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Upcoming Events

- Friday, December 21**
- **Winter Solstice Celebration** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 7 pm.
- Saturday, December 22**
- **Enjoy Christmas in the Valley.** See page 13 for details on The Christmas Craft Sale, Santa at the Log Cabin, wagon rides and more.
 - Book signing with **Brian Footitt** and his debut novel *Destructive Agendas* at Affairs from 9 am to 4 pm.
 - **Trimmings at the Tremont** from 10 am to 7 pm. Guest artists join the resident artists. Enjoy a show and sale of fine art and craft. Wine & cheese begins at 4 pm on the second floor. 80 Simcoe Street, Collingwood. www.thetremont.ca for more details.
 - **Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long** at Station on the Green from 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments will be served. FREE!

All are welcome to come and dance in celebration of

Gwendolyn Taylor's 85th Birthday

Creemore Legion Saturday, Dec. 29th from 7 to 10pm

Best wishes and donations to the food bank only please.




- Sunday, December 23**
- Church Services on page 5.
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- Christmas Church Services on page 5.
 - **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** at Station on the Green at 5 pm. Reservations required by calling 705-466-3126.
- Saturday, December 29**
- Everyone is invited to a **Come & Go Tea to celebrate Herb Dickinson's 100th Birthday** at the Blue Mountain Manor in Stayner from 2 to 4 pm.
 - Everyone is invited to **Come & Dance to celebrate Gwendolyn Taylor's 85th Birthday** on Saturday, December 29 at the Creemore Legion from 7 to 10 pm. Best wishes and donations to the food bank only please.
- Sunday, December 30**
- Deadline for submission to **Mad and Noisy Gallery's 6th Annual Creemore Centric art show** and fundraising event. A chance for artists and community members to create a wonderful 12x12 canvas piece to fill the Great Wall. Exhibition opens January 5, 2013, 2-5pm, silent bidding ends Sunday, January 27 at 2 pm. Live Auction, Sunday, January 27, 2-3 pm. Drop into 154 Mill Street, Creemore, pick up your canvas and be creative. 705-466-5555
- Thursday, January 3**
- **Singtown Snow Golf and Skate-a-thon** at Singhampton Park, Cty Rd 124. Call 705-445-9364 for details. We'll have ice if weather is permitting.
- Saturday, January 5**
- **Cadet Bottle Drive** from 8 to 10 am. 1944 EME Cadet Corp will pick up your bottles beside your door in the morning or call Ruth & Cole McArthur for a pickup at 705-466-3734.

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LABOUR DISPUTE Teachers at Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School were on the picket line last Friday, taking part in a one-day strike called by the Simcoe County Local of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario. Teachers at other school boards across the province have also been staging one-day strikes over the past two weeks. Ontario elementary teachers have been working without a collective agreement since August 31. A strike vote was held on September 20, and ETFO has been in a legal strike position since December 3. The Ontario government's Bill 115, which was introduced as an alternative to bargaining with the teachers' unions and which removes the teachers' right to strike and gives the government the ability to impose a contract, comes into effect on January 1, 2013. After that date, any strike action by the teachers would be illegal. "There has never been a time when there was so much interference from an education minister in local bargaining efforts," said **Janet Bigham**, President of ETFO's Simcoe County Teacher Local last week. "The loss of local autonomy has forced us into strike action, and it is a direct result of this government's actions." ETFO is expected to announce its plans for labour action in the New Year today (Friday, December 21).

Council takes over SCL robotics

by Brad Holden

Threatened with having to take the year off due to the teachers labour dispute, the Stayner Collegiate Institute Cybergnomes robotics team will instead compete this year as a special committee of Clearview Township Council.

That decision was made unanimously at last week's Council meeting, after a motion was made by Councillor **Robert Walker** and seconded by Councillor **Doug Measures**.

The team, which has competed in robotics competitions in Boston the past few years and has been a successful incubator of technical talent at the high school, had been notified the week before that it would not be operating in 2013, as the teachers who run the program are refraining from any extracurricular activities for the duration of the current labour dispute.

With several students counting on experience with the team for university and scholarship applications, Walker brought his motion to Council.

After a brief discussion about insurance implications, the motion was passed unanimously. The team will have to operate like other committees of Council, by incorporating proper resolutions and bylaws at its meetings and publishing minutes. The team will now be supervised by parent volunteers.



At the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully
to those who have made our success possible.

It is in this spirit we say ... thank you and
best wishes for the holidays and
a happy new year.

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EDITORIAL Yes, Virginia, he's real

At this special time of year, allow us to reprint the most famous Christmas editorial of all, which appeared in September 21, 1897 edition of The New York Sun in response to a letter from a young girl named Victoria who was doubting the existence of Santa Claus.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas. How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

POEM

Christmas Is...

Christmas is a grateful heart

Christmas is a prayer

Christmas is a spirit of goodwill that's everywhere
Christmas is a time of joy and peace and hope combined

But Christmas is, above all else,

God's love for all mankind.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Florence Bremner, Singhampton

THE WAY WE WERE



Here's a great photograph from the 1978 Creemore Santa Claus Parade, given to us by **Marg Miller**. Interestingly, the parade is heading up the street, in the opposite direction of today's version.

