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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY – BUT MOSTLY KIDS Maeve Baldassarra, Sadie Finkelstein and Lillia Baldassarra were just a few of the children who participated in the second Children’s Festival. The event saw thousands enjoying performances, activities and displays. More pictures on page 6 and 7.



SENIOR OF THE YEAR – Mulmur’s Deputy Mayor **Rhonda Campbell Moon** looks on as **Robert Ireland** is presented the Senior of the Year Award by Mayor **Paul Mills**. Ireland is a long-time area farmer with an outstanding knowledge of bees and their role in feeding us all. For more Mulmur news see page 3.

Electoral Review Committee Wants You

Clearview’s Electoral Review Committee focused on the professional and public engagement element of their process during their August 6 meeting.

Ten members of the public were present for the opening of a proposal from Watson and Associates. The \$28,000 bid was the only one received from the three consulting firms invited to send in proposals to assist with the review.

The ERC is currently preparing their recommendations for Clearview’s August 12 meeting to provide councillors with the guidance and advice to help them decide if there is a need for a consultant.

The Committee also worked through plans to engage the public with a series of four town hall meetings at locations throughout Clearview in September, and at a public meeting during the October 7 Council meeting.

There will also be outreach through social media and the Township’s website. A major component of this will be an online survey designed to gather public opinion on changes to the way councillors are elected, how many there should be and whether a move to an at-large system should be considered.

The objective of the committee is to bring a final recommendation to Council on October 21, 2013.



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This Weekend

Friday, August 9 to Monday, August 12

- **Nottawasaga Daylilies** open for viewing of garden continues at peak bloom from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Airport Rd south of Creemore, turn west on 3/4 Sideroad and follow signs to 3757 Conc. 3.
- **Saturday, August 10**
- **Creemore Log Cabin** open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. History Hosts will be on hand to welcome visitors and tell them about the cabin and its first families. (The Cabin will be open each Saturday morning until Thanksgiving.)

- **Horse Show at Deerlake Farms**, 794330 Grey Rd 31 (formerly Carmarthen Lake) north of Singhampton. Show begins at 9 am with class competitions followed by games in the afternoon. More information at www.equi-cana.com. Spectators welcome at \$10 for adults & \$5 for children 10 and under. Proceeds to Journey Community Church, Collingwood.
- **Toronto and North York Hunt Gourmet Hack**. Riders \$100, lunch only \$50. At the home of Stuart and Victoria Lazier, Mulmur. RSVP to laurel@parkstud.ca

- **Rock The Hall For the Hall** featuring live performance by Hunter at the Nottawa Memorial Community Hall. Tickets \$20 (age of majority event). Proceeds will support Nottawa's Community Hall. Email rockthehall@hotmail.com. Doors open at 8 pm.
- **Sunday, August 11**
- **Church Services** are on page 5.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 13 & 20, Wednesday, Sept 11

- **Creemore Skating Club Registration** will take place at the Creemore Arena from 6:30 to 8 pm on Tuesday, August 13th, Tuesday, August 20th and Wednesday, September 11th. Early bird pricing applies to those who register in August. For more information please contact Annette Belkosky 705-424-9422 or a.belkosky@hotmail.ca or Julie Bigham 705-424-0626 or jbigham30@hotmail.com.
- **Wednesday, August 14 to Saturday, August 24**
- **Forever Plaid** directed by Dave Campbell (Laugh Out Loud, Orillia) & designs by Tim Webb presented by Theatre Collingwood. This deliciously goofy musical revue centres on four young, eager male singers who are killed in a car crash on the way to their first big concert & are now miraculously revived for another chance to perform the show that never was. Pop hits from the 1950s. Tickets and info available through the Theatre box office at 705-445-2200 www.theatrecollingwood.ca

Thursday, August 15

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church in Stayner from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment. Walk ins accepted.
- **Rusty Nuts** performs at the **Music in the Park** at the Station Park Gazebo, Stayner from 7 to 9 pm. Bring your own lawn chair. Sponsored by Stayner Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, Aug 16, Saturday, Aug 17 & Sunday, Aug 18

- **Home Horizon's 1st Annual Ribfest** at The Station, 45 St. Paul Street, Collingwood. Come join us for delicious "Fall off the bone ribs". For more information visit our website www.homehorizon.ca or call 705-441-5580 or 705-445-5478.

Friday, August 16

- **The Concert at Lyric Pond**. Join **Jim Cuddy** and his friends with guest star Juno winner **Jesse Cook**. Buffet. Presented by CORE in support of challenging inappropriate land use in Mulmur and Melancthon. Ages 5-10 \$25, 11-20 \$75, 21 and over \$200, kids 4 and under free. Reserve your tickets by emailing norm@informationpackaging.ca Hosts are **Melody & Bill Duron** – a map will be included with ticket.

