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Clearview aims to up voter count

By Kristi Green

Clearview Township is on a mission to increase the number of voters in next fall's municipal election with five innovations, including telephone and Internet voting.

"In 2010, 45 per cent of the population came out to vote for its Council members," said **Pamela Fettes**, Clerk at Clearview Township. "This is pretty high, but we would still like to see it higher. That is why we have embarked on some new changes."

For one, citizens will be voting by telephone and online this year, she said. Last June, Council voted unanimously to support telephone and Internet voting. Citizens will no longer be able to mail in their votes, as they did during the last election.

"The purpose is to make voting more accessible to everyone no matter where you are," said Fettes. "If you have a disability, it can be hard to leave your home. It is critical for us to support that segment of the population by allowing people to vote in the comfort of their own home. Some people will miss the paper ballot, but this is about accessibility. The end goal is to make sure that anybody can vote who do not."

Fettes said that 44 municipalities in Ontario including Meaford used telephone and Internet voting for the first time in the 2010 election. "They were the guinea pigs," she explained. "We learned that the voting turnout didn't decline and in a lot

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Skate Canada

SKATING STARS – Creemore's **Hannah Whitley**, 13, (left) leaps in the arms of **Elliot Graham**, 15, of Angus at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships on Monday, January 13 in Ottawa. Their Cha Cha Congelado and Argentine Tango dances earned them top marks in the novice division, which they entered for the first time this season. The pair were first matched together as ice dancers at the Stayner Skating Club when they were 7 and 9 years old, respectively.

New inn opens its doors onto 50 acre-dream

By Kara McIntosh

With a one-and-a-half-year-long renovation under its roof, the Sequel Inn on Garden of Eden Road is now ready to open its doors to guests.

The husband-and-wife team of **Eric te Boekhorst** and **Lisa Rutland** bought the 50-acre property with the dream of reinventing the existing bed and breakfast into a contemporary country inn.

Both te Boekhorst and Rutland have worked in the food industry for more than 20 years. te Boekhorst is a graduate of the Stratford Chef School and Rutland has experience in the catering, hotel and restaurant industries.

After owning and operating Sequel Catering and Café in Toronto, they decided to focus on catering

and started to look for a country property in the Creemore area.

"We wanted to move to the country and fell in love with Creemore," Rutland explained. "The business opportunity presented itself with the pre-existing bed and breakfast on the property we chose, so we renovated and reinvented it."

They have created an inn that Rutland describes as "an upscale country experience where city meets country with luxe suites, lounges and locally inspired artisan food offerings. It will have spa and gym facilities going forward to meet the needs of ski, cycle and outdoor enthusiasts."

Reflecting their eco-friendly approach, all the

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Lisa Rutland





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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 19

- Church Services – see page 5.

Monday, January 20 & Wednesday, Jan 22

- Taoist Tai Chi New Beginner Class Open House today from 1 to 3 pm and Wednesday, January 22 from 6:30 to 8 pm. for more information call Laura at 705-466-5011. Come & see what we do!
- Rescheduled Collingwood and District Historical Society Meeting at Leisure Time Club, Collingwood at 7 pm. "Music in the Streets" with Beinn Gorm Drum Major Sheila Stewart telling the history of Collingwood's Town Bands. Admission CDHS membership or \$3.

Wednesday, January 22

- Weight Watchers is restarting at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Stayner. Doors open at 5:30 pm, meeting starts at 6 pm. For more information call 1-800-651-6000.

Friday, January 24

- Robbie Burns Day at Blue Mountain Manor from noon to 1 pm. Enjoy a traditional Scottish meal including piping in the haggis by Tim Armour, followed by a live recitation of Ode to Haggis. 236 Weir Street, Stayner. 705-428-3240.
- Emmanuel Presbyterian Church "Girls Night Out!" at 7 pm. Local resident Monica Scott will be sharing highlights from her trip to Israel. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. 3521 County Road 124, 3 km south of Nottawa.

Friday, January 24 to Sunday, February 2

- Tipling Stage Company presents *Dick Whittington (and his cat)*. Directed by Bev Nicholas. See more at www.tiplingstagecompany.com. For tickets call 519-925-2600.

Saturday, January 25

- Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids. Registration from 9 to 11 am at the parking lot at the corner of 33-34 Nottawasaga Side Road. For more information contact 705-797-2675. Please support your local Mayor in the 6th Annual Mayor's Ride.
- Robbie Burns' Birthday will be celebrated at Alliston's Knox Presbyterian Church at 6 pm, with a traditional roast beef dinner followed by Scottish dancing and music. Call 705-435-5081 for tickets. Adults \$18, children \$6.
- Collingwood Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting at St. John's United Church, 192 Mill Street, Creemore. Doors open at 6 pm, Potluck supper starts at 6:30 pm, Business meeting starts at 8 pm. For additional information please call 705-444-0308 or visit www.greatnorthernex.com

Sunday, January 26

- Creemore Legion Breakfast from 8:30 to 11 am. A Belgian waffle with fruit, syrup & whipped cream or two eggs, bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee or tea all for \$5.

Saturday, February 1

- Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society will host a Cocktail Party from 5 to 7 pm at the Mad and Noisy Gallery. PHAHS Members and friends will have the opportunity to view and bid on the submissions to the Creemore-Centric art exhibit. This is a chance to shed the winter doldrums, visit with friends and enjoy some great art! Refreshments will be served. For more information about Creemore-Centric contact the Mad and Noisy Gallery (705-466-5555, info@madandnoisy.com).

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Telephone voting improved turnout

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of cases it improved. It worked really well the first time, so now other municipalities are jumping on the bandwagon, as they have progressed technologically in the four-year time frame.”

