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Happy New Year, Creemore!

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 2014?



Paulette Krikken
"I'd like to quit smoking this year. That's what I'd like to do."



Amanda Runyon
"My New Year's resolution is to do better in school."



Brian Dover
"Mine is to wish everyone peace, health and a happy New Year. But mostly peace."



Meghan Gabriels
"I resolve to try to eat more healthy foods like fruits and vegetables and avoid fast food!"



Frosty the Snowman
"I'm going to try to avoid having any meltdowns and heated arguments and in 2014."



Jeff Lamondin
"No one needs an excuse to better themselves. We should try to improve every day of the year."

Creemore runner sets world record in Phoenix

By Lisa Timpf
Creemore runner **Lee Anne Cohen** came away from the Across the Years race with an accomplishment to be proud of, setting a new world record for her age group.
Lee Anne entered the 48-hour race with the goal of bettering the Canadian record for 100 miles for women over 60 years old. She had reason to believe she was capable of hitting that goal, having run 100 miles in 29 hours and 8 minutes, in 30-degree weather this past August. With cooler weather conditions this time of year in Phoenix, the Canadian mark of 28 hours and 14 minutes looked well within reach.

However, 19 hours and 75 miles (120 km) into the Across the Years race, Lee Anne had to abandon her shot at the 100-mile record due to a combination of injuries (which included a torn calf muscle) and fatigue.
But the distance she covered in the first 12 hours of her effort broke the world record for female runners aged 60 to 64.
For those who have never heard of it, the Across the Years race is a daunting feat to attempt. The race has been going for 30 years and its name reflects the fact that many of the races start in one year and end in the following one. This year, the events spanned from December 28, 2013 to January

3, 2014. Runners can choose to participate in 24-, 48-, or 72-hour runs, or a six-day event, covering as much distance as possible within the given time frame.
While this sounds like a gruelling activity only fit for the youngest athletes, the average age of the runners might surprise you. In 2001, the average age in the 72-hour race was 51.1 years; in the 48-hour race it was 50.4 years; and in the 24-hour race, 44.1 years. The oldest runner that year, 71 years of age, ran the 48-hour race.
Perhaps, like Lee Anne, many runners take some time to discover the appeal of ultra distance running.
(See "Tackling" on page 3)





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Upcoming Events

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 or 705-424-0626) or Annette Belkosky (a.belkosky@hotmail.ca or 705-424-9422)
- **Curiosity House Books** welcomes author of *The Once and Future Great Lakes Country: An Ecological History*, **John L. Riley** from 1 to 3 pm.
- **Creemore Centric Opening Reception and Silent Auction** begins at 2 pm at Mad and Noisy Gallery today. The silent auction goes on until February 2.
- **Curiosity House Books** welcomes in the gallery Adriene Veninger for January. Opening reception from 4 to 6 pm.

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

- **Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion** at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome.
- **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.

- **Collingwood & District Historical Society Meeting** "Music in the Streets; Collingwood's Town Bands" presented by Sheila Stewart, Pipe Major of the Beinn Gorm Highlanders at the Collingwood and District Historical Society Meeting. Meeting begins at 7 pm. at the Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St., Collingwood. Admission CDHS membership or \$3

Tuesday, January 7

- **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.

Saturday, January 11

- **A Fundraiser for** Wasaga Beach resident, **Tanya Prentice**, who has a rare form of cancer, and her family at the Creemore Legion Hall at 7 pm. Dinner, dancing, a silent auction and draws. Admission is the donation of one non-perishable food item. If you have an item to donate to the silent auction, please call Linda Prentice at 705-466-2009.

Thursday, January 16

- **Improv Classes with The Mad & Noisy Improv Company** on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 pm through to March 6 at the Station on the Green. Contact Peter at 705-994-3008 or visit www.manicimprov.com

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. Tickets \$20 in advance at *The Creemore Echo* and online at www.ticketscene.ca. \$25 at the door.

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From your many
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Fundraiser for cancer fight

By Kristi Green

The family of a woman with cancer is hoping to see you on the dance floor at a party to help raise funds to support her during her fight.

Tanya Schmidt Prentice was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer of the appendix in September 2011. Called the “dandelion cancer,” the tumours spread like seeds when they are touched.

At the time of her diagnosis, the cancer had already spread to other parts of Tanya’s body. Since then, she has endured five surgeries and six months of chemotherapy, as well as a procedure to pump chemotherapy through her body internally and remove more tumours earlier this month.

Since being diagnosed, Tanya, who lives in Wasaga Beach with her husband, **Kevin Prentice**, and two children, **Hanna Tesseris**, 15, and **Sara Tesseris**, 11, hasn’t been able to resume her job as a law clerk. As well, her husband, Kevin, receives no paycheque when he takes time off from his job as a contractor to support her.

“[Having cancer] is financially crippling and creates stress,” Tanya says. “It takes a long time to recover from, especially if you are constantly going through treatment and surgeries... After you pay for gas for trips to Toronto for treatment, parking at the hospital and food for my husband who sleeps beside my bed on the floor because I need help... it just keeps adding up.”

To help the Prentices with financial support, her family (many of whom live in Mulmur) is organizing a fundraising event at the Creemore Legion Hall. On Saturday, January 11, supporters are invited to come out for a night of dinner and dancing, a silent auction and draws. Admission to the event is a non-perishable food item.

“We don’t know what to say. It



Tanya Prentice

goes beyond words what people are giving us,” says Tanya, about the upcoming event her mother, mother-in-law and cousins are organizing. “Our family never lived in fear; we live in hope.”

