

COMMUNITY Calendar

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Upcoming Events

Friday, January 31 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.

Friday, January 31

- **Open Studio** Fridays at Mill Street Art Studio. Drop in, work with other artists. Contact at martbull@ca.inter.net or 705-466-2667. 148A Mill Street.
- **Toonie Lunch**. Come out and enjoy some homemade soup and breads with your friends for just a toonie. At St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline St. West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Sunnidale Winterama**. In New Lowell. Redneck theme this year. **Spaghetti Supper** Friday night at the Legion from 4:30 to 7 pm (\$8 adults, \$5 ages 6 to 12) followed by fireworks, skating & burning of the green at the park. & **Redneck Comedy Show** at 9 pm at New Lowell Legion for \$2. See www.clearview.ca for details.
- **The Bahati Project** is hosting **Live Music by Devon Berry and Andrew Farlie** at the Terra Nova Public House at 9 pm. Tickets \$20 and finger foods will be provided. All funds raised will go directly to the 3 projects The Bahati Project supports. Door prize. Tanzanian crafts and jewellery will also be for sale to support the project, as well as additional information about the projects. www.bahatiproject.weebly.com.

Saturday, February 1

- **Sunnidale Winterama**. In New Lowell. Pancake Breakfast at Legion followed by the Winterama Parade which starts at 10 am. Lots of activities at the park all afternoon. See www.clearview.ca for details.
- During Winterama why not drop in to the **Sunnidale Clearview Library Branch** (across from the Recreation Park) for a warm up, do a penguin craft, build a Lego penguin, or choose a book about the Berenstein bears – the original child friendly Red Necks!

Saturday, February 1, 8, 15

- Young artists living in Collingwood or Clearview Township are invited to participate in one of the **Free Art Workshops** from 1 to 3 pm at the Collingwood Library, 55 Ste Marie Street. Hosted as part of the **Magic of Children in the Arts Exhibition**, the workshops are for Kindergarten through Grade 8 students. At the workshops children will explore their creativity by completing a piece of artwork for the show. The show takes place through March. **Awards Day** is Saturday, March 22 at 1 pm. To register, or more information call Lory MacDonald at 705-812-2914 or email lorymacdonald@gmail.com.

Sunday, February 2

- **Groundhog Day!** Will winter be 6 weeks longer or a month a half?!
- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- **Sunnidale Winterama**. In New Lowell. Breakfast at the Legion from 9 am to noon. Snowmobile Fun Run at 9 am. See www.clearview.ca for details.
- **Super Bowl Party at The Old Mill House Pub**. All day. Special menu. Cash prizes, door prizes. Wings and pitcher deal after 5 pm. www.theoldmillhousepub.com 705-466-5244. 141 Mill Street.

Monday, February 3

- **Kids Studio** Mondays from 3:30 to 5 pm starting today. \$12 with a snack. Contact Mill Street Art Studio at martbull@ca.inter.net or 705-466-2667.

Thursday, February 6

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Angus Recreation Centre from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

Thursdays, February 6 to March 27

- **Improv Class with MANIC Improv**. Thursdays from February 6 to March 27 from 7 to 9:30 pm. \$150. Call Peter 705-994-3008 or visit manicimprov.com to register.

Friday, February 7 & Saturday, February 8

- **Third Almost Annual Singhampton Hockey Tourney**. The village's outdoor rink will once again be the site of hockey and Zamboni action. Ten teams will compete for the Broken Stick trophy, barbecues will be fired up, and volunteers will be serving up hot & cold fluids & food at this Memorial Park fundraiser. The action runs from 6 til 10 Friday eve', and 8 til 8 Saturday. Team entry info: gn_lipsett@hotmail.com.

Saturday, February 8

- **The Brereton Field Naturalists'** member Jim Spruce (705-728-3884) will lead a trip through the flats around Minesing, looking for Snowy Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes, and other raptors, as well as flocks of Snow Buntings. Drive will end about 1:30 pm. Meet at the Little Lake Parking Lot at 8:30 am. For more information visit www.bfnclub.org
- **Stayner Lions Club Ham & Bean Supper** at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$12.50, children 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free. Takeout available. Proceeds to Lions Foundation of Canada to help build a new client room at the training facility in Oakville. The Foundation provides trained Guide Dogs to Canadians

with physical and medical disabilities at no cost.

- **Giggles Comedy Club** at Stayner Community Centre, 269 Regina Street, Stayner at 7 pm. Hosted by **Stayner Kinsmen**. Featuring Canada's top comedians as seen at Club 54, Just for Laughs & Yuk Yuks. Stand up comedy, dj dancing, midnight buffet. \$20 at Pedal Pushers, Stayner or at the door. Call 705-717-3895 for information. Age of majority. www.gigglescomedyclubs.ca.

Friday, February 14

- **Creemore Ladies Auxiliary Valentine's Dinner**. Take-out only. Pick up from 5 to 6 pm. Lasagna, Caesar salad, bun/butter, cheesecake. \$15. Call 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432 to reserve your dinners before February 7 to be sure you don't get left out.

Friday, February 14 to Monday, February 17

- **Creemore's Big Heart Days**. Friday: Sweetheart Skate at Station Rink from 7 to 9 pm. Saturday: Toboggan Run from 10 am to 3 pm; Olympic Torch Run at 11 am. Snowshoeing, winter walk, trail walk, kids' curling, Log Cabin warming hut, Winterama games, snow sculpture garden. Sunday: Toboggan Run from 10 am to 3 pm; Snowman making contest, Log Cabin warming hut, snow taffy pull, snow sculpture garden. Monday: free skating at the Creemore Arena and snowman winner announced.

Wednesday, February 19

- **Stayner Heritage Society** presents "A Black History Event" featuring Janie Cooper-Wilson, Executive-Director Silver Shoe Historical Society and Don Doner with a musical selection of "Spirituals" at Centennial United Church (corner of William & Oak) Stayner at 7:30 pm. (storm date is Tuesday, February 25) Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, February 22

- **Clearview Community Theatre** presents "Opening The Door", a Fundraising Variety Show. Supporting local youth programming in Clearview Township, including "The Door" youth drop-in centre. At Clearview Community Church, 1070 County Road 42, Stayner. Features the talents of many of our Clearview Community Theatre members. Bake Sale. Two shows: 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 each, available at JACS Health Food Shoppe, Stayner, or at the door. For more info, contact Grenville Bray at clearviewcommunitytheatre@rogers.com or 705-428-2600.

