



**A JOYFUL NOISE** – (Left to right): **Ava Hogben**, **Dawn Morby** and **Meagan Clark** sing their hearts out with some friends while Christmas carolling from door-to-door in the village last weekend.



**CHRISTMAS WRAPPING** – If you’ve visited the Creemore or Stayner LCBO store lately, then your purchase might have come in an unusually colourful paper bag. At this time of year, the bags are decorated with children’s drawings that have a “don’t drink and drive” message. Last month, 10 people on the Clearview Community Policing Committee spent about an hour and a half cutting and gluing 300 pictures onto the bags – they have done 2,541 bags since the program began in 1994. “I think it means more to parents and adults when the message comes from a young child,” said **Lisa Hardisty** (above left, centre), who runs the program with fellow Committee members **Tish Ford** (left) and **Joanne Black** (right).



# KEEPING THE “HOME FIRES” BURNING

By Kristi Green

In 2014, Clearview’s open-air burning by-law will apply to residential areas in the Township as well as rural areas.

The Township decided to re-examine the by-law after receiving a petition in September signed by approximately 300 citizens of Nottawa and New Lowell asking that burning permits be available for residential areas.

Under the old by-law, outdoor fires were not permitted in residential areas. The previous by-law also contained conflicting information about where burning could occur.

“The new by-law is clearer and more consistent so it applies to more residents,” said Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** at Council’s December 9 meeting.

According to the new rules, people living in residential areas can have fires in outdoor fireplaces called chimineas. Residents must use chimineas that are Canadian Standards Association-approved.

As well, the Township has extended the hours that fires are permitted. Under the previous by-law, citizens could have fires from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour before sunset. Now, fires are permitted between 6 am and 1 am. “This is to facilitate people who want to have a small fire with family in the evening hours,” Shewell said.

The by-law specifies that residential fires be at least 4 metres away from any building or deck, on a non-combustible surface using clean wood materials. Also, they must be contained in backyard areas. Burning is not allowed if the wind is over 25 km/hour, if it is raining or if a smog advisory has been issued.

Fires in rural areas must be no less than 30 metres from any structure and must not be larger than 1 metre long by 1 metre wide and 1 metre high.

Regardless of where residents build their fires, they still need a permit to do so. One-year permits are available at the municipal building in Stayner for \$10.

People who want to have larger fires to burn branches in residential or rural areas may do so after they have contacted the Fire Department, which will assess their request before issuing a permit allowing burning for a specific period of time.

Council will pass the new by-law at its Council meeting on Monday, January 13.

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday December 21

- **Last-Minute Christmas Market** at the Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. Last-minute, beautiful, handmade Christmas gifts and treasures. Come and join us for carol singing at 10 am.
- **Yuletide Blast Ski Race** at Highlands Nordic. Open to the public.
- **Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long** at the Station on the Green from 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments to follow.

### Sunday, December 22

- **Christmas Church Services** are on page 5.
- Today is the **last Sunday Service at Avening United Church** until April 6.
- **Christmas Spirit Social** at Brentwood Community Centre from 7 to 9 pm.

### Tuesday, December 24

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

### Wednesday, December 25

- **Christmas Church Services** are on page 5.
- **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. Emily Fischl will sing everyone to 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 to RSVP, for more information or to volunteer. Contributions can be made to TD Canada Trust 0330 5202657.

### Saturday, December 28

- **Curiosity House Books** welcomes **John Riley** from 10:30 am to noon. Come meet the author of *The Once and Future Great Lakes Country!*
- Please join us to celebrate **Dorothy Giffen's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday** at a Come & Go Tea from 2 to 4 pm at Station on the Green. Best wishes only.

### Sunday, December 29

- **Single Service at St. John's United Church** at 10:15 am. Organist is Ben Tupling.

### Monday, December 30

- **Creemore Centric.** Completed pieces must be in the gallery by today. 12" x 12" canvas and birch boards are available at the Mad and Noisy Gallery for \$20 plus HST, which is also the entry fee. The opening reception is on January 4, 2014 and the silent auction runs until February 1. A final live auction will take place that day from 2 to 3 pm.

### Saturday, January 4


- **The Creemore Skating Club's Winter Skating Session** (January to the end of March) begins today. We offer learn-to-skate programs for skaters starting at age 3. To register for the Pre-CanSkate or CanSkate programs, please contact Julie Bigham at jrbigham30@hotmail.com or 705-424-0626, or Annette Belkosky at a.belkosky@hotmail.ca or 705-424-9422.

### Sunday, January 5

- **United Church Services** this week: New Lowell at 10:15 am and St. John's at 11:30 am. St. John's Baptism of Summer Grace Jem McArthur.

### Monday, January 6

- **Avening United Church Trustees Meeting** at 7 pm.
- **The Sound Investment Community Choir** is "In Love with Spring." Do you enjoy singing? Want to be part of a dynamic community choir? We are **welcoming new members** from Collingwood and the South Georgian Bay area to join our choir. Rehearsals for the spring concert will begin tonight from 6:45 to 8:45 pm at the All Saints Anglican Church in Collingwood. The choir will be under the direction of Catherine Robertson. Repertoire will include music by John Williams, John Rutter, Morten Lauridsen and more. For further information or to schedule an audition, call Jill Doble 705-293-0573.



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## Hats off to Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market capped off a successful season by reuniting for its Christmas Market earlier this month. On Saturday, December 7, hundreds of people flocked to the Station on the Green to taste jellies, smell soaps, try on jewelry, buy buns, bread and winterwear, and experience numerous other delights.

"The Christmas Farmers' Market is the culmination of our season," said **Sarah Hallett**, who organizes the Farmers' Market year-round. "We see hundreds of people, a good majority of whom regularly visit us throughout the year. They tend to come in to see us in the morning and stay on to see the Santa Claus Parade."

