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News and views in and around Creemore



**GOING ON PARADE** – Stephen Loewy, the General Manager of Creemore Hills Winery, ties a bow onto the company’s float for Saturday’s Santa Claus Parade. The parade begins at County Road 9 at 1:30 pm and will turn down Mill Street. See you there!

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## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MULMUR BY 2018

By Kristi Green

After a year in development, the Township of Mulmur has approved its first-ever Strategic Plan.

A blueprint for the future, the plan outlines five goals for the Township to achieve by 2018: to grow its residential and industrial/commercial development; increase awareness about Mulmur as a destination for recreation; improve local access to services; establish funding guidelines and cost-efficient purchasing protocols for major and recurring expenses; and increase public participation in Township governance and volunteerism.

“The Strategic Plan is very important because it is going to give Council direction over the next five years,” said Mulmur Mayor **Paul Mills**. “It will give the Councillors focus.”

Titled “Mulmur’s Thriving Future,” the plan sets out a vision of a Township that balances rural life with responsible economic and social development for all residents.

It contains the goal of increasing business in the area by 2 to 10 per cent and includes the recommendation to form a Development Committee. Whether this will be a Committee

of Council or a community group remains to be decided by Council.

A Steering Committee headed by **Keith Lowry** and guided by **Sue Powell** of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, spent the past year gathering public input through surveys and Town Hall meetings. As well, the Committee considered feedback from emails it received and from public meetings held throughout 2013.

The respondents and participants included long-term residents, newcomers, weekenders, farmers and business people, who voiced opinions on such issues as traffic, agricultural heritage, land-use planning and working with other municipalities.

“We needed to have a broad-based sense of community values, issues and beliefs,” said Lowry. “We were delighted about the quality and quantity of responses and suggestions.”

“A key finding from the surveys,” said Lowry, “is that Mulmur’s beauty attracts people and keeps people.” But, he added, “The composition of the Township has changed over the last 15 years. An increasing number of

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## Seeing the past with your very own eyes

By Kristi Green

For the past two years, one Grade 12 Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) student has seen history through a local World War II veteran’s eyes. Recently, he had the opportunity to see it through his own.

**Thomas Hallett**, 17, has been learning about the wartime experiences of **George Bist**, a 97-year-old family friend who lives in Dufferin Oaks in Shelburne. By talking to Bist about his early life, Hallett learned how he enlisted in the army and trained for war, as well as military history, straight from someone who was there.

Bist’s daughter, **Candice Bist**, also gave Hallett other records including maps and information about her father’s involvement creating the Canadian flag.

“It forces us teenagers to actually acknowledge that the past isn’t just a story,” said Hallett. “It happened and it happened to these people.”

The research was part of a two-year program at CDDHS, which culminated in a tour of battlefields and war memorials in Belgium, Germany, Austria and France. During the trip, each student presented their research on an

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Thomas Hallett

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Friday, December 6

- **Creemore Christmas Tree Lighting** at 6:30 pm at Station on the Green. Carols, Crazy Hat Contest for kids. See you there!

### Saturday, December 7

- **Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School** is once again proud to host **Breakfast with Santa** from 9 am to noon. Come out and take pleasure in the Christmas festivities and enjoy a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Also, take part in the other fun events such as: Kids Shopping Room, Treasure Tray Raffles, Kids Craft Room, Silent Auction and a visit with Frosty the Snowman and Santa!
- **Creemore Christmas Farmers' Market** at Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. Baking, wooden crafts, handmade cosmetics, alpaca products, local artisans. Come out for some Christmas shopping!
- **The Creemore Horticultural Society** will be offering **Christmas arrangements** for sale at the Christmas Farmers' Market. Please come

out, support the Hort. and help keep Creemore a beautiful village.

- **Curiosity House Story Hour:** Turn yourself into Little Santa with our in-store display and you could win! To celebrate the release of *Little Santa*, come by the bookstore between 10:30 am and noon to hear the story of Little Santa and to create some holiday crafts. Have your picture taken as Little Santa and you will be entered to win a holiday prize pack!
- **Kids Drop In Christmas Card Workshop** at Mill Street Art Studio from 11 am to 1 pm. \$10 per kid. 148A Mill Street.
- **Creemore Santa Claus Parade** begins at County Road 9 at 1:30 pm and will turn down Mill Street. If you would like to put in a float, contact Laurie at TD Canada Trust. The Mayor and Council will be collecting for the food bank during the Stayner and Creemore Parade. Look for the Clearview Township float named "Deck the Small Halls" (SCI has built them a Small Halls Float) and hand them your donations.

- **Meet Santa after the Parade** at Station on the Green. Hot chocolate & coffee, too.
- **Clearview Public Library** invites you to our **After Parade Party** (free family fun & crafts) at 2:30 pm at the Creemore Branch. Special guest appearance: Geronimo Stilton.
- **Curiosity House Art Show Opening** from 4 to 6 pm as we welcome **Stephen Hogbin** to the gallery.

### Sunday, December 8

- **Church Services** are on page 5.
- **Come & Go Tea to celebrate Maud Walker's 75th Birthday** from 2 to 4 pm at Stayner Missionary Church, 295 Main Street, Stayner. Best wishes only.
- **Mansfield Presbyterian Church Christmas Cantata** at 2:30 pm "And Glory Shone Around" Also it's White Gift Sunday this Sunday and next Sunday at 9:30 am.
- **Gift Of Music Concert** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm. **Cello Duo**. \$15 available at Curiosity House, *The Creemore Echo* or at door.
- **Christmas Dinner at Creemore Baptist Church** at 4 pm. Please join us.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, December 9

- **Kids Drop In Art Workshop** at Mill Street Art Studio from 3:30 to 5 pm Mondays. \$12. 148A Mill Street.
- **Dunedin Womens Friendship Club** at 6:30 pm beginning with a potluck dinner followed by our annual Christmas program.
- **Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion** today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome. For more information call 705-466-2330.
- **ChoralWorks Choir Rehearsals** (September to May) will be well structured and held on Monday nights from 7 to 9 pm in the Collingwood Public Library. Contact Brian Rae 705-444-5857 to join. Choir will present 2 concerts a year of artistic & professional quality of sacred & secular music from the middle ages to present day.

### Tuesday, December 10

- **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. Look for us in the Santa Claus Parade!

