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**IN THE HOLE** – Clearview Public Works employee **Dale Lightheart** (right) does a little digging while **Gerald Giffen** operates the back hoe as they attend to a broken water main on Elizabeth Street East on Friday, January 31.

## Seven generations of Black history

By Kristi Green  
Award-winning historian, **Jane Cooper-Wilson** will speak in Stayner this month about the migration of African-Canadians in this area – including seven generations of her own family – in honour of Black History Month.

The lecturer and author, who won the Ontario Historical Society’s Carnochan Award in 2012 for her outstanding service to Ontario heritage communities, says her goal is to “enlighten people on the contribution of the original racial makeup of our province.”

This “original racial makeup” includes her own ancestors, John Morgan Sr. (born in 1763 in Madagascar) and his wife, Elizabeth, who were former slaves from Virginia who escaped to Canada during the American Revolution and who settled in Sunnidale Township around 1829.

Cooper-Wilson’s novel, *Morgan’s*

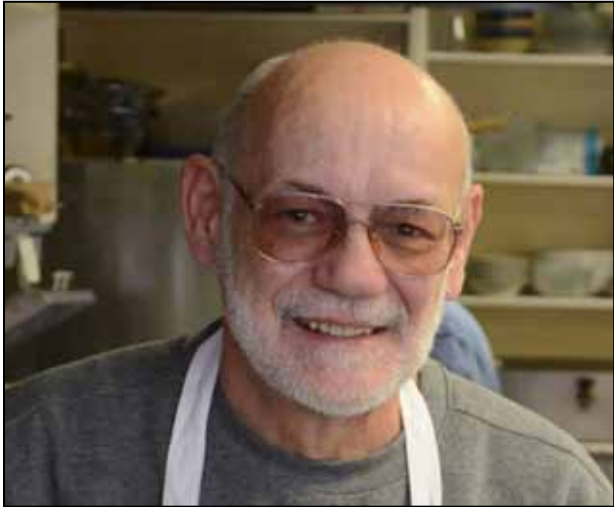
*Seed*, tells the story of her ancestors, who are buried in the Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery in New Lowell. She is also the author of *Echoes in the Hills: My Search for John Brown’s Legacy* and her work has appeared in *Northern Terminus: The African Canadian History Journal*, as well as in documentaries and on television.

In 1997, Cooper-Wilson joined the SilverShoe Historical Society, a group of 25 people who formed in 1997 to restore the Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery, to “honour the ancestry of the people who lived in the Silver Shoe community.” She is now the group’s Executive Director.

Silver Shoe is the name of the local settlement where many Black settlers lived. It was bordered by present-day Concession 7, Creemore Avenue, County Road 10 (Sunndale Road) and Concession 5, Cooper-Wilson says. The SilverShoe Historical Society (See “Learn” on page 3)

## WHAT MAKES YOUR “CHILI CHALLENGE” CHILI SPECIAL?

During next weekend’s Big Heart Days, seven Creemore foodies will compete in the “Chili Challenge” for the coveted title of Best Chili. Who will the winner be: 100 Mile Store, Affairs Catering Bakery and Café, The Bank Café, Life’s a Slice, the Old Mill House Pub, Pizza Perfect or The Sovereign? To get the scoop, the *Echo* asked a few of the chefs what will make their entry so delicious. Make no mistake: these folks are serious about their chili! No kidneying around...



**Henry Affolter, Pizza Perfect**  
“It’s a secret recipe! I can’t tell you what spices are in it, but it is made with only Grade A ingredients from scratch – no preservatives, with a side of fresh, homemade garlic bread with cheese on top. Some people like that.”



**Jackie Durnford, 100 Mile Store**  
“Our chili is ultra local, a little wild, a little spooky, always game, a hundred years behind the times, crafted by an engineer (who is not genetically modified). Put some heart (big heart) in your fart...try our chili!”



**Judy Wagner, Life’s a Slice**  
“Well, I can’t tell you what is in it, but it’s a homemade chili. A comfort food with a little bit of something special. We’re going to do it up a little differently than what is on the menu. That is all I can say!”





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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Friday, February 7

- **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.

### 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

- **A Very Valentine Day.** A children's dance and art event from 10 am to 3 pm at Station on the Green, \$20. To register, contact Miss Margie at 705-792-8743 or dance@msmargie.ca, or darci-que at 705-466-2405 or darciquecreemore@yahoo.com.
- **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.

### Sunday, February 9

- **Church Services** – see page 5.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, February 10

- **Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion** begins today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome. For more information call 705-466-2330.
- **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.
- **The Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County Support Group** for family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimers from 7 to 9 pm at Waterside Retirement Lodge, Private Dining Room, 239 Zoo Park Road, Wasaga Beach. Call 705-722-1066 for details.

### Tuesday, February 11

- **Creemore Adult Skating** Tuesdays through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.
- **The Creemore Community Youth Choir** will commence their practices again tonight from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Creemore United Church. Practices will continue until early May concluding with a spring concert. New members are welcome to attend. Last day to join will be Tuesday, February 25. Ages 8-14. No singing experience required. No cost for joining. Variety of music selections to be incorporated. For more information please call Lynn at 705-466-2995.

### Wednesday, February 12

- **15th Annual Christie Cummings G&M Hospital Ski Day** at Osler Bluff Ski Club. \$150 per person (\$70 tax receipt) breakfast, lunch and apres-ski included. Free ski lesson. Live Auction. Email foundation@cgmh.on.ca to register. This is a Hospital fundraiser.

### Thursday, February 13

- **Free Car Seat Clinic** at Lafreniere Auto Sales & Service, 7106 Highway 26, Stayner from 3 to 5 pm. Sponsored by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Huronia West OPP, Clearview Fire & Emergency Services and County of Simcoe Paramedic Services. Contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 to book an appointment.