"Most of us have our busiest market at Christmas and we are always hugely oversubscribed," Hallett continued. "With over 30 full-time vendors this year and only 23 spaces inside the Station on the Green, we had 15 people still on our waiting list on market day! Many thanks to **Drew Gulyas** from the Mansfield Outdoor Centre, who braved the cold from 9 am to provide free activities for the children, keeping them busy until the parade began."

If you haven't yet finished your Christmas shopping, never fear! Come to the last-minute Farmers' Market on Saturday, December 21 at the Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm.



**Abbey Johnston**

## A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Abbey Johnston** is a home-builder of a different kind. Johnston, who has worked for seven years as the Pastry Chef at Affairs Catering Bakery and Café, creates the decorative gingerbread houses for sale there at Christmas every year.

As soon as the clock strikes November, Johnston starts preparing for the Christmas rush by making a "tonne" of batches of dough. Johnston needs 100 quarts of dough for 30 houses, which she makes six at a time because there isn't enough space to do more.

Building a house is a week-and-a-half-long process. Johnston makes the dough, cuts it and bakes it before letting it dry for five days. Then, she paints it with Royal icing, which also needs time to dry. Four days later, this architect is ready to assemble the house.

With an estimated 100 houses under her belt, Johnston has

decorating down to a science. These days, she can turn around one fully decorated house in 15 minutes.

Like most bakers, Johnston uses icing and candy to decorate. But she's also made some innovations of her own, such as using Mini-Wheats cereal for bales of hay.

A few years ago, Johnston started adding plastic animals to the house, nativity and barn scenes she creates. She says this has helped to increase gingerbread house sales over the past three years.

On Thursday, December 12, Johnston finally finished her last set of gingerbread houses for the season. "My favourite part is when I complete them," says Johnston, who admits she has been known to wake up in the middle of the night worrying about whether she has made enough icing. "I am happiest when the finished product is on the shelf!"

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## EDITORIAL

Christmas is here! The tree is up! The lights are lit! The presents are wrapped! The songs are being sung! Joy, joy, joy! Merry, merry, merry!

The funny thing is, along with the Christmas greetings that have been appearing in my email inbox, I've received a number of tips about "holiday survival."

These messages tell me that in addition to being a season of joy and giving, stress levels can go through the roof with all the extra things to do, people to see, gifts to buy, visits to plan, food to make and relatives to tolerate – all within a short period of time.

"For some people, seeing family at Christmas can be stressful," Diane McKay said, when we were discussing the upcoming Creemore Community Christmas Dinner, which she organizes. The dinner has grown to include 150 people in the last 12 years

since it began – perhaps due, in part, to this reason.

An old friend once recounted the complicated web of Christmas Day visiting he endured for many years – beginning at 4 am – while juggling the wishes and wants of the different children, parents, step-parents, grandparents and disgruntled divorcées in his family.

After about 10 years of this, he finally had enough and put a stop to it. Now, everybody meets at his house for dinner. All they are required to do is check any bad feelings at the door. He reports that it has worked very well.

For the rest of us, the email "elves" tell me that during the holidays we should be realistic about what to expect, share the workload, embrace the Christmas spirit, and, if all else fails... play with the children.

Merry Christmas from the *Echo*!  
**Kristi Green**

## THE WAY WE WERE



We've raided the treasured photo albums of **Helen Blackburn** once again for this picture of a Christmas pageant past. (Left to right:) **Joan Campbell** as the angel, with **Lola Taylor** and **John Chipchase**. The other angel peeking out from the right side is **Elva Weatherall**.

## LETTER A misunderstanding

Simcoe-Grey MP Dr. Kellie Leitch is welcome to participate in the Creemore Santa Claus Parade next year. It is regrettable that this misunderstanding was blown out of proportion.

Dr. Leitch is a well-respected member of our community and is very supportive of our members. The BIA wishes to put this incident behind us and we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

**Corey Finkelstein**, President, Creemore BIA

## LETTER Regrettable incident

The incident at this year's Creemore Santa Claus Parade was regrettable and as I have stated earlier, I apologize for that. Corey and I have spoken and we both agreed to put it behind us.

With his support, I look forward to participating in the parade next year. I take this opportunity to wish everyone in Simcoe-Grey a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

**Dr. Kellie Leitch**, Creemore

## LETTER Sludge questions

In support of David Wilson's letter re: bio sludge. "Bio sludge" is a new term for the sewage sludge that is a byproduct left over after sewage treatment. This sludge has tens of thousands of contaminants from hospitals, metal industries, landfill sites, auto industries, animal waste, everyday waste flushed down the toilets of homes and anything one can imagine. It all ends up at the treatment facility.

Treatment plants can only test for what they know. They can't test for what they don't know. I think they

test and treat for 2,500 contaminants and they don't know what is in the sludge. They, like us, can only imagine.

I would like answers to the following questions:

1. Why is the practice of spreading bio sludge on our farm fields allowed?
2. Why is the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs issuing permits to spread bio sludge on the Niagara Escarpment and so close to the village of Creemore, less than 100 metres away?
3. Why spread bio sludge on a flood plain and on our watershed?
4. Why do some farmers allow bio sludge on their fields and others do not?
5. Why does the municipality allow bio sludge from the Barrie treatment plant to be spread in Creemore?
6. Why is it that our federal and provincial politicians prefer to stand at the new trail in Creemore not 10 feet from the bio sludge for a photo shoot, but not listen to or return phone calls when the issue of bio sludge is raised?
7. Why does the Ministry of the Environment say that they can only police the spreading of bio sludge by following the paper trail when someone complains? Understaffed, maybe?
8. Why does the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care say it's not their issue?

My local Councillor was very helpful and supportive, but could not answer my many questions. So far, no answers. Meanwhile, I wonder, "What is leaching into my water?" I certainly won't drink it. Sad, really – I did not think that I lived in a place where the water quality was in question.

