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News and views in and around Creemore

Campfires hot topic at Council

By Kristi Green

With a citizen petition in hand, **Doug Measures**, Councillor for Ward 1, re-opened the debate about open-air burning in the settlement areas of Creemore, New Lowell, Stayner and Nottawa.

Council revisited Clearview's Open-Air Burning Bylaw at its Monday, September 23 meeting.

Council last amended the Open-Air Burning Bylaw in December 2011. Currently, rural residents can purchase a burn permit to have an open-air fire. The bylaw prohibits residents of settlement areas from having open-air fires.

The petition, which two citizens from New Lowell and Nottawa created, contains 278 signatures from Clearview, said Measures. In total, about 300 people signed the petition, he said.

In the petition, the citizens ask Council to bring back the bylaw allowing residents of settlement areas to hold burning permits.

"People want a background campfire or barbecue," explained Councillor Measures. "It's part of our heritage as Canadians."

Alicia Savage, Deputy Mayor, disagreed. "I am against re-opening this," she stated. Savage cited improved health and air quality, and reduced pollution in the settlement areas as proof that the bylaw is working.

Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** reported that about 2 per cent of open-air fires in rural areas result in complaints to the Clearview Township Fire Department. In 2012, the Fire Department issued 1,058 burn permits and received 23 complaints. So far this year, the Fire Department has received 13 complaints and issued 939 burn permits.

Council will use traditional and social media to engage the public on this issue, It will review the Open-Air Burning Bylaw at an upcoming meeting this fall.



BEAUTY TREATMENT – Gloria Hicks gives her pony's whiskers a trim at the Great Northern Exhibition last weekend. For more photos and highlights of the event, see pages 6, 7 and 12.

...IS IT ART?

Can you guess what items like these pictured at right are about to be used for?

See page 3 – and visit the Creemore Horticulture Garden on Saturday, October 5 – to find out.







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COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

Friday, September 27

- **Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Come out and enjoy some homemade soup and breads with your friends.

Friday, September 27 to Sunday, Sept. 29

- **School Open House/Reunion for Caine's Corners Section #8 Schoolhouse** at the corner of County Road 10 and the 9th Concession of Sunnidale, will be 100 years old in September 2013. The schoolhouse will be open from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Saturday: Car Show at noon, hot dogs & refreshments, speeches, entertainment & birthday cake from 1 to 2:30 pm. For more information call Mike or Connie Leishman at 705-428-5240.
- **Culture Days in Collingwood.** Various locations and times. Free cultural activities, demonstrations and classes at various locations in Collingwood to celebrate Culture Days, a national event to raise awareness, participation and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities, information on specific

Collingwood locations and times available from the Parks, Recreation and Culture office, 105 Hurontario Street, 705-444-2500 ext. 3287 or visit www.collingwood.ca/culturedays.

Saturday, September 28

- **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.)
- **Dufferin Town & Country Farm Tour.** A self-guided driving tour to farms from 9 am to 4 pm. Get passport online or on day of tour at Bluwood Canada, 309 Main Street West, Shelburne from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission is a donation for the local food bank. www.thehillsofheadwaters.com/farmtour or 519-941-0454 for details.
- **Manito Shrine Club Turkey Shoot** at 10 am. Located at 2265 Fairgrounds Road. For more information call 705-445-7460.
- **Cadet Community Challenge** at Creemore Arena from 11 am to 3 pm. Cadets, age 12-19, will challenge the OPP to a shooting competition, the Fire Department to water ball and the Army to tug-of-war.

Fundraising BBQ, static displays and info tables from all community partners. A great opportunity for young people to see what cadets are really like. Call Carol Parkes, 1944 EME Army Cadet Support Committee Chairperson at 705-444-2448 or cwandco@sympatico.ca for more information.

- **CANCELLED: New Lowell Concert of the Toronto All Star Band.**

Saturday, September 28 & Sunday, Sept. 29

- **North of 89 Studio Tour** featuring Hills of Mulmur Artists from 10 am to 5 pm both days. 23 artists display their work in the beautiful hills south of Creemore. For more info visit www.northof89.ca or call 705-466-6640.

Sunday, September 29

- **Church Services** are on page 5.
- **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Mansfield 150th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance** at 1:30 pm. Keynote speaker Rev. Karen Horst of Orillia assisted by Tobey Boyer, newly appointed minister. Reception to follow service at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives. For further information please contact Susan Greer 519-672-6937 or John Franklin 705-466-6942.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 1

- **Creemore Community Youth Choir First Practice** from 6 to 7:30 pm at St. John's United Church. 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. Last date to register will be Tuesday, October 8.

Wednesday, October 2

- **Ladies Wednesday Night Darts** begins at Creemore Legion at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$10 registration and \$2 a night to play. All are welcome. Come and join us for a night of fun.

Thursday, October 3

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Angus Arena from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

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 Avening 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 Arts.** 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.