### Wednesday, December 11

- **Adult Watercolour Workshop** at Mill Street Art Studio from 7 to 9 pm. \$20. Please register by calling 705-466-2667. 148A Mill Street.

### Thursday, December 12

- **Christmas Concert at Stayner Collegiate Institute** at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$20 maximum per family. This concert will feature the SCI band, Base Borden Brass & Reed Band, student groups and talented staff and students. For more information call the school at 705-428-2639 and speak to Mr. Rick Pauze.
- **Holiday Blues Event** at Sunset Manor, 49 Raglan Street, Collingwood. Coffee and snacks will be served at 6:30 pm in the foyer with a formal program of music and inspirational readings and activities to follow at 7 pm in the Sunset Manor Chapel. Hosted by the Hospice Georgian Triangle. Please come if you are grieving the loss of a loved one this holiday season. Call 705-444-2555 for more information.

### Friday, December 13

- **Creemore House of Stitches Pillowcase Challenge** for My Friend's House women's shelter. Help us fill some pillowcases with goodies to give each person at the shelter a new pillowcase for Christmas this year. Please drop in to Creemore House of Stitches with something to go in the pillow cases (e.g. toothbrush and paste, hairbrush, socks and undies, pj's, bubblebath, soap or a child's toy).
- **The Creemore Echo Toy & Food Drive in support of Hope Acres, Glencairn.** Today is your last day to bring in your donations of toys or grocery store gift cards or non-perishable foods.
- **Friday Night Supper at the Creemore Legion** from 5 to 6:45 pm featuring soup, tourtière (French meat

pie), French fries, vegetables, bread pudding w/vanilla sauce, buns/butter, coffee/tea. Adults \$13, seniors \$12. PLEASE CALL AHEAD. 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432 to RSVP.

### Saturday, December 14

- **The Creemore Skating Club is having a Pancake Breakfast** from 9 to 11:30 am at the Creemore Arena Community Hall. \$5 per person or a family of 5 for \$20. Come support the Creemore Skating Club and have breakfast with us. Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and tea.
- **Pet Pics with Santa at Mad River Vet Clinic** from 10 am to 1 pm.
- **A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol** at Collingwood's Trinity United Church at 7 pm to raise funds for **My Friend's House**, Collingwood's shelter for victims of domestic violence. Special guests include The Beach FM morning show host, Mariane McLeod, the Honourable Madam Justice Margaret Eberhard, the Alleluia Ringers Handbell Choir and the Trinity Chorus. Tickets are \$15 general admission and can be purchased from the Trinity United Church office (705-445-3901). Non-perishable food items will also be collected at the door for the Trinity Food Bank. For further information or reservations, visit [www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com](http://www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com).
- **"The Winter Rose"** at 7:30 pm at St. John's United Church presented by **Creemore Pastoral Charge Senior Choir** featuring guest choir, **The Creemore Community Youth Choir**. Glenn Keefe is conductor. Carlee Gowan on piano. Free will offering. We invite you to come and enjoy the sounds of the season.

### Sunday, December 15

- **St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton, Christmas Carol Concert Service** at 11:30 am.
- **Gift Of Music Concert** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm featuring **The Divas**. \$15 for this concert available at Curiosity House, *The Creemore Echo* or at door.

### Saturday December 21

- **Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long** at Station on the Green from 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments follow.

### Wednesday, December 25

- **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner** at Station on the Green. Social hour with the Wipper family & vocalist Ken Robertson at 4:30 pm, dinner to begin at 6 pm. All are welcome but registration is needed by December 23. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable item for the Hope Acres Food Bank. Deliver to shut-ins available. Call Diane at 705-466-3126 or [diane.9lives@yahoo.ca](mailto:diane.9lives@yahoo.ca) to RSVP, for more information or to volunteer. Contributions can be made to TD Canada Trust 0330 5202657.

### Saturday, January 11

- **A Fundraiser for Tanya Prentice** and her family at the Creemore Legion on from 7 pm to midnight. Tanya has been having a long and hard battle with cancer of the appendix. It will be a fun-filled night of 50/50 draws, silent auctions, a live band with dancing, buffet and more! Entrance is a donation of a non-perishable food item. If you would like to donate an item to a silent auction or if you require more information, call Sue Nixon 705-790-1258, Stephanie Prentice 519-925-5039 or Linda Prentice 705-466-2009.



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**STRATEGIC PLANNERS** — Paul Mills (left), the Mayor of Mulmur, and Keith Lowry (right), Chair of the Steering Committee that developed the new Strategic Plan, say it focuses community involvement and connection.

## Integrating Township in plan

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people began as weekenders and became permanent residents.”

He said that many people come to Mulmur who aren't totally bound by the area's agricultural past. However, Lowry says the attitude from the more established families is an open one. “I've seen the openness of families who have been here for a long time to have new people come in and take part in the community,” he said.

The Steering Committee found that while costs of services are rising, tax revenues are projected to remain stable or decline. And it found that meeting the diverse needs of Mulmur's demographic mix will present a special set of challenges in the coming years.

The Strategic Plan has been drawn up to meet these challenges.

One way the Plan addresses the rising cost of delivering services is to integrate resources in Mulmur. For instance, the Honeywood Arena at the North Dufferin Community Centre and the Mansfield baseball park currently have two separate recreational boards. Under the Plan, the two facilities will be centralized under one board; a move that will save money and help integrate the two communities.

“The idea is to let people from Mansfield know what is going on in Honeywood, what facilities the two areas have, and vice versa,” Mills said.

The proposed Primrose Business Park, which is located at the intersection of Highway 10 South and Highway 89, has been part of the Township's Official Plan (which the province mandates) for years. Now, the establishment of the Business Park is part of the Strategic Plan, too.

Mills said the Plan also includes initiatives intended to get people more involved in the Township by encouraging them to join committees and volunteer for local events.

“Community spirit has been lost over the years,” said Mills. “Sometimes new people move in and they don't get to know the older people. We need to get people aware of what's going on and get them out.”

He would particularly like to see greater participation from area youth. To that end, the Strategic Plan will hire a Recreational Coordinator or appoint a member of the community to coordinate recreational activities in the Township.

“We want to get youth involved,” said Mills, adding that he would like to see a 15- or 16-year-old on the Recreational Committee so Council could hear their perspective.

