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News and views in and around Creemore

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## Volunteers of the Year: Corey Finkelstein and Laurie Copeland



Corey Finkelstein, Laurie Copeland and Sadie Finkelstein

By Kristi Green

She's a behind-the-scenes organizational whiz who can whip up a festival in a frenzy. He's an outgoing type whose curiosity has been known to get the better of him. Together, they make things happen in Creemore.

Since moving to Creemore about 10 years ago, husband-and-wife dynamic duo, **Laurie Copeland** and **Corey Finkelstein**, have worked ceaselessly in the name of culture and community.

Laurie owns and operates the toy store, Cardboard Castles, Creemore's go-to spot for early imagination and activity. Corey is a graphic designer who has been managing the Rent-a-Youth program, and photography and auto restoration clubs at Ray's Place since last spring.

But that's just the start.

Corey is in his second year as the President of the Business Improvement Association, organized this year's Santa Claus Parade and runs the Copper Kettle Classics annual car show in August. You may have seen him leading a cavalcade of children on bicycles at the Canada Day parade.

Two years ago, Laurie started a Children's Festival that last year brought 5,000 visitors to Creemore on a

Saturday in August. She is also Chair of the Board at Ray's Place Youth Centre and has worked with its Founder, **Tony Fry**, to grow the organization. Her business sponsors numerous events throughout the year, including the annual Crazy Hat Contest at Creemore's Christmas Tree Trimming.

"The reason we do all these events is to bring in more culture to Creemore," says Laurie. "With the Children's Festival, we are trying to introduce kids to something bigger; if they can't get out of Creemore, we'll bring the outside to them."

How do they do it? Laurie and Corey are quick to point out they don't work alone. "It's never just us," says Laurie. "There are always so many volunteers in this place. We don't go out with the intention of leading everything. It's just about pitching in."

"There are so many active people in this community that we are really honoured to be chosen," she continues. "Others work hard but never get named. We might be out on the street a bit more, but we are not more deserving."

The secret of their success could be rooted in the way their distinct personalities blend together. Laurie

(See "Couple" page 10)

## News Story of the Year: New electoral ward boundaries

By Kristi Green

Thanks to an engaged public response to the Township's electoral review, Clearview is going to look a little different after next fall's municipal election. That's when electoral ward boundaries that better represent the communities in the region go into effect.

The new boundaries are more than just lines drawn on a map. The process of redrawing them was a remarkable example of what people and local government can achieve when they work together. For Councillors, it provided an opportunity to have an



Members of the public at the Town Hall in Stayner on September 17

open dialogue with the people they represent. And for Clearview residents, the boundaries articulate the identities they hold dear.

That's why the electoral review of 2013 is the *Echo's* news story of the year.

Last summer, the Township began reviewing the electoral ward system in

Clearview. It hired consultants Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. to facilitate the process, which included

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, December 28

- 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.

### Saturday, December 28 to Monday, December 30

- **Nordic Ontario Cup at Highlands Nordic.** Closed to the public but spectators welcome. [www.htbski.com](http://www.htbski.com)

### Sunday, December 29

- **Church Services** are on page 11.

### 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.

### Tuesday, December 31

- **Happy New Years!**
- **The Nottawa Hall's First Annual New Year's Eve Dance**, located at Nottawa Hall from 9 pm to 1 am. Tickets available at 705-446-4070, age of majority event.
- **New Years Eve Dance at Sunnisdale Corners Community Centre**, 12391 Cty Rd 10. From 9 pm to 1 am. Call 705-428-0223 for tickets.

### 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 ([jbigham30@hotmail.com](mailto:jbigham30@hotmail.com) or 705-424-0626) or Annette Belkosky ([a.belkosky@hotmail.ca](mailto:a.belkosky@hotmail.ca) or 705-424-9422)

### Saturday, January 25

- Canadian Comedy Award winner **Monkey Toast: The Improvised Talk Show** brings its one-of-a-kind performance to the Avening Hall. For this show Dunedin's own 97.7 The Beach radio personality Mariane McLeod and Pirate Radio's Terry O'Reilly will be interviewed by Ron Tite, who then throws the focus to top-notch comedic players who use all they have heard as the inspiration for their improvised scenes. Doors open at 7 pm. Show starts at 8 pm. Dinner prepared by Mad Maple Country Inn available to purchase. Cash bar. This event is proudly presented by The Mad and Noisy Improv Co. and the Avening Hall. Info at [www.aveninghall.com](http://www.aveninghall.com). Tickets \$20 in advance at *The Creemore Echo* and online at [www.ticketscene.ca](http://www.ticketscene.ca). \$25 at the door.

## Local Business

Creemore welcomed new proprietors to its downtown this year while other long-standing Mill Street businesses celebrated anniversaries.



**HOW SWEET IT IS** Creemore Kitchen owners **Sam Holwell** and **Caesar Guinto** opened the doors to their new restaurant in May. The fully-transformed space, which has housed everything from a gas station to a book store, now features a dining room serving "simple, local food done well" and a bake shop full of sweet confections.



