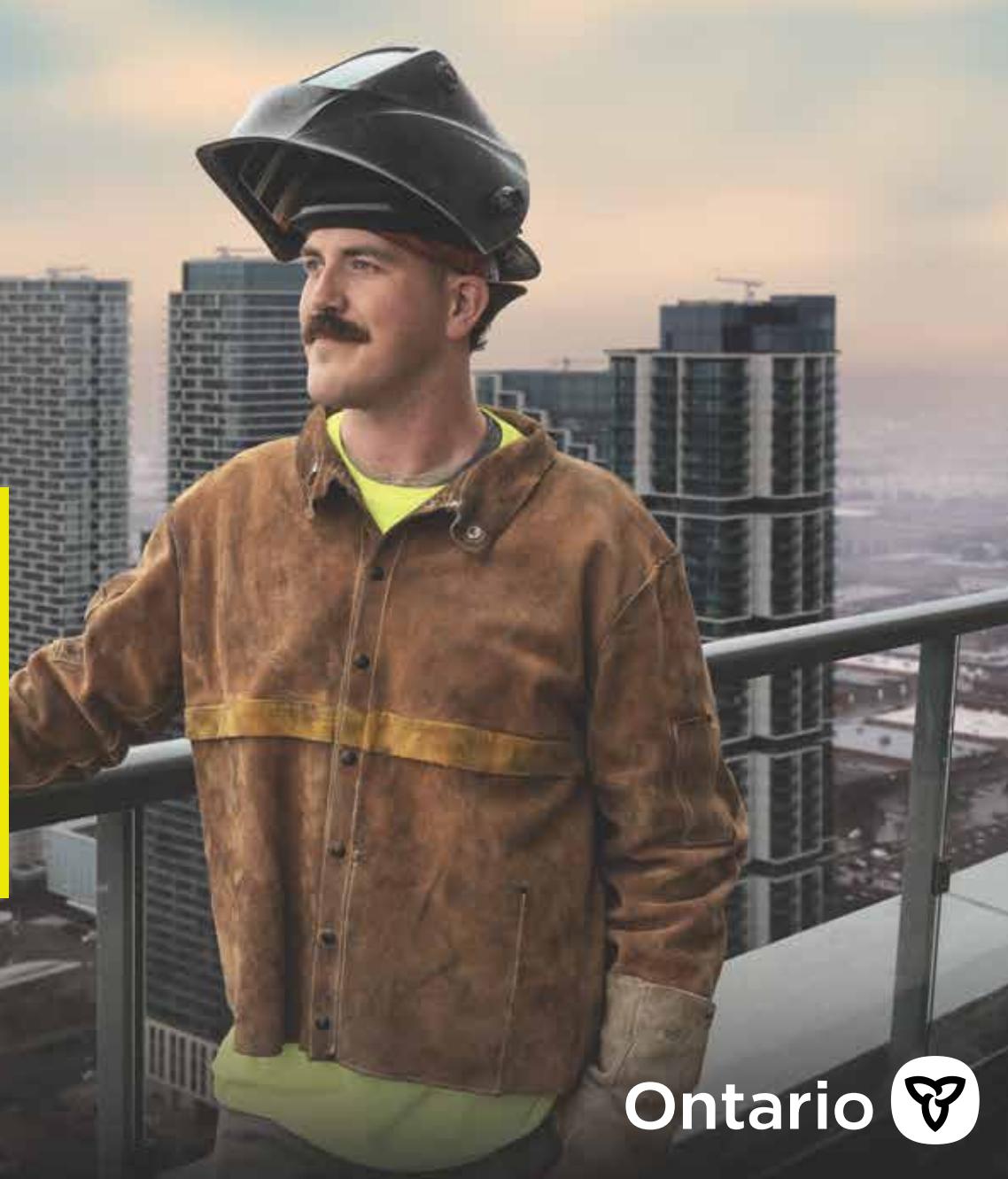
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6:30 PM - Beard & Moustache Contest Judging

Burning of the Green & Fireworks

7:20 - 8:00PM, New Lowell Recreation Park
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Winterama Trivia Night | 19+

