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SMALL RINK, BIG DREAMS Myles Millar, Liam Spilchen, Jonny Greer, Jullian Gignac (in the goalie pads), and Myles Dempsey enjoy the first "game day" of the season on the outdoor rink by the Station on the Green. Everyone is encouraged to get out and enjoy the rink which is being carefully monitored and maintained by volunteers Thom Paterson, Paul Ruppel, Bill McDougall, Josh Dempsey and Robyn Gignac.

FUNDRAISER TO HELP REBUILD WALKER BARN

By Christopher Greer

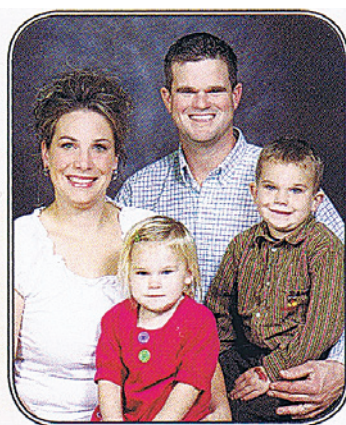
The community continues to come together to help the Walker family rebuild after the tragic fire that destroyed their barn on November 15.

It took 30 Clearview firefighters two and a half hours to put out the blaze, which resulted in more than \$500,000 in damages. Ten emergency vehicles from five stations battled the flames and prevented them from spreading from the barn to the other buildings nearby.

"We are very grateful," said Colin Walker of the help his family received in the wake of the fire. "When you have so many losses like we did, you feel helpless."

The Walker family was in the middle of harvesting their crops when the fire occurred. However, a number of the Walker's neighbours brought their equipment

(See "Time" page 7)



Curiosity House waits for a little magic

By Cecily Ross

Once upon a time there was a bookstore, a small shop in a pleasant village, a place where people could buy books and newspapers, meet their friends, listen to stories and celebrate art. The people have loved their bookstore and can't imagine life in the village without it.

So far this has been a happy story, but it is no fairy tale. Because there are clouds on the horizon and if this story is to have a happy ending, it's going to need more than magic.

This coming spring, Creemore's Curiosity House Bookstore will close its doors for good if some book-loving soul doesn't come forward to take it over.

"We are open to anything," says part owner and proprietor Catherine Randall who, with Miriam Vince and silent partners Rowland Fleming and

Tom Vandewater, has co-owned the bookstore for the past six years. "Our main concern is to keep the bookstore open, but right now we have two choices: to close it or sell it."

Randall, who at 68 is ready to retire, has been trying to come up with a succession plan for the past year. But last fall's sale of the bookstore's Mill Street location has forced the issue. The new owners, who plan to open a restaurant at the site, will take possession at the end of April. The Curiosity House's lease is up in June.

Randall says that she has had a few expressions of interest, but so far new owners have not materialized. And although she did not reveal numbers, she says the price is very negotiable.

"We are committed to keeping the bookstore in

(See "Two choices" page 3)

WPD BEING SUED

Wind developer wpd Canada and a farm that signed a lease to host wind turbines are being sued. The claim seeks an injunction and \$2 million in damages related to the proposed Fairview Wind Farm in Stayner.

"This claim seems unique because the owner of the proposed farm is also being sued," said lawyer Eric Gillespie. "Landowners who decide to allow turbines may need to look carefully at their legal position and potential liability."

The claim focuses on alleged devaluation of property. The plaintiff Sylvia Wiggins and husband John listed their home for sale in 2011. Showings started but they say ended shortly after the project was publicized. Recent data shows when a wind company bought out homes near another Ontario project, on resale the company lost almost 35 per cent of their value.

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This Weekend

Saturday, January 21

- **Aware Simcoe** invites you to a panel discussion on the topic **"Sprawl: The Monster That's Consuming Simcoe County"** with panellists Claire Malcolmson, Environmental Defence, John Stillich, Sustainable Urban Development Association and David Strachan, Midhurst Ratepayers Association, will discuss how our municipal councils can build healthy communities within ecological limitations. Come and share your ideas

from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Angus Community Centre. For more information email aware.simcoe@gmail.com or www.aware-simcoe.ca.

- **CreemoreCentric 2012 Art Show.** Drop in and see the local artwork and make a bid on the Silent Auction to own one. Show runs to January 30. 705-466-5555 or www.madandnoisy.com. 154 Mill Street.

Sunday, January 22

- **Church Services** on page 5.

- **Come and Go Tea celebrating the 90th Birthday of Frances (Lemmon) Evans** from 2 to 4 pm. at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 22 Caroline Street West, Creemore. Best wishes only please.

Sunday, January 22 to Wednesday, January 25

- **Clearview Community Theatre Rehearsals** for the Travelling Troupes. See www.clearviewcommunitytheatre.ca for details or call Gren Bray at 705-428-2600.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 23

- **A Clearview Township Budget Workshop** at the Council Chambers in Stayner at 12:30 pm. There will be presentations by Public Works and Parks & Recreation.
- **Clearview Council Meeting** at the Council Chambers in Stayner at 5:30 pm.

Tuesday, January 24

- **Clearview Soccer Club 2012 Registration** from 6 to 8 pm at Creemore Arena, New Lowell Firehall & Stayner Arena. See ad on page 3 for details. Registration on February 13 and March 8 also.

Friday, January 27

- **Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Come enjoy some homemade soup.
- **Bruce Ley** comes to the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House for his **"It's All About Love"** concert at 8 pm. Featuring **The First Friday Soul Singers**. Tickets are available at the Opera House Box Office by calling 519-912-3123. Adults \$30, students \$15.
- **Friday, January 27 to Saturday, February 4**
- **Jack and the Beanstalk** presented by **Tipling Stage Company** at Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne. A traditional British panto by Bev Nicholas. Musical fun for the family. January 27, 28, February 3 & 4 at 7 pm. January 29 at 1:30 pm. www.tiplingstagecompany.com or 519-925-3146 for ticket information.

Saturday, January 28

- **4th Annual Mayor's Challenge** in support of **Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids** at Pretty River Provincial Park. Snowmobiling & snowshoeing. At the staging area, 33-34 Nottawasaga Sideroad. From 10 am to 2 pm. Visit www.clearview.ca for more information. All funds raised will stay in the area.

- ****SOLD OUT** A Fundraising Beef Dinner** for Colin and Tanya Walker who lost their barn, livestock, and family pets last fall will take place at the Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church. Two dinner seatings – 5 & 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under, under 2 are free. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets are available by calling the church at 428-3741.

- **156th Annual General Meeting of the Collingwood Agricultural Society** at the Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Potluck supper begins at 6 pm. Business meeting to start at 7:30 pm. For additional information, please call 705-444-0308.

- **Nottawasaga Junior Farmers New Members Meeting** from 9 am to midnight at Collingwood Bowling Alley. Come on out to the Meeting/Bowling Night if you're between the ages of 15 & 29. Free night of bowling for all new members who sign up tonight. \$25. Call Mike Stephens at 705-818-3237 if you wanting to come. Dances, parades, sporting events, camp outs, bus trips & more if you join.

Thursday, February 2 to Sunday, February 5

- **Winterama** at New Lowell. Wild Wild West is the theme. Spaghetti Dinner & Burning of the Green & fireworks on Thursday night, Movie Night on Friday night with local talent at intermission, Saturday includes pancake breakfast, parade & activities at the park all afternoon, dance at night, snowmobile races on Sunday.