**Jim Slattery**, Creemore

## LETTER Warm thank you



I want to thank Thom Paterson for building the ice rink at the Station again and working so hard all of the time on it. It always looks like it has just been flooded which means Thom must be getting up in the middle of the night to flood it. My friends and I are on it almost every day after school playing hockey. It is really nice of him because he doesn't use it himself or have any kids that use it. We are very lucky that he does it for us.

**Jullian Gignac**, Creemore (pictured above, front row centre, with (back row) **Liam Spilchen**, **Chad Malone**, **Deacon Gunn** and (front row) **Jon Greer** and **Zak Hayward**).

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

We had nine full tables and two tables of three for cards. Moon Shots were played by **Flo Kerr, Jim Rigney x2, Dave Smith, Norma Johnston, John Van Voorst, Lillian Hiltz x2, Evelyn Warden, Janice Stephens, Marj**

SENIORS



Evelyn  
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**Douglas, MR. SMITH** (told you I would do this, **Dave!**) and **Melvin Lougheed**, and the travel prize went to **Phyllis Seed**.

Winners for bid euchre were: **Eileen Nash 299, Lillian Hiltz 270, Alma Seifert 270 and Janice Stephens 262**, with the low prize going to **Brian McGill -14**.

Since Rama made it so we did not take as many trips as we have other years, we do not have as much money in the coffers. This has caused us to reduce the value of donations we usually give at this time of year.

However, we will continue to give to the same recipients as before, only a lesser amount. Motioned by **June Hartley** and seconded by **Effie Taylor**.

The donations are as follows: Creemore Legion \$1,000, Collingwood hospital \$500, with \$150 to each of Creemore's four churches, the Cemetery Board, the Salvation Army, as well as the Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School Band.

The 50/50 draws were won by **Bert Douglas, George Blakney, Kevin Keough, Lillian Hiltz, Alma Seifert, Marcia Cameron and May Johnston**.

Please walk and drive safely this winter season.

Remember: If you don't believe in miracles, perhaps you have forgotten you are one.

# CELEBRATE THE SEASON

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We hope you will all be able to join us for a community Christmas celebration at your Brentwood Hall. Stop by on Sunday, December 22 from 7 pm to 9 pm to have some cider or hot chocolate at the hall. Everyone welcome! Please share this with family and friends.

There will be a special 90th birthday celebration on January 12, 2014 at the New Lowell Legion from 1 pm to 5 pm honouring **Madeleine Smith**. Shhhhhh! This is a surprise for her.

**Laura Macham** is the new crossing guard at County Road 9 and Lamers Rd. The parents of the children who use this crossing have been working with the Simcoe County District School Board and Clearview Township, and it has finally happened. Watch your speed in the school area and give Laura a wave

NEW LOWELL NEWS



Sandra  
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or honk on the horn. She is full of smiles, which makes it very comforting for the children as they cross this busy road.

Sympathy of our community goes out to the Scott family as they mourn the death of Alice Scott. Alice always had a pleasant smile

for everyone. She was a very kind, caring person who will be deeply missed. Alice has lived all her life in this community, which showed its support for her family during the funeral at New Lowell United Church.

Sympathy also goes out to the family of George Peacock. George died suddenly last week. His funeral was held in Angus at Bridges Funeral Home. Keep his wife, **Debbie**, and daughter, **Amanda**, in your thoughts and prayers.

That's the news from our community. Remember, if you have something to share, please contact 705-424-6497 or [sandra@bednarek.ca](mailto:sandra@bednarek.ca).



**A FESTIVE FEAST** – Thirty people congregated at the Old Schoolhouse in Duntroon on Thursday, December 5 to enjoy an early Christmas Dinner together. The annual free event is sponsored by the Duntroon Anglican Church.

## CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES



### Friday, December 20

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church,** Stayner: Mass at 7 pm;  
Confessions 7:30 to 9 pm

### Sunday, December 22

**Avening United Church:** Service at 9 am (this is the last service until April 6)

**St. James Clougher-Lisle:** Service of Lessons & Carols at 9:30 am

**St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church:** Morning Worship at 10 am

**Knox Presbyterian Church,** Dunedin: 4th Sunday of Advent & Communion Service at 10 am. Rev. Charles Boyd

**Stayner Brethren in Christ:** Christmas Service at 10 am  
**Salvation Army Hope Acres Community Church:** Christmas Service at 10 am

**New Lowell United Church:** Service at 10:15 am

**Creemore Baptist Church:** Service at 11 am

**St. Luke's Anglican Church:** Service at 11 am

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church,** Stayner: Mass at 11 am

**St. John's United Church:** Service at 11:30 am

**St. Paul's Anglican Church,** Singhampton: 4th Sunday of Advent Service at 11:30 am

### Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

**St. Luke's Anglican Church:** Family Christmas Service at 4:30 pm, Holy Eucharist at 8 pm

**Christ Church Banda:** Family Holy Eucharist 6 pm

**Mansfield Presbyterian Church:** Candlelight Service at 6:15 pm

**New Lowell United Church:** Christmas Eve Communion Service at 6:30 pm

**St. James Clougher-Lisle:** Hymn Sing at 7 pm. Holy Communion at 7:30 pm

### Creemore Baptist Church:

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm

**Knox Presbyterian Church,** Dunedin: Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 pm

**St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church:** Christmas Eve Service & Communion 7 pm

**Stayner Brethren in Christ:** Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm, refreshments to follow

**Victoria Memorial United Church, Honeywood** Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm

**St. John's United Church:** Christmas Eve Communion Service at 8 pm with guest soloist Ken Robertson.

**St. Paul's Anglican Church,** Singhampton: Christmas Eve Service at 8:15 pm

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church,** Stayner: Carolling starting at 10:30 pm followed by Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11 pm

### Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

**Creedan Valley Leisureworld:** Christmas Day Carol Service at 11 am. Hosted by St. John's United Church & St. Luke's Anglican Church. All welcome.