The new Strategic Plan is the result of Mayor Paul Mills's promise to create one during his 2010 election campaign.

Members of the public can read the Strategic Plan at [www.mulmurtownship.ca](http://www.mulmurtownship.ca), and join a mailing list to find out about issues in the area.

## Fairview wind project ready for comment

On Wednesday, December 4, the Ministry of the Environment deemed wpd's project application for Clearview “complete.” This means that the wind energy company has submitted the required forms and applications to the Ministry, and a full technical review of the application has begun, said **Kevin Surette**, a spokesperson for wpd.

The Fairview Wind Project, which consists of eight turbines west of Stayner (see map, below), will produce an estimated 39,838,000 kWh annually for the local electricity grid, which is equivalent to the average annual power use of 2,276 homes, wpd's website says.

This application was posted on the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Registry website on Tuesday, December 3 for a 60-day public review and comment period.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to submit comments, send them to: Kristina Rudzki, Senior Project Evaluator, Ministry of the Environment, Operations Division, Environmental Approvals Branch, 2 St. Clair Avenue W, floor 12A, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1L5. Or, you can call 1-800-461-6290 (toll-free).

The Ministry must receive comments by Saturday, February 1.



**Proposed wind farm location in Clearview near Stayner**

# Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

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## EDITORIAL It's coming...

Have you heard? There's a big weekend coming up.

Floats are being built, costumes are being sewn, decorations are being made, goodies are being baked and hats are getting crazy.

It's Christmas in the Valley! And Santa Claus is getting ready. *The Creemore Echo* got a chance to catch up with jolly old St. Nicholas himself when he stopped by our office earlier this week.

**Echo:** How have you been preparing for Saturday?

**Santa:** Well, I started a few weeks ago with the Toronto Santa Claus Parade. But I was disappointed because I did not get the red carpet treatment – there was no snow! And Santa loves snow.

On the day of the parade, a good night's sleep is very important. As well, I prefer not to eat too heavy a breakfast because children will be climbing onto my lap and I have to leave room for them!

**Echo:** How are the reindeer these days?

**Santa:** The reindeer are very well, thank you. They have just had their hooves all trimmed up, ready for their flight. Mrs. Claus has been helping me groom them, put on their decorations and polish all the bells.

**Echo:** Are you excited about the parade?

**Santa:** I'm really pumped! I love a parade. I really love hearing the laughter and seeing the smiles.

Creemore is absolutely my favourite parade. Creemore really gets into the spirit of Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas really gets into Creemore.

## THE WAY WE WERE



The trio of photographs above from the 1958 Creemore Santa Claus Parade comes to us courtesy of **Colleen Stamp**. The snapshots were taken by Marie and Lloyd Freethy who owned the Crest Hardware store at the time.

## LETTER Dufferin Wind Power

Dufferin Wind Power would like to correct some serious errors in the letter written by **John Wiggins** of Collingwood and published in your paper on Friday, November 21 entitled, "Manure doesn't polish."

Firstly, the decision to form a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was not made in order to simply "put a good face on the project." It is a condition of the Renewable Energy Approval given to DWPI by the Ministry of Environment. Dillon Consulting is proceeding with forming the CLC to help Dufferin Wind Power fulfill this obligation.

Secondly, Dufferin Wind Power Inc. has committed to decommissioning the project and has guaranteed it by posting a decommissioning security with the Township of Melancthon as part of the agreement made with the Township. The project will not be abandoned.

Thirdly, the concrete foundations for each turbine are between 16 and 18.5 meters in diameter, not 30 as stated in the letter.

Lastly, Ontario needs clean, renewable energy for today and for the future and it needs to have more than one source for reliability. Wind energy is a natural partner with hydro, another valuable energy asset. The wind blows strongest in winter when water reservoirs are lowest; water reserves are often highest when wind resources are typically lower.

**Connie Roberts**, Dufferin Wind Power

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# Big Heart Seniors

Crazy weather kept many away this week, as well as the big euchre tournament in Wasaga Beach, but we had a good time anyway.

We had seven full tables for cards and there were four moon shots played by **Jim Rigney**, **Phyllis Seed** and **Isabelle Gubbels**, and the travel prize went to **Dave Smith**.

Bid euchre winners were as follows: **Ruth Lougheed** 292, **Mary Bouchard** 287, **Karl Seifert** 272, **Wilma Zeggil** 251, with low prize to **Jim Rigney** 94. Jim immediately donated his winnings to the club; thanks Jim!

Our 50/50 draws went to **Flo Kerr**, **Marg Hennessy**, **Barb Cudmore** and **Effie Taylor**.

Because of the low number of riders, the Rama bus trip for Tuesday, December 3 was cancelled and now **Irma** wants to get fired as the coordinator for these trips. **Irma**

SENIORS



Evelyn  
WARDEN

is possibly the busiest person in the club and we all know if you want something done right, give it to the busiest person. We appreciate you so much, **Irma**, and if it would help, I will do my best to help you with this. Folks, she thinks she

failed and did not do a good job. But low ridership is not her responsibility.

Our old friend, **Russ Miller**, is seeing the cardiologist this month and if all goes well, he should be able to have his much-needed operation in mid- to early January. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, **Russ**, and we wish you well.

Tickets are on sale for the Legion 50/50 draw in early December.

That wraps up the news I have for this week.

Remember: the heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge.



**THE SNOWY DAY** – Aiden Morrison, 4, eyes the snowman he built with his Dad, Ian Morrison, at his grandmother Jan Morrison's house on Mill Street last Sunday.

## LETTER

When I read about great contributors from the Creemore area making this world a better place, I feel a warmth and thankfulness. Congratulations to **Andy Barrie**, **Sandra** and **Steve Green** as headliners [last] week, to the community leaders in every organization, and to the wonderful people who work on the fabric of this unique area every day.

When people ask me where I was born and raised I speak with pride about Creemore, the village where you learned to be friendly with everyone. The lessons of my father, a country doctor who loved the people of the hills and valleys, and my mother, an educator who created opportunities for others, have been woven into my fond memories of growing up with you in Creemore. I think about **John Millar**'s incredible mission with Tin

## Kudos for Creemore

Roof Global stretching the town limits to other continents. I contrast the size of the champion Clydesdales to the red convertible and smile with pleasure at the beaming faces and scenes played out on the pages of this paper. Big hearts, indeed.

