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**TRICK OR TREAT** — Halloween came a day early this year for the lucky witches, skeletons, pirates and one Super Mario (a.k.a. **Tristan Brulotte**) who took part in the Creemore Beaver Scouts trick-or-treat tour. Sure enough, on Thursday, October 31, these little ghosts and goblins were well-rehearsed for the real thing!

## NCPS UNDER ONE ROOF NEXT YEAR

By Kristi Green

The school bell will ring in a single newly renovated building when Creemore elementary students head back to school next year.

In a move to consolidate resources amid declining student enrollment, Simcoe County District School Board has decided to move kindergarten and grade 1 and 2 classes from the current Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School (NCPS) site on Caroline Street to the newer building at 240 Collingwood Street.

To accommodate the resulting increase in student population at the Collingwood Street site, the School Board plans to renovate and enlarge that building by September 2014.

The renovations will be paid for with Full-Day Kindergarten funding, which each school board receives from the province. Full-day kindergarten will be implemented for the first time at NCPS next fall.

"Schools have been shrinking throughout the province for a long time," said **Caroline Smith**, Simcoe (See "Renovations" on page 3)

## Echo briefs

### Hunting season safety

If you are hiking, cycling, horseback-riding or bird-watching in forests this hunting season, take care to be seen.

Wear a hunter orange hat, vest or scarf, and avoid beige, brown, white, red or green clothing.

Stick to established trails. Keep your pet on a leash while walking. Hike with a friend so hunters can hear you coming. Let someone know where you are going and when you will be back. Finally, avoid going out at dawn, dusk or when visibility is limited.



## HAPPY "HOWL"OWEEN!

Does Spot have style?  
Is Fifi into fashion?  
If your pet enjoys dressing up, we'd love to see it. Spooky setters, retro rottweilers, pumpkin pugs and ghostly goldens; all are welcome. Send your snaps to [kristi@creemore.com](mailto:kristi@creemore.com). You could find your pet (or his alter ego) in an upcoming Echo!



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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Saturday, October 26 to Sunday, November 3

- **Fifth Avenue Collection Jewellery Open House and Closing Sale** at 9230 Webster Road, Glencairn. Every day from 9 am to 5 pm. Impeccable quality, handmade, beautiful jewellery with lifetime guarantee. Refreshments, door prizes, "thank you" gifts. Great savings for those one-of-a-kind and discontinued pieces. For more information, call Sharon at 705-466-3520.

### 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.
- **Harvest Roast Beef Dinner** at New Lowell Legion at 5 pm. Silent Auction. Sponsored by New Lowell United Church. Adults \$14, children 6-12 \$5, under 5 free.

### Sunday, November 3

- **Daylight Saving Time** ends today. Put back your clocks one hour.
- **Church Services** are on page 5.
- **Honeywood's Victoria Memorial United Church's 112th Anniversary Service** at 11 am. Guest minister is Rev. Joanna VanderSpek. Special music by "U4IA" Barbershop Quartet. Lunch to follow. Everyone welcome.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, November 4

- **Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion** begins today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome. For more information call 705-466-2330.
- **Collingwood & District Historical Society Meeting** featuring "Wartime Experiences" with Don Wilcox and a panel of veterans at the Leisure Time Club, Minnesota Street, Collingwood, at 7 pm. Admission: CDHS membership or \$3.

### Tuesday, November 5

- **Creemore Adult Skating** Tuesdays through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.
- **Antique Bed Turning Event and Quilt Block Challenge** presented by the International Plowing Match Quilt Committee at the Simcoe County Museum as they kick-start the 2014 International Plowing Match. Visitors can vote on the Quilt Block Challenge entries. The Antique Bed Turning has two sessions: 7 pm and 8:15 pm. A local speaker will present a historical collection of antique quilts. Tickets are \$15 per person (HST included). 1151 Highway 26, Minesing.

### Wednesday, November 6

- **MS Design One Stop Holiday Shop** opening today at 195 Mill Street. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Holiday gifts and décor from 15+ local artisans!
- **Triple P Parenting "Bedtime Problems" tip sheet workshop** will give you suggestions to help your toddler develop a good bedtime routine. From 11 am to noon at the Creemore Public Library. Child care (limited spaces available). To register call the Collingwood-Ontario Early Years Centre at 705-446-0816, ext. 407.

### Friday, November 8

- **Creemore Legion Ladies Friday Night Supper** from 5 to 6:30 pm. Includes roast beef & gravy, baked potatoes, sour cream, Caesar salad, vegetables, apple crisp, ice cream, buns & butter, coffee or tea. Adults \$15, seniors \$14. Call 705-466-2432 or 705-466-2202 to reserve your seat.
- **Dinner Dance "A Salute to Canada Veterans"** with the music of the Georgian Sounds Big Band at Collingwood Leisure Time Club. \$30 per person. Join us as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Call 705-445-9865 for more info.

### Saturday, November 9

- **Stayner Heritage Society** proudly presents the **4th Remembrance Day Event** featuring Sgt. Ret'd Robert Thompson's personal story and pictures of his over 37 years in the military as a photographer. 9 am at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Stayner. \$5 includes continental breakfast, speaker & DVD of student trip to Vimy Ridge. For tickets call Catherine at 705-428-2719 or pick up at Barb's Clothes Closet. Advance by November 5 only.
- **Snow Flake Bazaar** at St. Luke's Anglican Church from 11 am to 2 pm.

### Sunday, November 10

- **Knox Presbyterian Church Dunedin's 145th Anniversary Service** at 2 pm. Guest speaker is Sean Angel. Musical guests "The Key is Friends." A special musical event for everyone to enjoy.

### Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day

- **Creemore Legion Remembrance Day Service** begins with members of the Armed Forces forming up at Station on the Green at 9:30 am to march to the Cenotaph at 9:45 am. A 10 am service to lay a wreath with Rev. Tony Rennett officiating. A service will follow at Creemore Legion. Please be seated by 10:45 am. (Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath for this year's Remembrance Ceremony to honour a veteran and to support the Poppy Trust

Fund please call 466-2202 to make arrangements.)