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Running out of supplies and space for stranded 150

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to the rehearsal.”

After the rehearsal, the wedding party planned to drive to the groom's parents' house in Mulmur for dinner. But they did not get very far in the wind and blowing snow before 10 of them – including Soper and her daughter, the bride – turned right around and came back to the arena.

By that time, the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department had already started ferrying stranded drivers from their cars to the Honeywood Arena.

Heather Hayes, Councillor for Mulmur Township, received a call from Mayor **Paul Mills** at 7:45 pm. “He said his road was completely blocked and someone needed to get to the arena and the people there.”

So, Hayes drove through whiteouts to the arena at about 8 pm, where she said about 30 people had arrived.

Together with **Matt Boss**, who works at the arena, Hayes helped settle people down, filled out registration cards, organized equipment from the arena's emergency bin and helped set up cots and blankets the Red Cross had left after a similar snowstorm in Honeywood last March.

“The upstairs, which was decorated for the wedding, looked spectacular!” she noted.

By 10 pm, the arena was so full that they were running out of space and supplies. Hayes decided to relocate a group of about 60 people to the neighbouring Fire Station. Then, she went home to get some blankets and camping gear. The Red Cross brought extra cots at 11 pm and 3 am. Community members also dropped off blankets and food.

Bride-to-be Amber, who is a paramedic for Simcoe County along with two of her bridesmaids, started helping take care of the people at the arena, too. Amber's mother spent three hours in the arena canteen cooking hamburgers, cheeseburgers and French fries for weary travellers.

To help calm the evacuees, Hayes provided hourly updates after speaking to Orangeville Emergency Services, Simcoe County, the Ministry of Transportation and the OPP via conference call at Fire Chief **Jim Clayton**'s office at the Fire Hall.

By 1 am, 150 people had registered at the arena, Hayes said. One group of people had left their cars at the Redickville store parking lot. A second group had stopped driving on Highway 124 and left their cars there due to the weather conditions. A final group had been directed to drive off of Highway 124 to the arena.



Newlyweds **Amber Soper** and **Sean Gallagher**

Boss spent the night making 80 breakfast sandwiches, which were hot in the oven at 6 am. That morning, **John Willmetts**, Mulmur's Director of Public Works, arrived with muffins and orange juice from Shelburne.

On Saturday, people left in stages, with the final “guests” out the door by about 2 pm, Hayes said.

Although Soper had planned to spend the night before her daughter's wedding taking care of last-minute details and getting her dress ready, she said the change in plan did not worry her. “I knew everything was going to be fine.”

And indeed it was. At 5 pm on Saturday, the wedding party was back at the Honeywood Arena with 100 guests for an event Soper could only describe as “perfect.”

Clearview presents budget for 2014

By Kristi Green

This year's municipal budget includes a rise in property taxes as government funding for rural communities goes down.

The budget, which is still in draft form, contains an estimated residential tax increase of 2.03 per cent.

This includes a municipal tax levy increase of 3.39 per cent, OPP policing increase of 0.28 per cent and Simcoe County tax levy increase of 2 per cent. The amount of tax that goes toward the school boards will remain the same.

Based on these increases, the estimated property tax increase on a \$253,250 home would be \$55: \$39 for the municipality; \$1 for policing; and \$16 for the County.

The \$25.9 million operating budget for 2014 includes repairs on George Street, new water mains south of Mill Street and improvements to the Creemore Arena.

The budget also includes a total of \$22,800 in grants to Clearview Community Radio Station, Copper Kettle Classics Car Show, Creemore Cats, Creemore Horticultural Society, Creemore Legion, Creemore Santa Claus Parade, Cybergnomes Team 2013, Imaginarium, Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, St. Luke's Gift of Music and South Simcoe 4-H Association.

Continuing its downward trend is funding from the Ontario Municipal Protection Fund.

The OMPF provides unconditional funding to rural and northern municipalities for general operations and services for taxpayers.

The amount the OMPF has provided to municipalities has been decreasing since 2008, said **Edward Henley**, Director of Finance/Treasurer.

From 2003 to 2010, the OMPF essentially gave \$1.4 million to Clearview, Henley said. This amount increased in 2011 and 2012 to \$1.5 million.

However, in 2013, it was cut by \$137,000 and this year, it will again reduce by \$195,000.

Henley estimated the grant will continue to decrease until 2016, when it will be about half of what Clearview received in 2012.

“I think that will be a huge impact on our finances. It will take almost a 3 per cent tax increase just to address those changes, which is a real challenge.”

Henley presented the draft budget at a Public Meeting at Clearview Township on Monday night. No members of the public spoke at the meeting.

For full details on the budget, visit www.clearview.ca/home/budget.



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THE WAY WE WERE



A little while ago, **Jim Madill** came by the *Echo* with a pile of his old class photos from the Creemore School. Here he is with his classmates in 1954.

Pictured (back row, left to right): **Wayne Grose, Harold D, Craig Nixon, Jimmy McCarthy, Gordon Newton, Pat Micks and Mrs. Boycott.** Third row: **Linda Cluely, Michelle Rhodes, Valorie Lemmon, Pat Scully, Stewart Leben, Wayne Fischer and Francis Webster.** Second row: **Brenda Freethy, Linda Lee Middlebrook, Gail Cocky, Catharine Rawn, Dorothy Mulholland, Ruth Gowan, Julianne Newell, Linda Cockton and Susan Heslip.** First row: **Paul Knox, Paul Johnston, John Clement, Boyne Scott, George Norton, Robby Larkin, Russell Newton and Jimmy Madill.**

EDITORIAL

Thank you, emergency services

There's nothing like a week of emergencies to remind us about the people who take care of us when we have them.

Since the last edition of the *Echo* dropped, our inboxes have hosted a steady stream of alerts and warnings for the area.

Snowstorms, road closures, car accidents, fire.

One hundred and fifty people grounded at the Honeywood Arena overnight when visibility was so bad they weren't able to drive any further. A father and son stranded in a car on their way to the ski hills for hours. A house fire during record cold temperatures.

Putting a face to these reports are our mothers, fathers, friends, brother, sisters, neighbours, daughters and sons. The people who work as firefighters, police officers and paramedics every day.

How do they do it? "All in a day's work," they repeatedly tell us. But we beg to differ. These people go above and beyond.

After spending all night at a house fire, the ever-friendly Acting Fire Chief Colin Shewell strolled through our door the next morning, still in his bunker gear, to give us the deets.

