# The Creemore ECHO

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News and views in and around Creemore

# **INSIDE THE ECHO**



# Looking for Good Reads

The Station on the Green Book Sale was as impressive as ever, raising lots of money for the community centre.

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# Creedan Valley employees picket over staffing changes



Several employees of Leisureworld Creedan Valley and representatives of CUPE staged an information picket line on Tuesday, hoping to alert people to staffing changes set to take place at the facility.

by Brad Holden

Several front line employees of Leisureworld Creedan Valley staged an information picket line Tuesday to spread the word about staffing changes scheduled to take place on September 13 at the extended care facility.

On that date, Creedan Valley's Restorative Care Program will be cancelled, and the seven staff members who deliver that service will be reassigned to other jobs within the facility. In addition, there are plans to cut four Personal Support Worker positions, with those people also moving to other roles.

The Restorative Care Program is a fairly rare one among nursing homes, and according to the picketing workers it is Creedan Valley's "jewel in the crown," a service that attracts many families to the facility. The program aims to help restore residents' independence and self-esteem, through avenues like exercise, physiotherapy and foot care.

"It is baffling to us that management would cut off our signature program," said **Jodi Hawthorne**, a Creedan Valley

(See "Picket line" on page 3)

# **ECHO** Briefs

# **Casino Meeting Next Week**

The long-awaited meeting between the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) and municipal representatives of Clearview Township, Wasaga Beach, Collingwood and Springwater Township will take place on Wednesday, September 5, starting at 4 pm at the Wasaga Beach RecPlex. The behind-closed-doors meeting will be a chance for Council members to ask questions of OLG before any official responses are made to the Province's request for interest from any of the four municipalities in the possiblity of hosting a 300-slot gaming facility. The four municipalities have signed a memorandum of understanding stating that they will work together in determining if a casino is right for the area, and if so where it should be located.

# It's Rodeo Time

The Great Northern Exhibition grounds will play host to Rodeomania this weekend, with western-style events scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. For more information visit www.rodeomania.ca.

### A Bike Race for Kids

The Centurion cycling event will once again pass through Creemore on Sunday, September 16. This year, the Creemore BIA is excited to sponsor the Creemore Kid's Ride, a special cycling event for our young riders that will take place on the same day. Kids between the age of 5 and 13 will ride their own set course on the streets of Creemore at the same time that the 100-mile Centurions pass through the village. Look for registration details in next week's *Echo*. For more information, or to pre-register, call **Thom Paterson** at 705-466-6321 or send him an email at tpaterson@clearview.ca.



**COPPER KETTLE FUN Dirk Rouenhoff** and **Gordon Fuller**, brewmasters for German brewery Zum Schlüssel and Creemore Springs respectively, were excited to tap a cask of their Collaboration Altbier at last Saturday's Copper Kettle Festival. The day was a huge one in Creemore, with more than 350 vintage cars on Mill Street and hundreds of revellers enjoying the brewery's 25th anniversary celebrations. For more pictures, see page 6 or visit thecreemoreecho.com.



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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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# This Weekend

# Friday, August 31

- The Stayner Order of The Eastern Star Chapter 270 will be hosting their **Annual Beef BBQ** at 213 Lousia Street Stayner (Masonic Hall) from 4:30 to 7 pm. Tickets available at the door. \$12.50 per person. Everyone welcome.
- Rosemont Farmer's Market; Fridays from 3 pm to 7pm Rain(inside the Orange Hall) or Shine until Thanksgiving. Hwy 89 beside The Globe Restaurant.

# Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 3

• Nottawasaga Daylilies open for viewing of the garden. Come see the late bloomers from 10 am to 5 pm each day. See ad on page 5 for directions.

# Saturday, September 1

• Mad & Noisy Gallery Soleil - A full members show featuring a summer's worth of creativity. Opening reception today from 2 to 5 pm. Show continues until October 1.

### Sunday, September 2

• Church Services on page 5.

# **Upcoming Events**

# Saturday, September 8

- Theatre Collingwood invites teens and adults to an Open House from 11 am to 1 pm to hear more about the Drama Training programs offered in acting and production. Beginning September 15, Fall programs offered include: Stage Management Intensive, Teen Intro, Adult Intro, Teen Advanced, Theatrical Lighting. Location: Production Centre, 65 Simcoe Street, Studio 7, 705-445-2200, www. theatrecollingwood.com
- Mad River Fall Hikes 2012. Join us for Ganaraska **Trail Maintenance** along the Mad River Section between Avening & Glen Huron (10 KM). Meet at 10am at the Bank Café in Creemore. Bring lunch, trash bags, gloves, paint brush and hand tools. Please contact Jeremy Bonnar at 705-739-7519 or at Jeremy.Bonnar@forces.gc.ca.
- Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. 3521 County Road 124 is hosting a **Steak Dinner** from 5 to 6:30 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Rae Hockley for more information.

### Sunday, September 9

• Avening United Church celebrates 140 years. Guest speaker is Rev. Glen Eagle. 11:00 am service; refreshments to follow.

### Monday, September 10

- Clearview Township's Council Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.
- The 1944 EME RCACC Army Cadet Corps begins a new Training Year tonight at 6:30 pm at Creemore Legion Learn about the Best Youth Program in Canada! Open to all young people ages 12-18, no cost. Adventure, meet new friends, travel and learn skills that no school can teach. For further information contact Capt Zablocki at 705-606-0280 or at zabricki@yahoo.ca.

### Thursday, September 13

 Avening Woman's Institute invites everyone to a special meeting at St. John's United Church Creemore at 7:30pm. Come and hear Laurie Copeland, Director of RAY's PLACE. Laurie will talk about the work, history, resources and all that RAY'S PLACE has to offer. This is a special R.O.S.E. event. All are welcome.

# Friday, September 14

• Friday Nite Supper at Creemore Legion from 5 to 6:45 pm. Breaded chicken breast, new potatoes, corn on the cob, marinated vegetable salad, upside down cake, coffee, tea. Adults \$14, seniors \$12, children under 10 \$6. Call 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432 to RSVP.