Saturday, August 17

- **Manito Shrine Club's Annual Fish Fry** from 5 to 7 pm at 2265 Fairgrounds Rd, across from the GNE. \$17 each, children under 5 free. Call 705-428-3945 for tickets or available at door. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, August 18

- **Food & Water First** at Honeywood Arena from 11 am to 3 pm. Enjoy local food, live music & art exhibit. Wagon rides to see the farmland saved from the Highland Mega Quarry! \$5 admission, 5 and under free. Bring your own plate & fork! www.ndact.com or www.foodandwaterfirst.com for tickets.

Thursday, August 22

- **Bayview Country** performs at the **Music in the Park** at the Station Park Gazebo, Stayner from 7 to 9 pm. Bring your own lawn chair. Sponsored by Stayner Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, August 24

- **Copper Kettle Festival** hosted by Creemore Springs from noon to 6 pm. There's a Party Brewing! Celebrate our 26th Anniversary at the Creemore Springs' Annual Copper Kettle Festival. Join us for some good old fashioned fun – enjoy live music, kids' activities, great food and drink and more! www.creemoresprings.com
- **Copper Kettle Classics**. This year's car show runs from 10am to 3pm. For info or to pre-register your vehicle copperkettleclassics.com.
- **The Creemore Copper Kettle Dash**. This is the inaugural run – come out and set a course record! The race will be capped at 150 entries. Race Kit Pick-up: 7 to 7:45 am on race-day at the Creemore Community Arena. Early bird \$35 (by July 31), \$40 afterward. 5K & 10K loops. Visit www.onlineregistrations.ca and find Creemore Copper Kettle Dash under Upcoming Events (sport) to register, or contact Lee Anne Cohen at 705-466-3253.

Saturday, September 14

- **My Friend's House Annual Literary Fundraising Event** at Station on the Green. Doors open at 5 pm for cocktails and conversation, and for the viewing of the live auction items. The auction itself will begin at 6 pm, with a selection of unique items and priceless experiences up for bidding. Next, we welcome Mr. Al-Solaylee to the podium to discuss his Writer's Trust-nominated book, "Intolerable" followed by an open Q&A and book signing. Tickets are \$30 can be bought at Curiosity House or online at www.ticketscene.ca.

Tuesday, September 17

- **2013 Founders' Lecture & Reception** with Margaret MacMillan, O.C. award-winning author and Canadian historian & her book **1914: Europe's Roads t the Great War** by at 7 pm located at the Craighleith Ski Club Presented by Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning Institute. Tickets \$15 available now at The Crow's Nest, 239 Hurontario St., Collingwood.

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Creemore's Centennial in '46

One of the most exciting events of my girlhood days was Creemore's Centennial held in July 1946. The actual 100th anniversary was 1945 but because the end of World War Two was uncertain the event was put off until 1946. The four day celebration required so much organization that it overwhelms the mind. For example there were dances, bands, parades, numerous ball games, a concert, a museum, a banquet, even a CBC radio broadcast and of course much visiting.

Our thanks go out to **Jim Madill** for generously donating the August 1 issue of the *Creemore Star* which details the events.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Neighbourly News on Sunday, July 21, held in the Town Hall (now Curiosity House Bookstore and the empty storefront beside it) impressed me greatly. Imagine! People from all over Ontario would be hearing all about Creemore through what I thought was a modern miracle. The Town Hall was wired and transmission arranged through the Noisy River Telephone Company and the Bell Telephone Company. Free tickets were handed out to 350 lucky adults. Children were not allowed. I stayed at home thrilled to the core listening to Andy Clarke reading his Neighbourly News from Creemore.

Monday afternoon saw a big parade with floats, decorated cars, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Brownies and others following the Collingwood Kiltie Band. First prize went to young Bill Anderson of Dunedin for his dog team hitched to a sleigh. Second prize went to a submarine that floated through Creemore without any water and third prize was won by a Welcome Home truck made by a group from Dunedin. Master **Jim Steed**, now of Ten Hill, whose great grandfather was one of Creemore's first carpenters, drove his cart and pony.

On Sunday the Salvation Army Band from Toronto thrilled the audience. The Collingwood Kiltie Band who led the above mentioned parade entertained Monday afternoon and evening. The Veterans Parade was led by the Orillia Kiltie Band and also entertained afternoon and evening. On Wednesday, the audience was thrilled with the Indian Band from the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford.

Late evenings were spent dancing with orchestra from Toronto and Collingwood. *The Star* reported that "the one o'clock closing hour came all too soon for the happy gang who were not missing any dances."

Ball games at the park were numerous. The biggest hit was a game between two Toronto girls' teams on Wednesday. Monday saw the Dunedin boys defeat Redickville, Tuesday featured Sam Hisey of the famous Creemore Greys of previous years throw the first hardball pitch. The game continued with Creemore and Mansfield. The evening saw Ordnance-Remy defeat Service Corps 14-11. These two teams presumably were from Camp Borden.

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen
BLACKBURN

With the war over and many service men home, the Veterans' Parade on Tuesday was well attended. A banquet in their honour was held in the evening.

