

COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

Saturday, February 22

- **Get Hooked on Crochet Workshop** with textile artist, **Melissa Christie**. Learn how to create your very own cashmere hat. One day class at a real working Cashmere Farm called Cachemire Farm, 998963 Mulmur-Tosorontio Townline, Glencairn. Learn how to use basic stitch techniques & how to read crochet patterns. Beginners, or those who need a crochet refresher welcome. \$60 (includes needles, cashmere fibre and a lunch) limited space. Email cachemirefarm@gmail.com or call 705-466-6133.

Sunday, February 23

- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- **Creemore Legion Breakfast** – New Menu! Choice of 2 Eggs or waffle, home fries, toast, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee or tea included. Child's breakfast (1 egg or ½ waffle). Adult \$6, children 12 and under \$4. Hungry Soldier Special \$10. Taxes included.

Sunday, February 23

- **Ray's Place Annual General Meeting** at Station on the Green at 7 pm. Please join us to celebrate the milestones of another year supporting our youth! Special guest speaker is **Al Clarke**.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 24

- **Stayner Garden Club Monthly Meeting** at Centennial United Church at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome to join. Have fun, learn new ideas & keep Stayner beautiful. Call 705-444-2873 for information.

Tuesday, February 25

- **The Creemore Community Youth Choir** has begun their practices Tuesdays 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.

Tuesday, February 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.

Wednesday, February 26

- **Support Group Meeting** for family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. At VON Adult Day Program, Sunset Manor, 49 Raglan Street, Collingwood from 1:30 to 3 pm. For more information call Fiona at 705-444-2457. Sponsored by Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County and the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Friday, February 28

- **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.
- **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church Girls Night Out** at 7 pm. Local resident Monica Scott will be sharing highlights from her recent trip to Israel. No charge and everyone is welcome. 3521 County Road 124, just south of Nottawa. For more information, www.emmanuelpresbyterian.ca or 705-444-6823.

Saturday, March 1

- **Beef and Lamb Dinner** from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at St John's United Church, Creemore. Adults \$15, children \$5, pre-school free. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, March 2

- **Mini Workshop "Exploring Intimacy" with Eric Nagler** from 2 to 4:30 pm. Free. 5 pm Vegetarian Potluck. 6 to 8 pm **Concert** – Eric will perform Tales from the Attic. Located at Clearview Canyon Studio, 9172 Nottawasaga Sideroad 17 & 18, Singhampton. For more details about the workshop, to register & to purchase your house concert tickets please go to www.ayrlie.ca

Monday, March 3

- **Clearview Township's Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, March 4

- **Pancake Supper** at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 5 to 7 pm. \$8 per person.

Friday, March 7

- **World Day of Prayer Service** at Knox Presbyterian Church in Dunedin at 10:30 am. Learn about the culture and heritage of Egypt under the theme "Streams in the Desert". Speaker is Rev. Jane Archer.
- **World Day of Prayer Service** at St. Patrick's Church, 217 William Street, Stayner. This ecumenical service is at 2 pm. All are welcome. This year's service is written by Egyptian women called "Streams in the Desert".

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.

Saturday, March 22

- **The Magic of Children in the Arts Awards Day** at 1 pm at Collingwood Public Library, 55 Saint Marie Street. For more information call Lory MacDonald at 705-812-2914 or email lorymacdonald@gmail.com.

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The School Council of Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School invites all interested community members to a

*Public Meeting on
Tuesday, March 4th at 6pm
in the School's Library at
240 Collingwood Street*

The purpose of this meeting is to begin plans for the Open House Celebration that will occur in early June to honour the history of the Creemore Annex.

With the construction of a new addition to the senior site, the annex building will be closing. We want to honour the history of this building and its impact on the lives of so many former and current students, staff and parents. We welcome input from the community.

If you are not able to attend this meeting but would like to make a suggestion please contact the school with your ideas and suggestions at

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NCPS OLYMPICS A STRONG SUCCESS

By Janneke Watt and Mackenzie Wilson

From Sochi to Creemore, NCPS students set aside a day to put their athletic and cooperation skills to the test to see if they had what it takes to be an Olympian.

Students from kindergarten to Grade 8 participated in 10 different challenges. These included curling, bobsledding and our famous Canadian game of hockey! All of these challenges fit into our physical education curriculum.

The student government, which is made up of students elected by their peers, organized and ran the Olympic events.

The entire school watched the opening ceremonies of the Sochi Games. This gave us the idea to have our own torch relay. The torch was passed around from class to class, until the NCPS 2014 Opening Ceremonies. The torch started in **Mrs. Doner-Day's** Kindergarten class and worked its way to **Mr. Weir's** Grade 7/8s.

Students said that this day was a real skill-tester, and that it helped them to find out what it was really like to be an Olympian.

Despite the cold, everyone participated with enthusiasm. **Jocelyn Young**, a Grade 4 student, believed that this day was tons of fun. She said she would like to have these games held every year to support the Canadian athletes.

Overall, this day was a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a fantastic experience.

Raising funds for global aid organization

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back on their feet, through training and delivering equipment donated from Canadian fire departments.

