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TIME FOR VOTERS TO **SPEAK UP ON ELECTIONS**

By Sara Hershoff

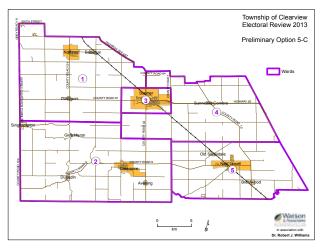
Preliminary maps for possible changes to the electoral boundaries within Clearview are ready for review on the Township's website and Brent Preston, Councillor for Ward 3, hopes everyone will take a look at these. He also hopes they will take some time to consider the way this Municipality is governed and then attend one of the upcoming Town Hall meetings hosted by the Electoral Review Committee.

Two of the remaining three meetings take place this Saturday, September 14 at 10 am at Station on the Green and 2 pm at Brentwood Hall. Another will happen on Tuesday, September 17 at 7 pm at the Stayner Community Centre.

Preston, who started the ball rolling on the review last spring, wants to hear what people think and has three main questions, "Do we want a ward system? If we do, how many wards should there be, and where do we want the boundaries?"

Along with these very pointed questions he also wants people to think about the larger process.

"We spend a lot of time thinking about who should run our government and not as much time about how the government is run," said Preston in a phone interview. "If the system works well, the individuals, running the system will work well."



Possible Wards - Online at clearview.ca are three maps outlining considerations for a five-member council and another three for a seven-member council. These maps, created by Watson and Associates Economists LTD are, according Ward 3 Councillor Thom Paterson, a talking point for the community but in no way determined solutions at this time and is emphatic that before any further information is created the public must weigh in.



IN NEED OF A SAFE WALK TO SCHOOL - Families cross County Road 9 together on their way home from New Lowell Central Public School. With a presentation and obvious concern for the safety of their children, the parents have convinced Council to reopen discussion on the need for a crossing guard at Lamers Road. For more on the story, see page 7.

BIKE, WALK, RUN!

The 33rd Anniversary Terry Fox Run for a Cancer Cure takes place this Sunday, September 15. To participate locally, go to the Mulmur Town Office in Terra Nova at 9 am. Area schools will also be involved and to help you get ready, the *Echo* asked three participants how they are preparing for the event.



Ben Miller-Cudney, Honeywood

"I'm getting ready by going to football practice every day."



Megan McQueen, Creemore

"I'm doing phys ed with the students at Hummingbird Montessori School."



Kip the Dog, **Creemore**

"Interval training helps. I like chasing squirrels for that. And I always follow up a tough workout with a good, long tummy rub."



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COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

Friday, September 13

- Come and Go Tea at *Creemore Echo* to say goodbye to Brad Holden and hello to Kristi Green. Please drop in between 1 and 4 pm.
- Mylars and Loretas' Farmers' Market in their parking lot in Singhampton from 4 pm to dusk. Every Friday until Thanksgiving.
- Creemore Ladies Auxiliary are starting the Friday Supper again. Tonight from 5 to 6:30 pm.
 BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, potato salad, marinated vegetable salad. Cakes. Coffee/tea. \$9 adults, \$8 seniors.
- Friday Night Mixed Dart League at Creemore Legion. Registration is tonight at 7:30 pm at Creemore Legion for the 2013-2014 season. For more info contact Mike at 466-3007 or Gail at 520-0055. All are welcome. Come out, make new friends and enjoy darts in a fun league!

Saturday, September 14

• 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.)

- Clearview Township Town Hall Meeting regarding Electoral Review at 10 am at Station on the Green.
- Curiosity House presents "How to Feed a Family" event authors at the Creemore Farmers' Market from 10 am onwards.
- Clearview Township Town Hall Meeting regarding Electoral Review at 2 pm at Brentwood Hall.
- St. Luke's Annual Roast Beef Supper from 5 to 7 pm at 22 Caroline St. West. Free will offering but please be generous. Come out and bring your friends and enjoy an excellent roast beef dinner.
- 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.

Saturday, September 14 & Sunday, Sept 15

• Centurion Bicycle Race comes through Creemore. Expect delays on our local roads!

Sunday, September 15

- Church Services are on page 5.
- Terry Fox Run. Bike, walk, run! The 33rd Anniversary Terry Fox Run for a Cancer Cure from 9 am to noon at the Mulmur Town Office, 2nd Line and 20th Sideroad in Terra Nova. 1, 5 or 10 km. Fun for families and supporters of all types! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Donations of any amount can be made at the event.
- **Kids Cent Ride** for ages 5 to 12 meeting at 11:30 am at Mill Street & Elizabeth Street. **OPP Safety Rodeo** at 10:30 am. First 50 entrants receive a free t-shirt. Call 705-466-6321 or email tpaterson@clearview.ca to register. Remember to wear your helmet!
- Joan and David Black are moving to Toronto in order to have access to necessary essential services and to be closer to their family. During their many years in Creemore, they have made a significant contribution to our community. Their friends are invited to a Come and Go Tea at Station on the Green from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, September 15.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 16

- Nia with Ayrlie MacEachern at Station on the Green at 7 pm starts tonight. Please call before your first class at 705-444-0550 or mayrlie@hotmail.com. Classes also offered at Collingwood, Shelburne and Flesherton. www.ayrlie.ca
- Curiosity House presents In Conversation with Joseph Boyden and Michael Winter An evening with two of Canada's most celebrated authors, moderated by Catherine Gildiner at 7 pm at the Avening Community Centre. Tickets are \$25 can be bought at Curiosity House or online at www.ticketscene.ca.

Tuesday, September 17

- Sara Hershoff & Kristi Green are on 97.7 The Beach this morning between 9 and 10 am to talk "All Things Creemore". Don't miss it!
- Clearview Township Town Hall Meeting regarding Electoral Review at 7 pm at Stayner Community Centre.
- 2013 Founders' Lecture & Reception with Margaret MacMillan,O.C.award-winning author and Canadian historian & her book 1914: Europe's Roads to the Great War at 7 pm located at the Craigleith Ski Club. Presented by Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning Institute. Tickets \$15 available now at The Crow's Nest, 239 Hurontario St., Collingwood.