### Saturday, September 15

• St. Luke's Annual Beef Supper from 5 to 7 pm. Free will offering. Come on out and enjoy some good local beef with all the trimmings.

# Borden Gymnastics

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# Sunday, September 16

- BIKE, WALK, RUN Please come to the **Terry Fox Run for Cancer**, 9am to 12 noon at the Mulmur town office, 2nd Line and 20th Sideroad in Terra Nova. 1, 5 or 10k. Fun for families and supporters of all types! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Donations of any amount can be made at the event.
- Creemore Centurion Kid's Ride. The Creemore BIA is excited to sponsor this special cycling event for our young riders this year. Kid's between the age of 5 to 13 years will ride their own set course on the streets of Creemore as part of the 100 mile Centurion cycling event passing through the village the same day. Look for registration details in next week's Echo. For more information, or to pre-register, please contact Thom Paterson at 705 466-6321 or email tpaterson@clearview.ca.

### Monday September 17

• Renovate your mind and body through Taoist Tai Chi. Join us at an Open House at the Station on the Green on Mon. Sept. 17th (any time from 1 to 3), or Wed. Sept. 19th (any time from 6:30 to 8:30). New 16 week introductory classes start one week later on Mon. Sept. 24 (1:30 to 3:30) and Wed. Sept. 26th (6:30 to 8:30). Please call Laura at 705 466-5011 or visit www.taoist.org/creemore for more information.

# Monday, September 17 to Saturday, September 22

• Theatre Collingwood presents the witty rural humour of *Wingfield Lost and Found* by Dan Needles, starring Rod Beattie. Stockbroker turned farmer, Walt Wingfield, is in his 7th year 'on the land'. Persephone Township's worst drought in 25 years brings him face to face with climate change and his ecological footprint. It is the most recent in the series. 8 pm shows with matinee showings at 2 pm on September 18 & 20. 705-445-2200 / 1 (866) 382-2200 or visit www.theatrecollingwood.com for tickets

# Saturday, September 22 to Sunday, September 23

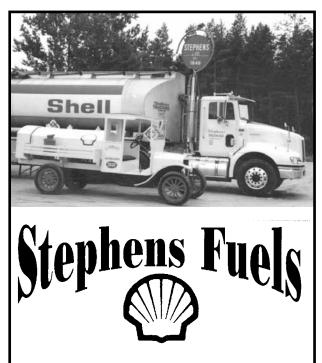
• The Board of the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society is thrilled to announce the launch of a **Festival of the Arts** at Station on the Green, Log Cabin and Creemore Springs. This event will replace the Studio tour. Featuring Drawnonward at Station on the Green and other arts activities throughout the village of Creemore. Opening Ceremony Saturday at 10:30 am, Children's art activity at 11am. Festival party featuring the music of Grand Canyon at 8 pm—free. Open studios and other activities planned throughout the weekend. For more information contact Simon Heath at 705-466-6446 or email simonheath@xplornet.ca.or www.phahs.ca

# Sunday, September 23

• The Barrie Chordsmen Chorus in Concert at St. John's United Church, Creemore at 7 pm. Enjoy the music of this 67 member male chorus singing four part harmony in unique acappella style. Admission by donation.

# Sunday, September 30

• Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a High Tea in honour of the Queen's Jubilee from 2 to 4 pm at Creemore Legion. Cost is \$8.



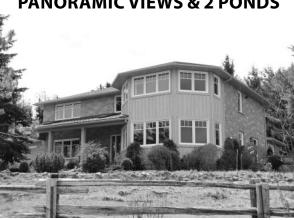
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# Picket line

(Continued from page 1) staff member and president of CUPE local 3114.

While no jobs are set to be lost when the changes come into effect, it's the position of CUPE that residents of the facility will suffer from the loss of the Restorative Care Program. Employees in that program are also frequently called upon to cover other areas when the facility is short-staffed, an option that will no longer be available according to Hawthorne.

"Our workload continues to increase with not enough time in the day to perform all duties," she said. "The home is understaffed because of retention problems due mainly to workload and lack of regular full-time positions. We have offered management different solutions to resolve some of the challenges, but they have not been receptive to our input."

Leisureworld regional vice-president **Diane Green** and vice-president of human resources **Josephine Deslauriers** were in town Tuesday to take part in celebrations to mark Creedan Valley's 40th anniversary, which were taking place at the same time as the picket line. When asked about the employee's concerns, they promised that the organizational changes would not result in any decrease in services for residents.

"Restorative Care is not being eliminated, it is just going to be delivered through a new model," said Green. Leisureworld is now contracting out physiotherapy services, and the other aspects of the program – daily walking exercise and personal grooming among them – will now be taken care of on a one-on-one basis by Personal Support Workers.

That method is the new standard model of care that's being funded by the Ontario government, said Green, and Leisureworld is in the process of switching over all of its facilities to reflect that.

"This is an example of change putting people on edge," said Deslauriers. "We are absolutely committed to maintaining the level of safe, quality care that our residents are accustomed to."

Because workers at long-term care facilities are considered providers of essential services under the province's Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitration Act, the Creedan Valley employees are prohibited from staging an actual strike. Hawthorne did say that if management doesn't change its plans, another information picket line can be expected before the September 13 date.

Such a move would have the support of administration – "They are within their rights to do what they're doing," said Deslauriers – but both representatives of Leisureworld said it was unlikely the company's plans would change at this point.







FOR THE LOVE OF A GOOD BOOK As always, last Saturday's biennial Station on the Green Book Sale was an impressive event, with the community centre chock full of quality used books and a huge crowd of readers jostling to fill their bookshelves with great reads. The event raised \$6,500 for the Station on the Green's maintenance fund for the building and grounds. Members of the Station's board must be congratulated, as we at the *Echo* know just how many books must be evaluated, sorted and shuffled around to make this event a success!

# Braves head to OBAs

The hunt is on to capture a provincial championship this long weekend for the Creemore Braves, New Lowell Knights, Ivy Leafs, Clearview Orioles and other members of the North Dufferin Baseball League.

