



Photo by Bryan Davies

**PLAYING WITH FIRE** – “Cobra” from Zero Gravity Circus juggled flaming batons at the Farmer’s Market on Saturday, October 5, 2013 as part of the Festival of the Arts. See pages 6 and 7 for more.



**IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING** – Last Saturday, October 5, Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** and Acting Deputy Fire Chief **Roree Payment** helped “extinguish hunger” and delivered a pick-up truck full of food plus \$269.90 in donations to the Clearview Stayner Food Bank. Earlier that day, they had accepted the donations from members of the public at the Foodland stores in Creemore and Stayner. If you would like to donate to the Food Bank, simply drop off groceries to Foodland, Home Hardware or churches in Stayner. Or, you can mail a cheque (made out to Clearview Stayner Food Bank) to 7271 Hwy 26 (rear), PO Box 331, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0. Happy Thanksgiving!

## SEVEN WARDS, NEW BOUNDARIES FOR 2014

By Kristi Green

The people spoke and Council listened. Amid a swell of public feedback, Clearview Township decided unanimously Monday night to take the advice of consultants and adopt a revamped seven-ward system, one they say will improve representation for residents.

“The status quo is inequitable,” said Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage** at the meeting, before the Councillors make their decision. “Do we wish to maintain the status quo?”

The answer was a resounding “no.”

Council listened to public feedback at four town hall meetings held throughout the township last month and considered the recommendations of consultants Watson and Associates Economists Ltd.

It chose to maintain the ward system but adjust boundaries for the wards rather than increase or decrease the number of wards or adopt an at-large system. In an at-large system, all voters can vote for all seats that are up for election.

Approximately 35 members of the public attended Monday night’s Council meeting.

“[This] Option 7A (see map on page 3) keeps communities together because residents can identify with their local representative,” said **Robert Walker**, Councillor for Ward 5.

“It finally provides the rural population with their own voice,” added Savage. **Thom Paterson**, who represents Ward 4, agreed.

Ward 7 Councillor **Shawn Davidson** thanked the public for attending public meetings at harvest time, which was not ideal for the rural community.

At the public meeting, Council agreed that option 7A was the best fit for Clearview. However, it requested that the consultants revise their proposal to include three amendments: move east to Fairgrounds Road the east boundary of Ward 2 from the 33/34 Sideroad at the north to the 15/16 Sideroad at the south; move the border of Ward 1 to the 30/31 Sideroad; and keep all the residents of Old Sunnidale in Ward 7 (see map on page 3).

The consultants will amend the boundaries for the new wards before Council’s next meeting on October 21.

### PUBLIC INPUT INTEGRAL

Both Council and the consultants credited comments from the community – received through formal and informal channels – with influencing their decisions. Through written and oral feedback, they received overwhelming support for the ward system.

**Brent Preston**, Councillor for Ward 3, reported  
*(See “Council” on page 3)*






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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Friday, October 11

- **The Creemore Ladies Auxiliary Friday Night Supper** from 5 to 6:45 pm at Creemore Legion will include tomato macaroni soup, breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, veggies, apple sauce, coffee, tea and pumpkin pie. Adults \$13 and seniors \$11. RSVP to 705-466-2432 or 705-466-2202.

### Saturday, October 12

- **Creemore Log Cabin** opens 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. (Today is the last day that the Cabin will be open this year.)
- **Last Farmers' Market of the year!** Drop by between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm to say goodbye to the vendors.
- **The Creemore Horticultural Society** will be selling their **Thanksgiving Floral Arrangements in Pumpkin Containers** today at the market. We also have a limited number of other fresh and dried floral arrangements. Shop early for the best selection. This is another fundraiser to help maintain the Creemore Horticultural Garden.

- **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 Annual Parade** through Creemore led by Professional Huntsman Antony Gaylard, their pack of English Foxhounds followed by the TNYH members on horseback. Starting at 10 am & will come down Mill Street a second time around 10:30 am. www.tnyh.ca.
- **Dunedin 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Donna Hammill at 705-466-3071 or Joyce Mayne at the Canadian Cancer Society 705-726-8032.
- **Creemore Legion Poker Run.** Registration at noon. Run starts at 1 pm. \$5 per hand. 27 Wellington Street West, Creemore.
- **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 Café). All are welcome! www.sueamillerart.com www.mytimewatercolour.com.

### Saturday, October 12 to Sunday, November 10

- **Trailblazers' Metal Drive.** Help pay for coaching from Jackrabbits to the Ontario Team, from Nordic to Biathlon. Drop metal off into bin at Highlands Nordic parking lot at 1182 10 Conc. South, Duntroon. Call 705-444-6959 for details.

### Sunday, October 13 Thanksgiving Sunday

- **Church Services** are on page 5.

### Sunday, October 13, 20 and 27

- **Gospel Services** at 4 pm at the Station on the Green each of these Sundays. The Bible in purity and simplicity presented reverently and freely. For more information call 705-428-5473. Everyone welcome.

### Monday, October 14

- **Thanksgiving Monday.** *The Creemore Echo* is closed.

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, October 15

- **A Final Registration for the Creemore Skating Club** at the Creemore Arena in the lobby from 7 to 8 pm. Learn to skate programs available for skaters 3 years of age and up. For more information please contact Annette Belkosky 705-424-9422 or a.belkosky@hotmail.ca or Julie Bigham 705-424-0626 or jlbigham30@hotmail.com.

