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Local volunteers **Corey Finkelstein** of the Creemore BIA and **Jacquie Paterson** flank two athletes playing on the Western Region Ringette team – **Shae Reaman** from Mount Forest and **Taylor Campbell** from Tilsonburg – at the outset of the Ontario Winter Games ringette tournament at the Creemore Arena. Day passes to the event are \$10 plus a food bank item.

## ONTARIO WINTER GAMES IN CLEARVIEW THIS WEEKEND

The Ontario Winter Games are taking place in the South Georgian Bay area this weekend, from Thursday, March 8 to Sunday, March 11. Some 2,200 young athletes from around Ontario, participating in 23 different sports, will come together in a multi-sport event that has been the stepping stone for our national, international and olympic athletes in the past.

Clearview Township will host the Biathlon at Duntroon Highlands Nordic and Ringette at the Creemore Arena.

Creemore will host 105 Ringette athletes, 35 coaches and officials and an equally large contingent of family and friends over the four days of the competition.

Three Creemore groups have assembled 30 volunteers to ensure visitors feel welcomed and enjoy their stay during the competition. The Legion

will be serving lunch to the athletes each day and providing a hospitality/rest area for them. Ray's Place will be acting as Creemore's youth and adult ambassadors and the BIA will provide an information and tour guide service to visitors.

The Ringette events started on Thursday and will continue on Friday, from 9 am to 7 pm, Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm. The Biathlon event started on Thursday and continues on Friday from 10:30 am to 2:15 pm.

Single-event passes are \$10 and Ontario Winter Game all-access passes are \$25. In addition, the Ontario Ringette Association is running a food drive at the Creemore arena, benefiting St. Luke's Deacon's Pantry and the Clearview Stayner Food Bank.

For more about the Games, visit [www.ontariowintergames.com](http://www.ontariowintergames.com).

## Storm-stayed at the Honeywood Arena

by Brad Holden

The community of Honeywood pitched in and provided great hospitality to 18 people stranded on County Road 124 during last Saturday's storm.

Mulmur Mayor **Paul Mills** declared a State of Emergency on Saturday morning after being informed of the situation, and the OPP and the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department rescued and transported all of the travellers to the North Dufferin Community Centre, where volunteers led by Mulmur Councillor **Heather Hayes** and representatives from the Dufferin County Emergency Services Department provided food, shelter, and by all accounts a pretty enjoyable night of entertainment and safe haven.

The *Echo* received two heartfelt letters of thanks from people who were on the receiving end of Honeywood's hospitality; see pages 6 and 7 for their first-hand accounts of "the storm of 2012."



The 18 people pictured above spent last Saturday night at Honeywood's North Dufferin Community Centre after being stranded on County Road 124 during that day's storm.



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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Saturday, March 10

- **Curiosity House Monthly Story Hour** from 10:30 to 11:15 am. Children from 18 months to 6 years of age will enjoy some entertaining tales and activities with Miriam. Call 705-466-3400 for more details.
- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Show** continues for new exhibition “**Elemental Truths: Examinations of Abstraction versus Minimalism**”. This month’s group of seven artists is: **James Stacey, Claudia McKnight, Liz Eakins, Jenn Smith, Dorianne Ross, Jordon Eveland, Brett Lundy**. Mediums of silver, encaustic, paper, paint, stone, and digital imagery. Show runs to April 2. 705-466-5555 info@madandnoisy.com.

### Sunday, March 11

- **Daylight Savings Time** begins.
- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Stop the MAQ Quarry – Snowshoe Fundraiser and Family Fun Day at Highlands Nordic** from 10 am to 2 pm (they have generously given a free day pass to every participant). Bring your own snowshoes, or rent on site for \$9. 3 routes with varying difficulty. Hot chocolate. Free food and drinks for kids and all those who raise over \$100 (or \$50 for students) can be purchased too. Live music by local bands & camp fires to warm up. Prizes for those who raise the most pledges for: student, school, team, and overall. Guest speakers. www.stopthequarrysnowshoe.ca.

- **The North Dufferin Baseball League Annual General Meeting** at 1 pm at the Lisle Community Hall. The league is looking to expand the junior division for 2012. Anyone interested in submitting a team to the league, either a junior team 18 to 21 years of age or senior team 21 years of age or older, can contact secretary Scott Anderson at 705-424-0769 or secretary@ndbl.ca. Individual players who would like to join a team can contact Anderson or visit www.ndbl.ca to find contact information for local teams.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jim Muth Cribbage Tournament** at the Terra Nova Pub starting at 11 am. \$15 per person goes to the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department. www.terrannovapub.ca 705-466-5992.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, March 15

- **No Glass / No Bars Animal Party Show** sponsored by Saunders Book Company will take place at Station on the Green at 1 pm. Join Michele of Clearview Public Library for some free family fun to see and handle small, medium and large critters – both scaly and furry.
- **Collingwood Jazz & Blues Society** presents **Liberty Silver & Eddie Bullen**. Liberty Silver is one of the great voices of Canadian Music, recently touring with Stevie Wonder. Keyboardist, composer, producer Eddie Bullen has become a Collingwood favourite and is the perfect accompanist for Liberty, at Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood from 7 to 9 pm. Tickets \$15 available by calling 705-445-3430. \$20 at door.

### Friday, March 16

- **Irish Coffee Party** at noon at All Saints Anglican Church Parish Hall, Elgin Street, Collingwood. Lunch, entertainment & door prizes. \$7. Call 705-444-1474 for more information.
- **Creemore Legion Friday Night Supper** from 5 to 6:45 pm. Corned beef & cabbage, buns/butter, coffee/tea, dessert. Adults \$13, seniors \$11. Please call ahead to RSVP at 705-466-2432 or 705-466-2202. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary.
- **Washboard Hank & the Corn Pickles** is putting on the Green at the Duntroon Hall – the best St. Patrick’s party in town! Get ready to move to the groove of Irish Hillbilly music like no other... a fundraiser for the hall. \$15 plus hst in advance, \$17 plus hst at the door. Free buffet. 705-445-9551 for information.

### Saturday, March 17

- **Turkey Shoot** at the New Lowell Legion starting at 10 am. For more information call 705-424-0471.

### Wednesday, March 21

- **Sara Hershoff & Brad Holden** are on **97.7 The Beach** this morning between 9 and 10 am to talk “**All Things Creemore**”. Don’t miss it!
- **The Creemore Horticultural Society Meeting** at St. Luke’s Anglican Church Hall, 22 Caroline St. West. Guest speakers from the **Simcoe County Master Gardeners** to speak on roses and peonies and pest and insect control. All are welcome.

### Thursday, March 22

- **Public Meeting** at Singhampton Hall from 6 to 9 pm presented by **Skyway 124 Wind Energy Inc.** concerning the Skyway 124 Wind Farm wind turbines proposal. For more information call 905-271-2845 or john.nicholson@ebccanada.com.

### Saturday, March 24

- **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Titanic Sinking** featuring author, **Hugh Brewster**’s presentation and book signing. Enjoy beverages & High Tea following the **Annual General Meeting of the Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society** (4 pm meeting, 4:30 pm High Tea & presentation) at Station on the Green. Members and non-members welcome. (\$20/person) RSVP by March 17, 2012 to fran@api-adpeople.com.

### Thursday, March 29

- **Clearview Township Town Hall Meeting** concerning this year’s budget. 6:30 pm at Council Chambers.

### Friday, March 30

- **Help Creemore Echo Celebrate our 11th Birthday.** Drop into our office from 10 am to 3 pm and share cake, coffee & conversation.