- **New Lowell Legion Remembrance Day Service** begins with a Parade from the Firehall at 10:30 am to the Legion's Cenotaph for the 11 am service. A reception in the Legion will follow.
- **Mansfield Cenotaph Service** at 937016 Airport Road at 10:30 am. Special guest, Vernon Giberson (Jane Hawkins' father), a WWII veteran who was with the 56 anti-tank regiment who landed on Juno Beach on D-Day and was also was with the unit that liberated Holland (Nijmegen) and handed out chocolate to the children, Jane Hawkins' father. He along with three of his brother served overseas during the second World War.

### Friday, November 15

- **3rd Annual One Stop Christmas Shop** at the Duntroon Hall, 9025 County Rd 91, from 4 to 8 pm. A Hall fundraiser. Vendors filling both floors of the Hall and maybe a visit from Santa for the kids! Get an early start on your Christmas shopping! Very limited space available for additional vendors – contact duntroononestopxmas@hotmail.com or Robin at 705-446-9907.

### Saturday, November 16

- **3rd Annual Tree Society of Creemore's Annual Meet & Greet** at Station on the Green at 6:30 pm. Speaker is Ian Bruce, a well-known Toronto arborist. All are welcome. Members are free or become a member at the door (\$10 annual fee) or join us as a guest for the evening for \$15. Refreshments and munchies will be served along with live entertainment and a special guest speaker.

### Sunday, November 24

- **Gift Of Music Concert** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm. **Classical Guitarist Tariq Harb**, opens this season's concert series. \$15 or full series for \$50 available at Curiosity House, the *Echo* or at door.

### Thursday, November 28 to Sunday, December 22

- **"Snow White Christmas"** World premiere family musical. Music and Lyrics by David Warrack, book by Norm Foster. The Prince took Snow White to his palace where they were married and lived happily ever after... or did they? Come gaze into the magic mirror to see what happens next! **Theatre Orangeville**, 87 Broadway, Orangeville. Adults 8 pm \$40, 2 pm \$33. Students \$20. Children 12 and under \$12. For tickets please call the box office at 519-942-3423 or visit us on line at [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca).

### Sunday, December 1

- **Gift Of Music Concert** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm featuring the **Tenor Trio**. \$15 for this concert available at Curiosity House, Creemore *Echo* or at door.



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**Congratulations Alisa Hoggard,**  
youngest daughter of Alan & Jane Metheral, for successful completing her 'Practical Nurse' course at Georgian College & subsequent Registered Nurse exam. Therefore starting her new career as a (RPN)

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Love,  
her daughter Ashawnee (by her side) & Mom & Dad





**OLD AND NEW** — The junior site at 22 Caroline Street West (left) will be closed at the end of this school year. Next fall, the children who currently attend kindergarten and grades one and two there will move to the modern building at 240 Collingwood Street, which houses students up to grade 8.

# Renovations to senior site will affect all students

*(Continued from page 1)*  
County District School Board trustee. “Student numbers at NCPS haven’t been as high as expected.”  
Together, the two school buildings have the capacity for 260 students. This year, NCPS has 186 in total, which is below 30% of its capacity.  
The junior site on Caroline Street is built to house five classrooms and a library. This fall, with 60 students, there are only three classrooms in use.  
There are 126 students in grades 2 to 8 enrolled at the senior site.  
“The older buildings don’t have the improved heating, flooring and equipment that the new ones do,” said Smith. “As well, in Creemore, the kids have to go back and forth between sites.”  
Currently, students at the junior site walk to the senior site for gym classes since there is no gymnasium in their building.  
“This caught the attention of the Ministry of Education,” said Smith. “They approved us doing major improvements and putting all the kids at the

same school.”  
The renovations to the senior site will include adding two more classrooms and a gymnasium, as well as updating the library.  
“Improvements to the school will affect kids’ experience of school,” said Smith. For example, more books and updated technology will improve the use of library. “There are positives to new renovations.”  
NCPS Principal **Heather Birchall** agrees. “I’m really looking forward to having all the students and staff in one building. This will help programming, consistency and safety.”  
“The success of teaching lies in collaboration. With one building, we will have more collegiality and be able to do more professional planning,” Birchall said.  
The junior site, which has historically housed the younger students, was built in 1917, with additions constructed in 1970 and 1995.  
According to the School Board, the building’s mechanical, electrical and structural systems are

failing. While the structure has minimum life safety systems, they do not meet today’s building code requirements. The floor, paint, lighting, ceiling tiles and electrical service all need to be repaired. There have been concerns about mould in the basement and the school is not accessible due to its multi-level layout, as well.  
The single-level senior site was built in 1966 (with additions made in 1968 and 1977) and now requires improvements to flooring, paint, ceiling tiles and lighting.  
Once the junior site is empty, the School Board will either keep the building or offer it to the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. If the Catholic School Board declines its use, then it will be offered to the municipality. After that, if there are no takers, it will be put up for sale.  
Smith will be speaking and answering questions from parents at the NCPS School Council meeting on Tuesday, November 5, at 6:30 pm at 240 Collingwood Street.

## NOTICE

### Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that Nov. 4-8 and Dec. 2-6 are the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun seasons for deer in 2013. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. Suspected violations of the *Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act* should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 705-435-1881.

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DEC 7 ALL AGES: BEFORE THE PARADE, COME AND MAKE XMAS CARDS DROP-IN 11:00am - 12:30pm \$10.00	NOV 23 XMAS CARD WORKSHOP: LINOCUT WITH LIZ EAKINS: XMAS CARDS 10:00am - 3:00pm \$65 (Includes Materials)
DEC 14, 21 AGES 8 - 13: EXPRESSIVE DRAWING, PAINTING & COLLAGE DROP-IN 11:00am - 1:00pm \$12	NOV 30 XMAS PAPER WORKSHOP: WITH LIZ EAKINS 10:00am - 1:00pm \$35 (Includes Materials)

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## THE WAY WE WERE



The historical curling photos in the October 11, 2013 edition of the *Echo* reminded **Margaret Currie** of this picture from the April 18, 1963 *Barrie Examiner*. When she brought the newspaper clipping to the *Echo* office, Currie commented about how times have changed with regards to sports, gender and formalities.

Currie provided the full names of the ladies in the photograph, which was taken at a curling banquet on March 20 at the Elmvale Curling Club. Left to right: **Lennie Munn**, **Margaret Stewart** (now Currie), **Winona Heslip** and Skip **Marion Cherry**.