### Tuesday, October 15 & Wednesday, Oct 16

- **Pilates Classes by Karin Stephens** starting at Station on the Green. A full body/core workout on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 pm, and gentle on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Pre-registration is required. \$220 for all 8 weeks, \$175 for 10 classes, \$120 for 8 classes, \$20 for per class and a special introductory fee of \$12 for a trial class. Contact Karin\_Stephens@hotmail.com for registration or more information.

### Wednesday, October 16

- **Creemore Horticultural Visitor's Night** at St Luke's Church at 7:30 pm. Speaker is Trish Symons, the topic is "Edit & Trade Up." All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

### Thursday, October 17

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at

Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church in Stayner from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888-2DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

- The Collingwood Agricultural Society's Great Northern Exhibition's **Autumn Leaves Fashion Show Fundraiser** at 7 pm in the Agri-Cultural Building on Fairgrounds Road. Some of our models and escorts will be members of the Clearview Fire Department. \$15 each or a table for 8 at \$100 available at Creemore Village Pharmacy and D & L Family Variety in Nottawa. Reserve your table now & for more information call Maxine at 705-428-2261 or www.greatnorthernex.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.
- **The Collingwood & Creemore Speaker Series** continues in Collingwood. **Kelsang Suma** gave up her life as a research scientist 19 years ago to pursue a simpler, spiritual life. A Buddhist nun today, she now teaches. 7 to 9:30 pm. Admission by donation. See www.inspirationconvention.ca for details & to RSVP or call 705-532-7375.

### 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.
- **GNE Craft Show** from 10 am to 4 pm at the Agricultural Building on GNE Fairgrounds, 2220 Fairgrounds Road north of Hwy 91.
- **The Colours of Autumn Photography Workshop** from 10 am to 2 pm. Join photographer Bryan Davies and learn to create exciting photographs of the fall colours in Clearview. Suitable for photographers of all levels. Bring your point-and-shoot, phone camera, or digital SLR. Cost \$35. Call 705-466-5775.

### Sunday, October 20

- **Stanton Hotel Benefit Concert** at 2 pm at Whitfield Church, Centre Rd & 10 Sideroad Mulmur. Featuring **Carl Tafel** on guitar & vocals.

Minimum \$10 donation, with all proceeds going towards the restoration of the 1863 Stanton Hotel. This event was rescheduled from Oct. 6. Contact highcounty@sympatico for information.

- **Honeywood United Church Turkey Supper** in Honeywood Arena from 5 to 7 pm. Adults \$14, children \$6.

### Monday, October 21

- **Iain Scott** from 10 am to noon at the Orange Hall, Rosemont. An enthusiastic & entertaining presentation about the **2013-2014 Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera broadcasts** direct from NY Lincoln Centre to Collingwood & Orangeville Galaxy Theatres. Call 519-941-7982 to reserve your seat.

### Saturday, October 26

- **IFOA Creemore (International Festival of Authors)** at Station on the Green at 7 pm. Tickets \$20 available at Curiosity House or www.litontour.com.

### Week of October 28

- Attention Veterans, ex-service & still-serving men and women and dependents. The **Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Officer** Sherry Culling will be visiting branches in your area. For more information call Norm Nordstrom at 705-466-6748.

### Saturday, November 2

- **Turkey Dinner** at Centennial United Church, Stayner (corner of William & Oak Streets) from 4:30 to 7 pm. Entertainment while you wait. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$6, under 6 free. A fundraiser to aid the Church.

### Saturday, November 9

- **Fred Eaglesmith in Concert** at Nottawasaga Hall in Duntroon at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$25 advance at www.fredeaglesmith.com. 705-446-2506 or jim@rockside.ca.

### Saturday, November 16

- **Zumba Party for Creemore Cats.** Doors open at 9:30 am, party begins at 10 am at Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School ending at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$15, advance available at Curiosity House, Creemore Library & *The Creemore Echo*, \$20 at door, children under 12 \$10. Bring water and cash for raffles! www.fitness-fundraisers.com for details.

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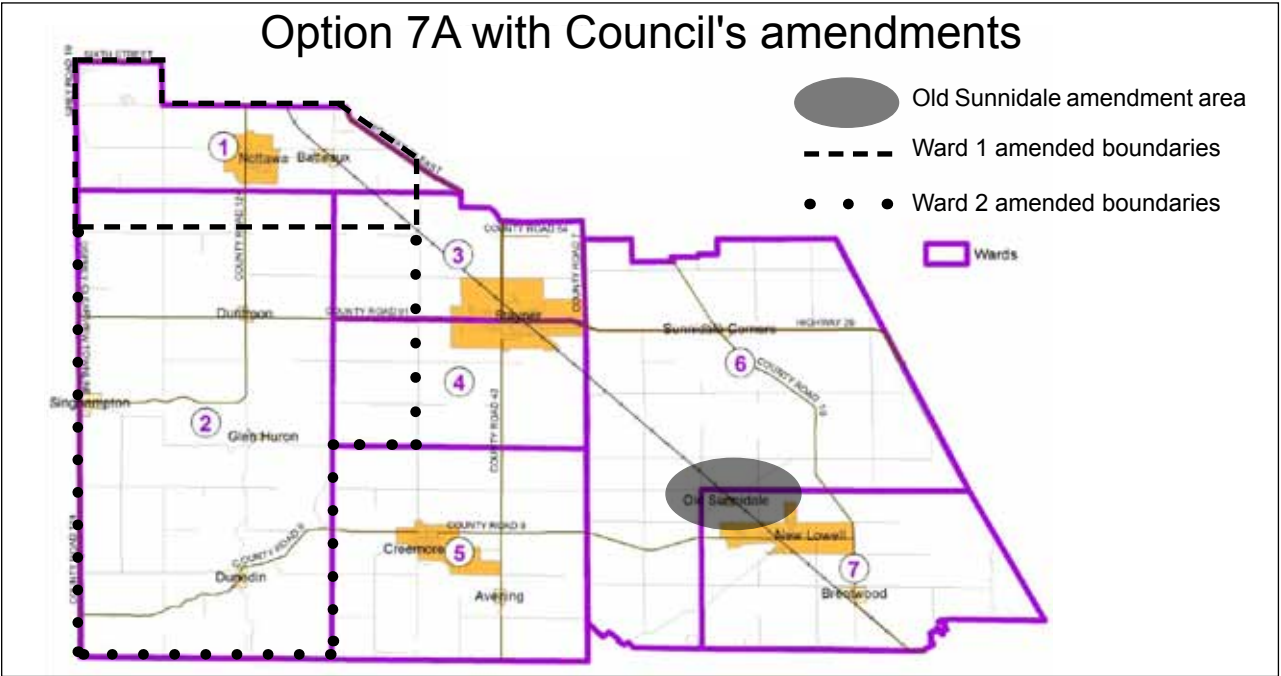
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# COUNCIL AND CONSULTANTS: WARD SYSTEM WORKS BEST