### Saturday, March 31

- **Euchre at Avening Community Hall.** Doors open at 7 pm, cards start at 7:30 pm sharp. \$10 per person. Potluck snacks. Prizes. Call 705-466-3024 for more details.

### Sunday, April 1

- **Creemore Skating Club 43rd Annual Skating Carnival.** Theme: Skating Through the Calendar Year (celebrating special occasions and holidays throughout the year: Christmas, Spring, Valentine’s Day, New Years Eve, etc...) at the Creemore Arena. Show starts at 2 pm. Featuring: Skaters from the Creemore Skating Club as well as Roman Sadovsky, 2012 Canadian National Novice Mens silver medalist. Admission: Adults \$8, Seniors \$5, Students \$2 and children under 6 free. Tickets available at the door.

### Sunday, April 2

- **Missions Night at Creemore Baptist Church.** 5 pm Potluck Supper, 6 to 6:30 pm Meet & Greet Missionaries, 6:30 pm Presentation & Slides. Gospel for Asia: Geoff & Christine Harris; Mission Ventures: Alan & Sue McDougal; New Tribes: Chuck & Shannon Talbot; Introducing Voice of Martyrs: Trevor & Monica. All welcome. 12 Wellington Street West 705-466-6232

### Thursday, April 12

- **Free Seminar “R U Okay?? – Teen Suicide”** at 7 pm at the Leisure Time Club in Collingwood. A 4 member panel will be addressing factors that contribute to teen suicide, resources and help for teens, parents and caregivers including a presentation in treatment and counseling via a group running program. A question and answer period will follow. Hosted by the Collingwood G&M Hospital Foundation Education Advisory Committee. Information and seat reservation call 705-444-8675 or email benedicta@cgmh.on.ca.

### Saturday, April 14

- **Family Dance** at Avening Community Hall. Instructor **Lorraine Sutton**. 8 pm sharp start. \$15 per person or \$40 per family. Lunch served. Call 705-466-3024 for more details.

### Friday, April 20

- **The Creemore Curling Club** is holding their **Wind-Up Banquet and Annual General Meeting**. Happy Hour from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Dinner to follow. For more information and tickets call Paul Crevier 705-428-2616 or Gayle Millsap 705-466-5482.

### Friday, April 27

- **A Free AED Training Session** for the automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Station on the Green conducted by Simcoe County Paramedics from 1 to 5:30 pm at the Station on the Green. Limited to 15 participants. To register, please email Bill Crysedale at wscrysedale@gmail.com.

### Saturday, May 12

- **Peak to Peak Escarpment Challenge.** 26 km. Can you handle it? No problem. Hike Osler Bluff to Duntroon Highlands or choose your challenge, 6 to 26 km. Hike to stomp out quarrying on the Niagara Escarpment. Enjoy vistas of Georgian Bay, caves, streams, wildflowers, a children’s activity, breakfast, buffet/barbeque, live music, an escarpment art silent auction and great draw prizes. The grand prize is a \$5000 trip for 2 to Fogo Island, Newfoundland and Labrador. Pre-register at www.peaktopeakhike.com and raise tax deductible donations to support the Clearview Community Coalition.



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# Late in the game, budget numbers climb

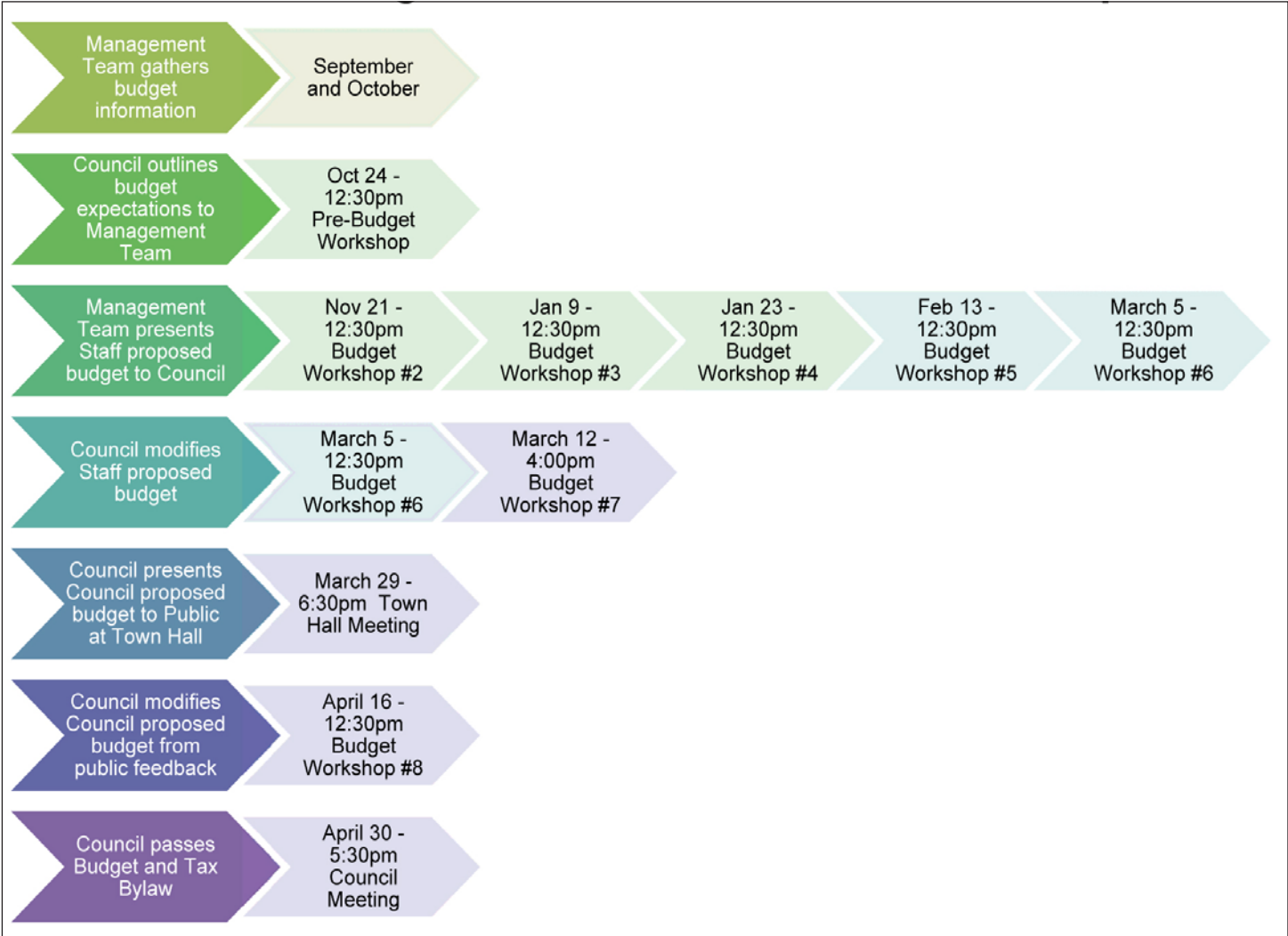
by Brad Holden

Members of Clearview Council met for a sixth working session on the 2012 budget Monday afternoon, intending to discuss ways of whittling the proposed 4.9 per cent combined tax increase down a few notches before the budget is presented in draft form at a public town hall meeting on Thursday, March 29.

But before they could get to that discussion, Township Treasurer **Edward Henley** presented them with updated numbers showing that the proposed combined tax increase, previous to any cuts made by Council, is actually 6.3 per cent – encompassing a 10.49 per cent increase for Clearview, a 3.55 per cent increase for Simcoe County and a zero per cent increase for the School Boards.