8:30 PM, New Lowell Legion

\$30 per team for up to 6 people on a team, Trivia starts at 9 PM

Sunday, February 8

BIG Breakfast

9AM - 12:00 PM, New Lowell Legion

Eggs, bacon, sausage & toast | \$10 per person

Morgan Taylor Snowmobile Fun Run

11 AM - 12:00 PM, New Lowell Legion

Snowshoe Winter Hike

11 AM - 1 PM, Meet at New Lowell Legion

Saturday, February 7

Pancake & Sausage

Breakfast 8-10 AM

New Lowell Legion

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New Lowell Legion

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9 AM - 1 PM, New Lowell Recreation Park

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New Lowell Church

Pie Sales & Warming Centre 10 AM - 2 PM

Clearview Public Library Winterama Activities 10 AM - 2 PM

New Lowell Library

New Lowell Firefighters Silent Auction 10:30 AM-2 PM

New Lowell Firehall

Winterama Parade

Winter Olympics | 11AM

Bed Races After Parade
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FROM NEW LOWELL Darran Helmer and Merrilu Brown make a donation to the Clearview Stayner Food Bank, accepted by volunteers **Gaynor Taggart** and **Pam Royal**. The New Lowell community made a number of donations at the end of 2025. Proceeds from a haunted house at the New Lowell Legion were divided between Stayner, Creemore and Angus, with \$500 going to food banks in each community, along with two carloads of food delivered to the Angus Food Bank. An additional \$85 raised at the New Lowell Legion Kids Christmas Party, plus \$20 and food donations collected when a group of New Lowell residents took Santa around town during a mini parade were donated to the Clearview Stayner Food Bank.



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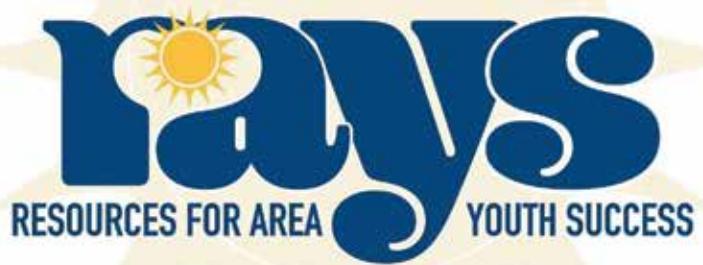
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Scott and Little to continue chairing NVCA board

Jonathan Scott, councillor for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and **Gail Little**, deputy mayor for the Township of Amaranth, were acclaimed as chair and vice chair, respectively, at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) board of directors' January meeting.

"I'm grateful to my colleagues for unanimously renewing their confidence in vice-chair Little and me," said Scott. "Over the past year, the board and our staff focused on protecting nature across the watershed while improving the efficiency and timeliness of our planning and permitting work. Together, we strengthened flood and erosion hazard management, advanced stream and wetland restoration, expanded tree planting and stewardship, and continued to modernize how NVCA delivers its core services. Just as importantly, we've supported agricultural communities by promoting practical, science-based approaches that protect soil, water and farmland while recognizing the essential role farmers play as stewards of the landscape."

"We delivered a lean budget and modernized our operations to support the province's goals of sustainable housing and economic development," continued Scott. "In 2026, we will continue that work to protect natural systems, support resilient communities, and ensure decisions are grounded in good governance and sound science."

Throughout 2025, NVCA worked with volunteers, funders and partners to restore rivers and streams, plant forests, and provide environmental education throughout the Nottawasaga watershed.

Residents and visitors alike explored nature and



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Township of Amaranth deputy mayor **Gail Little** and Bradford West Gwillimbury councillor **Jonathan Scott** will continue to head up the NVCA board of directors.

gathered at community events hosted at NVCA's conservation areas.

To further support municipalities, landowners and development partners, NVCA reduced backlogs, improved customer satisfaction and completed permit reviews in an average of 17 days.

"As we continue to address the varying needs across our watershed, I appreciate the ongoing,

excellent support and commitment of our staff and board members," said Little. "Their dedication to NVCA is essential to build on what we have already accomplished. I would encourage our urban and rural communities to share their diverse perspectives to assist in the development of our objectives as we continue the work of protecting our water and natural environment."