So my best to all the children and families growing and developing in this place. Thank you for all the contributions you make to this world.

And to the fine people bringing the story of our people to the weekly paper, my great thanks for your dedicated service to all of us.

Greetings to you for the holidays. And at this time of Chanukah, may there be sunshine in everyone's sky and the warm glow of candles in every dark corner at night.

**John R. Graham**, MD CM  
FRCPC FAPA, Santa Fe, NM

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Sunday, December 8

#### CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

**December 8:** Avening 9 am, New Lowell 10:15 am, St. John's 11:30 am.

**December 14:** "The Winter Rose" Concert at 7:30 pm. Creemore Pastoral Charge Senior Choir. Creemore Community Youth Choir. All welcome. • 705-466-2200

#### ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 22 Caroline St. W. 705-466-2206

**Sun Dec 8: Advent 2 Service with Sermon "Why Mary"** at 11am  
Sun December 8: Gift of Music Concert at 3 pm with Cello Duo  
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#### Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Sunday, December 8: 2nd Service of Advent by  
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#### VICTORIA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH HONEYWOOD

Worship Service: Honeywood 11:30 am,  
**Dec 15:** Joint Service at Badjeros at 10 am for their Sunday School Concert  
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#### Sunday, December 8 Mansfield Presbyterian Church Christmas Cantata at 2:30 pm "And Glory Shone Around"

Also December 8 and 15 are  
White Gift Sunday at 9:30 am.

#### Sunday, December 8 Creemore Baptist Christmas Dinner at 4 pm

Please join us • Wellington St. W.

#### Lunch & Learn

Bring a bag lunch and we have the coffee, tea & juice – join us for an informal look at the Bible and the book of Isaiah. From noon to 1 pm at:

**Wednesday, Dec 11 at St. Luke's Anglican**  
**Wednesday, Dec 18 at St. John's United.**

Facilitators: Rev. T Rennett, Rev. L May,  
Rev. W Moore

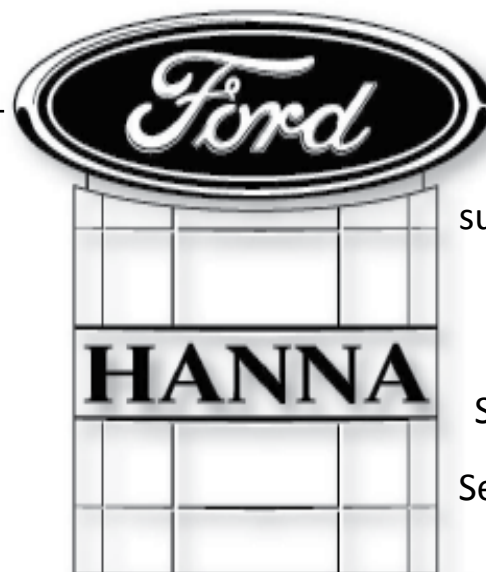
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# Seen & Heard around Creemore



**THE RINK IS OPEN!** – Lace up and have a skate at the Creemore rink behind the Station on the Green, weather-permitting. The rink is pint-sized so it is perfect for little ones.



Bryan Davies Photo

**LIGHTING THE MENORAH** – Hannah Gignac smiles at the candles on the menorah at the Chanukkah party on Friday, November 29 at the Bank Café.



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# Taking the history lesson out of the classroom

(Continued from page 1)

Ontario veteran at the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy.

The program is run by **Neil Orford**, who has taught history at CDDHS since 1997. CDDHS has a formal partnership with the Dufferin County Museum and Archives in Mulmur. In November, Orford won a Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History.

"Canadians have always had the difficulty of defining an identity for themselves," says Orford. "In the difficulties and sacrifices that came before us, we find a common purpose. As a history teacher, I have a duty to make these connections for kids. The reward of it is that you get to be part of seeing how it will change the kids' lives."

Orford got the idea for the "Batallion Tour" in 2006 when he met a D-Day veteran named **Ken Wallace**. After hearing Wallace's story, Orford began collecting the names and stories of veterans in Dufferin County on his own. When he had about 700 stories, he donated his work to the Dufferin County Museum, where he was a board member.

"Dufferin doesn't have a World War II memorial, or one for the Korean War, for that matter," Orford says. By archiving students' research, he says the museum is able to make it available for the next generation.

In an effort to honour the veterans, Orford decided to reach out to the Juno Beach Centre, which is based in Burlington. Then, he made the research part of the high school curriculum.

Now, Grade 10 students choose a veteran and learn about their story by meeting people (such as the veteran's family members) and conducting research.

"I realized I could teach the students through the museum how to be local archivists, and how to make that part of a very broad great Canadian narrative. It's something you could never do in a classroom."

This year, 35 Grade 12 students accompanied Orford to Europe where they visited Dieppe, Ypres, Juno Beach, Vimy Ridge, Dachau and Nuremberg.

"The tour was more than a trip to Europe, however – more than a chance to shop and see some landmarks," explained Hallett. "We knew that we were in Europe to



CDDHS students at the Juno Beach memorial in Normandy

remember the veterans of the two World Wars more than to gawk at scenery and landmarks."

In Dieppe, Hallett layed a wreath at the Remembrance Day service there. "As we laid the wreath down, the weight of the memorial's names became heavier than that of the eyes on me. Nothing came easier to me in that moment than bowing my head in simple and personal respect," he said.

The cost of the trip for each student was \$5,000 plus meals. Hallett spent the last two years raising the money by working different jobs at Curiosity House Books, the Mansfield Ski Club and the Terra Nova pub.

For Hallett, the effects of the trip will last a lifetime. "All the places you hear and read about in history are actual places. Seeing them as real places and not as imagined concepts is striking."

After returning from the trip, Hallett wrote down some of his recollections. Here is his impression of visiting Germany's Dachau concentration camp:

"We all had a feeling of trepidation about entering this former concentration camp. But I couldn't have anticipated the effect it would have. Walking in through those black iron gates, I felt as if I'd been punched. The silence was instant and painful. It

swallowed sounds such as footsteps and breathing, but amplified voices until they seemed painfully loud. The camp had a chill that soon had me shivering, and after 10 minutes there I felt as if someone had been screaming. Some of the monuments built for the

victims were powerful enough that I had to resist turning on my heel and running away from them.