The higher number is a result of two pieces of new information received by the treasury department in the weeks since the preliminary budget numbers were compiled. One, from Simcoe County, showed that the levy the Township pays to have the upper-tier municipality take care of waste-collection duties will be about \$150,000 higher than the \$800,000 that had been budgeted. This is a result of several things, including an increase in tipping fees and the roll-out of an expanded blue box program. In general, the waste collection levy has been rising at an average rate of 10.6 per cent since 2006, when it sat at \$681,000.

The other new information presented by Henley was a prediction that, with



This schematic, created by Township treasurer **Edward Henley**, shows where Council currently sits in this year's budget process. The March 12 meeting (Budget Workshop #7) was added last week after Henley brought some bad news to the March 5 meeting about the Simcoe County waste levy and rising OPP costs. All meetings are open to the public.

competitive bargaining between the OPP, Toronto Police and York Region Police over the next two years, it's anticipated that the OPP will receive an 8.6 per cent salary hike in 2014. That would work out to an extra \$176,000 owed for Clearview's portion of the Huronia West officers' salaries, which represents a 1.8 per cent tax increase. To be prudent, Henley offered that Council should break that into a 0.9 per cent increase over the next two years.

With this new information and the time it took to receive it, Council decided to postpone its discussion on budget cuts to another working session, now scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 4 pm. Following that, the public will have a chance to comment on the

proposed budget at the March 29 town hall meeting. There will then be one more working session, on April 16, during which Council will take public comments into consideration before finally passing the budget at the Council meeting on April 30.



**HIGH WINDS** This is a picture of the roof off of a 60-year-old outbuilding on the property of **Jim and Myrna Whitley's** property in Avening. On Friday night, the wind lifted the roof into the air and plopped it down 40 feet away in the middle of the barnyard. Luckily, none of the Whitleys' cattle were injured. The walls of the building are still intact and none of the equipment inside was damaged. "If only I could find a giant," said Jim, finding humour in the situation. "I could have him lift the two pieces and put them back on."



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## EDITORIAL Calm in the Storm

Nothing shows country hospitality like a winter storm. A few years ago, the Cashtown Diner played refuge to stranded travellers on two different occasions during a wicked winter that shut down Airport Road repeatedly.

And this past weekend, the same thing happened in Honeywood, where volunteers from the community delivered food, warm clothes, DVDs and board games to 18 people who had run smack into an infamous County Road 124 whiteout.

As the two letters of pages 6 and 7 make clear, these storm-stayed folks not only found the North Dufferin Community Centre to be an adequate place to wait out the blizzard, they actually fell a little bit in love with the community spirit shown by the people of Honeywood during their 24-hour stay.

Our congratulations to all who were involved in the rescue and care of last Saturday's stranded. To make an impression like you obviously did with people who were under stress is a great testament to Honeywood and our area in general.

## THE WAY WE WERE



This photograph of the Creemore railway station, which shows some of its surrounding outbuildings, was submitted by **Shirley Deboard**.

## HISTORY

# In Dunedin at last

Since December, readers of the Echo have been reading an account of George Royal's sleigh ride from Creemore to Dunedin. In the February paper he hadn't reached Dunedin but was looking about for savage animals appearing through the trees. Now, in March, with snow due to melt, it is time for George to reach Dunedin in the sleigh in which he has been riding.

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen  
**BLACKBURN**

"Coe's house is the last habitation before entering Andy Young's forest, the largest, and, indeed, the most thrilling forest, according to my belief, that there could possibly be. It extends along both sides of the roadway, in fact, the roadway is just wide enough to accommodate passing vehicles, and the huge maples butt up to the edge of the road, and far above, the limbs of the trees on one side intermingle with those on the other side and quite shut out the sunlight so that even though it is still early afternoon and a bright sun, it seems as though the shadows of evening are closing in, and I can recall in summer when the leaves are out in full, the darkness is even more pronounced.

"I always find this part of the road the most exciting and can draw upon my imagination for really thrilling adventures such as meeting up with bears and wildcats and especially being pursued by wolves, whole packs of them, such as I saw in that picture of far off Russia, where travellers with their horse and sled are being pursued and attacked by a large pack of wolves and even though I know there has not been a single wolf seen in Nottawasaga these many years, I feel much

safer having my father and Big Jack close beside me. Still, in spite of this, I cannot help peering into the forest, first to the right and then to the left, and above all, behind us, and it would not surprise me much to see a pack tumble out of the woods onto the road and race after us. My frequent twisting about and craning my neck must have caused Big Jack to suspect me for he commenced telling us a yarn about the last wolf that was shot in the valley years ago, and that none had been seen since. Needless to say, I am much relieved that it was many years ago and I can once again commence to enjoy the many things, real things, that can be seen all about us, instead of those that are entirely imaginary.

"The river flows along on the left and as we progress through the forest it comes quite close to the roadway again so that we can look down into the dark water where it opens here and there. As far as we can see on either side are trees without ending and looking forward and backward the roadway seems to become nearly a tunnel as though cut through solid banks of tree boles.

"All things, of course, must come to an end, and after what seems like a long time indeed, we burst out into the bright sunlight again and soon are nearing our destination. Over there to the left is what remains of the old Jones saw mill, which has long ceased operations and is now in ruin [behind 8913]. I think of what wonderful tales could be told of its early days when the township history was young. Here is the corner where we turn left on the eighth.

"The largest house at the "V" is occupied, I think, by a family by the name of Chambers [8892], and the eighth is the main street of Dunedin. My father tells me he believes it to be the oldest settlement in

Nottawasaga. Today in Dunedin, Dan Mitchell's store and post office [8961] and across the road the chopping mill and of course the bridge, and to the left Ezra Bloomer's blacksmith shop, are the chief points of interest; that is, aside from the glorious scenery all around. What a wonderful past it had and again it will come into its own, a place where people from far off will delight to come and feast their eyes on its scenic beauty and tarry awhile, for Dunedin, situated in its beautiful valley is truly highland and very like many hamlets in the old land from whence comes its historic name.

"Bloomer's blacksmith shop [8997] is a busy place today and several horses are waiting for new shoes to be fitted and it will likely be late before we can start back. Mr. Bloomer has suggested that I spend time in the house where it is warm and where his wife, Ida will, he feels sure, be glad of a visit. She is, indeed, a fine person, whom I had visited before, and enjoyed her hospitality, and always left well fortified with cakes, indeed, and glasses of milk to face the long drive back. As on former occasions the cakes are plentiful and delicious, and as a special treat today she has real buttermilk fresh from her own churn. With these before me and good conversation to go with them, it hardly seems any time at all until Big Jack is at the door to announce the homeward journey back through the long tunnel of woods, past the dangerous slide, and with darkness coming too, but with many of Mrs. Bloomer's cakes and so much buttermilk tucked away inside me, ravenous wolves, bears and wildcats, and the danger of slipping over into the river hardly seems to rate anymore than an everyday adventure."

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There was a much smaller group out for cards today. Between the rain, snow and gusty wind, only 39 folks braved the country roads. But **Marj Thomson** from west of County Road 124 surprised us by showing up. Then again, nobody has ever had reason to accuse Marj of being a wimp!

When we first arrived at the Legion, we discovered that the west parking lot was just about full of trucks. Ergo, we figured it was a farm related group having a lunch catered by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Sure enough, it was Holmes-Agro that enjoyed their lunch and their yearly meeting at the Legion, and we all found places to park our vehicles for the afternoon.

Our thanks to **Norm Nordstrom**, who helped with the box of magazines that were set out free for the taking. These were magazines such as National Geographic Travel, Our Canada, the Beaver, etc., etc., and they were just too good to toss into the recycle bin. They would be a real help to kids in school, as well as being very enjoyable to anyone who is interested in this great country we live in.