Wednesday, September 18

Creemore Horticultural Society Meeting at 7:30 pm at St Luke's Church. Speaker Lorraine Mennen will talk about "Succession of Blooms – A designer's secrets." Prior to the speaker will be our Fall Flower Show. Judging starts at 6 pm & will be open to the public at 7 pm.

Wednesday, Sept 18 to Saturday, Sept 28

• Same Time, Next Year at Theatre Collingwood. This romantic comedy follows the love affair between Dorris and George, who while married to others, rendezvous once a year. Call the box office at 705-445-2200 for tickets or visit their website www.theatrecollingwood.ca.

Friday, September 20

- **Tree-planting Ceremony** at the Collingwood Leisure Time Club at 6 pm. Following the ceremony the OPP Chorus will present a concert at 7:30 pm. More information at 705-445-9685.
- The Creemore & Collingwood Speaker Series from 7 to 9:30 pm at the Mad & Noisy Gallery. Ruth Ann Pearce and Michael L'Ecuyer of Creemore's coloveration have let love and collaboration inform more than a few courageous choices they've made. Admission is by donation. For more info and to RSVP, call Shelley at 705-532-7375 or www.inspirationconvention.cab

Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22

• 158th GNE Fall Fair at the GNE Fairgrounds, 2220 Fairgrounds Road North. The theme this year is "Friendship Gorws at the Fall Fair!" www. greatnorthernex.com or call 705-444-0308 for more information. Advance Tickets and Midway One Price Tickets. Available up until 6 pm Wednesday, September 18 at Creemore Foodland.

Saturday, September 21

- Free Seminar "Bees in Decline" from 10 am to 12:30 pm at the Horizons Event Centre on Hwy 10 just north of Orangeville. Presented by the Mono
 Mulmur Citizens Coalition. For more info call Don at (705) 466-2661
- Curiosity House celebrates the launch of the book *Secret Pizza Party* with a special Pizza Party from 10:30 am to noon at the store. 178 Mill Street.

Sunday, September 22

- Scrumptious Sunday Brunch at the Horning's Mills Hall from 9:30 to 11:30am. Adults \$10, kids under 12 \$5, under 5 eat free. Come early to sample all of our delicious offerings. horningsmills.ca for more information.
- Chef Michael Stadtlander will be speaking from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the GNE. One of his topics will be the connection between the local farmer, markets and stores and our abundance of good local produce, meats, wine, etc. Michael will also be bringing his big Red Catering Bus that people can tour, and some of his friends from the Canadian Food Congress.
- Chef's Challenge at the GNE.from noon to 1 pm. This year's chefs are: Exec.Chef/Owner Philip Tarlo of Collingwood Cooking Academy, Exec. Chef Simon Bailey of Georgian Manor Resort, and Exec.Chef/Owner Justin Miller of The Cabin Bistro. The Challengers will begin prep at 11:30 am and actual cooking will start at noon sharp. Presentations will be made at 1 pm.
- Majengo Celebration at Lynn Connell's Creativity Art Retreat in Dunedin (7 km west of Creemore) starting at 2 pm. Drop by and catch up with what's happening at the Majengo Orphanage. Music, light food, cash bar & a surprise guest, Charles Luoga. RRSP to lynnconnell@sympatico.ca. www.majengo.org for information.
- Cantorum Acappella Choir will be performing at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm. This will be a fundraiser for St. Luke's improvements to the accessibility ramp and repairs to their beautiful stained glass windows.

Monday, September 23

Clearview Township's Council Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.
 Public meeting concerning development charges for agricultural buildings is also tonight.

 Margie's Dance Class Registration Night at N.C.P.S. senior site school gymnasium from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Recreational dance classes at an intro level for ages 3-10years. Check msmargie.ca for class descriptions and pricing or e-mail dance@msmargie.ca for more info.

Tuesday, September 24

• Do you like to sing? A Creemore Community Youth Choir is in the works and now we need you! St. John's United Church will be hosting an Information/Registration Night from 6 to 7:30 pm. Pizza and refreshments served. Ages 8-14. No singing experience required. No cost for joining. Variety of music selections to be incorporated. For more information call Lynn at 705-466-2995 or e-mail lgowan@rogers.com

Thursday, September 26 to Sunday, Sept 29

• Wichita Lineman – The Music of Glen Campbell. Starring Aaron Solomon, Leisa Way & Randall Kempf. Come and enjoy the songs of country music legends Glen Campbell, Anne Murray, Johnny Cash, Bobbie Gentry, Roger Miller, Kenny Rogers, Tanya Tucker and The Beach Boys! Theatre Orangeville, 87 Broadway. Call the box office at 519-942-3423 or purchase online at theatreorangeville.ca.

Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5

• As part of the Creemore Festival of the Arts the ACC North welcomes **Jason Collett's Basement Revue** to the hall for two nights. Be surprised by phenomenal mystery guests – literary, musical and just downright amusing. Each evening the doors open at 7 pm with eats available from fabulous food trucks. Show starts at 8 pm. Info and tickets available at aveninghall. com, at the Creemore Echo and by contacting sara@creemore.com 705-466-9906.

Friday, October 4 to Sunday October 6

Year Two of the Creemore Festival of the Art. Enjoy
artists on location, activities for the whole family,
concerts, artisans fair and more all made possible in
part by Canadian Heritage. Events listed on phahs.ca.

Monday, October 7, 14, 21, 28

• Explore the ancient healing wisdom of yoga on Monday evenings in October . Yoga at the Mad and Noisy Art Gallery October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 7 to 8 pm. Pre-registration \$100. Deadline Sept. 30 to register,. Call Leigh at 705-520-0098 or email birdleigh@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 12

• 6th Annual Creemore Apple Pie Contest run by the Creemore Heritage Apples Society. Please bring your pie with the name of the baker on the bottom to the Hort Garden at the Creemore Farmers' Market by 9:30 am. Pies to be ranked at 11 am. Slices for sale after that.