Along with Clearview, Wasaga Beach and the Township of Springwater will also be employing telephone and Internet voting for the first time this year.

The Township has not finalized details about the telephone and Internet voting process. In fact, it still has yet to select a vendor.

“All information will be forthcoming in the summer or early fall,” said Fettes. “We will have voter information centres set up at the local libraries. If you don’t have the Internet at home and you don’t want to use your phone, you will be able to go to the library to use the computer there on voting day.”

“As well, the vendor we choose will be going out into the community to provide information on how to use the system. We will also be hosting a series of four Public Meetings about telephone and Internet voting, likely in Creemore, Stayner, Nottawa and Brentwood.”

For those who have concerns about privacy and confidentiality when voting by telephone or Internet, Fettes assures voters that the process will be secure. “Everything will be placed in a secured format. It has to be because we have to follow the *Municipal Elections Act*. If you have questions about security, come to the Public Meetings; the vendors will be there to answer all the high-tech questions.”

The Township is also employing virtual tactics to reach out to its citizens with social media. Find information for voters and candidates, as well as key dates, in the “Municipal Election 2014 section” of www.clearview.ca, and by following “Vote Clearview” on Facebook and Twitter. As the election date draws nearer, more information will be posted, Fettes said.

The coming election will also mark the début of the Township’s new ward system. Clearview’s seven-ward system was revised last year to improve the the representation of the rural population.

While some of the candidate’s ward numbers will remain the same, others will change. For instance, Councillor **Thom Paterson** has already filed his papers to run for the new ward 5, which is the re-drawn ward 4 that he currently represents.

For citizens who are interested in running for Council, or who are just plain interested in the



Pamela Fettes

process, the Township will be hosting a candidate information session on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 pm. At the session, a representative from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will present information about running for office and answer questions from potential candidates.

If, after these new efforts, people still aren’t getting the “get out to vote” message, then the Township is hoping their children will. In the coming months, Fettes is planning to talk to elementary and high school students about the upcoming election. “It’s important for students to understand the democratic process. By talking about it, they can get their parents interested in the election and voting.”

The election will be held on Monday, October 27. Candidates have until Friday, September 12 at 2 pm to file their papers.

Bringing new visitors to area

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furniture is made from reclaimed wood and they carry the Aveda spa product line.

Rutland and te Boekhorst continue to run their business in Toronto, and have already started catering in Creemore.

“We are so excited to be part of the Creemore community and to work with other businesses to attract more visitors to our area,” Rutland said.



Sequel Inn

Council brief

On Monday, January 13, Council passed a resolution to appoint three members of the public to its Electoral Advisory Committee. **Yvonne Hamlin, Robert Charlton** and **Heidi Sterrenburg** will join Councillors **Thom Paterson, Brent Preston** and **Deb Bronée** on the Committee to define the role of Council as outlined in the *Ontario Municipal Act*. Mayor **Ken Ferguson** will act as an ex-officio member of the committee. Hamlin, Charlton and Sterrenburg were chosen from five applications submitted by members of the public to serve on the committee. Committee members will review Councillors’ salaries and develop effective ways for Council to communicate with the public. This is the first time Council’s roles and responsibilities will be reviewed extensively in the 20 years since the amalgamation of Clearview.



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THE WAY WE WERE



Leonard Meek found this gorgeous viewscape of Creemore on October 2, 1901, “at the bottom of a drawer.” He thought that it probably belonged to his grandfather, **Raymond Parry**, who was a blacksmith from Alliston. In the photograph, you can see the Collingwood Street bridge in its stone-and-wood incarnation at the far left, and the Creemore Public School up the street, as well as many other landmarks on George Street, Mill Street and beyond.

OPEN LETTER TO MPP SYLVIA JONES

I heard your presentation and subsequent Q&A at Melancthon Council Thursday, January 9, re: *Aggregate Resources Act* review report.

As proud as you are of the dismal ARA review report, I am as disappointed in your efforts to help your constituency deal with the mega quarry issue and its continuing efforts to protect water and agricultural lands in the riding you represent.

Tens of thousands of your constituents would have had to deal with the fallout of the approval of the mega quarry application, yet the ARA review recommendations you so proudly support would still allow a mega quarry today.

David Tilson, our Conservative MP, worked tirelessly on this file even though it was not his jurisdiction, along with Conservative MP Michael Chong, Green Party MP Elizabeth May and the federal NDP’s Matthew Kellway.

The Green Party’s Rob Strang and Mike Schreiner spoke loudly for the preservation of water sources and prime agricultural lands, as did the ever-committed Liberal candidate Lori Holloway, providing effective help to the greater community in securing both the environmental assessment as well as the review of

ARA

this terribly outdated ARA from the government at Queen’s Park.

You, as a member of the Standing Committee reviewing the Act, and our voice, are supposed to support the concerns of your constituency.

Your mark is nowhere to be found addressing the serious concerns of over a hundred delegations made during the ARA review process.

At the Melancthon Council, you continuously deflected good and pointed questions asked by the Councillors by referencing “consensus,” “not in the mandate,” “does not apply” and “I couldn’t,” yet you were able to thank, in writing, the aggregate industry and its CEO Moreen Miller for their invaluable help in supporting the committee’s work.

When tens of thousands of people of all political stripes, from Melancthon to Toronto to every corner of this beautiful province, show up on a volunteer basis defending the rights of all Ontarians to good planning, precautionary principle, protection of source water regions and prime food-producing, where is our elected Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones?