After a cute joke from **Barb Pilon**, the 50/50 draws went to **Isabelle Gubbels**, **Earl Toole**, **Marion Kelly**, **Evelyn Warden**, **George Blakney** and **Warren Gale**.

SENIORS



Sylvia  
GALE

Moon shots were played by **Carol Faulkner** (2), **May Johnston**, **June Hartley**, **George Blakney**, **Phyllis Seed**, **Kevin Keogh**, **Bob Veale** and **Bert Douglas**. Bert won the travelling prize, and Bob took the Sidewinder's loot.

High scorers were **Eileen Nash** 294, **Sylvia Gale** 267, **June Hartley** 257 and **Janice Stephens** 250. Low was **Winston Ferguson** with 22. It was thanks to my amazing partners that I ended up on the winners list, as my score at the end of three games was 20 something. But there was lots of bad luck out there today. **Warren Gale** did not get to move until the 4th game, and **Dave Smith** and **George Blakney** didn't move until the 5th game!

My thanks to **Ray Leighton** for the "checking up" phone call after my recent trip to the G&M Hospital, and also thanks to **Elsie Longson** for the gift of the "purloined" pen. Thanks, gal! And, as the first of March was our President's birthday, **Warren Gale** led us in a "Happy Birthday" song for **Bob Veale**.

The beef and lamb supper at St John's United Church was excellent (as usual). Everything was cooked just right to suit me, and I enjoyed some to die-for chocolate pie. And, the serving crew was a whole line of good-looking, smiling guys. Now just how could you

improve on that?

Last week I mentioned that I had a trip to the G&M Hospital in the ambulance, and Warren followed us up in the car. As far as we knew, nobody knew we had left home. An hour or so after getting hooked up to IV antibiotics and the like, I was wheeled away for a chest x-ray, as I was having major trouble breathing. I wasn't away very long, and when I returned, Warren was sitting there with a phone from the desk in his hand, and a stunned expression on his face, saying, "**Laurie** just called from Calgary to see how you are!" Well, it seems that the "Avening kids" network is still alive and well! You see, when **Lynda (Whitley) Jeffery** was driving into Avening to go to the Hall for a wedding shower for **Laura Rowbotham** (which I had planned to attend), she noticed an ambulance turning down our street. Lynda stopped and watched to see where it was going, only the ambulance stopped out on the street because of all the snow. So she drove down to the Hall, found **Maureen (Weatherall) Noble (Maurice's**

daughter), and told her "either her Dad or somebody from Warren and Sylvia's needed an ambulance." Maureen rushed over to her Dad's, and found that he was OK. So Maureen phoned our Laurie in Alberta, and what with cell phones, and text messaging, etc, and the fact that the **Weatherall-Whitley-Fisher-Denison-Grant** kids all grew up together, and still hob-nob at every opportunity, word spread pretty quickly. I especially liked the way **Barb (Fisher) Curran** set Sharon's mind at rest. She told Sharon "If you need help, or anything, just give one of us a call as we are all interchangeable when it comes to parents." This is so true, as they all went freely from house to house, and they all were considered as, and treated like, part of the family. So cheers for Avening Kids!

Grandboy **Curtis Kidd** had a birthday on February 20. We know he enjoyed it as his co-workers bought 10 "baby" burgers, stacked them up, added candles and gave them to him as his birthday cake. Curtis must have thoroughly enjoyed that!

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6:30pm Presentation & Slides

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MULMUR STATE OF EMERGENCY



Remembering “the incredible efforts of so many”

Dear Echo,

I am from Grand Island, New York and last Saturday afternoon I was on the way home from my sister’s after a Ladies Ski Day at Alpine Ski Club in Collingwood. Having spent the last 27 years in the Buffalo area I am quite accustomed to winter driving, so the windy conditions didn’t seem a problem. I would take my time, and I knew that if conditions on County Road 124 were bad they would have the lights on and I was prepared to turn back.

As was the case for most of us who ended up staying the night in Honeywood, the lights on the Grey County portion of 124 had not been turned on, so I ventured forth.

By the time I got to the second warning lights the weather was beginning to get quite bad and I was considering turning back, but the lights were not on and I assumed that I must be at the worst of it and expected it to improve. I passed through a small whiteout and decided that I was ready to call it quits. Unfortunately, I had a pickup truck on my tail who didn’t feel the same. I slowed right down and was preparing to stop when we hit the second whiteout and I rolled into a Dodge Ram 1500. I didn’t even see it until I hit it. You know that old saying, “Whether the rock hits the pitcher or the pitcher hits the rock, it is going to be bad for the pitcher?” Well, I was the pitcher. My hood crumpled and I knew I wasn’t going anywhere else. Mr. Tailgater stopped short of my bumper. Needless to say, he didn’t stick around.

I pulled off to the shoulder. I had driven into Bruce Alexander’s truck, a Fire Chief from the Toronto Area. He was already out checking on the drivers of the cars, vans and tractor trailer scattered on the road ahead. His snow-covered figure appeared at my window. Looking at the front of my SUV, he asked, “Did you hit my truck?” “Yes,” I answered, “and someone else just hit it again.” I had heard the impact right after I pulled onto

the shoulder.

“Are you alright?” he asked. “Yes. I was going so slowly that my airbags didn’t even deploy.” “Okay,” he said, and he was gone, checking on the other vehicle.

Bruce did a great job of keeping everyone calm and safe until the police arrived. We were all pulled off to the side of the road, and we piled into the police car and Bruce’s truck and headed over to the North Dufferin Community Centre where we would spent the next 24 hours.

We were quite a mixed group, both in age and background, but we were sharing a common event and the community of Honeywood was incredibly accommodating. Steve Murphy of County of Dufferin Emergency Services did a great job of keeping us abreast of the storm and answering all our questions about how and when we would be able to get out. Juli Griffin and her team were onsite to handle any immediate questions. She got us connected to the Internet so that we could inform family of our situation, and a television with DVDs, playing cards, games, books and a host of other things all showed up without us even knowing. Mulmur Councillor Heather Hayes and her husband, along with assorted others who came and went, provided home-cooked meals and comfort items to ensure that our every need was taken care of.

Staff Sergeant Commander Steven Sills and his team of officers did a great job of handling all our accident reports and ensuring that we got back to our vehicles safely in the morning and on our way.

A big thank you to the Red Cross workers who brought us toiletries (a shout of hooray actually went up when those arrived!) and provided cots and blankets so that we had a warm, “comfortable” place to sleep.

Fire Fighters, Road Crew and Emergency works popped in and out, performing the incredible job of search and rescue, intermittently bringing in others who

had been caught in the storm.

The wonderful attitude of all those who were helping was contagious and had us all feeling pretty happy that we were there, safe, unharmed and well taken care of. Games of Crazy 8, a Scrabble Tournament and a makeshift movie theatre all fell into place as we waited for Mother Nature to release her grip. We all agreed that Honeywood was a great place to be and we are hoping to be invited back for the Beef Barbeque!

The storm finally did subside during the night. While we slept crews continued to work and watch over us in shifts. We awoke to clear blue skies and a breakfast buffet fit for a king! We folded up our cots and blankets, stacked tables and chairs, got those last names and numbers, exchanged hugs and goodbyes and cued up to head out to our vehicles.

As they were dug out of the snow that had covered them during the night we were taken back to the site by the police. I was amazed when I arrived on the scene at just how much snow there had been, and I marvelled at the amount of work that must have been done to clear them out. Props to all those who worked so hard. And a special thanks to Oluf Jensen of Royal Towing & Recovery for going above and beyond the call in helping to get my vehicle back to the US.