David and Joan Black

Blacks will miss Creemore

By Kristi Green

After close to 20 years of very active retirement in Creemore, **Joan** and **David Black** are headed back to life as full-time Torontonians. They will miss Creemore and Creemore will miss them. That is why their friends and neighbours are holding a Come and Go Tea this Sunday, September 15 from 2 to 4 pm at Station on the Green.

When Joan and David Black first thought of moving to Creemore, they didn't need much convincing.

In 1995, they visited an old restored farmhouse before heading off to play a game of golf. As Joan tells it, "by the third hole, we decided to buy it."

That farm, "the closest farm to Creemore" on the 4th Line, became their home after David retired from his law practice in Toronto. Ten years later, they moved into the village.

Throughout their time in Creemore, the Blacks were involved in many community activities. David chaired the organization that built the Station on the Green in 2003. In addition, David was part of the

committee that worked in partnership with The Nature Conservancy of Canada to foster the stewardship of the Mingay Tract.

The Blacks were active members of Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society and David sat on the Board in its early years. As a couple they have also been major supporters of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital.

Now, Joan says the time has come for her and David to return to Toronto. The move gets them closer to their three married children and nine grandchildren, as well as the health services they both require.

When pressed about what she'll miss most about Creemore, Joan was quick to respond with her answer: "It's the people." This includes everyone from their friends to the people working behind the counter at the stores, she said.

"We will miss every part of Creemore, in every way you can imagine," said Joan. "This has been a wonderful stage of life."



Grab your bike helmets, because this Sunday, September 15, Creemore will welcome hundreds of cyclists into town.

Creemore residents should start seeing cyclists arrive in the village at about 10:30 in the morning, said **Thom Paterson**, Clearview Township Councillor for Ward 4. Mill Street will be closed for the day until the last cyclist has passed through.

The cyclists are part of the 100-mile Centurion ride that starts and ends at Blue Mountain.

It's a bike event that is known as a "gran fondo," which is Italian for "big ride." Gran fondo courses are designed for many cyclists, with varying skill levels, to ride together. They are not races, yet the organizers recognize riders who finish early on.

After being popularized in Europe, gran fondo is now taking North America – and now for the third time, Creemore – by storm.

"Graham Fraser, the Creemore resident who brought the Ironman competitions to Canada, is also the man behind Centurion in this country," explained Paterson.

"He noticed the average age of the Ironman participant was increasing, and you can only do so much running, swimming and cycling in the same day. What sustains after a lot of training is cycling," said Paterson, who has been cycling for 15 years himself.

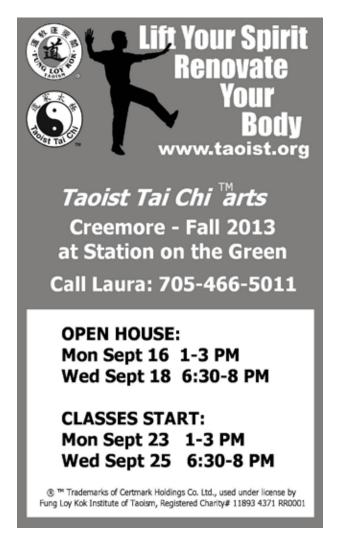
For Paterson, bringing the race to Creemore was a no-brainer. "We have a cyclist population in the village and we are a cyclist destination. The roads are challenging, scenic and the right distances," he said. Check www.centurioncycling.com to see the entire route for the Centurion ride.

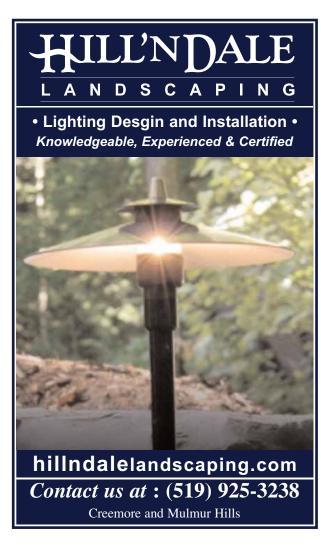
Kids Cent Ride

Young riders can get into the cycling spirit, too. Paterson has organized the second Kids Cent Ride for children ages 5 to 12, complete with fleets of prizes for participants.

The day begins at 10:30 am with an OPP safety rodeo where kids can ride a course to practice their skills. The Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit will also offer safety awareness events and bike hands from Little Ed's in Collingwood will be on site for free bicycle and helmet inspections.

At 11:30 am, kids can join the "biker gang" at Mill and Elizabeth Streets, where they'll start their own one- or two-mile journey around the village.







OPINION & Feedback

Feedback and old photos welcome info@creemore.com call (705) 466-9906 fax (705) 466-9908

THE WAY WE WERE



This picture hangs on the law office wall of **John Ferris** on Mill Street. **Georgi Denison** was there when she noticed that the building on the right was the same one in the photograph in our June 21 and 28 issues. The building in that photo appears in the background of a scene that depicts the paving of Mill Street. According to local historians **Gerry Blackburn** and **Bob Curran**, the building was used to store apples and displays for Creemore's Winter Fairs. Another mystery solved!

EDITORIAL

Over the past week or so, you may have noticed a slightly preoccupied woman wandering around town, camera in hand, ushering two children and a husky-ish dog down the sidewalk and trying to maintain a connection on her cell phone. That would be me.

My family and I moved to Creemore just before school started so my children could begin the year here and I could start my new (dream) job at the *Echo*.

Nobody needs to tell you that Creemore is a beautiful town. And a well organized one, at that. (The library is on Library St.? How handy!) However, the number of times I've found myself flying down county roads in the wrong direction or forsaking well-intentioned hand-drawn maps on napkins given to me by strangers, is

more than I care to admit. And when I ask for directions, I have noticed they usually start with, "It's up the hill..."