Margaret's late husband Harold Stewart built the garage that is now Creemore Country Gas at the north end of the village in the early 50s. She joined him here as a new bride in 1953. They ran the business for over a decade before moving to Barrie. She now resides in the Nottawa area.

## LETTER Save the bridge

Dear Editor,

As chairman of the Collingwood Street Bridge Committee, I am appalled by what Clearview Council has done at the Monday, October 21 Council meeting.

Clearview Council was aware of our Committee's plan to do a presentation on Heritage Designation for the bridge on Monday, November 18. A heritage designation would require restoring the single-lane heritage structure, while satisfying provincial design standards for bridges on low-volume roads.

I find it unbelievable that Council would put forth and pass a motion not to support heritage designation without even seeing our presentation. This was clearly a directive by the Mayor to the Clerk to prepare a motion prior to the council meeting. In essence, the motion says to accept the recommendations of the County to tear down the existing bridge, replace it with a two-lane concrete overpass and include non-support of Heritage Designation.

The motion was moved by Councillor Doug Measures and seconded by Councillor Orville Brown, despite Councillor Thom Paterson and Councillor Brent Preston's suggestion to amend the motion to remove the heritage issue until Council has seen our Committee's presentation. The motion was passed as it stood.

Passing this motion is giving support to the County to tear down and replace our 100-year-old bridge at a cost of \$2.28 million. Yet we have shown to County and Council that a total restoration of the existing bridge can be achieved at a savings of \$1 million County dollars.

This is clearly another attempt by Clearview Council to do what they want rather than listen to the will of the people. Isn't it odd that our MPP Jim Wilson threw his full support to the committee for preservation by reading and signing our petition in the Ontario Legislature?

Despite the petitions, numerous letters, support from the general public in favour of preserving and restoring the bridge, Council decided to pass this motion with total disregard for community support and due process.

It is time that this Council realized that their responsibility is to listen to and represent the people.

It's a sad day in Clearview when our elected Council ignores the will of the people and lacks the political courage to stand up to Simcoe County and say, "No! Destruction of this bridge is not acceptable. This our heritage."

What Clearview Council has done is shameful.

**Barry Burton**, Creemore

## LETTER Dairy farmers need to change

Dear Editor,

This past Saturday I had the opportunity to attend a meeting put on by our Member of Parliament for Simcoe Grey, Dr. Kellie Leitch. It was my understanding that she was going to discuss the European Union agreement and how it would benefit Canadian agriculture. As it turned out, the local and some not-so-local dairy farmers had requested a meeting. As you can guess, all they did was complain about 17,000 tonnes of cheese that would be coming into Canada and how it was going to hurt them. There was no mention of how it was going to open markets for other agricultural products, and especially for beef and hog producers who are finally getting a break after so many years of tough markets.

It was interesting listening to some of the comments, such as "there has been no increase in milk consumption for over 10 years in spite of the increase in population and the fact that we have spent \$90 million on advertising." Did it ever occur to them that they have priced themselves out of the market with the highest-priced milk in the western world?

A lot of Canadians live along the U.S. border and they don't hesitate to cross over to get their dairy products.

I expect they will argue that it's not that much cheaper, but if that's the case, why the 245% duty? Why not 10% or 15%?

The dairy cartel is one of the most lucrative segments in Canadian agriculture other than perhaps growing illegal pot, and they're worried about a few tonnes of cheese. There was no talk of how Canadian cheese is winning awards around the world for the quality that's being produced and how this E.U. agreement will open huge markets for them which, in turn, will require more milk.

I guess when you operate in a closed market you don't think outside the box. It's time for this self-serving entity to be opened to competition. Let's face it: 13,500 dairy farmers are holding 35 million Canadians to ransom for what they have to pay for dairy products.

**Dick Corner**, Duntroon

## CORRECTION

The October 25, 2013 issue of the *Echo* referred to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable **David Onley**, as David Langley.

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

Irma Flack submitted this week's Creemore Big Heart Seniors column.

There were only 36 in attendance for cards today. The 50/50 draws were won by **Wilma Zeggil, June Hartley, Ruth Loughed, Eileen Nash, Barb Cudmore** and **Alinda Bishop**.

Moonshots were played by **Evelyn Warden, Pat Winger, Earl Bentley, Jim Rigney** and **Wilma Zeggil**. **Jim**

collected the Sidewinders' money and **Wilma** received the travel prize.

High scores were **Irma Flack** 296, **Earl Bentley** 290, **Marg Falls** 257 and **Betty Sharpe** 254. Low was **Peter Gubbles** with 78. Lady Luck was not smiling in his direction.

We send our best wishes to **Sylvia Gale** for an improvement in her health.

The Club expressed our deepest sympathy to **Norma Johnston, Marion**

**Kelly and Barb Cudmore** on the death of their brother, **Willis Rowbotham**, this week. The funeral was in Chesley last Monday.

The next Rama bus will be on Tuesday, November 5 leaving the Legion in Creemore at 8:30 am with stops in New Lowell and Angus. If you would still like to go and your name is not on the list, call 705-466-5205. There are still a few seats available.

## GEORGIAN BAY READS

*Crow Lake* by **Mary Lawson** took first prize in the 5th annual Georgian Bay Reads competition on Saturday, October 26 at Meaford Hall Arts and Cultural Centre.

**Monica Quinlan** defended the book against four other competitors, taking the People's Popular Choice Award with her back to the Wasaga Beach Public Library.

Pictured are (left to right): Moderator **Ashley Kulchychki** holding the Georgian Bay Reads trophy; **Mel Pockaj** from the Collingwood Public Library, who defended *Eleanor Rigby* by **Douglas Coupland**; **Danielle Ounsey-Atkinson** of the Clearview Public Library, who defended *Omens* by **Kelley Armstrong**; **Stephen Vance** from the Meaford Public Library, who defended *Perdita* by **Hilary Scharper**; **Monica Quinlan** from Wasaga Beach Public Library, who defended *Crow Lake* by **Mary Lawson**; and **Deirdre Kelly** of the Blue Mountains Public Library, who defended *Lives of Girls and Women* by **Alice Munro**.

You can find all of these books at your local branch of the three local libraries in Clearview.



## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sunday, November 3



### CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

**November 3:** Evening 9 am,  
New Lowell 10:15 am,  
St. John's 11:30 am.  
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### VICTORIA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH HONEYWOOD

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### Creemore Legion Branch 397

**Cenotaph Wreath Laying Service** at 10 am.

Please arrive before 10 am.

Followed by the

**Remembrance Day Service**

at Creemore Legion at 11 am.

Please be seated by 10:45 am.



Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath for this year's Remembrance Ceremony to honour a veteran and to Support the Poppy Trust Fund please call 466-2202 to make arrangements.

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### New Lowell Legion Branch 516

Join our Comrades at the  
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to the Legion's Cenotaph for  
the 11 am service.

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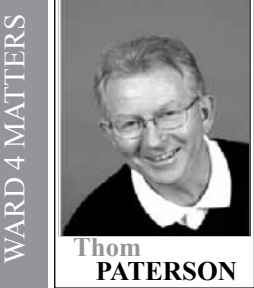


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# Hearing the case for preserving the Collingwood St. bridge



WARD 4 MATTERS

Earlier this month, the County of Simcoe released a status report on the Collingwood Street Bridge. It was received at the Monday, October 21 Council meeting without comment, except to state that Clearview Township would not support designating it as a heritage landmark over objections from myself and Councillor Preston.

By doing so, the Township has essentially indicated support for the County recommendation to spend \$2.3 million on a new bridge at the entrance to a remote, low-volume and rural road.

A local group that wants to save the bridge planned to make a presentation before Council. Council passed a resolution that attempts to block their application to designate the bridge as a cultural heritage landmark before hearing it, and without having a formal heritage designation framework. In other words: without listening and without having all the information.

What is surprising and even more disappointing is that Council found it necessary to act in this pre-emptive and confrontational way on the very same evening it approved to proceed with its Clearview Heritage Conservation Project.

The current County solution is to replace the existing single-lane steel- truss bridge with a new two-lane concrete one, and repair a portion of the existing trusses for \$2.3 million. The County estimates that the additional cost for rehabilitating the trusses will be \$300,000. The local group has put forward a plan to rehabilitate the existing structure for approximately \$1.1 million. This amount is consistent with the County's own estimate to rehabilitate the one-lane bridge.

We're at this point now because the local group, with strong public support, started asking the County in 2010 to seriously consider rehabilitating the bridge. Despite attempts to work with the County, it was the public's presentation



Collingwood Street bridge

to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) that led to the County re-doing their environmental assessment in 2011. In 2012, the MOE ordered the County to incorporate elements of the existing bridge structure into any new construction.

Had the County listened to the local group from the beginning, we could have been at this point two years ago. In the meantime, the County estimates that the new bridge construction costs have risen, while the estimates for rehabilitating and preserving it have stayed the same.

The local committee's proposal to restore the bridge to a safe working condition and preserve it as a Clearview cultural heritage landmark has

merit and should be heard by Council. I support their appearance before Council in the near future to make their case.

Regardless of whether members of the public support preserving the existing bridge or building a new concrete one, they should expect that they can always come before this Council and be respected and listened to.

Council should rescind their pre-emptive attempt to stop the application for a heritage designation before it has been heard and invited representatives from the local group to make their case before Council.

## OPP briefs

### Lock your cars

The OPP is reminding vehicle owners to lock their cars no matter where they are parked: at home, work or at a mall. During October, police received a number of reports from people who lost items from their cars after they failed to lock them. Wallets, cell phones, GPS units, ownership papers, coins and lottery tickets have been stolen.

### Call after a crime

On Sunday, October 27, police responded to a reported theft from a motor vehicle. Unfortunately, the theft had occurred one month earlier. When you witness a crime, don't wait until after the event to report it to police. The sooner you call, the better chance the police have to resolve your issue.

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# Keeping small town spirit alive

By Kristi Green  
Alternative country singer **Fred Eaglesmith** is one of a dying breed of a hard-living troubadours who still believe in the big powers of small town communities.

When his Travelling Steam Show pulls up outside the Nottawasaga Community Hall on Saturday, November 9, there will be no set designers, lighting crews or fancy refreshment stands. Eaglesmith, his band and crew all work together to tune their own guitars, set up their sound system, work the lights and put out the chairs.

“Do you know anyone else who does this?” he asks. “It’s how rock and roll was from 1958 to 1963, before big business affected it so much. Our show is just like it was... there is no business involved, no professionals. And at night, we just drive away...”

With an estimated 5,000 shows under his belt over a 40-year career, Eaglesmith, 56, is still passionate about bringing small music clubs and theatres, community and legion halls alive with songs about hard living and broken dreams – and the spirit of yesteryear.

Now, with the release of his 19th album, *6 Volts*, produced by his ironically named record company, A Major Label, Eaglesmith is bringing his music to Duntroon Hall the old-fashioned way.

He first discovered the beauty of singing in community halls in small towns in this area about a decade ago. Since then, when he’s on the road in Canada, he prefers to play in community halls and legions.

Why? “Because it’s civilized!” he laughs. For Eaglesmith, these structures represent a sense of community that is in danger of disappearing. “People should go to their local halls to get married and have supper,” he says.

By playing in smaller, historical spaces, Eaglesmith says he is able to replicate the rock and roll shows that were happening when he was a child of six or seven, growing up in Caistor Centre, Ontario.

Never shy about speaking his mind, Eaglesmith blames municipal governments for destroying the community values these old halls represent. “The story is the same all over the country. Townships amalgamate so that one mayor becomes the mayor of numerous towns instead of one,” he says. In Eaglesmith’s opinion, this is “baloney.”

He yearns for simpler times “when there was one mayor who used to be the mayor of one town, and if you didn’t like what he was doing, you’d go and punch him out!”

That may sound ungenerous, but Eaglesmith is anything but. At each show, he raises \$250 to \$300 for charity auctioning off pies. Last summer, pie auctions raised \$10,000 for flood relief in Alberta. By taking about 10 minutes out of each performance he has raised money for such causes as Operation Smile, an organization that provides free surgeries for children around the world with cleft palates and facial deformities. This year alone, he’s raised \$19,000 for the cause.