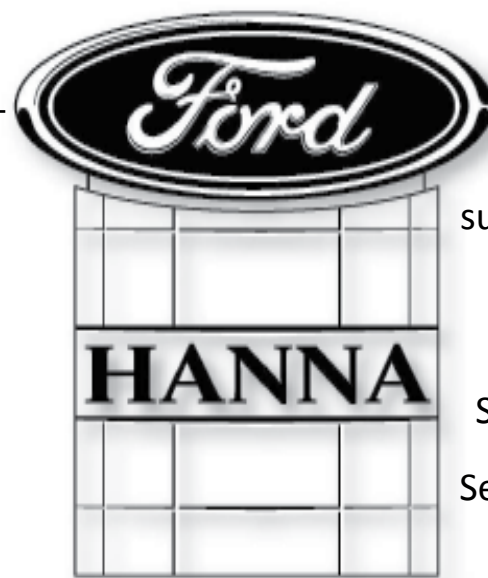
**St. Patrick's Catholic Church,** Stayner: Christmas Day Mass at 11 am (No Evening Mass)

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# Seen & Heard



**FOOD & TOY DRIVE** – Salvation Army Captain **Rob Hardy** picked up donations of food and toys from *The Creemore Echo* office earlier this week, to take to Hope Acres Community Church in Glencairn for families in the area. Thanks to everyone who came by with gifts!



**60 YEARS OF MASONRY** – Worshipful Brother **Jim Jones** (centre) commemorated 60 years as a freemason with the Nitetis #444 Masonic Lodge in Creemore. *Left to right:* Worshipful Brother **Alex Hargrave**, Master of Nitetis Lodge, Right Worshipful Brother **Jeff Fachnie** (Jim’s son-in-law), Worshipful Brother **Doug Jones**, Junior Warden (Jim’s son) and **Michael J. Long**, District Deputy Grand Master of the Georgian South District.



**MED CENTRE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS** – Last Monday, the excavator dug out the foundation area for the addition to the east side of the Creemore Medical Centre. During the construction period, all patients should enter through the rear entrance to the building. Once the addition is completed, renovations inside the existing building will start, requiring the Centre to close for a couple of weeks. Residents will be given lots of notice about when this will occur.

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# Our début on stage: A first-grade Christmas pageant

"Alas! Alas!" Those were the words that began my début on the stage. I was a little Pilgrim girl in a play put on by Grades 1 and 2 at the Creemore Public School Christmas Concert in 1942. I was a very small, timid first-grader with a shy, little voice and I don't expect anyone heard a word. Someone had fashioned a costume for me, and **Gertie Montgomery** (now **Gowan**), who was one of the senior girls, made me a bonnet.

The Creemore Public School Concert was one of the most important events of the season held in our village. It was in the Town Hall, which was the building now occupied in part by Curiosity House Books. In its beginning, the building was a hotel. When the hotel business ceased to flourish in Creemore, the village took it over. It was renovated to have a large hall for dances, banquets, concerts and meetings. A small room at the front was called the ladies' rest room and had a flush toilet. It was designed for women with young children as a place to rest after a long trip by sleigh or buggy from the country. The men's place of refuge was the alley that ran between the hall and what is now the 100 Mile Store. At the front of the hall was an elevated stage and behind that was a kitchen that doubled as a space for one's entrance on the stage.

Plans and practicing for the concert began in November, and by mid-December, everything was at a fever pitch. Kids hadn't memorized their lines, the singing was abysmal, and many costumes were not made. But, as you can guess, by the time of the concert, the whole thing was a success. But

not before the hair-raising experience of the last rehearsal. We were all marched from the school on Caroline Street to the hall. There we sat on wooden chairs that scraped the floor with disturbing noises. Every few minutes, someone had to leave to go to the toilet and, of course, we were supposed to be quiet, but weren't.

Over my Christmas Concert career, I danced the Highland Fling with five other girls taught by **Beatrice McGibbon** (now **Ransier**), the Grades 1 and 2 teacher. One year, I was adorned in purple crêpe paper singing "Jeanine, I Dream of Lilac Time" with three other girls, and in Grade 8, I was **Orneva Bates'** twin sister in a play. I don't remember what the play was about, but we qualified as twins as we had bought the same red dress from the Eaton's catalogue.

The 1945 concert featured "A Bit O' Ireland" with **Jack Graham** singing "Danny Boy." Some primary girls danced the Kerry Dance. One was **Donna Rush** (now **McDonald**) and some other girls sang "Cockles and Mussels." One was **Laura Coulter** (now **Jardine**). An operetta called "The Three Bears" had **John Price** as Father Bear and **Alice Montgomery** (now **Stewart**) as Mother Bear. A Touch of the West had some boys and girls singing songs such as "Tumbling Tumble Weeds." The programme ended with a play called "Mrs. O'Leary Goes Into Business."

The 1953 concert followed much the same format. An operetta, "Fairies are Really Truly," was the primary grades' contribution. "A Nature Fantasy" included everyone in the more senior grades. **Lorraine Rusk** (now **Hare**) had a solo, "Little Flower," and **Sylvia Knox** (now **Atherley**) sang "Shy Little Pansy." **Julianne Newell** entertained the audience with two tap dances. The Grades 7



Helen as a girl, with Santa

and 9 play was called "Buddy Answers an Ad." The postman who delivered the paper was **Ronnie Mattice**. **Lynda Morley** was Buddy's girlfriend (she later married Ronnie) and **Lorne Cleary** was Buddy's boyfriend.

As far as I know, none of us went on to a career on the stage or screen, but at the time, we were the stars of the Creemore Christmas Concert.