Baseball Ontario championships for senior teams begin Friday around the province. There are four divisions in all – 'AA', 'A', 'B', and 'C' classification tournaments.

The Bolton Brewers, New Lowell Knights and Orillia Majors will be in Niagara Falls for the 'AA'

tournament. New Lowell plays Welland on Friday at 3 pm with Orillia meeting Exeter at 5:30 pm and Bolton taking on Corunna at 8 pm.

The Creemore Braves, Ivy Leafs and Aurora Jays are in Port Hope for the 'A' tournament. Aurora plays Friday at 5 pm against Welland, while Ivy plays Riverside at 7:30 pm and Creemore faces Port Lambton at 7:30 pm.

Only the Clearview Orioles will compete in Listowel at the 'B' tournament. Their first game is Friday night at 9 pm against Mitchell.



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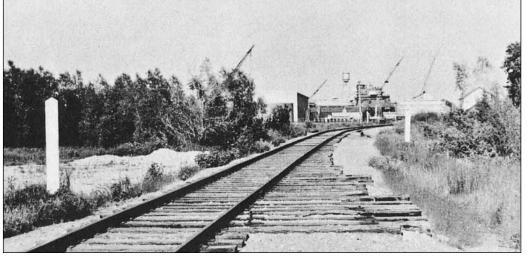
# THE WAY WE WERE





All good journeys must come to an end, and so it is with our trip on the Hog Special, the railroad that bound Creemore to its neighbours in the north and south until 1955. After starting in Beeton and passing through Allimil Junction, Thompsonville, Alliston, Everett, Tioga, Lisle, Glencairn, Avening, Creemore, Glen Huron, Duntroon and Nottawa, we arrive this week at the end of the line, the station known as Lake Junction that existed roughly were the Subway restaurant and now defunct Blockbuster Video sit today on Collingwood's First Street. To get there from Nottawa, the train travelled up what is known today as Walnut Street. On the south end of town, a stretch of the old line has been preserved as part of Collingwood's trail system (above left). Further on, at the corner of Walnut and Sixth Streets, Collingwood's well-known twin sisters **Ruth** and **Ruby White** once posed in front of where the train crossed their backyard (above right). Note the wilderness behind them to the west, now a populated part of Collingwood. At Lake Junction (pictured below right), the Hog Special line met the line that joined Barrie with Meaford. Right next to the station was the Cameron Supply & Company Mill, today home to Kelsey's Restaurant (below and bottom left). The final picture of our journey (bottom right) was taken by our train expert, **Peter Coates**, at the end of his final ride on the Hog Special on April 20, 1955. It shows Angus Kett, the train's well-known engineer, checking out the engine before making the trip back south. The *Echo* sincerely thanks **Peter Coates** for all of his help over the past few months as we've looked back at the Hog Special. We hope you've enjoyed the ride. For a final remembrance of the train, see **Helen Blackburn**'s history column on page 10.



















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# "I would prostitute myself before I would prostitute my farm"

Dear Editor.

"I would prostitute myself before I would prostitute my farm." That is what I said when a representative of Suncor offered me \$30,000 per year for 20 years if I would just sign a contract to host three huge turbines on my land and also initial the clause that said, if I signed up, that I was not allowed to ever say anything negative about wind turbines on my land.

Pardon me! He told me not to get too excited, as he had yet to get all the other farmers on the ridge to sign up as well. He gave me a colourful brochure and told me to make sure I did my due diligence and research the wonder of industrial sized turbines. I flipped through the brochure and saw the pictures of these big white wind turbines. It struck me that the beautiful farm that was depicted, which now played host to several turbines, had lost the look and feel of a farm and now looked hideous. It looked like an industrial wasteland.

I looked at this guy, in his white shirt and tie, and asked him if he wouldn't do better selling Filter Queen vacuum cleaners or time shares in Mexico. I told him I would prostitute myself before I would prostitute my farm, or sell out my neighbours, or betray the pioneers who worked so hard to clear the land and build what would come to be called Clearview. "Clear" view, get it? That's what it is known for – breathtaking vistas that attract people looking to settle in a peaceful country setting, tourists who come to shop in the quaint little shops and bicycle people who pedal our hills and dales each weekend.

Well, I certainly did do my due diligence and research the wonders of wind power. The first thing I noticed was that when a company is trying to woo a community they tell big whoppers! They say things like the "x number of megawatts we put out will power x number of homes for your community." They don't tell you that they are quoting the turbines' nameplate capacity – a capacity that is never reached. The speedometer on my dashboard tells me that my car can go 220 kilometres per hour, but in reality would it ever do that? It turns out that wind contributes less that 1 per cent to our power mix in Ontario, and less than 5 per cent worldwide!

The next big whopper they tell is that wind turbines will reduce emissions and stop climate change. Oh, really? How can that be when our gas plants have to run hot at the ready to amp up or down as the wind turbines go off the grid and back on the grid. All that up and down, up and down causes more emissions and wastes

fossil fuels. If we are trying to get off fossil fuels and save the planet, then why is Germany putting in 26 new coal plants to stand at the ready to provide base load electricity when the fickle wind decides not to blow? How come China builds a new coal plant each week to back up their wind turbines?

Do you not think that if any significant reduction in emissions were made anywhere in the world due to wind turbines, that this would make headline news around the world? Do you notice that a big company like wpd never seems to mention how much emissions have been avoided in reality? Again, wind companies spew out nameplate capacity and then extrapolate how much emissions they prevent. It is a big, fat lie.

Now, I have to tell you that my heart did a flip flop when first I read Jeff Watchorn's letter in last week's Echo, where he demands more from our elected representative and Deputy Mayor than the usual Pollyanna blather about how she supports anything "green." This is the lady who has twice gone public and announced in no uncertain terms that she is glad that the province enacted the Green Energy Act and took the issue off Council's plate. "We don't have time to get involved with the wind turbine debate," she said. Say what? You don't have time to become involved in the most serious issue to confront Clearview in the history of Clearview? The issue that will impact our Township and the families who have built their lives here for the rest of our lives? That is shocking and downright shameful. It leaves me speechless!