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#### Sunday December 8<sup>TH</sup>

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#### Saturday December 14<sup>TH</sup>

Pet Pics with Santa  
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#### Saturday December 15<sup>TH</sup>

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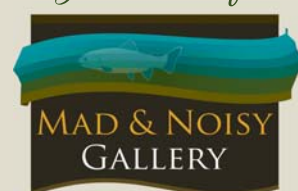


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Kinney, who works with the Huronia West detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in Wasaga Beach, would like to remind citizens not to avoid any Reduced Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) programs they encounter during the holidays.

"I don't think people grasp the concept of RIDE," he says. "If the OPP stops you at a RIDE, you will get home. But if you circumvent a RIDE program and you have had too much to drink, you could get into a collision and even kill yourself."

The repercussions of drunk driving go past the person behind the wheel of the car, Kinney says. "It goes beyond the criminal aspect. It's about your safety, the safety of your neighbours and of your community."

On Friday, November 29, the OPP held a RIDE program on Frances Street West in Creemore at 3:30 pm. Of the 60 vehicles the OPP officers checked, not one driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol.

"It's a success," says Kinney. "It is very positive that we checked so many vehicles and found that everybody was conscious of being safe on the road and not drinking and driving."

Afternoon checks are just as important as having RIDE programs at night, Kinney says. "People drink at different times of the day. One-year results from our research showed that almost as many individuals drink in the morning as in the afternoon and at night."



**Constable Mark Kinney**

Kinney also mentioned that alcohol addiction or substance abuse issues can rear their ugly heads at any time of the day. As well, some people might consume alcohol until the early morning hours, and still have it in their system when they wake up.

"At this time of year, it is not uncommon for people in the holiday spirit drink at lunch or in the afternoon," adds Kinney. "It can be easy to consume too much alcohol at a festive event before realizing you shouldn't drive home."

## Local Food Act passes; tax credit for farmers

Earlier this month, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario passed *Bill 36, Local Food Act, 2013*.

The Act is part of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' (OMAFRA's) efforts to promote the consumption of local food. Bill 36 also amended the *Taxation Act, 2007* to create a non-refundable tax credit of 25 per cent for farmers who donate their agricultural products to eligible community food programs such as food banks.

OMAFRA says that the Act is meant to foster successful and resilient local food economies and systems in Ontario; help increase awareness of local food in Ontario; and develop new markets for local food.

The Ministry also reports the Act will help build Ontario's economy, create more jobs, and expand the agri-food sector, by making more local food available in markets, schools, cafeterias, grocery stores and restaurants throughout the province.

Under the Act, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable **Kathleen Wynne**, will establish local food goals and targets, in consultation with interested organizations.

# Highlights from a life of activity

Hey, listen up, people!

In case you haven't noticed, there's a new face in the village. And if you select the right day, she can be found sorting books and attending to queries at Curiosity House Books on Mill Street. Her name is **Deirdre Pringle**, and together with her husband, **John Shore**, they are currently making their home in Creemore.

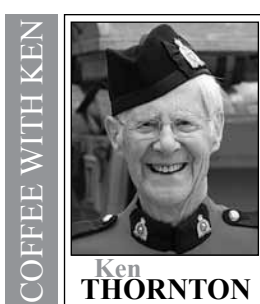
It was my pleasure to share coffee with her recently, and to glean a few highlights from her about her life.

Born in Vancouver, Deirdre enjoyed life on the West Coast, until at the age of four, the family moved to London, Ontario. During that era, she was an avid member of the YWCA and their day camp programs. Kellogg's was one of the major industries in London at the time and the "Y" took the children through their factory for field trips, which was interesting for her. Deirdre went on to join London's residential Camp Queen Elizabeth, and continued in the Leadership programs in London.

In due course, Deirdre attended York University, followed by Lakeshore Teacher's College from whence she received her degrees and was accepted as a teacher in Simcoe County, beginning in Innisfil.

After two years, she moved to the Browndale School for emotionally disturbed children in Barrie. She became the first Simcoe County District School Board employee to hold this paid position. Later, she began an experimental "transitional classroom" at Minesing Public School, where together with a childcare worker, they eased the Browndale children back into a community school setting. She then returned to teaching Elementary School at several locations in Simcoe County.

At the conclusion of 31 years devoted to public service, Deirdre retired to private life. Her last charge was as a kindergarden teacher at Pine River Elementary School in Angus.



Over the years, Deirdre enjoyed volunteering at My Sister's Place in Alliston, the OPP in Stayner and Wasaga Beach, and the Simcoe District Health Council in Barrie.

One of the many projects this dedicated lady is supporting is the Creemore Cats group, with one of her friends (if you'll pardon the rather appropriate name) Cat Flack! Deirdre's

hobbies include knitting, reading, tai chi, yoga, snowshoeing, hiking and....oh yes, I neglected to mention her love for Zumba.

Deirdre and John love to travel. Having recently returned from a trip to Eastern Europe and Roatan, Honduras, they are currently arranging artifacts in their new home.

Somewhere amongst this maze of activities, Deirdre finds time to garden and exercise the dogs. Learning to paddle board and speak French more fluently are still on her bucket list.

All these activities challenge my understanding of how this human dynamo keeps up the hectic pace.

Thank you, Deirdre, for an interesting chat, and a sincere welcome to Creemore! When you find a moment, please forward your formula for accomplishing everything life has to offer while keepin' on truckin'. You are an inspiration!



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# BE A “LITTLE SANTA” AT BOOK STORE ON SATURDAY

By Jenn Hubbs

If you’ve looked at our bookshelves lately, you’ll find that there has been an explosion of holiday-themed picture books for kids.

There’s a tonne of wonderful new books for children about all kinds of winter holidays, but there are few that rise above, in my mind. One of these is *Little Santa* by **Jon Agee**, a charming picture book that asks us to imagine what Santa might have been like as a little boy. It’s destined to be a holiday classic for young and old alike.

Little Santa loves the North Pole. The rest of his family? Not so much. So, when they decide to move to Florida, Santa is miserable. Lucky for him, a blizzard foils their plans, and the only way out of the house for help is up the chimney. Up goes Santa to save his family. Along the way, he meets a reindeer and a large group of

elves who are more than eager to join in the rescue.

