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**ONE LUCKY GUY – Bill Coulter** expresses his excitement after winning Creemore Springs Brewery's Mad and Noisy Contest for a weekend for two to Amsterdam. Bill's name was randomly chosen out of 130,000 entries to the contest. Some people were so set on winning, they entered every day for five months. But Bill? He only tried once! Read more on the story on page 5 of this week's edition.

## Impaired driving charges down

By Kristi Green

The Ontario Provincial Police reported significantly fewer impaired driving charges and warn range suspensions during their 2013 Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

While RIDE programs occur throughout the year, the Festive RIDE, held from November 23, 2013 to January 2, 2014, is a campaign intended to increase awareness about drinking and driving during the holiday season.

Across the province, the OPP issued 578 impaired driving charges and 481 warn range suspensions during the Festive RIDE. (Warn range suspensions are given when individuals register a blood alcohol reading of .05 to .08 on an approved screening device.)

These numbers are down from last year's campaign, when 693 impaired driving charges and 625 warn range suspensions were laid.

In a press release, the OPP stated that, "While the OPP is pleased to see the numbers significantly lower in both categories, this year's charges still serve as a reminder that a small number of impaired drivers threatened the lives of other road users over the holidays."

In Clearview, the OPP conducted 58 RIDE checks this year. Altogether, 3,044 vehicles were stopped including 53 snowmobiles. Only one roadside test (See "RIDE" on page 3)

## Local fundraisers raise money for Philippines effort

By Kristi Green

Two Clearview residents mobilized their friends, families and coworkers after hearing a call for help from the other side of the world.

On Monday, December 23, **Patricia Cleary Clark**, owner of Mountain Ash Farm bed and breakfast in Mulmur, delivered a cheque for \$3,500 to Red Cross Emergency Services for typhoon relief in the Philippines.

That amount was matched, dollar by dollar, by the Canadian government, to provide relief services to people who had been affected by typhoon Haiyan, which took approximately 6,000 lives in early November.

Clark raised the money by hosting a fundraiser at Mountain Ash's official invitation-only opening in

October. For \$35, guests enjoyed food and prizes from local businesses such as Chez Michel, The Sovereign, the 100 Mile Store, Sola's Side Door Gourmet and Creemore Springs Brewery. Clark also provided music by composer **Chris Smith** and saxophonist **Turner King**, and collected private donations from some guests.

"We have always had a great deal of fun hosting parties and events when my mother and father were alive, so it's sort of a family tradition...*Québécois joie de vivre*, I suppose, as my family moved to Toronto from Montreal in the 1950s," Clark said.

At the time of her event, she didn't know which Red Cross initiative she would donate the money to. Then, she read about the typhoon. "There are lots (See "Sending" on page 3)



Red Cross' Kathy MacLeod (left) and Patricia Cleary Clark





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## Upcoming Events

### Friday, January 10

- **Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary Friday Night Supper.** 5 to 6:45 pm at Creemore Legion. Soup, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, buns, butter, coffee, tea, black forest cake. Adults \$13, Seniors \$12.

### 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.

### Sunday, January 12

- **Church Services.** See page 5.
- **United Church:** 2 Worship Services – New Lowell at 10:15 am & St. John's at 11:30 am.

### 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](http://www.manicimprov.com)

### Sunday, January 19

- **Free Golf Challenge & Fun Day** from 11 am to 3 pm at Smith Brothers Baseball Central, 9 Greengage Road, New Lowell. Free entry to event with donation of a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. Don't miss "Golf tips from **Debbie Clum**" from 1 to 2 pm. 10% off clinics if you sign up for this event. Call 705-424-0427 or [kelly@baseballcentral.ca](mailto:kelly@baseballcentral.ca) to register.

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**FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD – Matthew Fuller** stands with some of the children he volunteered with at the Regional Rehabilitational Centre for Youth in Tanauan, Philippines in the spring of 2011.

## Sending help whenever and wherever needed

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of good causes, but that one did it for me,” she said.

Creemore resident **Matthew Fuller** also coordinated a fundraiser for typhoon relief at his workplace, the Creemore Springs Brewery, where he is the Event Coordinator. In spring of 2011, Fuller spent two months living with a family in Tacloban City, which has since been destroyed by the typhoon. While he was living there, Fuller volunteered at the Regional Rehabilitational Centre for Youth in the neighbouring village of Tanauan.

“While living in Tacloban City, I made many close friends and have only heard news of a few of them since the disaster,” Fuller said. “Life in this Third World country is hard to begin with, and now that families have had what little they had taken from them, life is going to be a struggle for many.”