### Thurs February 13, Tues Feb 25, Wed March 5

- **Clearview Soccer Registration** at Creemore Arena, Stayner Arena, New Lowell Fire Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on each of these three dates. See ad below for details.

### 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

- **Creemore Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting** at 7:30 pm at St Luke's Anglican Church, presents David Hawke whose topic is "Spring Things". All are welcome.
- **Stayner Heritage Society presents "A Black History Event"** featuring Janie Cooper-Wilson., Executive-Director SilverShoe 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.

### Thursday, February 20

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.
- **Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction** at New Lowell Legion from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This fundraiser is to help the **SCI Cybergnome Robotics Club**. Adults \$10, \$5 for ages 5 to 12, under 5 with an adult are free.

### Friday, February 21

- **The Singing Triangle Squad Auditions** from at Cloutier Music, 123 Hurontario Street, Collingwood from 6:30 to 8:30 pm This squad is a youth performance group from Simcoe StageCoach that incorporates singing, acting and choreography in their shows. No previous experience but definitely a desire to get on stage is important. Already booked at the Collingwood Music Festival, Bean2tween Festival and the Opening of the Creemore Farmers' Market. For more information contact Laura at 705-352-5922.

### Saturday, February 22

- **Clearview Community Theatre presents "Opening The Door"**, a Fundraising Variety Show. Supporting local youth programming in Clearview, 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 Gren Bray at clearviewcommunitytheatre@rogers.com or 705-428-2600.

### Saturday, March 15

- **Win a pair of platinum Leaf tickets & Bobby Orr's My Story.** Proceeds to support Ray's Place Youth Resource Centre. \$25 per ticket. Only 225 to be sold. Drop in to Ray's Place, 172D Mill Street or call 705-466-3663. Draw takes place today at 4 pm.

### Thursday, February 20 to Sunday, March 9

- **Great Expectations** at Theatre Orangeville. For tickets call 519-942-3423 or theatreorangeville.ca



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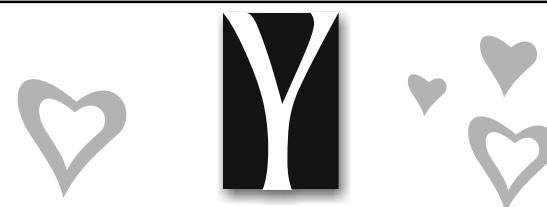
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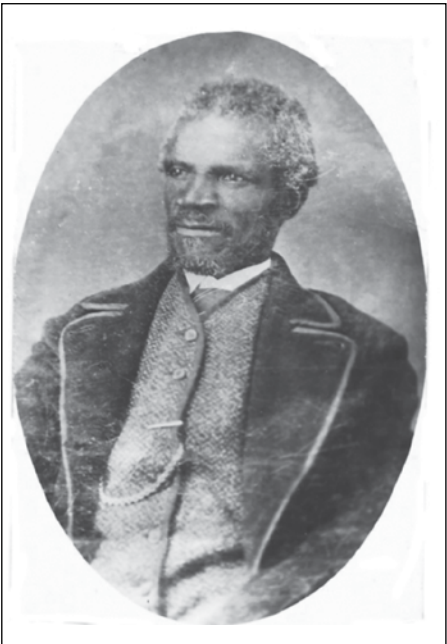
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## Learn from ancestors: "We are who they were"



Jane Cooper-Wilson



John Morgan Sr. (Jane Cooper-Wilson's great, great Grandfather)

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was incorporated as an affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society in 2007.

For Cooper-Wilson, history has a definite role in the lives of the living. "We can learn a great deal about ourselves by learning about our ancestors – we are who they were," she says.

She fears that history is lost when buildings such as the Oro African Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1849 in Oro-Medonte, are left to deteriorate. "It needs serious refurbishing or it won't be around," says Cooper-Wilson, of the church where her ancestors were married. "This is our hereditary home."

"It is important that people understand the past, so they don't make the same mistakes in the future. We need to understand the collective history of our province and our nation in order that the 'true' history can be handed down to younger generations. The presence and contributions of African-Canadians and First Nations to the development of our great Nation can no longer be swept under the rug. It is not about blame – it is all about truth and accountability."

This Black History Month event is one of three major events the Stayner Heritage Society organizes each year, along with its Heritage Day in the summer and Remembrance Day breakfast.

The free event will also feature music by trumpet player **Don Doner**, who will tell the stories of the spirituals that he will play.

### Stayner Heritage Society: Black History Event

Author and lecturer Jane Cooper-Wilson and musician Don Doner with a selection of spirituals  
Wednesday, February 19

(storm date: Tuesday, February 25)  
7:30 pm

Free admission  
Centennial United Church, Stayner



John Simpson

## NEW CREW AT AUCTIONS' HELM

After more than three decades steering local estate sales in Creemore, auctioneer **John Simpson** is leaving the business to a new crew.

This Saturday will mark the first sale for Phoenix Auctions and Appraisals, run by **Ted Myers**, **Steve Mattice** and **Wanda Pilkey**, all of whom worked for Simpson's company.

But Simpson, who describes himself as "not totally retired," will also be there, mentoring the three as the new company gets its feet wet.

"We'll have the same kind of auction," said Myers, who will be taking turns auctioning off items with Simpson on Saturday. "Antiques, estate, firearms and military. We will have one auction a month year-round and firearms quarterly."

"Although our office is located

in Collingwood, we are still loyal to Creemore," added Pilkey. "We will still hold the auctions out of the Creemore Legion; nothing is going to change."