Lucky for me, I have had the amazing Sara, Brad, Georgi and Fred at the *Echo* to count on when I go awry.

Thank you to everyone I have met, emailed with, called and visited during my first week. It is wonderful to have a job where you get paid to ask all the dumb questions.

So, if you see me looking a little confused at times, please have patience. This world is a new place, and I'm excited to learn more about it.

I'd love to see you at the Come and Go Tea to say goodbye to our outgoing editor, Brad Holden, this Friday at the *Echo* office from 1 to 4 pm.

Kristi Green, Creemore



Dedicated to friendship — When Marg Rainbird, a long-time Avening resident, died last February, she left a huge void in the lives of those who knew her. On September 7, a group of Marg's childhood friends dedicated a bench in her memory outside the Creemore Public Library. Back row (left to right): **Elaine Collings, Ann Baptist, Donna Harrison, Kathy Ryther, Jeanette Currie** and **Gail Johns**. Front row: **Cathy Dunlop, Shirley Small** and **Cathy Lavers**.





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Big Heart Seniors

There were 50 avid card players out for an afternoon of bid euchre. After a cute joke by Ruby Klinck, the 50/50 draws went to **Alinda** Bishop, June Hartley, May Johnston, Earl Bentley, Ray Leighton, Elsie Longson, Art Bishop and Mary Donaghey.

Moon shots were played by Pat Broad, Bob Veale, Kevin Keogh, Janice Stephens, Corrine Brownridge, Isabelle Gubbels and Jim Ferguson (3). Bob won the sidewinders loot and Jim won the

travelling prize. High scorers were **Kevin Keogh** 316, Bob Veale and Wilma Bannerman tied with 296 and Janice Stephens 279. Low was Warren Gale with 32.

Get well wishes go out to Marg **Thomson** in the hopes that the problems she is having with, I believe, her legs, will soon be cleared up.

Our sincere condolences go out to the Martin family on the sudden death of Filena (nee Martin) (Rainbird) (Honsberger) Mills on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Filena and Jack Rainbird lived in Avening and Jack was a driver in Base Borden when he was killed in an accident while driving a military vehicle, leaving a young family of a boy and two girls. Filena later married Clarence Honsberger, and after his death she then married a widowed friend and neighbour, Shorty Mills. Filena was a great dancer and the life of any party she attended. She was also a very smart lady and loved a challenge. She could make any job turn into a lot of fun and adventure, and she was always ready to lend a



hand with community or neighbourhood goings-on. She came from a family of ten - Filena, Gertie Weatherall, Rene Whitley and Dorothy Willard, and brothers Clarence, Harry, Ed, Ernie, Percy and Sid. Her only remaining sibling is Rene. Filena's children

are Dennis, John, Diane and Joan. This family has had several deaths in the last few years, mostly young people. Filena was in her 90s, which is at least more acceptable, but it seems that an awful lot of my neighbours from this area have passed away in the last few years. Our deepest sympathy to all the extended family.

Warren and I have been fortunate enough to have several members of our families visiting us these past few months. Right now we have grandson Cleve Kidd, his wife Heather and their two great kids, Cassie and Corbin, from Sundre, Alberta, and our daughter Laurie. This we are enjoying thoroughly, but unless it cools down I'm going to have to head to the Artic to be able to breathe!



participate in Nia classes.

Classes also in Flesherton, Shelburne and Collingwood



Shear thrills at this year's Great Northern Exhibition

by Kristi Green

It's time for another Great Northern Exhibition at the Fair Grounds from Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22. Everyone is invited to celebrate the fair's 158th year with horses, pigs, cattle, sheep, poultry, pigeons, rabbits and more. Even people will be there.

For the first time, the winner of this year's Chef's Challenge will advance to compete at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto this November.

This year's competitors are: Philip Tarlo, Executive Chef and Owner of Collingwood Cooking Academy; Simon Bailey, Executive Chef of Georgian Manor Resort; and Justin Miller, Executive Chef and Owner of The Cabin Bistro.

They won't know which local ingredients they will have to cook with until the event starts at 11:30 am on Sunday, September 22. Then, they will have one hour to create an appetizer, entrée and dessert.

As always, the GNE will showcase everything under the country sun. This includes a demolition derby, horse show, midway, music, flowers, art and homecrafts, including one of the largest quilt displays at an Ontario agricultural fair.

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sunday, September 15

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17th-century car chase by a modern man

By Kristi Green

This month, Giller Award-winning author **Joseph Boyden**'s latest book tour pulls into town. On Monday, September 16, he will be reading from his new novel, *The Orenda*, at Avening Hall. Best-selling author and Mulmur resident **Cathy Gildiner** will be leading a conversation with Boyden and **Michael Winter**, author of *Minister Without Portfolio*.

Boyden and Winter are not new friends; they've known each other since 2001 and have travelled extensively together. They've already run with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, so spending 30 days together on a cross-Canada book tour shouldn't be too much of a strain.

The Orenda is a historical 17th-century epic. The story is told through the voices of three people: a Huron man whose family was murdered by the Iroquois; an Iroquois girl he has kidnapped; and a Jesuit priest from New France. So how does a boy from North York come to write a story like that?

For starters, Boyden, who has métis, Micmac, Scottish and Irish ancestry, identifies strongly with his First Nations heritage.

"I think Canada needs stories about native people," said the author, who counts Native American author Louise Erdich as a major influence on his work. "They are the First People and they don't get a fair shake."

Growing up among myths about his own family history, Boyden doesn't have to reach far for inspiration. In fact, stories about his father, uncle and grandfather's service in World War I and World War II inspired his first novel, *Three Day Road*. To develop *The Orenda*, he drew from his life experience on Georgian Bay, and from the Jesuit education he received at Brebeuf College School.