Why did my heart do a flip flop? Well, because on the page right after Jeff Watchorn's excellent letter, we got some more blather from a Creemore man who claims he likes to drive by wind farms and look at the majestic 50-storey wind turbines. Well drive to Shelburne, sir – knock yourself out! I notice you didn't say you wanted to live among them. Then the writer goes on to say that tourism is not affected at Niagara Falls or the Hoover Dam in Nevada. News flash, I say... apples are not oranges. He then goes on about how green turbines are and how much fossil fuel they save etc. etc. It sounds like he drank the green Kool-Aid right off the wind company brochure – hook, line and sinker.

The writer is probably one of those people who stands underneath a 50-storey wind turbine and claims how quiet it is. Another news flash:

sound travels! A wind turbine is a mammoth machine anchored to bedrock, throbbing and pulsing out vibrations that have been picked up in a study by Scottish seismologists 10 miles out! This is what is causing all the heartache in Ontario and in rural communities all around the world. The folks who have had to abandon their homes in order to stop the headaches, tinnitus, vertigo, sleep deprivation and nausea are not whistling Dixie; they are sick, their kids are sick and they have had to leave their life's dream and home. Most had to let the bank take their home as they could not pay rent in town and continue to pay the mortgage on their abandoned home.

Finally, after five years, someone listened and now a proper health study is underway. Until the results are in, many Townships are demanding a complete moratorium on all future building of wind factories. Anything less is criminal.

In the meantime, Mr. Pollyanna, if wpd gets their final approval and builds their Fairview wind factory, you can rent my farmhouse very cheap. Then you can think about how wonderful they are at 3 o'clock in the morning when you can't get to sleep. Come and see me, my farm is the beautiful one with all the signs that say "Wind Turbines Make Bad Neighbours" and "Wind Turbines Are A Big Fat Lie!"

Oh, I almost forgot to mention that the UN has asked the EU to rethink their energy policy. It seems the thousands and thousands of wind turbines to date have not put out the energy they predicted and the EU cannot afford this farce any longer. Guess they thought they would get more bang for their buck. Yeah, and I thought my car would drive 220 kilometres per hour because it says so on the speedometer.

Melodie Burkett, Fairgrounds Road

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# Sunday, September 2

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Summer Service Schedule

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Thanks for making our 25<sup>th</sup>Anniversary one to remember!

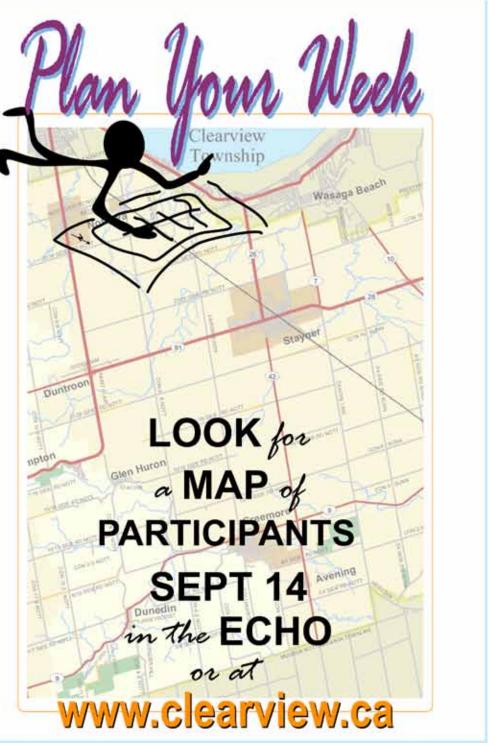




Cheers,

The folks at Creemore Springs





# September Happenings

# **ART OPENING - Sat. Sept. 1**

Alice Teichert - Visual Poetry - a series of contemporary serigraphs. Opening Reception from 2 - 4pm.

# BOOK CLUB - Thurs. Sept. 5 Book Club meeting to discuss

**Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller from 2-3 pm

# STORY HOUR - Sat. Sept. 8 Storyhour for children at 10:30 am

# **AUTHOR EVENTS**

**Sat. Sept. 8 -** Kamal Al-Solaylee, author of *Intolerable* will be in store from 2 to 4pm. "This beautiful book about a family's tortured relationship to history... is everything a great memoir should be: It's as moving as it is complex." – The Globe and Mail

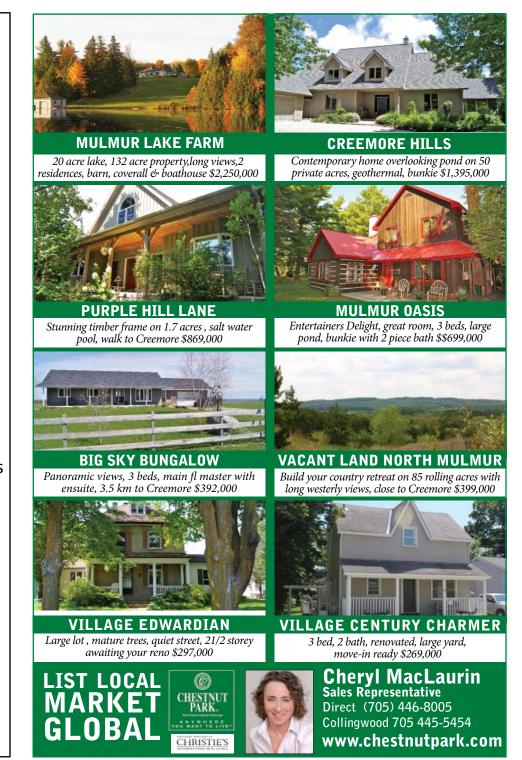
**Sat. Sept. 15 -** Terry Fallis will be in-store to sign copies of his new book, *Up & Down* from 2-3pm.

**Fri. Sept. 29** – Join the Creemore Tree Society at the Station on the Green for a presentation and book signing with Frankie Flowers.