To raise money to help, Fuller posted a request for donations at his workplace, explaining his connection to the area. The \$770 that the brewery’s employees donated was matched by the brewery itself, before being doubled once again by the Canadian government for a total donation of \$3,080 to the Red Cross.

For Clark, raising money for the Red Cross is something she has been committed to for years. A longtime volunteer for the organization, Clark was as an Emergency Shelter Manager in Oakville for 10 years, coordinating “mock disasters” each year in which members of the police, fire department, Salvation Army and Red Cross worked together to set up a shelter in response to a pretend emergency situation.

However, her connection to emergency support is also an emotional one. During her first real call for emergency support – the ice storm of 1999, which spread from New York to Kingston – her uncle died in Hudson, Quebec while clearing tree limbs off the roof of his house. And with the recent ice storm in Ontario on her mind, Cleary continues to think of ways to help people through the Red Cross organization.

“Since the train derailment in Quebec, floods in Alberta and exodus of Syrians to Turkey, in all touch with friends and family I wanted to reacquaint people with the good work Red Cross/Red Crescent does locating lost loved ones, and providing food and shelter here and around the world,” she said.

## Echo briefs

### Not too late to get your flu shot

It’s still possible to visit your pharmacy or physician for a flu shot. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit reports there is still ample supply of flu vaccine available. In addition, the Health Unit says the vaccine is an excellent match to the flu this year, as it includes protection against the H1N1 strain, which has been dominant across Canada. This year, the Health Unit reports that there has been slightly less flu activity than the five-year average in the region. By January 3, there were 69 lab-confirmed cases of influenza, with the majority being H1N1.

### Grocery gift cards for ice storm victims

Today is the last day Dufferin County is giving grocery gift cards for Shoppers Drug Mart to residents who were hardest hit by the recent ice storm. The intent of the program is to provide limited assistance to households that wouldn’t be able to replace damaged food. Individuals and families who were without power for 48 hours or more will receive gift cards of \$50 for individuals and \$100 for families. Individuals who meet the criteria can apply for a gift card at the Community Services offices at 30 Centre Street in Orangeville from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm by Friday, January 10.

### New President for Collingwood hospital

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Board of Trustees has appointed **Guy Chartrand** to the position of President and CEO. Chartrand will start in the position in April. Chartrand was the President and Chief Executive Officer for both the Mattawa General Hospital and the Mattawa Seniors Living organization. He was also the President and CEO of the Notre Dame Hospital in Hearst.

### Foodland changes hands

The former owners of the Foodland store in Creemore have sold the store back to its parent company, Candico. **Gail and Steve Martin** left the business on November 30, 2013 after several years of ownership. Since then, it has been managed by **Paul McCartney**, who is the Manager of Stayner’s Foodland. Foodland has retained the same staff, and McCartney has made one hire. The Martins did not return the *Echo*’s requests for more information.

## RIDE statistics

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was conducted.

In Clearview, Wasaga Beach and Springwater Township, OPP laid 13 impaired driving charges and issued seven warnings. In Simcoe County, OPP laid 74 driving-related charges and issued 36 warnings. (The statistics for Clearview alone were not available.)

“These numbers are all lower than last year’s,” said Provincial Constable **Mark Kinney** of the Huronia West OPP. “I see a positive trend towards the reduction of drinking and driving. However, all it takes is one driver making a bad choice to cause tragedy. As such, we as a community must stay vigilant and do our part to stop drinking and driving.”



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## THE WAY WE WERE



*Zion Church 1951 Rev. Eagle minister at left.*

**Gayle Millsap** came to the *Echo* office the other day with this photograph of the Zion Church members in 1951. It shows the Reverend Glenn Eagle (far left) with his first congregation once he returned to Creemore after retiring from missionary work in western Canada. Eagle's daughter still lives in Creemore, Gayle reports, and his family return regularly to visit.

**Do you have an old photograph, which you would like to share?**  
An ancestor with a top hat and a prize-winning lizard collection, perhaps? Great Uncle Seymour dancing on the barn roof? Or that time Grandmother won the Great Tea Cozy Hat Contest of 1949? We'd love to see it! Email info@thecreemoreecho.com or visit 3 Caroline Street West.

## EDITORIAL

### Cold hands? Warm your heart

Fingers frozen? Cheeks chilled? Nose nippy?

Take heart, neighbours... this week's edition of *The Creemore Echo* is sure to thaw even the frostiest feelings.

Pick it up! Open its pages! Bask in the warm glow of its fonts and styles! Hug it!

Feel better yet?

You will if you've read the story about two people in the area who are finding a way to help a country in need on the other side of the world (see page 1).

