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News and views in and around Creemore

MORE ON HALLS

by Brad Holden
Following up on last week's decision on community hall upgrades, Councillor **Shawn Davidson** led off Monday's Council meeting by asking for clarification on how the Township will fund the \$110,000 it has pledged to the halls.
Treasurer **Ed Henley** told Davidson that the \$50,000 being put into a reserve fund for the purpose in this year's budget will be used, and another \$60,000 will be taken from that reserve, leaving it in a deficit position of \$60,000. That money will then be put back into the reserve in 2014, bringing it back to zero. As a result, no amendments need to be made to this year's budget.



Community Grants Passed

Council passed the Community Assistance section of the 2013 budget Monday night, approving grants totalling \$20,250 to community groups and non-profit organizations operating within the Township. A full list of recipients can be found by clicking on the "Budget Workshop #4" link at www.clearview.ca/home/budget.

New Pumper Truck

Council approved an expenditure of \$258,000 Monday night for the purchase of a new stock pumper truck, to be housed in Clearview Fire Department Station #5 in Singhampton.



THREE TIMES LUCKY The *Creemore Echo* was recognized three times at last weekend's Ontario Community Newspaper Awards, including a first place nod in the "In House Promotion" category for publisher **Sara Hershoff's** subscription campaign featuring milk bottles, carrots and other consumables wrapped in *Echo* colours. The other two awards were for our website, thecreemoreecho.com, which earned second place in the member's choice "Surfer's Selection, circulation under 9,999" category and third place in the "Best Community Website/Webportal, circulation under 9,999" category. Our website was designed and developed by Creemore-based coloveration art & design.

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A PERFECT HOMECOMING Canadian pre-novice ice dance champions **Hannah Whitley** of Creemore and **Elliott Graham** of Angus came home to Creemore last Sunday, performing two routines at the Creemore Skating Club's annual Carnival and wowing the crowd in the process. For more pictures from the carnival, see page 9 or visit thecreemoreecho.com.

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COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

Thursday, March 28

- **Easter Silent Vigil** at St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church from 5 to 10 pm. Pick the time of your choice and give Jesus one hour. See ad on page 5.
- **Clearview Soccer Registration** from 6 to 8 pm at the Creemore Arena, Stayner Arena & New Lowell Fire Hall. See ad on this page.

Friday, March 29

- **Good Friday.** See church services on page 5.
- *Creemore Echo* closed today.

Saturday, March 30

- **Creemore Farmers' Market, Easter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. Shop locally for your Easter crafts, gifts, maple syrup and honey. Enjoy hot treats and fresh baked goodies. Reconnect with all your favourite vendors and make some new friends. We look forward to seeing you there! www.creemorefarmersmarket.com
- **Book Signing Event** with **darci-que** and her new book *Sharing means Caring* at Creemore Library from 10 am to 2 pm.

Sunday, March 31

- **Easter Sunday.** See church services on page 5.
- **Monday, April 1**
- **Easter Monday.** *Creemore Echo* closed today.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6

- **The Home Owners Survival Guide. To Water Damage** at the Nottawa Community Centre, 4129 Highway 124 from 10 am to 4 pm. If you have water problems or concerns then look no further. All the professionals in one location to answer all your questions. Free event brought to you by your community website www.nottawaonline.ca.
- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Official Opening and Reception** from 1 to 5 pm. Local Artists Show features Pauline Bradshaw, John Jaquemain, Sue Miller, Rosemary Hasner, Kaz Jones, Peter Adams & Bryan Davies continues until May 4. Come see the works of art by local artists. 705-466-5555 www.madandnoisy.com 154 Mill Street.
- **New Lowell United Church presents Ladies Night Out** at 7 pm, a talented local group of women known for their 3-5 part harmonies and versatility of instruments during a performance, featuring Pat Steele, Lynda Gulley McInnis, Sandra Gulley, Susan Gulley & Jennifer Ferguson-Meijis. Come out and listen to some country, bluegrass, gospel and old time rock and roll. Advance tickets available. \$15 per person. Contact Jenn at 705-424-8687 or www.newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com. Proceeds go to our "Accessibility for All" Building Fund.
- **Theatre Collingwood presents The Judy Garland Story** at 7:30 pm. One performance only. A nostalgic musical journey through the life of legendary performer Judy Garland. \$35 Orchestra (includes hst), \$85 Red Carpet Seating (includes hst – the best seats in the house, a partial tax receipt and a post show reception including hors d'oeuvres and one glass of wine, access to the cash bar, and a meet & greet with the cast!) Call 705-445-2000, 1-866-382-2200 or info@theatrecollingwood.ca for tickets.

Sunday, April 7

- The family of **Mrs. Jean Cook** invite you to a **Come and Go Tea to celebrate her 90th Birthday** at the Creemore Legion on Sunday, April 7 from 2 to 4 pm. Best wishes only.
- **Annual Jim Muth Cribbage Tournament** at Terra Nova Public House. Call Anna to reserve your spot or for more details call 705-466-5992.
- **Ray's Place Annual General Meeting & Open House** at 2 pm at Station on the Green. Refreshments. We'll review our progress & look toward the future.

Tuesday, April 9

- **Free Fly Fishing Workshop** from 7 to 9:30 pm at Pretty River Academy, 11521 Highway 26 W, Collingwood presented by The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). Demonstrations of fly-fishing techniques and hands-on learning. Fly-tying instruction too. Registration is required. Please contact Fred Dobbs of the NVCA at 705-424-1479 ext.237 or fdobbs@nvca.on.ca

Wednesday, April 10

- **Blue Mountain Promenaders Guest Night for New Dancers.** Modern Square Dancing is the perfect way to keep fit. 6:45 to 8 pm at the Nottawasaga Hall, Duntroon. 705-445-3662 for more information.