Respectfully asked,
Carl Cosack

MOUNT ZION CONGREGATION NAMES



Gerry Blackburn visited the *Echo* office earlier this week wondering why we hadn’t identified the members of the Mount Zion Church in 1951, from last week’s The Way We Were photo. This was a very good question, since **Gayle Millsap**, who brought us the photo, had already done all the work of providing us with the names! So, at long last, here they are:

Back row (left to right): Reverend Glenn Eagle, Elmore Dolson, Burton Johnston, Ed Johnston, Will Johnston, Tom Green, Allan Ritchie, Harvey Johnston, Alf Millsap, Wilfred Wilson, Harry Johnston, Franco ?, Allen Flack, Mae Wilson, Harold Millsap, May Johnston and Orley Flack. Middle row: Mervin Johnston and baby Diane, Mary Millsap, Orneva Flack, Martha Johnston, Bernice Leighton, Orma Newton, Margaret Leighton, Eliza Millsap, Norma Johnston and baby Harold, Eddie Flack, Marj Green, Phyllis Flack, Molly Millsap and baby Allistair, Viola Ritchie, Luella Johnston, Ella Dolson, Donald Millsap and Earl Ritchie. Front row: Glenn Millsap, Clifford Flack, Irma Dolson, Lena Flack, Dennis Millsap, Donald Wilson, Linda Johnston, Paul Millsap, Kathleen Flack, Irma Ritchie, Garry Green, John Johnston, Ronnie Johnston, Evelyn Ritchie, Eileen Johnston, Elaine Flack, Keith Ritchie, Loreen Johnston, Wayne Green and Marion Coulter.

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors Club

Hi again, folks! Once again, we are starting a new year at the Club.

50/50 draws were won by: **Marion Kelly, Alma Seifert, Isabelle Gubbels, Marj Douglas, Marg Falls and Irma Flack.**

There were 10 Moon Shots played by: **Brian McGill x2, Roy Veinot, Dave Smith x2, Martin Verstraten x2, Mary Bouchard, Effie Taylor and Bert Douglas.**

Scores on the day were: **Janice Stephens 307, Barb Pilon 291, Mary Bouchard 285 and Bert Douglas 283, with low score going to Marg**

SENIORS



Evelyn
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Hennessy 104.

We had a very nice turnout considering the amount of snow we have had in the last week.

During the week, **Evelyn** talked to a little bird who informed her of **Irma's** birthday on Thursday, January 9. After I announced this, we applauded **Irma**, who was a little miffed at how this came about. Later, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to **Irma**.

We were informed that **Barb Cudmore** was being operated on and that we would hopefully receive word of the outcome later in the day. Our

prayers were with Barb.

A little later, **Norma Johnston** reported that Barb had a triple bypass rather than just a double, which was supposed to happen when they went in. Because of the extra bypass, they were unable to tend to the carotid artery as planned. We certainly wish her well and hope to see her back with us in the near future.

At latest word, **Russ Miller** is to have surgery this coming week and we wish him all the best as well.

Hope to see you all at next week's potluck, remember 12 noon sharp, and enjoy! Remember: A sharp tongue can cut your own throat.

LETTER Repayment

Fourteen years ago, a \$30.2 billion debt, incurred by developing nuclear plants, was declared by Ontario's government to be "stranded debt." Instead of retiring it through tax, it was to be retired as a "debt reduction" fee on ratepayer electricity bills... On average, \$5 monthly per household. In good faith, we all believed that was what the fee was to be solely used for.

In spite of a claim that all monies collected were to be used only for debt reduction, by now \$36 billion has been collected from consumers, but we still owe \$27 billion! Where did the \$27 billion go?

It's been all smoke and mirrors, as the government has used the fund as a cookie jar. Kathleen Wynne and Bob Chiarelli, I suggest it's time to audit the cookie jar, notwithstanding the findings could become one more scandalous nail in your coffin at election time. Transparency can be so embarrassing.

As for the five bucks a month, I don't think most consumers would mind continuing to pay it, if it were directed to where it should be. It could offset the cost of new and refurbished nuclear generation facilities and ensure a reliable sustainability for our future. Five bucks is nothing compared to the escalating electricity prices caused by the Green Energy Act's wind and solar generation impact on costs. In 20 years, solar and wind subsidies will end with the "Fit" contracts ending. Ontario will have spent over \$65 billion to support them. If we then don't have a solid infrastructure of hydro, nuclear and gas, what will we do for electricity?

John Wiggins, Collingwood



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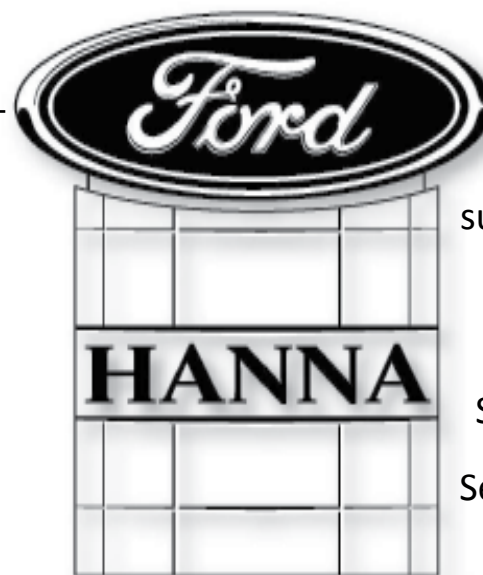
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“Dental family” will be missed after almost 25 years

By Kristi Green

To **Jeanette Poste**, you were never just a mouth.

The dental hygienist who retired recently from almost 25 years of service at Dr. **William Hawthorne’s** dental office in Creemore prided herself on the friendships she made with the people she calls her “dental family.”

“I loved my profession,” said Jeanette. “I loved the interpersonal relationships I had with people over a long time. I got to know people in one place and ask how their kids and families are. You could build relationships with people and see them grown up and have kids of their own.”