LETTER

Teachers deserve our respect

Dear *Echo*:

It has been a few days now since that horrific event in the U.S.A. Just like most of you, I can't believe that such a thing could happen. But as I pondered this, I was also amazed by the media's and parents' attitudes about teachers. They were amazed that the teachers protected the children. They were impressed that teachers were able to have great wisdom in an emergency situation. One particular teacher was reported to have read to the children as they sat huddled in their cubbies. Her reason: "I wanted them calm and to be able to remember the last thing they heard was a calming story I was reading." One teacher, as she was leading them in a straight line to safety, told the primary children to close their eyes tight (so they would not see the carnage) and to put their hands on each other's shoulders for support. She then led with her eyes open and no shoulder for her own support!

Teachers are the protectors of your children. That is what they do! I know that the teaching profession

is almost always forefront in the news and especially now, during these difficult negotiation times. But as parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles and friends of all children, they are looking out for your child/children as long as they are in their care.

So in this letter I want you to remember and realize, as I did when all of last week's crime was committed, that it is our teachers and our first responders who care for and protect our children when they are not with their caregivers. There are human beings who make bad choices that upset this way of living, but when they do all of the people mentioned above rise above their fear and remember their training, do their job and indeed demonstrate their passion for their chosen career.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a safe, happy 2013. Remember those families that can't this year.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bednarek, New Lowell

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 54 assembled for cards today, and **Bob Veale** took a final head count for our Christmas dinner, catered by the Legion Ladies. He also welcomed our two visiting Isobel/Isabelles – **Isabelle Stinson** from out near Walkerton, and **Isobel Orser** from the Elmvale area. She will very likely be related to the champion figure skater **Brian Orser**, and also to the Orsers from Brentwood who, years ago, sold their farm to the Department of National Defence and moved up near Elmvale.

Our thanks to **Brian Pilon** for (again!) delivering the goodies to us while **Barb** is under the weather with a cold. Hope you are soon feeling better, Barb. Also, our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to longtime member **Effie Taylor** who had a fall in her home and broke her hip. We are all hoping you are rapidly mending and will be out and about again before very long. You see, Effie is a slim, trim, very active gal who is in great shape, and who will be mad at herself for falling, and champing at the bit to get up and going again. But sometimes, when one reaches the “Seniors Cards” age, one also discovers that, as they say, our “Get up and go has got up and went” when you really need it in the worst way. But don’t despair, Effie – that missing ambition seems, in time, to wander back.

I understand that **Marg Ransier** donated a walker to the Legion. A very thoughtful thing to do, Marg – and I’m sure it will, at times, be put to good use.

The 50/50 draws went to **Irene Dolson, John Van Voorst, Lucy Young, Evelyn Warden, Eileen**

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

Nash, Toosje Vasvari, Mary Gilchrest and Betty Sharpe.

Moon shots were played by **Elsie Longson (2), Warren Gale, Brian McGill, Evelyn Warden, Martin Verstraten, Mary Gilchrest and Bob Veale.**

Bob won the travelling prize and Warren took the Sidewinders loot.

High scorers were **Dean Chestnut 306, Marge Douglas 294, Elsie Longson 292 and Bert Douglas 282.** Low was **Earl Bentley** with 74.

Jim Rigney, you owe **Brad** and the *Echo* a BIG thank you. You see, last week when you had the LOW score of 42, I had written some of it in capital letters. Just things like your name, your score, and the fact that it was the LOWEST score. But when it appeared in the paper, Brad, who edits this article, obviously assumed that the mix of upper and lower case words was a mistake, and he carefully sorted it all out and printed it the normal way – and saved you the embarrassment of having everybody know that YOU had the LOWEST score! But don’t despair, Jim. Over the year, nearly all of us get a turn at being low man on the totem pole.

We were fortunate to have daughter **Sharon** and her husband **Guy** arrive home for a Christmas visit. They will be going down country to see Guy’s mom and the rest of his family, then coming back here for a couple of days before flying back to Alberta on Christmas night. We are just happy to have them home for whatever time they can spare.

Our daughter **Laurie** and her husband **Bryce** live in Calgary, and they own a very smart manx cat. Or so they thought when they discovered that it had learned how to flush the toilet. Which it would do, sometimes pretty often if they forgot to bar it from the bathrooms. Too bad it did not learn how to shut off the water when something went wrong. Which it did, of course. It seems that, after a lot of flushes there was a break in the hose which let the water, which should have ran into the toilet tank, spray down the back of the tank and onto the floor. This in turn let the water run out of the bathroom and onto the bedroom carpet, and then down to the laundry room in the basement. This water went down through the new-last-year ceiling tiles that are now sagging and needing to be removed and replaced – along with the bedroom carpet. At last report the

cat was still alive, and still blithely unaware of the problems its “toy” had caused.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Sylvia (Bishop) Lloyd** and to **Lorraine (White) Kulik**. Both these gals had a birthday on December 17 – but in two different years. Best wishes for many more.

Thanks to **Marilyn Kent** and **Lori Andersen** for offering to come down from west of Singhampton to set up the Christmas tree, etc, etc for us. A lovely offer, but daughter **Louie** and **Jan Hensel** had already taken pity on we old folks and had the tree up for us. But a few years ago the Andersen twins, **Mark** and **Dennis** (Lori’s sons), arrived and went right to work and set up the tree, decorated it and everything around it, and left us all with a smile on our faces. Wonderful friends.