**GIVE ME FIVE** The Creemore Hundred Mile Store celebrated five years of providing locally grown and produced items. Their business has been recognized with a Premiere's Award for Agro-Food Innovation.



### ARTISTIC TRANSFORMATION

The Mad and Noisy Gallery, once a not-for-profit artists' co-op, was taken over by **Lyn** and **Rick Burek** who continue to represent many local artists.



### PIXIES AND PETALS

**Nicole Lemaire** hands Councillor **Thom Paterson** a bouquet during the Grand Opening of her new store, Florist Fairy, in November. Located at 5 Francis Street East, the shop has a full selection of fresh-cut flowers and arrangements for any occasion as well as plants and original Swiss specialties.



### A BAKER'S DECADE

**Norma Panzine** celebrated 10 years as the owner of Affairs Bakery, Cafe and Catering among countless friends – including **Marg Prescott** and **Orneva Pardy** – and even more butter tarts.



# New boundaries to better reflect “community of villages”

(Continued from page 1)

four Town Hall meetings in September to include the public in the decision-making.

Council promoted the Town Hall meetings through advertisements, posters and post cards mailed to every residence in the municipality.

During the process, various electoral options were entertained, including reconfiguring Clearview’s existing ward system; decreasing the number of wards; maintaining the status quo; or dissolving the wards in favour of an at-large system.

In the end, Clearview heard the public support for the current seven-ward system loud and clear. It also voted to make adjustments to the wards themselves to increase equitable representation of their communities.

At its October 7 Council meeting, members agreed the redrawn wards better reflect the identities of the people within them. “The main point for me was that the community of villages was respected and improved upon,” said **Thom Paterson**, Councillor for Ward 4.

“There is a strong identity people here have with their communities. There is strong ancestry that ties back for generations. The sense of identity also holds true for newcomers who came here to be in a certain village. And there is a natural identity due to the geography.”

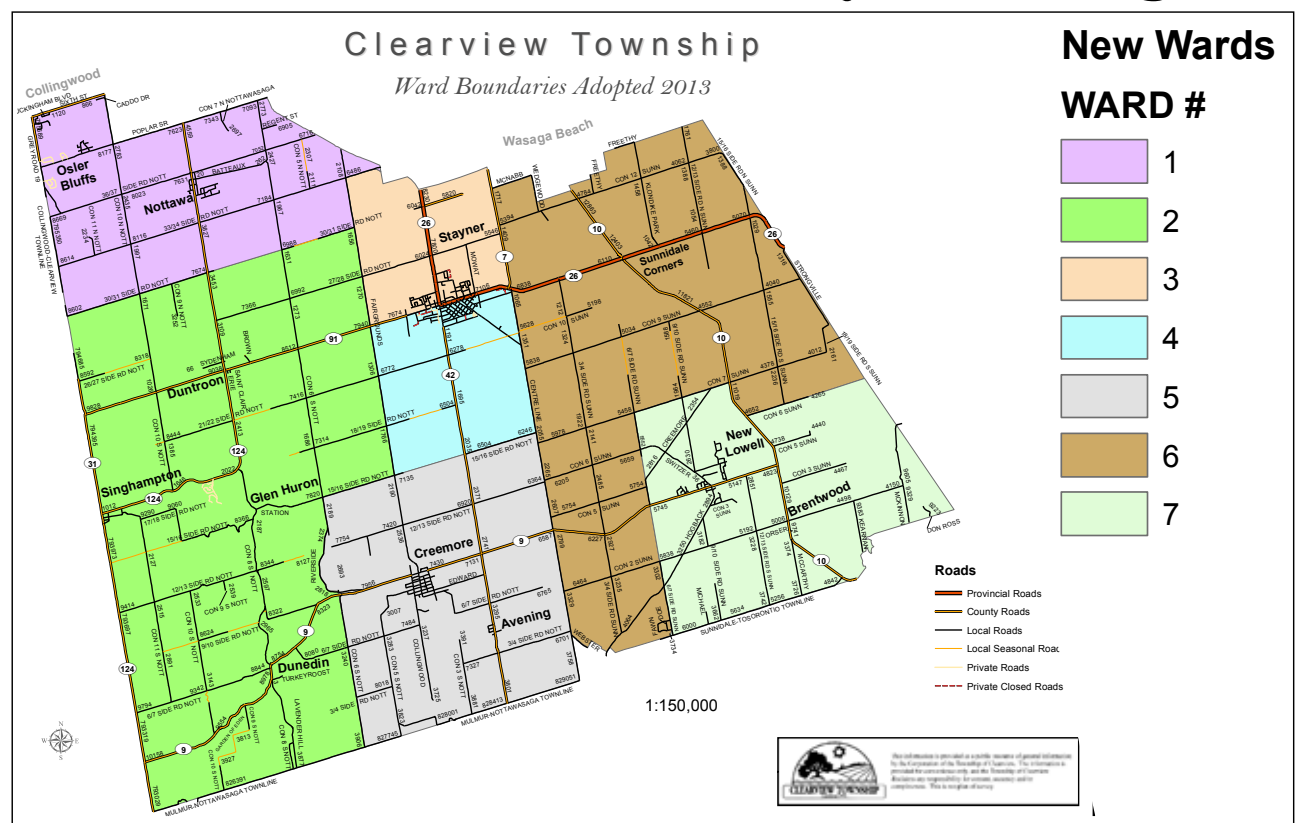
“It finally provides the rural population with their own voice,” said Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage**, referring to boundary changes to Wards 5 and 6 that group more agricultural area in Sunnidale and Nottawasaga together.