For Poste, who hung up her scrubs for the last time at the end of December, leaving the people she met through her work was the hardest part of deciding to retire. But a yearning to do more volunteer work, coupled with her husband, **Russell’s**, recent retirement, led her to make the decision,

“My dental family became my friends. I say thank you to my dental family for making my job what it was.”

Jeanette, who grew up in Brampton, has worked in the field of dentistry – first as a dental assistant, then as a dental hygienist – for almost 38 years. She and Russell came to Creemore in 1981 for a job with Noble Insurance. A few years later, their three children, **Jordan, Taylor** and **Hillary**, were born in the village. She went to see Dr. Hawthorne after hearing about an opening at the Creemore Medical Centre.

What drew Jeanette to dentistry? “I decided I didn’t want to be a nurse,” she laughed. “I wanted to do something in health care and not burn out emotionally. It felt good to think I could help someone with their health. Oral health is connected



Jeanette Poste as a Fanshawe College graduate in 1976 (left), and today

to overall health. Of course, I also had to be able to afford to take myself through school.”

With one whole week of retirement under her belt at the time of her conversation with the *Echo*, Jeanette reported, “So far, so good.” She says the most surprising thing about being retired is having the flexibility to be able to do things.

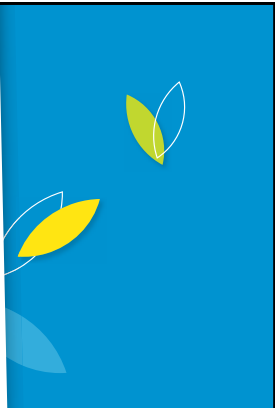
“I can wake up in the morning and say ‘I’d like to go skiing.’ And then... I can do it!” she exclaimed.

In her new life as a retiree, Jeanette plans to volunteer more at Leisureworld long-term care

home in Creemore. She is also a member of the Horticultural Society and is excited to do more gardening. First up, however, is a “big trip” to visit her son, Jordan, in New Zealand.

But in spite of all the mouths – and lives – she has touched over the years, Jeanette remains humble about her milestone.

“To me, a million people retire. I don’t think it’s a super big deal. I have been fortunate to live and work in the community for almost 25 years. It is a privilege and an honour to be able to do that.”



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Mill Street Style

Winter can be harsh on many things – including personal style. In this column – the first in what we hope is an ongoing series – the *Echo* will showcase individuals in the area who “take it to the next level” when it comes to their dress. It could be a dolldrum-defying colour combination, a surprising new way of wearing knitwear or the simple act of sporting a colourful feather in one’s cap. If you know of anyone who fits this bill – whose personal style makes you smile on Mill Street (or any street for that matter) – please let us know. Email kristi@creemore.com.

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Gillian Harris-Sopinka

Occupation:
Social Worker, part-time Mental Health Counsellor at the Georgian Bay Family Health Team in Collingwood. Co-owner, designer and curator (along with artist and graphic designer, **Shanan Kurtz**) of The Symmetric. We write a three-times weekly blog, sell vintage clothing and jewellery, host events and offer styling services. The Symmetric is online at www.thesymmetric.com and on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Our vintage clothing, and antique and costume jewelry is for sale by appointment and online at our Etsy shop, www.thesymmetric.etsy.com. We will launch our capsule collection of vintage resort wear in February, and we are excited to host another trunk show on Saturday, February 22. I’m also mother to **Yarrow**, age 7, and **Frida**, age 3, and I am married to **Steve Sopinka**, founder of Fieldesign architecture studio.

Describe your style:
Eclectic, ironic, retro-chic.

Why Creemore?
We have a strong sense of adventure and have moved around a lot as a couple and as a family. From Montreal to Toronto to Reykjavik to Northern Ontario. After a stint in North Bay, we knew we wanted to be somewhere somewhat rural, with a strong sense of community. Proximity to friends and family is important to us (we have both in Collingwood, Beaver Valley,

Guelph and Toronto), and possibilities to pursue meaningful work. Creemore offered all of these things.

We bought our rambling old house on Caroline Street in June of 2010 and Steve spent the summer renovating it (and getting rid of the bats!). We settled into the village that fall.

Favourite thing about winter?
The snow! We try to stay active – cross country skiing, walking the country block, doing what we can to get out of the house and soak up some vitamin D!

I think winter gets a bad rap. It’s actually the perfect time to experiment with different, more daring materials – furs (faux is also a nice alternative), wools, leather, some of the weightier silks and velvet. This season is also ripe to try rich, bold prints and vivid colours that may feel too cumbersome and intense in the warmer, lighter months – and they are the perfect contrast to the stark environs this time of year. I say embrace it. Go big or go home!

What are you wearing?
Everything I have on, I’ve collected from either thrift or secondhand stores. I’ve dubbed these my **Mick Jagger** pants. They’re a bold print skinny jean that I picked up at one of my favourite thrift stores, Wild Rose, in Guelph. The sweater is vintage, circa 1980s, that I’ve had in my collection for a while. The fur hat is made in Moscow, also vintage, and a gift from Steve on our first Christmas with Yarrow, spent in Iceland (very à propos, because it’s the warmest thing ever!). The teal wool coat is a London Fog original, 1980s, that I dug up recently at a Goodwill shop. And my “Chewbacca” woolly mammoth mukluks are circa 1970s, made in Quebec.



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New picks: Warm up with a good read this winter

By Jenn Hubbs

There's nothing better than curling up with a great book on a cold winter's day. Add a cup of something warm and delicious, a blanket and perhaps a fire in the fireplace and you have the recipe for a perfect couple of hours. While many of us received books for Christmas, here are some other great reads to consider before you settle in and start reading.