The museum set-up in the school on Caroline Street stands out in my memory probably because my mother was involved in setting it up. The paper's editorial comment lamented

the lack of a Creemore museum. We still don't have one and who knows how many valuable old pictures and relics are languishing in old homes or sadly, have been thrown out.

If people weren't tired out by Monday's festivities there was an evening concert arranged by the Creemore Club from Toronto. The first part of the programme included artists who were all Creemoreites by birth or adoption. The second part was a variety of musical selections by a professional group plus entertainment by a magician. The Collingwood Kiltie Band played at intermission. Not to be forgotten was an unscheduled meeting in St. John's church at 10:30 pm with the overflow crowd singing favourite hymns with talented musician, Charlie Duff, presiding at the organ.

The Creemore Star published all the names taken from the out-of-town guest book. Without actually counting everyone there appears to be 500. Thirty-two came from the United States and twenty-five came from western Canada.

One of the most endearing letters written in response to the celebration came from Mervyn Watson. In part he wrote "during a slight lull in the activities one evening, Walter Webster who came from Cleveland, Ohio for the Centennial and I got into some old clothes and proceeded to explore some of the old familiar haunts of our boyhood and particularly the sites of the old mill ponds and dams that made them. We were able to find remnants of them all and had no trouble in recognizing the old swimming hole of our day and when we did the urge was too much for us so we stripped off and had a good swim in our birthday suits (which was the custom when we used that place as boys). We remembered when enjoying the invigorating coolness of the Mad River, that just 35 years before this July on the day that Walter left Creemore for the west he and I had our last swim together in the same old swimming hole".

MULMUR NEWS

By Sara Hershoff

With \$250,000 sitting in the recreation portion of the Development Charges accounts, Mulmur discussed their current quandary at Wednesday's meeting. To spend the money means there will be little in the way of long-term savings toward major capital projects such as the arena, to save the money means the Township will be unable to gather as much for the recreation portion of DCs when the bylaw comes up for review in 2014.

"If we don't spend it we won't be able to charge it at the current level," said Mulmur Planner **Ron Mills** of the 16.15 per cent of DCs presently allotted to recreation. This money is intended to cover costs incurred as a result of new development and for growth-related capital projects and improvements but in Mulmur, where growth is slow and existing infrastructure has capacity but may need to be replaced or improved at a significant cost in the near future, the system is difficult.

"Development Charges work better for communities with significant new growth. A new arena can cost millions of dollars. We are dealing with nickels and dimes," said Mills.

Councillor **Earl Hawkins** further expanded on the problem, "The last of any major residential development has already happened in Mansfield – we have that money now because of that and it could be a while before it is replenished."

Council discussed how they would proceed with the spending decisions with Hawkins sharing some desires he has heard from constituents including boards and perhaps even a roof to create an outdoor ice rink on the existing play-pad in Mansfield and maybe even lights for the ball diamond. Councillors **Heather Hayes** and **Lynn Hilchey** reminded Council that consultation has taken place on the topic of recreation and the data from these should be a primary consideration. Also major consideration according to Public Works Director **John Willmetts** is the ongoing cost of maintenance of any project. These costs would have to be paid for through general taxation or additional user fees.

Under the current plan, ten per cent of rec DCs are slated for the development of parkland, seven per cent for facilities such as the Norduff Room, 81 for the arena and only one per cent for vehicles such as a new Zamboni, which runs upwards of \$80,000. Though this is what is on paper, Mills says there is some flexibility to re-allot the funds as long as they stay under the recreation umbrella.

Mayor **Paul Mills** closed what he called "the beginning of a good discussion" with direction to Council and staff to continue thinking and pick up the conversation later.



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EDITORIAL

Creemore has always held tight to the African adage that it takes a village to raise a child but what does it take to raise a Children's Festival? Perhaps the same things it take to raise a child?

We say that it takes a clear vision of family and friends coming together to celebrate.

We say it takes imagination to engage people in a meaningful way.

We say that it takes resourcefulness to provide free activities.

We say it takes a team of dedicated people who are willing to give their time without concern for pay.

We say it takes commitment. The sort of commitment that keeps people awake late at night and running all day.

We say it takes someone who believes enough in something to foster it, despite adversity, to its full potential.

We say it takes someone like Laurie Copeland to make events like this happen.

Laurie, your Children's Festival was a huge success and we would like to thank you and your team, not only for the wonderful day – one that reminds us of all it takes to raise a child – but also for bringing a bunch of children to town to help us truly understand what it takes to be a village.

LETTER

This is the last word I will have on this subject (I promise... maybe), and it has more to do with insurance companies than Canada Post.

My letter that appeared in the *Echo* last week was also sent to my MP David Tilson in Ottawa to include him in my outrage at Canada Post. I had found out that my car insurer was going to charge me an extra \$500, a more than 40 per cent increase, because of Canada Post's address change. When I phoned my insurance company, any logical argument of the unfairness of this surcharge fell on deaf ears, including my request that the person I was talking to refer the matter to a supervisor. He was unyielding in his certainty that this extra charge was necessary and written in stone. Subsequent calls yielded no better results including the one where I told the insurance company that I was taking my business elsewhere.