I’ve noticed that kids feel connected to the character of Little Santa, as they identify with how, at times, he felt when he was different from his family. Kids also love the ingenuity of the elves (“Holy snowflakes!”) and their ability to make tools as well as toys. We’ve had great fun trying to figure out which reindeer Little Santa actually meets on his rescue mission (overwhelming vote? Dasher).

At Curiosity House, we’re so fond of this book that we are making it part of our Santa Claus Parade event this weekend! Join us in the store between 10:30 and noon as we listen to the story and make our own Little Santas in the store. You can even have your picture taken as a “Little Santa” and entered to win our holiday prize basket from Penguin Canada.



Cypress Arlt-Gratton, 8, as “Little Santa”



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Collingwood Street Bridge Restoration Committee





**KIDS' COLOURING CONTEST** – Can you colour this Christmas Santa scene **darci-que** design? Get out your crayons and try your best. Then, bring your finished work to *The Creemore Echo* office at 3 Caroline Street West by Friday, December 20, where the winning entry will be chosen. The top three winners will receive a prize donated by Creemore artist (and colouring page illustrator), **darci-que**, and their pictures will be displayed in the window at the *Echo*. Good luck!

# Get Creemore-creative!



**Lyne Burek** of the Mad and Noisy Gallery in Creemore, holds up the first entry (by **Robert Little**), which she received for “Creemore Centric,” the gallery’s annual art show and auction.

The gallery is now selling 12” x 12” canvases and boards for creative types throughout the community to have their way with. The canvases cost \$20 plus HST. There are no guidelines; Lyne only asks that your work have “something to do with Creemore.”

Bring your completed piece to the gallery at 154 Mill Street by Monday, December 30. On Saturday, January 4, the gallery will host an opening reception to display all of the work. If a particular piece catches your fancy, you can bid on it in a silent auction which will run until Saturday, February 1, when a live auction will take place, as well.



Creemore Centric submissions in January 2013




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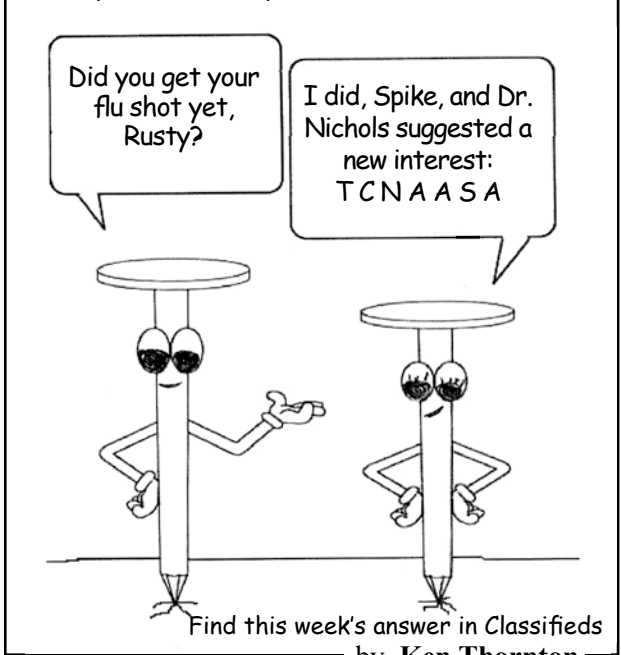
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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		8		5				
	9				8			6
4						3		8
	7			1			4	
3		5						2
5			8				2	
				4		1		
		1	9		5			7

Answer on Classifieds Page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



## CREEMORE WEEKEND WEATHER

### Friday, December 6

Cloudy with sunny breaks  
High -2 Low -4 Winds W 20 km/h  
POP 30%

### Saturday, December 7

Few flurries  
High -3 Low -6 Winds 25 km/h  
POP 40%

### Sunday, December 8

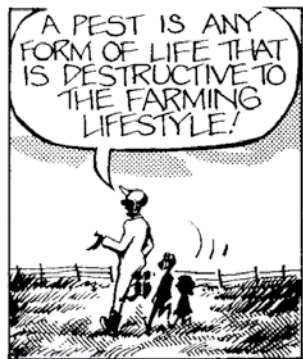
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by JEFF WILSON

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Why does Santa always go down the chimney?  
Because it soots him!