FUN & Games

Sudoku

by Barbara Simpson

5	3	4			6				
			5	6	1				2
				7	5				4
	9				4				
2	1					8	7		
			2				1		
9		8	6						
6		9	7	3					
	4			5		7	6		

Answers on page 11

FRED'S FUNNIES

As a scarecrow, people say I am outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.

Canadian Criss Cross

by Walter Feener

ACROSS

- Fill to overflowing
- They are not gentleman
- Flinch slightly
- Unruly demonstrations
- Break one's heart
- Place in the right position
- Neck bone
- Female pig
- A little way away
- Range of vision
- Forecast word
- One who plays in the NHL
- Carve letters on
- Became less painful
- Wrath
- Lens cover
- Hush money
- Showing favouritism
- Nighttime, in poetry
- Treat with contempt
- Needing to be paid
- Food
- Fuss
- Extremely urgent
- Close acquaintance
- Angry protest
- Artist's mishap
- Tailors' joints
- Part farthest from the middle
- Bacon's partner

DOWN

- Concealment
- Units of a curling game
- Hole in one
- Dreamily thoughtful
- Group of spectators
- Light breeze
- Slay
- Brews tea
- Like a candle
- Animal trap
- "For Heaven's ___!"
- Walked on
- 1300 hours
- Peddlers peddle them
- Be filled with longing
- Arched bone
- Nearly certain
- Go on a drinking spree
- Hamburger meat
- Raises children
- Before it is too late
- Jet engine housing
- Everyday expressions
- Subtle emanations
- Suggestive look
- Military training group
- Bit of bird food
- Compete in cars
- Remind constantly
- Score points in cribbage

Trivia: The Broadway musical *Cats* is based on the poetry collection 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats', written by whom?



CREEMORE CURLING CLUB STANDINGS

Men

Team	win-loss-tie
Wilson	4-1-0
Verstegen	3-2-0
D. Millsap	3-2-0
Walker	2-2-1
Flack	2-2-1
Cober	2-3-0
J. Millsap	1-3-1
T. Millsap	1-3-1

Ladies

Team	win-loss-tie
Dunford	3-0-1
Crawford	2-1-0
Harvey	2-2-0
Arsenault	1-1-1
Verstegen	1-2-0
McKay	0-3-0

From the Hack: With several of our ladies competing this week at the International Quebec Bonspiel, a pair of vices stepped up to take the helm for their teams. Congratulations to Chantelle for leading Team Harvey to a decisive win over Team McKay, and well done to Abbey for her determination in guiding Team Dunford to an impressive comeback, earning a tie with Team Arsenault.

Daytime

Team	win-loss
Loranger	6-2
Gallaugh	4-4
Lambert	3-5
Coulter	3-5

From the Hack: On Monday, Team Coulter managed an easy win over Team Gallaugh. After the game, Ron, skip of Team Coulter, was overheard stating, "finally, we won another game!" Team Loranger chalked up a victory against Team Lambert.

Wednesday had Teams Gallaugh and Loranger winning their matches. Good curling everyone!

Protestors mark Fire Ford February with Sunday protests in Stayner

The Eco Guardians of Ontario are organizing a series of protests in Stayner during what is being dubbed Fire Ford February.

Protestors will be outside MPP Brian Saunderson's Stayner office each Sunday afternoon in February.

Members of the Eco Guardians of Ontario, a local grassroots organization, is encouraging people to get involved and ask questions. Participants are invited to make a placard on any topic that resonates with them, be it endangered species, conservation authorities, Indigenous rights, Environmental Bill of Rights, Skills Fund scandal, Highway 413, Ontario Place, Science Centre, privatization of health care, affordable housing, long-term care, overcrowded classrooms, etc...

"The whole point of democracy, I think, is participation," said Kathleen Knoll.

She said community conversations can build momentum.

"Getting involved at a grassroots community level makes it feel like you can affect some change. You feel like you can have some kind of impact," she said. "We can't just keep kicking all the problems down the road. It's the next generation that has to pay. I think it's about encouraging people to ask questions, take some responsibility and get involved in the process of democracy."

Protestors will be gathering at 2 p.m. Sunday at 7317 ON-26, Stayner. Find the Eco Guardians of Ontario on Facebook.