The horrific massacre at a school in the States makes one want to gather their family around them, and try to keep them safe from all the strife in life, all the while knowing one cannot even begin to appreciate the world of hurt that so many families are living through right now. The time of year just seems to make it worse, if possible. So from all of us to all of you, go safe, and be safe, and have a good Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Friday, December 21

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner: Mass at 7 pm
St. Luke's Anglican Church: Winter Solstice Celebration at 7 pm

Sunday, December 23

Avening United Church: Service at 9 am
St. James Clougher-Lisle: Communion & Baptism Service at 9:30 am followed by refreshments in the Church hall
New Lowell United Church: Service at 10:15 am
St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church: Morning Worship at 10 am
Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin: 4th Sunday of Advent & Communion Service at 10 am. Sermon “A Very Ordinary Teenager”. Potluck Lunch to follow.
Stayner Brethren in Christ: Christmas Service at 10:35 am
Salvation Army Hope Acres Community Church: Christmas Service at 10:45 am
Creemore Baptist Church: Service at 11 am
St. Luke's Anglican Church: Service at 11 am
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner: Mass at 11 am
St. John's United Church: Service at 11:30 am, coffee & conversation at 11 am
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton: 4th Sunday of Advent Service at 11:30 am followed by Faith Works lunch



Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

St. Luke's Anglican Church: Family Christmas Service at 4 pm, Holy Eucharist at 8:30 pm
Christ Church Banda: Family Holy Eucharist 6 pm
New Lowell United Church: Christmas Eve Communion Service at 6:30 pm
Mansfield Presbyterian Church: Candlelight Service at 6:30 pm
St. James Clougher-Lisle: Hymn Sing at 7 pm. Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm
Creemore Baptist Church: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm
Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin: Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 pm
St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church: Christmas Eve Service & Communion 7 pm
Stayner Brethren in Christ: Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm, refreshments to follow
St. John's United Church: Christmas Eve Communion Service at 8 pm with special guest soloist soprano Michelle Hardie. All are welcome.
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton: Christmas Eve Service at 8:15 pm
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner: Carolling starting at 10:30 pm followed by Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 11 pm

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Creedan Valley Leisureworld: Christmas Day Carol Service at 11 am. Hosted by St. John's United Church & St. Luke's Anglican Church. All welcome.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner: Christmas Day Mass at 11 am (No Evening Mass)



A Dunedin Christmas store “pops up” on Mill Street

by Brad Holden

Pop-up retail has been a growing trend in cities around the world, and this Christmas, it’s arrived in Creemore.

Marcy Stewart’s original plan was to open up in the old Creemore Meat Market space for the Santa Claus Parade weekend only, and to use it to sell not much more than the boughs and Christmas decorations that she’s become known for over the past few years (her company, msdesign.ca, is responsible for the festive lights and greenery on the front of many of Creemore’s stores at this time of year).

But business was brisk, and the Dunedin community that Stewart is a part of is full of artisans and craftspeople, and in a very short amount of time the “store” has evolved into a full-on “Dunedin Christmas Shop,” of sorts.

Visitors can now peruse paintings by **Peter Taylor** and members of Drawnward, wood carvings by **Jim Leithead**, jewellery and homemade dresses by **Jordan DeRuiter**, soaps by **Jennifer Jansen**, woolly children’s clothes by **Lisa Christine Aarlt**, and much more.

Stewart also continues to sell her decorations, as well as potted Christmas trees and festive centrepieces.

“It’s all come together quickly, and we’ve had lots of fun,” said Stewart. The question now is, what becomes of the idea once Christmas has come and gone?

“We’re going to regroup and give it some thought,”

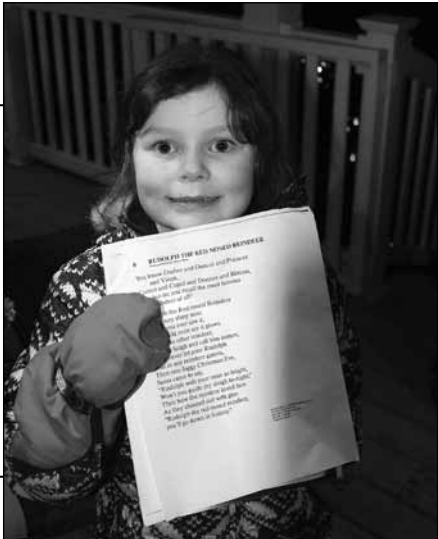


Marcy Stewart (left) with helpers **Lori Judzinski** and **Jennifer Eccles**.

said Stewart, though she did say the “pop-up” model continues to have some appeal, as long as there is space available.

In the meantime, the nameless shop (just look for

the copious amounts of greenery on the east side of Mill Street!) will be open for one more weekend. For those needing last-minute Christmas presents, it’s worth a visit.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

This group of carollers, organized by **Dawn Morby**, showed up at the **Mills** residence on Wednesday night and, according to **Fred**, delivered several rousing renditions of holiday favourites!



Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

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A NEW NOVELIST Many of you will know that **Brian Footitt**, one of the pharmacists at the Creemore Village Pharmacy, is bit of a writer on the side. Starting this weekend, he’ll be something else entirely – a published novelist. His first novel, *Destructive Agendas*, is being published by Academia Press of Albion, and will be the subject of a book signing at Affairs Bakery on Saturday, December 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. Billed as “a novel of intrigue and suspense surrounding a most unfortunate incident,” the book tells the story of a small-town pharmacist who refuses to fill a narcotic prescription for a shady customer. A confrontation ensues, and what follows is “a satirical journey through a minefield of legal, judicial, political and personal agenda.”



FRIEND TO ALL THE ANIMALS Santa Claus paid a visit to Creemore last Saturday and was kept busy posing for pictures with 50 different pets at a fundraising event at the Mad River Veterinary Hospital. The event raised \$370 for the Creemore Cats Spay and Neuter Project. Santa will be back this Saturday, posing for pictures with children at the Creemore Log Cabin. See page 13 for details.