Knitters meet every Wednesday 2-4 pm.



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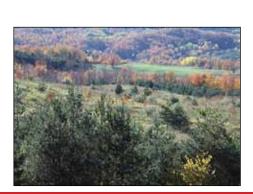




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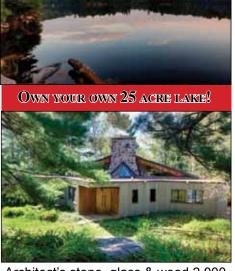
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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 59 of us out for cards today, and **Bob Veale** mentioned that **Tom Sharpe** was doing well after his operation. He also mentioned that Charlie Donaghey had had a heart attack, and finished up by saying that **Eileen Giffen** needed a ride to Seniors for the next two weeks.



The 50/50 draws went to Audrey Fines, June Hartley, Elsie Longson, Jean Lune, Peter Gubbels, Bob Veale, Marg Ferguson and Sylvia Gale.

Just as we started to play at a three-hand table, the door opened and in walked newcomer **Linda Kuzyk**. We welcomed her with open arms as that gave us 15 even tables when she joined **Irma Flack**, **Bob Veale** and me to play cards.

Moon shots were played by John Van Voorst, Art Bishop (2), our newcomer Linda Kuzyk, Doreen Murray, June Hartley, Eileen Nash, Audrey Fines, Ruby Klinck, Beulah Dunn, Carol Faulkner, Norma Johnston, Bert Douglas and Toosje Vasvari. Toosje won the travelling prize, and none of the Sidewinders had a moon shot.

High scorers were **Karl Seifert** 300, **Gerri Miller** 298, **Lily Hutchinson** 282 and **Carol Faulkner** 280. Low was **Audrey Tidd** with 12.

I ran into **Alma** and **Karl Seifert** in Collingwood on last Saturday, and heard that Charlie Donaghey had died, at home, of a heart attack. Our condolences to his wife, **Mary**, and to all his extended family.

August was a busy month back in the 1800s as on August 16, 1896 gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska. This started the great Klondike gold rush.

Also, in 1868, Rupert's Land, a huge swath of land surrounding Hudson Bay became part of the Dominion of Canada. I would like to mention that this is one more reason that Canada Day is really Dominion Day!

We recently lost an old time neighbour when Erika Andersen passed away on August 24. Erika and her husband Hjalmar used to own and operate the Avening General Store, which they bought from Robert and Amy Sinclair in 1969. Their kids, Eric, Karen and Alan, were good friends and schoolmates of all the other "Avening Kids." Eric now lives in Alberta (what is it about Alberta that the Avening Kids can't resist?), Karen and husband Bruce Robertson and Alan and wife Lori (Kent) Andersen live in Ontario.

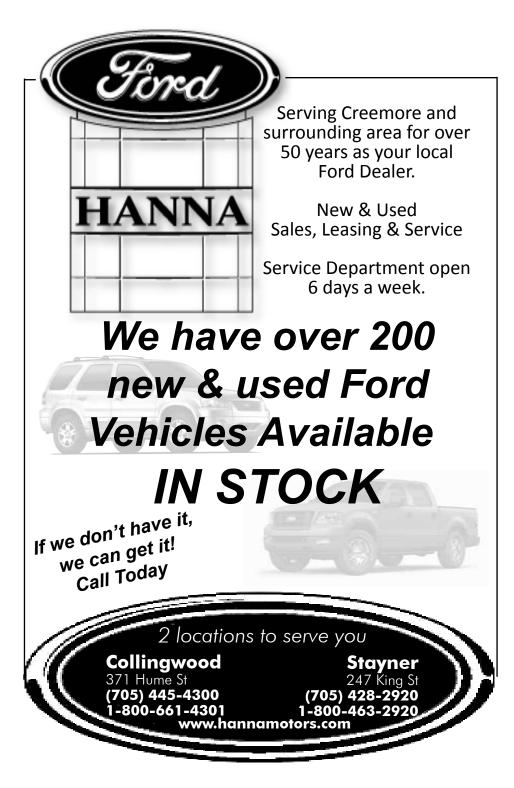
Back in the 1970s, there was an Irish minister speaking at the Creemore Baptist Church, which was Erika's church. Knowing that I was mostly Irish and might like to attend, she asked me if I would like to go to hear him speak. I was quite enthusiastic – but I had only been out of the hospital for a short time after having had back surgery. Anyway, the pair of us went off to the evening meeting, and were sitting in the pews in the church. Now church pews never were noted for being comfortable, and these were no exception. So, after sitting in these uncompromising wooden pews for what seemed to be a considerable time, my back was really hurting, and it felt as if it was just going to freeze into the shape of the pew. So I turned and whispered to Erika, "I have just got to move, and I have to get out of these seats." So Erika jumped up out of the pew and gave me a hand to stand up, and then we started walking to the rear vestibule. Just then I turned and looked back to make sure I hadn't left anything, and I'll be darned if they weren't taking the collection. I could see that it looked just exactly as if we stayed until the

collection plates came out, and then we bolted for the door! After the service was over, Erika took our offering up and put it in the collection plate, but by then an awful lot of the congregation had left so I am quite sure they were left with the impression that we were a couple of deadbeats. Probably even worse than that – they likely all knew Erika, and knew she wouldn't try to "take" them, but who knew just what I might try to do? Anyway, no one ever said anything to me about our great church caper!

After the funeral service for Erika, we all went to the Stayner Baptist Church where the ladies had a lovely lunch laid out, and one of the gals helping at the church was **Nonie Price**, who I hadn't seen in ages, so we had a nice wee chat. Nonie was married to George Price (deceased) and they lived in Creemore for many years. Their daughter **Lisa** was a good friend of my niece, **Heather Jordan**. And I must mention that Nonie is looking really great.

We still have lots of room on the bus that is going to Rama on Tuesday, September 4. If interested, call me at 705-466-5732.