Today, Boyden divides his time between New Orleans, the town east of Parry Sound where his mother lives, and James Bay where he visits friends. In his own life, Boyden bridges geographical extremes, just as many of the characters in his novels struggle to do.

Tensions between modern and traditional ways of living crop up at every level in Boyden's work. His books are rife with contrasts about formal and bush education, and city and wilderness lifestyles. These varied settings provide the background for subjects that can be so light and so dark at the same time.

Can literature serve to ease this kind of strain that exists between the old and the new? Boyden certainly thinks so. The greatest compliment he receives is from readers who tell him that his stories helped them understand Native people in a better way than before. Over the telephone from his home in New Orleans, he told the story of one reader who gave her father, whom she described as being racist, *Three Day Road*. She reported that the book had changed his views.

"It's my duty and obligation to tell these stories," Boyden explained. "We have to know our history if we're going to be able to figure things out."



Giller award-winning author Joseph Boyden.

History in the making

To help with the process of telling historical tales, it helps that Boyden is a history buff. His writing process involves diving right into a topic and performing the research as he goes.

In the case of *The Orenda*, he started writing with "the most exciting scene," which is where the novel begins. "It's a seventeenth-century car chase," he said, adding humourously, "snowshoes through the wilderness."

So how does a post-millenial writer make history relate so well to a modern Canadian audience? So much so, that each passing publication leaves bookstores and fans hungry for more?

"My philosophy of writing is to tell a good story first," he explained. "One that gets the reader involved."

First, he establishes his characters. "Good characters," he said, "need to want or pursue something." Next, he lets them to lead him through the

story. "My characters choose me more than I choose them. I'm not always sure what will happen — it's as much of a journey for me as it is for the reader. I jump into my characters and go on my way."

It took Boyden two-and-a-half months to write the first 60 pages of his new book. Then, only 13 months to write the next 450.

Winning Canada's largest literary award for fiction – the \$50,000 Scotiabank Giller Prize, in 2008 – for his second novel, *Through Black Spruce*, was "a big deal," he said. "It makes you worry about your next book."

In fact, part of the reason he lives part-time in New Orleans is to keep a bit of distance from "the noise" there is in Canada while he writes.

Fans of books and movies should stay tuned. Film productions of *Three-Day Road* and *Through Black Spruce* are in the works.

And for anyone left wondering, what is an orenda? Says Boyden: "You should read the book."

Tickets to the event are \$25

(which includes a \$5 credit toward a book purchase), or \$15 for students. Purchase them at Curiosity House or through www.ticketscene.ca.



Building community through the arts

By Kristi Green

Local carver **David Bruce Johnson** is giving back to the area's arts community by coordinating the Artists on Location event at the Creemore Festival of the Arts. The festival takes place during the first weekend in October.

"Creemore is conducive to being artistic," said Johnson, whose wood and stone carvings of abstract shapes, and human and animal figures have been exhibited in Toronto, Vancouver and the U.S. "I have peace of mind here."

But Johnson wasn't always an artist. In fact, his career began in the armed forces. But after 35 years working for the federal government, Johnson felt he needed a change.

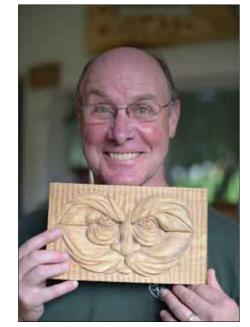
First, he took up wood carving fulltime. Then, he and his wife, **Tracey Kolowska**, moved from their Ottawa home to Creemore seven years ago.

On October 5 and 6, from 10 am to 4 pm, you can meet Johnson and more than 40 other artists in the area at the Artists on Location event. Formerly the Fall Studio Tour, Artists on Location gives members of the public a chance to meet artists in their studios and see their work throughout Creemore. It's one of many events taking place as part of the three-day Creemore Festival of the Arts, which begins on October 4.

According to **Miriam Vince**, one of the event organizers, the festival has something for everyone: music, dance, fine art, craft, literature, theatre and children's programming. "It represents all of the different cultural and heritage interests of this community," she said.

Have a drink at the Old Mill House Pub and view Nicolee A. Miller's watercolour paintings and photography. Take a foray out to Country Road 9 to witness the creation of a chainsaw carving by Jim Leithead. Visit the horticultural garden to see an Roy Hickling's installation and performance art by Ralph Hicks. See how a portrait is painted with a live demonstration by Sara Sniderhan at the Mad & Noisy Gallery on Mill Street.

Check the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society website, www.phahs. ca, for a list of artists and locations, closer to the date.



David Bruce Johnson in his studio.

NEW LOWELL PARENTS STAND UP FOR SAFETY

By Sara Hershoff

Parents in New Lowell feel they deserve the same consideration as other communities in the Township when it comes to getting their children to school safely. Led by **Helena Hayward**, they were able to convince Clearview Council to re-open discussion on the hiring of a crossing guard to square things up.

Hayward's presentation at the September 9 Council meeting, complete with a 150-person petition and families attending in support, brought forth her desire for Council to reconsider the decision of July 22 when New Lowell was denied a guard, while additional guards were approved in Creemore and Stayner.

Hayward says her community has as great, if not a greater need, for this service and deserves a guard to man the Lamers Road location to protect the 50 walking students, plus siblings, caregivers and friends who must get from the north side of County Road



Amanda Duggan crosses County Road 9, children in tow.

9 to attend their public school on the south side of the highway.

On her list of concerns were the types and speed of vehicles – large transports regularly use this road and though the speeds and school zones are

posted, compliance is not always the norm – as well as the complexity of the crossing for children, most of whom are under 10 years of age.

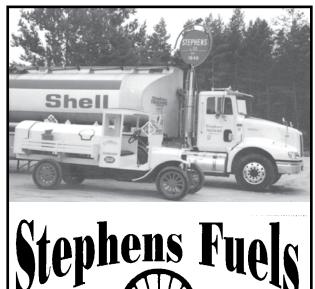
Policy is in place and studies have been completed to help make decisions

for placing crossings but the final call on the hiring is with Council. If locations do not meet the Policy's criteria, as was the case with other locations approved on July 22, Council has the ability to use their discretion to increase public safety under their policy.