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STORYTIME
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SONGS OF CHRISTMAS The “Three Anonymous Elves” who have been busy planning Saturday night’s Community Carol Sing at the Station on the Green stopped by the *Echo* this week to demonstrate their singing talents. To see a video of them in action, be sure to visit thecreemoreecho.com. The Carol Sing starts at 7 pm on Saturday, December 22 and is open to anyone and everyone who would like to take part in a festive gathering. There will be live music accompaniment and refreshments will be served after the singing. Guests will also get to take home a special *Creemore Christmas Carols* songbook, featuring a very “local” version of *The 12 Days of Christmas*.

THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY The Station on the Green will play host to a special Christmas Craft Fair from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, December 22, and that event will play host to a special booth – one dedicated to many of the wonderful non-profit groups that make this community what it is. For the person who has it all this Christmas, consider a tax-deductable donation to the Avening Hall, the Clearview Foodbank, the Creemore Medical Centre, the Dunedin Hall, the Gift of Music, Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society, Ray’s Place or the Tree Society of Creemore. In addition, the booth will be selling all kinds of community swag (here being modelled by **Miriam Vince, Barbara Mann** and **Sara Hershoff**).



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An update on efforts to save the Collingwood Street Bridge

by Barry Burton

I have recently been approached by many concerned residents about the status of the Collingwood Street Bridge. Our committee understands that as a result of the many residents who signed our petitions and mailed in letters in support of restoring this old landmark, the County of Simcoe delayed their planned start of the destruction and replacement of the Collingwood Street Bridge in 2012.

Following our first petition the Ministry of Environment did not grant the County their approval to proceed due to incomplete information, resulting in the County withdrawing their original application.

Since that time, the County has resubmitted their Notice of Assessment. The bridge committee, along with many residents, also filed their objections to the County's new Notice of Assessment which continues to recommend replacement of the bridge. As a result of these efforts, the Ministry is reviewing all the facts very carefully and as of this date has not formally responded. It appears from our latest correspondence with the Ministry that they are in no hurry to grant approval for the bridge replacement given the significant community support for the preservation and rehabilitation option.

In the meantime, Simcoe County has moved the funds for this project to be reviewed in the 2014 budget with an estimated cost of \$1.2 million.

I still find it odd that the County is sticking to their budget of \$1.2 million to remove and replace the Collingwood Street Bridge when they have just spent \$1.3 million to rehab the Websterville Bridge on County Road 9. This concrete bridge was refitted 35 years ago and still needed a new superstructure and bridge deck in the current rehab. The original abutments are not part of the rehab.

This just helps to support our position that concrete bridges do not last longer than steel bridges. It also reinforces our position that the County has underestimated their maintenance costs over the life of the concrete bridge proposed in their EA submission.

However, the team of experts on the bridge committee still support restoration costs of under \$1 million. This is also supported by a quote obtained from a professional bridge contractor who provided an estimate of approximately \$750,000 to restore the existing bridge.

The committee has been in contact with the Ontario Heritage Trust, who were surprised about




the difficulty we are having convincing both the County and Clearview Township that the bridge warrants protection as a heritage structure and deserves restoration. In fact, this position is supported by the County's own consultants in the Heritage Report undertaken for their Environmental Assessment. Their consultant's recommendations are to restore the bridge in its original historical location. (There are no historical designated bridges in Simcoe County)

The Collingwood Street Bridge will turn 100

years old in June 2013. The bridge committee will be planning a celebration in support of obtaining a heritage designation for the bridge and would appreciate all the support we can get. Anyone with information, photos or artifacts related to the bridge and interest in becoming involved in the bridge celebration please contact **Barry Burton** at 705-466-2718 or burtonmobile@sympatico.ca; **John Hillier** at 705-466-551 or jhillier@dtah.com; **Jack Mesley** at jack@ontarioerectors.com; or **Thom Patterson** at tpateron@clearview.ca.

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Make a list of travel dreams and start crossing things off

I have not written a travel column in over two years – since my wife Peggy died. As you may remember, in my last columns I took umbrage with the term “Bucket List.” This is a very negative term and I prefer to be positive. Therefore, I prefer terms such as “Wish List” or “Travel Dreams.” In this column I am going to present some of the travel items on my list.

Peggy and I especially enjoyed river cruises. River cruises are on smaller ships with much smaller passenger lists and therefore, you can meet a much higher percentage of your shipmates and you can go places that the big cruise ships cannot go. Also, on river cruises you are always in sight of the shore on both sides of the ship and there is no chance of sea sickness here! Unlike the large ocean ships you may find yourself visiting several towns or cities in a day and may be docked alongside a town late into the evening – opportunities to go ashore and explore on your own! Peggy and I loved this sort of thing and wanted to go on the relatively few river cruises that we had not taken – such as the Amazon River, the Seine in France and, for me, the Mekong River. When we were on a river cruise in Portugal we met an American who said that he had cruised the Mekong at 45 miles per hour – in a U.S. navy gunboat. This was not what I had in mind.

In June 2011 I crossed another item

TRAVEL TIPS



Rod
BRADFELD

off my list. I visited the D-Day Beaches and many of the World War I and II battle sites and cemeteries in France, Belgium and Holland. When you visit the military cemeteries you cannot help but be shocked and sobered. If you visit the Canadian cemeteries you will find

that they are beautifully and lovingly maintained. Most, if not all, of the trees are maples and, as soon as a headstone shows signs of wear, a new headstone is carved. Our governments have shown care for the people who gave their lives for our freedom!