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Councillor – Ward 2  
Councillor – Ward 3  
Councillor – Ward 4  
Councillor – Ward 5  
Councillor – Ward 6  
Councillor – Ward 7  
Trustee, English Language Public \*\*  
Trustee, English Language Separate \*\*  
Trustee, French Language Public \*\*  
Trustee, French Language Separate \*\*

\*\* Nomination form to be filed with the designated Clerk which is to be determined.

Forms may be filed at the Township of Clearview Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street Stayner, Ontario during regular office hours, Monday to Friday commencing Thursday, January 2nd, 2014 until the closing of nominations at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12th, 2014 (Nomination Day).

The term of office will be from December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018.

Nomination papers are available at the Township of Clearview Clerk's Office or from our website [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca). Candidates must provide a declaration of qualification (form provided), proof of qualifying address within the Township of Clearview and pay the appropriate nomination filing fee (cash, debit (interact), certified cheque or money order made payable to the "Township of Clearview.") Nomination fees are as follows:

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For additional information regarding the municipal election, please call 705 428 6230 ext. 224 or visit [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)

**Pamela Fettes**  
**Director, Legislative Services/Clerk**

## NOTICE

### EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Persons interested in serving on the Township of Clearview Effective Representation Advisory Committee are invited to submit a committee application form to the Township of Clearview Clerk's Office by Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 – 12 p.m. Committee application forms are available on the Township's website or by contacting the Clerk's Office. Council will appoint three (3) citizens to this committee.

The Committee will review and make recommendations to Council concerning its roles, responsibilities and remuneration as provided for under the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended. This Committee will also make recommendations to Council on best practice guidelines and tools for effective communication with the public.

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## TENDERS

### STAYNER TO WASAGA BEACH SERVICING, STAYNER SEWAGE PUMPING STATION NO. 2

CONTRACT NO.: **MCG018023.1 (PS)** PROJECT NO.: **MCG018023.1 (PS)**

**SEALED BIDS**, on forms supplied by the Contract Administrator, in the envelopes provided, will be received by Pamela Fettes, B.A., CMO, Dipl. M.A., Director, Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk, at the Township of Clearview, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner ON L0M 1S0 until:

**2:00:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

The work ("Work") includes:

- Site Works.
- Supply, maintain and monitor specialized site dewatering.
- Supply, construct and monitor shoring system.
- Construct Proposed Stayner Sewage Pumping Station No. 2 complete with all structural, mechanical, electrical, HVAC components and controls to provide a complete and working system.
- Construct on-site 200 mm and 350 mm diameter forcemain to construction limits identified including connection to forcemains installed by others.
- Construct 200 mm diameter forcemain to the Stayner Sewage Treatment Plant and connect to existing headworks.
- Construct 200 mm diameter watermain from Stayner Sewage Treatment Plant with 50 mm diameter water service connection to Stayner Sewage Pumping Station No. 2, and reconnection of water service to existing Public Works facility.
- Supply and install on-site 525 mm diameter to 675 mm diameter sanitary sewer pipe system complete with maintenance holes and all associated appurtenances to construction limits identified, and reconnection of sanitary service to existing Public Works facility.
- Supply and install self-contained 250 kW diesel standby generator complete with all controls and connections.
- Maintain existing services to existing facilities on-site throughout construction.

All Bidders are required to attend a mandatory site visit at **10:00 a.m.** local time on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014** at the Clearview Township Public Works Yard (5833 Nottawasaga 27/28 Sideroad).

Bid Documents may be obtained at the office of the Contract Administrator, R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, 3 Ronell Crescent, Collingwood ON L9Y 4J6 for a non-refundable fee of \$300.00 (\$265.49 plus HST) payable to R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited. **(Note: R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited office will be closed from 12:00 Noon December 24, 2013 through January 1, 2014, reopening at 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2014.)**

In addition to other provisions in the Bid Documents, the lowest or any Bid will not necessarily be accepted.

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**2:00:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

The work ("Work") includes:

- 200 mm Ø and 350 mm Ø forcemain in common trench and/or by horizontal directional drilling (HDD) between Clearview Township Works Yard to Knox Road and Sunnidale Road in Wasaga Beach.
- 525 mm Ø sanitary gravity sewer from Clearview Township Works Yard to Mowat Street by open cut and jack and bore.
- Major construction items include:
  - 5320 m of 200 mm Ø PVC Forcemain
  - 5320 m of 350 mm Ø PVC Forcemain
  - 830 m of 250 mm Ø (DIPS) HDPE Forcemain
  - 830 m of 400 mm Ø (DIPS) HDPE Forcemain
  - 200 m of 525 mm Ø PVC Sanitary Gravity Sewer
  - 2100 m³ Earth Excavation
  - 1620 t HL-4 Hot Mix Asphalt
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  - 13500 m² Pulverizing-In-Place Full Depth Reclamation
  - 4-Air Vacuum/Release Chambers

- The installation methods will include both open trench and horizontal drilling (HDD). The invert depth of the forcemain will vary in depth from ±2.5 m to ±7.0 m.
- HDD and/or Jack and Bore installation is mandatory for all creek crossing areas, and is also proposed for the portion of the alignment from Lamont Creek/CR-7 to Wilson Gate. Trench excavation and installation will be completed at locations where HDD cannot be deployed.