The fiction lover in your household will be entranced by **Donna Tartt's** latest, *The Goldfinch*. While it starts off as the story of a young orphan struggling to survive by his wits and sheer determination, it becomes much more. It touches on the bonds between people that last a lifetime, the power of art to change a life, and how it feels to be always and ever in love with the wrong person. It's been 10 years since Tartt's last novel, and this book is well worth the wait.

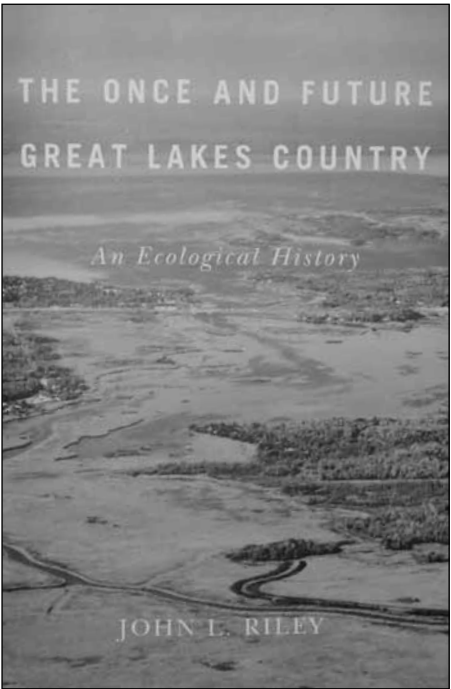
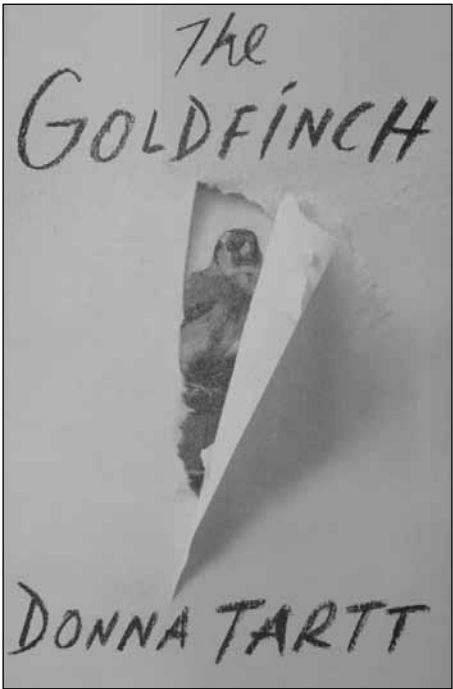
Non-fiction readers have had a variety of choice this year, with memoirs by the likes of **Bobby Orr**, **Chris Hadfield** and **George Chuvalo** on the shelves. Even **Stephen Harper** entered the book game this year with his book, *A Great Game*, documenting the rise of hockey and the powerhouse that was once the Toronto Maple Leafs. For the more environmentally conscious, *The Once and Future Great Lakes Country* by **John**

L. Riley examines the history of the Great Lakes region, and how climate change, globalization, invasive species, and urban sprawl are exerting new pressures on the region's ecology.

Teen readers have never had it so good! This is the time for sequels, with *Unhinged* (the sequel to *Splintered* by **A.G. Howard**), and *Ignite Me* by **Tahereh Mafi** (the conclusion to the Shatter Me series) due to land on the shelves within the coming weeks. As well, there's a great collection of CanLit available with the 10 nominated titles for the Red Maple (Grade 7 & 8) and White Pine (Grades 9 to 12) awards from the Ontario Library Association.

Younger readers have their favourites, as well. *Digby Differs* by **Miriam Koch** is a charming story about accepting that it's okay to be different, and the illustrations are beautiful. *The Stamp Collector* by **Jennifer Lanthier** continues to win awards, and was recently included in the nominees list for the Blue Spruce (Kindergarten to Grade 2) reading awards.

There's really something for everyone. Drop by to chat and we will happily show you our favourite books of the moment at the bookstore!



Keep up your golf swing during winter

By Vince Trama

A little bit of snow is no reason to give up practising your swing. Right now, Smith Brothers Baseball Central in New Lowell is into its second season of indoor winter golf. This is a great way to keep your swing going throughout the off season. This weekend, come out for a free Golf Challenge, hosted by Smith Brothers Baseball Central and **Debbie Clum**.

From 11 am to 3 pm, on Sunday, January 19, bring your clubs to Smith Brothers Baseball Central and enjoy. Entry is a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank or a donation to Candlelighters Simcoe, which is a charity that raises money to support families that have children who are battling cancer.

There will be golf challenges and competitions, and a lesson and video feedback by Debbie. There will be a raffle and silent auction table, with many golf and other fun prizes to be won. All proceeds from the raffle and silent auction will be donated to Candlelighters Simcoe. It is a great event for a great cause so we hope to see you there!

The 12,600 square foot building offers practice space and training for baseball players from far and wide, and is also the home of indoor golf and indoor bocce ball leagues, junior

baseball leagues, fitness programs and more. The building in New Lowell includes an 8,600 square foot turf area, a fitness gym, parent lounge, café and meeting rooms, and has a registered massage therapist and chiropractor on staff.

Drop-in golf with Debbie Clum occurs on Sundays and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Debbie, the longtime teaching professional at the Mad River Golf Club, has been conducting drop-in golf lessons on those days for the past couple of months, and will continue to do so until the end of April.

Debbie will provide instruction and analyze your swing using video feedback. It is a great opportunity to totally focus on the feel of your golf swing instead of being fixated on where the golf ball is going. We not only work on the long game, but also aspects of the short game that are certainly the scoring shots of the game of golf.

All levels – beginners through well-seasoned players – are more than welcome to join in on the fun of improving your game. Smith Brothers offers drop-in lessons and Debbie holds clinics and private lessons. This is a great opportunity for those who like to learn in a smaller setting.