Eaglesmith also regularly raises money for “The music industry is a sin,” says Eaglesmith. “As I get older I want to do good things all the time.”

The Fred Eaglesmith Travelling Steam Show will be at Nottawasaga Community Hall in Duntroon on Saturday, November 9 at 8 pm. Advance tickets are \$25 and available from Jim Campbell at 705-446-2506 and online at [www.fredeaglesmith.com](http://www.fredeaglesmith.com). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$30.



**Fred Eaglesmith**



**PUMPKIN CARVING** – The kids at **Sass Dempsey’s** Creemore home daycare carved pumpkins to get ready for Halloween. Back row (left to right): **Maele Holden**, **Zoe Holden**, **Sass** and **Frances Korthals**. Front row: **Hazel Dempsey**, **Mister Pumpkinhead** and **Chase Dempsey**.



**Putting the garden to bed** – Members of the Creemore Horticultural Society spent a beautiful fall day last weekend raking the leaves and cutting back the garden at the Creemore Horticultural Park before winter comes.

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Through your participation and involvement, we hope the tournament will have another successful year. We look forward to seeing you at this event and appreciate all of your support!!!

**IF you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team, please contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842, [leitherin@hotmail.com](mailto:leitherin@hotmail.com) or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, [chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca](mailto:chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca)**

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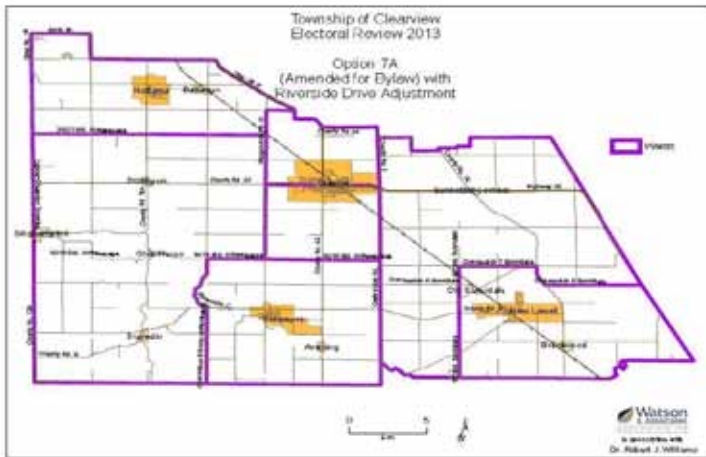
### NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PASSING A BY-LAW TO CHANGE WARD BOUNDARIES

RE: Passing of a By-law to Re-divide The Township of Clearview Ward Boundaries

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Clearview passed By-law 13-64 on the 21st day of October, 2013 pursuant to Section 222 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

AND TAKE NOTICE that By-law 13-64 provides for the re-division of Clearview's wards, as follows:



AND TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Subsection 222(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, any person or agency may appeal within 45 days of the passing of the by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of The Township of Clearview a notice of appeal setting out the objections to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objections. This notice of appeal must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$125.00 made payable to the Minister of Finance. Any notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk's Office of The Township of Clearview, at the address below, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the 5th day of December, 2013.

Additional information regarding By-Law 13-64 may be obtained from Pamela Fettes, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services at (705) 428-6230, ext. 224, from the Township of Clearview website [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca), or by attending the Office of the Clerk, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON.

Dated at the Township of Clearview this 22nd day of October, 2013.

**Pamela Fettes, Clerk/Director, Legislative Services**  
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## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Funding may be available to community non-profit organizations through application to Clearview Township Council. Applicants will be considered on merit and funding is not guaranteed. This grant opportunity may be available to community groups on an annual basis, depending upon Council's budget.

Each organization is required to complete an application form. The deadline for the 2014 Budget application is Monday, December 2, 2013. Applications can be picked up at the Clearview Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner or on the Clearview Township website [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)

Please note that only completed applications submitted to the Clerk's office by the deadline will be considered.

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## Meet and greet the Tree Society

By Thom Paterson

The forest floor still has colour, so hiking or cycling is a wonderful way to enjoy the last of Simcoe County's fall colour splendour.

As this year's fall colour season is drawing to a close, the Tree Society of Creemore invites you to join us at our 3rd annual Meet and Greet on Saturday, November 16.

We invite our members, as well those interested in becoming new members and public guests, to join us for an evening of appreciation, information, entertainment and refreshment.

We continue in the Society's main purpose to care for and add to Creemore's green canopy. Formed in 1990, the Tree Society of Creemore (formally the Creemore Tree Committee) is a volunteer organization committed to promoting beautification of our tree-lined streets and public lands, providing advice from experienced arborists, educating the public on the environmental and social benefits of a healthy tree stock, preserving the area's cultural heritage, encouraging youth involvement, and raising our own funds through donations and *in memoriam* gifts.

This year, as in the past, we have worked with other local volunteer groups such as the Business Improvement Association, the Horticultural Society and the Creemore Log Cabin Service Board on common projects to maintain and improve the public spaces in Creemore, which we and our visitors all enjoy.

We also keep the public up-to-date on environmental issues that will effect the health of our trees. One such effort is the monitoring of the expected infestation of the emerald ash



TREE SOCIETY OF CREEMORE  
*Put down some roots*

borer, an insect native to Asia that kills ash trees. Discovered in Ontario in 2002 and now well-established throughout southern Ontario, it is not yet confirmed in Simcoe County. However, it is considered to be inevitable, so we will provide regular reports on the progress the County is making to

manage, predict and limit the impact of the infestation on our ash trees.

As well as welcoming new members, the Society is also looking for interested volunteers to join our management board who share our commitment to preserving and growing our village tree canopy and who can contribute their experiences and skills.

Please join us for the Meet and Greet evening on Saturday, November 16 at Station on the Green in Creemore at 6:30 pm. Members are free and those wishing to become members can do so for a \$10 individual/\$20 family annual membership fee. The public is welcome to join us as guests for the evening for \$15. Refreshments and munchies will be served along with live entertainment by **AnnaLee** and **Fran Webster**. **John Smart** will give us a special look back at the early beginnings of the Tree Society. Our guest speaker, **Ian Bruce**, a well-known Toronto arborist, will share his impressions on the state of our trees since he last visited Creemore in the 1990s, and provide his interesting tree care "do's and don't's" during a question-and-answer session.