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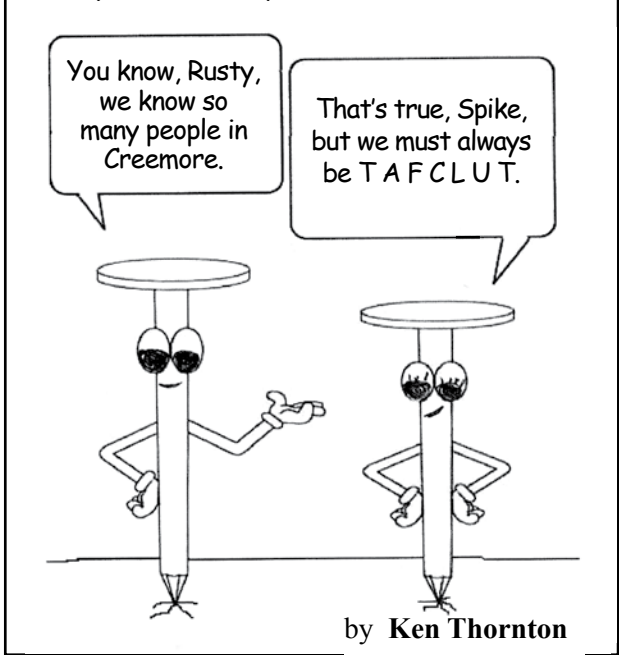
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds Page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



by Ken Thornton

Find this week's answer in Classifieds

## CREEMORE WEEKEND WEATHER

### Friday, December 20

Light snow  
High 1 Low -6 Winds N 15 km/h  
POP 90%

### Saturday, December 21

Scattered flurries  
High -3 Low -9 Winds E 10 km/h  
POP 80%

### Sunday, December 22

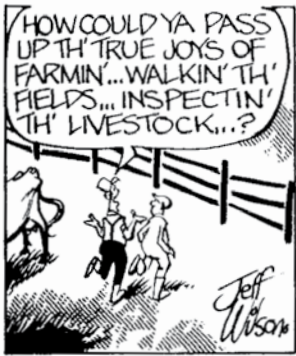
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by JEFF WILSON

## FRED'S FUNNIES

Christmas is just like a day at the office.

You do all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit!

# Canadian Criss Cross

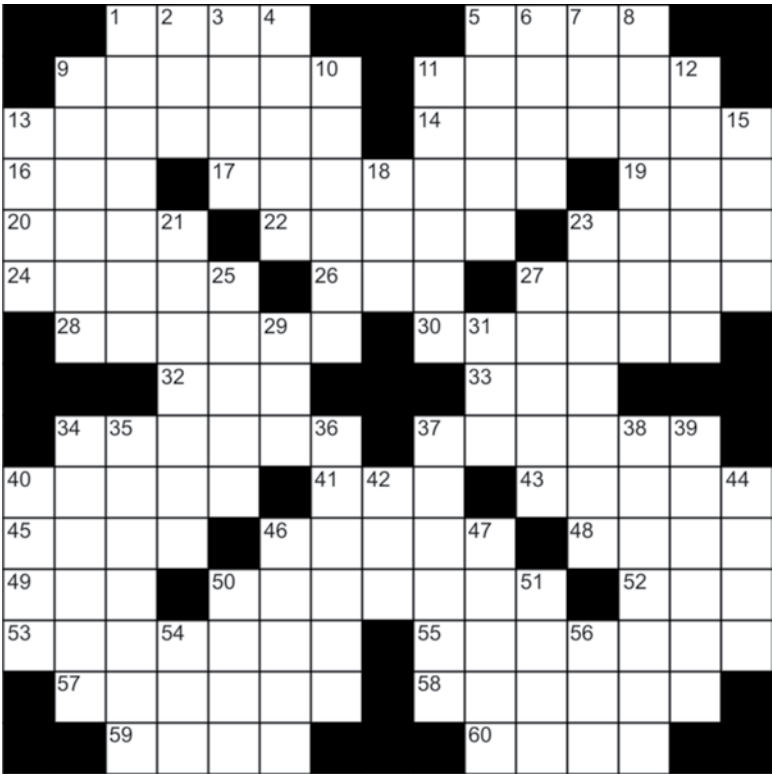
December 20, 2013

### ACROSS

1. Tropical tuber
5. Be loose-lipped
9. Of cats
11. Turning point
13. Steal
14. "Duck!"
16. Answer incorrectly
17. The act of twisting
19. Companion of to
20. Crowd noise
22. Ready to streak
23. Continental coin
24. Courtroom event
26. Card game winner's cry
27. Winter precipitation
28. Make hard to read
30. Without excitement
32. Snooker stick
33. \_\_\_ out (relax)
34. Give some slack
37. Hot dog condiment
40. Easily-rocked boat
41. Fiery feeling
43. Piglike animal
45. Not buttoned, as a shirt
46. In short supply
48. Like kittens and puppies
49. Part of TGIF
50. British beverage
52. Most common English word
53. Informal letter on a folded piece of paper
55. All atwitter
57. Amusing imitation of someone else's style
58. Northern \_\_\_ (Canadian thoroughbred racehorse)
59. Off-colour
60. Visionary

### DOWN

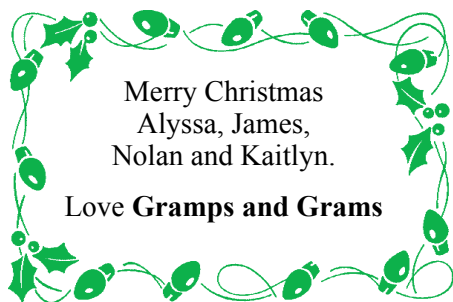
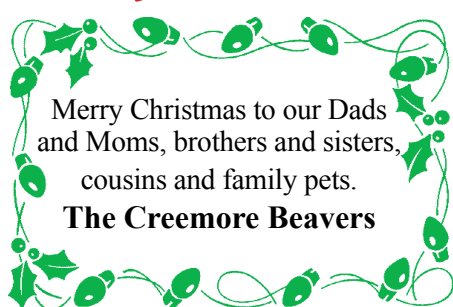
1. Part of ATV
2. Alternative to nothing
3. Protest in the streets
4. Burger topping
5. Hen's hatchlings
6. Circus cat
7. Seek some answers
8. Ethanol, for one
9. Wild excitement
10. Make someone see red
11. Lawyer's need
12. British Columbia's second-largest populated city
13. Smart-alecky
15. Tugboat blast
18. Hit the slopes
21. Animal with a striped tail
23. Plaintive
25. Ruin (used with "up")
27. Silvery food fish
29. Barely passing grade
31. Old greeting
34. Portable computer
35. Poor movie rating
36. Fine point
37. Took for a time
38. Speak explosively in anger
39. Toward this place
40. Invent a new word
42. Battle of Britain group: abbr.
44. Bit of thatching
46. Like a pomegranate
47. State Canadian is in
50. Political alliance
51. Pimples on pupils
54. Pitching stat.
56. Cause of skidding