Saturday, February 4

- **Mega-quarry Public Information Session** hosted by **North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT)** from 9:30 to 11 am in the Norduff Room, Honeywood Arena. Focusing on the environmental assessment process and next steps. Fresh food and clean water first.

Saturday, February 11

- **Notty Junior Farmers' 3rd Annual Snow Volley Ball Tournament** at the Avening Hall. Games start around 10 am and end around 4 pm, lunch break around noon. Hotdogs, chili, and refreshments will be for sale. A fundraiser for the Nottawasaga Creemore Public School's Hockey Team. Teams must be 6-10 players, must have two girls on the team and on the court at all times. Teams are guaranteed two games. Early bird price \$75 before February 3rd. \$100 per team after that. Contact Melissa Ferguson 705-331-7554 to sign up for the tournament. Dance to follow. Advance tickets only, no tickets available at the door. Contact Adam Verstegen 705-607-2326 to get your tickets.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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New Lowell News

Since this is my first column for 2012 I wish you all a very Happy New Year filled with peace, love and joy.

All the parties, visiting, rushing around has settled and everyone is into the winter season. The Winterama committee continues to meet and plan the festivities for February 2 to 5. This issue of the *Echo* includes a report on all the fun things you and your family can do. There is always something for everyone. Let's hope that Mother Nature co-operates with a sunny bright winter day.

The New Lowell Public School hosted a healthy living evening on Monday of this week. Collingwood naturopath **Tara Gignac** gave some wonderful hints to make our meals healthier and she cooked and shared samples of new and healthy recipes. It was a fun, educational evening. **Helena Hayward** of the parent council of the school organized this programme with a grant from the Ontario Government. The Girl Guides and Brownies attended with their leader, **Tammy Samuels**. The girls will use the knowledge for a special badge.

The Brentwood Community Centre continues to be closed as they renovate to bring it up to code for the Fire Marshall.

Happy Birthday to the boys at the **Kell** household for the month of January.

There have been some busy painting bees at the New Lowell United Church. The fellowship hall has a new fresh look. Many thanks to **June Robinson, Lorne and Marilyn McLellan, Tracy Cloutier and Norla Styles**.

This Sunday, January 22, the Creemore Pastoral Charge will worship at New Lowell United Church at 10:15 am with **Rowland Fleming** delivering the message. The following Sunday Evening United will worship at 9 am, New Lowell at 10:15 and St. John's at 11:30 am.

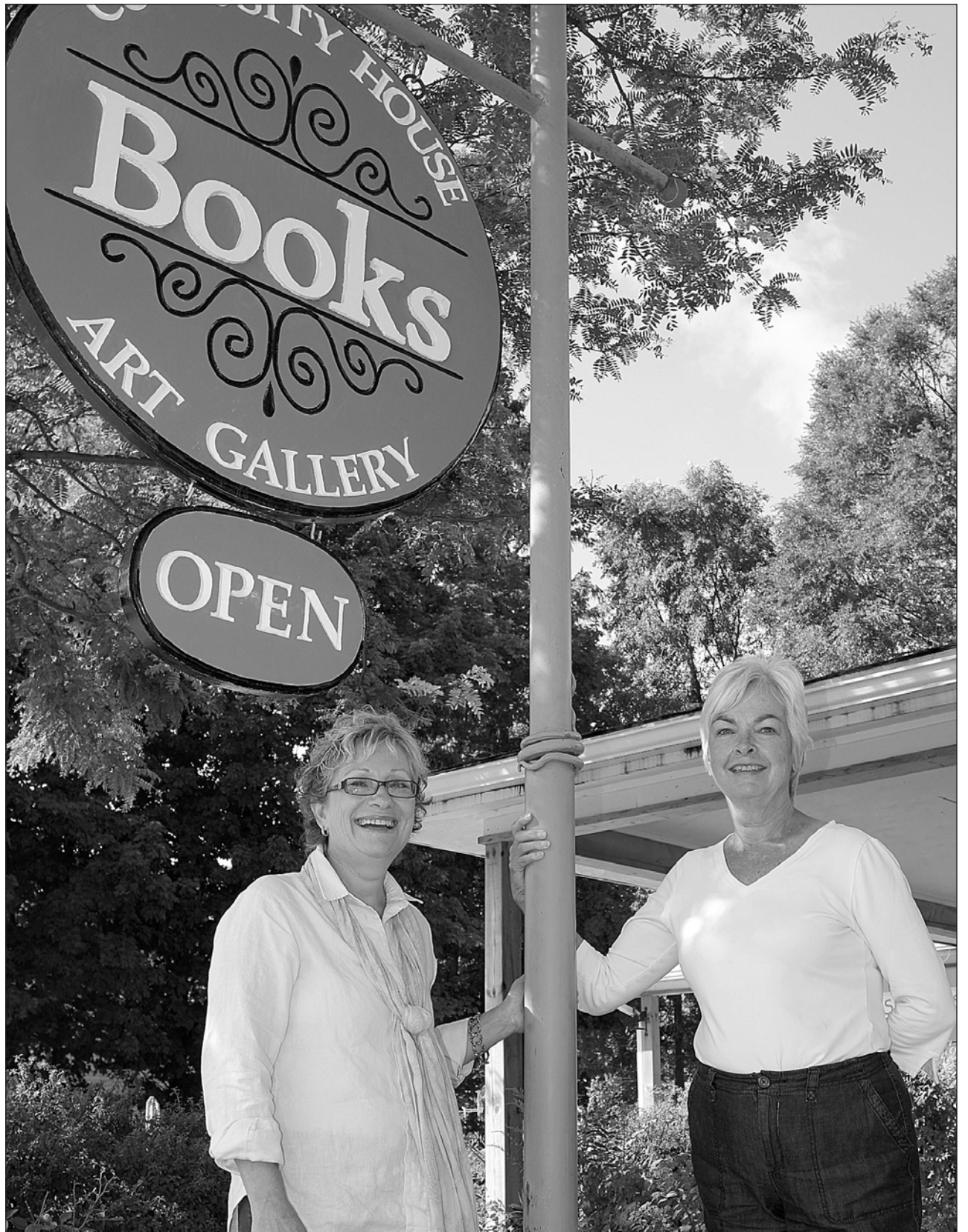
Story Hour for preschoolers and kindergarten children will begin the new session on Thursdays at 10:30 am. This is a free programme offered for children to introduce them to basic library skills, hear a few stories, do a craft. It is also a good time for parents to share some networking ideas on parenting.

That's the news for this week. If you have some information for our community please call me at 705-424-6497 or email me at sandra@bednarek.ca.

NEW LOWELL NEWS



Sandra
BEDNAREK



Miriam Vince and Catherine Randall have doubled sales in the six years they have owned the book store.

TWO CHOICES: CLOSE IT OR SELL IT

(Continued from page 1)

in the village," says Vince, "and to that end, we are willing to sell for lower than market value." As well, both Randall and Vince say they will help in any way they can to "transition and mentor the new owners."

"It is a successful business," says Randall. "It is profitable; someone could make a modest living." And despite the fact that bookstores these days are under siege with the advent of e-readers and other electronic devices, sales at Curiosity House have "at least doubled" since Randall and her partners took over. "We have an incredibly loyal customer base. All our staff members read. The service you get here you can't get anywhere else."