In spite of all she has endured, Tanya remains positive, especially during the recent Christmas season. She credits her faith in God with her positive outlook. She even hopes to have recovered well enough from her latest procedure – a chemotherapy bath and debulking at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto on December 10 – to do the “robot dance” at the Legion Hall on January 11.

“There is a 0% survival rate, but I’ve already beat it!” says Tanya, who reports she has recovered well from each of the many procedures she has had. “The oncologist has already said I am a miracle. So much could have gone wrong that hasn’t.”



Lee Anne Cohen

Tackling the 48-hour race

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In Lee Anne’s case, running wasn’t something she did as a sport until her children were older.

She describes her first training run, at the age of 40, thus: “I made it about 750 metres – just around the corner. I turned around and walked home. It took six months before I could run 5K and another two years before I made it to 10K. In 1997, at the age of 45, I ran my first half marathon.”

Of her first full marathon, which she ran in 2000, Lee Anne noted, “It was the hardest thing I had ever done, but it came with such a great feeling at the end. I remember thinking that perhaps I had just

scratched the surface of what I could do, what I could accomplish.”

And it is astounding how much ultra distance runners can accomplish. In the Across the Years race, for example, the course record for the men’s 72-hour race was 329.64 miles, set in 2012, while the 24-hour men’s record, set in 2002, was 145.401 miles. That’s quite a distance to cover in one sitting.

Lee Anne’s accomplishment of running 120 km in 19 hours is many kilometres more than most of us would attempt. Hats off to her for her achievement! And here’s hoping that elusive 100-mile record might still be attained in the future!

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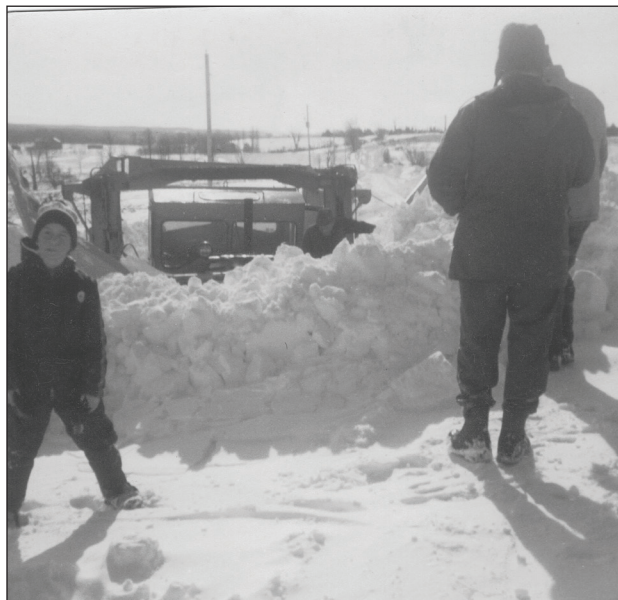
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THE WAY WE WERE



Picture it: January 1977. Looks familiar, doesn't it? **Renee Whitley** brought in these photos of some serious snow clearing during the winter of that year. Pictured at left is a young **Jim Whitley**, Renee's son, at their farm, along with the plow that cleared the way to it on Concession 3 South in Avening.

EDITORIAL

Taking on 2014 together

Happy New Year, everyone! Was there ever a better time to reflect on one's life than New Year's Eve?

December 31: the final date on the Julian calendar when we can neatly place a lid on a whole year of experiences, box it up and put it aside – only to replace it with another empty box waiting to be filled with something new.

As I walked around Creemore this past week asking people how they were feeling about the New Year, answers varied wildly. Many expressed a work-in-progress philosophy about their lives. They told me that when it comes to making changes in one's life, there is, in fact, no time like the present – be it January 1 or in June.

Other people told me they were looking forward to the New Year because it represented a new beginning in their minds. Made some mistakes? Experienced some ill-will? For these people, January 1 was a most welcome time to start fresh.

Still, there were other nuances to the New Year. Some people recalled saying goodbye to friends they had lost in 2013, whom the New Year would imminently leave behind. Other people were wary of changes the New Year might bring. One fellow said he used every new calendar as the green light to start a new interest or hobby. Still others were thrilled just to have a party to attend on New Year's Eve night.

It is difficult to have a conversation about New Year's without broaching the topic of resolutions. As usual, the old standbys (lose weight, stop smoking, save money) came up. There was solid support for the people who vehemently did not believe in creating resolutions in the first place; they maintained that any day was as good as another for improving oneself or starting something new. I had a number of discussions with people such as Brian Dover (on the front page of this edition), who were thinking about big picture ways to increase peace, love and happiness for all.

Some people were eager to share their goals with me, while others were more secretive about their thoughts. One woman explained that if she set out advertising her resolutions to everybody, she was sure to set herself up for failure. In fact, research shows the opposite is true.

Success, it seems, lies in community. People who set out on their journeys garnering the support of the people around them are more likely to achieve their goals than to fail. Make your goals public, tell your friends what you are doing, share your ideas and seek out peer support. When you reach a goal, celebrate it! When you are feeling challenged, talk about it!

Whatever your goals – in life or at New Year's – remember, we're all in this together.

Kristi Green

LETTER Comment on turbines

Clearview Township has formerly stated to the province that it is an "unwilling host" to wind turbines. Concerns include the process which effectively excludes municipal direction, potentially dangerous effects on the Collingwood Regional Airport, and negative impacts to the scenic quality of our rural/escarpment/Georgian Bay landscape which are intrinsically tied to several aspects of our local economy.