Patti Clark is a longtime volunteer who has no connection to the Philippines herself, but has raised money to help people who were hit by November's typhoon. For her, the message is about being there to provide emergency support to anyone who needs it.

For Matt Fuller, who spent two months living in the Philippines two years ago, he lives with the reality of not knowing the whereabouts of some of his facebook friends who haven't been responding online. While he hopes it is only a matter of Internet access, he mobilized his co-workers to collect money to contribute for aid. And although his efforts resulted in a more-than-\$3000 donation, he acts as though it were no big deal.

What do you care about? What makes you tick? How do you stretch yourself outside of the scope of your everyday routine?

Let us know, Creemore. Tell us your stories. We are your community newspaper and we are made from the stories that make you.

It can be an action, a commitment or something as inspiring as Patti and Matt's initiatives. Something that puts a spark in your senses, a jump in your spirit or an idea in your brain. The things that, in the depths of winter darkness, bring light.

It can melt the heart. Even on the coldest of days.

**Kristi Green**

## LETTER

### Next steps for bridge committee

As chairman of the Collingwood Street Bridge Committee, I want to thank all those who attended and spoke at the December 9 Clearview Council meeting. I also thank Deputy Mayor Alicia Savage, Councillor Shawn Davidson and Councillor Thom Paterson, who clearly heard the voice of the people, for their support.

It is a sad day in Clearview when the voice of the people is totally ignored. Despite a strong show of support for saving and restoring the bridge, Council decided to ignore the electorate and proceed with their own agenda to tear down our 100-year-old heritage bridge and replace it with a two-lane concrete overpass.

It is disappointing to think that Clearview Council is unwilling to present the Preservation Designation and Rehabilitation Option of the Bridge to Simcoe County Council.

I find it hard to believe that the other 15 Mayors and Deputy Mayors who sit on Simcoe County Council wouldn't be willing to listen to and support a solution that would save over a million dollars, had they been presented with the restoration option.

As it turns out, the decision by Clearview Council, not to even consider the merits of the heritage designation option, clearly indicates that they will decide what is best for Creemore.

This pre-emptive disregard of public input in the democratic process is unacceptable. Following the Council decision, I have heard repeatedly, "It doesn't matter what we say or do, Council will do whatever they want regardless of what the taxpayers wishes," or "It doesn't matter what Creemore wants, all the decisions are made in Stayner."

I am happy to report that if anything, the outcome of the Council meeting strengthened the resolve of the Bridge Committee and community supporters to

carry on the fight. To summarize, our position is as follows: designate the century-old truss bridge as a heritage structure, which, in turn requires the County to preserve and restore it; restore the single-lane bridge to meet all required load and safety standard; add a protected pedestrian walkway and approach walk; and save a million dollars in the process by restoring rather than reconstructing an imposing concrete structure.

I returned home from the Council meeting to find an email from Isherwood Consulting Engineers in Mississauga offering a \$10,000 donation to Clearview from their Architectural Conservancy in support of restoration. This is but one indication of the grassroots support for this iconic structure.

I urge all concerned residents not to give up. Our committee is committed to the goal of preserving and restoring the bridge. It forms an integral part of Clearview's brand and character along with charming historic architecture, scenic escarpment and rural landscapes. These assets are why people choose to live, work and visit Clearview as tourists.

We will be reporting back to the public as we make progress in obtaining both the heritage designation and rehabilitation of the Collingwood Street Bridge.

**Barry Burton, Creemore**

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# Local man wins big in brewery vacation contest

By Kristi Green

Although a whopping 130,000 people from across Canada entered the Creemore Springs Brewery's Mad and Noisy contest to win a vacation for two to Amsterdam, the chances are pretty high that you know the fellow who won.

**Bill Coulter**, a part-time server at the Sovereign Restaurant (and former owner of the establishment), discovered the good news when he checked his email after work on Monday, December 30.

Bill entered the contest back in June on the second day it opened after finding a post about it from the brewery on his facebook page. Then, he promptly forgot about it – until last week.

"When I checked my email, I almost fell off my chair!" said Bill, who lives in Anten Mills. "I had to read it twice."

Creemore Springs held the contest in honour of the 2013 launch of its new brewing company, Mad and Noisy, whose beverages deviate from Creemore Springs' traditionally brewed beer.

For his prize, Bill opted not to be sent away to Amsterdam, choosing instead a cash-value cheque for \$4,000 he put toward an eastern Caribbean cruise he has already booked in February.

"While Creemore Springs would have been extremely proud to have any resident of Canada win the weekend to Amsterdam, it certainly was a nice surprise to have someone close to our Brewery – a neighbour and friend – claim the prize," read a press release from the Brewery. "It would appear that Bill is a one in a million type of guy!"