In September I crossed another item off my list. I travelled to England to visit a number of important sites from World War II. We visited a number of collections of aircraft, attended two air shows, visited the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Centre, toured Coventry and London, visited the Carpetbagger Aviation Museum (where the USAAF 492nd and 802nd Bomb Groups were stationed) and visited Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms, the Churchill Museum and his home – Chartwell. While in London we spent an afternoon at the Imperial War Museum and enjoyed a London Pub Night at “The Albert”. When we left London we carried on to RAF Hendon, which is still an operational base and was the site of the very important Battle of Britain Operations Room. We visited the Aldershot Military Museum which

includes an exhibition of the Canadian Military in Aldershot during World Wars I and II. We visited the D-Day Museum and Overlord Embroidery (dedicated to all troops and forces on the eve of June 6, 1944) in Southsea. While there we also visited Southwick House, where General Eisenhower made the final decision to go ahead with D-Day, and we stopped in to Ike and Monty's favourite pub next door. We also visited Beachy Head on the south-east coast of England where the battles overhead were an everyday occurrence and toured the tunnels and the operational headquarters of Operation Dynamo – the evacuation of Dunkirk at

Dover Castle. The next day we stopped at RAF Biggin Hill and the Kent Battle of Britain Museum. I know that this was an intensive experience, but I am a bit of a World War II enthusiast and wanted to see as much as I could.

In future columns I will tell you about a few other items I have crossed off my list. In the meantime, I invite you to start preparing your own wish list. I challenge you to think of your travel dreams. After all, we are only given so much time to accomplish our dreams, so let's get started. Do something different – something you have always dreamt of doing but never quite got around to.



NEW LOWELL LEGION ROUNDUP Members of the New Lowell Legion dropped off a cheque for \$500 to the Clearview Food Bank this week. In addition, the organization made the following financial donations this year: \$500 for the New Lowell Girl Guides; \$500 for the SCI Robotics Team; \$1,000 for the 1944 EME Cadets; \$1,000 to sponsor Cadet **Zack Brennan**'s visit to Vimy Ridge. The Legion also donated the use of its hall to the New Lowell United Church, the New Lowell Public School, Winterama, and the Seniors Euchre Club. As well, a defibrillator purchased by the Legion's Poppy Fund was placed in the club's building.

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HORT CHRISTMAS The Creemore Horticultural Society held their Christmas potluck supper on Wednesday, December 12, at St. Luke's Church. At the event, president **Dorothy Shropshire** handed out the prize money from the Society's two flower shows. **Linda Wright** (at left) was the high point scorer, **Kathy Meeser** (who was absent) was second and **Gayle Millsap** and **Audrey Davidson** (at right) tied for third.

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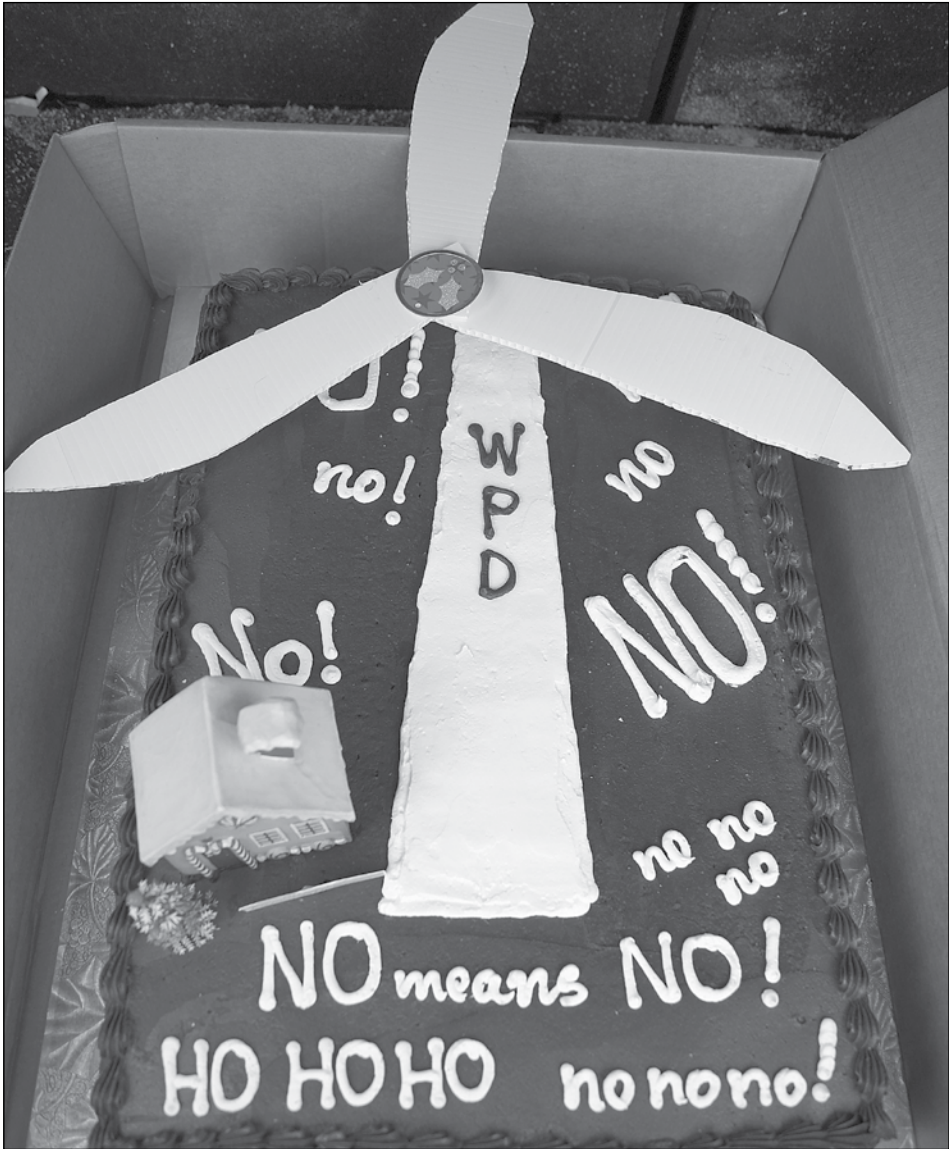
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BLUE JAY BOSS The *Creemore Echo*'s **Fred Mills** has a long history with the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Argonauts, and he was eager to pay Blue Jays president **Paul Beeston** a visit during a recent speaking engagement with the Probus Club of Collingwood. Gee, Fred, I wonder if you could get us some tickets for the Jays' inevitable 2013 World Series appearance?