You may have read that the project has now proceeded to the public comment period, and there is a desire to have as many of the public as possible submit comments, so please take a minute or two if you have an interest, and pass on to others you believe would appreciate the opportunity. I believe this is the last chance for the community to have any input on this decision.

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and **Diana Garbutt**, Stayner

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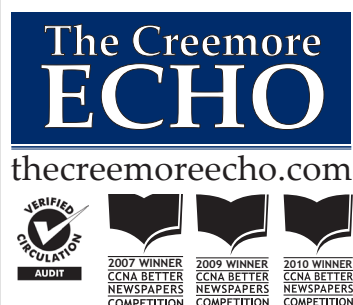
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CORRECTION

The titles of some of the freemasons with the Nitetis #444 Masonic Lodge in Creemore were incorrect in the Friday, December 20 edition of *The Creemore Echo*.

The caption should have read: Brother **Jeff Fachnie**, Junior Warden; Worshipful Brother **Doug Jones**; and Right Worshipful Brother **Michael J. Long**, District Deputy Grand Master Georgian South District.



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Bridge over troubled water

By Chris Raible

The rushing waters of a river made possible the building of a mill that made possible the development of a village. Yet the power that drove the mill, as the name “Mad River” suggests, could be destructive as well as creative. To cross it, a bridge was essential. Yet in a few years, the fierce force of flooding water and crushing ice swept the bridge away. A new seemingly superior bridge, built on firmer foundations, in time was again victim of nature’s might. Yet a third bridge, erected at a better location, after a time was also destroyed.

Over these years, Creemore grew on the level lands safely to the north. Plans for streets and houses to the south of the rushing river were abandoned. In time, the first church, by the burial ground on the hill, and the first school, across the road nearby, moved down into the village, nearer to where most people lived. But those living to the south continued to need a reliable bridge – to reach work or to shop, to learn or pray or curl. And eventually nearly all of us will cross over the bridge, to be laid to final rest in the cemetery.

After several cycles of unreliable construction and reconstruction, an entirely different bridge design was proposed. Instead of erecting

wood and stone supports underneath to prop up the roadway, construct welded trusses above to hold up the roadway. A fabricated steel box could span the river banks, safely above the madding waters and crushing ice below. Such a bridge was not a new idea – thousands of similar structures crossed rivers around the province, around the world, some for half a century or more. Yet this tried-and-true way of building was new to Creemore. After long delays and raging debates over costs and responsibilities, a decision was made. In 1913 James Joseph Drummond – an area builder with reportedly 300 truss bridges to his credit – was commissioned to erect new strong steel structure. And lo, one hundred years later, Drummond’s Collingwood Street bridge still stands.

Collingwood Street is not a thoroughfare through our village. Dead-ended at both ends: it is a residential roadway to and from town. Its bridge has served far longer than any of us can remember – it deserves to be preserved, refurbished, designated and celebrated. For more than a century the bridge has connected our community. Pray let it continue to do so.

Mill Street store closes doors

By Kara McIntosh

After just over three years in business, retail store And Why Not! in downtown Creemore will close its doors over the holidays, so one of its two proprietors can relocate closer to her Alliston home.

Blanche Heck is looking for a new retail space for a store in Alliston, where she lives. Co-proprietor **Anne Scott** will put the space at 145 Mill Street up for rent.

Anne and Blanche first met at the Old Mill House Pub where Heck had been working for 13 years. Scott grew up in Creemore and purchased the building at 145 Mill Street. She was renovating it when the two struck up a friendship and from there the idea for And Why Not! blossomed.

“We were both downsizing our homes and were looking for somewhere to sell some of our things” Scott explained. “Blanche had always wanted a little shop and since I owned the building, it made sense.”

Since September 2010, the shop has been selling items on consignment and has seen almost everything come and go through its doors: snow-blowers, saddles, jewellery, leaf blowers, mink coats, electric fireplaces, a hookah pipe and even a \$5000 table. Scott chuckles when she recalls the strangest piece of art they ever took in and sold: some “sort of antique Viking mallet



And Why Not! on Mill Street

covered in nails.”

According to Scott, the people of Creemore have always been supportive, but most of the shop’s customers are tourists who are attracted by “the oddness of our items.”

And the name? Scott recalls that she wanted a name that started with “A” so that she would be at the top of alphabetical lists. She rolled ideas around and stuck with “And Why Not!” because...well, why not? She says it reflected the nature of the business in so many ways. She even remembers overhearing a woman tell her husband that she wanted to go look in the shop. When the husband asked why, the wife replied, “and why not?”

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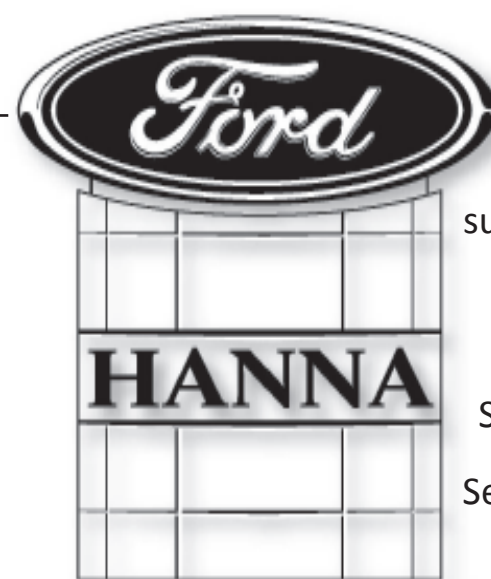
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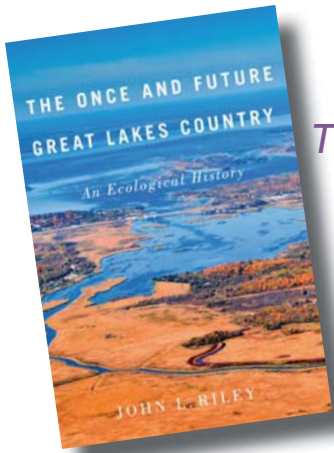
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Tim Armour with Kahlua the horse and Eeyore the donkey