Simpson started his company, Simpson Sporting Auctions and Appraisal Services, in 1978 with a sale in Avening (or so he believes; he admits that with so many years of auctioneering under his belt, he has "lost track" of the dates).

After all these years working seven days a week, Simpson feels the time is ripe for retirement. He plans to spend a lot of time outdoors in B.C. and on a remote island in Temagami.

"I love the business, but there comes a time when you want to take more time off," he explained. "I would like to thank my customers for their loyalty, business and friendship."


### Phoenix Auctions and Appraisals

Saturday, February 8, 10 am


(Previews: February 7, 3 to 6 pm & February 8, 8:30 am)

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## THE WAY WE WERE



This week at the *Echo*, we received the following email: "In the 1940s, my mother remembers visiting "Uncle Harry" and "Aunt Paulie" in New Lowell with her grandparents, Thomas and Mary Marr. Mom felt that Harry and Paulie were not actually related to the family. She remembers possible last names of either Kerr or Sumner. I am hoping to find out who this couple was, as I believe that they do indeed fit into our family tree. The photos, taken at Uncle Harry and Aunt Paulie's house, show Uncle Harry and my great-grandmother, Mary Marr (left and centre). I do not know who the woman and child in the third photo are." If you think you know anything about these pictures, email **Sharon Burkhard** at sburkhard17@gmail.com.

## EDITORIAL The village that never sleeps

Some people might think that living in a small community like Creemore can be quiet.

Sleepy. Snoozy. Even dull.

They might think that people in a small town or village wake up in the morning (when they feel like it, of course), shuffle to the kitchen in fuzzy slippers, make a pot of tea and spend their day at the window watching snowflakes fall.

These days of watching snowflakes in slippers (which, as the mother of young children, sound quite palatable, actually), might be punctuated a telephone's ring, at which point the caller could give the sitter's day all sorts of new gossip and shape.

Or not.

Well, after spending five months in this place, I can tell you that I am still looking for my slippers.

In my mind, this stereotype of the "sleepy small town" couldn't be farther from the truth in Creemore.

Our days at the *Echo* are filled with so much news – of families and people and animals and farms and houses and festivals and collaborations and contests – that it's enough to make an editor's head spin (and does).

Got an idea for a community event? Invented a new kind of chili? Fashioned a new stitching group? Formed a new choir? Wondering who that is in an old photo you found? Composed a new song? Discovered a new piece of history? Remember what your mother told you? Been on a trip? Bought a new snowblower? Begun a new business? Acquired a new stray cat? Coined a new term? Know of a safe way of repairing your silo? Starting a job? Been at the same one for years? Retiring? Thinking of retiring? Changing careers? Has anyone seen a donkey roaming about??!

At the *Echo*, we get to hear all sorts of information and ideas firsthand. And the best part is, we get to meet the people who create them.

Every time the door at 3 Caroline Street West squeaks open (we don't need a bell for this reason, Georgi tells me), we are greeted by the face of something special.

Neighbours, laden with plastic bags, responding to an ad for donated yarn. Passers-by interested in improv at Station on the Green. An OPP officer with details about a recent call. A "Proud Hockey Mom" with pictures from the latest game. Colleen Stamp with a story about her father, who used to jump into the then-deep waters of the Mad River from the Caroline Street bridge. The ever-jovial Ken Thornton with an update about Spike and Rusty's marriage (more on that soon). A group of NCPS students learning how to make a newspaper. Helen Blackburn, fresh from skating, with a new, old story in her hands.

A man looking for his glasses. darci-que wrapped in dog leashes. The smiling Tim Armour with a new rhyme to recite. Thom Paterson with yet *another* idea for making winter fun.

And in the middle of all this, Al Clarke calls with an update on his search for the "elusive Mulmur Cougar," Michele McKenzie sends an email about the Library's rubber chicken and Linda Cockton shows up with a pie.

Never a dull moment in Creemore, I'd say.

Thank goodness.

**Kristi Green**

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Email info@creemore.com or bring them to the *Echo* office.

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## LETTER No to wind

It has come to our (tax-paying citizens of Melancthon Township) attention that County Council is renegotiating with Dufferin Wind Power regarding the expropriation of the rail corridor.

Did Melancthon Town Council not proclaim yourselves to be unwilling hosts?

Did Dufferin Council not formally request that the Ontario Government withdraw approval for the DWP turbine project?

Did the Mayor not publicly state that the Ontario Government withdraw approval of the Dufferin Wind Power's turbine project?

Did Dufferin County Council not formally request that the Ontario Government withdraw approval for the DWP turbine project?

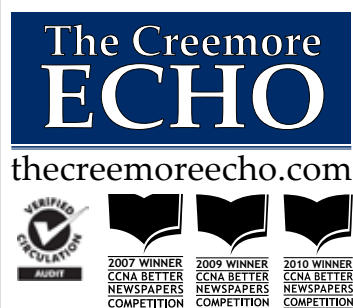
Will we be one of the first families (of many) in line appealing to the Assessment Review Board to cut our homeowner's assessment in half due to the fact that this wind turbine, situated outside our bedroom window, will impact the sales value and marketability of my property?

**Lori and Dan Bryenton**, Melancthon Township

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"They're not complaining about not getting enough overtime!"**

– **Steve Sage**, Clearview's General Manager of Transportation and Recreation jokes about the snowplow drivers and road crews at the Township's Council meeting.



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# LETTER

## “New math” gets failing grade

I think anyone who dedicates their life to teaching should be praised, not criticized. Teaching is a very difficult and demanding job, and it is too easy to point the finger at teachers in general when it comes to discussing education. Teachers do not set policy or determine curriculum. So let’s point the finger directly at the Ministry of Education for the erosion of math literacy in Ontario. Teachers are just following the path laid out for them.