But business considerations aside, Curiosity House is also "an invaluable asset to this town," says Vince. "It's become a hub for cultural activity and interactions between people." Indeed many residents use it as a meeting place and as an informal pick up and drop off centre for communications and small packages. The bookstore provides community liaison, it acts as an information centre and a small tourism bureau.

"I'll leave it at the bookstore," has become a familiar phrase," Vince says. "It has become a touchstone in peoples' lives."

Last fall, Curiosity House was named one of Canada's 10 favourite bookstores by CBC Radio listeners. In addition to selling books, there is a thriving art gallery with regular exhibitions of local artists; there is a book club, a knitting group and a children's reading hour. Randall and Vince regularly hold book signings, art openings, special author lunches and other literary events in Creemore.

Chris and Pat Raible opened the Curiosity House

in 1995 at 191 Mill Street (now the office of Ferris and Celhoffer) because the couple felt Creemore "needed a bookstore. We wanted it to be a place where interesting people could visit and buy books," says Chris. And that's exactly what happened.

"We were delighted to see the interest," adds Pat. "Creemore was not exactly a hotbed of intellectual activity," she says, adding it was difficult to find a Globe and Mail at the time. The Raibles began the tradition, still carried on today, of reserving clients' newspapers with wooden clothespins. "We brought authors in and connected with the artists' community. **Sue Miller** had her very first showing at our bookstore," says Chris.

"We have been delighted that for more than 15 years the store has not only survived but flourished," says Chris. "We dearly hope someone will continue it in their own way because it is so important to the community."

Director and part owner Rowland Fleming remembers the day six years ago when he and the late Jim Vandewater had lunch at Chez Michel and speculated what would happen if the bookstore closed. At the time, then owner **Louise Richardson** had put the business up for sale. "We didn't want that to happen," says Fleming. "Now we are again hoping that a way might be found to keep Curiosity House open." Fleming assured the *Echo* that he and his partners are willing to "create a very attractive arrangement. Let's make a deal," he says. "This is not a usual circumstance where we're selling a business and want to get our money back."

Randall and Vince say it has been a fantastic job but both are ready for a break. "You do it for love," Vince says. "But it's time for some new life in this business, for someone who has fresh ideas and enthusiasm."

A fairy godmother perhaps?



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EDITORIAL

Budget time

Ahh budgets. No, don't turn the page; this is important. Clearview Township has begun its annual numbers game and one way or another, given the state of the economy, the end result is likely to be higher taxes and fewer services. Some things can't be helped. But since it's our money they're spending, Councillor Thom Paterson, in an article that appeared in last week's *Echo*, is right to suggest that we, the ratepayers, should be paying attention. The question here is just how transparent is the budgeting process?

In a letter on these pages, Peter Lomath accuses council of trying to shut the public out with in-camera sessions and strange seating plans that serve to intimidate anyone who takes the trouble to actually attend budget meetings and find out what is going on. Thom, on the other hand, seems to imply that the responsibility for staying informed lies with joe public, who should be following the budgeting process online and attending two upcoming workshops, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, January 23 at 12:30 pm. The reality, as usual, lies somewhere in the middle. Everyone agrees there's a communication problem. We think Council should be welcoming and do more to publicize the workshops. On the other hand, while we recognize that most people are still wrestling with their own finances after the usual Christmas spending spree, it is up to us to stay informed and keep those guys accountable.

THE WAY WE WERE



Mention of Alice Mackay in last week's Big Hearts Seniors inspired Helen Blackburn to bring in this picture of the group packing bags of candy for the Santa Claus Parade. Though the date is unknown Blackburn was able to provide some names. Seen here are Mildred McBrien, Grace Wollner, Alice Mackay, Mrs. Flack, Jennie Meek and Vi and Harry Rinn.

LETTER

Open the books on the budget

Letter to the Editor

Re: Thom Paterson's "A good budget is about making choices"

The facts of the public involvement process are that this council does not want to involve the public! The first indication that the public was not wanted was when the opening of the meeting was delayed for 34 minutes by yet another unpublished in-camera meeting and on entering the chambers the public was met with an inward facing square for council members leaving the public "outside of the box" and having to view the rear of the Mayor and the CAO.

At the meeting (notably absent was the Deputy Mayor), there were two members of the public and no press representation and when I asked for copies of the various documents so that I could follow along with the discussion I was told "You can get it off the web site."

The public was expected to view the two projection screens that contained text that was unreadable (too small a font and in colours that had little contrast) even for council members. The Mayor sat for the whole meeting with his back to the public and made no attempt to ask the young lady clearing the cookie trays to go and make two copies of the discussion papers so that the public could become involved in the process. Needless to say the public was never included in any part of the discussion or offered an

opportunity to ask questions.

In regards to Thom's assertion that council is concerned about costs, if they really are concerned about costs why did Deputy Mayor Savage and Councillor Davidson put forward the motion (subsequently passed) to appoint a for-fee closed meeting investigator (when the Ombudsman will perform the service at no charge) that leaves the township open to uncontrolled costs for any in-camera meeting investigations? With a standby fee and \$100 per hour for his services, this is one cost that should not have been added to the ever-increasing costs of ensuring that staff performs their functions according to the laws of Ontario.

Almost 60 per cent of the meeting was spent on a human resources exercise that shows how additional job functions have been added to every job function after the hiring of staff. Although this is an interesting exercise in job justification, it failed to include the equally important listings of what has been added to the taxpayers' responsibilities to pay over the same time period!

A 3 to 5 per cent increase in taxes on top of the yearly 10 per cent increases already announced for water and sewer and the increases for dog licences just put in place are not acceptable! The Hub should never have been built and the council should have seen through the dream figures put forward by staff

for development over the past three years and batted down the hatches long ago. Even a rise of 1 per cent in the property tax is going to impact those of us on fixed incomes that have no alternate ways of increasing our income.

If there is to be a tax increase maybe it needs to be offset by having 2 or 3 fewer councillors (-\$60,000), a combining of the CAO and Clerk roles (-\$120,000), mandatory annual competitions for legal and auditing services, a change to the Ombudsman as in-camera meeting investigator and a lowering of the time needed for staff to respond to Freedom of Information requests simply by answering the questions of taxpayers regarding the costs of projects and council decisions instead of trying to keep everything a secret.

Sincerely

Peter Lomath, Creemore

Corrections –

Brendon Macham, not Brandon as printed in last week's paper, achieved the shut out for the Grey Bruce Highlanders on January 8, 2012.

Eric Weideman, not Wiseman as was submitted by the Curling Club for our January 6 paper, was the second on the mixed curling team.

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 45 out for cards today, and **Bob Veale** introduced newcomer **John Eichler**, and we welcomed him with a round of applause. We had a “thank you” from St. John’s United Church and one from Collingwood G&M Hospital read out. We then enjoyed our “cute joke time” compliments of **Barb Pilon**.

The 50/50 draws went to **Effie Taylor, Doreen Murray, Oh! Me! Barb Cudmore, Irma Flack, Barb Pilon** and **Evelyn Warden (2)**.

Moon shots played by **John van Voorst, Sylvia Gale, Roy Vienot, Earl Bentley** and **Peter Gubbels**. Peter won the travelling prize, and Roy won the Sidewinder’s loot.

High scorers were **Sylvia Gale** 321 (Yahoo!), **George Blakney** 313, **Russ Miller** 301 and **Janice Stephens** 300. Low was **Roy Veinot** with 24 - and this after his early-on moon shot!