Friday, April 12

- **Mad Maple Country Inn** presents Trine Hahnemann celebrated Scandinavian Food Writer, Chef and Creative Director in conversation on her connection to food and agriculture. Enjoy a spring tasting menu of savoury & sweet recipes. Inspired by Trine's Scandinavian roots and our local ingredients at Mad Maple Country Inn. From 7 to 8 pm, \$40. To reserve your spot, 705-466-6753 or miriam@madmaple.ca.

Friday, April 12 to Saturday, April 20

- **Dundalk Little Theatre presents Rumours** by Neil Simon, directed by Peter Richards, producer Debbie Wright. Show dates: April 12, 13, 19, and 20 all at 8 pm. April 21 at 2 pm. \$15. For tickets or more information call 519-923-3206.

Saturday, April 20 & Sunday, April 21

- **Home & Garden Show** at Creemore Arena, 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. 100+ exhibitors, latest in home decor, fresh garden displays, children's activities, door prizes. Plus our famous Big Backyard Giveaway! www.getgrowinggardenshows.ca 1-877-848-5831 for details.

Sunday, April 21

- ****Rescheduled** Abigail Zantingh's Mission Trip Fundraiser for Philippines 2013 "Serving with Hands and Feet"** Dessert Buffet, Silent Auction and Entertainment Night at Clearview Community Church, 1070 County Road 42. 5:30 pm featuring local singing talent, dance, games, prizes and more! \$15 entrance fee, family of 4 is \$45 (2 adults, 2 children) available at Clearview Community Church. Limited seating – call Abigail at 705-321-0429.

Saturday, May 4

- **2nd Annual Stayner Kinsmen Duck Race** at Kinsmen Park, Stayner. Tickets are \$5/Duck, and \$25/Duck for the corporate race. You can purchase a duck at Stayner Home Hardware, call 705-428-5998 or email Dean at info@pyroworld.ca. Proceeds going to local community projects.

Saturday, June 15

- **Sam Roberts in Concert at The New Farm.** Come enjoy the offerings of fabulous chefs and the music of Canada's favourite rocker with all proceeds going to Grow for the Stop. \$45 plus ticketing fees where applicable at thenewfarm.eventbrite.com or at *Creemore Echo*.

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Tin Roof gets local on water issues

by Brad Holden

Creemore-based non-profit organization Tin Roof Global has, to this point, been best known for its work in Uganda, which concentrates on installing rainwater collection systems at rural schools. But with the help of a \$66,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation received last December, Tin Roof has shifted part of its focus to local water stewardship, and the importance of teaching children the value of this precious resource.

“We’re really zeroing in on local water, and how it’s affected by things like quarries, development and landfills,” said **John Millar**, Tin Roof’s founder and executive director. “The question is, how do you help students in Grades 7 and 8 contextualize these issues?”

To that end, Tin Roof has launched an in-class workshop called “Gush,” and the Trillium funding will allow the organization to bring the workshop to 75 classes across the Simcoe County and York Region School Boards over the remainder of this school year and 125 more next year.

The program is extremely hands-on, and is divided into several modules that allow students to experience some of the complexity of water resource management.

In one module, students are asked to clean up a simulated oil spill by using a variety of different tools – cotton balls, j-cloths, anything that might soak up the oil sitting on the surface of the water. After discovering how difficult a challenge the clean-up is, they are provided with baking soda, which solidifies the oil and causes it to sink – a good approximation of a common real-world technique for dealing with large oil spills.

In another module, the water cycle is explored by boiling salt water and having a brave volunteer from the class drink the water that condenses from the steam – it’s freshwater, of course, because salt doesn’t evaporate.

A third module, perhaps the most intriguing, creates a conceptual model of a quarry in a number of tupperware buckets. Students are given various stakeholder roles – the quarry owner, the quarry employees, the neighbouring well owners, the environmentalists, even the bobolinks whose habitat is threatened. Rotating every minute, the stakeholders perform various duties – dewatering, adding water, taking aggregate, replacing vegetation – and within 10 minutes are all typically equally frustrated.

“We’re not anti-quarry – we all need aggregate,” said Millar. “But what this exercise teaches is that some properties may be better suited to quarries than others.”

Tin Roof has hired two people to deliver the workshops, including Creemore resident **Caitlin Sumner**.



Creemore resident **Caitlin Sumner** (above) is one of two people delivering a new water stewardship program to Grade 7 and 8 students for local non-profit Tin Roof Global.



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EDITORIAL

A Fresh Start

Easter, in the religious context, is all about rebirth. Placed as it is at the end of winter, the weekend provides a sense of beginning again for the secular as well. The weather, while taking its time, is finally warming, and with family gathered and time off work, this weekend provides a great opportunity to shake off the winter doldrums and get outside.

The Easter Market will be a great place to start on Saturday morning – be sure to drop by the Station on the Green and say hi to many of the vendors who are with us all summer at the outdoor Farmers' Market. They'll be excited at the hint of a new season.

But don't stop there... be sure, if you are out and about on Saturday, to take a stroll down Mill Street as well. Running a main street business throughout the winter months is not an easy thing in Creemore, and our merchants will be eager for a fresh start after a few lean months. We all benefit from a vibrant commercial core in this village, and we all need to do our part to keep it that way.