Here is the bad news about math education that the experts aren’t telling you. Canada recently slipped out of the top 10 among international countries in math, behind countries like Poland. Not only did we slip, we’ve plummeted from 6th to 13th in the Program for International Student Rankings since 2000. That’s a crisis in education. You might think, “Why aren’t our kids getting this stuff? Why aren’t teachers reaching them?” But, it’s the system that’s broken – not the kids, their parents or teachers.

The problem is that instead of focusing on foundational skills and using them as building blocks for future learning, the Ministry of Education has created a convoluted, ineffective and downright frustrating process that we now call “discovery math.” But little math is being discovered, let alone mastered.

The concept is that children don’t really need to know how to perform math skills, count or print numbers, because they will just be using calculators anyway. What is important, they say, is that children can “explain” how they solved a problem and discuss differing ideas on how to solve problems in a variety of ways.

That’s saying that we really don’t need to teach reading, because a computer could just read to us anyway. If

that holds true, then there’s really no need to teach anything anymore, as computers can do virtually everything for us. How insane is that?

My thoughts on this extend from three different areas. First, my children are in the public system. Their math work comes home as a series of written words, where they obviously have spent significant time writing out their explanation of how they came to the wrong answer. Instead of spending the time working calculations and building skills and true understanding, they have had to forego that time for writing lengthy and useless arguments, with an almost verbatim script starting with “I know this because...” It is obvious they don’t “know this because” they have no clear foundational understanding of what they are doing.

When did memory work become a perceived torture? Some things in life we just simply need to know how to do, and memorizing is a pretty valuable skill. It doesn’t have to be drill-and-kill or tedious, but knowing your math facts is pretty handy, just like knowing your alphabet.

I don’t know about you, but when I went to school, trial and error wasn’t an acceptable method of solving an equation; there wasn’t time to guess your way through a math sheet. And I am really sure I don’t want the engineer who built my bridge or my plane to have used trial and error as a method of calculation. But we’re teaching kids that it’s OK to just guess until some combination of numbers actually works. How frustrating is that for a child who has little understanding of where to even begin guessing?

Then there’s the word of the high school math/physics teachers and

university professors, who are the recipients of unprepared math students, and who are expected to teach them higher math and science. They tell me kids have no comprehension of how to actually solve math problems using math. They have no skill sets. No tools in the toolbox. It is making it impossible for them to progress into higher math and physics because they have no understanding of the relationships of numbers. The standard “I’m travelling 100 km per hour and I travel 400 km, how long did it take me?” question is greeted with answers like 5,897 hours, because “that’s what the calculator says.” Technology shouldn’t be a crutch, but we’re making it one.

Other countries have figured this out and taken steps to return to the basics so children are actually spending time mastering math. We have, instead, held fast to a convoluted approach, sacrificing art, music, drama and many other valuable opportunities where children could have truly explored creativity and self-expression along the way. Numbers are pretty black

and white; they don’t readily lend themselves to creativity the way art and music do.

Montessori math has been a proven, successful method for over 100 years, supplemented and supported by current technologies and advances. The point of math is to learn how to use numbers, calculate, perform functions and operations, and build skills into more advanced concepts. I know not everyone can send their child to a Montessori school, but the method works, and adopting it as part of our public kindergarten curriculum, or even as a choice for public school parents, would provide the foundation that our system is missing.

If you’re a frustrated parent, you need to speak up so the system will change. Our kids need strong math skills for science and technology to grow. 1+1 will always equal 2. No matter how long you discuss it, or whether you counted with beans or paper clips, the answer’s the same. Simple as that.

**Sherri Jackson, Owner/teacher  
Hummingbird Montessori,  
Creemore**

## Echo briefs


### Big Heart Days coming

Next weekend, the village will celebrate midwinter with its Big Heart Days festival from Friday, February 14 to Monday, February 17. This year, the festival has expanded to include more events, including an Olympic torch relay. Kids of all ages who would like to enter the Snowman Contest should get building, says Councillor **Thom Paterson**. Next weekend, the judges will drive around the village looking for the best one. Paterson is also encouraging residents to make ice lanterns to display on their porches throughout the weekend. Ice lanterns (Google them!) can be easily made using a bucket, water, candle, and sub-zero temperatures, which, thankfully, there is no shortage of these days.

### Equestrian Centre fire

At 12:25 am on Saturday, February 1, Clearview Fire Department received a call from a passerby who noticed flames at the stables and indoor riding arena of the Creemore Equestrian Centre on Fairgrounds Road. The Fire Department enlisted help from the neighbouring townships of Springwater, Essex and Mulmur-Melanthion to protect the house on the property and control the fire. Within three hours the fire was out, in spite of high winds from the southwest, said Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell**. No people or horses were harmed; one rabbit and possibly two cats perished. Due to the high dollar loss, Clearview called the Ontario Fire Marshall, however, the OFM did not investigate the site because the fire was not suspicious.

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# Tibetan singing bowls bring good vibes to the village



Lisa Kristine Arlt

By Kristi Green

When **Lisa Kristine Arlt** took her 10 Tibetan interplanetary singing bowls to Pine River Institute in Mulmur last month, she had no idea what kind of effect they would have on the kids there.

Pine River is a residential treatment centre for youth struggling with addictive behaviours.

Tibetan singing bowls are used as a method of sound healing that produce vibrations related to different planets and release different energy centres (or chakras) in the body.

It was the first time Lisa Kristine had worked with youth since opening her practice for business in January. “I jumped at the opportunity to bring this ancient healing technique to a group of teenagers,” she said.

**Ayrlie MacEachern**, who runs a weekly “Mind, Body and Spirit” group at the school, initiated the visit by Lisa Kristine. She said it was amazing to see the dramatic reaction a group of eight boys had to the session.