Today, **Roy Veinot** and **Ray Leighton** must have really liked the tables they started off at, or had really poor cards as they both only moved for the last game of the day.

Ruby Klinck phoned me recently, and last week they were enjoying nice warm weather in Florida. They also had a trip to California to visit their

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

daughter and her family. Ruby was making **Warren** jealous by saying that they can fish right from the deck of their mobile home in Florida! Ruby asked about everyone, and especially **Winston Ferguson**, a cousin of ours. It is very nice to

hear from our far-off “Snowbirds” as, along with Ruby, **Joan Monaghan** also calls “home” every so often. So, you “kids” enjoy your pseudo-summer, and we will try to have this snow and freezing weather sent on its way by the time you return. And – you will understand if we save a snowball in the freezer, just to give you a taste of what you are missing – won’t you?

I have been diligently going around writing down everyone’s phone numbers at Seniors. I tell them that it is just in case we have to unexpectedly cancel Seniors because of weather etc. but really it is a perfect excuse to go around and get all those good-looking guys phone numbers!

All of us down here in Avening owe **Maurice Weatherall** a real note of thanks for cleaning out around our communal mail box after that last heavy drift of snow (and the previous one!) so the mail carriers can service

the mail boxes. Maurice also keeps the Avening Church accessible for Sunday services for everyone, which is a really thoughtful thing to do.

Thanks again to **May Johnston** for sharing from her “stash” of memorabilia. I remember those pretty butter papers – and I say pretty because all the butter wrappers from creameries around that I remember just had writing on them – no flowers. And the flowers were red and the foliage green (again if I remember right) which was quite attractive.

Last week I got a call from **Mary Dolomont**, Warren’s sister, who lives in North Sydney, Nova Scotia (Cape Breton Island), where Warren grew up. I answered the phone, and Mary didn’t even say “Hello”. She started right off saying “Sylvia – my copy of the *Echo* just arrived, and I’ve looked through it twice – and you’re not there. Not even your picture!” I’m not sure whether Mary thought I might be sick, or whether the *Echo* had fired me. But when I got the date of the paper (January 6 – it arrives a week late) then I could explain that we had not had a Seniors get together, so I did not have any Seniors news to pass on. You see, Mary was up here some few years ago, and she got to know a fair few people from around Creemore such as Gladys

Noble, Molly (Boyce) Tracey, Alice Mackay, Elizabeth Middlebrooks, May Gowan, Bob and Marilyn Kent, etc. etc. and when they were mentioned in the paper, she could pick out their names and keep track of them to a degree. And she could also keep track of her brother Warren – so she was pleased that I was OK – and that I hadn’t been fired!

In the “Once upon a time” department, a 16-year-old girl was hanged for theft in New France, which is now known as Quebec, on January 19, 1649. So, things have really improved in some departments in our great country!

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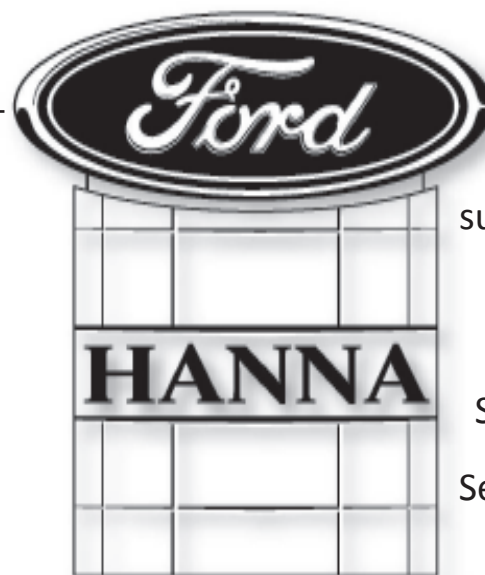
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MYSTERY SAMARITAN COMES TO THE RESCUE AFTER ACCIDENT

By Christopher Greer

A Creemore area man would like to thank an unknown passerby for getting him desperately needed emergency care. As he cleared his driveway on January 3, **Kevin Colquhoun** caught his hand in the blades of his snowblower severely injuring three fingers and requiring surgery including amputation and skin grafts.

Kevin's wife, **Michelle**, was in the house at the time and because of the length of their driveway was unable to hear his cries for help. Thankfully, a man known to them only as "**Mike**" was driving past on Airport Road and stopped to call an ambulance. **Mr. Gregson**, the Colquhoun's neighbour, arrived shortly after Mike and together they waited with Kevin for the 10 minutes it took for the ambulance to arrive.

Michelle – who travelled to the hospital with her husband in the ambulance – expresses her gratitude to Mike and to their neighbour Gregson, who finished the job of clearing the driveway and took care of the children while they were away. She also extends her appreciation for the staff of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital who performed the surgery on her husband that day.

"We're taking it one day at a time," Michelle says of the healing process. "It's going to be a long haul."



THEY'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG Three-year-old **Paige** helps with the ice-wine harvest at her grandfather **Chuck Magwood's** Four Wheel Farm near Glen Huron. The photo was taken on December 30 during a brief cold spell.

"To pick the ice wine grapes," says Chuck. "You need three consecutive days of minus 8 temperatures. That way, when pressed, only the pure sugar juice is released (the water stays frozen). We had a brief window to pick wedged between the warm shoulders of winter so far."

In all, the intrepid grape harvesters picked 50 litres of the frozen fruit (the varietal is Vidal), which will yield about 150 bottles of wine, Four Wheel Farm's first ever vintage of ice wine.

"The future of the Canadian wine industry," says Chuck, "resides right here on our gentle Glen Huron slopes."

Avening Hall part of Joel Plaskett's Scrappy Happiness



JUNO WINNER Joel Plaskett and his band The Emergency announced Monday that they will be at the Avening Hall on Saturday, April 28.

By Christopher Greer

To listen to **Joel Plaskett's** music is to get lost in his world of denim shirts, ornate carpets, small towns and hospital beds, where cats sleep on ukuleles, rusted vans travel down lost coastlines, and ballads are always tinged with the necessary amount of high school nostalgia and

Tom Petty twang.

It's not a bad place to visit, and this week Plaskett, the East Coast's patron folk-rocker, announced that he will be bringing this world to the Avening Community Centre on April 28 as part of his *Scrappy Happiness* tour along with his band, The Emergency.

Scrappy Happiness, the band's latest endeavour, harkens back to the 1950s and 60s, when songs travelled from the studio to the public very quickly. And yet *Scrappy Happiness* is innovative – much like Plaskett's music, which often fuses elements from different eras – in that it will be combining this old-school

mentality of production with more modern means of distribution, taking advantage of social networking sites as a way to reach broader audiences more quickly. The band will be recording and digitally releasing a new song every week from January 10 to March 13, all the while documenting the process through videologs, twitter, and online chats.

To hear the songs as they premiere, tune into CBC Radio 2's *Drive with Rich Terfry* at 5:15 pm every Tuesday, or CBC Radio 3's *The Craig Norris Hour* on Wednesdays between 2 and 3 pm.

Plaskett's last effort, *Three* – a triple album inspired by his 33rd birthday, which contained song titles consisting of three repeated words – was his most well-received album to date, winning a Juno, six East Coast Music Awards, an Indie Award, two Canadian Folk Music Awards, and three Music Nova Scotia Awards.