Saturday, October 5

- You're invited to come to the **Marsh Street Painters' Art Show and Sale** at L.E. Shore Library, Thornbury. October reception held from 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome.
- **St. John's Fowl Supper** from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$15, kids up to 12 \$5, under 5 free.
- **Wild Game Dinner** at 6 pm at Brentwood Hall. Silent Auction. \$25. Call 705-424-0706.
- **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for My Friends House.** Walk starts at the Federal Heritage Building, 44 Hurontario St. Collingwood. Check-in begins at 10:30 am. Walk begins at 11:15 am. Rain or shine! Shoes available with registration. More information can be found at inherheels.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.

Sunday, October 6

- Join us to celebrate **Milton McArthur's 80th Birthday** from 1 to 4 pm at Creemore Community Recreation Centre, Collingwood Street, Creemore. Dad has always been active in Creemore area serving as Reeve of Nottawasaga, member of the Lions Club and Curling Club, heavy horse enthusiast and proud member of the agricultural community. We are hoping all the wonderful people he has met along the way will join us. In lieu of gifts, please bring your favourite picture and/or printed story of Milton on a 8.5 x 11" sheet so we can put together a binder or send to ccruss@wightman.ca.
- St. Luke's Creemore invites you to a **Service of Evensong** at 6 pm. Sung by the Choir of St. Paul's Bloor Street, Toronto. Organ recital at 5:30 pm by Matthew Whitfield, assistant organist at St. Paul's. Doors open at 5 pm. lowe201@rogers.com or call Lorna at 705-352-2759 for more details.
- **County Chordsmen Concert** at St. John's United Church at 7 pm. Free will offering.

Thursday, October 10

- **Bereavement Support Group** provided by **Hospice Georgian Triangle** at Sunset Manor, 49 Raglan Street, Collingwood. Thursdays from 4 to 6 pm and will run for eight weeks to November 28. Pre-registration is required 705-444-2555.

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.
- **Toronto & North York Hunt Parades the Hounds** down Mill Street starting at 10 am.
- **Dunedin 12th Annual Fall Colour Cancer Walk** starting at 10 am for 6.2 km from Dunedin Hall to Glen Huron. Come out and follow the road of colours. Bring your family and friends and don't forget the camera. For more information call Joyce Mayne at the Canadian Cancer Society 705-726-8032.
- **Grand Opening of the Mill Street Art Studio** from 7 to 10 pm. **Martha Bull & Sue Miller** invite you to the opening of their new studio space at 148 Mill Street (above Affairs Cafe). All are welcome! www.sueamillerart.com www.mytimewatercolour.com.

Friday, October 18

- **Creemore Curling Club Registration Social** from 7 to 8 pm at the curling club. New pricing format. All you can curl. Come out and learn how to curl.

Saturday, October 19

- **St. James' Anglican Church, Clougher-Lisle Annual Craft, Lunch & Bake Sale** in Lisle Legion Hall from 10 am to 3 pm. For vendors wishing to rent a craft table, the cost is one for \$15 or 2/\$25. To book please call Grace at 705-424-5068 or Marie at 705-466-6722.

Sunday, October 20

- **First Baptist Church, Stayner Anniversary Gospel Concert** at 7 pm with Dave Randall and 4ONE. Freewill offering. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

Saturday, October 26

- **Georgian Bay Reads** at Meaford Hall Arts & Cultural Centre at 7 pm. Join us for the biggest book debate in the region. Five defenders, five books, one winner. Tickets are free, limited and required. Call 705-466-3011 or for details visit www.georgianbayreads.ca.

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Creemore and Mulmur Hills



Sculptor **Ralph Hicks** at last year's Creemore Festival of the Arts.

Council briefs

Approved

- A crossing guard at Lamers Road and County Road 9 in New Lowell on a trial basis for the 2013-2014 school year.

Approved

- McIntosh's draft plan of subdivision extension for "The Meadows" on the north side of Edward Street.

Approved

- Two-year extension of draft plan of Alliance Homes' subdivision at 187 Mary Street.

Location change

Council will hold its Monday, October 7 Council meeting at the Stayner Community Centre. The larger space will accommodate members of the public who will be attending the electoral review meeting that day.



ART FOR A CAUSE – Artist **Jordan Eveland** will sell this chair she painted at the ARTicle event at the Creemore Festival of the Arts next weekend. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to buying musical instruments for Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School.

See "temporary" art before it's gone

By Kristi Green

Pipes, traffic cones, road signs, caution tape. Is it art? **Ralph Hicks** thinks so.

Hicks is set to give Creemore a glimpse into his artistic process when he creates – and disassembles – an installation before viewers' eyes.

The piece, titled "Public Works," will appear at the Horticultural Garden as part of the Creemore Festival of the Arts on Saturday, October 5.

As for the form of the project, that remains a mystery – even to its creator.

Hicks, who lives in Mulmur, draws his inspiration from the materials he works with.

"I get infatuated with materials: wire, clay, styrofoam, etc., to get as many ideas as I can."

In this case, he won't know what these materials will be until he visits the Clearview Township supply yard on Friday, October 4, the day before he is scheduled to start work on the piece.