“The group came in rowdy and they all fell asleep. There were times when that bowl was at the crown of their head being bonged with a vibrating sound... and they were out. Lots of these kids struggle with anxiety and I’m really happy to share with them that there are possibilities out there to help them.”

Lisa Kristine added that the group told her the therapy made them feel more energized, peaceful and alive.

Tibetan singing bowls are antique vessels that are found in the Himalayas (Lisa Kristine’s come from Nepal and India), although they are now made new, too. They are tested for sound vibrations that correspond with the planets.

After striking the bowl with a mallet, the bowls are moved along the body and placed at different areas on and around the body.

“Sound is the oldest healing tool; it has a huge effect on our bodies,” explained Lisa Kristine. “Every cell in our bodies is a sound resonator. The various systems

in the body respond to sound vibrations, as well as various emotional, mental and spiritual states of consciousness. Our energy, our well-being, can be altered, strengthened and balanced through the use of sacred sound.”

She pointed out the calming effect that music can have on minds and our bodies. “Sacred sound – whether as prayer, music, song, incantations or chants – is a vital force which permeates every aspect of creation. Sound has always been considered a direct link between humanity and the divine.”

The vibrations and sounds the singing bowls make help clients relax into a deep state of meditation – or even sleep. Since she says most of our healing is done in our sleep, Lisa Kristine thinks this is a good thing.

“When you’re in that kind of meditative state, the brain function has moved into the deeper brain wave frequencies, the brain wave activity has been reduced and the cardiovascular and respiratory systems become synchronized. This is the perfect condition for releasing blocked energy and bringing the body back into realignment,” she said.

Last spring, Lisa Kristine began studying the bowls with **Lisa Wilvert**, a teacher who learned the technique from monks in Tibet.

Trained as a spiritual psychotherapist, Lisa Kristine left that discipline because she felt it placed too much emphasis on analysis. She believes the Tibetan bowls offer clients “a more direct and quicker way to heal on a cellular level, thereby being able to move through and heal wounds without having to wade in them.”

Lisa Kristine is available for individual therapy sessions with the Tibetan interplanetary healing bowls. Later this month, she will run a group class on Tuesdays from 1:45 to 3 pm and on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:15 pm. Email [lisakristine.om@gmail.com](mailto:lisakristine.om@gmail.com) for more information.



**BEAN COUNTING** – Can you guess how many beans are in this mug that **Norma Panzine** is holding? Visit Affairs Catering Bakery and Café to take a guess before Friday, February 28 to win a lunch for two!

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“The Country Girls” team members (left to right): **Margaret Hennessey, Marjorie Ferguson, Joan Muirhead, Millie Lougheed and Doreen McDonald.**

# Duntroon Bowling League disbands

After 57 years in the lanes of the Duntroon Hall, the Duntroon Bowling League disbanded at the end of 2013.

Originally a league of numerous teams with members from the area, it only had enough participants to form one team of six last year.

“There was no one to play against,” said **Marjorie Ferguson** who bowled with the league for about 20 years.

The Bowling League was started by an interested group of citizens who raised money to build the bowling lanes after the Duntroon Hall was built in 1955, said **James Campbell**, Chair of the Hall. “Since that time, it has operated as a separate organization from the Hall Board.”

Ted Wilson, who passed away last year, ran the league and the hall with his mother, Norma. When the Bowling League disbanded, it turned over its savings to the Hall, which will upgrade and operate the bowling alleys.

“At one time it was full,” said **Margaret Hennessey**, who started bowling with the league after moving to Duntroon in 1957. “There were four teams playing a night.”

In fact, there were so many players in the beginning that Hennessey had to wait for a spot on the team for a few years because it was full.

“I was a spare for a few years,” she explained. “Then, somebody quit and there was a place. But it started dwindling in the late 70s and early 80s, and after that it got smaller and smaller.”

Ferguson now finds herself missing the exercise and the socializing the bowling games offered.

Is there is a chance the league will get revived?

“I don’t think so,” Ferguson said. “It’s hard to make up a league. In the last couple of years the number of people has been going down. More people are playing cards. It can be hard to pick a time to play, and if you work shift work, you can’t be in the league if you are going to be working.”

If you are interested in using the bowling lanes at the Duntroon Hall for \$40, contact 705-446-2506 or [jim@rockside.ca](mailto:jim@rockside.ca).

## Creemore Skating Club results

Congratulations to the many Creemore Skating Club members who competed at the Huronia Funs skate in Midland on Saturday, January 18.

### Results:

CanSkate Individual Elements Red:  
**Larissa Walker 4th**

CanSkate Individual Elements Orange:  
**Clara Hayward 3rd**

CanSkate Team Element Grasshoppers:  
**Ella Duits and Alyssa Rowbotham 1st**

Introductory Team Elements:  
**Ella Hayward and Danielle Hammill 5th**

Junior Bronze Team Elements:  
**Rosalyn Martin and Rylee MacGregor 2nd**

Pre-Introductory Freeskate Solo:

Group 1 - **Ava Hogben 7th**  
Group 3 - **Danielle Hammill 8th**  
Group 5 - **Sarah Crawford 7th**

Pre-Preliminary Development Freeskate Solo:  
Group 1 - **Libby Millsap 7th**  
Group 5 - **Ashley Dunn 4th**  
Group 7 - **Karine Talbot 2nd**

Preliminary Development Freeskate Solo:  
**Rosalyn Martin 3rd**

Junior Bronze STARSkate Freeskate Solo:  
**Rylee MacGregor 5th**

## Ontario Ice Storm 2013

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PowerStream’s Board of Directors, management and staff wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all the workers from Collus PowerStream whose determination, professionalism and courage were tested over those difficult days and nights.