This concert adds another feather in the musical cap of the Avening Hall, which has become known far and wide as a premier venue for both bands and audiences. Refreshments will be served with proceeds going to the hall.

As the smallest venue on the tour the organizers expect tickets to go very fast and encourage locals to grab them as soon as possible. They cost \$35 and can be purchased online through ticketscene.ca or by contacting **Sara Hershoff** at the Creemore Echo, 705-466-9906.



The Walker barn went up in flames November 15, 2011.

Time is of the essence for rebuilding

(Continued from page 1)

to the farm, working together to finish the harvest in one afternoon.

Others helped with the cleanup after the fire.

"It's amazing the amount of help we had," said Colin. Now the Walker family's main concern is rebuilding. They have been meeting with builders and hoped to submit blueprints for a new barn to the township this week. The insurance collected from the destroyed barn – which was quite old, with all of its beams being axe-cut – has helped, said Colin, but has by no means compensated entirely for their losses. Time is of the essence and the sooner a new barn is built, the sooner the losses resulting from the fire will stop accumulating.

On Saturday, January 28 from 5 pm until 7 pm, the Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church – of which both Colin and his wife **Tanya** are members – will be hosting a beef dinner in support of the Walker family. Tickets for this dinner are sold out but organizers are still gratefully accepting donations for the family.

For further information about donating call 705-428-3741.

"It's great that the church could help," said Colin, "and that they are reaching out to the community. We've put so much time in; it's nice to be getting it back when we need it most."

Tanya has also long been a member of the Creemore Skating Club. In a show of support, the club is selling tickets and contributing food for the fundraiser.

According to **Lynn Gowan**, who is with the club, members of the Skating Club and the local Minor Hockey Association were quick to fill the list requesting foods for the fundraiser.

For those who would like to support the Walkers but could not get tickets for the dinner a dance is being planned for Saturday, February 25 at the Stayner Arena, which will raise further funds for the family.

"We are trying to look past this," said Colin. "The kids have calmed down finally; they are able to sleep through the night now."



CREEMORE RESIDENT ROUSES DRAGONS Creemore resident **Sparky Duits** (pictured here with **Kevin O'Leary** and **Jim Treiving**) will appear on the CBC's *Dragon's Den* on Wednesday, January 25 at 8 pm. Duits pitches his dice football game on the show in which entrepreneurs attempt to convince Canada's top investors to hand them cash to build their business. The Old Mill House Pub will be hosting a screening starting at 7:30 pm.



MOVE FOR THEATRE COLLINGWOOD TO A NEW CULTURAL CORE

Think of the Chelsea Market in New York City or the Distillery District in Toronto and you can imagine the vision for an exciting cultural corridor evolving in the heart of downtown Collingwood.

On March 1, Theatre Collingwood will open a new home base at 51 Ste. Marie Street across from the Library, in the building formerly known as the *Enterprise Bulletin*. Owned by **Rick** and **Anke Lex**, it was built in 1985 and is known as the historic Press Building.

The new Production Centre is where the professional company will construct sets, render scenic art, create costumes and build props. The box office and administration will also be located in the new centre.

As well, it will house a new year-round drama training program for teens and adults, and rehearsals for productions will be held there. Member events, play readings, and special events are also planned. Theatre Collingwood's mainstage summer season performances will continue at the historic Gayety Theatre.

Hella Sandberg, a passionate supporter of Theatre Collingwood since its inception in 1984, is the catalyst for the centre. Hella has served in various capacities during the past 27 years as costume designer, head of wardrobe, volunteer committee member and 24/7 cheerleader. Acutely aware of Theatre Collingwood's nomadic existence over the years, she suggested the initial meeting between Artistic Director **Steven Thomas** and Rick Lex.

"There was an instant meeting of minds," said Thomas. "We have had a common vision but have been working independently toward the same goal: creating an arts hub in the downtown district in which the theatre company would be the core professional performing arts magnet."

Theatre Collingwood's move to the heart of Ste. Marie and Simcoe Streets connects a cultural pathway between the new Library, the Tremont's artist studios, The Bay School of Art, the *Enterprise Bulletin* newspaper, the Collingwood Museum, and just a short walk away, the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts and the Historic Gayety Theatre.

Rick and Anke Lex plan to link the theatre space to the main hall/foyer and feature organic local foods and creative studio spaces. "The conceptional rendering of the exterior by local artist **Jason Alexander** suggests a grand entrance and facade which complements the heritage surroundings. The renovation of the building's facade will take place early this year," said Rick.

Anke adds: "The concept of adaptive reuse has always been very exciting to us. We are absolutely thrilled to house the Theatre Collingwood Production Centre in part of the former newspaper building."

Theatre Collingwood's Board of Directors, chaired by **Harold Bickerstaff**, are equally enthusiastic about the potential. "This represents an exciting and meaningful partnership between a private developer and a non-profit arts organization," he said.

A SLEIGH RIDE THROUGH DUNEDIN

This month's history contribution continues the story of a young boy's horse and sleigh ride from Creemore to Dunedin soon after 1900. The author, George Royal, writing as an adult, recalls the trip vividly and comments on the homes he passed. I am including the green sign numbers of today as a guide. You will notice that there are several new homes but also that several have disappeared. The roads weren't ploughed in that era so imagine now you are in a sleigh travelling over a white surfaced road, sleigh bells jingling. The expedition has just passed Pattulas [green sign number 7760].

"Next to Pattulas is the Featherstone farm [7848]. Mr. Featherstone and his wife and daughter, Ethel, live there. Mr. Featherstone is well into his seventies but still attends all threshings. Last summer at ours he and I, as well as one or two others, forked back the real straw from the rakes. Ethel is a frequent visitor at our place as she passes on her way to and from the village. My parents consider them fine neighbours and friends. Across from Featherstone's and just beyond Sheppard's Bush lives an old couple by the name of Walker [7901]. Theirs is the only house that I have visited that has a cellar kitchen. It is their main living room and opens to the railway. It is a warm room indeed in coldest of weather being sheltered by the hill into which the house is built and exposed to the weather only from the south. We hurry past Walkers and in no time at all are passing Mrs. Alongo Webb's home. [This house was moved to Creemore and is now situated at 20 King St.]. Mrs. Webb has a large family of boys. Two of the younger ones, near my age, are in my room at school. The place I am looking for, however, is a little further along and on the other side of the road, for there lives one of my earliest boyhood chums, Willie McBain [7930]. He and I go to school together, and walk home together, and with my cousin, Gordon, have many things in common. I hope to see him as I pass. His father, Dan McBain, is talking of moving out to Western Canada, so Willie has told us, and I am fearful of losing a good friend. We do not see any of the McBains, however. Maybe they are already packing up.

"We go down the hill just past the McBains gateway and across the bridge with its boarded-in sides painted red, which even in wintertime with two feet of snow for a cushion wobble and rattle loudly. This is a short bridge over an arm of the main river, but a good volume of water flows under it [Riverside Drive to the west has cut off the flow of water, but there is still a flow of water coming down from the hillside]. The boys of Websterville have a swimming hole here, just inside McBain's fence. The arm of the river really makes an island upon which Websterville is located.