For more information, you can contact the Tree Society at [www.treesocietyofcreemore.com](http://www.treesocietyofcreemore.com), **Thom Paterson** at 705-466-6321 or **Tracey Kolowska** at [tracey@treesocietyofcreemore.com](mailto:tracey@treesocietyofcreemore.com).



**Cleaning up the cenotaph** – Creemore Horticultural Society President **David Bruce Johnson** stands at Creemore's cenotaph on Caroline Street East where the garden is being cleared for the upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony. Next year, the area will be re-designed to increase focus on the cenotaph.

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# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

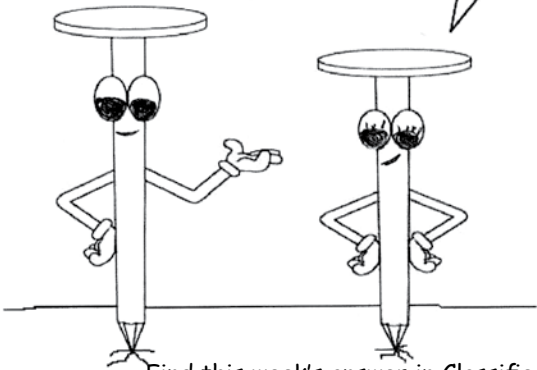
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Answer on Classifieds Page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble

You scolded me, Rusty, when I told Dawn McPherson how nice she looked.

I sure did, Spike! You were getting  
**KECYEH**



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

## CREEMORE WEEKEND WEATHER

### Friday, November 1

Cloudy with showers  
High 13 Low 8 Winds W 50 km/h  
POP 80%

### Saturday, November 2

Cloudy with showers  
High 8 Low -1 Winds N 20 km/h  
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### Sunday, November 3

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## The AVRIDGE FARM

by JEFF WILSON



## FRED'S FUNNIES

What comes down but never goes up?

Rain

# Canadian Criss Cross

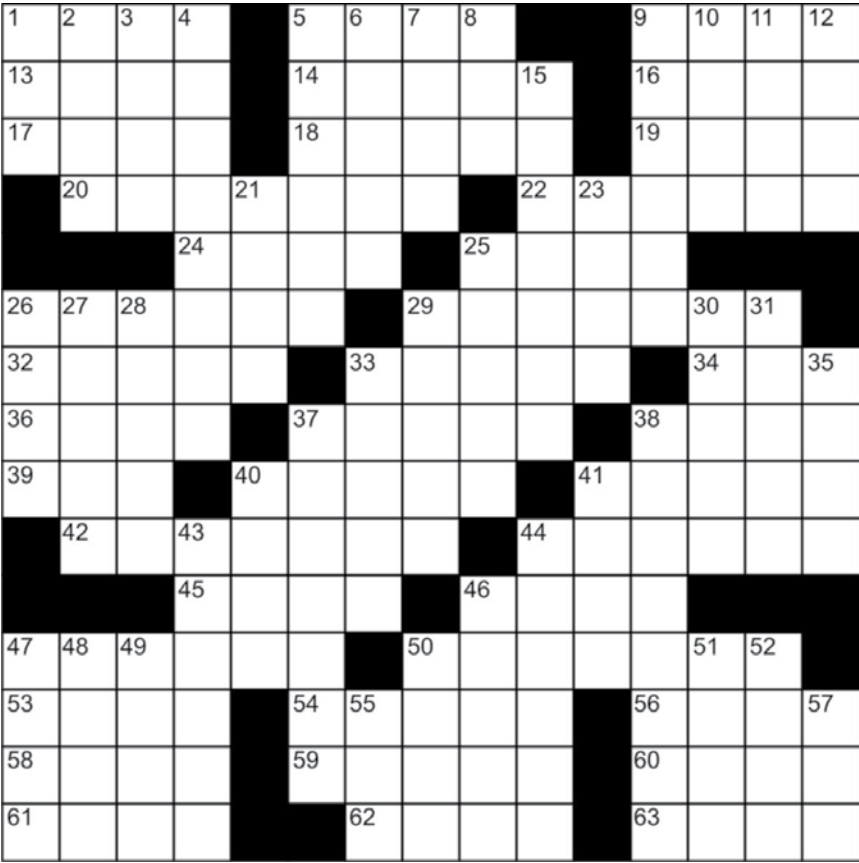
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### ACROSS

- Piece of gossip
- Walking unevenly
- Small pieces
- Plough pullers
- You have to study for them
- Organ control
- Drink served in a pub
- People most in demand
- Caught sight of
- Mixed up
- Multiplies a number by itself
- Addition column
- Place to play
- Orchard fruit
- Idea
- Turned on the waterworks
- Influenza symptom
- Colour of a Canadian \$50 dollar bill
- Frog relative
- Not be selfish
- Hidden explosive
- Earth revolves around it
- Size ratio
- Very thick
- They are medically qualified
- "Hurry up!"
- Opportunity for
- Argues noisily
- Say yes to an invitation
- Destructive whirlwind
- Acting part
- Delete recorded data
- Let somebody have
- Place in a confining situation
- Boxing ring boundaries
- Aligned
- Embroiders
- Top quality
- Transmit

### DOWN

- Highest part
- Earth revolves on it
- Borrowed
- Gave the right to
- Acquires information
- Wheel shafts
- Domestic worker
- Thirteenth letters
- Next to
- Covers a cake
- Biblical pronoun
- Offspring
- Difficult to understand
- Part of some wind instruments
- Part of the foot
- "\_\_\_ Sixteen" (Ringo Starr song)
- Parts of a play
- Swollen with pride
- One is grand
- Rake over the \_\_\_
- Fabric with a design
- On edge
- Delight people
- \_\_\_ Lake, Newfoundland
- Wheeled toy
- Memoranda
- Camera's aperture setting
- Sunrise
- Moves stealthily
- Woods
- Valentine flowers
- \_\_\_ and crafts
- Earth's centre
- Crab part
- Video cassette
- Acrobatic plunge
- Cooking compartment
- Steal from
- Antonym of start



October 25 Answer



# A settler's story: Pioneer obit

Creemore resident **Gwen Anderson** brought in a copy of this obituary of **William Anderson** from the *Creemore Star* from Thursday, August 12, 1909, titled "Another Pioneer Gone."