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**THE WINNING RINK** — The Stayner Granite Club's (left to right) **Tina Russwurm** (Lead), **Mike Gnoyke** (Second), **Lila Forester** (Vice) and **Ken Russwurm** (Skip) took first at the Daytime Curling Bonspiel on Wednesday, January 22, hosted by the Creemore Curling Club.



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**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:

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**Todd Patton**

# LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR TOWNSHIP JOBS

By Kristi Green

About 20 years ago, a Grade 11 Stayner Collegiate Institute student named **Todd Patton** took a job with Stayner Hydro for one semester, which led to a summer position with the Town of Stayner. From there, he started working in Public Works.

Today, Patton is the Manager of Water/Sewer at the Township of Clearview.

“[Being a student employee] opened my eyes to what went on in the municipal world,” he said. “At the time, I didn’t know what to pursue as a career, but it turned out I liked the work.”

For students who would like to have an experience like Patton, Friday, February 7 is the last day to apply for an array of job opportunities with the Township – including a Student Water/Sewer Operator.

“It’s a great opportunity to learn about all different aspects of public works and see what goes on in other departments,” explained Patton. “You get a good feel of what operators actually do.”

Patton said that “quite a few” of his co-workers in the Public Works department got their start working for the Township through their high school co-op programs. He added that a number of the Department’s summer students have moved on to careers in water/sewer at the Town of Collingwood and the Ministry of the Environment.

The jobs, which are funded by the Township with grants from the Ministry

of Rural Affairs and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, encompass everything from Life Guards to Student Grounds Maintenance Workers, Student Heritage Technologist and Student Fire Department Assistant.

“Funds will go towards organizations throughout the municipality, aiming to increase community involvement, especially that of youth,” said **Pavlina Thompson**, Clearview’s Manager of Human Resources.

Last year, Clearview expanded its opportunities for students by including five new jobs in the Planning and Recreation departments. This year, the number of positions for students remains stable at 19.

“Student positions are a wonderful opportunity to acquire experience and prepare for the working world,” said Thompson. “They teach students so much about life, responsibility and working with coworkers in a harmonious way – even if the job isn’t in exactly what you want to pursue as a lifetime career. It also provides excellent exposure to municipal jobs and may perhaps spark an interest for future municipal careers.”

To apply for the positions, students must be at least 16 and have a social insurance number, be legally allowed to work in Canada, be enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program and plan to return to full-time studies in September 2014.

For more information, visit “employment opportunities” at [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca).

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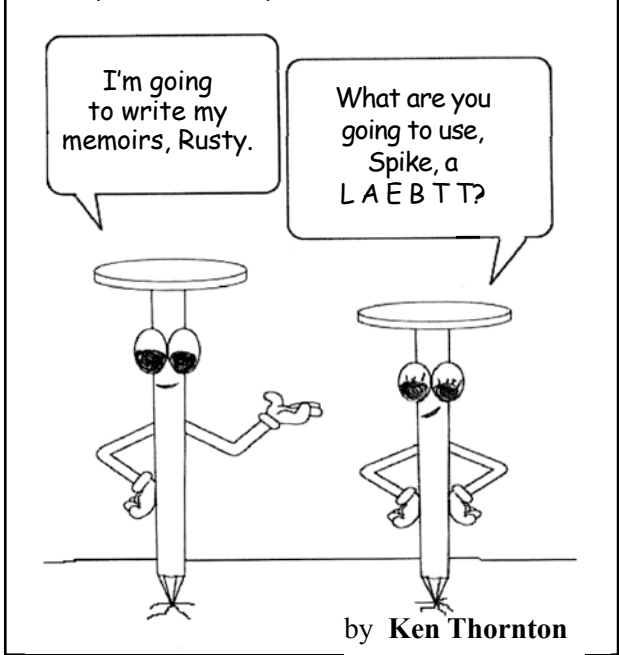
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



by Ken Thornton

Find this week's answer in Classifieds

## CREEMORE WEEKEND WEATHER

### Friday, February 7

Cloudy periods  
High -11 Low -19 Winds W 20 km/h  
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### Saturday, February 8