"Just over the railway is Mustard's large planing mill and residence. I can recall many visits to Mustard's

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen BLACKBURN

and many hours spent in and around the mill. It is most interesting to see the machinery in operation, and I like to hear the singing of the saws and planes, and sometimes Levi Mustard will take me downstairs to where the water wheel is located to see the water gushing out from under the flanges as the wheel revolves. It was, indeed, a great adventure that day he permitted me to pull the lever to start the water wheel and a little frightening too when the shaft started revolving with a loud clattering noise. Levi is the youngest of the Mustard boys and a frequent visitor at my house, which gives my brother and I the excuse, if we need any, to drop in at Mustards whenever we pass that way. Mr. Mustard, his father, is a very busy and active man, and, in spite of the fact that he has lost at one time and another nearly all his fingers from too close contact with the saws, he continues to operate all the machinery as expertly as though he still is in possession of them. It is always a marvel to me as I watch him at his work. Today, being quite cold, the mill windows and doors are closed, but we can hear the hum of the shafting and the high scream of the saws within.

"Next, we are passing my Grandmother's house. We will not go in today, as is our usual habit, but we can see her at the window and we all wave to her. I think of some of the many visits to Grandma's, especially those on the way to and from fishing trips. Never were we permitted to leave 'without a piece' to assuage our hunger. Grandma is the only person I have ever seen who holds the loaf in the hollow of her arm when cutting thick slices of homemade bread. Homemade bread and good homemade butter makes a wonderful 'piece' for a hungry boy. Jam with it is out of the question, because good butter and jam is more than anyone should expect and is nothing short of rank extravagance. On special occasions, usually when there are just a few of her favourites in the bunch, she will mix up batter and bake bannocks for us on top of the stove lids. Hot bannocks and honey, just to think of them makes my mouth water.

"Grandma's next door neighbours and her good friends are an old couple by the name of Campbell [7965]. They are quite old, indeed, and very nice, and usually they come out to talk to us as we are leaving for home. Their home always intrigued me, because it seemed perfectly square with a flat roof, and reminded me of a huge packing box, with a door and a window cut into the sides. I believe it is quite comfortable, however.

"Next to them is John Webb's home and then Charlie Emmett's new house [8003]. Charlie is an old country man and I believe once served in the British Navy. I am greatly interested in the tattooing on his arms, and have formed an idea that when I grow up I will join the navy too and have my arms tattooed just like his. On several occasions he

has helped my father at harvest time. He is a very strong man and can pitch the largest forkfuls of sheaves into our mow that I have ever seen. He is always ready to hear and tell a good joke. His loud and good-natured laugh is indeed infectious and a good thing to hear. [*Note by Helen Blackburn: Charlie was my grandfather. He died of TB in 1905. I wish I could have known him].

"Just before we reach the long bridge over the main arm of the river we pass by the Cotrils [8032]. Jack Cotril, who owns one of the few bicycles along the River Road, lives here with his father and mother. Their house always looks so clean and so white, they surely must have a fresh coat put on it every year. They have a nice garden and flowers. One day when we passed their house and stopped to talk for a few minutes, Mrs. Cotril invited us in and treated us to a swell lunch. Then she gave us some grapes, which she took from a glass jar, and even though they were long out of season, they were as fresh as the day they were picked. She told us she had put them in the jars fresh from the vine, and then sealed the jars tight and buried them in the earth, and when they wished for fresh grapes all they had to do was unearth a jar. In front of their house along the riverbank is a bed of caraway, and we gather the seeds there sometimes as we pass. Today the snow is banked up around the house, but I can picture them sitting in their cozy living room.

"The bridge, like the former one, has high boarded-in sides painted red, but it is a much longer bridge and as we trot over it, the sides sway and rumble deafeningly. In summer the sound of a wagon passing over this bridge at a smart clip can be heard a mile away, somewhat like a row of distant thunder.

"Across the bridge and over to the left I can see the old white house where Charlie and George Taylor bach. We call it Bachelor's Hall. There isn't anyone in sight today [8033].

"Then up the hill, and my heart is beating fast, because soon we will reach 'the slide.' Although the landslide took place many years before my time, still I am always fearful that one might

happen again, and, of course, just when I might happen this way. The roadway is cut into the side of the hill, and twenty or thirty feet below the river cuts in below the road so that when one looks over the side he seems to be suspended right over the water, and at any moment the whole thing might break off and tumble into the river as it did once before. The roadway at this point is very narrow and I shudder at the thought of meeting and having to pass another sleigh, for we are on the riverside. The thought is just too horrible to contemplate and I cling to Big Jack's arm thinking he will save me should the worst happen. Needless to say, I heave a sigh of relief as we pass safely over this danger spot.

"The excitement of 'the slide' is soon forgotten for here coming into view is Webster's Saw Mill. It is an old mill and rumour has it that this winter will see the last of its many years of service. Today it is in full blast and we can see the carriage passing back and forth; and we can hear the loud scream of the saw as it cuts another hardwood plank. A son of Mr. George Webster, Sr., the founder of this mill and after whom, I believe, Websterville is named, is in charge, and can be seen moving about, supervising operations and giving a helping hand. Singular is very true indeed for he has but one hand, having lost the other, no doubt, in some sawmill accident. He had a hook fit to his arm to replace the missing hand and it fills me with wonder to witness the cleverness with which he handles the cant hook, levers, and other implements. It seems as though he hardly misses his hand at all. The pile of fresh lumber, piled so neatly, fills the air with an aroma so pleasing to one's sense of smell. Below the mills is the dam stretching across the river, a long, low dam, just sufficient in height to direct enough water into the millrace and to the water wheel to drive the machinery. I look down upon the dam as we pass it by and I remember fishing just below it last Queen's Birthday, a day on which all we boys go fishing. That was the time one of the boys ate a live chub on a dare, right over there on the north end of the dam. What a boy will do on a dare!"

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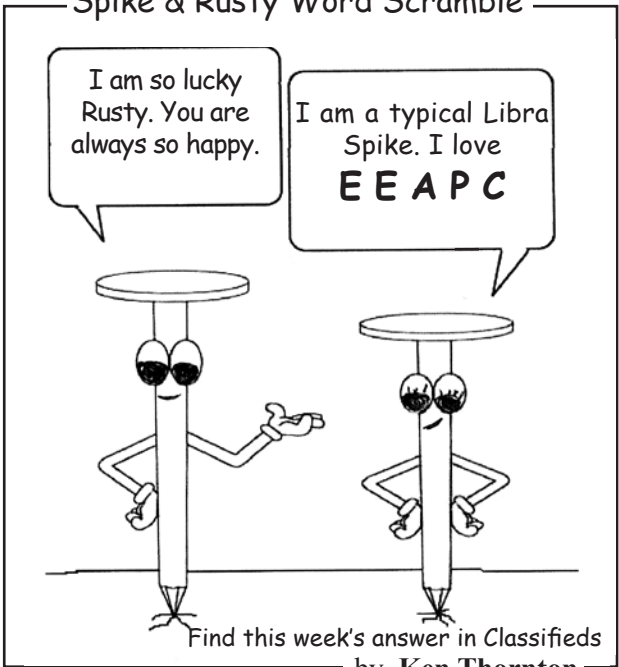
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer in Classifieds

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, January 20

Snow squalls
High -7 Low -12 Winds SW 15 km/h
POP 40%

Saturday, January 21

Few flurries
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FRED'S FUNNIES

A passerby noticed city workers working along the city sidewalks. The man was impressed with their efforts, but couldn't understand what they were doing. He approached the workers, "I appreciate how hard you're both working, but what the heck are you doing? It seems that one of you digs a hole, and then the other guy immediately fills it back up again. One of the city workers explained, "The third guy who plants the trees is off sick today."