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that the town hall meeting drew a total of 242 people. Thirty-one took to the microphone to voice an opinion, he said.

In addition, a petition from Nottawa contained 96 names in favour of the ward system.

Council invited members of the public to make a public address and fill out questionnaires at each town hall last month. As well, Councillors also entertained feedback at such community events as the Great Northern Exhibition and **Milton McArthur's** 80th birthday party in Creemore last Sunday.

The consultants reported they used public feedback to revise their preliminary recommendations, for example, adjusting the boundaries for their proposed Ward 6 to increase its population in response to requests from the public.

They also proposed a fourth option with all of Stayner in one ward as a response to what they heard from the community at the town hall meetings. In the other options Stayner was split into different wards.

However, they said they could not endorse this option because the population of this new ward would be too high and therefore inequitable compared to the other wards.

An initial supporter of reducing the number of wards to five, **Orville Brown** (Ward 2) said he changed his mind to seven wards as the process evolved.

**FEEDBACK RESULTS**

In 65 feedback questionnaires Council and the consultants received from the public about which

ward system to take, opinions varied.

"The results were all over the place," said **Dr. Robert J. Williams**, who presented the consultants' report.

Some respondents supported five wards and some supported seven. A "tiny proportion" supported expanding to nine wards or adopting an at-large system, Preston said.

"There was no clear definitive answer," he said. "It was not a case of majority wins because there was no majority," Dr. Williams reported.

**LITTLE SUPPORT FOR AT-LARGE**

After a brief discussion earlier in the meeting, Council put the option to adopt an at-large system to rest.

"The ward system works best for our community; it's not difficult for community members to see," said Preston.

"It has received no public support and there is no theoretical information to support it. I don't think it can be counted on consistently to provide equitable representation."

Savage, however, felt that an at-large system had some benefits. But she said that Council had heard very clearly from the public that there is no reason to consider it at this time.

Council held Monday's meeting at the Stayner Community Centre to accommodate the members of the public it expected to attend. Council meetings are usually held in council chamber at the municipal office in Stayner.

# Council Briefs

**APPROVED**

Property Use Agreement with the County of Simcoe for Clearview Link Trail through the County Forest Lands described as "part of Lots 7 & 8, Concessions 1 & 2 of the former Nottawasaga." Council agreed to execute the necessary by-law for the trail.

**APPROVED**

Stayner Skating Club's request for moral and financial support of the CBC's filming of the local "Battle of the Blades" competition at the Stayner Arena on Wednesday, October 30. Council granted spokesperson **Janice McLeod** and her delegation sponsored ice time on the day of the event. Council also agreed to attend and promote the event throughout the community. CBC has only invited two skating clubs in Ontario (Stayner and Napanee) to participate. "You cannot buy national advertising for that kind of money," said **Alicia Savage**, Deputy Mayor.

**APPROVED**

Windatt Subdivision's request to remove the "hold" symbol from its zoning plan in the Township of Clearview (formerly Sunnidale).

**APPROVED**

The agreement with Cundari stating the conditions for the branding exercise with Clearview Township. The goal of the exercise is to create a brand for Clearview Township to tie its marketing efforts together and appeal to a diverse group including residents, businesses and tourists. Councillor **Thom Paterson** said "branding is a premature exercise to the economic development." He said that he can't support the branding of the Township until an economic strategy is developed. **Brent Preston**, Councillor for Ward 3 disagreed: "This has been beaten to death and we need to move forward."

**RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

A letter of support from Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society for the designation of the Collingwood Street bridge as a cultural heritage landmark under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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## EDITORIAL Publicly engaged

At Monday's Clearview Council meeting, Minister Wim Kreeft from Centennial United Church in Stayner asked Council to remember that those who lead must remain close to the people at all times.

Disconnect occurs when the decision-making process becomes removed from the people doing the actual work. Then, the people don't understand the decisions and they walk away from the process, he said.

During the recent electoral review process, local voters were well represented indeed. Council heard the people of Clearview at four town hall meetings in September and based their decision on what they heard, and on the recommendations of hired consultants, who also incorporated public feedback into their report.

"The real success of this review was in public participation," said Councillor Thom Paterson after the vote was taken.