Whether you're shopping or not, the *Echo* wishes you a Happy Easter. May you spend at least part of it with friends and family, and in the process feel renewed.

Send your letters to The Creemore Echo, 3 Caroline Street West, Box 1219, Creemore, ON L0M 1G0, email to info@creemore.com or drop them off at the Echo's Office.
Letters must include the sender's full name.
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THE WAY WE WERE



This week's photo is of Robert "Bob" Lackie. Bob, father of **Murray Lackie** and grandfather of **Kirsten** and **Nathan Lackie**, had strong ties to the area. His family was from Lavender, where his great-grandfather and grandfather were blacksmiths from 1870 until the trade died out and they started farming on the west side of Centre Road just south of the Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline. Bob's father Clarence and most of his aunts and uncles were born on that farm. Bob, who grew up in Barrie, used to come out to Lavender in the summers to stay with his Uncle Bert Heard and Aunt Edna. This photo is circa 1936 and was taken near the top of the 4th Line south of Creemore. We assume the six-shooter at his hip is not loaded, but to a young mind on a glorious summer day it no doubt had ammo enough to rid the world of all the outlaws. Bob was happy to see the family return to the area when Murray and Sandra bought their farm in Creemore in 1994. Bob passed away at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie last Friday.

PROOF OF SPRING



We snapped this shot of a very brave crocus on Monday. It's been a long winter, but we're going to make it!

LETTER

Conservation can save billions

Dear Editor:

All the wind turbines in Ontario do not equal one Earth Hour in Toronto. Between 8:30 and 9:30 pm on March 23, 2013, Sygration reported that all the wind turbines in Ontario produced about 178 MW of power (159 MW between 8 and 9 pm and 196 MW between 9 and 10 pm, divided by two). Toronto Hydro reported that in the same Earth Hour, 205 MW were saved by some lights being turned off in Toronto. Turning off the lights cost Ontario nothing. Paying \$0.135/kW hour for wind power cost Ontario about \$24,030.

Ironically, I live where we enjoy a dark night sky – we can wave to the Space Station as it passes by – yet, the Provincial government wants to litter our fields with flashing red lights on wind turbines! For what? If the Provincial government puts energy conservation back in the budget, Ontario can save billions. Conservation would also save our rural economies, communities, and environment from the impact of wind turbines.

Sincerely,
Margaret J. Hutchison, Singhampton

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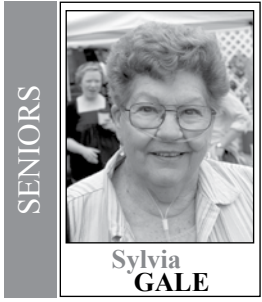
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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were about 35 out for the fantastically varied 12-noon potluck lunch. After **Bob Veale** gave the blessing, everyone tucked into a thoroughly enjoyable meal. After the clean-up crew worked their magic, there were 13 full tables (52) out to play cards.



SENIORS

Warren and I were again absent, so my thanks to **Barb Cudmore** for jotting down the facts of the day. New players were **Melvin** and **Ruth Loughed** (Melvin is the brother of **Marcia Cameron** and **Evelyn Warden**) and returned players **Jean Jones** and **Linda McNicol** also joined us this week. We welcome you all.

The 50/50 draws went to **Irma Flack**, **Earl Bentley**, **Elsie Longson**, **Pat Winger**, **Betty Sharpe**, **Effie Taylor**, **Alma Seifert** and **Marg Falls**.

Moon shots were played by **Dave Smith**, **Marcia Cameron**, **Evelyn Warden**, **Melvin Loughed**, **John Van Voorst** and **Leona Hartling**, with **Sheila Overall** and **Betty Sharpe** sharing the travelling prize as they both played their moon shot in the last hand. Dave won the Sidewinders' cash.

High scorers were **Kevin Keogh** 293, **Ruth Loughed** 277, **Janice Stephens** 274. Low was **Mike Smith** with 90. And it seems our good buddy Mike has some sort of a deal on with Irma about buying a ticket next week because he won this week? Note to Mike: watch your loot, because Irma is pretty canny with rounding up dollars for Seniors!

Our thanks to **Wilma Zeggil** for bringing back some playing cards from her holidays, where they sell for a pretty reasonable rate. Also thanks to many of you for the kind inquiries as to Warren and my health as we have been missing from Seniors for the last couple of weeks. I have been having a bit of a tough patch with my breathing abilities (or lack thereof) lately. But we are blessed with excellent medical care and concern in Creemore, so pretty soon we should be out bugging everybody again.

The Mount Zion picture in the *Echo* a couple of weeks ago left off the name of "**Wee Red**" (**Dennis Millsap**). And yes, that was his nickname – only

"Wee" wasn't very appropriate after he sprung up to six feet or so tall – though he still had the red hair. **Irma (Ritchie) Flack** was also in the picture, and she set the record straight. This is great, because these pictures were taken many years ago and names to get forgotten. Then it was remembered that, previous to the Mount Zion picture, there was a picture of Cashtown School dated around 1950, and in it was a cute little gal with a cute little round face, whose name was originally misspelled. This gal's name was actually **Catherine Dickinson**, daughter of John and Florence Dickinson, who farmed on White's Sideroad East, which crosses the 2nd Line of the former Nottawasaga Township. This picture mentions being taken in the early 1950s, or around 1950, but **Maurice McArthur** was in his last year of public school at Cashtown when this picture was taken, and he started high school in the fall of 1948. The picture, therefore, would have to be from the 1947/48 school year. My thanks to Maurice for the above information.