Cloudy periods  
High -13 Low -16 Winds W 10 km/h  
POP 20%

### Sunday, February 9

Scattered flurries  
High -12 Low -13 Winds NW 5 km/h  
POP 40%

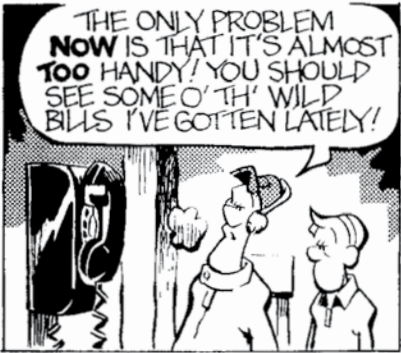
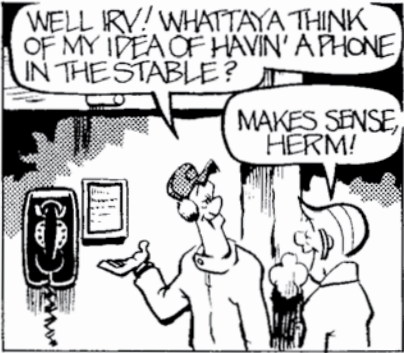
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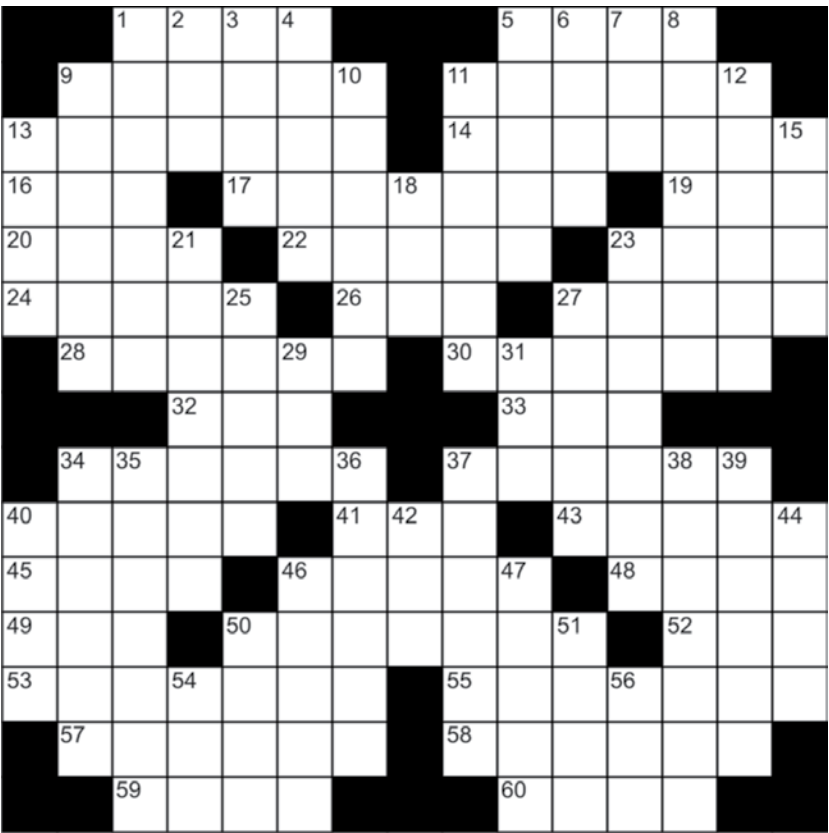
February 7, 2014

### ACROSS

- Part of a tennis serve
- Move in the breeze
- Physical and mental well-being
- Unable to distinguish between right and wrong
- Excruciating punishment
- Daydream
- Dinghy need
- Extraordinary event
- Substance carrying genetic information
- Uninteresting
- Ride a bicycle
- \_\_\_ serif
- Willow branch used in basketwork
- Daughter's counterpart
- Father
- Life form
- Hole for a shoelace
- Eggs
- Furnace fuel
- Place to buy a cake
- Leave in a hurry
- Close-fitting cap
- Before, to a bard
- Association of artisans
- Make money
- Indian side dish
- Three in cards
- Consumed
- Take a breath again
- "A mouse!"
- Special variety of a language
- Go back over
- Signed contract between nations
- Extra performance
- Farm building
- Throat-clearing sound

### DOWN

- Tract of land having military potential
- Cereal plant
- Run-down neighbourhood
- Remove one's clothes
- One of the senses
- Made a basket
- "\_\_\_ we there yet?"
- Football stat
- Having a rough and unclear voice
- Belief that goes against traditional religious teachings
- Secret and mysterious
- Finch
- Fuss
- Canadian Football League division
- "Without further \_\_\_ ..."
- Indicate
- Get rid of all one's merchandise
- Bolt put through holes then beaten flat
- Human \_\_\_
- Sailor
- One of us
- "Go away!"
- Outstanding debt
- In a ferment
- Quit a job for good
- Portable gun
- Nightwear fabric
- Abacus piece
- Make a long tear in
- Television producer, director, and documentary filmmaker from Winnipeg
- Front of a sheet of paper
- Boxing venue
- Actual
- Do art on metal
- Gift from a wahine
- Fish eggs



January 31 answer



# Big Heart Seniors

We had seven full tables and one table of three. There were ten Moon Shots played by **Bob Veale**, **Norma Johnston**, **Pat Winger** x2, **Roy Veinot**, **Brian McGill** x3, **Ruth Lougheed** x2 and **Kevin Keough**.

Winners for the day were **Leona Hartling** 305, **Evelyn Warden** 272, **Ruth Lougheed** 252 and **Barb Pilon** 228. Low prize went to **Peter Gubbels** 119.

Lucky Draw winners were **Norma Johnston**, **Kevin Keough**, **Lillian Hiltz**, **Marion Kelly** and **Evelyn Warden**.

Because of anticipated stormy conditions, we waited to see how many would arrive. By 12:30 pm we were well on our way to a good turnout, so we proceeded to ready ourselves for a game of cards. In the interim, **Barb Pilon** told us a story about a lady driving in whiteout conditions and a man in a pick-up who passed her. As he did so, she yelled out, "Jackass!"... a short piece down the road there was the truck with a donkey stretched across the hood.

**Bob Veale** asked we announce that New Lowell Winterama would start on the Friday night. **Irma Flack** reported that Great Canadian Bus Lines (Rama bus) had contacted her with the dates available to visit the casino at no cost to the Club: the first Tuesday in April, May, September, October, November and December, if we choose to go. (Usually we do not travel December, January and February.) When we arrive at Rama—unless they change their mind—we would receive a \$10 voucher, possibly for food. It was decided we would book the bus with the option to cancel should that be necessary.

**Ray Leighton** received a call from the President of the Legion informing him that two furnaces at the legion must be replaced, so there is a possibility that we may have to cancel cards if there is no heat. Ray emphasized that if we do not have a telephone number for you please make it known to him, **Irma Flack** or **Evelyn Warden** so that we may contact you if this cancellation should be necessary.

Remember: Everyone smiles in the same language.