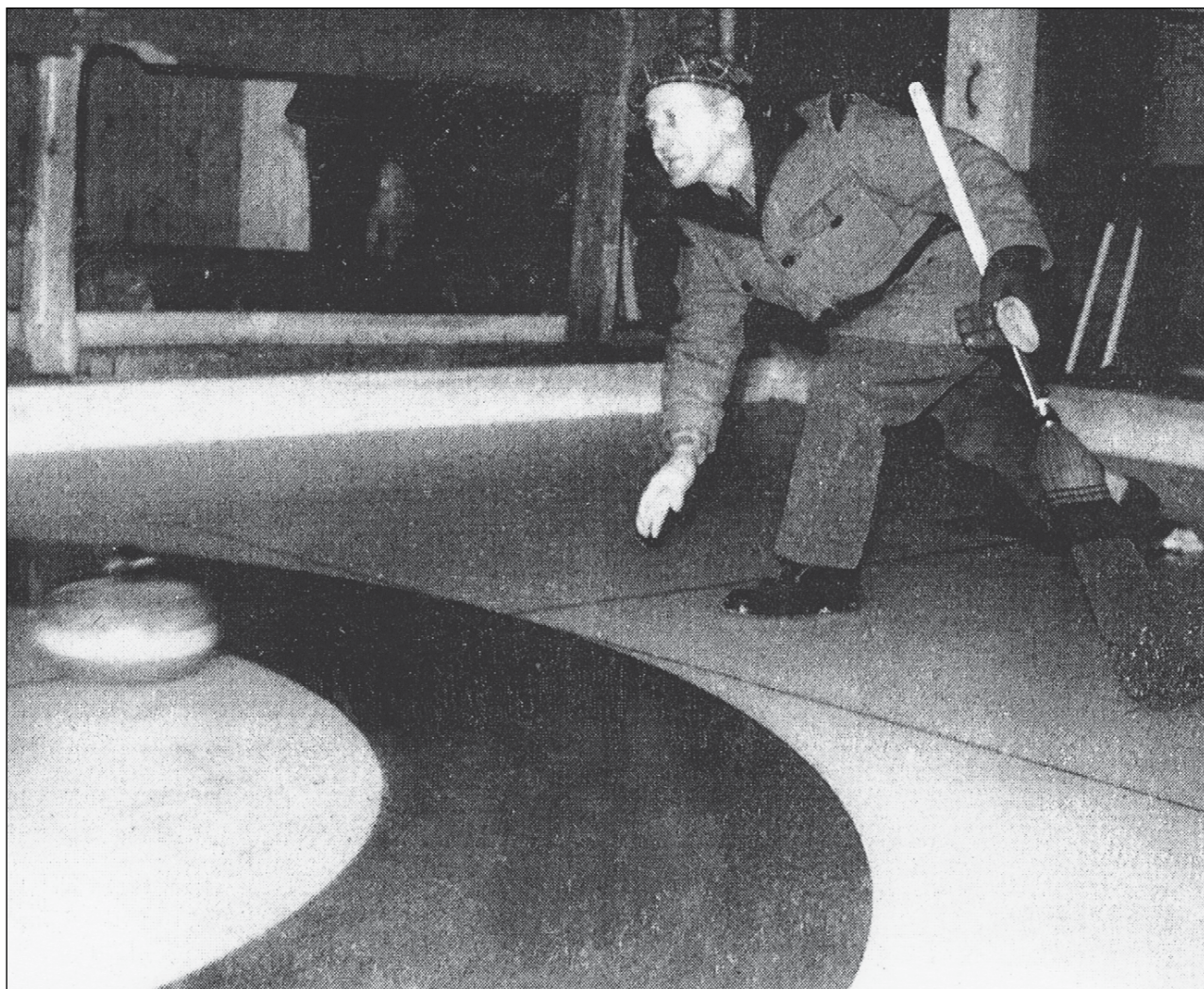
Throughout the process, Council engaged the public and listened to what they wanted: to have a wide range of accessible Councillors with specific understanding of local interests, representing each of the distinct areas of this Township.

Public opinion served to changed Council's assumptions as the process evolved. Some Council members assumed the public would support the change to a 5-Ward system, only to see their preconceptions evaporate each step of the way.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Savage said she entered the review process anticipating they would have an incredibly difficult decision to make. But after hearing from the public, she said that the "conclusions seemed clear."

Good process leads to good results. Council has opted for a revamped 7-Ward system that everyone agrees is sensible and workable. Next up is a review of Council's roles and responsibilities. Now that Clearview has been primed for feedback, let's hear what the public has to say this time around.

## THE WAY WE WERE



This photograph from the Creemore Curling Club shows one of its Past-Presidents, **George Shepherd**, throwing the first rock on the Club's new artificial ice on December 12, 1958. At that time, the Curling Club was located where the Medical Centre stands today. Today, the tradition continues at the Creemore and District Recreation Centre on Collingwood Street.

Right now, you can see a display about the Curling Club and its history, including articles from past issues of *The Creemore Star*, at its current location. For more information about the Club and how to join, read the article on page 10.

## LETTER Mulmur's "most newsworthy" story

It was too bad that our latest story on Mulmur's Township Council meeting focused on a cost-cutting measure and not the groundswell of community participation in determining our future. My family has had a presence in Mulmur for over 110 years, and I think one of the most newsworthy developments is the widening circle of our residents who are coming forward with positive initiatives.

At the Wednesday, October 2 meeting, our Council voted unanimously to request an extension of the deadline for submitting offers to purchase the former Boyne River Natural Science School. The school was built by the Toronto District School Board in the early 1970s as

an innovative facility for outdoor education and operated for 30 years until funding was withdrawn. The facility has been in "shut down" mode since. At construction time, the "green technology" built into the facilities was leading edge. If the extension is not granted, the property goes on the open market as of October 8.