It was great to see **Margeurite De Beer** back doing some hair dressing after having a knee replacement operation. There is just no stopping that little lady!

Happy Birthday wishes are sent out to **Eva (Walker) Comartin**, who used to live in Creemore, and worked in the bank here. Prior to that, she worked for years as a telephone operator for the Noisy River Telephone Company, which had its head office in Creemore for some time. **Phyllis Seed** keeps popping in to visit Eva, and there will still be several folks who remember her "Number, please," on the lines around this area. But she does assert that her boss at the Creemore bank was an absolutely super guy to work for (actually, "the best"). So stand up and take a bow, **Jack Hanning!** What a wonderful thing to have said about you! Eva turned 92 on March 25, 2013. A very Happy Birthday to you, and many more, Eva.

We are sorry to mention that Vera (Day) Pettigrew passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013. She was predeceased by husband Harvey and daughter Norma (Pettigrew) Royal. Our sympathies to daughter **Joan** and her family, **Shannon** and **Ryan** (Norma's family), the extended Day family

and all of Vera's family and friends around town and in the Legion, where Vera enjoyed her friends and her work there.

We were pleased to have **Warren's** son **Bruce** in to visit for a couple of days recently and we are looking forward to having **Terry** in for a stopover in the near future.

On behalf of all of us at Big Heart Seniors, please have a happy Easter weekend.

POEM

The Resurrection: from Gloom and Sadness to Joy and Gladness

by Florence Bremner

Once more we view that dreadful scene
Our Lord two thieves was hung between
In agony. Upon that tree.
He bled and died, man to redeem.

Draw near the tomb where Jesus lay
But look... the stone is rolled away
Our Saviour lives, and new life gives,
to those who follow in His way.

Listen as morning church bells ring
honouring Christ our risen king
With joyful praise, our voices raise
"Hallelujah" in adoration sing.

He bids us take the bread and wine
To remember him, our love divine
In awesome wonder, we pause to ponder,
These symbols of our Lord's design.

Although the world will show disdain
The Church of Christ shall firm remain
God's grace abides, His spirit guides,
As we Christ's gospel truth proclaim.

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Easter Services



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Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday

- St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church, Creemore will be open between 5 and 10 pm for a Silent Vigil. Pick the time of your choice & give Jesus one hour.
- Pot Blessing (luck) Dinner with worship following at Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon beginning at 5:45 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 pm at New Lowell United Church.
- Tenebrae Service at 7 pm at St. Luke's Anglican Church.
- Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic, Stayner.

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

- Good Friday Anglican Services – St. Paul's Singhampton at 9:30 am, Christ Church Batteaux 11 am, Church of the Redeemer Stations of the Cross at 2 pm
- Good Friday Service at 10 am at St. James Anglican, Clougher-Lisle.
- Good Friday Service at 10 am at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin "The Divine Portrait".
- Good Friday Service at 10 am at Stayner Brethren in Christ Church.
- Joint Good Friday Service at Badjeros United Church at 10 am (joint service with Victoria Memorial United Church).
- Good Friday Communion Service at 10:30 am at Emmanuel Presbyterian, Nottawa.
- Good Friday Service at 11 am at St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian
- Good Friday Service at 11 am at Avening United Church.
- Good Friday Liturgy at 11 am at St. Luke's Anglican Church.
- Good Friday Service at 3 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic, Stayner.

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at Badjeros Cemetery at 7 am.
- Sunrise Communion Service at 7 am at Eagle Chapel.
- Easter Breakfast at 8 am at St. John's United Church.
- Easter Sunday Anglican Services – Church of the Redeemer Duntroon 8:30 am, Christ Church Batteaux 10 am, St. Paul's Singhampton at 11:30 am.
- Easter Breakfast from 9 to 10 am at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa.
- Service at 9:30 am at St. James Anglican Church, Clougher-Lisle.
- United Church of Canada Communion Services – Avening United Church at 9 am, New Lowell United Church at 10:15 am & St. John's United, Creemore at 11:30 am with guest soloist Ken Robertson with a guest trumpeter.
- Service at 10 am at St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church, Creemore.
- Service at 10 am at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin "Not here".
- Service at 10:30 am at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa.
- Service at 10:30 am at Stayner Brethren in Christ Church.
- Service at 11 am at Creemore Baptist Church.
- Holy Eucharist at 11 am at St. Luke's Anglican.
- Service at 11:30 am at Victoria Memorial United Church, Honeywood.
- Service at 11:30 am at St. Patrick's Catholic, Stayner.

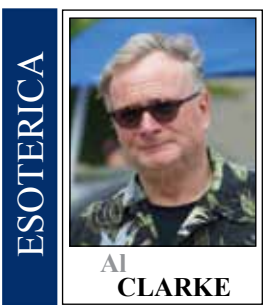
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Sunday, April 7: Joint Service at 10 am at Badjeros with pancake breakfast to follow
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In search of the Spirit Bears, part 1

In the northwest corner of British Columbia is the Great Bear Rainforest, five times the size of Banff National Park and twice the size of the Serengeti. Covering eight million acres, the rainforest boasts a biomass of 500 tones per acre, 40 per cent greater than the Amazon. It is the largest temperate rainforest in the world and has some of the most spectacular flora, fauna and vistas to been seen any where on the planet – yet most Canadians don’t know it even exists. In fact, more Canadians have visited the Serengeti and the Amazon than the Great Bear Rainforest, which is a real shame.