“A Night on the Town (Creemore Style)”

If you’ve been reading your *Echo* carefully, you’ll have noticed that a certain pair of equine friends have received some notoriety in the village. Kahlua the horse and Eeyore the donkey (pictured above) first appeared in an OPP update in the *Echo* in October, when the police were called to investigate the duo’s 2:30 am promenade down Mill Street. One month later, **Tyler Barrette**, who called the OPP originally, brought in a photo he snapped of the runaway horse and donkey in the moonlight, standing in front of a house on Caroline Street. Now, Creemore’s Poet Laureate, **Tim Armour** (writing under a pseudonym, Anne Ominous), brings us the saga from his animals’ perspective.

A horse and a donkey went walking one night,
They took a wee tour round the village.
They stopped at each apple tree for a wee bite,
That’s the equine equivalent of pillage.

But soon someone saw them and cops were called in.
So they tried to hide out in a garden,
For they feared they’d be fettered and then get hauled in.
Not a chance they’d get off with a pardon.

Cops questioned the caller once they got to town,
To be sure that he was sane and stable,
While donkey and horse in a hedge hunkered down,
And they lay low as best they were able.

But soon after someone arrived at the house
On the property where they were hiding,
And, though each was mute as a mole or a mouse,
Still their size gave away their abiding.

That couple then coaxed them with carrots as treats.
Then they captured the two in a snapshot.
With the flash, fright and flight response led to hoofbeats.
Off they flew like a Tim Horton slapshot!

“Let’s head for the hills,” said the donk to the horse.
“This hamlet is getting too hairy;
Between cops on the prowl with their laws to enforce,
And then people who flash me, it’s scary!”

So they headed for home under cover of night,
And they waited for dawn on my doorstep.
Said the horse to the donk as the morning grew light,
“I don’t think that I could go one more step.”

I awoke to the sight of this sad-looking pair
Staring into the window beside me.
So I opened the door and I said then and there,
“Please come in or the neighbours may chide me.”

Now the pastoral scene of a horse eating grass...
Well, there isn’t a picture that’s rosier,
But cruel and vindictive tongues tell me my ass
Is a sore sight for public exposure.

This fanciful tale has now come to an end,
And, due to police intervention,
I’ll sign my “nom the plume” to these lines that I’ve penned
In the hopes of avoiding detention.

Anne Ominous

Echo briefs

Inspect your chimneys

Clearview Fire Department would like to remind all homeowners in Clearview Township to have their chimneys inspected by a chimney sweep every season. Old or faulty chimneys could cause fires in homes. On Monday, December 23, the Fire Department responded to a house fire on Oak Street in Stayner at 2:20 am. Residents called the Fire Department when they noticed smoke coming out of the walls of their bungalow, while having a fire in their fireplace. The two fire fighters who were dispatched used thermal imaging cameras to find the source of the fire and contain it. The cause was a cracked flu in the chimney, which was more than 40 years old. Two people were displaced from the home due to the fire and had to make alternate plans for the holidays. Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** estimated there was about \$100,000 in damage to the main floor of the house.

New \$7.5 million trails at Blue

Blue Mountain opened six new trails on 64 acres of land for skiers and snowboarders on Tuesday, December 24. The \$7.5-million investment is the largest, on-hill development Blue Mountain has undertaken in the last 30 years. Called The Orchard, the trails include a high-speed, six-person chairlift, night lighting and snowmaking infrastructure. The Orchard’s trails were cut in 1987, but remained undeveloped until recently. Blue Mountain is currently hosting a contest until Friday, January 10, in which one person will win 60 minutes of private access to The Orchard with four friends, plus skis, snowboards and overnight accommodations. The Orchard’s Grand Opening ceremony is planned for Friday, January 17.

Probation, fine for ex-Fire Chief

Former Clearview Fire Chief **Bob McKean** was sentenced to 18 months probation, given an 18-month driving ban, and ordered to pay a \$3,500 fine and perform 100 hours of community service in a Burlington Court on Wednesday, December 18. McKean was stopped by OPP last June when he was driving the wrong direction on a highway near Milton with his three children in the vehicle. He was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with over 80 mgs of alcohol and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