Staff will review the location and bring forward a new – though, according to General Manager of Transportation and Recreation **Steve Sage**, doubtfully very different – report to Council at the next meeting. Then they will have the task of deciding how to service the walkers of New Lowell.

GET TO SCHOOL SAFELY

- Walk to and from school with your children.
- Show them safe places to go if they need help.
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- Help them to be aware of their surroundings.



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CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP NOTICES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer Firefighters

Job Posting # 2013 – 018

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services is currently recruiting Volunteer Firefighters specifically for the following stations:

Singhampton • New Lowell Creemore • Nottawa

(We will not be accepting applications for the Stayner fire station at this time).

Requirements

- Must reside in the primary response area, preferably in close proximity to fire station
- Ability to handle intense and sustained physical effort necessary to safely perform firefighter duties
- Current medical clearance certificate (cost to be responsibility of the candidate)
- Completion of Employer waiver
- Valid Ontario Driver's License in good standing and a reliable means to respond to emergency calls
- Insurable (under the Corporation's fleet policy)
- No criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted
- Clear police clearance for Vulnerable Sector Search, free of convictions for which a pardon has not been granted
- Effective communication skills
- Legally entitled to work in Canada

For further information regarding preferred skills, please visit <u>www.clearview.ca</u> (Employment section).

Interested applicants must complete the <u>Application Form</u> found on Clearview's web-site at <u>www.clearview.ca</u> and are requested to e-mail the <u>completed application and</u> their resume to <u>hr@clearview.ca</u> <u>OR</u> drop off at the Administration Centre at 217 Gideon Street, Stayner to the attention of Human Resources Manager. Closing date for applications is Sept. 27, 2013.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please note: In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, please contact Human Resources for accommodation inquiries or requirements at $705-428-6230 \, x. \, 255$

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

School Crossing Guards

Job # 2013-019

Clearview Township is currently recruiting for the following 3 Crossing Guard positions:

	Area	Employment Type				
Position 1	NOTTAWA:	Temporary part-time (school year 2013-2014)				
	Cty Rd 124 near Queen Street	Mon-Fri: 8:25am to 8:55am and 3:25pm to 3.55pm				
		Casual Relief (spare to cover for sick time,				
Position 2	STAYNER	vacation etc)				
Position 3	CREEMORE	Casual Relief (spare to cover for sick time, vacation etc)				

Wage: \$16.41 per hour plus 4% vacation pay

For further information regarding qualifications etc, please visit <u>www.</u> <u>clearview.ca</u> and click on "Employment Opportunities".

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and covering letter, indicated their preference of positions (1,2 or 3) quoting Job # 2013-19 by Sep. 27, 2013 to Human Resources at hr/@ clearview.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP

CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP NOTICES

TENDERS

Township of Clearview will be receiving tenders for Winter Sand Tender #2013-09

SEALED TENDERS (clearly marked), on forms supplied by the Township of Clearview will be received at the Township of Clearview Administration Centre, 217 Gideon St, Stayner, ON until but not later than:

1:00 PM local time, Monday September 30th, 2013

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tender forms are available at the:

Township of Clearview Administration Centre 217 Gideon St Stayner ON LOM 1S0 705 428 6230 ext 229

For further information contact:

Stephen Sage, CRS-S

General Manager Transportation and Recreation

Township of Clearview

Telephone: 705 428 6230 ext 228

Fax: 705 428 0288 ssage@clearview.ca

TENDERS

TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Township of Clearview will be receiving quotes on your company letterhead until:

1:00 p.m. Monday, September 30th, 2013 for the following items:

- 1. One-1997 Ford (Cummins L10) S/A Sander/Snowplow Unit 97-15
- One- 1998 Sterling (Cat 3206) T/A Sander/Snowplow with hyd. Wing Unit 98-28

Equipment may be viewed at the Township of Clearview Public Works Building, located at 5833 27/28 Sideroad Nottawasaga during the hours of 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The Township reserves the right to refuse any or all quotes.

For more information contact:

Steve Sage, CRS-S
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Stayner ON L0M 1S0
705 428-6230 ext 228 or email ssage@clearview.ca

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REEMORE Weekend Weather

$Sudoku^{\text{by}}_{\text{Barbara Simpson}}$ 5 8 3 5 9 8 8 5 6 1 4 3 6 4 9 3 5 8 4

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble _ Someone RBBGEAD Pity Spike, it was as my hat at the Foodland, Rusty. old as you are. Find this week's answer in Classifieds by Ken Thornton -

Answer on Classifieds Page

FUN& Games

Friday, September 13 Cloudywith showers

High 11 Low 6 Winds N 30 km/h **POP 40%**

Saturday, September 14

High 17 Low 4 Winds N 10 km/h **POP 10%**

Sunday, September 15

Isolated shower

High 18 Low 10 Winds SW 20 km/h **POP 40%**

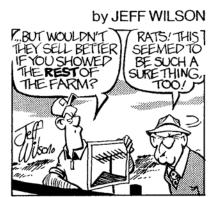
Wishing you a pleasant Weekend **Mad River Golf Club** 705-428-3673 • www.madriver.ca



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FRED'S FUNNIES

What did the grape do when it got stepped on?

It let out a little wine!