No doubt this story was repeated in other locations up and down County Road 124 during those 24 hours, perhaps in a corner store or a farmhouse or a gas station. It is so encouraging when, in difficult times, people are so gracious and selfless in extending kindness to strangers. I am walking a little lighter these days, talking a little softer, smiling a little more and finding myself a little more patient in light of my stay in Honeywood, remembering the incredible efforts of so many. I want to pay it forward. Maybe the world will become a better place.

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# MULMUR STATE OF EMERGENCY

## “A job well done”

Dear Editor,

My husband and I along with our 10-year-old daughter Joren were involved in what will likely be coined the “storm of 2012” on County Road 124 this past weekend. We had set out around 6:30 am on Saturday morning, heading from the Beaver Valley area to Belleville for our daughter’s hockey playoffs. It was snowing, but certainly not storming, when we left home. We turned onto County Road 124 from Grey Road 4 at about 7 am. The Emergency Hazard lights were not flashing at that time, so we decided just to take our time and proceed onwards. Somewhere (and we do mean somewhere) between County Road 9 and County Road 21, we ran into severe and blinding snow conditions. Out of necessity we pulled our car to the side of the road and subsequently were rear-ended. The severity of the weather conditions were such that it was not safe to get outside of the vehicle. We dispatched 911. Our family would formally like to recognize the efforts of all of the emergency services people who helped our family and about 20 other individuals this past weekend.

First on scene was Constable Sheldon Oram from the Dufferin County OPP detachment. Sheldon took our family to the Redickville Convenience store and I must say I have never been so happy

to be in the back of a police cruiser in all of my life! At the convenience store, we met Ralph and Leona who provided us with coffee and a place to stay warm while other travellers (who also had to abandon their vehicles) were being safely escorted away from the scene. Both the Dufferin County OPP and the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department then moved all of the stranded passengers from the convenience store to the Honeywood arena where an Emergency Command Centre was being put in place.

Over the course of a 24-hour-period we met the following people: Municipal Councillor (and gourmet chef and provider of warm socks and slippers) Heather Hayes and her husband Mike; Dufferin County Emergency Services Coordinator Steve Murphy; Dufferin County Housing Program Assistant Juli Griffin; Dufferin County Manager of Children’s Services Lori-Jane Del Medico; Dufferin County OPP Larry Matkowski; Jim Clayton, Fire Chief of the Mulmur Melancthon Department and his wife Leora; Red Cross Volunteers; Matt Bos, firefighter (and Zamboni driver, provider of TV and DVD for our daughter, and all-round great guy) from the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department; Township of Mulmur Mayor Paul Mills; Township



of Mulmur Director of Public Works John Willmetts and his snow plow crew; and CAA Royal Towing. These individuals and those working with them ran a seamless emergency operation. In fact, we sort of wondered if they had done this before on account of just how quickly a plan was put into place. We were very impressed with their collaborative efforts and with the provision of information on a regular basis. When you see these people in your community, please commend them for their extraordinary efforts. They are exceptional individuals and sure helped our family restore our belief in humanity. We recognize that

all of them gave up personal time and some jeopardized their own safety to ensure ours. We cannot say thanks enough on a job well done.

So while we didn’t make it to Belleville, our daughter’s team did win Game 1 and she got to sleep in a hockey change room complete with shower and ensuite bathroom. What more could a hockey family ask for? And perhaps more importantly, our daughter learned a lesson about the importance of community and what individuals will sacrifice to help their fellow citizens.

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**SPRING TRAINING** The Creemore Braves took advantage of the brand new Smith Brothers Baseball Central indoor baseball facility in New Lowell to get a jump start on the season last week. They plan to practice there every Thursday evening in the run up to the 2012 season, in hopes of getting the jump on the competition. For more information about Smith Brothers, which features a 70'x120' infield, two batting tunnels, two pitching tunnels and a fully equipped gym, visit their website at [www.smithbrothersbaseballcentral.com](http://www.smithbrothersbaseballcentral.com).



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# Seen & Heard around Creemore



## Beef and Lamb Supper

It's tradition at the St. John's United Church Beef and Lamb Supper for the men to serve the food, and last Saturday night **Paul Ruppel, Ken Thornton** and **Gerry Blackburn** answered the call, among others.



## A Night of Laughter

**Dan Needles** was at his comedic best last Friday night, entertaining guests at a My Friend's House fundraiser at Station on the Green. Here, he poses for a post-show picture with members of the organization's Board of Directors.



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# Defeating Parkinson's, one joke at a time

by Brad Holden

**Winston Ferguson** does not use the phone like ordinary people. But then, Winston Ferguson is far from ordinary.

"Where can someone find a henway around here?" he'll ask as soon as the person he is calling picks up the line.

"What's a henway?", the inevitable retort from the uninitiated, sets Ferguson up for the thing he likes most in life – a good laugh.

"Oh, about six or eight pounds," he deadpans back, completing the joke with panache.

If you've ever been on the receiving end of such a phone call, or heard Ferguson pull something from the massive pile of jokes inside his head and recite it at the drop of a hat, you won't be surprised that the 71-year-old Glen Huron native and brand-new Stayner resident has compiled some of what exists in that pile into a book, entitled *Isn't It Scantamaniaus?*

If you don't know Ferguson, you might find this slightly surprising, considering that he has suffered from Parkinson's disease for the past quarter century. For the past 10 years the symptoms have become so bad they've affected his ability to write things down. In fact, a first volume of jokes and humorous stories written out longhand by Ferguson is still being interpreted by his sister. This second version – "Book 2, as Book 1 is still in the making," according to its back

cover – was typed out this past spring on an iPad that Ferguson received from his son last Christmas.

Proceeds from *Isn't It Scantamaniaus* will go toward Parkinson Society Canada, which is Winston's contribution to a cure he's convinced he'll live to see. "I have Parkinson's, but it doesn't have me," he says, and you have to believe him.

Ranging from one-line quotes ("Rich people miss out on one of the greatest joys of life – paying the last instalment," for example, or "A ship in harbour is safe but that's not what ships are for.") to longer jokes and stories (some of which, it must be said, are a little on the 'blue' side), the book is great for opening at random and finding a chuckle or something to chew on. And that, says Winston, was the goal. "I've always enjoyed a bit of humour," he says, "and I will go to great lengths, if necessary, to make an individual smile."

"Scantimaniaus," by the way, is a word that Winston's father, J. Roy Ferguson, used to say when Winston was a child. "It has no meaning," he says with a twinkle in his eye, "and that's a surprise because my father was a man who meant what he said."

*Isn't It Scantamaniaus – Collected Fun and Wisdom* can be purchased for \$20 at the *Creemore Echo* or by contacting the author himself at [winston@rifeequipment.com](mailto:winston@rifeequipment.com). Be prepared to receive a humorous email in return.



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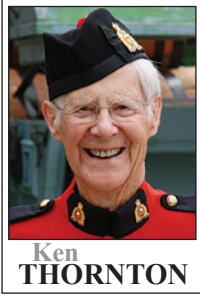
# A lesson in living every day to its fullest

The name **Marilyn Chenier** may not be familiar to readers of the *Echo*, as she and husband **Rob** have been residents of Creemore for only two years. Yet already this busy lady—or should I say human dynamo—is beginning to make her mark.

Exuding her positive attitude in community affairs, she is a member of the Tree Committee, a keen supporter of the Santa Claus Parade and Canada Day, and is a participant of the community Christmas dinner sponsored by **Diane** and **Brian McKay**. She is also a regular member of St. John's United Church choir and, indeed, won first prize in a pie-baking contest at the Farmers' Market this past fall, where her apple pie was judged as simply the best!