"What I do won't really be defined until the day before," Hicks explained. "It is based on what the Township

won't be using on that day."

With the help of one assistant, Hicks will use the materials to build the installation. At the end of the day, they will take everything down and return the materials to the township.

This kind of art is not about making money. "It's about process. It's about using what you've got to make something that surprises and intrigues people. There is something fun about building something that's temporary," Hicks said.

The idea for "Public Works" sprang from the sight of a pile of bright yellow sewer pipes, which Hicks noticed at the side of the road one day.

When Clearview Township gave him permission to borrow materials for the installation, he visited the supply yard and saw "all sorts of neat stuff, such as road signs and traffic pylons," he said.

Hicks hopes that the piece inspires other people to create art using a similar process next year.

"I'd like people to say, 'Hey, I can do that in my own backyard!'"



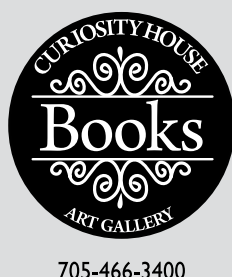
FALL BLOOMS – The Creemore Horticultural Society opened its 2013-2014 season with the Fall Flower and Vegetable Show. The Society is inviting visitors to join them on Wednesday, October 16 to find out more about the group, which meets on the third Wednesday of every month at St. Luke's Anglican Church. Pictured (left to right): **Sherry Wilson, Sharon Long, Linda Coulter** and **David Long**.

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THE WAY WE WERE



Students pose in front of the Caine's Corners Section #8 Schoolhouse at the corner of County Road 10 and the 9th Concession of Sunnidale. This picture, from the 1930s, came from **Mike** and **Connie Leishman**. The Leishmans are hosting the 100th birthday of the schoolhouse, which is now Leishman Pottery, this weekend. For more information about the schoolhouse and the celebrations, read the article on page 10.

LETTER

John Gruetzner's long letter on the number of Clearview wards and councillors misses the point that the current study of the ward system at a cost of approximately \$37,000 is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars.

I would bet one of those dollars that when the dust settles nothing will change: we will still have seven councillors as well as a mayor and deputy mayor, all continuing to ignore the serious financial problems being faced by the Township. The ward study is akin to rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic while the ship is sinking.

Why is that the case? Using statistics from the Township's

website, it is clear that over the past 12 years Clearview Township, under the direction of most of the current councillors and mayor, has experienced zero population growth. Overall, Simcoe County population grew by 5.7% from 2006 to 2011, while Clearview's dropped by 2.5%. Clearview population has continued to stagnate since then. However, the bad news is that not only are people leaving Clearview, but no one is coming here as a permanent resident.

The really bad news is that over the past 10 years of declining population growth, Clearview Council has increased our real estate taxes and water/sewage taxes by almost 50%.

And those taxes will continue to increase to pay for a larger staff, larger staff salaries and benefits as well as uncontrolled spending by a management with little or no true oversight by Council.

At what point, I wonder, will the voters realize that we have councillors who do not seem to care and who have no idea how to manage a cost spiral that is clearly out of control? Sadly, our mayor and the Council he leads are forgetting or ignoring their responsibilities to the taxpayers of Clearview Township. At the same time, the "family," as the Mayor likes to call the staff, are all being well looked after in terms of

salaries, pension and other benefits.

From my perspective, the question is not whether we should have more or fewer councillors, or about \$37,000 of our money that is being wasted on consultants who will tell us what we already know. The real question is when is Clearview Council going to take its responsibilities seriously and accept accountability for managing the Township on behalf of taxpayers. Taxpayers who must surely be losing patience and getting angry about a situation that is only going to get worse while the municipalities around us continue to thrive. Sad indeed!

Rowland Fleming, Creemore

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

This was our 12 noon pot luck lunch day and 25 or so partook of a delicious luncheon that was described as “a great meal – a bit heavy with desserts.”

After the clean-up crew finished with their magic, the 50/50 draws went to **Phyllis Seed, Ron**

Johnston, Eileen Nash, Norma Johnston, May Johnston, Jean Lune, Marge Douglas and Wilma Zeggil.

Moon shots played by **Jim Rigney, June Hartley, Warren Gale, Earl Bentley (2), Karl Seifert, Pat Broad, Brian McGill, Marge Douglas, Leona Hartling and Janice Stephens.** Janice won the travelling prize and **Jim** won the sidewinders loot.

High scorers were **Janice Stephens** 217, **Barb Cudmore** 258, **Marg Hope** 249 and **June Hartley** 246. Low was **Norma Johnston** with 80.

There were 50 out for cards today and everyone was very happy to see **Bert and Marge Douglas** back with us after a long absence. **Jean Lune** was also back after an operation – so it’s great to hear you folks are in the card-playing mode again! Everyone was pleased to see **Ron and Sandra Johnston** who were visiting Ron’s Mom, **May Johnston.** **Ron and Sandra** hail from British Columbia and are welcome

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

guests a few times a year.