In the middle of that search a staff member of David Tilson sent me a copy of a provincial government directive that was sent to insurance companies back in 2006. This directive from the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, number A 02/06, states that insurance companies were not allowed to charge their clients extra as a result of an address change caused by Canada Post, and that the insurers were to reimburse their clients when this had happened.

Armed with this, my next call to my insurer was again met with no satisfaction until I read to him excerpts from the directive. Even then I received no satisfaction until he phoned me back two hours later to tell me that he looked up the directive and referred it to his supervisor who then told him to



Here's another Creemore Continuation School class picture brought in by Gerry Blackburn, this one is Creemore Continuation School Picture Grades 9 & 10, 1944.

Back row: Edna Geddes, Blanche Broderick, Edith Hyne, Gerald Lee, Don Hisey, George Baxter. 2nd row from back: Lydia Grose, Betty Newton, Irene Hare, Betty Deboard, Gertie Montgomery, Gloria Eggleton, June Weir, Beth Jones, Norma Leonard, Peter Coates, Murray Stephens. 2nd row from front: Margaret Fraser, Elsie Loewen, Pauline McArthur, Jacqueline Hieatt, Kathleen Latimer, Betty Bates, Norma Cherry, Dorothy Heard, Lois Perry, Eleanor Steed. Front Row: Doug Lennox, Hugh Lawrence, Bill Lott, George Shepherd, Lawrence Lindsay, Ralph Cook, Glen Best, Murray Fraser - 6 not identified.

phone me back and promise not to raise my rates after all.

Problem solved? Not quite.

My personal problem has been solved, but the whole thing begs the question of how many insurance customers have been bilked by their insurers on an ongoing basis since the directive was issued seven years ago. I am certain that some of the people reading this letter are included in the list, but since this whole address change fiasco stretches across many parts of Canada, the bilking must be immense. Just today someone put into my mail box a copy of a letter to the editor by a reader of the *Orangeville Citizen* from June 6, 2013, that describes the same undeserved charge happening to him.

If this abuse is as wide spread as I think it might be, it is scandalous.

David Bull

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I have a picture of our corn crop taken just before the severe storms we had Friday, July 19 (left picture). The picture on the right is the crop exactly one week later (Friday, July 26). The corn stalks seemed to have 'goose-necked' and curved towards the sunlight to re-grow. However, it's woven itself together and I would suppose harvest time will be a nightmare. The corn may never yield or mature to its full potential. This field is south of Maple Valley on 30th Sideroad.

Jessalynn Sammons, Shelburne

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were only 43 in attendance, which is probably because of several folks being away on holidays, which cut down on our head count, but everyone was pleased to see **Audrey Tidd** able to be out with us once again.

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

the driver – which is at your discretion.

I would like to send a Happy Birthday out to grandboy **Chris Kidd**. Chris' birthday is on July 31, and the little Welsh/English lady that I used to drive to her doctor and her dentist for appointments,

etc, had a birthday on the same day. Chris used to accompany me on some of my trips with Flo, and he got a kick out of her telling him that she quit smoking when she was 87 years old because she had begun to believe that smoking could be bad for her health. She then lived on until 97 – so it seems it did help her health! And, whether that had anything to do with it or not, but neither Chris nor his two brothers Cleve and Curtis smoke.

My “knitting” gal, Nancy, is working on a “scrappy” quilt (I think I have this right) which is made from any scraps of wool. This sounds like a great way to use up the ends of all those balls of yarn that seem to breed and grow in the knitting bags they are stored in. So she is wondering if there is still anyone with large or small bits of yarn they want to clean out that she might get. I will get it up to her if there is any wool left in the country that you would care to donate to her projects. My phone number is 705-466-5732, or the *Creemore Echo* has always let us use their office on Caroline Street West as a temporary drop off.

My thanks to **Marlene** of Marlene's Foot Care for pampering my feet a week or so ago. This is the first time anyone has done anything with my

feet since I was a youngster, and it sure leaves ones feet feeling nice!

In a note to **Sandra Bednarek** – I enjoy your newsy column, only I would describe the newborn Prince's future as being “Third in line to be King of England, the Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth”. This might be showing my age, but the description looks good to me!

We were up to Creemore on Saturday, and our wee town was crowded. Cars parked way up to the north on Mill Street, both east and west on side streets, and right down to the south end also. It sure seems to me as if somebody is doing something right in carrying on the tradition of being a friendly, helpful town.

One of son Terry's guides in the “Mantracker” show was a native

chap, and he had been in a spot of trouble with the RCMP some years ago when he was quite young, but that had been sorted out and was behind him. But just this weekend I heard on the news that Curtis had run afoul of the law again. I surely hope that his problems are minor because he seems to be a nice young chap, and he certainly is fearless on a horse. Terry is out in BC on a speaking engagement and a book signing, and he returns to Alberta to an “Outdoor Woman” type of course that he runs every year. By the way, if anyone is interested, I have some copies of his book here – just give me a call.