Stephanie McLarty and Bill Coulter

**Stephanie McLarty**, Marketing Manager at the Creemore Springs, agreed. For the last four years, Stephanie has connected with Bill through the Sovereign and the Vespra Hill Golf Club in Midhurst, where he also works.

"It made my Christmas to get his

reaction and to know who it was," Stephanie said. "It's such a small world; it's like a cosmic reaction. We were thrilled it was Bill!"

Bill seems to have overcome some serious competition on the contest scene. While she was going through the entries, Stephanie noticed that

some people had entered the contest every day for five months. However, Bill only entered once.

In spite of this, Bill does not feel he is an unusually lucky person. But perhaps this win will convince him otherwise. "I need to start buying lottery tickets," he said.

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**STUFFED ANIMAL** – **Al Clarke** sent us this photograph of a cougar taken by an Albertan friend in the foothills of the Rockies. Clarke has set up "critter cams," as he calls them, on his property in the hopes of capturing the elusive "Mulmur Cougar." Unfortunately, the cougar above is no longer so elusive. After noticing the cougar watching his grandchildren play, Clarke's friend "arranged to have him delivered to the local taxidermist," he said.



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# Winners abound at Curling

By David Millsap  
The Creemore Curling Club has just completed their pre-Christmas league schedules. Some of our best curlers are pictured in the paper holding their prized trophies for coming in first place in their respective leagues. For the rest of us, the new leagues start in January and will provide another opportunity to claim a trophy.

Over the season, I have heard some questions come up, like why is **Fred Mills** the most called-on spare in the Ladies League? And what are those daytime curlers up to while the rest of us are working?

I stopped in to see the daytime curlers after their final game to present my grandparents' trophy. While some were busy preparing lunch (which smelled like I should hang around), the rest were socializing and making as much noise as we do during our evening leagues. Great to see our daytime curlers are such an energetic and fun group!

One of our newest members, **Pam Reid**, was telling me she didn't realize how much fun she was having one night in the Mixed League until she looked at the clock and realized it was three hours past her bedtime! The Mixed curlers ended their pre-Christmas league with a Secret Santa game and there was no shortage of laughs when the gift stealing began.

The Men's schedule always ends with the men cooking (or maybe I should say "warming up") food. The Men's league has its share of characters including **Paul Belcourt** with his Rob Ford impersonations, and **Ron Coulter** confessing that he is thinking of starting a family to fill up his new house in town. Then



**CURLERS IN THE HOUSE** – Players at the Creemore Curling Club intensely ponder a rock as it finishes its slide toward the button earlier this season. While the Club's first session of league games has now finished, there are two more before the end of the season. Call the Club at 705-466-3388 if you would like to get involved.

there is **Phil Stevenson** who lifts his head after sweeping a rock the length of the ice and asks, "Who the heck signed me up for this sport?"  
With the pre-Christmas Leagues completed, the Club will be busy for the balance of the season with five leagues and six scheduled bonspiels. In mid-January, the NCPS Grade Six electives will take place followed by after-school curling for students in Grades 6 to 8. The Club door hinges will not be seizing up anytime soon.



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# Club's pre-Christmas draw



**MCARTHUR FAMILY TROPHY** — Ladies' League winners (left to right): **Gayle Millsap** (Skip), **Betsy Wright** (Vice), **Norma Panzine** (Second) and **Glenda Brown** (Spare), presented by **Milton McArthur**. (Absent: Sara Sniderhan.)



**GORDON MILLER MEMORIAL TROPHY** — Men's League winners (left to right): **Brian Carruthers** (Lead), **Bill Crysdale** (Second), **Graham McDonald** (Vice) and **Andrew Millsap** (Skip), presented by **Neil Rowbotham**.



**ALFRED AND ELIZA MILLSAP TROPHY** — Men's League (Daytime) winners (left to right): **Peter Long** (Lead), **Linda Wright** (Second), **Milton McArthur** (Vice) and **Bill McDougall** (Skip), presented by **David Millsap**.



**JAMAR FARM TROPHY** — Mixed League winners (left to right): **Danielle Fournel** (Spare), **Matthew McBride** (Second), **Karen Crevier** (Vice) and **Paul Crevier** (Skip), presented by **Marilyn Steed**. (Absent: Jill Johnson.)