Our thanks to **Alinda Bishop** for sharing sweet green peppers and tomatoes with everyone, and also thanks to **Irma Flack** for again bringing in small yellow tomatoes and hot peppers to share.

As was mentioned, the “goodies lovers” had a heyday at lunch, with an assortment of **Irma Flack’s** raisin-apple pie, three lemon pies and two dozen of **Betty Sharpe’s** delicious butter tarts. By the time everyone had arrived there was a great meal available, so I hear.

We were all happy to hear that **Keira Whitley**, eight-year-old daughter of **Steve and Julie**, and grandgirl of **Lloyd and Ellen Whitley** was released from SickKids recently. **Keira** was the baby that had open heart surgery just days after she was born. That was a very scary time for her family and friends. So we are all very thankful that she is home again.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the **Pickering/Henderson/Knox** families on the sudden passing of **Shirley Pickering.** Shirley was a half-sister to **Sylvia Knox** – one of the “tribe” of five Sylvias that attended the Creemore school at the same time that I did, and **Reg Knox** was in the same grade as I was. I was out of town at

an appointment and so missed catching up with **Reg and Sylvia** at the funeral. There were three smaller boys – probably **Brian, Paul and Barry**, but I am not certain I have that right.

At any rate, **Reg** was the first (and only) one of us to have a licence to drive, and the one who put all his summer wages into a car! I think it was a 1940s Dodge, and it was missing a reverse gear, so **Reg** could only park it where he had an open space to drive off – or else everybody had to pile out of the car and push it to where we could make a big circle turn to get back home.

After **Reg** had managed the wonderful feat of paying for the car, there was very little money for gas and oil and suchlike. Fortunately, a young man had bought the property that is now the gas station at the north end of town that has all the lovely flowers around it, and opened up a gas station and garage there. This was **Mervin Coulter** (I think his first name was **Mervin**), and he took the time to serve gas to **Reg** and his carload of passengers who were madly emptying their pockets to help pay for the fuel.

Some days we got a bit more than a dollar, but lots of days we did not. But considering that gas was around 40 cents a gallon, that would get us over 10 L of gas. I’m sure there were many times that **Mervin** felt he was wasting his time, but he never said anything about us being nuisances. Probably that did pay off in the long run as a lot of us bought our gas there when we managed to get wheels.

Also, as I remember it, there was no spare money for anything resembling snow tires, so we were all in pretty fair shape from either pushing or shovelling. But thank goodness **Reg** was quite a good driver, and only got into a pickle every once in a while.

Thanks to **Stan and Alberta Weatherall** from Alberta for sending neighbour **Maurice Weatherall** (Stan’s brother) the clipping from the Vermillion,

Alberta paper about son **Terry’s** latest tracking course, held in that area. It is so thoughtful of people to take the time to send articles to me, as I would never see them otherwise. Actually, the clipping they sent got here just before **Terry** came home, and he hadn’t seen it himself until he arrived.

Marj Thomson who lives on the “Maxwell Gravel” that is now called Highway 4, had a lovely surprise when her daughter **Brenda** had a nice homemade meal for Sunday supper. **Marj** has been in hospital for quite a while, and is slated to go to Newmarket for surgery on blocked arteries, which have adversely affected her legs. All best wishes go to you, **Marj.** As you know, we gals didn’t get to the age we are by being wimps. So, when we both get a bit better, let’s try out for line-dancing or some such endeavour.

There was a very nice breakfast at the Legion last Sunday. It was a smallish crowd, but this was the first meal after a summer lay-off, so it may take a while for everyone to get home and back into the groove of a Legion breakfast. We did miss some faithful attenders such as **Ken Thornton, John, Marie and Katherine Blohm, Betty and Cliff Weston** and others – so, maybe next time?

I understand that **Andy Dymond**, formerly of Creemore and now Wasaga Beach, was taken to a Toronto Hospital with back problems. Sure hope you have a speedy recovery, **Andy**, because living with a sore back is not a fun project!

September 28 will be a big day for the Cadets competing in different skills against the police, the paramedics and the firefighters. They had better bring their “A” game, because if they lose, they might find that washing all those cruisers, ambulances and fire trucks will take days, not hours!

Down nostalgia lane...on September 8, 1977, Toronto’s **Cindy Nichols** was the first woman to swim the English Channel. If we add in **Marilyn Bell’s** swim across Lake Ontario, then Ontario swimmers make it a hard record to best!

We have been very fortunate to have had a lot of company/family visiting lately. I haven’t been “up to snuff” health wise, so they all come home and immediately go to work. Thanks, everyone.

There is a bus going to Casino Rama on October 2 with pick-ups in Creemore, New Lowell and Angus. \$5 lunch is included. Call Sylvia at 705-466-5732.