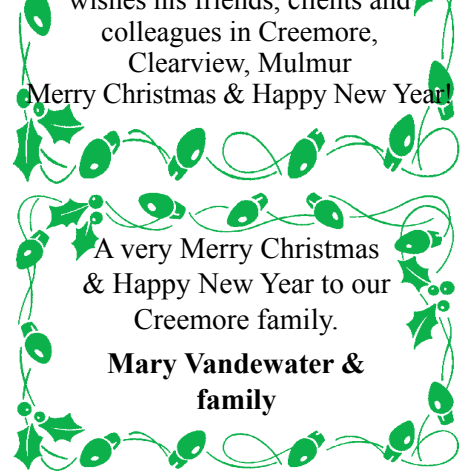
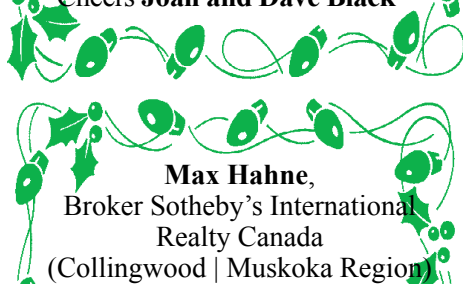
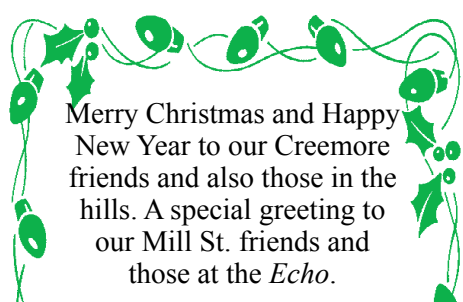
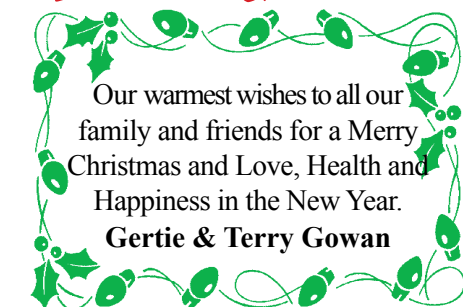
December 13 Answer



## Merry Christmas from your neighbours!



**What is Christmas?**  
 Christmas is a grateful heart  
 Christmas is a prayer  
 Christmas is a spirit of goodwill that's everywhere  
 Christmas is a time of joy and peace and hope combined  
 But Christmas is, above all else, God's love for all mankind.  
**Merry Christmas everyone!**  
 Florence Bremner, Singhampton



## Cat's Christmas in Wales

When we lived in Wales, I remember a particularly chilly Christmas. Dad was determined to cut us some firewood to feed into a wee fireplace (remember many UK dwellings had no central heating) to warm our chilly bones.

We were living in an "estate," which is a fancy word for housing project. The original estate house was just down the road and was a grand manor. The owners were a family by the name of Jones (dead common name in Wales), and they had the most beautiful flower gardens I had ever seen.

We did not have a car, so Mum and I would walk to town to get groceries, and also to the local school that I attended at the time. The school was a large, white, scary-looking building run by nuns, surrounded by massive iron fencing with only one large gate as an entrance.

There was a hunched hag of an old woman who lived in the village, who would come by and hand out bananas to any children near the fencing. If you took one, she would cackle and say, "Just like feeding the monkeys at the zoo." I never took a banana no matter how much I wanted one, as she was so scary looking.

That school really was something out of a Dickens novel. Yard sticks for rapping across the knuckles of naughty children, hard benches that gave you hemorrhoids, and miserable nuns, whom I am sure hated all little people.

Hot lunches were served in a long,

SAYINGS



cold, dreary hall. It was always some sort of unrecognizable gruel, but you had to eat it or you risked explaining to the Mother of all nuns why you wouldn't eat it when the good Lord had gone to so much effort to provide for you, and how dare you be ungrateful!

Even still, it was a fun time living there in the estate. Dad was home for longer stretches from sea (he was an electrical engineer in the British Royal Navy) and he always liked to have a good time and a giggle. On one of his forays out to chop wood he needed a hat, as the wind was wickedly cold. He did not have a winter-type hat, only a wee cap with no ear flaps.

My mother, a clever and practical sort of woman, suggested that he wear the wool tea cozy – pink stripes and all. My father snickered and said, "Not bloody likely, mate," but the cold wind soon changed his mind. I know there is a picture somewhere (black-and-white) of him wearing that tea cozy! Funny thing was, it fit perfect, and it was lovely and warm, as it had just come off the hot pot of tea.

I don't think my parents ever exchanged gifts in those early years – there just wasn't the money. I always got a new dolly and some chocolates – not much, but the best Christmases ever. There was always singing, hilarity and the surprise visits of Dads' fellow shipmates – those guys always knew the best sea songs – perfect for a wee girl's ears!

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**GLASSES** found in snow on the road across from Creemore House of Stitches. Black/mauve with diamonds. Please claim at *The Creemore Echo*.