Evelyn  
WARDEN



**BOWL FOR KIDS** – Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle will kick off its 2014 Rotary Club of Collingwood Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising campaign on Saturday, February 15 from 1 to 2:30 pm at Georgian Bowl. The campaign will continue until Friday, March 7. Last year, the event raised almost half of the organization's operating budget. Participating this year will be (pictured, from left to right): **Gabriella Ekman**, **Mack Ekman** and **Savannah Ekman**, with Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Director, **Jarvis Strong**. Register your team at [www.georgiantriangle.kintera.org/bfks](http://www.georgiantriangle.kintera.org/bfks) or contact Strong at 705-445-2330 or [jarvis.strong@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:jarvis.strong@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca).

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## THANK YOU

Words are inadequate to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways, at the time of our fire at "Clydebank." Special thanks to Shirley Fraser who alerted and assisted the family to leave their home in -30 temperatures. You deserve a medal! Also to the many firefighters who arrived so very quickly, from all 5 Clearview Township Firehalls, we are forever grateful. Your dedication and efficiency in extinguishing the fire was highly commendable.

We are very fortunate to have this excellent group of Volunteer Firefighters in our community. Thanks again and may God continue to bless you all. **The Carruthers Family**

Thank you to Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society for their participation in the **7th Annual Creemore Centric Show and Auction**. Thank you to their members and guests for attending the ending cocktail party. To those who attended, thank you for your contributions in support of the NCPS music program. Thank you to all who placed bids on great art produced by talented local individuals. And to those who are fortunate enough to own a piece of art that they admired, we thank you for supporting the arts in Creemore. This event remains popular among the local artists and those whose talent emerges with support from the community. We were pleased to see a wide variety of art from a very large age range and look forward to seeing what is created for next year's show! Lyne and Rick Burek, owners of Mad and Noisy Gallery

## GOOD FOOD BOX

**The Good Food Box Program**, a volunteer run organization, helps families eat a healthier diet with fresh fruit and vegetables. Order and by Wednesday, February 12 by phoning St. Luke's Anglican Church and leave a message 705-466-2206. Pick up & pay on Wednesday, February 19. \$10/ small or \$15/large.

## OLD PHOTOS WANTED

Do you have any **OLD PHOTOS** that you'd like to share with everyone in our "The Way We Were" section on page 4? Bring them in to us & we'll take a copy and run them in future editions of *The Creemore Echo*. We look forward to seeing you!

## DEATH NOTICE

**STEWART, Lorne John** died peacefully on Thursday, January 30, 2014 following a brief illness surrounded by his family at the General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood in his 82<sup>nd</sup> year. Lorne of Stayner, beloved husband of Helen (nee Evans) for almost 57 years. Loving father of Beth Storey of Thornbury and Greg and his wife Christine of Barrie. Cherished grandpa of Courtney, Jenna and Aaron Storey and Cameron and Emma Stewart. Dear brother of Albert (Linda), Bill (Barbara), Marjorie (late Paul Batzold), Helen (Len Marriott), Dorothy Stewart (Grigg Vollrath) and the late Orland (Brenda), the late Harold (Margaret Currie), the late Oscar and the late Don. Lorne will also be missed by his sisters-in-law Dorothy McQueen and Bernice (Don Beattie) and by his many nieces and nephews. Lorne was the long time proprietor of the Texaco garage on Main Street, Stayner. He was a committed member of the community through his involvement with many organizations, particularly as a founding member and past president of the Stayner Heritage Society and through his dedication to Centennial United Church. He was a quiet man with a strong voice. He will be missed. Friends were received at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel on Sunday, February 2, 2014 from noon to 3 pm. Memorial Service was held at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner on Monday at 2 pm. Reception followed. Remembrances to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation or the Centennial United Church would be appreciated by Lorne's family. For further information and to sign the Book of Memories, log on to [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com).

## DEATH NOTICE



**McDermid, Jerry**  
(1947 – 2014)

Free at last – left the body that has bound him Monday, January 27, 2014 and is now free to run and speak without hindrance in the presence of Jesus. Predeceased by his parents Jim and Vera of Stayner and brother Jack; survived by brother Wayne, sister-in-law Ella, niece Diane (Wayne) Van Der Veldt, nephew Mark (Kate) & their children Cam & Clara, and aunts, uncles and cousins. Jerry was a dedicated Christian and member of Bethel Church, a long-time faithful member of Civitans, fundraiser for Big Brothers, and special friend of the staff at Players, Casa Mia and Tim Hortons. He was well-known and loved, seen any hour of the day or night, in any kind of weather in his electric wheelchair getting to or from meetings and events. A Service of Celebration of Jerry's Life will be held at Bethel Community Church of Barrie, 128 St. Vincent Street on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 11 am. Spring interment Stayner Union Cemetery.

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Everyone can warm up with a hot cider at the Log Cabin, join in the street hockey game beside the Pub, play Winterama games at RAY'S PLACE and snowshoe around the Village.

Take part in, or view, the SnowMan contest all around the Village and enjoy free skating at the outdoor rink or the Creemore Arena.

This year we've added two new exciting events. Test your taste buds at our 7 participating local restaurants with our first ever 'Creemore Chili Challenge'. Also, Villagers are invited to 'Light Up Winter' by creating their own ice lantern and displaying them on their front porch during the Big Heart Days weekend or put them on display at the Station during the Valentine's Day Sweetheart Skate.

Show your Creemore Heart Pin (available at local merchants) to enjoy specials and discounts as we 'Paint the Town Red' for the month of February. Watch for a complete listing of events and times in next week's Creemore Echo or visit [experiencecreemore.com](http://experiencecreemore.com) for more information.

Those volunteers wishing to help with the events, can contact [tpaterson@clearview.ca](mailto:tpaterson@clearview.ca).



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