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sunday, September 29



CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE
September 29: Avening 9 am; New Lowell 10:15 am; St. John’s 11:30 am.
October 5: Fowl Supper at St. John’s from 4:30 to 7 pm.
October 6: County Chordsmen Concert at St. John’s United Church at 7 pm.
 All welcome. 705-466-2200

Sunday, September 29

Annual Worship Service at East Nottawasaga Presbyterian Church on Fairgrounds Rd south of Hwy 91 at 3:30 pm

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Nicole Gowan

Crowning tradition

By Kristi Green

The GNE’s new Senior Ambassador hopes to get more people involved in the agricultural fair.

Creemore resident **Nicole Gowan** took home the crown on Friday, September 20 after making a speech about the history of her family farm.

“I know I made a lot of people proud,” said Gowan, making special mention of her grandmother who was in the audience when she won the competition, as well as of her grandfather, who passed away last year.

Gowan is the third member of her family to become GNE royalty. Her mother, **Lynn Gowan**, and her sister, **Carlee Gowan**, won the competition in years past.

As the 2013-2014 Senior Ambassador, Gowan plans to spread the word about farm life in her speaking engagements and when she meets new people.

She is also excited to practice public and impromptu speaking, as well as to learn more about agricultural issues.

Currently, Gowan attends Georgian College in Orillia, where she is working to become a developmental service worker. In her new role, she will return home every month to attend events.

Of everything in her calendar, Gowan is most looking forward to competing with all of the fair ambassadors at the Canadian National Exhibition next in Toronto next August.

“I hope the ambassadors learn to participate in the community,” said **Maureen McLeod**, who ran the Ambassador program this year. “The ability to present as well-rounded people will lead to a well-rounded community.”

Great Northern Ex right as rain

In spite of the rain, the 158th Great Northern Exhibition didn’t disappoint. Visitors braved the mud to see the fiddlers, dancers, baby show, craft show, Chef’s Challenge, dog sport teams, music, woodcarving demonstration, hoedown, 4H shows, fashion show, garden show, dairy exhibit, sheep-shearing demonstration and more.

On Friday, September 20 , grade 3 students from Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School visited the fair to learn about all things agricultural (see photo below). The GNE hosts Simcoe County students in grades 3 and 7 at Education Day every year. Flip to page 12 for more photos of the fair.



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Muriel Day

Day volunteer of the year

By Kristi Green

Muriel Day of Creemore is this year's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award at her Local Fair from the GNE/Collingwood Agricultural Society.

Day, who was raised on a farm in Banda, has been active with her local fair since 1974, working in the food booth and at other special events. She is a life member of the GNE.

How did Day get started volunteering?

"I was conned," she joked. In the 1970s, Day was working at Devil's Glen Country Club with **Mary Beth Wilson**. Wilson asked her if she would like to be a judge at the fair. To prepare, Day signed up for the first of four courses on judging she would eventually attend.

Since then, Day hasn't looked back. Her stint as Fair President from 1998-1999 proved colourful. That year, she showed up in style to the Ride for Sight motorcycle charity fundraiser wearing a leather vest.

The same year, she challenged the men of the fair to make a quilt. They responded with a quilt that was raffled off for \$3,000 for the fair.

"They haven't made a quilt since; one was enough," said Day, laughing.

Day credits her long history of volunteering at the fair with her enjoyment of the people and of the whole event.

Her commitment is unwavering. In all her eight years on the executive committee, she only missed one meeting when her late husband, Bill Day, was having surgery in Toronto.




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THANK YOU

The volunteer organizers of the Great Northern Exhibition would like to thank all the fair visitors for their patience and understanding when it came to the canceled events, parking challenges and the long lines and waits to get to the parking areas and yes the MUD!!! Mother Nature gave you all a taste of what it is like working in a weather controlled job. Our mission is to educate the public about agriculture; this weather lesson was one we did not want to teach.

We would like to give a big thank you to our volunteers who worked above and beyond the call of duty to make your fair experience the best possible in spite of more than three inches of rain. Some worked up to sixteen hour days trying to counter the effects of the rain and the resulting mud. Our sincere apologies if we were a bit out of sorts at times; long hours in the mud will do that!

To our neighbours, the Norm Mills family and the Shrine Club who, in this mud crisis, came forward to lend their land for additional parking, we greatly appreciate your help . A BIG THANK YOU for your generosity!

Some have suggested that we should have closed the gates. We chose only to cancel events that could not be run safely and to give the thousands of fair goers the opportunity to enjoy the best GNE we could provide and you did.

Hope to see you, and some sunshine, at the 2014 GNE.
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Small but mighty

This has been a busy time within our community. On Saturday, September 21, I attended the meeting for the Proposed Ward Changes

in our Township. Very clearly the proposal was explained to us by the team that had been hired to do this preliminary work. We saw clear maps of the proposals as compared to the existing ward boundaries. There were about 50 people in attendance at the Brentwood Hall and they asked questions and talked about the pros and cons of the divisions of the Township's wards.