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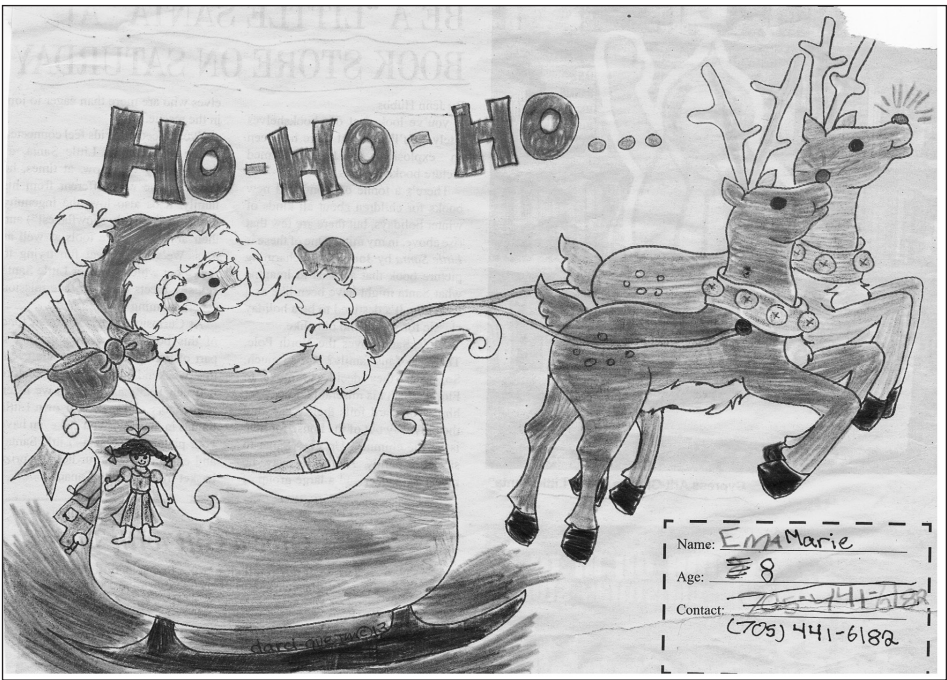


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BIG HEARTS, FESTIVE HEARTS – John VanVoorst and Karl Siefert enjoy themselves, Santa-style, at the Big Heart Seniors Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 19 at the Creemore Legion Hall. Here’s ho-ho-hoping you had a good Christmas, too!



COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of *The Creemore Echo*’s Christmas Colouring Contest are in! Choosing winners was extra-difficult this year due to a resounding response from participants. In all, the *Echo* received more than 20 entries. Thank you to everyone who participated!

- Winners:
- Nolan, age 4
 - Ryan, age 4
 - Hannah, age 6
 - Kaspar, age 6
 - Zoe, age 8
 - Ema Marie, age 8
 - Anjoli, age 9

Honourable mention:
Linda Cockton, age 67

DUFFERIN COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

County of Dufferin Official Plan Project Notice of Public Information Sessions

The County of Dufferin is undertaking the preparation of the first County Official Plan. The purpose of the first series of Public Information Sessions is to receive your input into the study, and discuss issues and options which should be addressed in the County Official Plan.

The County Official Plan will be a “common voice” and establish policy direction on matters of County significance such as growth management, the promotion of economic development objectives, and the natural environment and resources. Detailed land use planning will continue to be managed and administered locally through the local municipal official plans which will remain in place to guide local decision making.

Plan to attend one of the two Public Information Sessions meetings and provide input for the Official Plan.

TWO PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Saturday, January 11, 2014	Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Dufferin Oaks Auditorium 151 Centre St, Shelburne Time 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Presentation @ 10:30 a.m.	County of Dufferin Offices (Atrium) 55 Zina Street, Orangeville Time 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presentation @ 7:30 p.m.

Note: Both Public Consultation Sessions will cover the same material

You are encouraged to provide comments on the preparation of the New County Official Plan. The **Draft Background, Issues and Options Report** is available for review on the County’s Official Plan project webpage at: <http://www.dufferincounty.ca/planning/> or at the municipal offices.

Questions regarding the preparation of the New County Official Plan should be directed to:

Tracey Atkinson, MCIP, RPP
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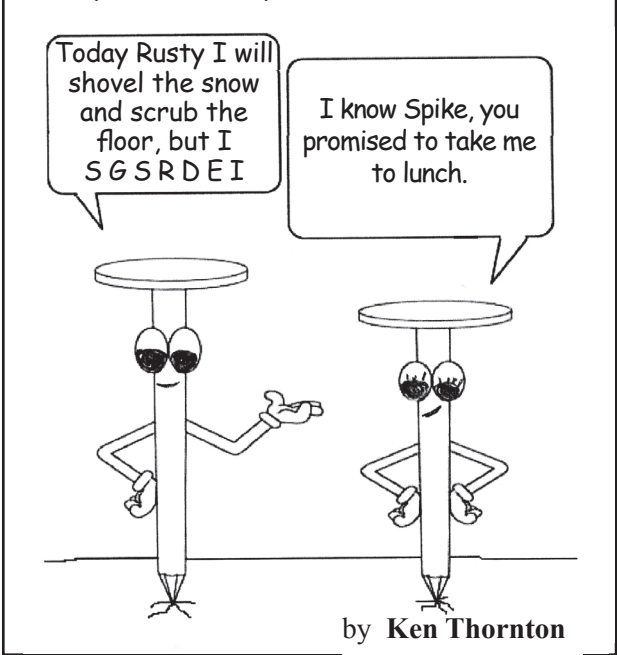
FUN & Games