Congratulations, Marilyn, on your many achievements, which also include

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personal involvement with My Friend's House and St. John's UCW.

Marilyn was born in Barrie during the Second World War, when her father, a meteorologist, relayed pertinent information to pilots, as weather conditions played a vibrant role during

this period.

For as long as she can remember, this eager and competent entrepreneur fostered a desire to be a nurse, and, if you pardon the pun, she set her cap and in due course became one. A graduate of the Ottawa Civic Hospital School of Nursing in Ottawa, she was accepted by the North York General Hospital in Toronto, where her skills were used in critical and intensive care units, as well as the emergency room. Eventually, though, she returned to Ottawa, where her talents



Marilyn Chenier

were directed to cardiac surgery.

Marilyn spent approximately 45 years as a registered nurse – an apt reflection on the ceaseless demands of her abilities – and within this time frame managed to raise three boys, in addition to sharing a life with her supportive husband.

At one point during our conversation I asked the following question: “During the many years of your career, you must have encountered some unusual and outstanding people?”

“Oh yes,” she smiled, “I could write a book, however, there is a special friend who I happened to meet one day when working out at the gym in Ottawa. **Rev. Dr. Hanns Skoutajan**, a United Church minister now retired, will live in my memory until time ceases to exist. A published author and in the truest sense

a devout Christian; we continue to keep in touch. Through an interchange of thoughtful dialogue, he has been and still is an inspiration. I am grateful for having met someone of this calibre, who has taught me so much on the meaning of life!”

Included in Marilyn's many hobbies are gardening, which she freely admits is her first love, followed closely by baking. I am secretly hoping for an invitation next summer, when perhaps I can attest to both!

An avid reader and previously a figure skater, hiking, the gym, sewing, skiing, and planning menus for dinner parties continue to occupy her energy on a full time basis. Immersed in this frenetic pace, she somehow found time to engage in taking lessons at the Markham Airport in a World War II trainer PA22 Tail Dragger, mastering the difficult exercise of taking off and landing.

Keep up the momentum Marilyn. You deserve to be applauded on your journey through life, always ready for a challenge and living every day to the full. You should hear the cheers in the background of “Bravo! Bravo!”

Let me note my personal appreciation for taking time to do this interview, as not only was it informative, but a pleasurable moment in time. As a result of your endeavors, it is abundantly clear that you too are an inspiration!

Thank you and continued success in future undertakings.

## Washboard Hank to ring in St. Paddy's Day at the Duntroon Hall

by Christopher Greer

Sometimes, one day a year just isn't enough.

On Friday, March 16 at 8 pm, a St. Patrick's Day warm-up concert and dance will be held at the Duntroon Hall, featuring the musical (and theatrical) stylings of none other than **Washboard Hank**, who, with the Corn Pickles backing him up, will be playing his humour-infused, boot-stomp inspiring blend of bluegrass, rockabilly and country.

The funds raised by the event will go toward purchasing two heating units that, once connected to the geothermal heating loops installed under the playing field at next-door Islay Park, will help to heat the hall.

“We're hoping that the community will come out to have a good time and help us to put money toward the heating system,” said **Jim Campbell**, who is chair of the hall board.

Peterborough-based Washboard Hank performed in Duntroon once before, at the hamlet's 175<sup>th</sup> jubilee party in 2009. According to Campbell, the performance was met with great acclaim, making him – in addition to his selection of Irish hillbilly numbers – a natural choice for the St. Patrick's Day warm-up event.

For years, Washboard Hank toured and performed as a member of **Fred Eaglesmith's** band. Now, he performs as a solo artist, hammering out tunes on



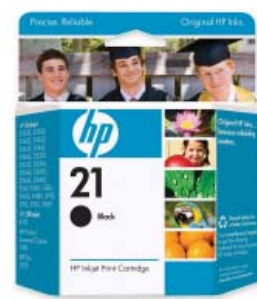
Washboard Hank

an “amazing conglomeration of bells, license plates [and] duck calls.”

As it says on Washboard Hank's website, “if the proper plumbing supplies are available and open space allows, you can expect a solo or two on the ‘Fallopian Tuba,’ made out of 1 ½ inch PVC pipe and a stainless steel sink.”

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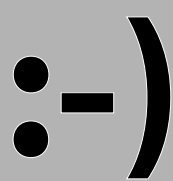
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Michele McKenzie meets one of Sean “the Animal Guy” Yates’ animals.

# Exotic animals, up close

by Christopher Greer  
On Thursday, March 15 at 1 pm, the Station on the Green will host an Animal Party show, giving area children the chance to interact with a variety of exotic creatures free of cages and glass barriers.  
The event, which is sponsored by the Collingwood-based Saunders Book Company, will be conducted by Sean “the Animal Guy” Yates, who will bring along a selection of Animal Party’s star attractions, including Cyrus the Hedgehog, Lector the Ferret, and, though you may be too squeamish to touch them, Tiny the Dwarf Cave Roach, Charlotte the Tarantula, and maybe even a snake or two.  
Michele McKenzie of Clearview

Public Library, who has braved encounters with snakes at past Animal Party shows, said that there is also an education component to the event, complementing other regularly scheduled programs at the Library.  
“We teach the kids about each animal: what they do in the wild, what they eat, whether they make good pets,” said Yates. “A lot of people buy pets not knowing what [care] they require.”  
For those unable to make the show in Creemore, there will also be a showing in Stayner at the Council Chambers at 10:30 am the same day.  
For more information, visit the Animal Party website at [ncpanimalparty.weebly.com](http://ncpanimalparty.weebly.com), or contact the Clearview Public Library at 705-466-3011.



**TOP SHOOTERS** Not to be outdone by the biathlon team’s excellent season, the 1944 EME Army Cadet Corps won 1st place at the Zone 15 Marksmanship Competition on March 3 at the Barrie Armouries. WO Lohnes placed in 2nd, while Cpl McArthur finished in 2nd in the Junior Division. Pictured are from left to right, **Taylor Jones, Shawn Banks, Devlyn Lohnes, Cole McArthur, and Matt Parkes.**



Steve Hepburn Photo

**LOCAL RIVALRY** The NCPS hockey team faced off against Byng Public School at the Creemore Arena last week, with the entire NCPS student body cheering them on. The fast-paced game ended in a 5-5 tie.

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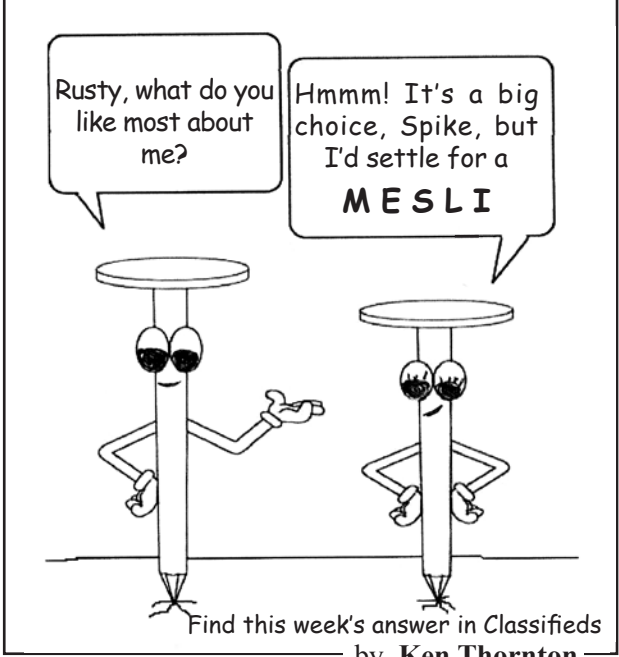
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer in Classifieds

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



## CREEMORE Weekend Weather

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### Saturday, March 10

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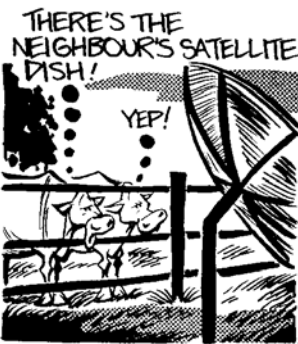
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## FRED'S FUNNIES

A newspaper boy shouts, "Read all about it. Twenty five people cheated." Intrigued, a man walks over, buys a paper, and checks the front page. What he sees is yesterday's paper. The man says, "Hey, this is an old paper, where's the story about the big swindle?" The newspaper boy ignores him and yells out, "Read all about it. Twenty six people cheated!"