Both the Township and the consultants credited an engaged community with the ability to make a clear decision to keep the seven-ward system. Through written and oral feedback from both formal and informal channels, Council was able to see which system the public supported the most.

The Township collected public feedback from more than 60 questionnaires that were provided at the Town Hall meetings.

The consultants reported they used the public feedback to revise their preliminary recommendations. For example, they adjusted the boundaries for Ward 6 after repeated requests from the public. The consultants also provided an option to split Stayner into two wards, but decided to keep it as one after listening to public input.

Councillors heard public opinion formally at the Town Halls, but also informally, by talking to constituents at public events such as the Great Northern Exhibition, at social events and even at the grocery store.



This public input served to change the minds of some of the Councillors during the review process. For instance, Councillors Paterson and **Orville Brown** initially supported decreasing the number of wards to five. Paterson thought Council might become more efficient if it had fewer Councillors with expanded roles. But after listening to the public, both Councillors changed their minds.

“I thought we achieved more than we expected,” said Paterson. “What we found in the exercise was a very good public conversation. The strength of listening to everybody talk was a success.”

The Town Hall meetings were held in different locations at different times of the day to encourage a greater number of participants. In total, 242 members of the public attended.

Approximately 75 people showed up to meetings in Creemore and Brentwood on September 14. On September 12, 72 came to Nottawaga and more than 60 attended the meeting in Stayner on September 17.

“It shows how engaged in community and local government the people of Clearview are,” said Councillor **Brent Preston**, who headed the Electoral Review Committee. “The consultants said they have never seen so many people attend.”

Last spring, Preston proposed a review of Clearview’s electoral system because of the growing

Ward boundaries for new Council in fall 2014 population inequality between the Township’s wards, which he said threatened the democratic principle that each vote should carry equal weight. A review of the wards hadn’t been conducted since Clearview amalgamated 20 years ago.

In the 2010 election, Ward 3 (Dunedin) had the lowest number of voters (1,259) while Ward 6 (New Lowell) had the highest with 2,199.

The Electoral Review committee, which consisted of Councillors Preston, Paterson, **Deb Bronée** and Mayor **Ken Ferguson**, held its first meeting at the end of July. Early on in the process, it set out to engage the public at large in the decision-making.

In October, the consultants proposed four options for the electoral system: two with seven wards and two with five.

Watson and Associates also provided a report that analyzed Clearview’s existing population and forecasted its population and housing growth. It examined alternatives to the ward system such as an at-large system in which officials would be elected on the same basis and work from a mandate for the entire Township of Clearview.

So, thank you, citizens, for having your say. And thank you, Council, for listening. This is one news story that shows the spirit of democracy appears to be alive and well in Clearview today.

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# OPINION & Feedback

Creemore is an active community. It is also a community of activists; a fact that was evidenced by all the goings-on this year.

Whether it came to bridges, halls, schools, aggregates or wind turbines, issues were raised, groups were organized and people had their say.

Opponents to the Skyway 124 Wind Energy Project, which was to be located between Singhampton and Maple Valley, celebrated a win when it was cancelled in November. Earlier this month, community groups who were dismayed when wpd Fairview Wind Inc.'s application to build a wind farm near Stayner was accepted by the Ministry of the Environment, vowed "not to give up the fight."

Clearview Council agreed to pay for half the cost of "saving the community halls" in Avening, Dunedin, Duntroon, Nottawa, Sunnidale Corners and Brentwood, while a party of empassioned Creemore residents lost their fight to save the Collingwood Street bridge from being replaced. Walker Aggregates was given permission to expand its Duntroon quarry amid protests from the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Clearview Community Coalition.

At the *Echo*, we made the choice for this year's Volunteer and News Story of the Year in this spirit of community engagement. Among the many wonderful volunteers in Creemore – and there are many – husband-and-wife dynamic duo Corey Finkelstein and Laurie Copeland do a bang-up job of giving back to the community and getting things done. And in an example of what can be achieved when members of the public and local government work together, a swell of public engagement resulted in new ward boundaries for next fall's municipal election.

So, here's to the community and the diversity of views, opinions, perspectives and people that are in it! And a very happy 2014!