PARADE HONOURS Creemore Santa Claus Parade organizer **John Blohm** presented **Carol Sperandio** of the Old Mill House Pub with a trophy last week for the Pub's awesome Christmas float in this year's parade.



LET HIM EAT CAKE There's a bit of back-story behind this photograph. Fairgrounds Road resident and inveterate anti-wind crusader **Melodie Burkett**'s husband happens to be **Mike Burkett**, the Mayor of the Township of Severn, and some time ago, after a bet they'd made at County Council, Mike was the recipient of a cake baked by Clearview Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage**. That led to Clearview Mayor **Ken Ferguson** joking with Melodie about when he might expect to see her bake him a cake... and this week, Melodie delivered. With the help of **Norma Panzine** at Affairs Bakery, the Mayor and all of Clearview Council received this cake on Tuesday, inscribed with a very pointed message!

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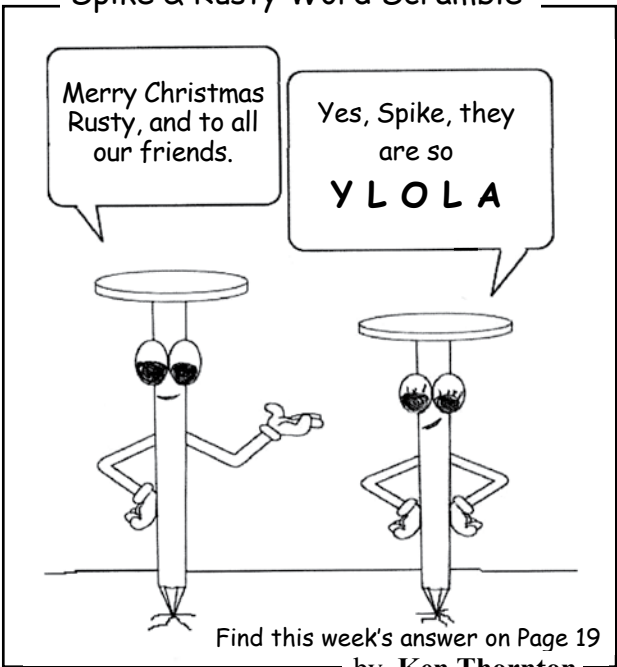
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Page 19

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, December 21

Mixed precipitation
High 2 Low -2 Winds N 20 km/h
POP 90%

Saturday, December 22

Scattered flurries
High -2 Low -4 Winds NW 40 km/h
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Sunday, December 23

Snowsqualls
High -3 Low -7 Winds NW 25 km/h
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FRED'S FUNNIES

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all through the house, not a creature
was stirring, not even a mouse. The
stockings were hung by the chimney
with care. They'd been worn all week
and needed the air!

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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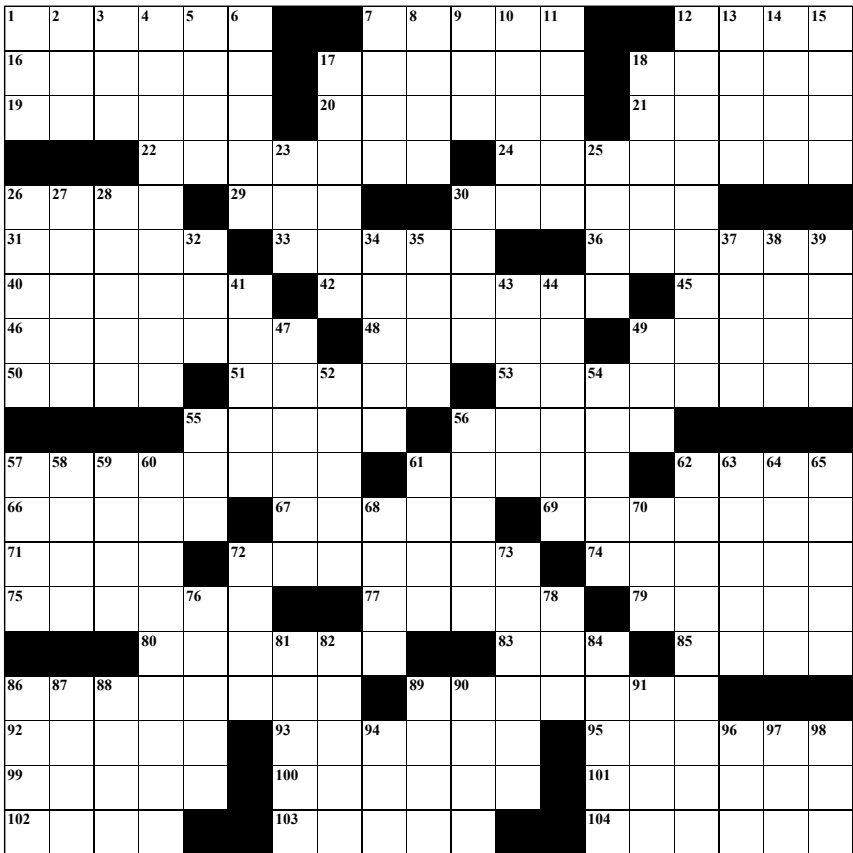
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- 1 Kenya's continent
7 Spills the beans
12 Retirement investment option
16 Church official
17 Blues-rock musician Jeff ____
18 Shipwreck cause
19 Win against
20 Win over
21 Water arum
22 Those who have more fun?
24 ____ Odeon
26 Sense
29 Org. of Ravens, Falcons and Eagles
30 Early Beatles tune
31 Give money
33 Fashion Television host Jeanne ____
36 Competitor of Us
40 Post-WWII relief org.
42 Dannon products
45 Defeat soundly
46 Community on the shore of Lake Winnipegosis (2)
48 Face smoother
49 Singer Ross (Upside Down)
50 Poses for a portrait
51 Ran at a casual pace
53 Heart hit (2)