I also chatted afterward to **Shirley McGillivray** about the renovations to the Brentwood Hall. I was astounded to hear that most of this work has been done by locals with **John** and **Shirley** in the lead. They have had to hire for plumbing, electrical, and other specialized jobs. It is looking very nice. But trust me these community volunteers and Hall Board members have outdone themselves in hours of cleaning, painting, removing garbage etc. I even overheard that Councillor **Deb Bronée** is good at cleaning floors on her knees! Of course, they are in need of monetary help to complete this project. Please call John 705-424-1648. This building when finished will be truly accessible for all.

The little school house on the corner will be open for the public to use for many community events. They had a successful Spaghetti Dinner a couple of weeks ago. They apologize for the lack of food near the end of the evening as they did not expect the

amount of people to turn up for the dinner. They are now going to have a "Wild Game" dinner with turkey and beef on the menu, also. This will be Saturday, October 5, starting at 6 pm, with dinner at 6:45. There will be a silent auction/entertainment and a delicious dinner. The cost is \$25 per person. You can call John at 705-424-1648 or **Carrie** at 705-424-0706 for tickets. Please help them to make this event a success. We praise all of the community that has helped out.

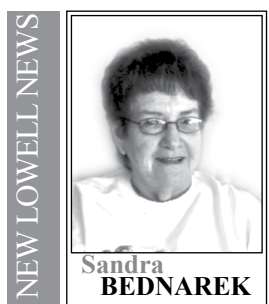
So we might be a little village, but you can see from the above comments that we are active and trying to make our community more welcoming to all. We are proud of New Lowell/Brentwood. We might be small but we are mighty!

The Guiding movement is alive and well in New Lowell. They offer programmes for Sparks 5-6 years, Brownies 7-8 years, Guides 9-11 years and Pathfinders 12-14 years. If you have a young lady at your home who might enjoy learning about the world, environment, camping skills and good citizenship, then perhaps she would enjoy Guiding. Please call **Charity** at 705-716-8293 or **Tammy** at 705-424-5252.


I am sure the New Lowell Central Public School will be looking for volunteers. There is usually a need for persons to man the phone for safe arrival, help with lunches, help with curriculum (reading, math, etc). Contact the school to share your talents.

That's the news from in and around New Lowell/Brentwood. If you have news and would like to share, please contact me at 705-424-6497 (4-7 pm) or sandra@bednarek.ca.

Enjoy these days as we say goodbye to summer and hello to fall!



NEW LOWELL NEWS



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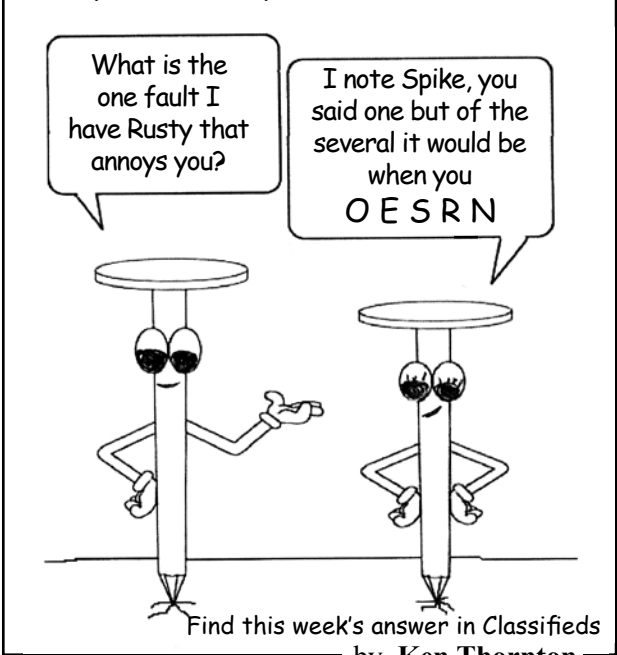
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Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds Page

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer in Classifieds by **Ken Thornton**

CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, September 27

Sunny
High 20 Low 8 Winds SE 10 km/h
POP 10%

Saturday, September 28

Sunny
High 21 Low 10 Winds S 15 km/h
POP 10%

Sunday, September 29

Isolated showers
High 13 Low 11 Winds S 15 km/h
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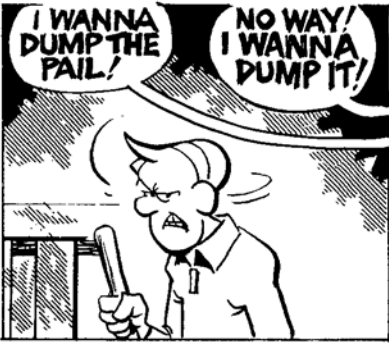
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by JEFF WILSON