*William Anderson was the Gwen's husband's (Arnold Anderson's) great-grandfather. He was also Alyson McQueen and Vicki Bell's great-great-grandfather, and Zoey and Ruby McQueen's great-great-great-grandfather.*

One of the few remaining pioneers of this section passed away to his reward on Thursday last, in the person of Wm. Anderson, Lavender, who lived to the ripe old age of 84 years and five months. Mr. Anderson died on the farm on which he settled and lived for some fifty two years, lot 1, concession 10, Nottawasaga, now occupied by his son Ernest.

He was a Native of England and came to this country when about 18 years of age. He first settled near Trenton where he remained for a number of years and was married. Having saved some \$900.00 he invested the greater portion of it in the farm above mentioned, which he had never seen and which was then in its primeval state with the exception of two or three acres which had been chopped and a small shanty erected there on.

With his young wife and two small children, he set out from Trenton with his horse and wagon and some

provisions to cover the two hundred odd miles to the place that was to be his home for the rest of his natural life. Patiently they plodded along and in due course arrived at the farm of Wm. Millie, where they put up as it was impossible to go further with horse and wagon.

Next morning Mr. Anderson set out on foot and made his way through the bush to his farm. Arriving here and taking stock of the situation, the prospect did not appear very promising, and on returning to Mr. Millies he suggested to his wife that they throw up the whole business and go back to where they came from.

Mrs. Anderson, however, was not so easily daunted and persuaded him to stay with the game. After making a road with his axe, sufficient to get his horse and rig through, the young couple got to their shanty and commenced pioneer life in real earnest.

He traded his horse for a yoke of oxen, which were more suitable for the work of logging and clearing the land. The provisions they had brought with them having been exhausted, they were often in dire need of the necessities of life.

On one occasion when they had no flour in the house, Mr. Anderson bagged a hundred pounds of maple sugar he had made. He tied it to the oxen yoke and started for Nottawa, the nearest place where he could exchange the sugar for flour. He returned home with it in the same way. He found two

or three neighbours awaiting his return to get a little of the flour, which of course he shared with them.

Many were the privations then endured and over come by the pioneers which the people of the present generation know nothing except what they hear.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson having learned the lessons of thrift and good management cleared their farm and prospered, and the family among them today have five hundred acres.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his widow and family of five sons and two daughters. Two sons Wm. and Thomas died a number of years ago and one daughter the late Mrs. W. D. Allen.

Those remaining are Robert, Albert, George, Godfrey, Ernest, Mrs. O'Neal of Wisconsin and Mrs. Johnson of Creemore.

He had been in rather indifferent health for some 12 years with shaking palsy, but was never confined to bed until Sunday the 1 inst.[sic]

He got up to have his bed made on Monday and on laying down again went to sleep and never fully awoke.

He continued in a comatose condition until Thursday afternoon when quietly breathed his last without the faintest struggle.

Mr. Anderson was a conservative in politics and member of Crammers Church Honeywood. The funeral took place on Sat. afternoon to Honeywood cemetery. Rev. Mr. Ecclestone of Hornings Mills officiated.

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## YARD SALES

**Saturday, November 2:** Sage and Stella are having a yard sale from 9 am to noon at **175 Collingwood Street, Creemore**. There is some neat stuff.

**Sunday, November 3:** Garage Sale at **#1 Station Street, Glen Huron**.

## THANK YOU

Tip of the Hat! Thank you to everyone that sent greetings, phoned me or popped in to wish me a Happy Birthday. It was great to see everyone at the birthday party and to see so many wearing a hat in my honour. (Even Leroy Gordon the Miniature Horse wore a hat to the party!) What a fantastic day of sharing memories and stories. Thanks for making my 80th so special!  
**Dalton Lowe**

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So he put his arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to Me".  
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Hard working hands now rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

Remembered by Dean, Melissa, Justin, Jessica and Jayden

In loving memory of our husband and father, **Harold "Big Harold" Bigham** who left us on November 2, 2005.

So many things have happened,  
Since you were called away,  
So many things to share with you,  
Had you been left to stay,  
Every day in some small way,  
Memories of you come our way,  
Though absent, you are ever near,  
Still missed, loved,  
and always dear.

Love always, Marion, Janet and Paul, Janice and Julie Ann

In loving memory of our dear friends, **Cliff Hart** who left us on October 31, 2005 and **Jim Trott** who left us on October 29, 2007.

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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!

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon is excited to share with everyone the arrival on Friday, August 16, 2013 of his enchanting 7 lb 3 oz sister **Victoria Patricia**. Doting grandparents again are John and Barb Gunn, Yvonne and Nathan Teague. Megan and Gamin are, out of self-preservation, dedicated to her every whim.

## WANTED

**OLD SKATES** wanted to decorate our village for the Christmas season. Please drop off at *Creemore Echo*.



### ATTENTION RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

Did you know that our Club Members often inquire about local accommodation; if you have a property you wish to rent out during the winter months; **December through to April? Devil's Glen Country Club** would like to help you out! We continuously have Club Members who are seeking property within the Creemore, Glen Huron, Dunedin and Singhampton area.

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to submit your rental property for consideration.

## DEATH NOTICE

**ROWBOTHAM, Willis Elmer** of Chesley, passed away at Parkview Manor, Chesley on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 in his 79th year. Dear companion of Marion Holmes of Chesley. Dear father of Lois Rowbotham of Elmwood, Roger (Carol) of Creemore, Gary (Kellie) of Elmwood and Patricia Rowbotham of Winnipeg. Sadly missed by seventeen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Remembered by his brothers Lloyd (Jean) of Dunedin, Allen (Joan) Dunedin, Donald (Carol) of Strathroy, sisters Norma Johnston of Creemore, Marion Kelly of Collingwood, Barbara Cudmore of Creemore, Holly Hughes of Creemore, brother-in-law Aubrey Miller and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Willis was predeceased by his son Ted, daughter Heather McNabb, granddaughter Tammy McNabb, great-grandson Zachary, brothers Claude (Ena), Delmer (Marion), sisters Kathleen Winchester (George), Irma Miller, brothers-in-law Mervin Johnston, Ross Kelly, Barbara's second husband Rodney Cudmore, Charles Hughes and parents Wilfred and Sophia (Drury) Rowbotham. Visitation was held at the Klages Mill, Chesley on Sunday. A funeral service celebrating Willis' life was held on Monday, October 28, 2013. Interment in Chesley Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Alzheimer Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association are appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Arrangements entrusted to Rhody Family Funeral Home.