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## CREEMORE SPRINGS SET TO GO ON EXPANSION



by Brad Holden  
Eight years after Creemore Springs started planning internally for an expansion, the brewery is ready to begin construction.

Cowden Woods, the Barrie-based builders selected by the brewery to complete the work, is scheduled to begin staging on site the week of February 11. Construction is set to begin on February 19, and a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday, February 22.

Creemore Springs vice president and brewmaster Gordon Fuller and project and facilities manager Geoff D... ased to be... things urday, July 20, 2013

## Walker expansion allowed to proceed

by Brad Holden  
Walker Aggregates will be allowed to proceed with the expansion of its Duntroon quarry, after a court dismissed the Niagara Escarpment Commission's legal challenge of the Consolidated

the Board had argued against the proposal on those grounds.  
But the court disagreed, stating that "the decision of the majority Joint Board reveals no legal error and is reasonable, given the governing legislation and policies and evidence before it."

for the many individuals and businesses that will be supported economically by the quarry expansion," said Lucysh. The Clearview Community Coalition who opposed the expansion alongside the NEC at the Consolidated Board Hearing, released a statement thanking the court for their support. "This decision the CCC had hoped for."

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## ANTI-WIND LAWSUIT DISMISSED... FOR NOW

Judge reserves plaintiffs' rights to sue wpd Canada once wind project is approved by MOE

by Brad Holden  
Local opponents to the

a genuine issue requiring a trial.

Two actions were dealt with the prehearing, one brought by Sylvia Wiggins, landowners again Brothers Farms L to host turbines on

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## TOWNSHIP TO COVER HALF OF HALL REPAIR COSTS

by Brad Holden  
Clearview Council agreed Monday night to contriser to the date.

David Bruce John

## ELECTORAL REVIEW HEADS TO COMMITTEE

by Brad Holden  
After hearing

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## SEVEN WARDS, NEW BOUNDARIES FOR 2014

By Kristi Green

The people spoke and Council listened. Amid a swell of public feedback, Clearview Township decided unanimously Monday night to re-... the... Alicia Savage and Six Pints Specialty Beer Company presented

## Mulmur objects to Arbour Farms' aggregate application

by Brad Holden  
Mulmur Township has submitted an application to the Arbour Farms Resource... he bas... of the... until s... has b...

has retained to deal with the gravel pit application.

The Arbour Farms site is an 80-hectare property on the east side of Airport Road 21. Approximately 1.5 km from the intersection of Road 21 and Highway 24, within a 41.7 km radius of that intersection.

A New Clerk at Clearview  
Pamela Fettes joins the team.  
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A Visit from a Pro  
Mookie Wilson at Smith Brothers.  
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## MULMUR SIGN FOOD AND WATER PLEDGE

by Brad Holden  
Mulmur Council

## NCPS UNDER ONE ROOF NEXT YEAR

By Kristi Green

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

In a move to consolidate resources amid declining

## A message from the Medical Centre Board

Expansion work could be underway by July

by Bill Mann

The Creemore Medical Centre expansion is about to reach an important milestone: the sending out of bid tender documents to area contractors, with the June 24th Clearview Council meeting targeted for the announcement of the winning bid. A fundraising effort has been bid. A fundraising effort has been bid.

on the main floor. It seems like a lot of money per square foot, some said. The basic explanation is that we are doing much more than just adding new space. We will be spending over \$90,000 to improve the building's accessibility for handicapped patients, for example, and we are making significant changes to the existing building as well. Our cost estimates have been reviewed by several construction professionals, who found them reasonable for the work being done.

How much is this costing? "It was another common

## NEW LOWELL PARENTS STAND UP FOR SAFETY

By Sara Hershoff

Parents in New Lowell feel they deserve the same consideration as other communities in the Township when it comes to getting their children to school safely. Led by Helena Hayward, they were able to convince Clearview Council to re-open discussion on the hiring of a crossing guard to square things up.



for placing crossing call on the hiring is locations do not meet criteria, as was the locations approved on has the ability to use increase public safety.

Staff will review and bring forward a new according to General and Rec

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# AWARDS AND MEDALS

Congratulations to these people – and many others – who were recognized for their contributions, efforts and big wins in 2013!



**QE2 DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL** for Tom Montgomery (above), Sandra Bednarek and Paul Ruppel.



**BOMBER COMMAND CLASP** David Allister MacDonal (left) received a long-overdue tribute for his work as a WWII aero engineer.



**SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Norma Friest was recognized for her many years and efforts as a volunteer at NCPS, which include long-standing dedication to the instrumental music program.



**ORDER OF CANADA** Andy Barrie (right) became a member of the Order of Canada for his work as a radio broadcaster and advocate on health issues.



**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** Dan Gowan (right) was recognized for his work with the North Dufferin Baseball League.



**FIRST PLACE** The Shooting Team of 1944 EME Cadet Corps were top performers winning both team and individual medals in their zone.