Our thanks – again – to **Bob** and **Mark** from Hanson Lawn Care for doing a great job of making this pasture field look nice – and cut in a “diamond” pattern to boot!



Brad Grieveson

PLAYOFFS BEGIN WITH A TIE



Tom Gateman

The Creemore Braves began the 2013 playoffs at home on Tuesday evening against the New Lowell Knights. The Knights jumped to a 2-0 lead in the 2nd. Creemore went ahead in the 5th to go a head 3-2. The Knights tied it up in the next inning, and the game ended in a 3-3 tie.

The series continued last night (Thursday) in New Lowell and will again on Sunday at 1pm. Creemore will return home for games 4 and 5 Tuesday and Wednesday both at 6:15 pm (if necessary). Game 6 will be held at New Lowell on Thursday August 15 at 6:15pm (if necessary).

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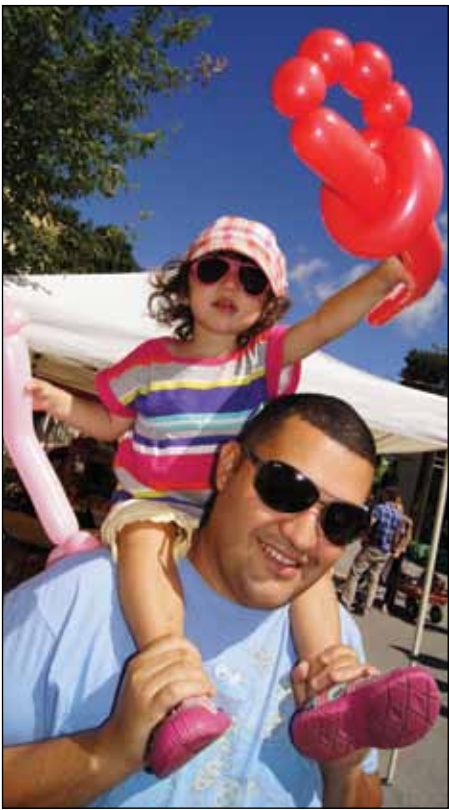
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FAMILY FUN ON MILL STREET The Village was overrun by kids, parents, grandparent, aunts and uncles during last Saturday's Creemore Children's Festival. The event, headed up by volunteer **Laurie Copeland**, was a resounding success with Clearview Culture and Recreation Department's **Shane Sargant** estimating the village welcomed about 7000 people over the course of the day.



Not Just A Valve Stem

I had an epiphany not long ago when I went to the barn and found a flat tire on my zero-turn lawnmower. It turns out that a \$4 valve stem had failed, and not having the right tools to fix it myself, that necessitated a \$100 service call. As a youngster I worked in my Dad's garage, and I have never seen a valve stem fail. Broken off or in need of a new valve, yes, but fail? Never.

A month later I went out to the barn and the other tire was flat – another failed \$4 valve stem and another \$100 service call. Bummer coincidence you might say, but I don't believe that was the case at all.

When I looked at that flat tire I saw something entirely different – I saw the demise of the middle class in the Americas. Some bean counter at head office who's under intense pressure from you and me to get the costs down, gets the bright idea to out-source the valve stems for their small equipment so they can save 50 cents per valve stem, unwisely putting cost before quality. This results not only in a disenfranchised loyal customer, but also in the eventual decline in North American manufacturing of valve stems. A bunch of well-paid middle class taxpayers get laid off, which co-incidentally takes them out of the running as potential buyers of

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zero-turn mowers. Thus begins the death spiral of manufacturing and the middle class in the Americas.

Naively I thought a call to the manufacturer might be neighbourly, to give them a heads-up on the problem with their valve stems – after all I own four of their products. Being retired, I have the time to engage in such nonsense, and I was looking forward to a philosophical discussion with the Senior Vice President of Procurement, if such a person exists, about the unintended consequences of out-sourcing, particularly the false economy of saving a buck while costing the consumer \$200. However, after numerous calls, I failed to get through to the procurement officer or anyone else interested in receiving my heads-up on our mutual valve stem problem. I was repeatedly assured, though, that the part was not under warranty, and sometime later a nice lady named Bobby Sue or Betty Anne gave me a follow-up call to assure me that I continued to be a valued customer.

It's the recent news of Detroit defaulting, as well as talk of a decline in the manufacturing sector during the Ontario by-election, that are the catalysts for my apolitical rant. That's

why on a warm summer day I feel I should warn you of the possible impending collapse of the society as we know and cherish in the hills of Mulmur, Clearview and the rest of the Americas. I am here to tell you that a valve stem is not just a valve stem, it's the canary in the coalmine. We need a strong, large, well-paid middle class. Even Henry Ford knew this when he started making cars – to the annoyance of other robber barons of the times, he paid his workers higher than the going rate, arguing that if the workers weren't paid well, they couldn't afford to buy his cars, not to mention pay taxes, send their kids to college, buy homes, take out mortgages, go to restaurants... you get the idea. Think about this the next time you hear the cry to reduce the number of employees by privatizing garbage collection or the LCBO or downsizing aviation or meat inspection.