The 308-acre property is located in Mulmur about two km north of Hwy 89 on the 1st Line E on a natural plateau, at the mid-point of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve and the Bruce Trail. The location is stunningly beautiful. Aside from the natural beauty, one highlight of the site is the Ecology Centre; when built in the 1990s, it demonstrated the latest

thinking on sustainable architecture and bio-regenerative systems.

Some members of our community were so taken by the potential of the site that they are forming a non-profit trust to make it easy for people of varied means to share ownership of the property and help shape the future of Mulmur – by respecting our environment at the same time as creating a steady revenue stream and opportunities for employment. In the best interests of the community and for tax revenues to continue, we believe some form of community ownership is necessary.

I am sure that any of the trustees or working group members will be happy to sit down with you to share more

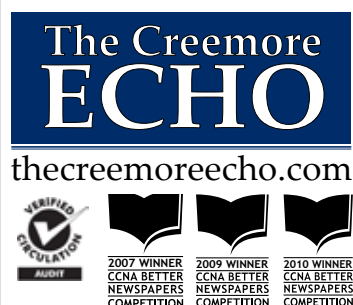
information about the property and the community trust. Their enthusiasm and momentum is building. I'm proud that this is happening in Mulmur.

**John Thomson**, Mulmur

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

Today was **Lillian Hiltz's** birthday, so everyone wished her a happy birthday, and of course wished for many more of them for her.

The 50/50 draws went to **May Johnston, John Van Voorst, June Hartley, George Blakney, Norma Johnston, Evelyn Warden** and **Mary Donaghey**.

There were only a few moon shots today, played by **Art Bishop, Ray Broad** and **Pat Winger**. Pat won the travelling prize, and there weren't any "sidewinder" winners.

High scorers were: **Pat Winger** 317, **Art Bishop** 287, **Wilma Bannerman** 271 and **Leona Hartling** 260. Low was **Brian McGill** with 63.

The game of bid euchre, which we

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play at Seniors, requires two decks of regular cards to make one deck of bid euchre cards. Therefore, we go through a lot of cards, which is quite an expense for the club. Thus, we are always happy to have someone pick up a few decks for us (which the

club reimburses to the shopper) when they find a good buy, such as in the US of A. So our thanks to **Wilma Zeggil** for again thinking of us and bringing back quality cards to the Club at a really good price.

Our congratulations to **Phyllis** and **Steve Seed** on their 66th wedding anniversary. **Steve**, unfortunately, has not been of good health lately.

**Audrey Tidd** has also been "under

the weather" recently. Everyone was pleased to have her back at cards today.

**Marj Thomson** has made it home after her considerable stay in hospital. She had open heart surgery and valve bypasses and all those wonderful things that they can do now that help to lengthen one's life. She is up and walking with the help of a walker, and knowing Marj it won't be long before the walker is parked and she is off and running. Well done, kiddo!

Our thanks to **Maurice Weatherall** for the delivery of two "take out" suppers from the United Church recently. Good food and a great delivery!

We have had quite a few most welcome visitors these last several weeks. We have had daughter **Laurie** and her daughter **Beth**, daughter

**Sharon** and son-in-law **Guy**, son **Terry**, grandson **Cleve** and his wife **Heather** and their kids **Cassie** and **Corbin**, grandson **Curtis** and his wife "**Jake**" (she is really also a **Heather**, but nicknamed **Jake** to keep the confusion down), and their son **Colby** and our daughter **Louie** (Carol) and **Ron**. We also had my sister **Pat** and her daughter **Shawn** in for a visit. **Shawn's** family have the home-baking market down near Alliston, and we are so fortunate because they send up delicious goodies – a lot of them. My appetite has been pretty poor, but some of the food they deliver would make a cement statue hungry! Thanks, kids! It is all very much appreciated. Then niece **Heather Jordan** and her mom **Brigitte** brought a supper in recently as well. All very much appreciated.



**EUROPEAN VACATION** – When **Jim** and **Rita Madill** visited Paris this year, they didn't expect to bump into fellow Creemore resident, **Eleanor Montgomery**. Yet there she was, sitting with her family in the same Montmartre café where the Madills were about to dine. What caught Jim's attention? The name "Canada" on the sweatshirt Eleanor's daughter (second from left) was wearing.

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



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**Sun Oct 13:** Sunday Service celebrating Thanksgiving with Holy Eucharist at 11am

**Sun Oct 20:** Sunday Service with Holy Eucharist and a focus on healing at 11am

**Fri Oct 25:** Toonie Lunch from 11:30 to 1 pm  
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**CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**October 13:** Avening 9 am; New Lowell 10:15 am; St. John's 11:30 am.