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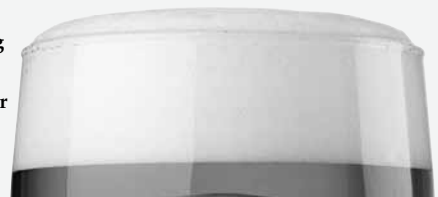
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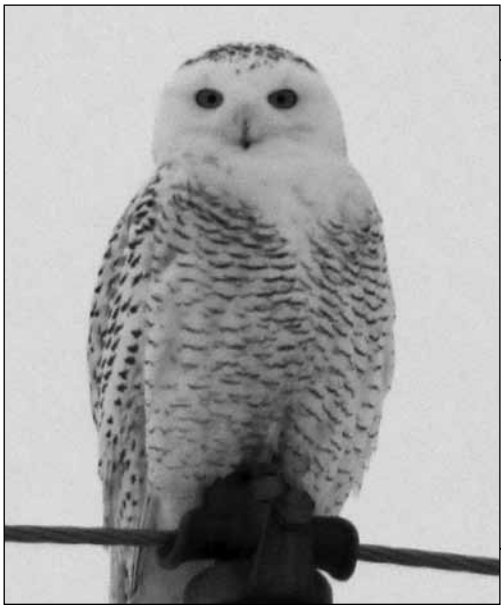
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# Seen & Heard




**WHO’S THERE? – Meredith Cudney** noticed this fellow resting at the top of a hydro pole on her way to Honeywood in December. She says it’s the first time in her life seeing a snowy owl. However, since then, she has seen two of the birds, as well as one grey owl, which she says frequent certain hydro poles along Highway 124 and on County Road 21.



**PRIZEGIVING – Rachel Doucette** picked up her *darci-que*-donated prizes at the *Echo* office for her entry in this year’s Christmas colouring contest. If you participated in the colouring contest but haven’t picked up your prize, come visit the *Echo* sometime this week!



**CONGRATULATIONS! –** Creemore’s novice rep team won the Consolation Champion title at the Coldwater Minor Hockey Novice Tournament on Saturday, January 4. Pictured are the winners (back row, left to right): **Miles Dempsey, Ike Nicholson, Megan Woodhouse, Landon Grant, Justin Rowbotham, Luke Millsap, Titus Ruttan** and **Matthew Gray**. Front row: **Brady Reynolds, Gage Breedon, Sawyer Lammle** and **Jakob Hayward**.



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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
<p>Dufferin Oaks Auditorium 151 Centre St, Shelburne Time 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Presentation @ 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>County of Dufferin Offices (Atrium) 55 Zina Street, Orangeville Time 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presentation @ 7:30 p.m.</p>

*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:

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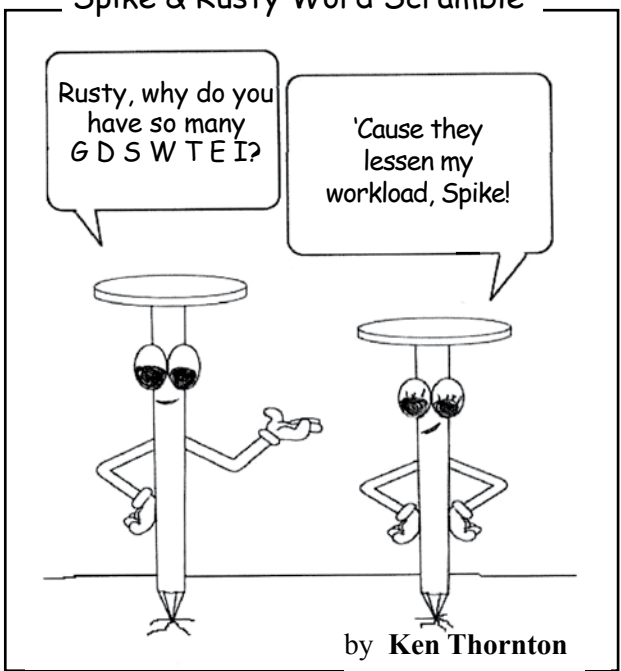
# FUN & Games