Friday, August 31

Cloudy periods

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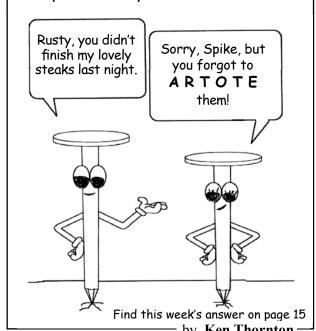
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# FUN& Games

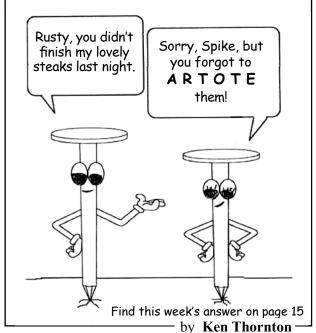
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### Spike & Rusty Word Scramble \_



**Answer in The Classifieds** 



# High 24 Low 16 Winds NE 10 km/h POP 10% Sunday, September 2

High 27 Low 18 Winds NW 35 km/h

Weekend Weather

High 26 Low 16 Winds E 15 km/h POP 10%

Saturday, September 1

Monday, September 3 Cloudy with showers High 25 Low 18 Winds S 15 km/h POP 60%

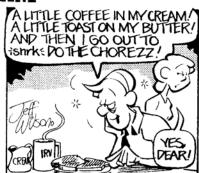
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# Brian's Canadian Crossword

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### #0190

- 1 Regatta entrants 7 Beer barrel
- 11 Cabinet minister Axworthy
- 16 Financially solvent
- 17 Farm team?

ACROSS

- 18 Hake and haddock
- 20 Mr. Bill's nemesis 21 Ice crystals
- \_ intolerant
- 23 Pinup's legs
- 24 Protective gear first worn by Elizabeth Graham of **Oueen's University (2)**
- 27 Sound from a sot 28 Diamond official
- 29 Jagged Little
- (Morissette)
- 30 Buzz Cola producer
- 31 Knock on the noggin 32 Saved from the sea
- 34 So-called \_\_ (Morissette)
- 36 LaineyGossip and North Stars
- 37 Happy days
- 38 Alfalfa and wheat 39 Hockey ou tennis
- 40 Smokestacks

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- 43 Passchendaele producer Paul
- 44 Chapters purchases

- 47 Friendly skies flier
- 48 House beam 49 Become ill (2)
- 51 Cowtown and Hogtown 54 1959 Paul Anka hit (2)
- 55 Handheld bombs 56 Hoodlums
- 57 King of Siam portrayer Brynner
- 58 Cowtown worker
- 59 Like many CFLers
- 60 Piece of the earth's crust
- 62 Espouse 63 Farm team?
- 64 Lab. neighbour 65 Angela's \_\_\_ (McCourt)
- 68 Piers 69 Things Go Better With
- Coke singer Bobby \_\_\_
- 73 .. in them \_\_\_ hills 74 Make coffee
- 75 Tusked beast
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- 8 Leaf-stem angle
- 10 Hoodlums' targets
- 12 Deficiency
- 14 Is anyone here?
- 15 Medicating
- 18 Wooden strips 19 Wooden platforms
- 25 Out of date
- 26 Cattle calls
- 29 Baby seals
- 34 Victoria
- 35 Party thrower
- 38 Acts sad
- 39 Acts jovial
- 41 Scottish landholder
- 44 Mary Poppins, e.g. 45 Tripoli is its capital
- 46 Trailblazer
- Peaks) 52 One with all the answers
- 53 Cathedral areas 54 British peers

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- 92 Shows contempt

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- 2 Filled with fire 3 Blobs
- 5 Playground game
- 6 Cheap cigars
- 7 Reef builder
- 9 Highway rig
- 11 To say the
- 13 Many a time

- 31 Like Whiskey Howl's music
- 33 Stage signal
- 36 Angled cut
- 40 CBC correspondent Melissa
- 42 Worrier's woe 43 Private Pyle
- 48 Worn out
- 49 Sanders and drills 50 Actor MacLachlan (Twin
- 56 Residue

- 59 Stage scenery
- 61 Tennis match call 63 Ghosts Of Cape (Lightfoot)
- 64 Society of Friends 65 Up to the plate (2) 66 Polished

60 Cat sound

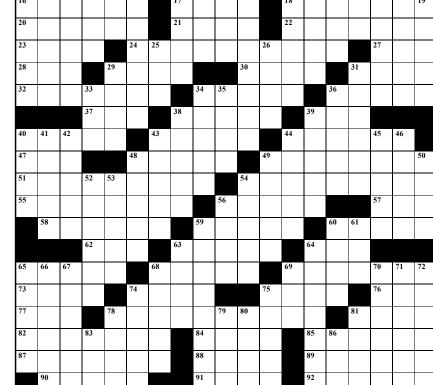
67 Old testament prophet 68 Sweeties

69 Opposed

- 70 Creamsicle colour 71 An evil choice?
- 72 Loathes 74 Babble away
- 75 Berths 78 Singer Campbell (True Grit)
- 79 By my way of thinking (2)
- 80 Coarse file
- 81 Stand By Me singer King 83 One side of the longest

undefended border in the

world 86 French wine



# The Hog Special

The Hog Special was the affectionate name given to the train that passed through Creemore on its way to Collingwood at noon and then later in the afternoon going the other direction to Beeton. It obtained the name from the number of cars of hogs it carried on the way to

abattoirs. The following history is from the Creemore Star, July 27, 1944.

"The Hog Special began at Beeton, with its first stop being Thompsonville station. From there it travelled through Alliston and continued on the northern course to the village of Everett. From Everett the train travelled on to Tioga and on to the railway-created town of Lisle. Previous to the railway, Lisle did not exist. The rail service allowed it to grow as a shipping centre for lumber, wood, grain and other products.

"Next the train moved through Glencairn thanks to the help of Marshall Stephens. He initially pushed for the rail line to run through Glencairn due to the difficulties transporting his



lumber to New Lowell. He succeeded in his quest and secured temporary terminus complete with a turntable.