We're not sure how much sleep Deputy Fire Chief Roree Payment got on the weekend after racing to the fire one night and walking two kilometres in the snow to find a stranded vehicle the next.

And we hope that the paramedic who spent the night before her wedding helping motorists at the Honeywood Arena – her intended place of marriage – instead of getting her beauty sleep, has a long and happy life with her new husband ahead of her.

So, while it's nice to think we may never need you, this past week has shown us how much we do.

For this, we are grateful and we say thank you.

LETTER

Income splitting

The federal budget due to be tabled in early February will contain the possibility of income splitting for families with young children, an item the Conservative government claims is a benefit to the middle class.

On the contrary, it turns out to be a gift to the rich and a further increase in the inequality gap in the country.

According to a report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 86% of all Canadian families would gain nothing from this tax loophole, while the richest 5% (those earning more than \$147,000) would benefit by over \$1,000. The super-rich would end up saving \$5,000 in taxes.

What this amounts to is a reduction of \$4.9 billion to the federal and provincial treasuries – money that could be used to fund, for example, subsidized daycare to help lower-income families work their way out of poverty.

The CCPA study compares this latest Conservative government proposal to its 2007 decision to allow pension income-splitting, which helps rich seniors.

This scheme will cost Ottawa and the provinces \$1.7 billion in tax revenue in 2015, whereas \$1.5 billion would lift all seniors out of poverty.

The same point can be made for the child fitness tax credit and tax-free savings accounts, which do nothing for low-income families struggling to make ends meet.

Talk about Robin Hood in reverse! Taking from the poor and giving to the rich.

Katy Austin, Elmvale

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Now that you're here, I can't let you leave. Your mothers would never forgive me. I know you're stressed and want to leave and we will help you. But if you want to go, you put our mothers, brothers, fathers in jeopardy because they will have to get you out."

– **Heather Hayes**, Councillor for Mulmur Township to 150 stranded motorists who were brought to the Honeywood Arena on Friday, January 24 to spend the night.

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Tim Armour (right) with friends at Alpine Ski Club

A Robbie Burns Day fit for a poet

Creemore's Poet Laureate **Tim Armour** recently marked the end of a bagpiping tour of Clearview for Robbie Burns Day, which was celebrated on Saturday, January 25.

Tim's visits began with a dinner at the Collingwood Legion Hall on Saturday, January 18, where he played with 14 pipers and nine drummers.

Then, on Friday, January 24, Tim embarked on an itinerary that included the Blue Mountain Manor Retirement Residence, Clearview Township's Administration Building, the Stayner Nursing Home, Sunset Manor and Village in Collingwood and a Robbie Burns dinner at Marsh Street Community Centre in Clarksburg.

The next day he had a date at the Alpine Ski Club to "toast the haggis" with about 300 people where Tim recited Burns' famous poem, "Ode to a Haggis" – from memory, of course.

"It is written in old Scottish dialect

and nobody understands a word you're saying, so I ham it up like crazy!" Tim explained.

The tour concluded with a medley of tunes at the Bay Haven Senior Care Community in Collingwood that Tim played with four pipers and a drummer.

This is the eleventh year that Tim has undertaken such a circuit of stanzas in honour of the Scottish bard.

A seventh-generation Canadian, Tim started playing the bagpipes when he turned 50. He says it was something he always wanted to do.

He said he has always loved the poetry of Robbie Burns, and his wife, **Marie Armour**, hails from Scotland.

In spite of all the recent Burns-themed activity, Tim insists he isn't tired. The only thing he might be a little tired of, he admits, is the haggis dinner, which he has eaten five times in the last two weeks.



Fire investigators-to-be from the Office of the Fire Marshall in Midhurst survey the site of the fire.

Passing motorist saw flames

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a good learning experience for them."

The cause of the fire appeared to be a damaged chimney, Shewell said. The fire had extended from the fireplace into the walls, where it climbed from the main floor to the attic, Shewell said. He estimated the fire caused about \$250,000 in damage to the home.

"Because it is an older construction, it had no fire stops," explained Shewell. "It was the seventh generation of the family who lived in that home."

The Fire Department was called after a passing motorist who noticed flames behind the building stopped her car,

knocked on the door of the home and called 911. Smoke alarms activated as soon as the woman arrived at the door.

Airport Road was closed from 3/4 Sideroad to the south and 6/7 Sideroad to the north from 11:30 pm to 5:30 am so the Fire Department could transport water to the fire.

The trucks made 10 trips carrying water from the south end of Creemore to the house in Avening.

Due to the extreme cold weather (-26 degrees at the scene), the Fire Department used circulating crews of firefighters.

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Farmer celebrated 50 years of marriage and farming



Jim Steed with Emmett and Isaac Swanton

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years to the day that Jim and Marilyn moved onto their new farm and started their farming career. Purchased in 1963, they started milking cows and shipping fluid milk for nine years before selling the herd in 1972 and changing to beef. Jim even had pigs for a short time, but Jim and the pigs didn't see eye to eye - and the pigs left!

Jim loved the beef industry. He grew his beef enterprise with great ambition and hard work. He was very good at finishing steers. He entered into the cow and calf business with purebred Limisin cattle and sat on the Board of Directors for the Limisin association. At the Stock Yard, Jim won several championships for his quality cattle.

Jim was a community leader who was on the Executive of Junior Farmers, both local and county, President of the SCFA, a founding member of the Creemore Lions Club and a 4-H leader of the Beef Club. When bovine spongiform encephalopathy hit the area, Jim organized a meeting to bring media

and political attention to the crisis.

Jim was known far and wide. You couldn't find a machinery dealer in Ontario who didn't know Jim. He was not afraid of trying something different. He harvested hay for silage, he did square bails for a while, he round-baled hay and in the past few years he also wrapped his hay. However, Marilyn said if his machinery didn't run right in the first fifteen minutes, then it was gone.

This past corn harvest was trouble-free. He commented to Marilyn that the combine ran well and he didn't get a wagon stuck. He was very pleased. Maybe that had a lot to do with how proud Jim was to have his grandson, Cameron, working on the farm with him. Jim was immensely proud of all of his grandchildren.

Jim was a horse lover, a fence viewer for the Township and he loved to curl at the Creemore Curling Club. Apparently, Jim was also a speeder in the car. I think he also thought rules were made

to be broken.

On Monday, Jim headed up to heaven to be with his best farmer buddies. There is a lot to talk about...and the stories that will be told will be out of this world.