# Canadian Criss Cross

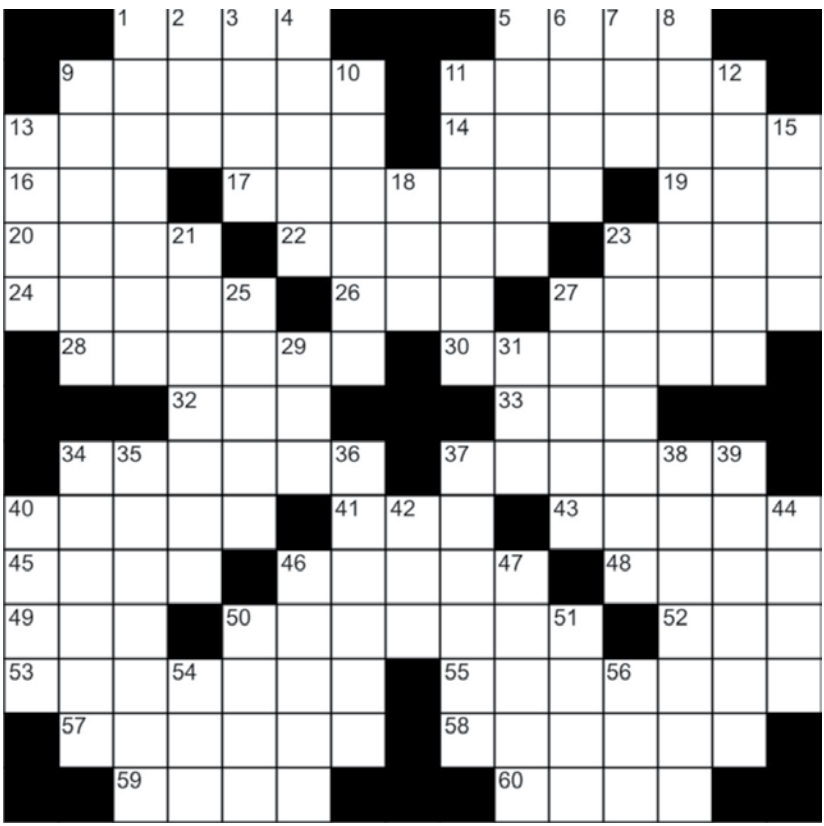
December 6, 2013

### ACROSS

- 1. Deposit a ballot
- 5. Box lightly
- 9. Waxy, silvery metal
- 11. High on drugs
- 13. Aftershave relative
- 14. Convertible alternative
- 16. Be in poor health
- 17. Grass
- 19. Fish eggs
- 20. Straight-laced
- 22. President of a town council, in Canada
- 23. Give up
- 24. Car for four people
- 26. The side providing shelter from the wind
- 27. Soft white limestone
- 28. In a creepy way
- 30. Show as having to do with
- 32. Shoot the puck from defensive to offensive territory
- 33. Destructive pest
- 34. Bit of beachwear
- 37. Man of the cloth
- 40. Number of Little Pigs
- 41. Canada's neighbour: abbr.
- 43. Of punishment
- 45. Annual period
- 46. Clear, thin soup
- 48. Construction toy
- 49. Wasn't brave
- 50. Black leopard
- 52. Decay
- 53. Mouth
- 55. A sign of danger to come
- 57. A man who is courting a woman
- 58. Begin a journey
- 59. Have in mind
- 60. Information previously unknown

### DOWN

- 1. Rush against each other
- 2. Commotion
- 3. Make an exhaling sound
- 4. Stereo component
- 5. Period of development
- 6. Go over carefully
- 7. As a result
- 8. Quiet place
- 9. Evening party
- 10. Just
- 11. Young boy
- 12. Scribble drawings
- 13. Baseball headgear
- 15. Look quickly
- 18. First letter of Nova Scotia's postal codes
- 21. Seafarer
- 23. A movable possession
- 25. Specialized market
- 27. A belt buckle is one
- 29. Grassy field
- 31. Historical period
- 34. Large pair of scissors
- 35. Radioactive metal
- 36. One who operates a lathe
- 37. A quality that arouses pity
- 38. Burdensome
- 39. Highly seasoned stew
- 40. Novice
- 42. Habitual drunkard
- 44. Small pieces of land
- 46. Breakfast meat
- 47. Macho ones
- 50. Cordage fibre
- 51. Solemn ceremony
- 54. For shame!
- 56. Right away



November 29 Answer



# 159 birthday cards for Sylvia's 75th

By Laurie Rowe

Sometimes the smallest thing can cause a ripple effect, which can be felt across Canada.

Take Canada Post, for instance. With a declining market and rising costs, the business is struggling to survive in today's world of email and instant messaging.

The "Avening ripple" started innocently enough. We simply wanted to plan a large 75th surprise birthday party (from three provinces away – we live in Alberta) without a very sharp lady (our Mom, Sylvia Gale) finding out about it.

Due to her recent health issues, it was almost immediately scaled back to having a dozen close friends over to the house for lunch. That still didn't sit right with us kids, as we had tried to throw a birthday bash for her five years previously and she had promptly shut us down saying she "didn't want any fuss" over her and besides, "I quit having birthdays years ago."

With help from the staff at *The Creemore Echo*, a request to the community was strategically placed beneath Sylvia's "Big Heart Seniors" column in the Friday, October 18 edition, asking people to send a "snail mail" birthday card to Sylvia, in the hopes of getting 75 cards.

Now, mail pranks are not new to our family, the Jordans. In 1997, our Aunt Joyce (Miller, née Jordan) was having her own health battles, so we started the "Letters from the West" campaign to cheer her up.

Aunt Joyce was notorious for using a dishcloth that should have bypassed the rag bag and gone straight into the garbage bin, so in our eyes this was a needed item. A local store had a sale on 10-packs of dishcloths, so we each grabbed a dishcloth, addressed the envelope (*sans* return address) and mailed it off.

The prank instantly snowballed with co-workers addressing envelopes stuffed with dishcloths for us, friends taking envelopes with them on trips to mail



Birthday cards in Sylvia Gale's hospital room

from Abu Dhabi, England, France, Thailand, Australia and yes, even Creemore. We even arranged for one to be stamped "Return to Sender" with her own address as the return address. Over 60 dishcloths travelled to Feversham that summer via Canada Post.

Sylvia's first birthday card arrived with her *Echo* on Friday, October 18 and she commented what a great bunch they were up at the *Echo* to remember her birthday, although they were a bit early. Then she read the paper. At that point I suspect she (calmly) remarked "Warren! Those young buggers!" and reached for the phone to start the interrogation of each of the "Wicked Westerners" a.k.a the kids in the west to try to ascertain guilt.

On Monday, the post box held a single card from the west (mailed the week before). On Tuesday, another card from the west, and on Wednesday, Prime Minister **Stephen Harper's** Certificate of Congratulations was joined by four more birthday cards.

A prized card simply read, "You don't know me, but I read your column every week! **Scott.**" Others mentioned Sylvia being "a special person in my youth memory bank"; tales of sitting at the kitchen table

enjoying "conversations, stories and most fondly your Magic Tablecloth" and her warmth and kindness in the community. Many mention the laughter, good food, rowdy card games and "door's always open" acceptance that was found at Sylvia and Warren's.

Ten days later, Sylvia had received many, many cards; each one opened, comments treasured as she marvelled that **Tyler/J'bai/Bryce/Grace** would take the time to send her a card, when they all had such busy lives. She mentioned that postage was 63 cents for a Canadian stamp these days.

A day or two later, when Mom was so very tired at the hospital, we asked her if she wanted us to open the cards that had arrived that day and read them to her. She said, "No, I don't think so, I'll get to them." So her hospital wall became a colourful mural of birthday cards and unopened envelopes.

A lone, final card arrived on the day of Sylvia's funeral and joined the 158 birthday cards already posted on the wall of the Creemore Legion. A comment was overheard that "we had somehow single-handedly managed to save Canada Post from bankruptcy." I can hear her chuckle now.

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# ECHO Classifieds

Submit your classified ad by 5 pm Tuesday: call 705-466-9906, fax 705-466-9908, email info@creemore.com, \$15 + hst for 25 words or less

## FOR SALE

**HAY** for sale – Small squares and 4x5’ rounds of horse hay. We deliver year-round. Call Norm of Stonehedge Farms at 705-466-2607.

**Giffens Store, Glen Huron.** For the month of December: Baking apples \$8 for half bushel. Homemade apple pies, frozen or home baked \$8.50 ea. Homemade tarts buy 1 pkg. of 6 get the 2<sup>nd</sup> half price. 705-466-3080.