"The Hog Special then made its way along to Avening. This was the most difficult section of the track to travel due to drifting snow which sometimes

trapped the train for a day or two.

"The next stop was Creemore. The original station, waiting room and freight shed were located on the south side of the tracks and continued to be in use until 1912. By this time the Grand Trunk had taken over the railway and built a new facility near Mill Street on the north side of the tracks. The new station included a large waiting room, a ticket and telegraph office and a large express room. The old station became a freight shed. Creemore, being the largest community between Alliston and Collingwood along this branch, became a bustling, exciting railway stop.

"The Glen Huron station was the next area for the train to stop. It was kept busy with commerce traffic from a flour mill, carding mill, apples, meat and wood.

"The train line then continued through to Duntroon and Nottawa before ending in Collingwood.

"The Hamilton and Northern Railway was taken over by the Grand Trunk in 1888 and subsequently was consolidated into the Canadian National Railway (CNR). Up to 1930 two trains per day were scheduled to travel the line [two north and two south] but in 1931 CNR made public the intention to cut rail service to one train per day [one north and one south] and to close several stations.

"In April of 1955 the Creemore railway station was gutted by fire. In October of the same year the citizens held a ceremony to bid farewell to an old friend. The local undertaker placed a wreath on the rear platform of the coach which read, 'A fond farewell to an old friend from the citizens of Creemore.'

"At this point the branch of the line from Creemore to Alliston was closed but service to Collingwood remained. The branch from Creemore was slated for closure in 1958 and did indeed close in April 1960.

"The Hog Special was more than an economic link to other towns and communities. It was a social entity that gave each community a heart. Each day as the train came in and left, residents gathered around to ship their wares off or ride to another area, and watched many a young man to leave to fight in a war that they would never return from. The train was an important institution for locals and all have special memories linked to it."

# Correction

In last week's Hog Special feature, we guessed that the picture of the lumbermen at the Nottawa station was taken in the 1930s. However, we should have noticed that the freight car was labelled "Grand Trunk," making the picture much older. We should have checked with **Peter Coates** – he figures it was taken in 1915.

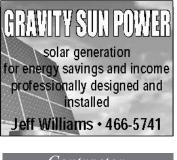
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Angel Wings Yoga is now offering Yoga classes at Maizis Martial Arts Academy in Stayner, just north of Cashtown Corners on Airport Road. Join our certified yoga teacher, Angel Vollick, every Tuesday, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, starting on September 4th. For more information, contact Angel at angel@angelwingsyoga.ca or call 705-444-4970. Register now!

## THANK YOU

Copper Kettle Classics would like to thank the Creemore Springs Brewery, our generous sponsors, the local businesses that donated items for our prizes, our extremely hard working and dedicated volunteers, the public works department, and the village of Creemore for hosting an incredible collection of vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles. Visit copperkettleclassics.com to view the results of this years show.

The congregation of **Knox Presbyterian** Church Dunedin wish to thank all the people from near and far who attended the chicken BBQ on Saturday last. A special recognition to the Creemore Foodland for making sure we got a good deal on chicken and to Bert and Pat Tupling who donated the potatoes. The oldies want to make a special public mention of our young people who worked very hard all day. We think you all are wonderful!! Maureen McLeod

The Board of the Station on the Green would like to thank all those who supported and attended dinner at the Shack at Madriviere on August 10. The weather gods were not favourable but Marie and Vern were still able to showcase their hospitality to approximately 130 people and provide a great meal. Thanks also go to Karen and Paul Crevier, Wendy and Lorne Rowbotham, and others who volunteered to make the evening a great success. And to Johane Landry who donated the painting for a raffle. Through your generosity, \$3900.00 was raised to enable us to continue the work on the sound panels. Thank you.

The Book Sale on Saturday August 25 was once again a great success, due mainly to the hard work of a lot of volunteers who gave time over the past 6 weeks to sort, carry, set up, sell, and clean up after the event. And to the many folks who donated books and then bought more, thank you again --- without your support the sale just doesn't happen. We were able to add approximately \$6500.00 to the bank balance of the Station which will be put to good use in maintaining both building and grounds.

Marg Purkis, Chair, Station on the Green.

The family of the late Luceal Day wish to extend sincere Thanks to those who have sent flowers, cards and donations. We especially wish to thank Rev Tony Rennett for his comforting words, Sandra Bednarek for her help and New Lowell UCW for a lovely lunch.

# The Day Family

South Simcoe 4H exchange members (including Zach Whitley from Avening) would like to thank the following businesses and organizations that donated gifts and/or time to help us host our 12 "new" friends from Alberta. Jim Baker @ Huron Tractor, Clearview Township; Honda Cdn Mfg; Creemore Springs Brewery; Schauss Land & Cattle; and Sheldon Creek Dairy. The 12 visiting Albertans very much appreciated the gifts they received and the tours given.

# **DEATH NOTICES**

ANDERSEN, Erika Traude -Peacefully on Friday August 24, 2012 at the General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood in her 90th year. Erika of Stayner, beloved wife of the late Hjalmar. Loving mother of Eric, Karen and her husband Bruce Robertson and Alan and his wife Lori. Dear grandmother of Jason, Jeffrey, Derek, Dennis and Mark. Dear sister of Heinrich Schulmeister. Funeral Service was held at the Carruthers & **Davidson Funeral Home - Stayner** Chapel on Tuesday August 28, 2012 at 11 o'clock. Interment Stayner Union Cemetery. If desired, remembrances to the First Baptist Church, Stayner would be appreciated by Erika's family. For further information and to sign the Book of Memories, log on to www. carruthersdavidson.com

HOOD, William R. (April 6 1930 -August 27 2012) - William (Bill) Hood - our Dad/Pop died at his favourite place on earth, his little blue house in Iron Bridge, on Monday Aug 27th after a hard-fought battle with renal and heart failure. He had an amazing life, raising 4 children: Karlin (Steve Roat), Kim (Jeff Clark), Bill Jr (Heather), and Jim (Diane) with the love of his life. Elaine. After Elaine died, Bill moved from Barrie to Creemore, where he enjoyed the small village and the many wonderful people he got to know there. A voracious reader and seeker of knowledge, he was self educated to the point that he could match wits with any historical expert on Canadian or WW events. He will be terribly missed by his family including grandkids Erick/Julia, Jess/Brian, Shannon/Bruce, Meaghan/ Adam, Erika/Ryan, Melissa and Billy Jr, and 5.66 great grandchildren, plus his "virtual family" the Gerrior-Dutkas, and best friend Marley. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Donations in his honour may be sent to Barrie OSPCA, designate "Creemore Cats".