After the funeral, **Paul Dyck**, a neighbour of the Steeds, sent this message to the *Echo*:

I wasn't surprised that there was such a large crowd at the Fawcett Funeral Home to pay their respects to Jim Steed on Wednesday night, or that it took an hour in the reception line before getting a chance to give his wife, Marilyn, a hug. In his quiet way, he must have touched a lot of people in the 75 years he lived in the Creemore area, including our family.

We have known the Steeds for two and half years since we bought the school house next to their property. They made us feel welcome right away, inviting us to the annual 10 Hill party that they were hosting at their farm a few weeks after we moved in. Our young son Liam took to Jim because he let him feed snacks to the dog, and had big farm machinery and cows in his yard. Liam often waved to "Farmer Steed" as he drove by on one of his machines, either alone or with his dog, Max, beside him to keep him company.

I'm sure we provided Jim with fodder for stories to share with his buddies about "those folks from the city." Last summer, my son and I wanted to grow some giant pumpkins so we went next door to the Steed's farm looking for fertilizer. We knocked on the door and asked him if we could have a bucket of manure. Not a problem. He went into the barn, started up the skid and gave my son a lift to the far side of the barn where he took a big scoop of his best dung.

"I'll run it up to your place," Jim said, "Where do you want it?" That's when I held up my plastic five-gallon "bucket" and proceeded to fill it with a few scoops of my spade. He was too polite to make any jokes or even roll his eyes. He just turned that skid around and dumped the rest back on the pile.

We came to Creemore not only because of the beautiful scenery and year-round things to do, but also to give our son an appreciation for rural life, where our food comes from, and the hard-working people who grow and raise it. We could not have asked for a kinder, better role model for a neighbour than Jim Steed. We'll miss him greatly.

CREEMORE TYKES TAKE THIRD PLACE AT INNISFIL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



POST-GAME GROUP SHOT – Jacob Armstrong, Miles Dempsey, Ryker Elliott (tournament net-minder), Nathan Elliott, Lucas Hayward, Matthew Hepburn, Ryan Hepburn, Brady King, Caleb Mantini, Miles Millar, Memphis Palmer Gummer, Cora Patten, Brady Reynolds, Simon Ruzyllo, Jonathan Van Severen and Leo Wolfe. Team member Ivy Elliott was in reserve.

By Sharon Gummer, proud Hockey Mom

The weekend of Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19 was full of good sport and fun as the Tyke Creemore Valley Hawks participated in the Mayors Cup Tyke Hockey Tournament in Innisfil.

The first game at 7:15 am was a great 4-2 win against Innisfil 2!

From there, it was a wait until the next game against Oakville 2 at 3:50 pm. Oakville was a strong contender and Creemore battled well and with all heart, although to a loss.

On Sunday, the day started against Nobleking at 9:50 am with a 4-4 tie. Then the true wait began, as the organizers tallied up the game points for team placement.

The Tykes placed third in their group – sixth out of the 12 teams – with 11 points.

Then it was off to the "C" Finals at 3:50 pm against Bradford 6! The game was full of great chances and an awesome effort by all. The Tykes took the game to overtime with a 4-4 tie! With a fast pace to the start of overtime, there were chances at both ends, but unfortunately, it didn't go Creemore's way. But great hockey was played and much fun truly was had by all.

Thank you to Coach **Mark Ruzyllo**, Assistant Coaches **Sherri King** and **Chris Hayward**, Manager **Todd Elliott** and team Trainer **Alan Palmer**. And of course, to all the player support personnel!



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Tasty tips about writing and drawing for kids

By Kristi Green

Inspired by his own fictional protagonist, Neil Flambé – a child chef who solves mysteries – author, illustrator and broadcaster **Kevin Sylvester** is bringing a workshop for kids to Maple Valley in February.

On Sunday, February 16, Sylvester will work with kids ages 7 to 13 to create stories and drawings at Mad Maple Inn, with food provided by owners **Miriam Streimen** and **Neil Epstein**.

“Food is central to [Sylvester’s] writing,” said Streimen. “And Mad Maple is not just a boutique inn and a food studio, but also a hub for community arts and culture for people of all ages.”

According to Sylvester, kids love writing, drawing and cooking because all three are rooted in creativity.

“Authors and chefs are kind of similar,” he said. “You have the exact same ingredients as anybody else, but what makes you be a writer or a cook is how differently and critically you combine them.”

Children will play games based on words and participate in a “lightning” story session. Then they will eat (freshly and locally, of course) before moving on to the drawing portion of the day.

The activities will be food-themed, explained Sylvester, who aims to encourage kids to think more critically about food.

The main character of his four award-winning children’s books, Neil Flambé, is a 14-year-old chef who thinks he can cook anything better than anyone else. Using his knowledge of cooking – especially his incredible sense of smell – Neil starts helping the local Police Inspector solve crimes.

In his own house, Sylvester said he is the cook in the family. And yes, he does enjoy a good flambé: steak Diane, fig and brandy liqueur or even a traditional plum pudding.

But don’t worry, parents. When he comes to Mad Maple on February 16, Sylvester says he’ll leave the matches behind.



Kevin Sylvester

WRITING & CARTOONING WITH KEVIN SYLVESTER

For kids ages 7 - 13

Sunday, February 16

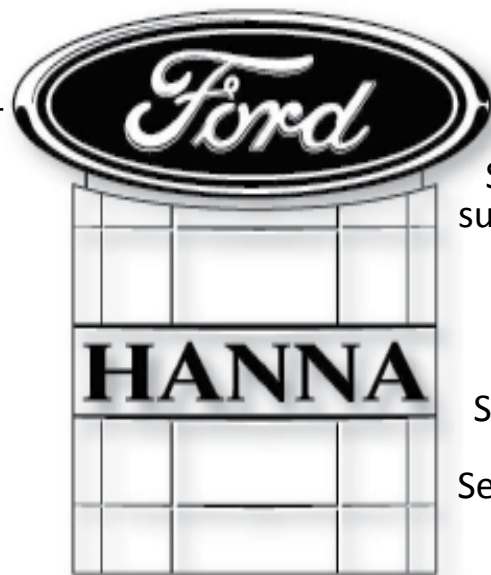
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Look what's happening!