Call me an alarmist, but the cold ugly reality is that as the middle class erodes so does the tax base, and with it the ability of government to provide and maintain infrastructure, education, fire and police, pensions and medical services; all the things that makes Canada the Canada we cherish. Over time the gap between the rich and the poor widens, the unemployment rate goes up and job quality deteriorates, particularly among the young. Life as we know it begins to collapse into despair and anarchy, and regardless of what you may have heard, the math clearly shows that raising taxes on the remaining wealthy won't work – there aren't enough of them to foot the bill for everyone. Without a strong, vibrant, taxpaying middle class, the Canadian way of life as we

have come to enjoy it is toast.

It would be easy to simply blame China or the manufacturer, but truth be told you and I are a big part of the problem, because we have made shopping for the lowest price the first and foremost priority in our culture. Walmart's tag line is "Always Low Prices," not "Always Good Stuff," or "Made in the Americas," or even "Union Made," to recall a rallying cry from another time. Shopping for low prices alone can have more serious consequences than a flat tire on your zero-turn mower. Recent food items sourced in China present potential health risks, and cheaper substandard counterfeit Chinese aircraft bolts are a serious problem in aviation. You might want to think about that next time you have a glass of apple juice from a can at 40,000 feet on the way to Calgary.

As far as I am concerned, my failed valve stem is the symbol of the decaying middle class in the Americas. Yet it's still possible to turn the tide, to rebuild our middle class, to bring manufacturing home. Roots Canada is a good example, a company that continues to invest in Canadian manufacturing and produces high-quality, competitively priced leather goods right here at home.

But one company is not enough. Consumers and corporations need to be aware of the consequences of shopping principally on price, and governments need to make it their priority to bring manufacturing back, because without the middle class and its sustainable tax base, we will all eventually twist in the wind like Detroit.

On the other hand, to paraphrase Sigmund Freud, perhaps sometimes a valve stem is just a valve stem...



LOCAL KIDS RACE FOR ONTARIO – Steven Noble of Mulmur and Cayley Brooks of New Lowell are representing Ontario for Mountain Biking during the Canada Games. The Games, held in Sherbrooke Quebec this year, have been running since 1967 and have played a central role on the promotion of sport and physical activity. This year 4200 athletes will compete in 20 disciplines during 16 days of competition. To date Noble and Brooks have earned silver and gold respectively with their relay teams and in the top ten in their divisions. You can follow the team during the games at teamontario.ca as well as when they go on to the World Cup on August 17 at Mt. Ste Anne.

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Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, August 9

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Saturday, August 10

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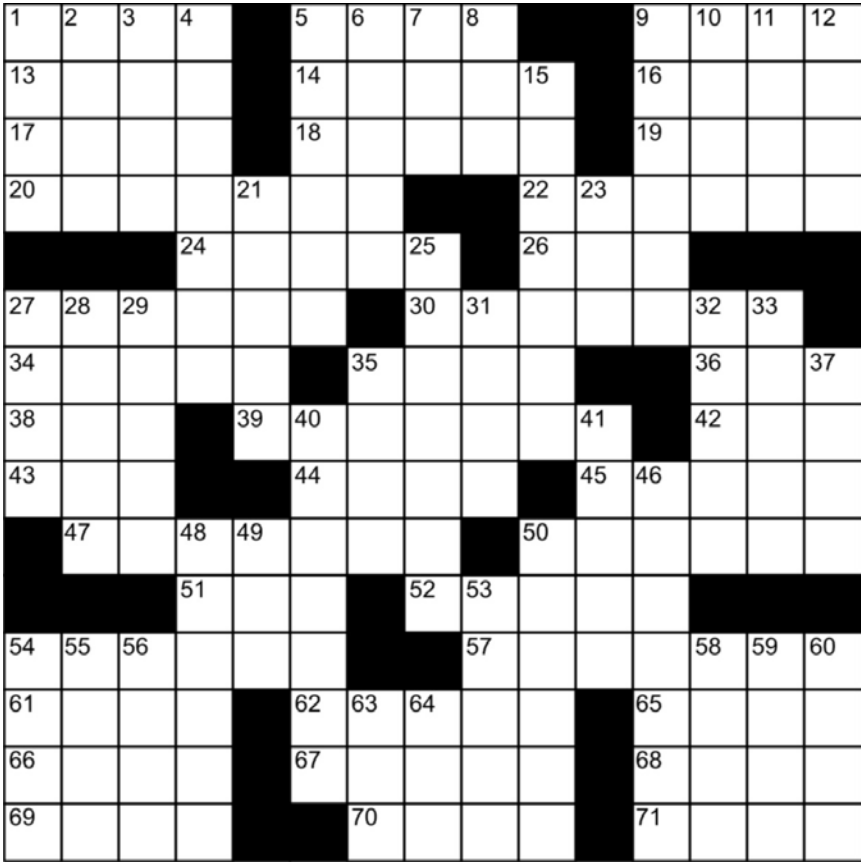
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ACROSS