**UNDEFEATED** The New Lowell Junior Rookies won every ball game in 2013.



**NEAR PERFECT** The Valley Hawks Bantam Rep team enjoyed a great season.



## MORE WINNERS EXPECTED IN 2014

Thanks to the families, friends and teachers who keep *The Creemore Echo* posted on such things as the verbal dexterity needed by **Obi Page** (left) to get to the regional championships for public speaking, or the physical flexibility that earned **Eve Clement, Ella Preston, Lucy Pothier Bogoslawski, Sadie Finkelstein** and **Roxy MacDonald** (right) so many medals.

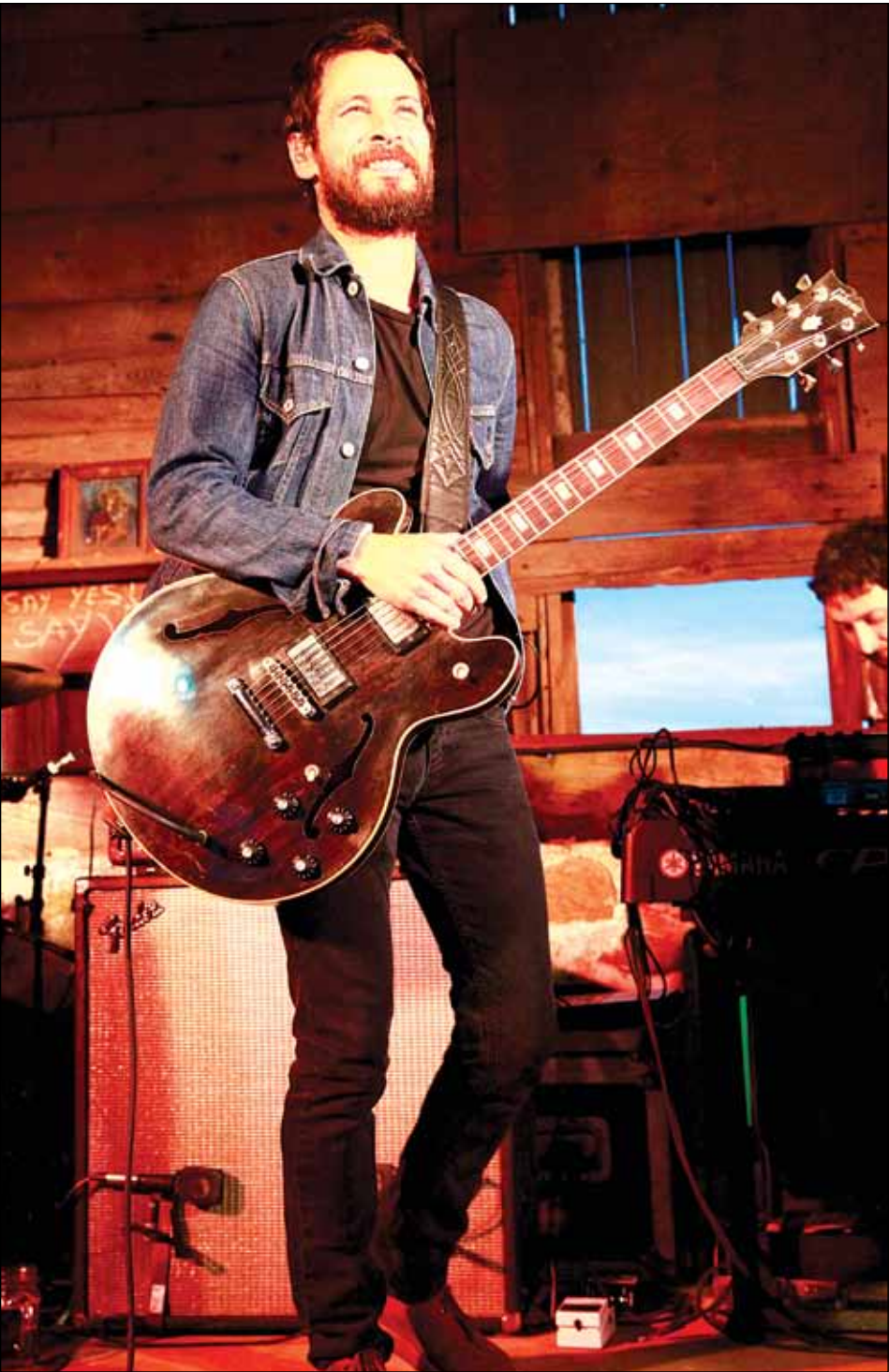
We appreciate you telling us about these efforts and look forward to hearing – and seeing, in the form of contributed photos, if possible – about champions in this community. To tell us about the latest win or even effort, just give the *Echo* a shout at 705-466-9906.





# MAJOR EVENTS

Creemore loves a good time; these are just some of the many that fill our calendar every year.