What excites me most about the place is that it’s home to the elusive Kermode Bear, otherwise known as the Spirit Bear, a rare black bear with a genetic anomaly that sometimes makes it white. Less than 10 per cent of this isolated black bear population is white, and their remoteness in this impermeable old growth forest makes a Spirit Bear sighting very rare and special. They inhabit a small and remote area of northwestern British Columbia, principally on Princess Royal Island, which is why my daughter Tory and I journeyed there last fall. We flew to Vancouver, took a small plane north to Bella Bella, stayed over night in Shearwater and on the next day took a four-hour boat ride north to Klemtu on



AL CLARKE

Princess Royal Island. The Spirit Bear Lodge was to be our base for the next five days. Owned and operated by the Kitsoo people, the lodge is very modern and wonderfully located at the water’s edge. As for guests, there was an Australian family of six, two French veterinarian couples, a German BMW CEO and his wife, two unusual women from Vermont who were travelling the world in an attempt to observe every bear species, and Tory and I, the only Canadians.

Sometimes things turn out to be better than anyone could ever have hoped for – so it was for my trip to the Great Bear Rainforest. I purposely chose a date in mid-September to coincide with the salmon runs and maximize our chances of sighting Spirit and grizzly bears. At this time of year bears come out of the dense forest and feed on the spawning salmon in the shallow waters of the mountain streams. It also happens that my anniversary falls during that time, so I incorporated the trip as an anniversary gift. Surprisingly, I don’t have a good track record when it comes to anniversary presents – in fact the Leafs probably have a better win-loss record than I do – yet I have remained married for some 34 years. I think the secret is that like most Leaf supporters, Jacquie has adjusted her

expectations to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately, events transpired to prevent Jacquie from being able to go, but in the end that turned out to be the best anniversary present I could have gotten her, and Tory was able to take her spot. This pleased Jacquie, because Tory and I have shared an avid interest in the Spirit Bears for decades, since long before their existence was common knowledge outside of the lands of Kitsoo people.

The trip up was spectacular, but nothing compared to the five-day experience we had once there. On the first night we were invited to a potluck dinner in the native village and Tory and I had the honour of sitting with the Hereditary Chief Charlie Mason. He guided us through the many fish dishes and personally recommended the sea urchin and the herring roe; thankfully, we took small portions. The Kitsoo people are a marine culture and eat very few terrestrial foods. In fact, they take a strong anti-hunting stance, particularly with regard to the trophy hunting of bears, and there are very few deer and no moose in the area. Over dinner, the chief shared some traditional stories about the Spirit Bears and, to our delight, the Sasquatch.

The Sasquatch has always played a vibrant and important role in Kitsoo oral history. To them they are very real, and to laugh or snicker is to be disrespectful. In Tory and me they found kindred spirits, which opened us to a number

of fascinating stories of first-hand encounters. Most of the stories relate to the disappearance of natives after being taken by Sasquatch, and we were warned that, should we encounter one, never to look directly into their eyes as they have spiritual powers that can possess you. One island in particular seemed to be a hotbed of activity, and after a very compelling account of a large manlike figure emerging in the glow of a campfire sent chills down our spines, they offered to take us to camp out there. Our status as true believers spread and the name and location of the island was subsequently entrusted to us and the camping invitation repeated. On the way home several guides went out of their way to intercept our boat to present Tory with a book on Sasquatch and thank us for our sincere interest.

Sensing smirks of derision on the faces of my readers, I leave you one thought: there could very easily be more hairy things in eight million acres of primordial Great Bear Rainforest, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

In my next column in the *Echo*, I’ll tell you about some of the wonderful experiences Tory and I had while staying at the Spirit Bear Lodge, including our encounter with the great bear itself. Check out thecreemoreecho.com to see a sneak preview of pictures and a video from the trip.

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Help for pets in need

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services are better equipped to handle pet related emergencies thanks to a donation of pet oxygen masks by Mountain Vista and Mad River Veterinary Hospitals and Invisible Fence Brand by Enviro Watch.

After reading about the availability of pet oxygen masks through the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, **Dr. Jacquie Pankatz**, owner of Mountain Vista and Mad River Veterinary Hospitals, contacted **Ray** and **Linda Sugars** at Invisible Fence Brand to obtain kits for the local community.

“Nothing feels worse than not being able to assist an animal in distress and we felt a strong obligation to provide the correct tools to our firefighters to assist animals before veterinary care can be accessed,” commented

Dr. Pankatz.

The pet oxygen mask kit includes three re-usable masks appropriately sized for small, medium and large domestic animals.

“Pets are often on the scene in emergency situations both in residential and commercial buildings,” stated Fire Chief **Bob McKean**. “The donations are the most efficient way to resuscitate an animal suffering from smoke inhalation or carbon monoxide poisoning and will become a standard piece of equipment in our trucks.”

Dr. Jacquie Pankatz, **Dr. Michelle Kinoshita**, **Dr. Taryn Ellis**, and veterinary assistant **Kristin Rogers** will provide the initial training and on-going support to the Fire and Emergency Services Department as required.



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The Sam Roberts Band

Sam Roberts coming to New Farm

by Brad Holden

Details for the latest New Farm food and music extravaganza were announced on Tuesday evening, and by Wednesday morning 125 of 450 tickets had been sold.