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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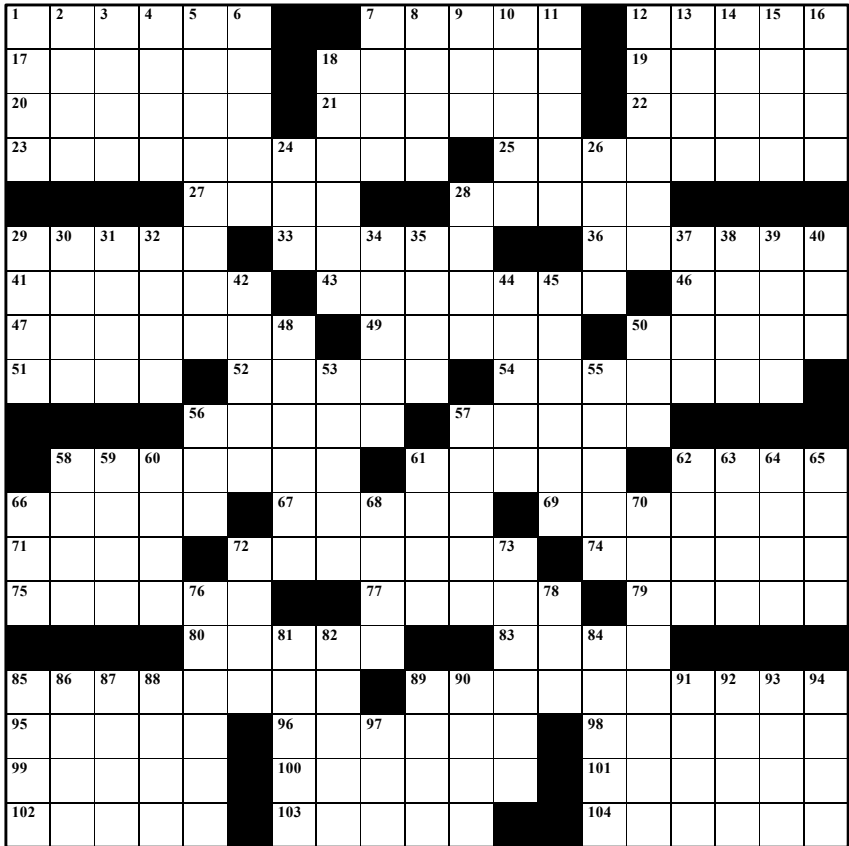
ACROSS

- Literary ____ (Leacock)
- Inspirer of Leacock
- Slides on ice
- Far East
- Saint Anne de Beaupre, e.g.
- Singer Cyrus (Can't Be Tamed)
- Make a connection
- Fireplace floor
- Portrayer of Patsy
- Prominent Red Tory from New Brunswick (2)
- Portrayer of McSteamy (2)
- Belittle a chicken?
- Prepare a chicken
- ____ Two-Two of fiction
- Crumbley
- Large raptor
- Igloos and teepees
- Drebin portrayer
- Vast
- Gall ____
- Gatherings of athletes
- Black ____ spider
- Collections
- Indian ____ (setting of The Forest Rangers)
- Supports
- Stay away from
- Grafting shoot

- Slapstick innovator from Quebec
- Does like Clara Hughes in the summer
- Metrical measurement
- John Lennon song released after his death
- Revved up
- Be entitled to
- Prudish
- Formulates
- Rosetta Stone and Palermo Stone
- 2008 sighting over the Prairie Provinces
- Canada has five big ones
- Attentive
- Hockey analyst Dave ____
- Synonym of 62A
- Writer Richler (creator of 29A)
- Canadian ____ (Western mountain chain area)
- Encore!
- Pass on (knowledge)
- Grim guy in a hoodie
- Journalist-turned-MP Kent
- Stings
- Hold dear
- Squalid
- Chorus from a kennel
- Trusty horses

DOWN

- ____ Have Mercy! (Vision TV sitcom)
- Acreage
- Pain in the neck
- Place in parliament
- Buried
- Type of pad
- How do you like ____ apples?
- That's a ____!
- Part of RCA
- Big name in chips
- First prime minister of India
- Fishing boats
- Variety
- She and Rick always had Paris
- ET Canada reporter Kim ____
- Auld Lang ____
- ____, not stirred
- Big name in hockey and in cycling
- The maple leaf, e.g.
- Gomer or Goober ____
- Short boxing shots
- Skilld
- Layer
- Against All ____ (Collins)
- Set one's sights
- Salacious stare
- Singer Collins
- Clueless actor Paul ____
- Self centres
- Longbow wood
- Start a point
- Bogged down
- Caught a glimpse of
- Tear gas target
- Finished first
- Curriculum ____
- Rinses off
- Jillian or Landers
- Enchantress
- Miffed
- Generate
- Appointment
- Test version
- The Way I ____ (Lightfoot)
- Border of a shield
- Your turn, to a CBer



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- Typing ____
- Typist's rating
- Kotter portrayer Kaplan
- Most solid
- Hook's pursuer
- Surrounds
- Author of The Ransom Of Red Chief (2)
- Doleful
- Donald Duck's girlfriend
- ____ Shelter (The Rolling Stones)
- Bogs

- Google service
- S-curve
- Hourly charge
- Conked out
- Complain
- Scraps of food
- This is better than never
- Fencing foil
- Brady Bunch dad Robert

- At ____ length
- Be a ____!

CLEARVIEW CELEBRATES WINTER: SNOWARAMA AND WINTERAMA

By Christopher Greer
It may seem more like spring at times, but winter is here, and in Clearview Township that's cause to celebrate.

On January 28 at 11 am, Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids will take place in Pretty River Provincial Park. In its 37th year, the event aims to raise \$15,000 in support of the approximately 650 children in the immediate area with physical disabilities. All funds stay in the area and help families to purchase costly equipment, such as wheelchairs and communication devices.

As an added incentive, every \$370 raised earns the person who raised it one entry into a draw to win a Skidoo MXZ Sport 600 snowmobile, donated by St. Onge Recreation in Barrie.

The event will take advantage of the season with snowshoeing and snowmobiling taking place throughout the park. There will also be complimentary refreshments, with lunch being available for a donation.

Registration for snowmobiles is from 9 am to 11 am on the 28th and from 10 am to 11 am for snowshoers. Highlands Nordic will provide snowshoes at no charge, but there are a limited number available. In order to reserve, call ahead at 705-428-6230 ext. 249.

The event has been made possible through the co-operation of Easter

Seals, the Blue Mountain Snowdrifters snowmobile club, the Collingwood Progress Club (who provided all the food and is celebrating their 75th anniversary this year), Highlands Nordic, and Clearview Township.


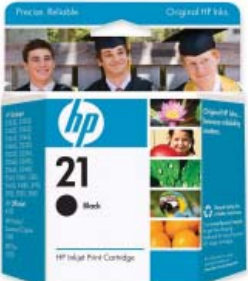



Also in the spirit of winter, New Lowell's annual Winterama will take place from February 2 to 5.