## 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 10

Scattered flurries  
High 0 Low -9 Winds S 15 km/h  
POP 40%

### Saturday, January 11

Light rain  
High 7 Low 2 Winds SW 25 km/h  
POP 90%

### Sunday, January 12

Cloudy with sunny breaks  
High 0 Low 0 Winds W 25 km/h  
POP 30%

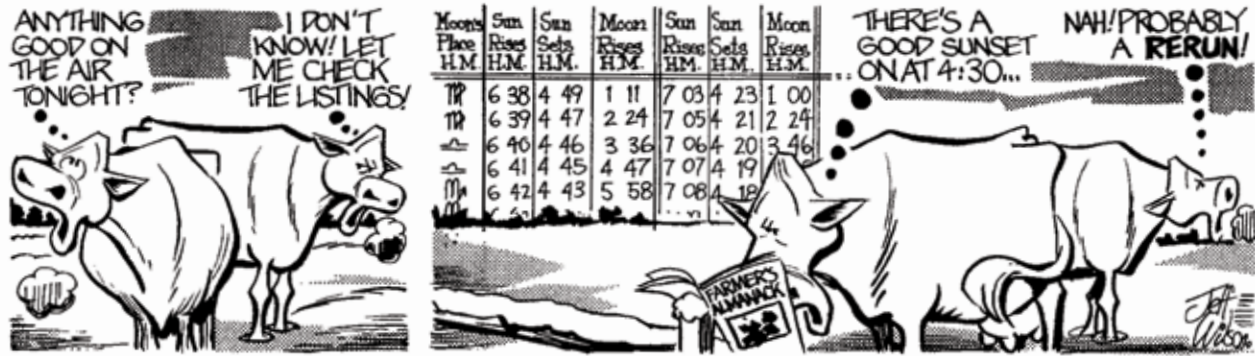
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## The AVRIDGE FARM

by JEFF WILSON



## FRED'S FUNNIES

An airplane encountered some turbulence and started rocking from side to side. The flight crew wheeled out the drinks cart to keep the passengers calm. The attendant asked a business man, "Would you like a drink?" "Why not?" he replied. "I'll have whatever the pilot's been having."

# Canadian Criss Cross

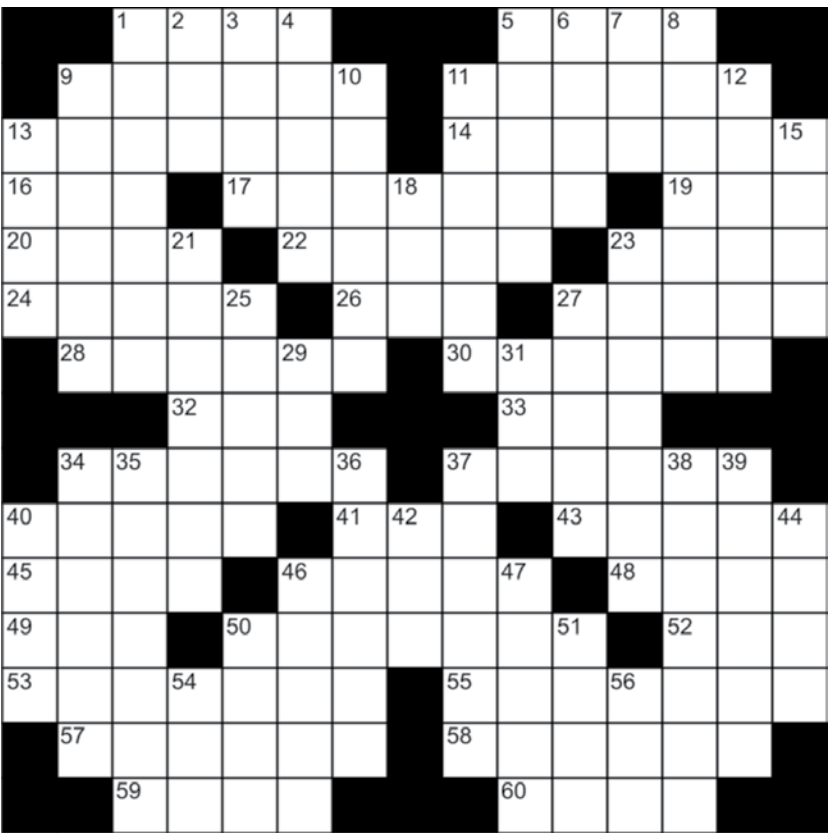
January 10, 2013

### ACROSS

- Deal with problems successfully
- Medical advice, often
- Basement
- Dance around excitedly
- Slavery
- Personal belief
- Perform in a movie
- Stem of a climbing plant
- One in the family, informally
- Cut of meat
- Shaped like a circle
- Contented kitty's sound
- Like some stadiums
- Deep distress
- Durable fabric
- Nerve cell
- Downfallen
- Shooting marble
- Cleaning need
- Tooth decay
- The act of attacking
- Auto selection
- Medicine \_\_\_, Alberta
- "Holy cow!"
- Kind of exam
- Brightly-coloured
- Carefully arranged
- Mouth piece
- Eat at a restaurant
- Greek vowel
- Stare down
- Skateboard alternative
- Bowl used with a pestle
- One with an income
- Lion's warning
- Suggestive grin