Chalk that up to the event's headliner, the biggest yet in a series of shows that has seen the Sunparlour Players, Fred Eaglesmith, Elliott Brood and Stars play the barn stage at the Maple Valley organic farm.

This time, on Saturday, June 15, New Farm owners **Brent Preston** and **Gillian Flies** are welcoming the Sam Roberts Band, winners of six Junos and one of Canada's most consistent chart-topping rock and roll outfits.

Of course, being a New Farm event, the performers on stage will not be the only "rock stars" in attendance. Chefs from 11 different restaurants and food establishments, both Toronto-based and local, will be serving up tasty creations before the show.

Like previous shows at the New Farm, the event will be a fundraiser for the Grow for the Stop, a Toronto-based organization that serves local, quality, organic food to people in need.

Event information and tickets can be found online at thenewfarm.eventbrite.com, and to ensure that locals have a chance to attend, 150 tickets are being sold at the *Creemore Echo*. Admission is \$45, and tasting tickets will be available at the event for \$5 each.

Look what's happening!

IN THE GALLERY THIS MONTH:

ROSE PEARSON - Opening Saturday, April 6

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All Things Health and Recreation

Last weekend's fifth annual Clearview Township Health and Leisure Showcase provided a great opportunity for residents to meet many of the health and recreation service providers operating in the municipality. It was also a chance for **Shane Sargent** (immediately above), the Township's new Community, Culture and Recreation Programmer, to meet the people he'll be working with in his new job. A Collingwood native, Sargent volunteered with that town's Recreation Department while attending CCI and never looked back. He comes to Clearview after 22 years in the industry, working both in the public sector for the City of Port Colborne and the City of Welland and as a private sector events consultant. Most recently, Sargent spent four years building the Municipality of South Bruce's Wiarton Willie event from a parking lot gathering attended by 300 people to a five-day arts and entertainment extravaganza that draws 25,000. Sargent's first job with Clearview Township is to work with the community hall boards on their fundraising efforts.



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darci-que, Mollie Doodle and Emily.

New Mollie book launch at library

by Brad Holden

Creemore children's author **darci-que** has written another book in her series of Mollie Doodle adventures, and she'll host a launch party for it from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, March 30 at the Creemore branch of the public library.

This time around, Creemore's best-known dog learns a lesson about sharing, in a book called *Sharing Means Caring*. The story revolves around a Shih Tzu that comes to stay at Mollie's house and takes a liking to her toys, putting Mollie's nose out of joint until she realizes how much nicer it is to be generous with her things.

The Mollie Doodle books have taken on a life of their own recently, and are now regulars on the shelves of several

Chapters stores in the greater Toronto area. *Sharing Means Caring* will have another launch party on April 6, in fact, at the Erin Mills Chapters.

Through Mollie, darci has found a way to teach children valuable lessons, about tough subjects like bullying. The next book, already in development, will be called *Why Didn't I Win?* and focus on teaching kids to turn defeat into positive action, an important message in today's world where children aren't allowed to fail at school and are somewhat ill prepared for real life as a result.

As usual with darci, Saturday's event at the library will feature crafts for the kids and some good old home baking – in this case, cookies in the shape of Mollie's favourite dog bone treats!



Borden Gymnastics – back row: **Morgan Shewen**, **Sarah Carlton** and **Maddy Shewen**. Front: **Emily Flood**, **Hannah Carpentier-Wiggins**, **Roxy McDonald**, **Savanna Inman** and **Joanie Turcotte**.

Gymnasts excel on March Break

Borden Gymnastics travelled to Calgary on March Break, where the team competed at the Kyle Shewfelt Gymfest. The competition was hosted by 2004 Athens Olympic gold-medalist **Kyle Shewfelt**, who acted as enthusiastic emcee and signed autographs and posed for pictures. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and made the most of it by earning many excellent apparatus and all-around awards. **Morgan Shewen** was first all-around, first on vault, floor and bars and third on beam; **Sarah Carlton**

was first all-around, first on floor and third on beam, bars and vault; **Emily Flood** was second all around, second on vault and bars, and seventh on beam; **Maddy Shewen** was third on vault, seventh on bars and ninth on floor; **Roxy McDonald** was third on bars and ninth on floor; **Hannah Carpentier-Wiggins** was first on vault; **Joanie Turcotte** was first on floor and fourth on vault; and **Savanna Inman** placed in the top half of her Pre-Novice category with a field of over 40 competitors.



CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP NOTICES

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR
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The Township of Clearview is seeking a volunteer to sit on its Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Council term (until 2014). As a member of the Committee, you will act in an advisory capacity to Council on issues related to parks, recreation and culture.

All persons appointed to the Advisory Committee must reside, own or rent property within Clearview Township, be a Canadian citizen and over the age of 18.