- 55 Actress Bow of the Roaring Twenties
56 Part of BLT
57 City on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River
61 Post-revolutionary government
62 Answer an invitation
66 Bring out
67 Actress Tamblyn
69 More costly
71 Pool table cover
72 Catherine the Great, e.g.
74 Adventure in 1A
75 Tea company founded in Montreal in 1892
77 Bandleader Shaw
79 Blunt
80 Spewed oil
83 Cook in oil
85 Peruse the paper
86 Approached uninvited
89 Reduced in price (hyph.)
92 Show off
93 Kindle
95 Telephoned (2)
99 Cavity filler
100 Waiting for the show to start
101 Like a city slicker
102 Apple competitor
103 Apple and orange, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Extend
2 Stipend
3 British military group formed during WWI
4 Refrigerants cut from lakes and ponds (2)
5 Western Canadian commodity
6 Goldengirl Susan ____
7 Part of N.B.
8 Young men
9 Pint in a pub
10 Coastline
11 Damascus is its capital
12 Jubilant
13 Kayak trick
14 Clearance
15 Colgate mouthwash
17 Jacob Hoggard's group
18 Toronto group Broken Social ____
23 Producer of Canada Vignettes
25 Little bites
26 Vendettas
27 World-weariness
28 Mandate
30 Actress Penelope ____ (Bandidas)
32 Spider trap
34 Where Canadians fought in the 1950s
35 Yikes!
37 British baby buggy
38 Moon goddess
39 Israeli diplomat Abba ____
41 Loses power, as a government
43 Part of RC
44 Plots of land
47 I Sang Dixie singer of 1988
49 Commotion
52 Gussy up
54 Military mascots, sometimes
55 Reminder
56 Sudden spurt of speed
57 Matt Pavelich and Andy Van Hellemond, e.g.



- 58 Concept
59 Think over a concept
60 Like a stop sign
61 Taunt
62 Decisions in 1980 and 1995
63 Backup
64 Vice ____
65 Used a crowbar
68 Newfoundland curler Gushue
70 Have lunch
72 Toward Newfoundland
73 Strained
76 Needing a cleaning
78 Stumble

- 81 Bank job
82 Trimming tool
84 Units of cloth
86 Dedicated
87 Staff
88 Select
89 Refer to
90 Sporty vehicles
91 Tense
94 Refusal from Groundskeeper Willie
96 Actor Young (They Shoot Horses, Don't They?)
97 Function
98 Advanced degree

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friends,
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Creemore family.
**Mary Vandewater &
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My warmest wishes to my
friends and neighbours for a
Merry Christmas Season and a
prosperous New Year.
Carman Gowan

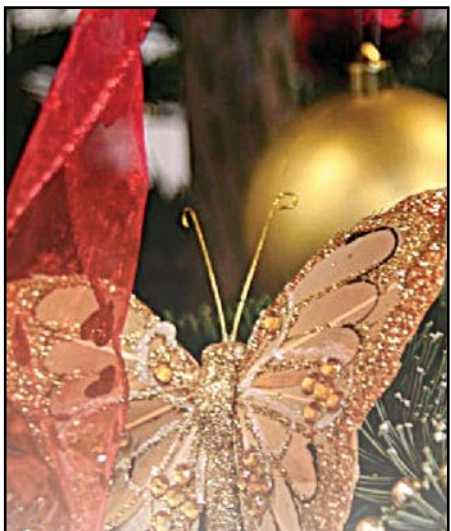
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Christmas and Love, Health and
Happiness in the New Year.
Gertie & Terry Gowan

Merry Christmas and
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to Family and Friends
From **Vera Pettigrew**


Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to our Moms
and Dads, Grandmas and
Grandpas, brothers & sisters
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Best wishes to all for
a safe, healthy & Merry
Christmas & a Happy New
Year. May all your work be
caught up, all your projects
finished & all your troubles
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my poor ear;
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elbows perspired,
But Jason came by with
the fix I required.
It all could have ended my
brilliant career!