Bianca Perren Opening Reception

Saturday, February 1

meet the artist in our Gallery - 4 to 6pm

Bianca Perren paints landscapes with delightful simplicity. Her minimalist yet powerful painting style captures the character and mood of a particular area with a seasonal palette of colours, most recent the agricultural landscape surrounding Creemore, and the Georgian Bay islands. Show continues through February.

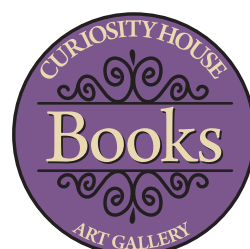
An Afternoon With Kevin Sylvester

Sunday, February 16th

**at the Mad Maple Country Inn between
12:30 and 3:30 pm**

Sylvester, a veteran of CBC Radio and an award-winning author/illustrator, will present an afternoon workshop for children between 7 and 14 years of age on writing and cartooning. Healthy and fun Neil Flambe-inspired treats will be provided by Miriam and Neil.

Registration at the bookstore is essential for this event as space is limited, and can be completed via the bookstore. \$40.



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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were eight full tables and one table of three. There were six Moon Shots played by **Norma Johnston, Melvin Lougheed, Earl Bentley, Phyllis Seed and Janice Stephens**, with **Barb Pilon** taking the travel prize.

Winners of the bid euchre for the day were **Marg Hennessy 296, Marg Hope 276, Pat Winger 269 and Evelyn Warden 268**, with the low prize going to **Peter Gubbels** with 103.

Lucky draws were won by **George Blakney, John Van Voorst, Earl Bentley, Marj Thompson, Mary Bouchard and June Hartley**.

Last week **June Hartley** did the secretary duties for me, and this week June was doing the treasurer duties



SENIORS

Evelyn
WARDEN

while busy **Irma Flack** was volunteering at her church group.

A longtime resident of Creemore, **Jim Steed** passed away.

Barb Cudmore is doing much better every day and will no doubt be back with us soon.

Russ Miller is still awaiting a placement for his three-week rehab; bet he is giving the nurses a few laughs.

Thank you notes were read from St. Luke's Anglican Church and the Collingwood Hospital for our donations made before Christmas.

Remember: Smiles are contagious, so be a carrier.

GET READY FOR MIDWINTER FEST

It's been a cold and windy winter so far, and it looks like it will be more of the same til March. A real, Canadian, old-time winter.

Your local Business Improvement Association is just not taking this in stride – it's

planning to make the most out of a cold situation. Once again, the BIA is presenting their annual Big Heart Days starting on Valentine's Day and ending on Family Day (Friday, February 14 to Monday, February 17).

Big Heart Days is a wonderful annual tradition celebrating the origin of our village name, from the Gaelic *croi mor* for "big heart." But this year, it will be an event-filled midwinter festival with plenty to do, see and eat for the kids and the kid in us all.

This year's theme is "Show your heart for winter"! Winter event venues are being set up around the core of the village inviting locals and visitors to Mill Street.

The Sweetheart Skate will start off the fun on Friday night at the Station rink, with plenty of hot chocolate and a warming fire. During the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, several special guests will help us relive the fantastic memories of the Olympic torch relay run through the village in 2010.

Saturday and Sunday events will include a toboggan run beside the Library, kid's curling at the Station rink, snowshoeing, snow sculpture carving, Street Hockey at the Pub, Winterama games for the kids put on by Ray's Place, Messy Art finger painting at the Library with the Mess Mistresses, a Maple Sugar Shack and

a warming station in front of the 100 Mile Store, where you can get a stick of real maple taffy. Residents of the village are invited to let their creativity loose and enter this year's Snowman Making Contest (winners will be announced on Family Day).

The Township is opening the Creemore Arena on Family Day for a free family skate indoors. Affairs Catering, Bakery and Café will serve their special Sweetheart Breakfasts and Lunches all weekend.

Our restaurants are taking up the Creemore Chili Challenge to see who gets the gold as the Creemore Chili Challenge Champion. Visit the participating restaurants, enjoy their chili, cast your ballot and get Creemore Bucks, which will be handed out at Big Heart events.


Many of the merchants on Mill Street will be offering "Paint the Town Red" specials throughout February and accepting Creemore Bucks. There will be other fun ways to earn Creemore Bucks while participating in the events throughout the Big Heart Days weekend, to increase your savings in our stores.

BIA Big Heart pins will be available to purchase for a toonie from the local merchants to help show your heart for winter and Creemore.

The list of events is still growing. If you know a way to make the best out of winter, contact me, **Thom Paterson**, at tpaterson@clearview.ca or 705-466-6321, or **Corey Finkelstein** at bia@ourcreemore.ca at 705-466-6593. Also watch for the calendar of events in upcoming editions of the *Echo*. Come and experience winter in the little village with the big heart!

WARD 4 MATTERS

Thom
PATERSON



CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

FORM 6, *Municipal Act, 2001*

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on March 5, 2014, at the Township of Clearview Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Township of Clearview Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

Description of Lands:

Roll No. 43 29 010 003 43857 0000; PIN 58240-0249(LT); Part Lot 31 Concession 3 Nottawasaga, designated Part 257, Plan R705; Clearview; File No. 12-05
Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,002.42

Roll No. 43 29 010 010 08201 0000; PIN 58222-0040(LT); Part Lot 14 Concession 7 Nottawasaga as in RO1114361; T/W RO1114361; Clearview; File No. 12-08
Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,343.78

Roll No. 43 29 010 012 04159 0000; PIN 58252-0131(LT); Part S1/2 Lot 37 Concession 11 Nottawasaga, designated Part 59, Plan R708; Clearview; File No. 12-10
Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,835.88

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, HST if applicable and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
www.OntarioTaxSales.ca
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News from all over New Lowell

I would like to thank all of the people who have offered sympathy to our little family on the sudden death of our nephew. Jamie died seven days after his 40th birthday of a massive heart attack. He is the son of **Sandy Herbert** (late Bruce).

Good news from the Kidd family: **Cleve and Heather Kidd** welcomed a baby girl on Monday, December 16. **Kellie Patricia Jordon Kidd** will surely stay warm this winter with family hugs.

Our local horticulture specialist and first place winner for the flower show is feeling better and we send her many wishes for a speedy recovery.

I hear through the grapevine that some of our local children are getting ready for speeches in their classroom. Stay tuned for the outcome of these when they perform for the judges.

I have a huge complaint to our local Post Office. Many people on the Brentwood strip that have to pick up their mail at the now-closed Brentwood store experience difficulty getting into the mailbox area. Over the holidays it was impossible to get in to get the mail,

NEW LOWELL NEWS

Sandra
BEDNAREK

and I understand the delivery was not able to get over the snowbanks.