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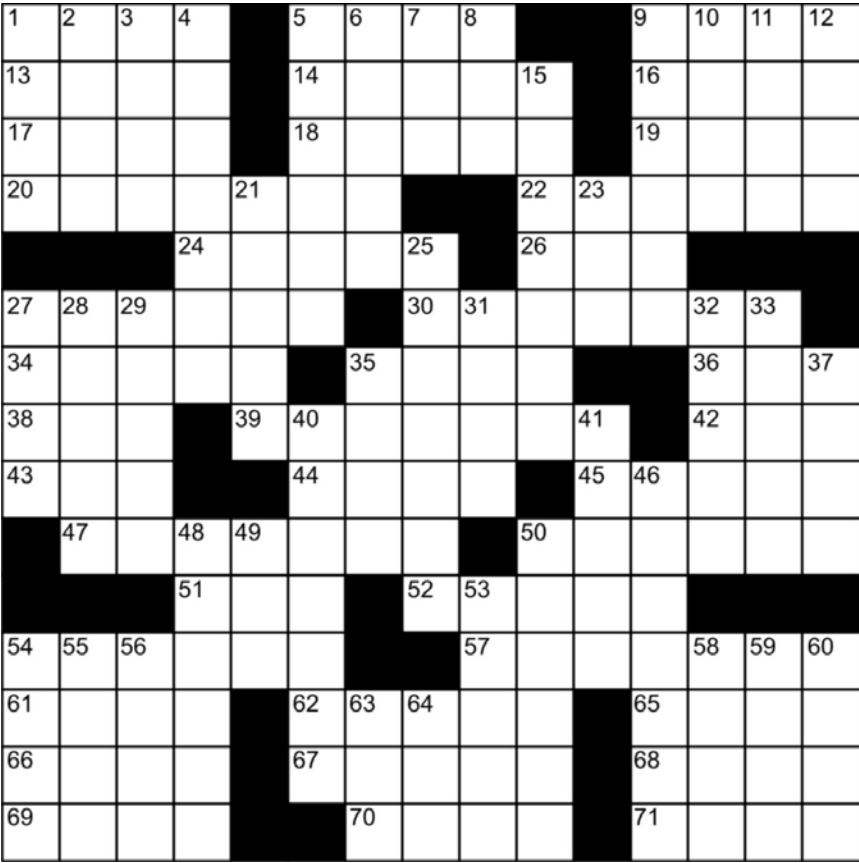
September 27, 2013

ACROSS

- Term of affection
- East end of a church
- Side pieces of chairs
- By word of mouth
- Desire very much
- Black dust given off by a fire
- Floor covering
- Tribal symbol
- Clearance event
- Mythological bird
- In the same place (used when citing a reference)
- Hard to solve
- Be persistently bothersome
- Stew
- Lasting for all time
- Decorate
- Notify in advance
- Young guy
- Vet's workplace
- Force of attraction
- Fury
- Before
- Miscellaneous collection of things
- Last Greek letter
- Stare at
- Bankrupt
- Indicate agreement
- Want very much
- Jewish greeting
- Fifth Greek letter
- Car taking paying passengers
- Not together
- Silent performer
- Eye part
- Place for a barbecue
- All over again
- Pause in music
- Woodland animals
- Telescope piece

DOWN

- The two together
- Opera song
- A pitch that is not swung at
- One who votes
- Play charades
- Fork part
- Calendar abbreviation
- First wife
- Give out, as a task
- Line on a map
- Spicy sauce made with chocolate
- Winding part of a watch
- Distinguished
- Not very old
- Drinks counter
- With a great weight
- Level a building
- Love deeply
- Soft and sticky
- Group of three
- UFO passenger
- Shirt size
- Side of a room
- Deceased
- Motorist's guide
- Letter ending
- Smallest possible
- Join the armed forces
- Ghost's greeting
- Basketball player in Toronto
- Strange and frightening
- Recipe direction
- Aesop's also-ran
- Second vertebra in the neck
- Checkout annoyance
- Prophetic sign
- Current events
- Water lily leaf
- Broke bread



September 20 Answer



Schoolhouse celebrates its centenary

By Kristi Green

To celebrate the 100th birthday of the Caine's Corners Section #8 Schoolhouse, its current residents, **Mike and Connie Leishman**, invite the public to an open house on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29 from 10 am to 5 pm.

The last time the building operated as a schoolhouse was in 1967. Before then, about 35 children ages 5-18 attended grades 1-8 there each year.

"More children went to school in the winter because they were helping on the farms during the spring and fall," explained **Jim Harkness**, who will be speaking about the schoolhouse on Saturday.

To mark the occasion, Harkness has been collecting stories from former students. So far, he has heard about escaping from the schoolhouse's back room while waiting to receive the strap; playing "cowboys and Indians" around the pine trees that were planted

in the 1930s; and going down to the scary basement for activities on Hallowe'en.

One of these students, **John McNiven**, attended the one-room schoolhouse from 1944-1951. His mother worked as the custodian, so he would arrive at 6 am to light the furnace so the room would be warm by the time everyone arrived at 9 am.

McNiven, who was born and raised across the street from the schoolhouse, still lives there. He remembers enjoying what he learned at the school as well as the great teachers it had.

He played baseball and crokinole and sung in the choir conducted the music teacher, Mrs. Bell. When Mrs. Bell entered the choir in the Kiwanis Music Festival in Toronto, McNiven said, "she asked **George Pifher** and I not to sing."

He doesn't seem offended. "We ended up winning first place!"