**Sunday, October 20:**

**St. John's Anniversary Service at 11 am.**

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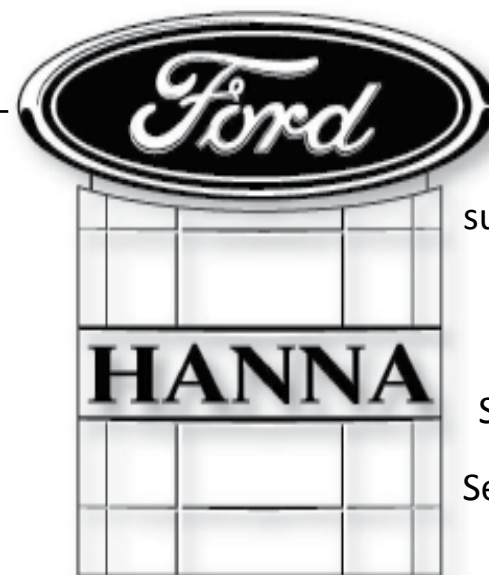
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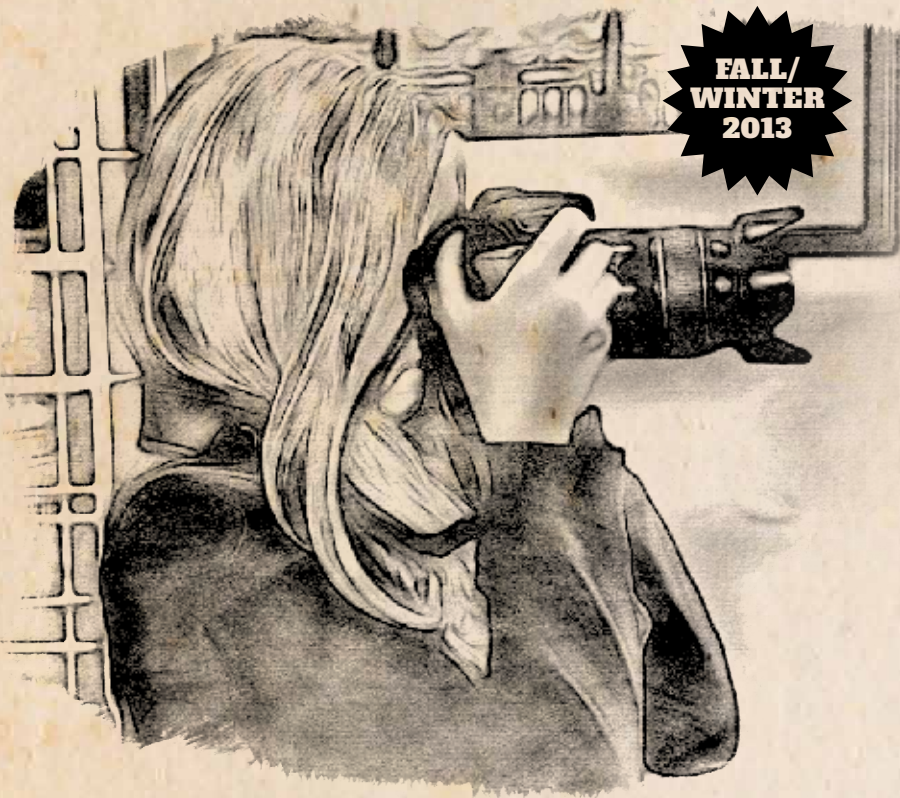
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# Creemore's birdman brings them home

ESOTERICA



Al CLARKE

I am trucking up the 2nd line the other morning and guess who's standing at the side of the road? None other than **Randy Munger**. So naturally I stop, not only in case he needs help, but also because Randy is the kind of guy who is always up to something interesting – in fact “esoteric”

might be the best word to describe him.

I don't think a week has ever passed when Randy didn't have another business idea that didn't warrant serious consideration. Sure enough, on this beautiful morning Randy doesn't disappoint: on closer examination he has two crates called baskets of white doves or homing pigeons, descendants of the “Rock Pigeon” in the back of his Subaru.

Not surprisingly, Randy has morphed a lifelong obsession into a company, “White Wings World Wide,” which releases beautiful white doves at special occasions: deaths, christenings, wedding, divorces, whatever. He has been in this hobby/business since he was 10 years old growing up in Willowdale. He now has two sets of doves: one near Creemore and the other in Toronto. Today, Randy and his team give lectures/nature workshops in schools and childcare centres using their homing pigeons to emphasize the importance of nature.

However, this day I came across Randy, there is no special event; it's a training exercise. He releases the doves progressively further away from their home called a “dovecote” until they can find their way home from considerable distances. Just a few weeks ago in rainy conditions, he released 100 doves in Barrie and all 100 doves returned safely to their dovecote in Toronto – a distance of over 50 nautical miles. Surprisingly, none were lost considering the greatest danger to his doves in this area are hawks, specifically Goshawks and Coopers hawks, not the too-slow Red-tails and in Toronto, Peregrines.

Randy and I talk for a bit and Randy tells me of some history; how the Egyptians in 2000 BC and Cyrus the King of Persia in the 6th Century BC used pigeons to communicate with the far reaches of their empires; during the 19th century Franco-Prussian war, besieged Parisians used them; the Germans as a counter-measure employed hawks to intercept them; the signal corps in WWI and II used them; one famous pigeon named “Mocker” is reputed to have flown 52 missions; and



Randy Munger

they saved sailors marooned in a life raft in the North Atlantic during WWII. Most recently in England from 1977-83, pigeons were used commercially to transport medical specimens between the Plymouth General and the Devonport hospitals. It's fascinating what two retired guys can find the time to talk about on a sunny morning down Mulmur way.

So Randy moves the baskets over to the tailgate of the F150, I get ready to take a photo (see above), and Randy lets them go. I will admit it's a bit of a rush when you're standing so close: they burst out of the basket hell bent on getting into the air and, of course, home. The real beauty of these birds is when they take flight – you can't help but be taken by the whiteness of them. They climb like homesick angels, 100 feet or so up where they amass in a flock called a “kit” and begin to circle upward in an almost mystical unison. Fifty individual birds climbing and turning as one, seemingly welded together by an invisible force; they seem all to be of one mind and purpose: getting home.

They circle higher and higher as the sun plays on their whiteness; it's really quite a transcendental moment. Randy explains that they're trying to get their bearings, but what does that mean? Are they trying to get a fix with their hard-wired magnetic compass, pick up familiar landmarks by sight, set their genetically coded GPS, pick up a familiar scent or listen for the sounds of home? There is no shortage of theories.