Canadian Criss Cross

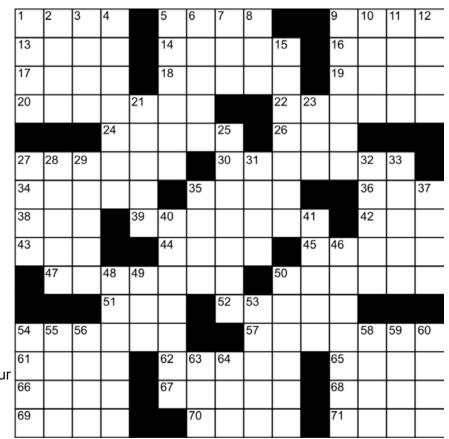
ACROSS

- 1. It's used in making chalk
- 5. Vivacity
- 9. Place where tents are set up
- 13. Bread spread
- 14. Zenith's opposite
- 16. Febrile condition
- 17. Utterance indicating discomfort
- 18. Become rotten, as an egg
- 19. Sunday service
- 20. Close of day
- 22. Word on some LPs
- 24. Make corrections to
- 26. First word of The Lord's Prayer
- 27. Warm-blooded vertebrate
- 30. It's similar to celery
- 34. Over the length of
- 35. Spanish servant
- 36. Wood durable in water
- 38. Wildlife park
- Instalment of a serialized story
- 42. For shame!
- 43. Last part
- 44. Those that are left
- 45. Make impure
- 47. An unsightly sight
- 50. " Mame"
- 51. Dopey's friend
- 52. Canadian recording engineer Staub
- 54. Flat on one's back
- 57. Spotted with black and white
- 61. Rounded handle
- 62. Big bunch of bees
- 65. Ancient Greek theatres
- 66. Adored one
- 67. Dark brown pigment
- 68. Parkinson of "The Price Is Right"
- 69. Basic fishing rod
- 70. Valley
- 71. Remove from circulation

DOWN

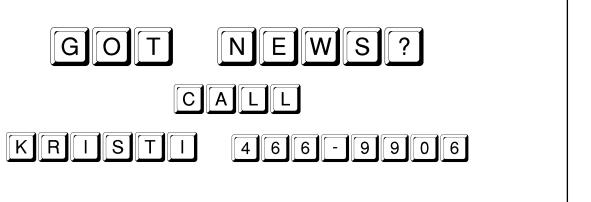
- 1. Place for a mummy
- 2. Lotion additive
- 3. Starring role
- 4. Look down on with disdain
- 5. Tooth part
- 6. Weighed down
- 7. Find the sum of numbers
- 8. Nothing
- 9. Judge's private office
- 10. Gelatinous product
- 11. Think meditatively
- 12. Monetary unit of Mexico
- 15. Be echoed
- 21. Reflection in a mirror
- 23. Butter container
- 25. Piece of bedroom furniture
- 27. Labyrinth
- 28. By yourself
- 29. Port ____, British Columbia
- 31. An owl's cry
- 32. Make ready for use again
- 33. Pancakes served with caviar and sour
- 35. Docking place
- 37. Measure out
- 40. Course of action
- 41. Musical practice piece
- 46. A person, no matter who
- 48. Fit to be eaten
- 49. Male child
- 50. Kind of cracker
- 53. Spring month
- 54. Forgo or not have
- 55. Command in many computer programs
- 56. Game played with a stick
- 58. Sarah McLachlan song
- 59. Rely on for support
- 60. Like some cellars 63. Calendar abbreviation
- 64. Do a takeoff on

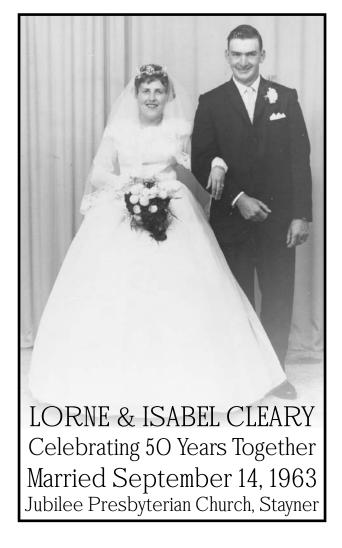
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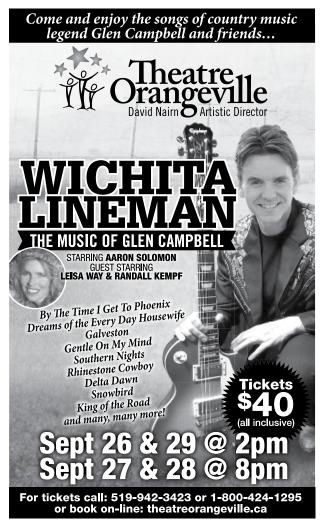


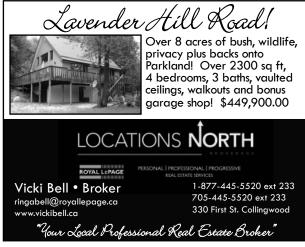
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September 6 Answer









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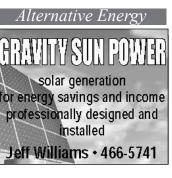


















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HELP WANTED

The Salvation Army Hope Acres is looking to hire a full-time COOK, 40 hours per week starting October 21, 2013. Hours will be Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm and possibly some weekends. A minimum of 5 years experience is required and the applicant must have a Food Handlers Certificate. Please note this is a tobacco/smoke free facility. Interested applicants are asked to email resume to: Rob Hardy@ can.salvationarmy.org by September 20, 2013. We thank all applicants, however, only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted. Please no phone calls.

Casual FRONT DESK Person: The Salvation Army Hope Acres is looking for a Front desk person to work with men ages 18+ with alcohol and drug addiction. Shifts can be evenings, midnights, weekends and holidays as required. Please note this is a tobacco/smoke free facility. Interested applicants are asked to email resume to: Rob_Hardy@can.salvationarmy. org by September 20, 2013. We thank all applicants, however, only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted. Please no phone calls.

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE/TREASURE SALE: Nature League Fundraiser on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at Craigleith Community Centre, Old Lakeshore Road behind the Depot, Hwy.26 and Grey Road 19. Books, CDs, household items, small furniture, treasure table, bake sale and 50/50 draw.