On Thursday evening there will be a spaghetti dinner at the New Lowell legion (sponsored by the New Lowell Firefighters Station), followed by the burning of the green at the New Lowell Recreation Park, with hot chocolate, skating (weather permitting), and fireworks. On Friday there will be a family movie night at an as-yet undecided location featuring local talent at intermission.

The weekend's festivities start off on Saturday with a breakfast of pancakes and sausages at the Legion, followed shortly after by a vintage snowmobile display and a Wild Wild West themed parade. Each child that participates in the parade gets a complimentary drink and hot dog. In the afternoon the seniors will hold their annual euchre tournament at the Legion, and the library will be open for those looking for warmth, or perhaps an opportunity to make crafts. In the evening the Winterama dance will take place at the legion.

Snowmobile races are scheduled for Sunday.

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Come and Go Tea celebrating the 90th Birthday of Frances (Lemmon) Evans on Sunday, January 22 from 2 to 4 pm. at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 22 Caroline Street West Creemore. Best wishes only.

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New **ROOMS** for rent. Furnished. \$150 per week includes shared living room, heat, hydro, wireless internet, satellite TV, parking. Linens supplied. No smoking. Call 705-444-4852.

Large ground floor **APARTMENT** at 149 Mill Street. See Noel at Hillview Cellars or call 705-466-3635.

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Ski Season Rental. **4 Bedroom Century Home**, close to ski hills and on the OFSC snowmobile trail. North of Creemore. Fully furnished, 2 Queen, 2 Singles. Adults only. Ample parking. Weekly, weekend or for the season. Call 705-309-3378.

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Stamp Collection for sale. If interested call 705-428-3468.

YOGA

Spring Yoga starts Tuesday, January 31 for 4 weeks at Station on the Green. Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 am. Pre-registration required. Call Catherine Randall at 705-466-3533 or email cathcreemore@yahoo.ca.

DINING

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese and the way I'd never said 'no thank you please'. I'd dress myself in my husband's old shirt and prepared once again to do battle with dirt. I said to myself as only I can, "you can't spend a winter disguised as a man". (Still more to come...) **Mylar and Loreta's Restaurant**, Singhampton 705-445-1247.

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MULMUR TOWNSHIP MEETING

The following are the highlights of Mulmur Council meeting of January 10, 2012 as submitted by the Township.

- Council received the report of **Ron Mills**, Planner, regarding the *Source Water Protection Act* and will be forwarded as our preliminary municipal pre-consultation comments. Council has received a final draft copy of the Official Plan from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with further comments. Council is generally satisfied that the modifications being proposed to the new Official Plan are the result of collective best efforts to ensure the Plan is appropriate for the Township, while incorporating Provincial policies and requirements. Subject to the minor changes recommended by our Planner, the Ministry be urged to revise the document accordingly and issue its formal decision as soon as possible.
- Council has set regular meeting dates for 2012.
- Council approved the purchase of a Mobile Radar Unit which will be used to gather vehicular traffic statistics on our roads.
- Council passed a motion changing the Mulmur Police Services Board from a 5 member board to a 3 member board.
- Council passed a motion approving the Township of Mulmur 2011-2012 Accessibility Plan.
- Council also passed a motion approving the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Departments 2012 draft budget and the purchase of a fire truck.
- Council discussed the Township's 2012 draft budget and will be having a public budget meeting as part of the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

- Council is looking forward to receiving assistance from **Don MacFarlane**, **Bill Mann** and **Susan Powell** to help get the Township's Strategic Plan underway. A tentative meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012.
- Staff has been directed to request deputations with Ministers at the next ROMA/OGRA Conference for: Farm/Managed Forest Conservation, Source Water Protection, Green Energy Act, Ontario Fire Marshal and the proposed quarry in Melancthon by the Highlands Company.
- Councillor **Earl Hawkins** has been appointed for another year to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board.
- **Carl Tafel**, Chair of the Abandoned Cemetery/Heritage Committee, made a presentation to Council regarding the fate of the Stanton Hotel. Council passed a motion citing their intent to designate the Stanton Hotel a heritage site in order to stave off immediate demolition.
- Representatives from Honeywood Minor Hockey had a deputation with Council to request that the ice remain at the North Dufferin Centre Arena until the second week of April in order to accommodate fundraising tournaments – namely the Jennifer Widbur Memorial Tournament which raises funds towards breast cancer research. Council passed a motion agreeing with this request.
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:30 am.

Please note that the official record of Council is contained in the Council minutes which are available at www.mulmurtownship.ca.



CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP NOTICES

EMPLOYMENT

Clearview Recreation Facilities Manager - Job # 2012-01

The Corporation of the Township of Clearview, a community of 15,000 residents from the Town of Stayner, the Village of Creemore, and the Townships of Nottawasaga and Sunnidale in the Georgian Triangle approximately one hour from Toronto, is currently seeking an energetic and self motivated individual to perform the full time duties and responsibilities of the **Clearview Recreation Facilities Manager**. This role will manage Clearview's Recreation Facilities, including the municipal arenas, swimming pool, baseball diamonds, Clearview parks, playground equipment and arena meeting rooms.

Qualifications:

1. Completion of a post secondary program in Recreation and Leisure, Recreation Facility Management or a similar field of study, required. University level education considered an asset.
2. Minimum four years operator experience and two years supervisory experience is required.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of a Parks, Recreation and Culture department with an ability to interpret policies, regulations, collective agreements, acts and guidelines pertaining to the department.

The salary for this position is \$61,256 to \$72,072 (2011 rates)

Please visit our website at www.clearview.ca for additional information.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and covering letter, quoting **Job # 2012-01 by February 3, 2012, @ 4:30 pm to:** Denise Henry, Township of Clearview, Box 200, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON, L0M 1S0; dhenry@clearview.ca; fax #: 705-428-0288.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Please no phone calls. Information gathered relative to this position is done so in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility for this competition. The Township of Clearview is an equal opportunity employer.

Clearview Township, Box 200, 217 Gideon St. Stayner, ON L0M 1S0
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Seen & Heard around Creemore



BRINGING HOME THE GOLD The Creemore Bantam Reps won their home tournament this past Friday beating Authur, Gravenhurst and Shelburne in the A champion finals. Coached by **Bryan Henderson, Jamie Hamilton, Rick Dobinson** and **Steve Hare**, the winning team consisted of **Josh Belkosky, Camden Henderson, Jonathan Hare, Clayton Whitley, Kenny Hammel, Shawn Runyon, Troy Scott, Cole Dobinson, Austin Hamilton, Alex Attenborough, Strath Metheral** and **Riley Haines**. Missing was **Justin McGillvary**.

SNOW MAN? TOO OBVIOUS Students from the Hummingbird Montessori School moved into the backyard of the *Echo's* offices this week to borrow some snow for their snow caterpillar. Pictured here from left to right are **Cypress Arlt-Gratton, Willa Korthals, Izak and Molly Nicholson, Sadie Finkelstein, Helen McQueen** and **Ava Motonok**.



WALKS FOR ALZHEIMER'S **Matthew Vorstermans** will once again be participating in the Walk for Memories in Barrie on January 29. The event aims to raise \$45,000 for the Alzheimer's Society of Greater Simcoe County. If you should wish to support Matthew, who has raised approximately \$13,792 over six years participating in the walk, he can be reached at pachma@rogers.com, at (705) 466-2756, or can be found under the "Sponsor a Walker" link on www.walkformemories.ca.

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