Merry Christmas to all
my friends,
especially those with
cookies.
Gemma Mills

Merry Christmas & Happy
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THANK YOU

The family of the late Harvey Lane would like to thank everyone for their kindness at the time of his passing. Thank you also to the staff at Blue Mountain Manor for their care and kindness over the past years. Also we would like to thank the staff of Fawcett Funeral home for their compassion at this time. Dennis and family

Thanks to **Ken Thornton** for giving us a Jolly Visit at *Creemore Echo* this week! And thanks to **Sarah Hallet** of Roseberry Farm and **Elaine Collier** for treats too.

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THANK YOU

The family of the late Dalton Millar wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to their friends, relatives and neighbours for the many acts of kindness, flowers, memorial donations, cards and food received in their recent bereavement and a special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at the Collingwood Hospital and the Barrie Hospital. A special thank you to Sarah-Dale and Mark and staff of Chatterson Funeral Home for all of their help and compassion. Rev'd Ray Dobson for his comforting words, pianest Rosemary Dickenson, pall bearers and flower bearers. Special thanks to John Brooks and Ken Lucyshyn for their eulogy also to St.Pauls Church, Singhampton for their lovely lunch. Sincerely, Marie Millar and family

A year ago on December 15 my dear husband Brian heard a crash in the laundry room and found me sitting on the floor with the ironing board on top of me. He was unable to help me up because he had been home only a few days following hip replacement surgery. Although I have no memory of the incident Brian tells me I appeared very confused and did not know how to get myself up from the floor. By the time the ambulance arrived I understand I did not know my name, address, day of the week etc. Following neurological tests at Barrie RVH, I was sent to Toronto Western Hospital in critical condition and operated on at midnight to relieve the buildup of fluid in my brain. The procedure went well but I was left with limited vision which my neurosurgeons felt would eventually worsen to blindness. They encouraged me to join the CNIB so I could learn to adjust to life without sight. Much to everyone's surprise my vision gradually returned and is now better than it was before the surgery. Brian and I wish to thank all who kept us in their thoughts and prayers. We believe all that positive energy coming from so many caring folk in and around Creemore was what contributed to my recovery. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and memorable New Year. **Diane and Brian McKay**

We raised \$230 towards the Creemore Medical Centre expansion, selling raffle tickets for the Gingerbread house. The lucky winner was **Barb Evans** from Everett. Thanks to all who participated to help improve our community. **Norma Panzine, Affairs Bakery & Cafe**

The *Echo* would like to thank **Helen Chung** at Jug City for our front page picture this week (although we admit we took a few liberties with it!)

THANK YOU

Mansfield Women's Institute would like to take this opportunity to let the Mansfield and surrounding communities know that their fundraising goal to restore the Mansfield cenotaph has been accomplished. The work has been completed and on November 11 for the first time in decades a large group of people attended the re-dedication and Remembrance Day service. It was a very emotional day for us all. None of this would have been possible without the kind donations from individuals who also believed like us, that the cenotaph should be cared for and maintained and came forward to help. So on behalf of our group I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting us and this cause. It was very much appreciated. **Jane Hawkins, Chairperson of the Mansfield Cenotaph restoration committee of Mansfield Women's Institute**

Creemore Echo staff would like to thank **Linda Cockton** for making us a homemade apple pie and bringing it in to share with us while it was still warm! Delicious! Thanks & Merry Christmas Linda!

DEATH NOTICE

MATHERS, Anna passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2012 in her 94th year at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Fred Mathers. Loving mother of Joanne (the late Wilfred) LeBlanc, Fred Mathers & Elizabeth (Gordon) Miller. Cherished grandmother of Ann-Marie Beaman (Wayne), David LeBlanc (Tracey), Kelly Hoogenraad (Stephen), Julia Mathers, Matthew Miller (Katrina) and Erica Miller (David Baird); great grandmother of Grace, Blake, Alicia, Nathan, Damien and Saorise. Anna is survived by her sister Evie and will be remembered by many nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by her loving caregiver Wilma Delo. Visitation was held on Sunday, December 16, 2012 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. Funeral mass took place on Monday, December 17, 2012 at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Parish, 27 Centre St. in Angus. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Barrie. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Friends may visit Anna's on-line Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

Fred, Georgi, Brad and Sara
wish you a Very Merry Christmas
from The Creemore Echo.

Our office will be closed
December 21 at 1pm
and reopen
Wednesday, January 2 at 9am.

To advertise in our January 4 Edition please fax,
email or drop off your ad material by Jan. 2

COMMUNITY CARVINGS The Station on the Green had an unexpected visit from a local “Santa Claus” this week. Sculptor **David Bruce Johnston** had long been eyeing up the Creemore signs on the building, which were made of Coroplast and had degraded significantly. So he took it upon himself to carve new wooden signs and mounted them on Tuesday. The Station Board was, needless to say, very grateful!



A good neighbour

The Dufferin Wind Farm project was started by members of this community to help sustain local farming and support our community through the generation of clean energy.

Over its lifetime, the Dufferin Wind project will contribute millions of dollars to the local community through land leases, property taxes, and construction and operations activities. The

project will be an important source of income that will help us keep our farming way of life that we, and our families before us, have worked so hard to preserve.

We want to thank all of the members of the community who have come to visit us in our project office and for their ongoing support and encouragement. We are looking forward to building a project that we can all be proud of and that helps our community.

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Dufferin Wind Power remains committed to working hand-in-hand with the community and appreciates all of your comments and suggestions.

We would like to hear from you!
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