Smith Brothers is located at 9



Debbie Clum

Greengage Road in New Lowell. Drop-in times for Debbie's lessons are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 am, and Sundays at 9 am.

For further information about the event, all lessons and other programs offered at Smith Brothers, please call 705-424-0427 or email info@baseballcentral.ca.

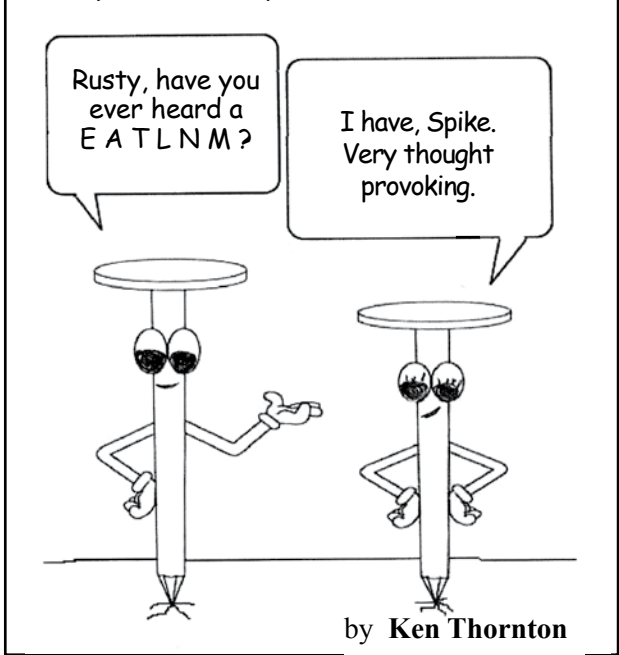
FUN & Games

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 17

Scattered flurries
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Saturday, January 18

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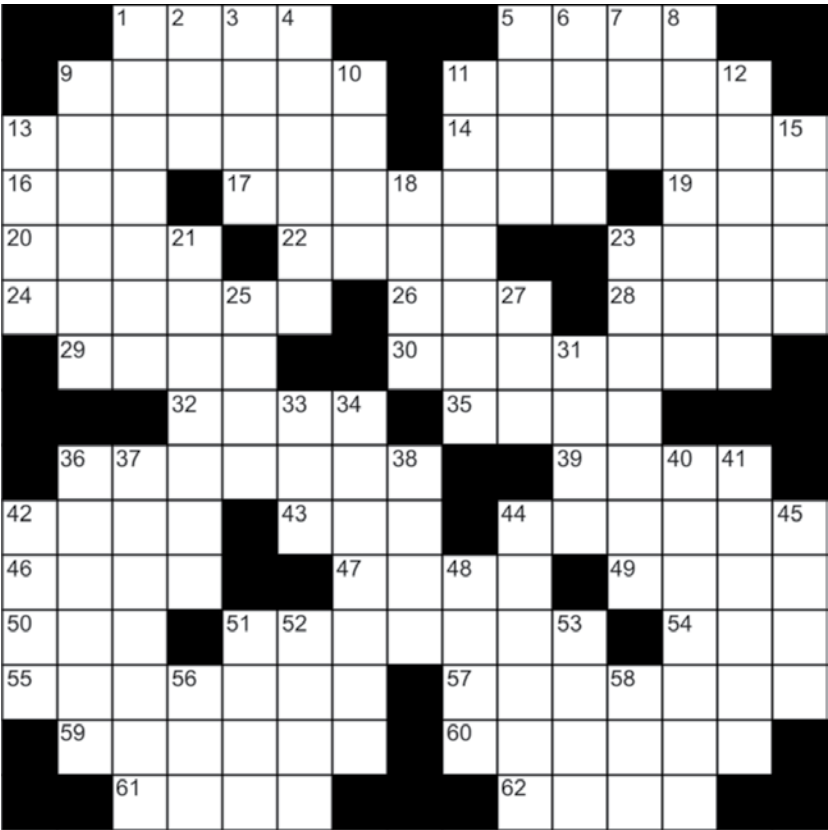
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ACROSS

1. A bit cuckoo
5. Bevelled edge
9. Win back one's losses
11. African desert
13. Lengthy scolding
14. Children, collectively
16. Feeling lousy
17. Kind of TV
19. Caustic cleanser
20. A drawbridge might go over it
22. Distinctive flair
23. Internet diary
24. Having little or no vegetation
26. Soak a piece of bread with gravy
28. Telephone sound
29. Inanimate
30. Conjecture
32. Not very spicy
35. Honk the horn
36. One in command of a ship
39. Daffy Duck has one
42. Type of music
43. Sound an audience might make
44. Become infected and fill with pus
46. Altar site
47. Hooded robe
49. A leveret is a young one
50. Go unused
51. It's symbol is Re
54. Hair worn in a knot
55. Meaning what one says
57. Dreamer's opposite
59. Wreak havoc on
60. Provide storage for forage
61. Instrument like a harp
62. You, in the Bible

DOWN

1. Acknowledge for tax purposes
2. Put on a show
3. Late afternoon hour
4. Serving dish for soup
5. Golfer's vehicle
6. "Hello, sailor!"
7. Remind too often
8. Support for growing vines
9. Get ready to take more pictures
10. Loud ringing of bells
11. Lose control of a car
12. Random person
13. Arm, leg, or wing
15. Safecracker
18. Glasgow girl
21. Tread on and crush
23. ___ Columbia
25. Use cut and paste
27. One in the Major Leagues
31. Dark spot on the skin
33. Part of Newfoundland: abbr.
34. Bishop's district
36. Office machine
37. Southern
38. Lunchtime, for many
40. Form of abstract sculpture
41. Read carefully
42. Answer with an attitude
44. Able to speak with ease
45. Cheque for a landlord
48. Hook up electronically
51. Laugh loudly
52. Very big
53. One way to prepare potatoes
56. It climbs walls
58. Fail a polygraph



January 10 answer



WARM GIFTS – Tanya Prentice gives a big hug to one of the guests at the dinner/dance fundraiser her family held for her at the Creemore Legion last Saturday. Tanya is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer of the appendix. The event raised \$7,150 to support the Prentices. Participants also filled six large hampers with food and gift cards. “The donations are still coming in,” said **Sue Nixon**, a cousin of Tanya’s husband, **Kevin**. “It was an amazing night. It was very magical. Tanya was able to come and spend a good couple of hours and enjoy it.”