The most interesting part of the homing pigeon phenomenon is that even today no one really knows for sure how they find their way home. **Jon Hagstrum**, one geophysicist-turned-pigeon-researcher, compared this mystery to understanding dark matter and quantum physics. The two most common theories are that they have the ability to follow the magnetic field lines embedded in the earth to navigate home, or that their dovecote and the path home have unique odours, and they literally “smell home.”

While there is much supporting research on the homing pigeon's compass and their ability to tell which direction they are going in, it doesn't fully explain the so-called “map issue,” which is the ability to go to a specific location. Strangely, there is a very new theory by Jon Hagstrum, who studied the conditions on days that homing pigeons got lost. He found that there were disruptions in ultralow frequencies, thus surmising that pigeons follow these ultralow frequency signatures home; that they, in fact, literally “hear home.”

I find it refreshing that we don't know how these feathered navigators find their way home. It's all for the better that the mystery remains, enriches the ethereal aspects of the experience. Thanks, Randy; you and your little white doves made a sunny morning along the 2nd line of Mulmur special.

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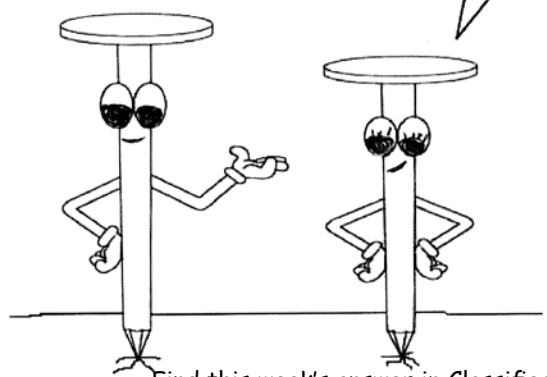
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Answer on Classifieds Page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble

Who should win the trophy for best neighbour in town, Rusty?

That's east Spike. David Millsap in being so  
V I I G G N



Find this week's answer in Classifieds by Ken Thornton

## CREEMORE Weekend Weather

### Friday, October 11

Sunny  
High 18 Low 8 Winds E 5 km/h  
POP 10%

### Saturday, October 12

Thundershowers  
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## The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

## FRED'S FUNNIES

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## Canadian Criss Cross

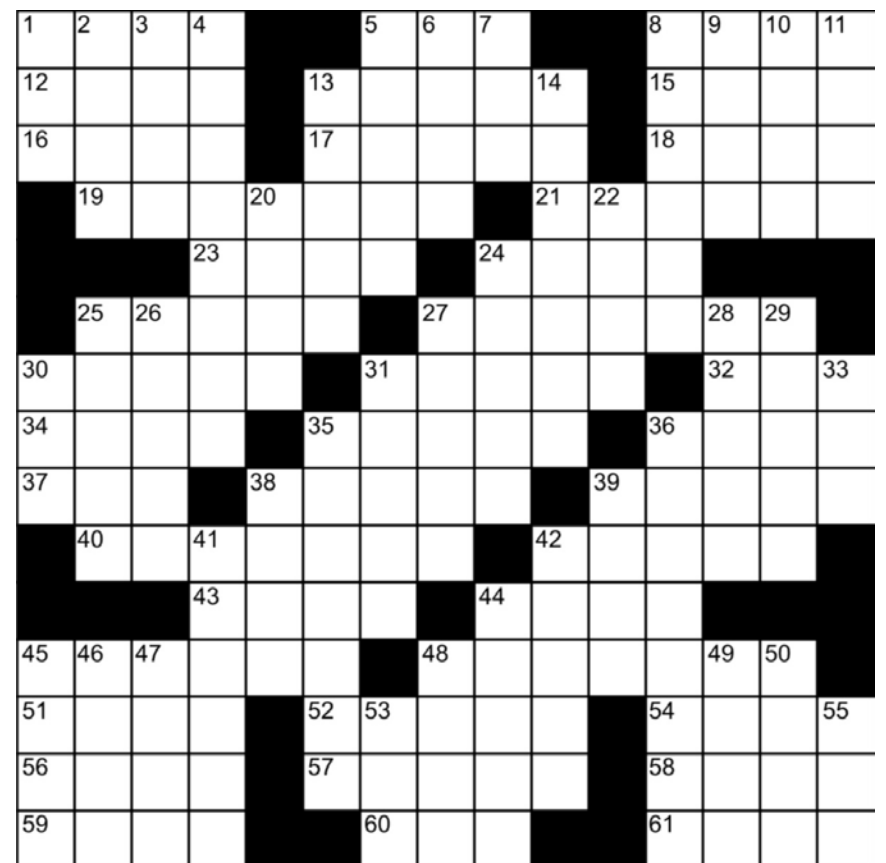
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### ACROSS

- Misplaced
- Previously mentioned woman
- Notify of potential harm
- Bend backward
- Make parallel
- Shivering fit
- High-priced
- Period of uncontrollable drinking
- Monetary unit of Argentina
- Strongly clear
- A horse that has never won a race
- A bit of work to be done
- Change from a solid to a liquid
- Saltpetre
- Attached directly to the main stem
- Passageway between seats
- Numerical comparison
- Santa's helper
- Man, for one
- There are twenty-four of them in a day
- No more than average
- Shelter from the wind
- Tie-breaking situation in tennis
- Unhealthily pale
- Say the same thing again
- Specialized market
- Of \_\_\_\_ (in the far distant past)
- Cooked adequately
- Say yes to an invitation
- Canadian fashion model Hardy
- Farm newborn
- Modern messages
- Well-ventilated
- Highest point
- For the time being (used with "for the")
- Put a value on
- Lost in delight
- Poem intended to be sung
- A bed, as in a cheap rooming house