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, January 3

Cloudy periods
High -16 Low -22 Winds N 10 km/h
POP 10%

Saturday, January 4

Few flurries
High -4 Low -10 Winds SW 25 km/h
POP 40%

Sunday, January 5

Scattered flurries
High -2 Low -6 Winds N 10 km/h
POP 40%

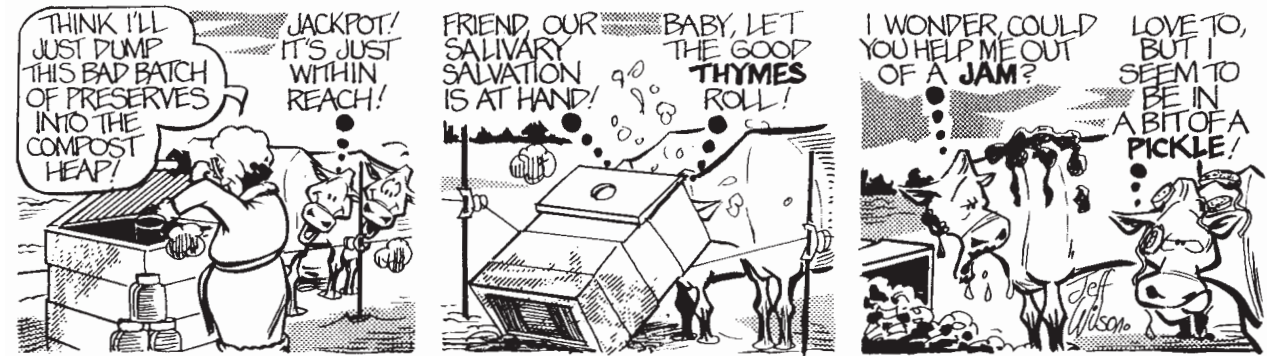
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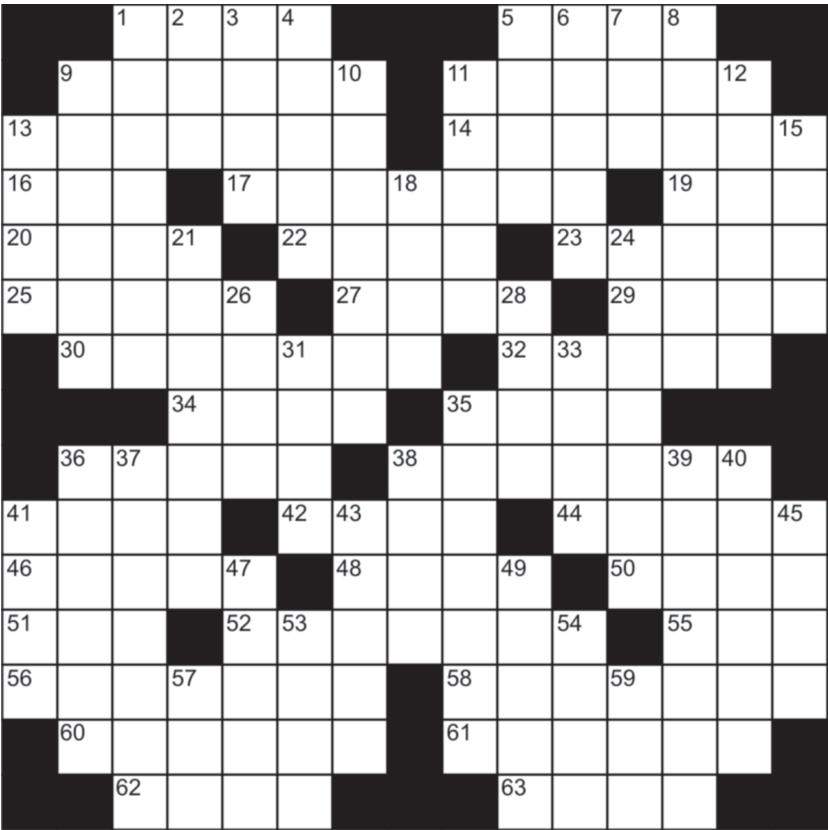
January 3, 2013

ACROSS

- Electronic junk mail
- Wise one
- Object of adoration
- Narrative
- Slalom contestant
- Ready to eat
- College in Vancouver
- Provide food for a reception
- Burden
- Be in a precarious position
- Sorrow
- Eggs
- Copypat's words
- Hair clasp
- Of hearing
- Mixture of wonder and dread
- Cheats out of money
- Prove to be mistaken
- Minded the kids
- Game scoreless on one side
- Not in good health
- Ambulance's warning
- As a result
- Fossil fuel
- Cod-liver oil, for one
- Wealth
- Reason to use a paper towel
- Fell unwell
- Small electric generator
- Slope-roofed shed
- Subtle emanation
- In the country
- Noisy outburst
- Be a leading performer
- Lending at exorbitant interest
- Rational
- Unspecified amount
- Try to find
- Therefore

DOWN

- Restore deleted text
- Top of the head
- South African plant
- Experienced and trusted adviser
- Jamaican music
- Small island in a river
- Birds that honk
- List of printing mistakes
- Magnetite, e.g.
- Have an evening meal
- Creative piece of work
- Not as much of
- Relieve itching
- Day before a holiday
- Have reservations
- Cough drop flavour
- Lowest musical part
- Look forward to
- Modelled on a style of fashion from the past
- Spy on racehorses
- Make straight
- Fragrant flower
- First course, often
- Different
- Shoot from a concealed place
- More often than not
- Trap in an unpleasant situation
- Kind of fruit
- Be deceptive
- Go by
- Parasitic insect
- Accumulation
- Self prefix
- Metric weight
- Go up to
- Strong taste



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December 27 Answer

Creemore Centric is coming to town

The 7th annual Creemore Centric community art free-for-all is upon us. The official submission date was last Monday and the show started being hung during the week so all entries can be on the wall ready for bidding on Saturday, January 4

at 2 pm. So, if you haven't already, run as fast as you can to drop off your canvas to the ever-affable and accommodating **Lyne Burek**, co-owner of the Mad and Noisy Gallery. The strength of Creemore Centric is that it is a broad-based community event that contributes in many ways to the community at a slow time of year. It helps all established and budding artists, retailers in town, collectors and all community-minded Creemoreans.