SUPPORT THE MAYOR AT SNOWARAMA – Since the Snowarama snowmobile run began about 20 years ago, Mayor **Ken Ferguson** has been one of its most dedicated supporters. Ferguson enjoys the event, which occurs on Saturday, January 25, because “the very next day the money that is raised for Easter Seals is spent on families and kids in my municipality and County. In the last five years, we’ve raised almost \$50,000 for this community.” To find this year’s Snowarama snowmobile and snowshoe pledge sheet – or to sponsor the Mayor (pictured a right with friends) – visit www.snowarama.org.



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Thank you to all those who came out to help me celebrate my 85th birthday on December 28 at Station on the Green. Thanks for the cards, best wishes, flowers and gifts. Special thanks to my family for arranging the Come and Go Tea for me and the dinner at the Sovereign. Thank you, **Dorothy Giffen**

Spike & Rusty: LAMENT

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the family of Mae Simpson, we would like to thank our friends, family and neighbours for the lovely flowers and food brought to our home. Shirley and Joy your friendship means so much to the four of us. We can always count on your support. Dr. Houston, you and I have had a long journey together in regards to Mom's health. You were always my listening ear and guided me in the right direction. I am forever thankful!

Rev. Tony, I know she enjoyed your many visits, dancing around her wheelchair making her giggle. Our many chats in regards to Alzheimer's Disease and its challenges gave me strength. Jim at Fawcetts Funeral Home your guidance and care was so appreciated. To my friends of Creedan Valley Nursing Home, you have been so kind and caring to my Mom over the past eight years. It was always a comfort to know she was in great care. Mom may not have been able to tell you, but I could see it in her eyes, she loved you gals. Thank you – Thank you!

The next time you meet someone struggling with this disease, smile or say hello. Their memories maybe stolen, ability to communicate lost but that person is still there, just hidden. I will miss those expressive eyes, smiles and giggles Mom. Love you always. Your daughter, Kathy Dodd

Creemore Cats would like to thank all the generous folk who supported our afghan raffle. On December 15th, we met at Affairs Bakery and drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to **Lynn Millar** of Port Colborne, who is the proud owner of the knitted afghan! We were able to raise \$968, which will go a long way to support our project of spaying and neutering feral cats in Creemore. Sincere appreciation also goes to Corey Finkelstein and the BIA for backing our fundraising effort. Your help and timing was purrrrrfect!

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Worshop with Jane Adams: Abstract Mixed Media on Mylar. February 1 and 2 from 10 am to 4 pm each day. \$180 includes mylar. At **Mill Street Art Studio**, 148A Mill Street. To register phone 705-466-2667 or 705-727-6161 or martbull@ca.inter.net or sueamiller65@gmail.com.

Ms. Margie's Dance Classes Registration. Winter session begins in February on Monday evenings at Creemore Public School Gymnasium. **Creative Movers Class** for age 3-5 years and **Creative Dancers Class** for age 6-10 years. Register before February 1st to reserve your spot. For more details and to register visit msmargie.ca or dance@msmargie.ca or 705-792-8743.

LOST / FOUND

CAMERA CHARGER found near skating ice at Station on the Green. Drop by *The Creemore Echo* to claim it.

DEATH NOTICE

NOBLE, Kenneth Elwin "Pete" passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at Leisureworld Creedan Valley in his 84th year. Pete is predeceased by his parents, Kenneth and Elsie Noble and by his brothers Howard, Russel and Clifford; survived by his sister-in-law, Alice. He will be sadly missed and remembered by his many nieces and nephews and their families. Pete was born and lived his life in Mulmur Township where he farmed with his brothers. Thanks and gratitude given to the staff at Creedan Valley who became a second family to Pete; your compassion and care will not be forgotten. Visitation was held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. Funeral service took place in the chapel at 1 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Creemore Medical Centre – Expansion Project would be appreciated. Friends may visit Pete's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

DEATH NOTICE

BROWNRIDGE, Paul Edgar passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in his 78th year. Paul of Collingwood, beloved husband of Joan (nee Playter). Loving father of James Brownridge (Arlene) and Jan Brownridge (Michael Walsh). Dear grandfather of Adam Brownridge. Brother of Denton Brownridge, Wayne Brownridge (Corrine) and the late John Brownridge. Predeceased by his parents Clarence and Elsie Brownridge. Paul will also be missed by his nieces, nephews and many friends. Family and friends were received at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 1 pm until the time of Funeral Service at 2 pm. Reception followed in the church hall. Spring interment Stayner Union Cemetery. If desired, donations in Paul's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Georgian Triangle Humane Society. Arrangements under the direction of Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel (705-428-2637). For more information and to sign the online Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com.