We know we live in an area where winter does come, but after a couple of days this area needs to be plowed out with space for walkers and vehicles. We would suggest that the Federal Boxes be moved to the

Brentwood Community Centre, which is plowed out regularly and is more accessible for everyone. Even when the ground is bare at the "store" spot, it is not easily accessible, and often we have climbed over used clothing or furniture dropped off at the bins that are full. I have received a few phone calls asking me to address this situation via this column.

Winterama is coming this weekend! During Winterama why not stop in to the Sunnidale Branch of The Clearview Library (across from the Recreation park) for a warm up: do a penguin craft, build a Lego penguin or choose a book about the Berenstain bears – the original child-friendly rednecks!

That's what is new from in and around New Lowell. If you would like to add to the news, please call me at 705-424-6497 (4 pm to 6 pm) or email sandra@bednarek.ca.

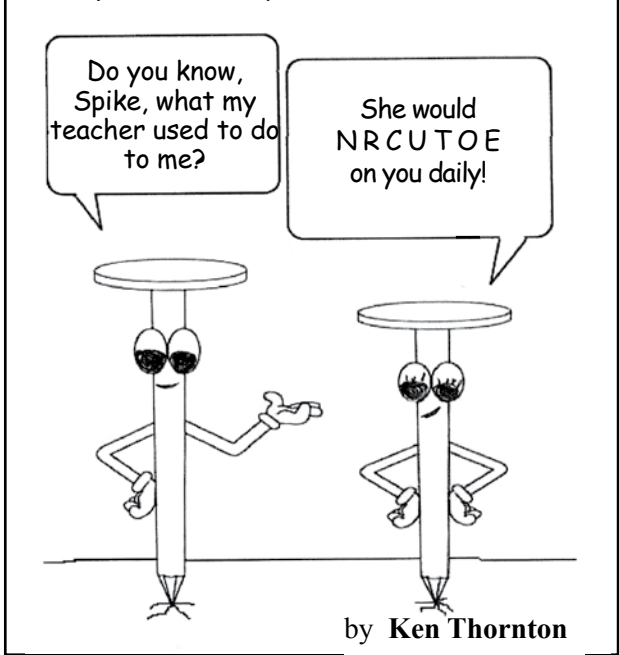
FUN & Games

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 31

Variable cloudiness
High -5 Low -10 Winds W 20 km/h
POP 30%

Saturday, February 1

Snow
High -2 Low -10 Winds SE 10 km/h
POP 90%

Sunday, February 2

Cloudy with sunny breaks
High -15 Low -14 Winds W 20 km/h
POP 30%

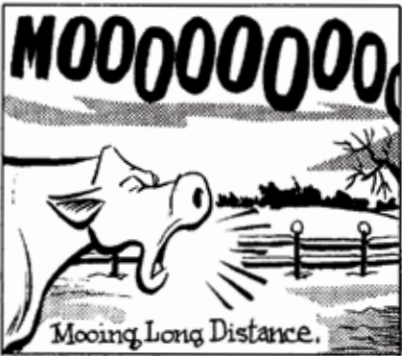
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FRED'S FUNNIES

What do you call 53 millionaires around a TV watching the Super Bowl?

The Dallas Cowboys

Canadian Criss Cross

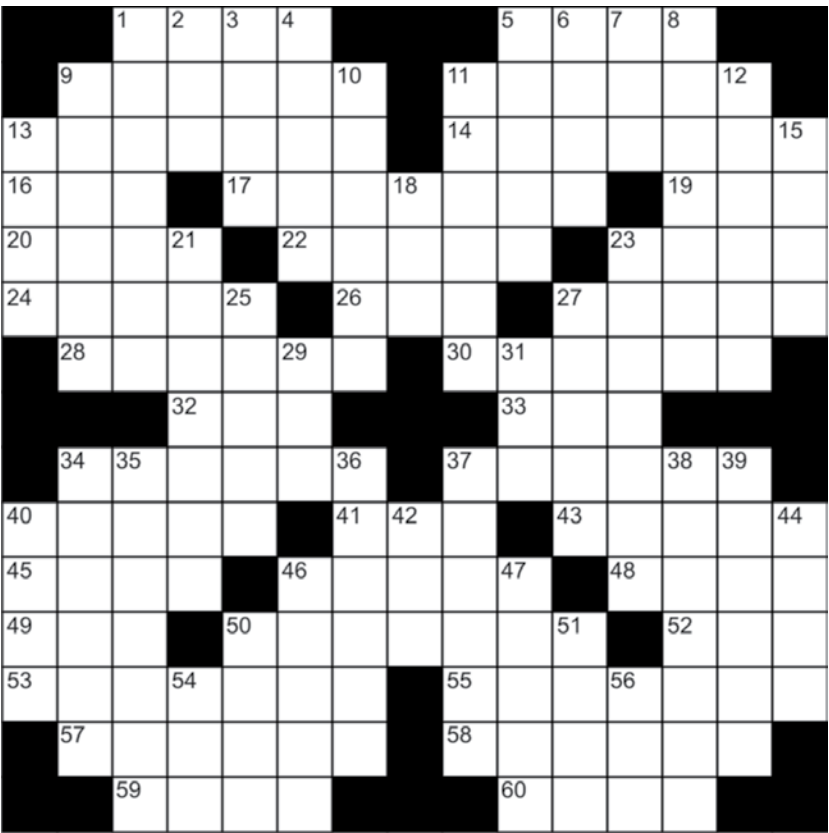
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ACROSS

- Decide with a coin
- Barbershop request
- Cheerful
- It's used in the winter
- Dietary component
- Whole number
- Dumbo's "wing"
- Knife used in cutting sugarcane
- Companion of Tarzan
- Battery fluid
- Unwilling
- Climb a pole
- Tamper with an odometer
- Alternative to whole wheat
- Be frugal
- Flash light?
- Good name
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- The Almighty
- Measure of newspaper space
- It's all about me, me, me
- Slender and long-limbed
- Put in position
- Fail to mix with, like water and oil
- Feel sore
- Not as many
- Computer info
- Wish undone
- Change into something more advanced
- ___ Brunswick
- Not there yet
- Prevaricating excuse
- Enlisted rank
- Restraining rope
- Greenish blue
- Show shock, in a way

DOWN

- Busy one on Valentine's Day
- On, as a lamp
- Bookkeeping entry
- Small glass bottle
- J's place in the alphabet
- Religious ceremony
- It's cold
- Huge bestseller
- Dental appliance
- Concert finale
- One who wants to slim down
- Be unhappy
- Juicy fruit
- Apartment payment
- River in Alberta
- Make insane
- Not spontaneous
- In these times
- Animal track
- Peat source
- Ingredient in a flip
- Missing part
- Receive from a predecessor
- Almost midnight
- Shoelace hole
- Gun dog
- Crater creator
- Reddish, as a steak
- Feeling of reverence
- Field of mowed grass
- Kind of position
- Exploration vehicle
- Russian legislative assembly
- Rich savoury paste
- Metal in rocks
- What a captain calls his boat



January 24 answer

Time to get messy at your local library

Calling all young artists in Clearview!