SERVICES

Rent-A-Youth RAY'S PLACE youth available to work help with your fall clean up and odd jobs. \$11/hour. Book today 705-466-3663 or info@raysplaceyrc.com

Spike & Rusty: **GRABBED**

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PIANO LESSONS

PIANO LESSONS for beginners and advanced students. Students in Creemore and Wasaga Beach. Please call Lorna May 705-352-2759.

RENTALS

ROOMS for rent. Furnished. \$130 per week includes shared living room, heat, hydro, wireless internet, satellite TV, parking. Linens supplied. No smoking. Call 705-444-4852.

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REGISTRATIONS

Friday Night Mixed Dart League 2013 - 2014 Season Registration on Friday, September 13, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Creemore Legion. For more info contact Mike at 466-3007 or Gail at 520-0055. "All are welcome. Come out, make new friends and enjoy darts in a fun league!"

Margi's Dance Class Registration Night is happening on Monday ,September 23rd at N.C.P.S. senior site school gymnasium from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Recreational dance classes at an intro level for ages 3-10years. Check msmargie.ca for class descriptions and pricing or e-mail dance@msmargie.ca for more info.

Firearms & Militaria Auction

Sat. Sept. 21 @9:30am **Creemore Legion hall** to feature

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John B. Simpson Auctioneer 705-466-2207

Details@ www.simpsonauctions.com

DAYCARE

Building Blocks Home Daycare, full or part-time care, before or after school. Please call for availability and to book a play date at 705-466-6355.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who called, sent cards and offered their help in the time of Rory Boyes' passing.

Joan Muirhead & Lorn Bouchard

Thanks to everyone for their good wishes, moral support, cards and goodies during my recent surgery. Special thanks to Dr. Chang and the staff at G&M Hospital. Bill Bendell

RAFFLE TICKETS

Big Brothers Big Sisters Raffle. Win one return trip for two people to any WestJet destination! Only 500 tickets printed... odds are one in 500! \$20 per ticket. Draw date is Thursday, October 3 so drop in to Creemore Echo and buy your ticket today! www. bigbrothersbigsistersgeorgiantriangle.org for details.

LOST / FOUND

Lost Marigold our orange female CAT last week from Edward street. She is small, 6 years old and is used to being an indoor cat. If you have seen her please call us at (705)792-8759. We are very worried about her!

Silver coloured tennis BRACELET in downtown Creemore last Sunday. 705-466-2791.

Do you have a STATION KEY that you meant to return? Please bring it in to Creemore Echo as soon as possible!

OLD PHOTOS WANTED

Do you have any **OLD PHOTOS** that you'd like to share with everyone in our "The Way We Were" section on page 4? Bring them in to us & we'll take a copy and run them in future Creemore Echo editions. We look forward to seeing you!

DEATH NOTICE

MILLS, Filena Ermina - Filena joyously danced her way to Heaven on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. It is with profound sadness but also deep gratitude for a life well lived, that we announce her passing. She was born to James and Eva Martin 95 years ago and was raised in Sunnidale Township. She will be lovingly remembered for her sincerity, warmth and sense of humour by her children Dennis, Diane, Joan, John (Lynda), stepdaughter Joan (Dennis Millsap) and 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Predeceased by brothers Clarence, Percy, Ernie, Ed, Harry, Sid and sisters Gertie Weatherall and Dorothy Willard. Lovingly remembered by sister Rene Whitley and brothers-in-law Maurice Weatherall and Roy Willard. Predeceased by husbands Jack Rainbird, Clarence Honsberger and W.G. (Shorty) Mills, granddaughter Julie Rainbird and daughter-in-law Marg Rainbird. She was a bookkeeper by profession and a life member of the Avening Women's Institute. Jack and Filena were one of the driving forces in the building of the Avening Community Hall and she continued to volunteer there and looked forward to all the community dances. She was an active volunteer at the Stayner Nursing Home and the Huronia Guest Home. The family is asking you to join in the celebration of Filena's life at Centennial United Church, corner of William and Oak Streets, Stayner on Saturday September 14, 2013 at 11 o'clock. Visitation and lunch will follow the service in the Church Hall. Honouring Filena's wish, cremation has taken place and interment will follow at a later date. Arrangements under the direction of the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home -Stayner Chapel (705-428-2637). Friends and family planning an expression of remembrance are asked to consider Centennial United Church or Avening Community Hall. For further information and to sign the Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com That she died – we mourn. That she lived – we rejoice. Thanks for the memories.



A Conversation with

Joseph Boyden & Michael Winter

Join us for an evening with celebrated Canadian authors

Joseph Boyden and Michael Winter as they read from their latest works followed by a moderated Q&A with Catherine Gildiner.

Monday, September 16th, 2013 Date:

Time: 7 pm

Place: Avening Hall

\$25 (includes a \$5 credit towards Price: the purchase of a book at the event) \$15 for students (no book credit)

Tickets available at Curiosity House Books and through www.ticketscene.ca

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www.greatnorthernex.com

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For more information call **705.444.0308**









By Kristi Green

"Floored." This is how **Alison FitzGerald** felt after the first Walk a
Mile in Her Shoes event in Collingwood
last year. "I was floored at the amount
of interest and support the community
showed," she explained.

The event raised \$30,000 for Collingwood women's shelter, My Friend's House.

On Saturday, October 5, FitzGerald, the shelter's executive director, is hoping that the "men in heels" will raise even more.

My Friend's House is Southern Georgian Bay's only shelter and support program for women and their children escaping violence and abuse. Each year, the shelter must raise \$175,000 to maintain its existing services. All proceeds from the walk go directly to the shelter.

"It's a fun way to talk about a difficult issue," FitzGerald said. "Since My Friend's House started engaging men in the conversation about violence against women, it has seen a growth in the third-party and volunteer support men have offered."

Rumour has it that even Santa Claus has been practicing walking in heels since his début at the event last year.

Anyone who is interested in walking, volunteering, sponsoring or pledging can visit www.inherheels.ca.