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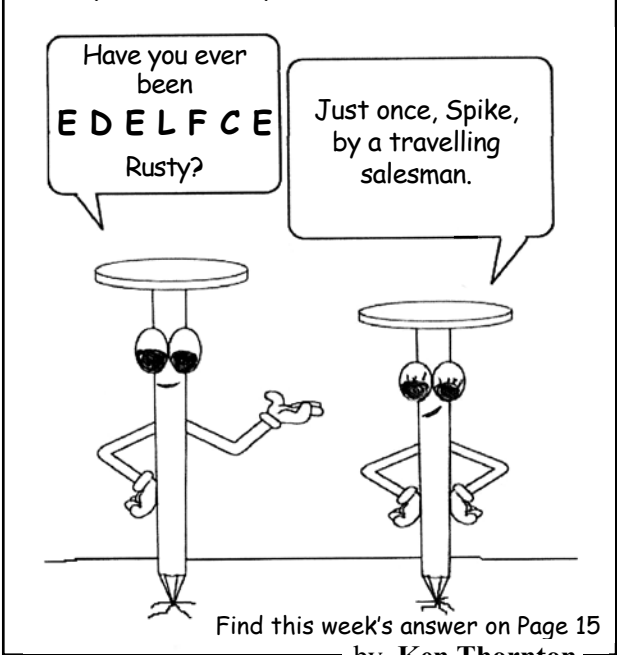
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Answer on Page 15

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer on Page 15
by Ken Thornton

CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, March 29
Variable cloudiness
High 5 Low -1 Winds NW 15 km/h
POP 30%

Saturday, March 30
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High 7 Low -3 Winds W 5 km/h
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STUDENT MORALITY IS IN DECLINE SINCE THE REMOVAL OF THE LORDS PRAYER, AND THE TEACHER'S FEDERATION IS FIGHTING FOR BETTER JOB SECURITY!

OH... AND ONE PLUS ONE IS TWO!
BUT ONLY AFTER THEY BOTH AGREE TO PLEA BARGAINING!

by JEFF WILSON

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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ACROSS

#0220

1 Albino character from The Da Vinci Code

6 Start of a Raptors game

12 Degraasi character McKay

17 Loan sharking

18 Neighbour of Sierra Leone

19 Sainly circles

20 Started

21 Discharged

22 Turn inside out

23 A _____ (1966 Margaret Laurence novel)

25 Actress Zellweger (Jerry Maguire)

27 Match up (socks)

28 Quebec City comic Norm _____

32 Travels by foot (2)

36 Old king of rhyme

37 PEI produce, slangily

39 Resourceful

40 Avis _____ of CTV

42 Slime

43 Paintball wounds

44 Captain Cook

45 Stop sign shape

49 Send to the canvas

50 Garden salad veggies

51 In a hateful way

52 Actress Hemingway

DOWN

(Manhattan)

54 Like most pretzels

55 Year books

58 Toronto aviator Baldwin

59 Thing

63 Voyageur's detour

64 Reagan daughter Patti _____

65 Barrel slat

66 Health Canada concern

67 Famed evolution teacher John _____

69 Future doctor's program (hyph.)

70 Most timid

74 Copied

75 D-Day aircraft

76 Greatest album ever, to some (2)

78 Business arrangement

79 Utter mayhem

80 Winnipeg escape artist Dean _____

85 Papier- _____

88 Silhouette

91 Wet behind the ears

92 Viper

93 Chops apart or sticks together

94 Toys that need wind

95 Wild West group

96 Maze walls

97 Watchful

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ACROSS

62 Prescription drugs, briefly

64 Non-prescription drugs, slangily

65 Home country of Michael Ondaatje (2)

68 Drug holder

69 Part of CPP

71 Draws with acid

72 Globe

73 _____ For Two

75 Heredity holders

77 Dog

DOWN

78 Sand ridges

80 Concede

81 Fence piece

82 Venue

83 Higher in rank

84 Straw house

85 CAA handout

86 Ballyhoo

87 Successors to floppies

89 Mr. Rogers of cable TV

90 Time delay



Can-Am Curling

Four local area curlers – **Karen** and **Paul Crevier** from Creemore and **Heather** and **Howard Walker** from Stayner – recently travelled to Connecticut to compete in the 35th annual Golden Handle Bonspiel sponsored by the Nutmeg Curling Club. The Creviers and Walkers were hosted by their friends **Barbara** and **Craig Simpson**, who have continued their curling at the Nutmeg Club since leaving the Creemore Curling Club three seasons ago when they moved to Fairfield, Connecticut.

Appropriately enough, the visiting curlers reached the finals for the Friendship Trophy, and they are seen here receiving their pins (l-r): Karen, Heather, Paul and Howard. The whole group also spent a day in New York City, visiting the 9/11 Memorial and Grand Central Terminal (which is celebrating its 100th anniversary) and attending a Broadway show. The Simpsons send a big hello to all their old friends in Creemore, with wishes that more will come and visit.



Photo David Dillon

Team Belarus, 2013 Sunday Night Hockey League Champions. In back: **Tristan Cabral, Jeff Coates, Jarid Ross, Mike Guignard, Luke Roy, Brent Wilson and Wade Marsh**. In front: **Chris Lammle, Shawn Marles, Steve Martin, Charlie Coates, Joe Degroot, Dave Wylie and John Nuttley**. Goalie: **Sonny Thompson**.

Sunday Night Champs

The fourth season of the six-team Creemore Sunday Night Hockey League came to a close last weekend, with Team Belarus beating Cashtown in the final game by a score of 9 to 6. Points leader for the season was **Jeff Fawcett**, who notched 36 goals and 10 assists for a total of 46 points. Winning the “Vezina Trophy” was **Jeremy Van Severen**, who posted a 2.77 Goals Against Average.

A final award, the Players Choice Award, was given to **Brent Larose**. According to league organizer **Shawn Hughson**, the Players Choice Award is chosen by asking all players to select one player from an opposing team who may not be a top scorer, but that they’d most want on their own team or that they find most difficult to play against. “These are the players who best represent who we want in our league,” said Hughson.

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CELEBRATION

The family of **Mrs. Jean Cook** invite you to a **Come and Go Tea to celebrate her 90th Birthday** at Creemore Legion on Sunday, April 7 from 2 to 4 pm. Best wishes only.