**NEW MUSIC** Can-rock superstar **Sam Roberts** brought down the barn at the New Farm’s annual Grow for the Stop fundraiser on June 15. The event, which also featured rockstar chefs, raised more than \$30,000 for the Toronto-based community food program to buy produce from local, organic producers.



**ARENA ROCK** Kate Deslippe, Veronica Green, Jaycee Sampson and Emily Deslippe enjoyed Margaritas in the Valley. Put on by the Nitetis Lodge on June 1, the event featured music by String Theory and The Webster Family.



**PARADE LOVERS** Corey Finklestein led the Annual Harold Crawford Memorial Bike Parade up Mill Street as part of the Canada Day celebrations. The evening ended behind the arena with a huge display of fireworks.



**BRIDGE PARTY** Steel-trussed fun in the form of hot dogs and live music, was enjoyed by more 200 people who flocked to celebrate the 100-year-old Collingwood Street Bridge on Canada Day.



**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY** Maeve Baldassarra, Sadie Finkelstein and Lilla Bladassara were just a few of the children who participated in the Creemore Children's Festival on Saturday, August 3.





**FINAL RALLY** This year's Dunedin Tractor Rally on Saturday, July 20 took on special significance as a celebration of life for Jamie Adam. Adam, known as the "Mayor of Lavender", was the founder of the event and organizer of the Rally until his unfortunate death in a tractor accident in May.



**FARM PARTY** Stella Downing met one of the new "girls" during Miller's Dairy Day at Jalon Farms just west of Cashtown Corners. This July 13 event celebrated the first anniversary of the on-site processing and regional sales of milk from the farm's Jersey herd.



**UP IN THE AIR TO HELP OUT ON THE GROUND** The August 18 Celebrate Food & Water First event included **Bill Lishman**, the pilot who famously led flocks birds on migratory routes.



**BEER AND BALLOONS** This year's Copper Kettle had the added attraction of balloon rides. Beer, vintage cars and music were also on the August 24 roster.



**KIDS CENT** Kobe Oakes, like the adults riding in the September 15 Centurion, pedalled down Mill Street.



**LOOKING FAIR-LY GOOD** Gloria Hicks prepared her pony's whiskers for show at the 158th Annual Great Northern Exhibition on September 20.



Bryan Davies Photo

**PUBLIC WORKS** Sculptor **Ralph Hicks** used objects delivered to him by Clearview Township to create his environmental art installation for the 2013 Festival of the Arts on October 4 and 5. The event also included music, book readings, a studio tour and a burlesque dancer.



# HAPPENINGS

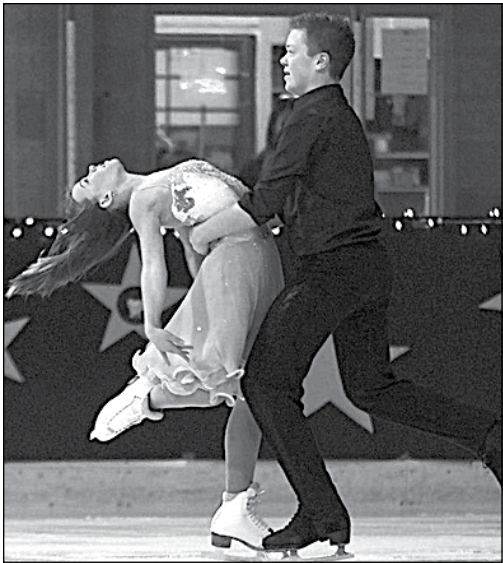
In addition to all of Creemore's annual events, there are countless "happenings" throughout the year.



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER** People gathered at Station on the Green on Christmas Day to enjoy a perfect holiday meal.