Traditionally a fundraiser for the Mad and Noisy Gallery, which, until last year, was a not-for-profit artist-run collective, Creemore Centric now benefits the Mad and Noisy Gallery and participating artists. On Sunday, February 2 at 2 pm sharp, the final live auction begins. Please circle these dates on your calendar because you don't want to miss a ton of fun. You might also lose the opportunity to start collecting art at a fraction of the price of a retail gallery.

This is a chance for collectors to find and encourage new talent. Part of Lyne's job is to help budding artists get over their fear of showing for the

ART BEAT



Martha
BULL

first time. It can be scary to put your heart and soul before the public, and then watch it be auctioned off to the highest bidder. However, it is also a good proving ground and a great opportunity to talk to others about what they see in your piece. And because

Creemore has a large community of "friends of the arts," this is a fine place for a beginner painter to share their vision.

Painter **Peter Adams's** son, **Arran**, bought a painting last year from a new artist. He "just had to have it" and thus began collecting art at the age of 10. This is exactly the kind mind-broadening experience that Creemore Centric brings us. There are some in town who have built sizeable collections of exquisite art from local artists by attending this event. The auction prices run from \$25 to about \$300 and there are no reserve bids allowed over \$100.

Creemore Centric was started to fill the post-Christmas void when people traditionally hunker down and stop looking for buying opportunities. It encourages artists to get working again, even through the dark days. It helps all artists and would-be artists who are usually natural optimists to start thinking about the coming year... and spring is really close.

Like all fabulous traditions, the Creemore Centric art event hit a



"Hoot" by Laurie Foote is a 2014 Creemore Centric submission

friendly nerve in the community right away, to the gratified surprise of participating artists; from 60 submissions in 2007 to about 115 in 2012. The event has had a strong steady growth. The auction always has an excited crowd – usually over 60 strong. There are submissions from kids as well, which usually are fought over by parents and grandparents. I am hoping to see some more wild and woolly submissions from the very talented kid-pool in town. As we saw at the Creemore Arts Festival in October, there are a great number

of accomplished artists in this area whose work I am excited to see again.

I will let you know what happens at the auction. If you have any lovely or harrowing stories about your submissions, please let me know. I myself am staring at my submission, which is just short of done. Is it ready? Did I mess up the finishing coat? Should I have put an extra glaze on it? Will I have to buy it back because no one will bid on it?

But really... I am just excited to see how you all like it.

Please come.

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BINGO

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Jeanette Poste** on your retirement after a wonderful 32 years in the dentistry industry.
From the Creemore community

LOST / FOUND

Lost **KEYS** while shopping in Creemore on December 23. They have a dancer key chain and a black Volvo key on them. If found, please bring to *The Creemore Echo*.

IN MEMORIAM

MACKAY, Alice (LEE) – Sept 14 1904-Dec 30 2011
In loving memory of my dear mother
Always a smile, instead of a frown
Always a hand, when one was down
Always true, thoughtful and kind
Wonderful memories, she left behind
Daughter Shirley

THANK YOU

Shirley Fachnie – We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends, families and everyone for their kindness, friendship and generosity after the passing of our wife and mother. The cards, phone calls, food and kind words have been especially comforting. A special thank you to Dr. Hutching, Sunnybrook Hospital, CCAC (Elaine, Erin and Ursula), Fawcett's Funeral Home (Jim Henderson), Ladies of the Anglican Church, Bob Stephenson and MacDonald's Construction. The support we've been given during this difficult time has been overwhelming – thank you so very much. Dave, Jeffery, Jarrod, Jill Anne and Jed

The School Council of Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School would like to thank our wonderful community for making the Nottawasaga and Creemore "Breakfast with Santa" a huge success!

We would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank the following members of our community for their help and support in donating food and beverages for our breakfast, tables for our patrons. We would also like to thank all the businesses who so kindly donated to our silent auction. Without your generous support our event would not have been the success that it is.

Thank you to: Johnny & Marie Miller "Miller's Dairy" for their amazing milk; Hoffman's for their very yummy sausages; Creemore Coffee Company for their delicious coffee and hot chocolate; Don Akehurst from the Sovereign Restaurant for the use of his tables; Creemore Legion for the use of their tables.

Thank you to Silent Auction donations: Affairs Bakery; Curiosity House; Cardboard Castles; 100 Mile Store; Cheryl Coburn's Crafts; Mad River Vets; Chez Michel; Creemore Home Hardware; Bank Café; Seasons; Strandz; Ms. Design – Marcy Stewart; Jen from the Blue House; The Underhill Family; The Shopkeepers Daughter; Kate Ward Designs; Pizza Perfect; Life's a Slice – Creemore; Life's a Slice – New Lowell; Creemore Kitchen; Scenic Caves; Salon 2000; Clearview Soccer Club; Clearview Tea Company; Village Pharmacy; Old Mill House; Sue Miller of Mill Street Art Studio; Sue Maxwell; Sola Side Door; Moya Boya; Martha Bull; Mad & Noisy Gallery; Mansfield Ski Club; Devil's Glen Ski Club; Reinhart Foods Ltd.; Blundstone; Florist Fairy; Columbia Sport Wear; Scandinave Spa.