Spike & Rusty: **ROTATE** 

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# Life can be peaches and cream

Here is my minitravelogue about the past weekend in Creemore. My sister **Susan** came for a visit from Lewiston, New York, just in time for the Copper Kettle Festival. Our first stop Saturday morning was, of course, the Farmers'

COLLIER COLLIER

Market. We stocked up on Bulsink's honey (my absolute favourite), fresh garlic and radishes and a number of goodies from **Sarah Hallett**. Then we managed to find a bench in the shade, had a good nosh on fresh perogies, and generally watched the world go by. From our vantage point by the fountain, we chatted with a number of people –

it's always great to meet up with friends you haven't seen in a while! We polished off our Canada Food Guide breakfast with a few of **Heath Needles**' cinnamon rascals from the 100 Mile Store, and picked up a fresh rhubarb pie while we were at it. As we were leaving, the Beinn Gorm Highlanders

marched past, and we enjoyed the pipes and drums enormously. What a great morning we had!

In the afternoon, my other sister from Barrie joined us and we forayed back into Creemore for the Festival and the Classics Car Show. It was soooo hot but that didn't stop anyone from strolling up and down Mill Street for a good look at all the cars, motorcycles and trucks. I particularly loved looking at the vintage Volkswagens (with a sigh of nostalgia as that little vehicle was my first car). What a great job Corey Finkelstein and his group of volunteers did, and a big thank you to all the participants. We checked out the Quilts & Hand Art Exhibit where the local cadets did a great job ensuring the display quilts were admired only from afar, and chatted with the knitting and hand quilting ladies. We ended up at the Affairs Bakery booth, and delicious Miller Dairy chocolate milkshakes were had by all to cool off from the heat.

One of our last stops was to pick up some fresh peaches & cream corn (and a second pie – blueberry this time) from the fruit and veggie stand at Cashtown Corners. We finished off a perfect day

with barbequed steaks, corn on the cob, pie and a nice glass of crispy cold white wine. Life is definitely good!

Eating fresh-picked corn made me think of recipes where this veggie shines as the main star of the show. I decided on a recipe that originally started off as a breakfast dish. I usually serve corn fritters drizzled with warm maple syrup and a side of Canadian bacon – our B&B guests quite like them. I have to say these little fritters are so tasty that they make a great dinner side dish as well.

Enjoy the fresh corn while you can and try your hand at making these delectable fritters for breakfast or dinner this week. Feedback is great and I would love to hear from you. You can email me at elaine@avalonclearview.com.

Until next time, eat well, live well....



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# Summer Fresh Peaches & Cream Corn Fritters

3/4 cup yellow cornmeal

1/4 cup all purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon sea salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 large egg

1/2 cup buttermilk

1 1/2 tablespoons maple syrup

1 cup Peaches & Cream corn kernels ( see note below)

Canola oil for frying

In a medium size bowl, whisk the cornmeal, flour, salt and baking powder together. In a one cup liquid measure, beat together the large egg, buttermilk and maple syrup. Add the wet mixture to the dry, and mix well. Add the corn kernels and stir to incorporate them through the mixture.

Heat a heavy fry pan to medium heat, then add a generous amount of canola oil to the pan. When the oil is hot, carefully drop the corn fritter batter by large spoonfuls into the pan. Flatten out each fritter slightly with the spoon. Turn fritters with a metal spatula after a few minutes when the first side is golden brown. Continue cooking until the second side is browned. Remove the fritters from pan and drain on paper towels, then serve immediately. This recipe makes approximately 8 small fritters.

Note 1: I cut the kernels fresh off the cob, and then blanched them in boiling water for 1 minute before adding to the batter. This will partially cook the kernels and get rid of any starchiness. Canned and drained corn will also work, but avoid frozen as the kernels get tough when frying.

Note 2: You can also substitute brown or white rice flour for the all purpose wheat flour (to reduce the gluten content) with good results.

# LETTER

# Joke brings back memories

Dear Fred at the *Echo*,

I had a big belly laugh when I read your "Fred's Funnies" column last week. Your nicely Creemore Springs "ized" joke is part of a song that I've been known to sing at a few campfires over the years, and I have to admit, although I sing it with gusto and enthusiasm, I'm always out of tune!

Perhaps unknown to you, there is another verse to the song. I wish I could sing it to you via email but for now, will be satisfied to share my version with you: The liquor was spilled on the barroom floor.

And the bar was closed for the night, When out of his house crept a little brown mouse.

Who sat in the pale moonlight.

He lapped up the liquor,

And back on his haunches he sat,

And all night long you could hear him

roar.

Bring on the gol'darned cat.

Well, the cat came back at half past 12,

And ate up the little brown mouse, And the moral of this story is, Never take a drink on the house! Hiccup... Meow!

It seems that off-colour poetry, songs and storytelling are a bit of a trait in my family, and by luck, fluke or an errant gene, I've inherited a love for it. My dear dad, Lloyd Whitley, has a repertoire of poetry and sayings that never fail to produce a chuckle and if truth be told, might turn the odd person's hair gray. Within the family, we call his sayings "Lloydisms" and number his jokes... it saves a bit of time and energy if we just stop him midway through a joke we've heard a million times and call out "Number 29 – everybody laugh now!" I can clearly see how I'm following in his footsteps and look forward to the day when my family calls out "Number 10 – It's the little brown mouse song!"

Thanks for the funny... it really made my day!

**Lynda Jeffery**, Stayner