1. Stolen property
5. Medical supplies
9. Become bigger
13. Human existence
14. Tonsils neighbour
16. Wander
17. Not written
18. Communion plate
19. Put up a window
20. Kind of scheme
22. Have as one's purpose
24. Powdered ink used in laser printers
26. Got together
27. Marvel at
30. Art of making speeches
34. Hag
35. Defensive ditch
36. Charged subatomic particle
38. Make the noise of a cow
39. Like a leopard
42. Two people who perform together
43. Opposite of beginning
44. Make angry
45. Done openly
47. Mask feature
50. Opposed to
51. Resinous substance
52. Instruction for a particular instrument to be silent
54. Amount of medicine to be given
57. Make a mess of
61. Final bio
62. Related on the mother's side
65. All-night dance party
66. Private theatre box
67. Old-fashioned
68. Declare to be true
69. Give the use of for a time
70. Father in French
71. Tidy and carefully arranged

DOWN

1. Ladle clumsily
2. Lean and tough
3. From a great distance
4. Basis for jellied desserts
5. Lying face upward
6. Avoid giving a direct answer to a question
7. Furrow made by wheels
8. Type of beer
9. Small attractive cave
10. Makeshift belt
11. Kitchen appliance
12. Make one's way
15. Give life to
21. Customs characteristic of a community
23. Remaining after all deductions
25. Small plant part
27. Pinnacle
28. Unchanging intonation
29. Port ____ (city east of Vancouver)
31. Charge per unit
32. Supplementary clause added to a document
33. ____ truly
35. Work hard
37. A musical sound
40. Continue doing
41. Incorporated fishing and lumbering village in Newfoundland
46. One who has been a soldier
48. Overjoyed
49. Witch
50. Become a monarch
53. Daisy-like flower
54. Child's toy
55. Double-reed instrument
56. Kind of language
58. Loose curl in your hair
59. Eye part
60. Saucy and cheeky
63. Sleep during the day
64. Gobbled up



Aug 2 Answer



FOREVER PLAID BRINGS HARMONY TO THEATRE COLLINGWOOD

Theatre Collingwood is excited to welcome the production of *Forever Plaid*, written by **Stuart Ross**, directed by **Dave Campbell** and production designer by **Tim Webb**. This show will run from Wednesday, August 14 to Saturday, August 24 at the historic Gayety Theatre.

Forever Plaid is an off-Broadway musical written in New York in 1990 and now performed internationally, is a revue of the close-harmony “guy groups” that reached the height of their popularity during the 1950s. Personifying the clean-cut genre

are the Plaids. The musical originally opened in May 1990 at Steve McGraw’s in New York City to rave reviews.

Singing in the closest of harmony, squabbling boyishly over the smallest intonations and executing their charmingly outlandish choreography with over-zealous precision, the “Plaids” are a guaranteed smash. With a program of beloved songs and delightful patter, the performance keeps audiences rolling in the aisles when they’re not humming along to some of the great nostalgic pop

hits of the 1950s. It stars Parris Greaves as Frankie, Glen Mills as Smudge, John Neil as Jinx and Ryan Brown as Sparky.

“Our audiences are going to have a great time,” says President, Harold Bickerstaff. “The Plaids are very charming. This show is fast paced and entertaining and you are guaranteed to leave the theatre humming some of these wonderful songs”.

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Approx 300 relatives and friends came from far & wide including Oliver BC, Thompson, MB, West Tree, Sudbury, Gravenhurst, Port Hope, Thorold, London, Burlington, Kitchener, Mitchell, Aurora, Orangeville, Harriston, Owen Sound, Hanover, Barrie, Orillia, Wasaga Beach and local areas. Thanks again,

Marie Millar

To the kind man of the long driveway at the top of the hill Dunedin way who stopped to help me with my overheated car: thank you for offering a helping hand in the land of no cell phone signal! Please know that with your guidance the car and I made it home to Terra Nova safely. Sincerely, Margie

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WHITTON, Laurie Passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at home with family by her side at age 54. Laurie of New Lowell, beloved wife of Ross Weston. Cherished daughter of John and the late Marilyn Whitton, Loving sister of Darwin (Shelly), Fay (Marc), Lynn Taylor and the late Brian Whitton. Laurie is fondly remembered by Ross' parents Clifford and Betty Weston, his sister Yvonne (Rob) Forrest and brother Kevin (Claire) Weston and by many nieces and nephews. If desired remembrances in Laurie's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Friends were be received at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home- Stayner Chapel 7313 Highway 26, Stayner (705-428-2637) on Wednesday August 7, 2013 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held Thursday August 8, 2013 at Jubilee Presbyterian Church 7320 Highway 26, Stayner at 11 a.m. with cremation to follow. For further information and to sign the Book of Memories log onto www.carruthersdavidson.com

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Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**Creemore
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Smiles and laughter filled the streets last Saturday. To all of our sponsors, participants, volunteers and attendees, we extend a sincere thank you for contributing to a spectacular event. The success of the day goes to all those involved.