Thank you also to the staff and students at NCPS for all their hard work and to Santa for his Ho-Ho-Ho's.
Merry Christmas, NCPS School Council

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Rene Cornelissen** for the Christmas bread fresh out of the oven!
The Creemore Echo

Thank you to **David Bruce Johnson** for shovelling our steps!
The Creemore Echo

GOOD FOOD BOX

The Good Food Box Program, a volunteer run organization, helps families eat a healthier diet with fresh fruit and vegetables. Order and by Wednesday, January 8 by phoning St. Luke's Anglican Church and leave a message 705-466-2206. Pick up & pay on Wednesday, January 15. \$10/small or \$15/large.

DEATH NOTICE

SIMPSON, Mae passed away peacefully on Monday, December 30, 2013 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late Oscar Simpson (2006). Loving mother of Kathy and her husband Peter Dodd of Creemore. Cherished grandmother of Kimberley and Colin. Mae is survived by her sister Lorna Dennison (late Don), sister-in-law Greta (late Keith Leighton) and June Simpson (late Ken); predeceased by her brother Harvey Leighton (late Marjorie) and her sister Bernice Chipchase (late Andy). Visitation will be held on Friday, January 3, 2014 from 7 to 9 pm at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. Funeral service will take place at 2 pm on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at St. John's United Church. Spring interment at Creemore Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John's United Church, Creemore Legion, Creemore Union Cemetery, Creemore Medical Centre Expansion or Alzheimer Society. Friends may visit Mae's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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A big hug to the following for their delightful gift of instrumental & vocal entertainment: Hazel, David & Karina Wipper, Ken Robertson, and Emily Fischl.

Special thanks to the following: Rudi & Theo of Meeser's Tree Services Inc; Brent & Gillian of the New Farm; the MacEacherns of Stonehedge Farm; Ori & Judy Johnston, Audrey & Harold Davidson, and Graham & Amy of Fiddle Foot Farm for produce from their gardens; Janette & Warren of Morrison Farm for apples for desserts & fundraising, and to Doug & Ardith Cochrane for storing the apples.

Hugs to the following: Foodland for the cheese trays & discount on our food order; to Sam & Caesar of Creemore Kitchen for their surprise gift of delicious cake & cookies; to darci-que for her gift of a spectacular "tree" cake; Karen & David of Creemore Coffee Inc, and to Kate & Roland Fleming for storing all our equipment. Even more hugs to all the wonderful homebakers from throughout the community who supplied a vast assortment of delicious treats for the dessert tables.

Our deepest gratitude to all the caring volunteers ages 7 to 96 who gave willingly & generously of their time & energy to ensure the event would be a success, to all with cameras who agreed to share their photos for our scrapbook, and to assistants in the kitchen Natalie Seltzer, Paul Caddo & Robyn Gignac.

Thanks to the following who agreed without hesitation to help me coordinate this event: Jim Henderson, Kathy Meeser, Ken Robertson, Gertrude King, Ken Thornton, and my husband Brian McKay.
Sincerely, Diane McKay


Spike & Rusty: DIGRESS

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Take a moment or two to relax over the the winter hibernation season. Bring your family into your favourite library branch and investigate all the treasure that we have on our shelves. We really do have something to entertain and educate every member from 0 to 99 years of age. Plan to turn a page of a good book – be it a bestseller or a classic novel. Listen to an audio book or a musical CD and check out our extensive collections of DVDS. You will forget the howling winds, snow, and ice by using your gift of your library membership to prevent the winter blues.

As the days are getting longer and spring is just around the corner, our thoughts are about creating our Library Outreach Programming schedule. Please mark these events on your 2014 calendar. We will be participating in the Health & Leisure Showcase, the Victoria



LIBRARY NEWS

Day Celebrations and the Clearview Trail Mixer. There will be a library booth featuring crafts and books for sale at the Creemore, Stayner and Sunnidale's Farmers' Markets this summer or visit us at the Gathering of the Classics in Edenvale, the Battle of the Nancy Re-enactment in Wasaga Beach and the Copper Kettle Festival in Creemore.

Our March Break activities and TD Summer Reading Program are in the formation process building upon the success of our Story Hours for 2 1/2 to 5 years of age, Ontario Early Years sessions and the Reading Circle. Watch for more details about these special events. If you would like to learn more about or join these kid-friendly programs, please ask the circulation staff at 705-466-3011 (Creemore Branch).

Please consider this your invitation to be an active part of your library in 2014. Not only do we have the three branches here at The Clearview Public Library but we have a reciprocal arrangement with the Essa and Base Borden Public and Military Libraries. This means that you have access to six different collections and to a universe of "edu-entertainment"!

See you at The Clearview Public Library in 2014!



THE WINTER ROSE – Voices rang out with song at the choral performance of The Winter Rose at St. John's United Church on Saturday, December 14. Presented by Creemore Pastoral Charge Senior Choir featuring guests, The Creemore Community Youth Choir.



A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR RAY'S PLACE – The organizers of the Holiday Home Tour, which is held in Collingwood annually, presented a donation of \$2,100 to Ray's Place, just in time for Christmas. Back row (left to right): **Adrienne Anderson**, Habitat Interiors; **Sandra Green**, Executive Director, Ray's Place; **Doug Mills**, Board Member, Ray's Place; **Karen Willison** and **Russell Allen**, home owners. Front row: **Christine Pritchard**, Habitat Interiors; and **Marcy Stewart**, Ms. Design. Karen and Russel won the prize for Habitat Interior and Ms. Design's decoration of Culham House in Thornbury.

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