DEATH NOTICE



Gallupe, Marion (nee Thurlow)

January 24, 1925 – January 8, 2014

Born in York, England, Marion died peacefully on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood in her 89th year. Marion was the beloved wife of the late Reverend Ronald Gallupe. During WW II, Marion met and married Ron in York, England, in 1945 and moved to Canada the following year. Marion and Ron moved many times during his time in the RCAF and eventually settled in Creemore where Marion lived for nearly 40 years. Marion lived a very full life devoting much of her time in service to her community and was loved by all those she came in contact with. She was proud to be a 35 year volunteer at the Creedan Valley Nursing Home and also volunteered with many other organizations in the area. Marion was the much loved mother of Chris (Heather) of Creemore, Jan (Jim Rose) of Prince George, Brent (Lynn) of Kingston, Allan (Deirdre Gotto) of Victoria, Mark (Connie) of Belleville, Meredith (Dale Paton) of Ottawa and Scott (Sue) of Owen Sound. Cherished grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Dearly loved by her nephews Mervyn and Brian and their families in England. Predeceased by grandson Jacob, husband Ron, and sister Win. There will be no service at this time. A Celebration of Marion's Life will be held in early summer when all the family can get together, with Interment beside Ron at Creemore Union Cemetery at that time. If desired, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by Marion's family. Arrangements under the direction of the **Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel**. To sign the Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com

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New school opening: A grand success

With the closing of the junior site of our school on Caroline Street in the near future, it's time to look back on its history. The information that follows is taken from *Has the Bell Rung Yet?* by Helen Hargrave, a.k.a. Helen Blackburn, published by the *Creemore Star* in 1979.

"The official opening of Creemore's new school on January 11, 1918, was a proud day for Creemore after two years of work by the School Board and six months of makeshift accommodation for the teacher and pupils.

"The need for the new school had been apparent for some time. The old school was cold and filled to overflowing. There was a desire in the community for more high school classes but the room was not there.

"By March 1916, the Board was giving serious consideration to a new school. They applied for \$16,000 to be raised by 30-year debentures. It wasn't until nearly a year later that then tender of Jos. Akitt for \$17,940 was accepted.

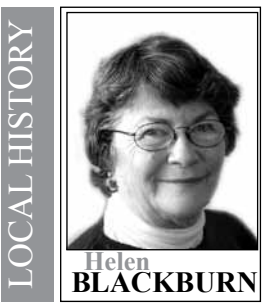
"The old school was torn down and the kids had fun moving into makeshift quarters. By December 27, 1917, the school was almost done and the Board met with the architect and contractor to take possession of the new building, to make an inspection and to settle accounts.

It is a tribute to the members of the School Board and the people of Creemore, this big brick structure on Caroline Street. There it stands 96 years later, as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. Did they know they had built an institution to last, one that would house generations of Creemore children?

Here is the enthusiastic and glowing report from the *Creemore Star* on Thursday, January 17, 1918: "New School Opening – A Grand Success."

"The formal opening of our new Continuation and Public School took place on the afternoon and evening of January 11th, and in spite of the bad roads and inclement weather, a large crowd from town and surrounding country was present. The evening passed off with a zest that speaks well for the coming prosperity of its workings.

"The building is, as all who know who have been through it, a structure of which our village ought to be, and is proud. But when we see 100 public school pupils and 32 high school students, all of whom possess untold



LOCAL HISTORY

possibilities, we realize that to expect the best of them, we must in turn give them the very best chance within our power. And one of the greatest factors of this educational chance is the building and equipment.

"The school houses six classrooms, two halls, two teachers' rooms, as well as two playrooms in the basement. The ground floor provides two 25 x 22 feet classrooms, and one 38 x 24 feet for the public school, all of which are comfortably filled with provisions for increase. The first floor also has three classrooms corresponding in size to those on the ground floor.

"The rooms are all well supplied with slate blackboards, which are not only a convenience, but a hygienic necessity as far as children's eyes are concerned. The spacious halls provide excellent opportunity for orderly admitting and dismissing of pupils. In the school house, as everywhere, health is the first consideration. This is illustrated by the two playrooms in the basement in which the children combine fun with comfort in bad weather. Again, this fact is illustrated by the sanitary drinking fountains throughout the building; and once again in the splendid ventilation system by which a continuous current of foul air passes out. The steam heating system is easily regulated. Two teachers' rooms are provided for the study or relaxation periods of the teachers, one of which has been beautifully furnished by an interested citizen, Mr. Jake Hisey.

"A glance at the outside of the building forms the 'finis' of our pictures. It presents a main building 75 x 38 feet, having to the north and forming the front, a wing 40 x 25 feet, on each side of which is a porch 10 x 15 feet. This is topped by a bell tower, which is not the least item of our school's beauty. And how proud must be the old bell to call to duty in such a building with its 130 'promising worries'.

"To Inspector Day of Orillia was given the honouring of delivering the opening address. The inspector is well known in these parts, and was the first principal of the old school 36 years ago. He said he was glad to be present for three reasons – (1) It was the place of his birth; (2) It was where he spent the happiest days of his life; (3) He thought it was most natural to ask the first principal of the old school to open the new one.



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"Inspector Day made every complimentary remarks about the new building. He said it was a model of comfort and convenience and one of the first in the country. He advised the trustees to visit the school often, to pay good salaries, and thus ensure good teachers for the children – for good teachers win a child to school and this is better than the parents having to drive them there. He claimed that a good education is by far the best gift a parent or community can give their children.

"Other speakers were Col. J. A.

Currie, M.P., Inspector Mills of Toronto, Dr. Bradley, M.O.H., and Rev. Arthur Strothers. A time was set aside for inspection of the building. Entertainment was provided by local people and the children of the school. A lunch served late raised a tidy sum.

"Great credit was given to our townsman, Jos. Akitt, who has carried out the work in such a splendid manner and at such a small cost. The wonder was how he could do it and still come out on the right side of the balance sheet. His business ability was the marvel."

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