**SCHOOL AGED** Bonnie and Mike Leishman welcomed former students to celebrate their schoolhouse's 100th year.



**N-ICE SHOW** by the team of Whitley and Elliott at the Annual Skate Carnival.



**TO MARKET, TO MARKET** May brought warmer weather and the Farmers' Market back to Creemore.



**DINING FOR ONE AND HALL** Cravening, a dinner hosted by Avening Hall, raised over \$8,000 for repairs.



**TRAIL BLAZERS** Clearview Council and staff members promoted and celebrated its trails on Saturday, June 1.



**A-PIE-TIZING** Lily White (centre) shared her baking secrets with two generations.



**THE HUNT** The Toronto and North York Hunt Club rode down Mill Street on Thanksgiving weekend.



**BOOKING IT** Creemore hosted its first International Festival Of Authors event on Saturday, October 26.



**BOO-WHO?** These trick-or-treaters enjoyed the haunted house in the Horticultural Park at Halloween.



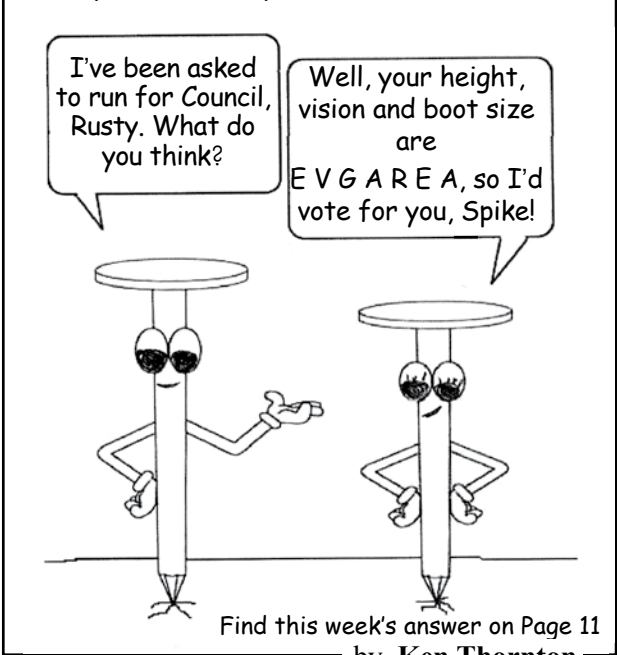
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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	4				1		9	8
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					6			
	3	5				9		

Answer on Page 11

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer on Page 11 by Ken Thornton

## CREEMORE WEEKEND WEATHER

### Friday, December 27

A mix of sun and cloud  
High -2 Low -10 Winds N 10 km/h  
POP 30%

### Saturday, December 28

Sunny and cloudy  
High -5 Low -9 Winds S 10 km/h  
POP 40%

### Sunday, December 29

Some sun, some cloud  
High -3 Low -10 Winds E 20 km/h  
POP 60%

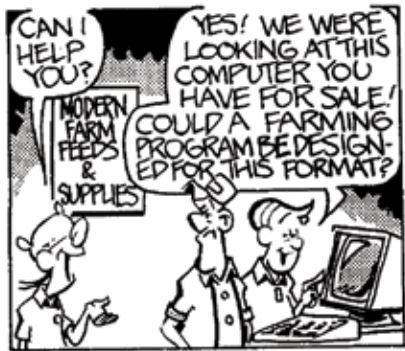
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## The AVRIDGE FARM

by JEFF WILSON



## FRED'S FUNNIES

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in.  
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

# Canadian Criss Cross

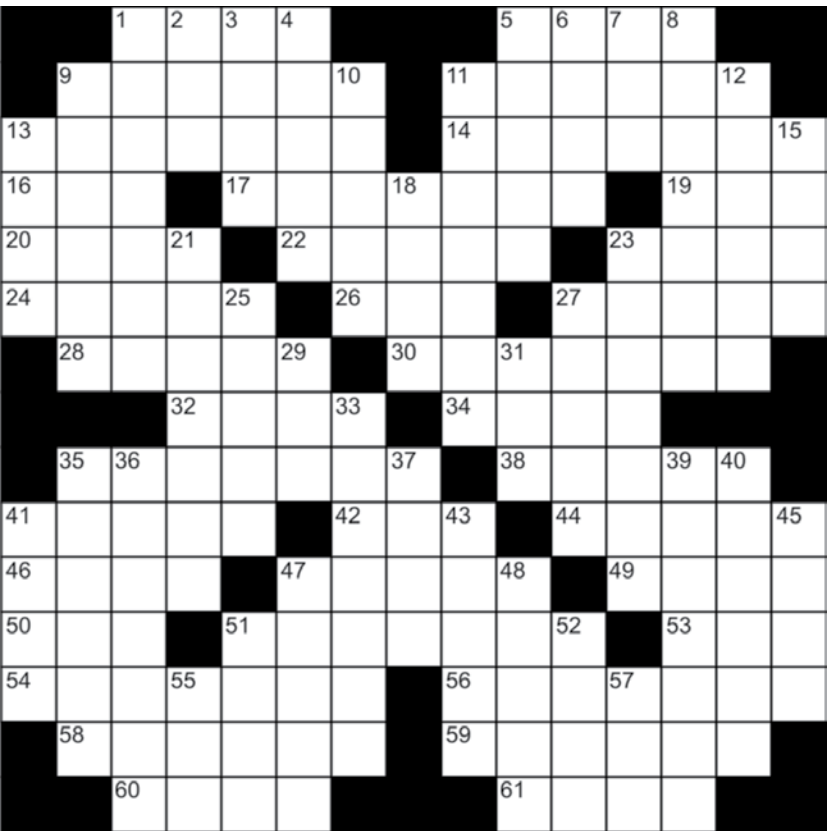
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### ACROSS

1. Biblical wise men
5. Close with a bang
9. Withdraw from
11. Lighthouse
13. Breed of pigeon
14. Permit to drive a car
16. Poetic adverb
17. Theft
19. Insignificant amount
20. Artless one
22. Canine kin
23. Draped dress
24. Group of Scouts
26. Is no longer
27. Be the father of
28. Dental filling
30. Like some greeting cards
32. Attracted
34. Cracker coating
35. Light-reflecting decorative material
38. Nonrigid airship
41. A size two, perhaps
42. '40s jazz style
44. Cynic's look
46. Hosiery mishap
47. Bowler's feat
49. Much merriment
50. Balloon filler
51. Tickler of the ivories
53. You may be struck with it
54. In succession
56. In a daze
58. Spiritualist's meeting
59. Household
60. Dick Van \_\_\_\_
61. Fixed charge