To sponsors: TD Bank Group, Cardboard Castles, Curiosity House Books, Creemore BIA, Bryan Davies Photography, Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society, On the Bay Magazine, Affairs Bakery, Seasons, Strandz, Rowland Fleming, Clearview Township, Creemore Echo, and Sunday Crush. Special acknowledgement to our skilled stage manager Laura LaChapelle, Glen Bray & Clearview Community Theatre, mad scientist/organizer Glenn Hoag, and all around best guy Corey Finkelstein.

To participants: the Clearview Public Library, Creemore Log Cabin & Historic Military Re-enactors, Creemore Jail & Amberk Photography, the Women's Institute, Mad Maple Country Inn, 100 Mile Store, Millie Hilts, FaceArt by Xan, Sawyer Bullock, Shallon Kemsley, Sherri Jackson & Megan McQueen of Hummingbird Montessori, Fancy Pants Kids, Home Hardware, Tausha Hanna, Gertrude King, John Hall of Silvertone Music, Jordan Eveland, Osteria Vitto, Gail Caswell, Emily Deslippe, Kelly Methetal & True North Academy, The Old Mill House Pub, Katy Bloemendal, Maizis Martial Arts Academy, CrossFit Idestri, Cybergnomes, Creemore Scouts, Don Methetal, Shireen Rangwala, Simcoe County Mobile Education Unit. For our big toys, thank you Huron Tractor, Walker Industries, MacDonald Construction, Stayner Rental and Clearview Fire Department.

To volunteers: Jacquie & Thom Paterson, Robyn Gignac, Gabby Milsap, Simon Heath, Eric Potts, Katie Deslippe, Norah Mills, Pam Belshaw, Karen Lococo, Lisa Kristine Arlt, Deb & Don Smith, Joan Crysdale, Shane Sargent & Family, Kieron Rupke, Amber & Rob Sheffer, and the youth of RAY'S PLACE. We are also grateful to businesses and individuals who helped spread the word. It is our sincere hope that no names have been left off of this list - you are appreciated!

Special compliments to the many child participants of the Children's Marketplace and Glee-more Youth Showcase.

From Scottish roots to Scottish mountains

Having just returned from a visit to her native Scotland, it wouldn't require a professor of language to discern the country from which **Marjorie Lang** hails. Born in Glasgow, this young lass (then known as Marjorie Anderson) found employment at age 15 with Collins Publishing House, one of the largest of its kind in the world. During this period she met a summer student, a real charmer, by the name of Ian Lang, and after falling in love with him, she instinctively knew this was the man she would marry. Her hunch became reality in 1965 when she and Ian exchanged vows.

After Ian graduated from Glasgow University and trained as a teacher, the family, which now included baby Julie, moved to Malawi in Central Africa where Ian taught at a boy's boarding school. At the conclusion of his contract, Marjorie, Ian, Julie and baby Lorna emigrated to Canada. In the 1970s the family moved to Alliston and Ian taught at Barrie North Collegiate.

In 1989 a move to Lavender was on their agenda, to a nine-acre property that included caves as good as the scenic ones in Collingwood, where tourists continue to visit to this day.

As retirement became a factor

COFFEE WITH KEN



Ken THORNTON

in Ian's life, he thoughtfully considered running for Council. He was successful in this venture, and effectively represented Clearview Township's Ward 3 until regrettably he died suddenly in August 2005. As Marjorie relates this information, she is obviously appreciative of the kindness extended to her on this sad occasion, including the value of friendships.

Although Marjorie now resides in Creemore after 21 years in Lavender, she cherishes her roots in that area.

In addition to keeping in touch with friends, forays to Ottawa to visit her grandchildren, the intricacies of needlework and the joy of reading, Marjorie enjoys life in general.

Having been happily employed by Pat and Chris Raible when they operated the Curiosity House book shop several years ago, and having worked for the Creemore Coffee company as well, she has many fond memories of days past. When asked about goals, there is a brief pause before a cheery smile. "One day, I am determined to climb Ben Lomond in Scotland," she says. "For many years it has been on my bucket list."

If I can offer any advice, Marjorie, it would be don't ever give up! Nothing is impossible, some things just take a little longer. Remember the old adage, "if you want it badly enough, you can attain it." Good luck, my friend, and if it's not too much trouble, I look forward to a small keepsake from that mountain!



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Bazil Donovan, Joel Anderson, Anne Lindsay, Colin Cripps, Wayne Petti, Devin Cuddy & Creemore's own Tim Magwood



Special Guest Star JESSE COOK

Juno winner Jesse Cook is one of the most influential figures in Nouveau Flamenco. He will be accompanied by **Nicolas Hernandez** - another top international flamenco guitarist.

Friday, August 16 at 6 P.M. FABULOUS BUFFET

TICKET INFORMATION

5 to 10 \$25.00
11 to 20 \$75.00
21 and over \$200.00
kids 4 & under FREE
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