**FIREWOOD** - Pure hardwood slabs clean on cement 15” long. Small pieces sorted out. 2-6” thick. 4 bush cord \$550 delivered. Split firewood also available. Call 519-369-6123.

## RENTALS

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

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5	3	7	8	6	1	9	2	4
9	8	6	7	4	2	1	5	3
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## CELEBRATION

**Come & Go Tea to celebrate Maud Walker’s 75th Birthday** on Sunday, December 8 from 2 to 4 pm at Stayner Missionary Church, 295 Main Street, Stayner. Best wishes only.

## IN MEMORIAM

**MILLAR, Dalton** – In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, who passed away December 7, 2012.  
God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be so  
He put his arms around you.  
And whispered, “Come to Me”  
a golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands now rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us.  
He only takes the best.  
Sadly missed by Marie, Jerry and Alfea, Rob and P.J., Eric and Maureen and families

**AWENDER, Patricia Doreen** – May 28, 1935-December 8, 2008  
Don’t think of her as gone away,  
Her journey’s just begun.  
Life holds so many facets,  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting  
from the sorrow and the tears,  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how she must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of her as living  
in the hearts of those she touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost...  
and she was loved so much.  
Love always Frank, Doug, Lorie,  
Carter, Cooper, Katja, Ken, Ann Marie,  
Madison, families and friends

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

**Call for volunteers to assist** with set up, packaging and distributing Christmas Food Hampers for the community of Clearview on Friday, December 20 at Jubilee Presbyterian Church in Stayner. 3 two-and-a-half-hour shifts. Contact Miriam at miriam@madmaple.ca or 705-466-6753 if interested and available.

## CHRISTMAS DRAW

**34th Annual Christmas Draw.** Grand prize is a suite of stainless steel kitchen appliances. Draw on Monday, December 23 live on 95.1 The Peak FM starting at 9 am. **All proceeds to support the New Age of Care Campaign for the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation.** Tickets \$2 on sale at *The Creemore Echo*. www.cgmhf.com.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

*MS Design*  
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## CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

**The organizers of the Community Christmas Dinner are looking for: VOLUNTEERS** Dec 24 & 25 to help set up, decorate hall & tree, prep vegetables, serve buffet meal, clean-up, and pack decorations & equipment for storage. This is a fun way for students to earn community service credits. **HOME BAKERS** to contribute a plate of their festive squares or cookies. Please contact Diane at 705-466-3126 or email her at diane.9lives@yahoo.ca

## MOVING SALE

**Sunday, December 8 at 93 Caroline Street West** from noon to 4 pm. Tables, chairs, beds, dressers, chest of drawers, rugs, coffee & accessory tables, mirrors, lamps, antique dresser & chest and much, much more.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Russ and Marion Wilkinson are happy to announce the birth of their first great grandchild on Saturday, November 30 in Ottawa weighing 9 lbs, 4 oz. Proud parents of **Mikayla Isobel** are Kevin and Kera Watters. Excited grandparents are Marty and Kathy and Mike and Mary.

## The Creemore Echo Annual Christmas Toy & Food Drive

**Drop in to the Echo  
with your donations  
between now and  
Friday, December 13.**

• children`s toys  
& games  
& books

**especially toys & games for  
ages 10 to 13**

• food gift certificates

## AUCTION

## ANTIQUES, NOSTALGIA & ESTATES AUCTION

Sat., Dec. 7 @10am

Creemore Legion Hall  
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## GOOD FOOD BOX

**Georgian Good Food Box Order** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, December 11 of the month. Please call St. Lukes Anglican Church and leave a message 105-466-2206. Pick up and pay on Wednesday, December 18.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

**Wish your friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas** in our Friday, December 20 issue for only \$5 plus hst. Contact *Creemore Echo* by Tuesday, December 17 at 5 pm. 705-466-9906 info@creemore.com or fax us at 705-466-9908.

## THANK YOU

**Thank you to everyone who has donated to The Creemore Echo Toy & Food Drive** so far. We have received games, toys, over \$1200 in grocery store gift cards so far! The Salvation Army Hope Acres thanks you too!

Thanks to **Ernie Herzig** for the lovely wooden spoons. These gifts are beautifully handcrafted!  
The staff at *The Creemore Echo*



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**THE HANGING OF THE GREEN** – Volunteers came out to “dress up” the village of Dunedin on Saturday, November 30 with evergreen boughs and bright red bows. Left: **Delsie Quesnel, Brady Hammill and Donna Hammill**. Right: **Karin Clifford, Eva Scriver, Rosemary Bolitho, Jane Metheral and Donna Baylis**.



**DUFFERIN WIND POWER**



## Community Liaison Committee

### *We're Listening!*

Dufferin Wind Power Inc. is making long-term investments in Ontario's green energy future and is seeking your participation. DWPI received Renewable Energy Approval from the Ministry of the Environment on June 10, 2013 for its wind power project in Dufferin County. The project will generate 91.4 megawatts of wind power, enough to power between 22,500 and 30,000 households per year. This notice is the first step in establishing a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) to provide a venue for meaningful and ongoing discussion between the project team and community members.

### *How are we listening?*

Dillon Consulting is creating this Community Liaison Committee in Dufferin County to discuss the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Dufferin Wind Farm.

This will be an opportunity for approximately 20 selected CLC members to:

- Exchange information
- Listen to community suggestions to minimize impacts; and
- Assist with identifying and resolving community concerns

The CLC will seek representation from Dufferin County residents & landowners, agricultural & business communities, aboriginal communities, municipalities, government agencies, local organizations, and special interest groups.

### *Become a member of the CLC*

Interested in representing your community and discussing the Dufferin Wind Farm? CLC members will be responsible for attending a minimum of four (4) meetings over a two-year period. Meetings will take place on a weekday evening for approximately two to three hours each. Membership selection will be based on balanced representation from the various groups listed above.

### *Apply Today!*

An application form is available at the DWPI project office and on the project website: [www.dufferinwindpower.ca/community](http://www.dufferinwindpower.ca/community). If you are interested in volunteering for the CLC please apply in writing by December 15, 2013 using the following contact information:

**Dillon Consulting Limited | Attention Katharine Myrans**  
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