Mark Saturday, February 15 on your calendar and plan to join the Big Heart Days festival fun as we experiment at The Clearview Public Library with Messy Art from 10 am to 4 pm. **darci-que** will be creating some “Big Heart” masterpieces whilst **Michele McKenzie**, a firm believer in finger painting, will be demonstrating her artistic abilities. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in this free family friendly creative action!

If you wish, use this opportunity to create and submit your child’s artwork for the 20th anniversary of the Magic of Children art exhibition, which will be held at The Collingwood Public Library. We will transport the artwork and artist’s statements completed in our library on this date to the gallery space, where they will be on display from Monday, March 3 to Sunday, March 30.

Please note that every piece and its story will be reviewed by professional artists and each child (from kindergarten to Grade 8) will receive a positive comment and a prize of art materials. Choose from the following themes: portraits, nature and animals, imaginary worlds or landscapes.

Pop by the Creemore Branch of The Clearview Public Library or check out www.magicofchildren.ca to find out more about this wonderful celebration of the arts.

The Clearview Public Library’s programs are designed to inspire your child’s imagination and to encourage their sense of discovery as they learn the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in school and later in life.

See you at the library soon.

LIBRARY NEWS



Michele McKENZIE

Echo briefs

Two dead in car crash outside Stayner

Two people died and four were injured in a two-car crash on Highway 26 just south of the 27/28 Sideroad of Nottawasaga on Friday, January 24. The crash occurred just before 9 pm when the driver of a southbound Audi lost control of his car while attempting to pass a tractor trailer unit. He entered the northbound lane and collided with a northbound Volkswagen. The driver and one passenger in the Audi (both from Toronto) were killed; a second passenger (from Whitby) was taken to Collingwood General and Marine Hospital with serious injuries. The three people in the Volkswagen were also taken to hospital with serious injuries. The OPP confirmed that strong winds and snow played a role in the crash.

Pine River founder retires

Karen Minden, founder of the Pine River Foundation, retires from the position of Chief Executive Officer of the organization on Friday, January 31. The Foundation raises and manages funds to support Pine River Institute, a unique residential treatment centre and outdoor leadership experience for youth ages 13 to 19 who struggle with mental health issues (specifically substance abuse). Minden was a founding board member of Pine River Institute in 2001, and the Founding CEO of the Institute from 2005 until 2011. It started as a response to the lack of appropriate treatment available in Canada for youth in this situation. Formerly a Professor of political science, Minden was awarded the Order of Canada for social service in 2010. She has been actively involved in policy development in Manitoba and Ontario to address the problem of youth and drugs.

Man and son stranded in car

At 3:30 am on Saturday, January 25, the Clearview Fire Department was contacted to help a father and son who had stopped their car at 8 pm the night before on Concession 5 south of 6/7, due to poor visibility, high winds and large drifts. The OPP had been unable to assist them because they had no snowmobiles in the area. Without a lot of information to go on, Acting Deputy Fire Chief **Roree Payment** drove to the site, parked his truck on Concession 5 and walked 2 km to the vehicle. In the meantime, Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** called **Steve Sage**, Clearview’s General Manager of Transportation and Recreation, who drove out on his snowmobile, which he packed with warm hats and other gear. “The first thing I said to the son, who was 12, was ‘Hold on tight!’ The second thing I said was, don’t hit your face on the back of my helmet!” said Sage. At 4 am, Sage brought the two people back to Station 4 in Creemore where they had toast, eggs and coffee. Clearview’s Public Works road crews cleared the eight-foot drifts and the firefighters shovelled out the car so the father and son could continue driving to Collingwood by 7:30 am.

Deputy Mayor files for another term

Alica Savage, Deputy Mayor, has filed her papers to run for a third term in the position but she may pursue the role of Mayor if **Ken Ferguson** decides not to run. In a press release, Savage said, “The Mayor has indicated he will be making his decision later this year. Should he announce his retirement as opposed to a bid for re-election, I will amend my nomination papers and seek the office of Mayor. It’s the logical evolution of my service to Clearview.”

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WANTED

Nancy Strand needs more **YARN**. This is used for knitting & crocheting therapy for people recovering from strokes. Please drop off at *The Creemore Echo* office.

OFFICE HELP WANTED

We have a position available in our store for a mature person with experience in **BOOKKEEPING** and **OFFICE MANAGEMENT**. The successful applicant must possess excellent organizational skills, have knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, must also be proficient with various banking procedures such as balancing, making deposits and reconciliation. This position requires Payroll, Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable duties. We are seeking an individual looking for part-time employment. Basic computer skills and outstanding people skills are definite assets required for this position. Please send your resume/application to CVP Limited, 171 Mill Street, Creemore, ON, L0M 1G0

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WORKSHOPS / CLASSES

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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrate Chinese New Year on Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2 with our Combo Special. Dine in or take out. Affairs, 148 Mill Street 705-466-5621.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thanks to our wonderful family, friends and neighbours who called, sent cards, food, and well wishes after my heart surgery this month. Your thoughtfulness was so very much appreciated by Karlin and me.
Stephen Roat

The Avening Hall would like to thank all of those who braved the wintery roads to enjoy a night of laughter with Monkey Toast last Saturday. A special thanks goes to Mariane McLeod and Terry O'Reilly for volunteering their time as our special guest and to Peter Madore of The Mad and Noisy Improv Company for getting the ball rolling. The Hall Board also extends their deepest gratitude to Creemore Springs Brewery and our dedicated volunteers for their continued generosity. Everyone's contribution enabled us to warm the ACC with laughter in the depths of January.