## Brian's Canadian Crossword

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### ACROSS

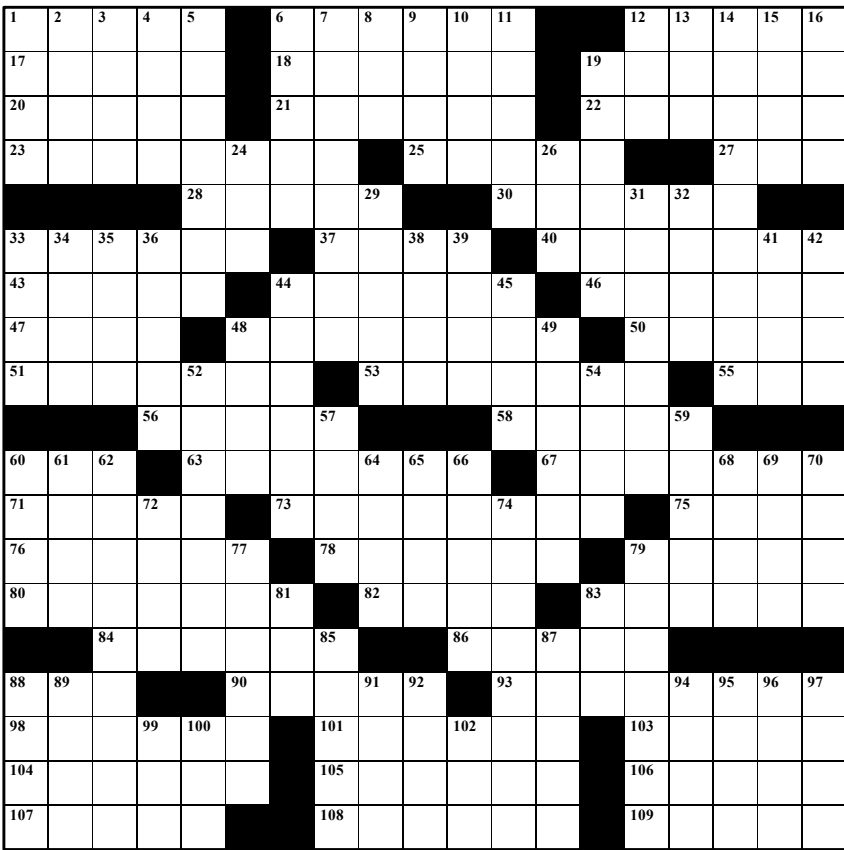
- 1 Viking from the comics  
6 Jack's portrayer on "24"  
12 Big name in Canadian retailing  
17 Reflection  
18 Lead on  
19 MacNeil of CBC News Now  
20 Soap star Lorenzo \_\_\_\_  
21 What's our \_\_\_\_, Victor?  
22 Start of a journey  
23 Ring Around \_\_\_\_  
25 Scorer's dry spell  
27 N'est-ce \_\_\_\_?  
28 Country singer Travis  
30 Relating to First Nations  
33 Larkin's portrayer on Traders  
37 Oh's role on Grey's Anatomy  
40 Defendant's protests  
43 Parliamentary disciplinarians  
44 Razzle Dazzle turtle  
46 Arrange snooker balls (2)  
47 Part of UAW  
48 Discovered (2)  
50 Trudeau portrayer in 2002  
51 Balderson product  
53 Plank producer  
55 The chosen ones?

### DOWN

- 56 Jean de Lalande, e.g.  
58 Beseech  
60 Grp. that funds Cadets Canada  
63 Ex-con (2)  
67 Like some pant legs  
71 Bird's perch  
73 Not off-the-rack  
75 Hold the \_\_\_\_!  
76 Underprivileged (2)  
78 Slowly disappeared  
79 Sulked  
80 Trudeau's predecessor  
82 No, to Nikita  
83 In a certain way (2)  
84 Hear No Evil actress Marlee \_\_\_\_  
86 Soprano Beverly \_\_\_\_  
88 Crack pilot  
90 Makes the first bet  
93 Pots and pans  
98 Theatrical angel  
101 Peanuts girl starting in 1951  
103 Did yard work  
104 Affirmed (a ruling)  
105 Child, in Chateauguay  
106 Defendant's defense  
107 Miniscule  
108 \_\_\_\_ Avonlea  
109 Strained

### DOWN

- 1 Dagger handle  
2 Nurse of the East  
3 Monopoly or Mastermind, e.g.  
4 Gelatinous substance  
5 Whistler and Blue Mountain  
6 Newsman Newman  
7 George Harrison song from Help! (3)  
8 Yada yada yada..  
9 Is appropriate  
10 Green subj.  
11 Encore presentation  
12 Water, in Waterville PQ  
13 Gallery contents  
14 Worth mentioning (3)  
15 Olive genus  
16 Bug barriers  
19 Whirlybird  
24 Was in session  
26 Ranting and raving  
29 Shows fatigue  
31 Upset (3)  
32 Police squad  
33 Military grp. established on Aug 13, 1941  
34 Don't think so.. (hyph.)  
35 Quick snack  
36 Modern music boxes  
38 Nothin'  
39 Increase  
41 Entice  
42 Let fly  
44 Flying pest  
45 Send packing  
48 Partner of square  
49 Not level  
52 Most foolish  
54 Starting curler  
57 Four curlers  
59 Showroom cars  
60 Do like a faulty faucet  
61 \_\_\_\_ of the above  
62 Trading Places actor (2)  
64 Appearance  
65 Comrade in arms  
66 Short messages  
68 Transfixed  
69 Wild \_\_\_\_ (The Stampede)  
70 Went the way of the \_\_\_\_



- 72 Que \_\_\_\_  
74 Aloof  
77 Traditional gospel song (2)  
79 \_\_\_\_ Love (The Captain & Tennille)  
81 Quick snort  
83 Selena portrayer, briefly  
85 At no time  
87 \_\_\_\_ Super 7  
88 Be next to

- 89 Peninsula  
91 Madre's boy  
92 Couch  
94 Ship's plank  
95 Relating to  
96 Confederates  
97 Adams or McClurg  
99 Thomson or Taylor  
100 Country singer Joe \_\_\_\_  
102 Little fellow

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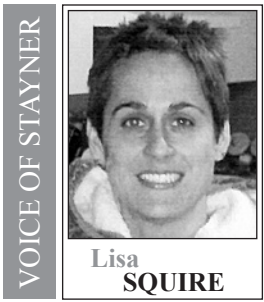
# All the news from Stayner

Stayner has a very active Chamber of Commerce. The core membership is a motivated group of individuals who are truly dedicated to the betterment and beauty of our town. I am happy to report that **Larry Culham** has chosen to stay at the helm of our Chamber for at least another year. Larry, with the dedicated assistance of his wife **Tamara**, did a wonderful job of accomplishing many projects in 2011. Larry has many ideas for this year, many of which are already in motion. I hear that our wildly popular Music in the Park line-up is nearly ready for unveiling. As of late June, Gazebo Park is the place to be Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Stay tuned, as spring is bound to arrive one of these days, I hope!