### DOWN

- One hundredth of a franc
- Antiquated
- City map
- All fired up
- Quick
- Villain's work
- Daughter's counterpart
- Bishop's throne
- Silky case
- High distinction
- \_\_\_ Brook, Newfoundland
- Very hot and dried
- Having no hair up there
- Standard
- Performing pair
- Gear your car is in when you start it
- Bird in a 'tuxedo'
- Use up a resource
- Book that might have a lock
- Have bills to pay
- Caterer's coffeepot
- Metal that may ignite if scratched
- Device for changing voltage
- Black eye
- Not required
- Outdoor summer pest, slangily
- Warming device
- Concert highlight
- Map abbreviation
- Award of merit
- Parish priest
- Of a certain noble rank
- Hard disk contents
- Came apart at the seams
- One way to sway
- 1300 hours



## BONUS QUESTION:

What is a five-letter word for a newspaper that mixed up the clues with the wrong crossword last week?

Sorry!

The Creemore Echo apologizes to its crossword enthusiasts and will do its utmost to ensure it doesn't happen again.

# Winter in Creemore: the beauty and the beast!

As I write this article, it is -23 C, the wind is howling, and snow has been falling and drifting for several hours under a warning that even more is on its way. By the time you read these words, it may well be slightly above zero and possibly even raining!

So far this season, we are experiencing what some may recall from their youth as “the winters we used to have,” with consistently colder temperatures and a lot more snow than the last couple of winters (it seems) – and we are only 20 days into the official season.

As rural Canadians we take pride in being able to cope and even revel in our winters. In truth, to some it is a winter wonderland, while others just wonder when it will end.

The kids have been skating on the village outdoor rink since November 30, a full three weeks before winter even started. But, as if on cue, a respite from deep winter now offers some relief from the harsher conditions in the form of a thaw and an opportunity to prepare for what the rest of winter will bring us.

I thought I'd take the opportunity to pass along the answers to questions I've been receiving so far and invite you to contact me with any other comments or concerns you have.

These include: why does the snowplow cut such a wide path in clearing our local roads? And some

WARD 4 MATTERS



Thom  
PATERSON

ask, why not wider? Our snow clearing staff are instructed to push back the snowbanks just enough to create roadside storage capacity, which we've certainly needed this year.

Currently, Township work crews are also busy clearing much of the built-up curbside snowbanks in our commercial areas to prevent further accumulation interfering with safe passage on sidewalks and parking.

Are snowmobiles allowed to use our village roads? Yes they are, while keeping as far to the left of the roadway as possible, except where prohibited in parks and on Mill Street sidewalks. In cooperation with the local snowmobile club and the municipality, sledders are asked to use the sanctioned trail in and out of the village, and avoid using the local internal roads. ATVs are not allowed on Township roads.

Pedestrians are asked to take extra caution while walking along our winter roadsides, using sidewalks where available.

For those who look for ways to enjoy – and even celebrate – winter, planning is underway to put on a winter festival in mid-February that is modelled on a scaled-down version of our Torch Relay event in 2010. Stay tuned.

Please contact me by phone at 705-466-6321 or email [tpaterson@clearview.ca](mailto:tpaterson@clearview.ca) with any comments.



**SNOW DAY** – A busy front-end loader drops a healthy load of snow into the dump truck that is waiting on Caroline Street West on Thursday, January 9, after a week of snow, snow, snow and more... well... snow.

One final question being asked with much tongue in cheek: “How does the snowplow operator know the precise moment the last shovel of snow at the

end of my driveway has been removed before depositing a wall of snow across it?” Of course, he doesn't. Or does he??!

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Ontario Artists and Artisans may submit 2 original works in any medium recently executed and not previously hung in the Juried Art Show. Entries must be dry and ready for hanging and not exceed 12 sq. ft. (outside dimensions), and submitted in person. Entry Fee: \$15 members, \$20 non-members per submission. Students (High School only) No charge. Artists are responsible for insuring their work. Receiving: Friday, March 28 from noon to 6 pm & Saturday, March 29 from 10 am to 4 pm. Jurors: Sandra Noble Goss, Brock Irwin, Peter John Reid.

Opening Reception: Sunday, April 6 from 1 to 3 pm. Awards presentation at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

For additional information please call the B.M.F.A. office at 705-445-3430 or go to [www.bmfa.on.ca](http://www.bmfa.on.ca)

### HOSPICE

**Hospice Georgian Triangle**, sponsored by the New Horizons Grant, is seeking to engage seniors from all walks of life, in the support of the new Campbell House Residential Hospice. HGT has great expectations of opening in June or July 2014 as the Home’s outer shell is up, roof on, windows in and now the inside rooms begin to take shape.