### DOWN

- Young man
- Popular cookie
- Wound reminder
- Accelerator pedal
- Move sexily
- Female deer
- Easter basket item
- Elk
- Not as young as you were
- Stratagem
- Extremely bright colour
- Maltreatment
- Deserved punishment
- Unladen weight of a vehicle
- What's more
- About 39.4 inches
- Canadian whose parents were Japanese immigrants
- It may be uninhabited
- Spaghetti topping
- Strap by which a dog is led
- Cream of the crop
- Be wrong with
- Customary line of travel
- Young fishes
- Encourage
- King, queen, or a jack
- Let fall
- Evergreen tree
- Grommet
- Aristocratic
- Unfreeze
- In the distance
- \_\_\_\_-Cola
- Place for temporary stay
- Monetary unit of South Africa
- Italian greeting
- Part of BA
- Noise a cow makes
- Exclamation of jubilation



October 4 Answer



# Make friends, shorten winter with curling

By Kristi Green

Curious about curling? Now is your chance to give it a whirl. Next month, the Creemore Curling Club is offering training at no cost to anyone who is thinking of trying the sport. Come to the Club's Sign-Up and Social Night on Friday, October 18 at 7 pm to see what it has to offer.

The Club provides all the equipment needed to play. Interested players need only bring a pair of clean running shoes.

There will be free clinics on Saturday, November 2 and on Thursday, November 5, 12 and 19. Would-be members can also buy a six-week trial membership for \$80.

There is a daytime league and a number of evening leagues: Ladies on Monday, Men on Tuesday, and Mixed on Wednesday and Fridays.

For the younger generation, the Club will continue to host the after-school programs it has run for the last 30 years. It also offers curling to grade 6 students through the Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School elective program.

## A SPORT FOR ALL AGES

Today, the Club has about 95 members whose ages range from 10 to the 80s. "It's a sport for all ages and can be started at any time of life," says **David Millsap**, President of the Creemore Curling Club.

Millsap should know. His family boasts four generations of curlers.



**BREAKING THE ICE** — This photo from *The Creemore Star* shows James Dick and Mel Ross cutting the ribbon to officially open the Creemore Curling Club's new artificial ice on December 12, 1958. According to the caption, Dick chaired the Special Events Committee and Ross "first introduced curling in Creemore."

His two uncles and grandfather were Past-Presidents of the Curling Club before him. Millsap was introduced to the sport in elementary school and he doesn't intend the tradition to stop: his two sons, **Tate** and **Jack**, have both taken up curling, too.

"Curling is about community," explains Millsap. "You meet lots of people you wouldn't otherwise have met. It's also a great way to shorten the winter and get out."

Often underestimated in the fitness department, curling can offer health

benefits, too. "A lot of people say 'I didn't realize that I will feel muscles after doing this'," says Millsap. "It's more physical than they thought."

The Canadian Curling Association advocates curling as good exercise for both body and mind. For two hours, you can burn a lot of calories and work a number of muscles moving up and down the ice, sweeping and making shots.

If those reasons aren't enough, curling is one of the few sports after which players socialize with the

competition. Typically, after a game, both teams come into the clubhouse where the winning team is obligated to buy the losing team a drink, Millsap says.

## A CURLING COMMUNITY

The Creemore Curling Club has been part of this community since the 1920s. It was first mentioned in *The Creemore Star* on December 15, 1927.

In an article written by Mr. C.B. Smith in that issue, "Creemore has been and will be curlers convened in the local Council Chamber on Thursday evening to discuss the advisability of organizing a club in the village. The pros and cons of the ancient Scotch game were considerably discussed amid curls of smoke."

According to the *Star*, local curling enthusiasts had played "pretty crude" games on the village's rinks on Mill Street.

On November 1, 1928, the newspaper reported that the first sod had been broken for a new rink on Elizabeth Street with two sheets of ice for curling.

The first local bonspiel was held at the end of that first season followed by a party at Harry Woods' cafe. "Probably twenty pairs of rocks are now owned in the village and considerable enthusiasm prevails," reported the *Star*.

The Elizabeth Street arena closed in 1977. One year later, the village celebrated the opening of the Creemore and District Recreation Centre, which is where the community curls today.

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**Ernie Herzig**

On behalf of **Creemore Minor Hockey Association**, we would like to thank everyone who came out came out and played in the 1st annual co-ed slow pitch tournament this past weekend. We also would like to say a big Thank you to the small business in and around Creemore for their donations.

On behalf of **St. John’s United Church**, I would like to thank all the people who came to our **Fowl Supper**. Thanks also to all those who prepared food, helped serve it or made a contribution in any way. Everyone working together made for a successful evening.

## IN MEMORIAM

**JORDAN** – In loving memory of husband, father, grand and great grandfather, uncle and friend, William James Jordan (Bill) who passed away at 70 years of age on October 4, 1978.

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## 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!

Spike & Rusty: GIVING

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## A photograph of two men in safety vests and hard hats standing in a field, holding shovels. They appear to be at a construction or maintenance site. The man on the right is wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility orange vest over a light blue shirt. The man on the left is also wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility orange vest over a light blue shirt. They are both holding long-handled shovels. The background shows a grassy field with some trees and a white vehicle partially visible on the right.



# Construction Update

Next Week: Excavating, further access road development



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