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BINGO

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HELP WANTED

Holmes Landscaping & Grading, based in Singhampton, is currently seeking to fill the position of **Junior Equipment Operator/Landscape Technician** working as part of team with the occasional independent assignment to complete earth work projects including but is not limited to: Grade Work, Planting, Stone Work, Sod Laying and other duties as apportioned. Tasks will be a blend of small equipment operation as well as hand work/manual labour.

Average work week is 50 hrs +/- (can be impacted by weather) and with some Saturday work as required. Potential for year-round position for the right candidate and will be negotiated further into the working relationship.

Qualifications: G Class license with clean abstract; ability to get to job site; experience in Landscape Construction/Maintenance and/or Agricultural; must have strong work ethic; physically able to complete tasks and punctual; positive attitude and ability to listen and communicate effectively with co-workers.

Competitive industry wages based on qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants can forward their cover letter, resume and 2 professional references to holmesldscp@aol.com

HELP WANTED

Looking for enthusiastic & dedicated individuals for an upcoming restaurant in Creemore, Ontario. Our restaurant is geared towards local and seasonal food. Experienced and non experienced individuals are all welcome to apply.

We are looking for trainable and passionate individuals with good customer service qualities. Full-time & part-time positions available.

Kitchen staff: Chefs, Prep cooks, Line cooks, Dishwashers.

Front of House staff: Servers – Must be Smart Serve certified Busers.

Kitchen staff please email your resume to caesar@creemorekitchen.ca and Front of House staff please email your resume to sam@creemorekitchen.ca

All qualified individuals will be contacted for an interview.

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Collingwood
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HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO HEALTHCARE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The complexity of Healthcare is increasing and now more than ever, strong, strategic governance leadership is required. The General and Marine Hospital (G&M) in Collingwood is seeking dynamic candidates for positions on the Board of Trustees.

The Board is composed of volunteers from the four municipalities served by the Hospital – Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Clearview and Blue Mountains.

Ultimate accountability for the services provided by the Hospital is held by the Board of Trustees. Working in partnership with the senior management team of the Hospital, the Board provides oversight of operations, foresight in terms of planning for the future and insight to ensure the right questions are being asked. New members are being sought to be a part of this Board for the term commencing June 2013 (following our Annual General Meeting on June 12, 2013).

Board members are expected to be responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the Hospital corporation, as well as the broader health care system. Integration of services locally and regionally is a key direction the Hospital is taking to better support the health care needs of our community. Board members are expected to be active members of the team, have the ability to think strategically and communicate effectively.

The Hospital is currently seeking candidates who, preferably although not necessarily, have had previous not for profit board experience, skills in the area of finance, public relations or capital project management. As well, the Board is currently seeking additional representation from Wasaga Beach. Applications must be submitted by April 27th.

Interested applicants are asked to contact Jennifer Stevens, Executive Assistant to the Board at 705-445-2550 ext 8303 or by email at stevensj@cgmh.on.ca. Visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca for further information.



Collingwood
General and Marine
Hospital

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wed. June 12, 2013, 10 a.m. Toronto Ski Club

P.O. Box 2, Collingwood

www.torontoskiclub.on.ca for location

The General and Marine Hospital invites all residents of the communities served by the Hospital to participate in its Annual General Meeting on June 12, 2013 which precedes the annual Health Leadership Luncheon.

Individuals interested in voting at the General Meeting must purchase their \$10 Corporate Membership from the Hospital's cashier before midnight Saturday, April 27, 2013. At the meeting, members of the Hospital Corporation will vote on any changes to the hospital's by-laws, review audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2011/12 and elect members to the Board of Trustees.

There are several Trustee-at-large terms ending on the Board. Nominations for these positions can come forward to the Annual General Meeting through two means:

The Governance and Quality Committee of the Board – interested candidates can apply directly and if selected can move forward on the nomination of the current Board.

Members of the Corporation, provided that each nomination by Members is through the written recommendation of ten (10) Members of the Hospital Corporation in good standing submitted to the Hospital by April 27. A written declaration must be signed by the nominee that he/she will abide by the Hospital by-laws if elected.

Letters of interest can be sent to: Governance and Quality Committee c/o Jennifer Stevens, Administration, G&M Hospital, 459 Hume Street, Collingwood, L9Y 1W9

Anyone interested in additional information is invited to call 705-445-2550, ext. 8303 or visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca.

DEATH NOTICE

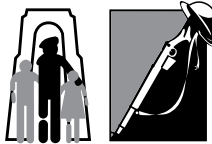
PETTIGREW, Vera passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in her 91st year. Vera, beloved wife of the late Harvey Pettigrew. Loving mother of Joan and her husband Bill Truax. Cherished grandmother of Ryan Royal, Adam Truax, Shannon Royal and Amy Truax. Survived by her sister Edna Stewart; predeceased by daughter Normal Royal and her husband Roger Royal, brother William Day, sister Ielene and her husband Scotty Kirkpatrick. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday April 3, 2013 at the Creemore Legion. Friends may visit Vera's on-line Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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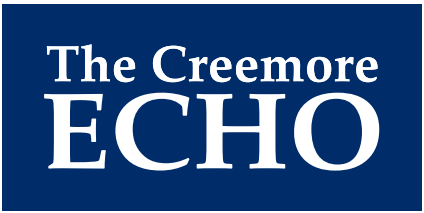


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