On behalf of Tanya and Kevin Prentice I would like to thank everyone for all the support that has been shown to them. Your generosity has helped Tanya and Kevin take away some of the burden they have encountered during the past two and a half years. The evening was such a success raising over \$7,200 and donations of food to fill their cupboards. I would like to thank the following for donations of silent auction and door prizes etc.: Ice River Springs, Dawn Barid, Darlene Lemmon, Helen Smart, Stayner Dairy Queen, Kate & Darryl Ceccanelli, Pat Steer, Gertie Gowan & Family, Vanda Jones, Coffee Culture Stayner, Brenda Houston, Mr Spud, Monica & Shawn Maltas, Water Depot, Huron Tractor, Gerry Seymor, Grandma's Beach Treats, Hair By Sue, Helen Blackburn, Wasaga Paint Ball, Stayner Timber Mart, Melissa Weatherall, Stayner Home Hardware, Cardboard Castles, Steer, Cathy's Flowers, Tanya Moss, Super Cuts Wasaga Beach, Stayner Rental, Alphorn Restaurant, Sun Signs & Lollipops, Paulette Light Photography, Valarie & Norm Nordsstrom, Fawn Talbot, Bryan Davis Photography, Angel House B & B, Premier Equipment, The Danceroom, Linda & Don Prentice, Krystle Ball, Miss Holly's Spa, Kim Gunnell, McLellan, Shaw & Ironside, Lisa Gibson, Aaron Downey, Kim Dusome, Diane Buchanan, J&R Firewood, Rick and Sandy Sanderson, Big W Little H, Reta and Len Bette, Hamilton Bros, Brooke Timmons. I would also like to thank Stephanie Prentice, Steven Prentice, Linda Prentice, Holly Kenwell, Marlene Maxwell, Tagon Prentice, Pedro Everaets, Dw McGillvray, ML McGillvray, June Prentice for all your hard work. *Creemore Echo* for your nice story about Tanya and anyone else who helped. A huge thank you to the amazing band Crash Monkey Mob for donating your time to play. Thank you again, Sue Nixon

THANK YOU

STEED – We want to express our sincere thanks to so many people who helped us last week: to the 911 team for their efforts; to Kathy Dodd, Judy Wickens and John Taylor for helping us get through Sunday night; and to Marion McArthur for her organization and food on Monday; to all those who fed us during the week, sent cards and offered help in any way; to Fawcett Funeral Home for their compassion and guidance; to all who were a part of the funeral service and lunch and especially Rev. Glen Eagle, John Miller and my brother Stan for their kind words. Jim's passing happened the way he wanted and the service was a great send off.

Marilyn Steed and family

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DEATH NOTICE

COLLIER, Alma Kathleen (nee Hyslop) April 2, 1925-January 19, 2014. With sadness, the family of Alma Collier announce that she passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the Collingwood G&M Hospital after suffering a stroke the day before. She is survived by her sister June, children Catherine Laird (and spouse Steven), Stephen Collier (and spouse Elaine), and Kimberley Howard (and spouse Brian), grandchildren Michael, Erin, and Katy, and great-grandchildren Breanne, McKenzie and Haley. She will be deeply missed by all these people, as well as remaining members of her extended family all across Canada. She joins her husband Frank, her mother Kathleen and siblings Gerry, Doug and Colin. Alma spent only the last 2 of her 88 years living "in the country" near Devil's Glen. She loved touring around our beautiful area, and was enchanted by Creemore and all the friendly, helpful people she met. A particular thanks to Jean, John, Stan and Cheryl at the Creemore IDA, and to Dr. Jeff Matt at the General & Marine. In respecting her wishes, there will be no funeral, but a memorial gathering will be held near her birthday, early April 2014. Family and friends are asked to get in touch with Stephen Collier for details.

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Drive-by watercolour painter inspired by the land

By Kristi Green

Watercolour artist **Bianca Perren** draws her inspiration from landscapes that are bleak, harsh and spare, such as the Arctic and Southern Georgian Bay.

So, what is she doing in Creemore?

"I found it hard to paint here because it's so pretty," admits Bianca, who came to Creemore with her son **Leo Wolfe** in July 2012. "It's so lush, green and rolling. The landscape is the opposite of the Arctic in a way."

However, after driving around the area, Bianca soon found inspiration in the form of industrial and outbuildings. The result of this – the work she produced last winter – will be on show at Curiosity House Books from Saturday, February 1 to Thursday, February 27.

"The buildings have such colourful abstract qualities, especially in the snow," says Bianca. "This show is an exploration of things that are not traditionally pretty; things like industrial buildings that are beautiful in a different way."

For Bianca, who is originally from Toronto but has lived in Edmonton, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Italy, France, Denmark and Norway, painting the landscape around her has always helped her get to know her environs.

"One of the things I totally love about Creemore is that if you walk up a hill anywhere you get a daily thrill – a view of the expanse of Georgian Bay that is blue and grey in the distance, which I really love."



Bianca Perren with student **Chris Gismondi** on Baffin Island last summer

To sate her love for stark landscapes – as well as to pursue her work as a paleoecologist who studies the way Arctic landscapes respond to climate change – Bianca has travelled to Ellesmere Island, Baffin Island, Greenland, Svalbard in the Norwegian High Arctic and Iceland with both her scientist and artist hats on (which helps because it can be so chilly).

Recently, Bianca returned from a 14-day trip aboard a ship to the Antarctic Peninsula teaching climate change science and art to about 79 teenagers. The voyage was part of an international, Canadian-run

program called Students on Ice, which takes high school-aged youth to the Arctic and Antarctic to teach them about polar conservation and environmental issues. This was Bianca's second time working with the group and she hopes to do more trips with the organization.

But before then, Bianca will embark on another journey. At the end of March, she and Leo will leave for the U.K. where she will work with the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge.

"We are looking forward to the chance to do more travel," says Bianca. "Leo is very interested in world geography.

But we are going to miss all of our amazing friends and the fantastic sense of community here. We will also miss real winter with skiing and hockey! And probably sunny skies...."

Bianca plans to be in the U.K. for the next three years.

But will we find her back in Creemore?

Without hesitating, Bianca says, "yes."

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10am to noon Registration for Radar Runs
10:30am Parade
11:00am Opening Ceremonies and presentation of poster contest winners
11am to 3pm Craft Show at New Lowell United Church
11:15am Children's Games and Demo by the Firefighters at the Park
12:30pm Radar Runs Begin
1 to 4pm Euchre at the New Lowell Legion
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