The Stayner Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome the following new members: Jean & Dianne's Barber Shop, The Coffee Shop (Nancy Cooksey), Wedgewood Technology Consultants (Carl Collins), Monica and Len Menecola, Joy (Linda Parolin's ladies boutique, featuring clothing, jewelry and gifts), and Royal LePage Trinity Realty.

I also want to welcome three new businesses to Stayner. The Sugar Bowl is a fabulous new bakery, located inside Willies Mercantile on Huron Street. Thus far I have sampled their peanut butter cookies, banana bread and brownies. The word "yummy" best describes their baked goods. They also feature artisan cheese from Primeridge Pure, in Markdale. We took home some chili cream cheese and have loved it on crackers.

Envy Tanz & Spa recently opened on Main Street, beside Hair by Sue. Owner **Cheryl Carver** is very excited to be open. She is looking forward to curing



VOICE OF STAYNER

Lisa SQUIRE

the chronic pastiness that is plaguing our friendly town! Stop in and introduce yourself to Cheryl, she would love to meet you. I know that she worked really hard painting her shop to make it perfect, so stop by and have a look.

**Janice Stickwood**, a mortgage agent with Centum Alternative Mortgages Ltd, has recently opened her office inside Royal LePage Trinity Realty at 7458 Highway 26. Janice has been a long-time resident of Stayner. In her previous career, Janice helped to operate Stayner Home Hardware, along with her parents, **Ken and Olive Stickwood**. When my husband John and I purchased Stayner Home Hardware, Janice made the career shift. She is very excited to be back working with all of the people of Stayner who she has gotten to know and love during her many years here. Janice is looking forward to being "your personal mortgage agent."

On Sunday, February 26, the Stayner Legion was packed with kids and parents as speeches from area schools were delivered. In the end, Byng Public School had two winners: **Nicolas Gulley** received a third place in the intermediate division, and **Grace Squire** placed first in the juniors. Clearview Meadows School in Stayner also had a winner, as **Rachel Fleming** placed first amongst the intermediates. Grace and Rachel will compete in the next level on Sunday, March 18, at the Elmvalle Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Good luck to you both!

Hopefully spring will be here soon and we will all come out of hibernation. We will walk our main streets, greet our merchants and fellow residents and once again feel energized. Until then, please remember to shop locally, as without your businesses our downtowns will disappear. And how boring would that be!

# Public House hosts Cribbage tournament

by Christopher Greer  
On Sunday, March 11 at 11 am, the Terra Nova Public House will host the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jim Muth Cribbage Tournament, with funds raised by the event going toward the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department.

Specifically, the fire department is hoping to purchase better on-scene emergency lighting for a recently purchased pumper truck.

The tournament is to be held in tribute to owner **Anna Alonso's** grandfather, Jim Muth, who was a bartender before fighting in the First World War, and whose picture hangs in the Public House as a sign of continuity and comradeship.

"I wanted to do this before the restaurant was even open," said Anna, adding that, when she heard the fire department – which her husband, Troy, is a part of – was looking to fundraise, she saw it as the perfect opportunity to both pay tribute to her grandfather and give back to the community.

Jim Muth (1893-1976) lived in Port Dover, Ontario. A carpenter and homebuilder, he fathered seven children. He sustained injuries in the First World War – including falling victim to a mustard gas attack – and, consequently, was bed-ridden at the end of his life; it was from his bed that he taught his grandchildren, including Anna and her brother, **Malcolm** (who is the chef at the Public House), how to play cribbage.

The tournament is not exclusive to expert cribbage players; anyone hoping to have a good time is welcome to come out.

The entrance fee is \$15. For more information, contact the Public House at (705) 466-5992.

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## PLANNING AN EVENT?

The **Creemore branch of the Royal Canadian Legion** is available for rent. The hall will hold up to 400 people, bar can be arranged. Lounge will hold up to 150 people, bar can be arranged. Quiet Room will hold up to 30 people. Call 705-466-2330 to book. Catering is available for any event.

## HEARTS FOR SYDNEY

On Sunday, February 26th, at their annual Vestry Meeting, St. Luke’s Anglican Church and the Anglican Church Women made donations to their Deacon, the Reverend Lorna May for her granddaughter **Sydney Lowe**. Sydney, as we all know, has been experiencing some difficult health issues. Lorna reported that Sydney Lowe is now being sent to Portland, Oregon for assessment and treatment. Additional donations may be made by cheques payable to St.Luke’s Anglican Church and designated for the Sydney Fund. We wish Sydney and her mother good luck in Oregon and a speedy return home.

Norma Panzine and Lorna May would like to thank the community for its generous donations during the **Hearts for Sydney** campaign. Once again, Creemore has shown that it is indeed the Village with the Big Heart.

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## THANK YOU

The organizers of the **Creemore Men’s Bonspiel** would like to thank the sponsors, Creemore Springs Brewery and Hoffman’s European Meats, for their generous support of the event. They would also like to recognize the efforts of the volunteers, many of whom spent a very long day at the curling club. This group was spearheaded by Paul and Karen Crevier who looked after the ice and the meals and generally made sure everything ran smoothly. They were helped by Bob and Joan McLeod, and Wendy and Lorne Rowbotham. Paul Ruppel, Steve Lindsay and Karen Gaudino provided excellent service behind the bar

Thanks to **Gertie Gowan** for the Bits & Bites. We really enjoyed them. *Creemore Echo*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

**DODD** – Evan and Christina Dodd would like to announce the birth of their first daughter, **Tamara Eileen**, born on February 11, 2012, weighing 6 pounds 14 ounces. Tamara was eagerly welcomed by her grandparents George and Lynne Dodd and Christina Manson and by her aunts and uncles Taylor Dodd, Michael Dodd, Florence Martin, Georgette Crawley and Peter Blankstein.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BLACKBURN, Hazel Agnes Jean** (nee Anderson), deceased March 10, 2006.  
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**TIDD** – In loving memory of a dear husband, Charlie, on March 13, 2011. Father of Bruce & Barbara. Grandfather of Jason, Brad & Kinberley. Great Grandfather of Zachary. We will always remember you.

## DEATH NOTICE

**COE, George ‘Harvey’** – Suddenly on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, Harvey Coe of Osgoode in his 81<sup>st</sup> year. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (Johnston). Dear step-father os Stewart (Patricia), Naberta Quick and the late Nancy (Jim Worsnop). Grandfather to Lisa, Angie (Cory), Tammy (Chris), Laura (Pat), Victoria (Bill), Leanna (Gabe), Jeff, Brian and great-grandfather to Kelsey, Maeghan, Alicia, Jenna, Hailey and Ainsley. Brother to Thelma (Dalt Lighthouse), Beatrice (Vern Mumberson), Raymond (Eleanor), Marie (Alan Kidd), Isabelle (Ted Gordon), Donald (Helen, Lois (Robert Walker), Della (Jim) Prosser) and the late Richard and Herb. Will always be remembered by Amber O’Brien and his friends at Hardstones. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at the Daley Family Funeral Home 6971 Bank St. Barrie (between Scrivens Dr and Metcalfe corner) on Saturday, March 10 from 1 to 1:45 pm. Memorial service to follow in the Chapel at 2 pm. Spring inurnment. All Saint’s Anglican Cemetery. If desired donations made top the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be most appreciated by the family.

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