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**On November 4th, two years ago, Norma Royal's passing saddened many.**

The tragic reminder of how precious friends are was reminded to us. We knew on that day, Heaven must have needed an angel, for she was taken from us too soon.

She had a certain way of touching people's hearts, and making them smile. Giving them hope and a certain level of joy that some will never experience. She always had a positive look on life, and always found ways to do more for others than herself.

She was the type of person who most people wanted to be, and dream of being. She brought happiness to all that knew her and never gave into weakness. She was by far one of the strongest people we will ever know.

She still manages to touch our hearts every day. She wouldn't settle for anything less than to have us reminded she is still here. Whether it is a black cat sighting, a memory, or a sign of nature that inspires us, she will always be here to tell us to carry on with hope, love, laughs and happiness.

She will be forever missed, more than a heartache could ever take. We are thankful and happy to know with reassurance that many will be thinking of her today. Hearts will hurt during this day of remembrance, but we know the hope, love, and happiness she shared with many will shine light on this day, for she shines through us all. Her gift of love and friendship will always be cherished, and shared for a lifetime.

Missing you always,  
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# Dental, Gone Mental

By Tim Armour

I'm sure you've heard my tales before  
Of pig with big pot belly.  
In verse I'll spin a yarn once more,  
Though not quite Keats or Shelley.

As Orville neared his second year  
His tusks had grown prodigious.  
He'd strike the bravest hearts with fear,  
I feared they'd grow litigious.

Should Orville swing his head around  
And gore somebody's ankle,  
Recreminations may abound  
And these would surely rankle.

I deemed that something must be done  
To fix this fearsome feature.  
Would Doctor Durish be the one  
With tools to tame the creature?

I asked if he could give a shot  
To Orville to sedate him.  
He said, "With so much fat he's got  
No veins!" I quote verbatim.

I asked what other owners do  
When in this situation.  
He said that pigs are very few  
With lives of this duration.

I told him Orville was a pet  
Belonging to my daughter,  
That Orville'd never need to fret  
That he was bound for slaughter.

Doc Durish said Doc Abernant  
Could do it in his O.R.  
If needling a vein he can't,  
He'll gas your beastly boar.

So I arranged to take my strange  
Companion up to Stayner,  
Facilitate his facial change  
To something safer, plainer.

Now Orville weighed as much as I.  
I'd need some help to load him.  
I said, "And I know just the guy."  
What's more, I thought, I owed him.

I called my buddy, "Rolf the Hun,"  
Descendant of Attila.  
What he can't do just can't be done.  
He's bigger than Godzilla.

We crated Orville in a box  
Of plywood to contain him.  
A scared boar's strong as any ox,  
And ropes cannot restrain him.

I'd drilled holes in the plywood  
To provide some ventilation.  
He screamed as loud as I would  
Were I in his situation.

We took the crate containing pig  
And placed it on a dolly,  
And rolled to Rolf's awaiting rig  
For phase two of this folly.

We hit the road to head for town  
The morning sun was gleaming.  
We swilled our double doubles down,  
While Orville kept on screaming.

On my wisdom Rolf did query.  
Oh, at times he's such a cynic.  
Of his questions I grew weary  
As we came up to the clinic.

We put the pent-up porcine  
On the dolly and we moved him  
Up the stairs and past one more sign  
That this whole day ill-behooved him.

For I was at the low end.  
Oh, some things are past endurin'!  
This turned out to be the flow end  
When there came the flood of urine.

The pig amok inside the box  
Was screaming bloody murder.  
The decibels would rock your socks.  
Can life become absurder?

We wheeled into a little room  
All stainless steel and shiny.  
Fluorescent lights dispelled the gloom,  
But Lord, that room was tiny.

So now, inside this closet cell  
There's one teutonic giant,  
Two vets, myself and oh, as well,  
One porcine non-compliant.

The vet told me to take the pig  
And put him on the table.  
I countered that he's far too big,  
I don't think we'd be able.

The vet yelled over Orville's squawks.  
He asked what I suggested.  
"Let's knock him out inside the box."  
The gas hose I suggested.

I took the nose mask off the hose  
To thread it through the box side.  
My plan was plain. The pig must doze!  
"Release the nitrous oxide!"

As gas suffused the plywood crate,  
From hissing hose that humbles.  
His brain attained an altered state.  
His screams subdued to grumbles.

The hose hissed on and by and by,  
Again that sixties feeling.  
Two vets, "the Huhn," the pig, and I  
Were dancing on the ceiling.

But presently we came to earth  
And got down to the business  
Of cutting tusks for all we're worth  
While on the floor with dizziness.

The thought occurred, "It's not the job  
For which I was apprenticed."  
I dabbed his mouth with cotton swab.  
"I'm now a piggy's dentist."

Rolf pinned him in a wrestling hold.  
I held the gas mask on him.  
With hacksaws then the vet made bold.  
What fiend from hell did spawn him?

But finally the job was done.  
His tusks were rendered harmless.  
The war was o'er, the battle won.  
His looks? ...not wholly charmless.



Orville the pig

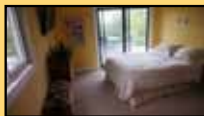
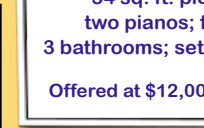
We got him loaded up again,  
While he was still sedated.  
I went to pay the invoice then.  
My heart all but abated!  
I realized that once a year  
I'd need to do this over.  
I recognized, with pang of fear,  
It's no walk in the clover!  
In lieu of laughing gas, I said,  
Was chloroform or either  
Available for sale instead?  
They answered me, "No! Neither!"

I'd heard that pigs can eat or drink  
Most anything that we can.  
I asked the doc, What did he think?  
If I drink beer, p'r'aps he can.  
The doc said beer would do no harm  
If used in moderation.  
So, since then on our "funny farm,"  
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