### DOWN

1. Refer briefly to
2. Be in a cast
3. Paraphernalia
4. Under the weather, is one
5. Bake an egg without it's shell
6. Like a doily
7. Add up to
8. Picture made by putting together pieces from other pictures
9. A giraffe may be seen on it
10. Type of macaroni
11. Gives gratification to
12. Panic-stricken
13. Holy water receptacle
15. Change a sentence
18. Not keep to oneself
21. Collapsible, like some beds
23. Novel need
25. have a good time
27. Four of them and you go to first base
29. At the same time
31. Chemist's workplace
33. Internet document
35. Brainiac
36. Having much knowledge
37. Horse color
39. Mixture
40. Level of amateur sport for children
41. Ivan the Terrible, for one
43. Rock band from British Columbia
45. Clarinet part
47. As of
48. Organic compound
51. Colour for baby girls, traditionally
52. Sandwich fish
55. Thumbs-down vote
57. Taylor, who was Canada's first movie mogul



December 20 Answer



# Couple brings different strengths to each project together

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says she is the more introverted and private of the two. She describes herself as being a more detail-oriented person who prefers to be in the background.

Corey likes to put himself in the public eye. He takes things on purpose to challenge himself, such as pursuing public speaking opportunities and joining the Nitetis Masonic Lodge #444 in 2008 “just because I was curious,” he says.

“We both bring different strengths to projects. I know I can’t do everything I do without him and vice versa,” says Laurie. “Corey is more creative and less organized. He is always up to something, good or bad. But I can hide behind him when I need to.”

When asked to describe one another, mutual admiration shines through. “When Laurie puts her mind to something, she is so driven,” Corey says. “She gives 110 per cent; she juggles a ton of things and she does them all really well.”

One thing they do share is an abundance of energy. “If we both didn’t have this kind of energy, we wouldn’t do this... we just don’t like sitting around,” says Laurie.

But, like any partnership, there can be challenges. “I don’t think we work well together because we are married. I think we work together in spite of the fact we are married!” laughs Laurie. “If I didn’t know him, I’d still like him – and he’d drive me crazy.”

Corey and Laurie met in 1989 in the Communications program at Brock University in St. Catharines. There,



Laurie Copeland and Laurie Wilson

they became friends who shared common interests including a love of design. It wasn’t until years later, in 1996, that they started dating. In June 2001, the two were married in Swinton Park near Dundalk, at Laurie’s family farm.

It’s hard to believe, but there was a time when Laurie and Corey didn’t live in Creemore.

In 2002, they moved here from Toronto where Corey had a graphic design business and Laurie was a polarity therapist.

Their search for an affordable house took them further and further out of the city until they landed in Creemore. Having grown up in Orangeville, Laurie was comfortable with small communities, but Corey was used to “big city living.”

“I gave him a year,” says Laurie. “After a little while, he started to come



Corey Finkelstein with a classic car

home very happy because all these people on the street were saying ‘hi’ and being friendly. That’s when I knew we were here for good.”

Their daughter, **Sadie**, was born in Creemore in 2004. One of Corey’s fondest memories is of going to the post office to pick up the mail after Sadie was born. When the post office employees heard that the new parents were concerned Sadie was losing weight, she told Corey to bring her in and put her on the scale there to check. “It’s the epitome of small town life,” Corey says.

Now age 9, Sadie is involved in all of her parents’ projects. “Whatever we do, she does, too,” says Laurie. We want to pass the importance of community to our daughter. We want her to know that if you want something in the world, then you

don’t have to wait for it to happen – you can create it.”

For this family, life keeps getting busier. Right now, Laurie and Corey are planning February’s Big Heart Festival of winter events and the Children’s Festival. Laurie is also focusing on Ray’s Place, where Corey will be a Board Member, keep running the car club, and oversee the photography, improvisation and running clubs, too. “We do it because we want to do it,” Laurie shrugs. Fifteen years ago, they wouldn’t have predicted that this would be their life. “My childhood wasn’t spent being especially connected to the community,” Corey says. “But in Creemore, we have both evolved into community-minded people. Some people have their religion, but we have Creemore.”

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*The Creemore Echo* would like to acknowledge two people who were valuable members of our team.





**BRAD HOLDEN** After six years at the *Echo*, first as a reporter and then as the Editor, Brad Holden decided it was time to trade in his notebooks for text books, and he headed to teacher's college in September.



**SYLVIA GALE** The author of over 600 Big Heart Seniors columns passed away on November 2. The stories of the people in this community, both past and present, and the way she told them, will be missed.



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