Spike & Rusty: TACTFUL

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

## LESSONS

Award-winning guitarist with background in television, recording and concert performance offering **Popular and Classical Guitar Lessons**. Mature students also welcome. Contact David at [wipperworks@gmail.com](mailto:wipperworks@gmail.com)

Professional singer with background in television, recording and live performance offering **Vocal Coaching in Popular Music**. Contact Hazel at [wipperworks@gmail.com](mailto:wipperworks@gmail.com)

## BINGO

**Creemore Legion Bingo** will be closed for the winter after December 19, 2013 until April 3, 2014.

## GIFT OF MUSIC

**St. Luke's Gift of Music committee** apologizes for having to cancel the DIVA's concert last Sunday. It was our first cancellation in 8 years! Weather and transportation challenges in Toronto made it impossible for the performers to make it to Creemore. They have promised a "replacement" concert in the spring. Do keep your tickets. We will let you know through the *Echo* about the new concert date. Bill Mann

## THANK YOU

**The Horticultural Society** would like to thank Florist Fairy, Marcy Stewart and Foodland in Creemore for their donations to our raffle draws. Also to Affairs for the wonderful meal. Ken, Sylvia and Ruth for the entertainment at our Christmas dinner. Merry Christmas.

A Huge Thank You! To the very special helpers up here at the North Pole! **John Harper** for ongoing and loyal years of always maintaining the most important piece of Santa's travels – his sleigh and reindeer. Also **darci-que** for her hours of painting the jolly fellow's sleigh and reindeer and float. Thank you to our boss **Santa** for doing another fantastic job in Creemore's Parade. From the 3 wise Elves

Thanks to **Bob Ransier** for plowing out our walkway again! *Creemore Echo*

Thank you to the **Manito Shriners** for the Christmas cake! *The Creemore Echo*

Thank you to the **Iron Butterfly Black smithing** for the hand-forged apple! *The Creemore Echo*

## IN MEMORIAM

**RANSIER** – In memory of our parents, George, who passed away on December 13, 2010, and Margaret, who passed away on July 3, 2013 on the date of their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Memories are forever.  
Love Betty and Bob

**VOKES, Christopher** – Always with us. In loving memory of a special son, grandson, nephew and cousin, who left us on December 18, 2006. He always met any challenges in his own special way.

Your special life continues to remind us to look outside the box. Forever in our hearts and always in our memories,

Always loved and remembered by  
Kathy, Eric and family



## CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Posting Date: Dec. 16, 2013

#### Seasonal DZ Operator (Public Works) Temporary Full-Time Job# 2013-025

##### Responsibilities

Responsibilities include snow removal, inspecting and repairing roads infrastructure, operating heavy equipment such as graders, backhoes and tandem trucks and maintaining the equipment. Responsibilities may also involve manual labour as needed.

##### Qualifications

Completion of grade 12 education  
Valid Class DZ driver's license and access to reliable personal transportation  
Clean driver's abstract  
Heavy equipment experience (front end loaders, backhoes, graders, snowplows)  
Experience in the operation of large snowplows and graders would be an asset  
First Aid/ CPR training – preferred  
Ability to participate in "on-call" and respond within 30 minutes

Note: The successful candidate will be required to consent to a Criminal/ Police Background check prior to any formal hiring decisions are made.

Hourly rate for this position is \$23.55 + 4% vacation pay

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and covering letter, quoting **Job # 2013-25**

By **December 30, 2013** to Human Resources at [hr@clearview.ca](mailto:hr@clearview.ca)

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

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

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### 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DUFFERIN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES CANDIDATE REGISTRATION/NOMINATION

This notice is for anyone proposing to be a candidate in the municipal election on October 27, 2014 within the County of Dufferin.

Candidates may file a registration/nomination form during regular business hours after January 1, 2014 with the last day for filing being September 12, 2014, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. A prescribed fee, which may be refundable, in the amount of \$200 for head of council and \$100 for all other candidates, payable by cash, certified cheque or money order (or as otherwise determined by provincial legislation), must accompany the registration/nomination form. Candidates must not spend or raise funds for their election campaign until their registration/nomination form has been filed.

The registration/nomination form will be available from the office of your local Municipal Clerk. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Clerk's Office of your local municipality.

Town of Grand Valley	(519) 928-5652
Town of Mono	(519) 941-3599
Town of Orangeville	(519) 941-0440
Town of Shelburne	(519) 925-2600
Township of Amaranth	(519) 941-1007
Township of East Garafraxa	(519) 928-5298
Township of Melancthon	(519) 925-5525
Township of Mulmur	(705) 466-3341

### ÉLECTIONS MUNICIPALES 2014 COMTÉ DE DUFFERIN DECLARATION DE CANDIDATURE

Cet avis est pour toutes personnes qui souhaitent se faire élire à un poste au sein du conseil municipal de leur municipalité à l'élection municipale du 27 octobre 2014 dans le Comté de Dufferin.

Les personnes qui visent à se faire élire à un poste du Conseil municipal doit soumettre une déclaration de candidature dûment remplie au greffier de sa municipalité durant les heures normales d'ouverture des bureaux de 9:00 à 14:00, à compter du 1er janvier 2014 et au plus tard le 12 septembre 2014 à 14:00.

Un montant requis de \$200 pour le poste de président du Conseil et de \$100 pour tous les autres postes doit être payé en argent comptant, chèque certifié ou mandat doit accompagner la déclaration de candidature. Ce montant peut être remboursable dans certaines circonstances. Les candidats ne doivent pas utiliser ou amasser des fonds pour leur campagne électorale avant que leur déclaration de candidature soit déposée.

Le formulaire de déclaration de candidature est disponible auprès de votre greffier municipal. Pour tous autres renseignements, s.v.p. veuillez communiquer avec le bureau du greffier de votre municipalité locale.

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from the Creemore Business Improvement Association

**This Saturday**  
Last Minute Christmas Market  
Station on The Green 9am - 1pm

Community Carol Sing  
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Dec 23 - 9-6  
Dec 24 - 9-3  
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Dec 27 to 28 - 9-6  
Dec 29 - 10-4  
Dec 30 - 9-6  
Dec 31 - 9-4  
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