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The Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary's Valentine's **LASAGNE TAKE-OUT DINNER**. \$20 includes lasagne, Caesar salad, a bun and cheesecake. Pick up between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Call Laura at 705-466-2462 by Feb. 7 to place your order.

THANK YOU

Norma Friest, a resident of Creedan Valley, Creemore decided to bring some Christmas joy to other residents. She had a Legion member deliver the senior carol books from the Legion and began calling friends and relations. Dec. 16 was the date set for the sing-a-long. Not amazingly, about 20 volunteers showed up in excellent voice, Lorna May came to play the piano and a joyful time was had by all. Favourite carols and other Christmas songs known to everyone were sung. A heartfelt thank you to everyone, especially Creemore people who gave up precious time in their holiday preparations to help bring a time of fun and remembrance to the Creedan Valley residents. Thank you Norma for organizing this event.

This week's answers

5	3	7	4	2	9	8	6	1
4	8	9	5	6	1	7	3	2
1	2	6	8	3	7	5	9	4
8	9	3	7	1	4	6	2	5
2	1	5	3	9	6	4	8	7
7	6	4	2	5	8	3	1	9
9	7	8	6	4	2	1	5	3
6	5	1	9	7	3	2	4	8
3	4	2	1	8	5	9	7	6

Trivia: T.S. Eliot



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- Job #2026-005: Pool Instructors / Lifeguards (7 positions)
- Job #2026-006: Pool Lifeguard Supervisor
- Job #2026-007: Pool Customer Service Student
- Job #2026-008: Student, Parks and Recreation
- Job #2026-009: Student Water / Sewer Operator (Co-Op position)
- Job #2026-010: Student Roads Workers (4 Co-Op Positions)
- Job #2026-011: Student Tourism / Culture Assistants (5 positions)

For full job details, job requirements, and eligibility criteria, please visit www.clearview.ca/careers

Hours of Work:

The hours of work for all positions are up to 35-40 hours per week (for the period of approximately May 4th to September 4th, 2026).

Wage Rates:

All positions are paid \$18.01 per hour, including 4% vacation pay, with the exception of the Pool Lifeguard Supervisor, which is paid \$20.75 per hour. An extra \$1 an hour is given to returning students to the same position for each year they have previously worked at Clearview.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants are invited to send their resume and a covering letter by email to: hr@clearview.ca by **Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** All resumes must be received electronically.

Please indicate the job number in the subject line of your application; if applying for multiple positions, please indicate the job numbers in the order of your preference.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

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 Deadline: February 6, 11:59 PM

NOTICE

THE FIRST INTAKE PERIOD FOR 2026 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT AND SPONSORSHIPS OPENS FEB. 1ST

The Township of Clearview recognizes that contributions made by community organizations and volunteer groups improve the well-being of the community and the quality of life for our residents. As such, Clearview's Community Assistance Grant and Sponsorships are provided to support the various community activities and initiatives offered by these groups. The grant opportunities are provided by Council twice a year from funds included in the annual municipal budget.

The Intake Periods for Community Assistance Grant and Sponsorships are open during February (First Intake) and September (Second Intake) of each year. The deadline to submit for this Intake Period is February 28th.

For more information or to submit your application, please visit www.clearview.ca/pay-register-apply/grants-funds.

For more information, please contact:

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NOTICE

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CHARGES STUDY & PUBLIC MEETING FEB. 23

The Township is currently completing an update to its Development Charges Background Study and By-law. Development charges are fees collected from builders and developers to help pay for the cost of infrastructure required because of growth.

The Township is completing this update using growth projections to the year 2051 and recently completed Township studies and plans, including:

Parks and Recreation Plan Water and Wastewater Servicing Plan, and Active Transportation and Mobility Plan.

The following key dates are provided for this process:

- **February 23, 2026, at 5:30 PM** – Required Development Charges Public Meeting (regularly scheduled Council meeting).
- **March 23, 2026, at 5:30 PM** – Proposed Development Charges By-law Passage (regularly scheduled Council meeting).

The Draft Development Charges Background Study, prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., dated January 9, 2026, is provided on the Township's website, clearview.ca/development-charges.

For more information, please contact:

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