The residential Home will support 6 end-of-life clients with infrastructure ready to support another four within the next 2 years or so. In so doing, many volunteering opportunities are there for those who wish to give of their time.

**Many training opportunities** will be arising throughout January, February and March: one of those opportunities comes in the form of a **Seminar on Friday January 17** in Sunset Manor Auditorium, 49 Raglan Street, Collingwood from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Nationally known Lesley Parrott will be speaking on “Building Resilience - Tapping into Our Inner Strengths when All Seems Lost.”

All are welcome but registration is mandatory at 705-444-2555. Refreshments will be served.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of **Joyce (Jordan) Miller**, who passed away December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1997 at the age of 53.

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But when we saw you sleeping  
So peacefully free of pain  
We could not wish you back  
To suffer that again.

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Spike & Rusty: WIDGETS

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9	6	8	3	2	5	1	4	7
1	4	2	8	9	7	6	3	5
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# SNOW FALLS IN CREEMORE!

Unbelievable headline, isn’t it? But we couldn’t resist. It’s been a big week for snow. And ice. And wind... To commemorate the occasion, here are a couple of pictures from the village these days.





Mariane McLeod



Ron Tite



Terry O'Reilly

# Improvistational theatre show coming: Just say “yes”

By Sara Hershoff

The first rule of improvisational theatre is to say yes. And that is exactly what **Peter Madore**, a self-professed “improv nerd,” is hoping the community will say to an upcoming show with his favourite comedy troupe: Monkey Toast: The Live Improvised Talk Show on Saturday, January 25 at the Avening Community Centre.

Madore, who founded the Mad and Noisy Improv Company in 2013, started an improv class in Creemore to share his love for on-the-spot, collaborative story creation last fall. At the end of the eight-week session, class members wanted to see a professional performance to become more familiar with the possibilities of improv. Rather than heading to Toronto to see top talent, Madore suggested the class could help present a show right here at home. The answer was – you guessed it – yes!

From there, Madore contacted the Avening Hall Board, a group that has gained a reputation for presenting national-level talent close to home, to secure cooperation and support. Again, the answer: yes!

Encouraged by his students’ excitement and a commitment from the “ACC North,” Madore put the next question to **Ron Tite**, founder of Canadian Comedy Award winning troupe, Monkey Toast. Tite also said yes as he is excited about a switch

from the usual big-city performances. “We’re thrilled to come to Creemore simply because it’s a different environment which will generate great discussion and even better comedy.”

Joining Tite to provide this “even better comedy” will be regular members of his troupe, many who have been involved with The Second City: **Marty Adams, Herbie Barnes, Jan Caruana, Jennifer Goodhue, Sandy Jobin-Bevans, Lisa Merchant** and music director, **Chris New**.

Monkey Toast shows revolve around interviewing celebrity guests. For this, Madore approached two local radio personalities who are normally accustomed to being in control of the mic: **Mariane McLeod**, the Dunedin-born-and-bred News Director of 97.7 The Beach, and Mulmur’s **Terry O’Reilly**, who hosts CBC’s Under the Influence.

O’Reilly’s “yes” to the engagement came quickly. “As a commercial director for 25 years, I love working with actors, and ad libbing was something I always loved and encourage,” O’Reilly explained. “I was fortunate to work with Second City performers for all those years. And it just sounded like fun.”

McLeod’s response was the same as O’Reilly’s – even if the motives were a bit different. “I always say yes to helping out at community stuff. Especially if it means an opportunity to be

on stage and/or wear false eyelashes. I *do* get to wear false eyelashes, right?”

Tite is still working on a theme for the evening, and isn’t yet sure what questions he will ask or what will transpire with his two interviewees. But he’s not worried; lack of certainty is par for the course when it comes to improv. “I simply explore the things that I find interesting and what will inspire the best comedy,” Tite said. “That being said, there are local issues – from the infusion of city folk in the area to old Avening-Creemore-Stayner rivalries – that will probably emerge.”

With the venue, performers and guests all fully engaged, Madore has just one more group he would like to see offer a resounding “yes” to the show, and that is the audience. “We are hoping to get a great turnout for what should be a fun-filled night for people of all ages and interests,” he said.

For more information about Monkey Toast: The Live Improvised Talk Show, check out [www.aveninghall.com](http://www.aveninghall.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance at [ticketscene.ca](http://ticketscene.ca) or at *The Creemore Echo* or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 8 pm. There will be dinner options available for purchase from Mad Maple Country Inn and beverages sold by the Avening Hall Board as part of their ongoing fundraising for upgrades to the facility.



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