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Ladies Wednesday Night Darts begins on Wednesday, October 2 at Creemore Legion at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$10 registration and \$2 a night to play. All are welcome. Come and join us for a night of fun.

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IN MEMORIAM

WINCHESTER, George September 28, 2010

The memory is as strong today,
Of the afternoon you went away.
It hurt a lot to say good bye,
No matter what the reasons why.
We miss you but we carry on
The way you taught us to.
Sharing laughter and happy thoughts
In everything we do.
Love, your family

In loving memory of **Ralph MacDonald** September 21, 2010

Memories keep you ever near,
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last
forever.
Sadly missed by Shirley & the Helmsley family

Remembering our father & papa, **Ralph MacDonald** (of Creemore) who left us on September 21, 2010

Dear Dad, Memories are all that we have left to remind us of you, but somehow we know you are never far away. Through each and every day that passes and in everything we do, the sadness still weighs so heavy on our hearts. Our faith gives us strength knowing that someday we will be together again, in a better place. Until then we make more memories and live on to make you proud. You are forever in our thoughts and prayers. We love you and miss you always,

Your family, Debbie, Dianne (Ken), Ronnie (Merle), Lori (Dennis), Larry (Astrid), Sherry (Joe) and families

THANK YOU

Thanks to more than 60 businesses and individuals who contributed to making the annual auction/literary event fundraiser for **My Friend’s House** a huge success. Particular thanks to our wonderful author/speaker Kamal Al-Solaylee who, through his life’s story, enlightened us about the middle-east struggles of women and families. Sincerely, Creemore volunteers for My Friend’s House

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PICKERING, Shirley passed away Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Collingwood G & M Hospital in her 73rd year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Pickering. Loving mother of Julie (the late Henry) Lakin, Jim (Bea), Gary (Colleen), Craig (Margaret) Dana (John) Edwards and the late David. Survived by her siblings Reg (Donna), Sylvia (Ken), Bryan (Barb), Paul (Brenda), Barry and Blair (Maxine). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Alison, Robert, Tyler, Josh, Kayla, Steve, Spencer, Ryan, Rebecca, Melissa, Leah, Michelle, Kristine, Hayley and Jared. Predeceased by parents George Henderson and Wilfred & Rita Knox. Visitation was held Monday, September 23, 2013 at Fawcett Funeral Homes – Creemore Chapel. A funeral service took place in the chapel Tuesday, September 24, 2013 with interment at Lavender Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Collingwood G & M Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. Friends may visit Shirley’s online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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!

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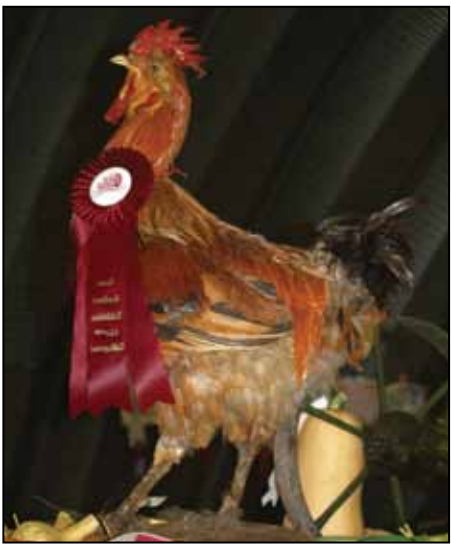
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GNE showtime

Friday night's Opening Ceremonies provided a variety of fun and excitement with music, Junior Talent Show, GNE Youth Talent Search and the Ambassador Program. Pictured at left is **Nick Wyant** of Wasaga Beach, who was made Junior Ambassador of the fair.



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SAT. OCT. 5 & SUN. OCT. 6
Juried Art Show • 10am to 4pm
curated by Gallery 111 at Station on the Green
Heritage Textile Crafts • 10am to 4pm
presented by Simcoe County Museum at the Log Cabin
Artists on Location • 10am to 4pm
visit with artists throughout Creemore and area
Sculpture Garden • 10am to 4pm
featuring Hicks, Hickling & Herzig at the Hort Park
ARTicles • 11am to 4pm
re-purposed items up for silent auction at the Mad & Noisy Gallery to benefit NCPS' Music Program
The Creemore Mosaic Project TAKE TWO
be part of this community photo project

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Opening Ceremony at the Station • 10am
Artisans' Fair • 10am to 4pm
handcrafted treasures at Creemore Legion
Family Fun • 10am to 3pm
plasticine and puppets at Station on the Green
Alla Prima Oil Painting • 10am to 4pm
portrait demonstration at the Mad & Noisy Gallery

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
Dance Fun • 10am to 4pm
all ages are invited to move at Station on the Green
Digging Deeper • 12 noon
Mega-Quarry Community Play Preview at Avening Hall
Bidini, Books and Beer • 2pm
a reading with the literary favourite at the Avening Hall
Hooked • 2pm
Gemini-winner Nicky Guadagni at Mad Maple Inn
Barrie County Chordsmen • 7 to 9pm
songs in harmony at St. John's United Church

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