One of my roles in Tacloban will be teaching Fire Ground Operations and basic fire-fighting skills. Other team members are focused on teaching first aid/CPR, urban search and rescue, water rescue, auto extrication and firefighter survival.

GlobalFire is a not-for-profit charity with no overhead costs. It is an operational arm of the David McAntony Gibson Foundation (DMGF), which is a registered Canadian charity. DMGF also has GlobalMedic and GlobalWater as operational arms.

GlobalFire was created, and is organized and equipped to: perform technical searches and conduct technical rescues after natural or man-made disaster environments worldwide; collect and donate fire

suppression equipment and train local first responders or an organized group of volunteers in fire fighting and first aid in developing nations; and inspect locations and install simple fire-fighting systems in population-dense areas that lack basic fire protection (such as camps that house refugees and internally displaced persons) and train local volunteers to use these systems.

I am currently raising funds for fire departments in the Philippines to purchase and repair equipment and to pay for training. If you would like to donate to our team's mission, visit www.globalfire.ca and enter "Philippines CBO 2014" in the "Messages/Instructions" box. Or, to donate money for future deployments, click "Donate" on the left side of the home page and follow the prompts.



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Guest Speaker
Allen Clarke



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EDITORIAL Social media THE WAY WE WERE

Every Thursday, after our we send the coming week’s newspaper to the printer in Mississauga (that is, upload a PDF file to an ftp site – it is the modern world, after all), and before we pop the cork off another bottle of champagne (dreaming a little here), it is time to roll up our sleeves and dive into the world of social media.

First, we transfer the latest edition to our web server and to issuu.com, a website that lets subscribers read the publication in its entirety. Then, it’s time to send an email notification to the *Echo*’s 264 online readers. Next is updating the stories and pictures at www.thecreemoreecho.com. Finally comes the interactive fun of Twitter, Facebook and Flickr.

Recently, there has been some debate in the news about all this online “socializing” that publications like the *Echo* do. After all, it is a lot of extra work... but is it really worth it?

It’s a fair thing to wonder. Self-appointed online gurus lament that social media is nothing more than a passive form of advertising. Others in the media business call social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook too superficial to start any real movements, and Facebook use is in decline among university students – the same people who created and popularized it.

Meanwhile, on the *Echo*’s Facebook site, we have an “Admin” board that gives us all sorts of interesting statistics about our posts: how many people follow or “like” us (414, last time we checked), what times of day our followers are reading (mostly around the hours of noon and 9 pm), and how many people see each article.

Usually, Facebook reports that anywhere from 30 to 150 people “saw” our posts.

So, you can imagine our amazement when the recent article about the late Jim Steed, who passed away in January, saw its page views move into the 100s and keep going.

Three hundred... 400... the numbers continued to climb. At this point, we know that the story was being emailed and shared to people outside our Facebook “family,” people who might not live in Creemore anymore but who still have connections here that go way back.



Wayne Rowe came to the *Echo* office this week carrying an old family photo album in his hands. Rowe, who lives in Oro Medonte, is originally from New Lowell, where his father and grandparents lived before him. One of the men in the picture at left is his grandfather, Oscar Rowe, standing with friends at Canadian Forces Base Borden in 1914 or 1915.

At press time, Facebook told us that 1,013 people saw the post about Jim Steed. The article included memories about Jim’s life that were shared by his friend, John Miller, and a neighbour, Paul Dyck. Readers told the *Echo* that they enjoyed the detailed accounts of a man they knew and loved. They said it was something that helped them remember, helped them grieve.

That’s the real power of social media and the answer to the “Is it worth it?” question. Because it helps us – a social bunch if ever there was one – be more social.

Jim Steed’s life touched many people. At the *Echo*, we take pride in helping Creemore celebrate that life, and many others, in every way possible.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“Taxes are expected to go up for the next three years. There will be three bad years followed by several awesome years!”

– **Heather Boston**, Treasurer of Mulmur Township

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LETTER

Math in the real world

I love math. I just read *The Man of Numbers, Fibonacci's Arithmetic Revolution* – fascinating – and I recently memorized *pi* to the 50 place, just in case I am ever stopped on the streets of Creemore and asked.

To keep my mind lubricated, I often choose to do long division manually or add a column of numbers, even though I carry an HP17B calculator with me at all times. I remember Mr. Boyd's high school math class fondly, especially the rush one got from finding that singularly correct answer. It was a simpler time; no fist pumps, no high fives... just a quiet inner joy of self accomplishment, made somehow sweeter knowing that there was no reward for those who just came close.

So it was with great interest that I read **Sherri Jackson's** Letter to the Editor, "New Math gets failing grade," in the Friday, February 7 edition of the *Echo*. I couldn't be more in agreement with her, and two recent real-life experiences completely support her concerns.

I'm in a fast food restaurant the other day and the bill comes to \$16.48. Since I have some pocket change, I give the cashier a \$20 bill and \$1.50 in change, so as to get a \$5 bill back. She hands me back the \$1.50 as she has no idea what I am trying to do.

I explain and return the \$1.50, asking her to ring it in, which she does, and then she hands me a \$10 bill and a \$5 bill. The alarming thing is that she, like many young people, don't know what an appropriate number would be. She relies totally on the register. If it had

said give me \$50, she would have.

When I told her the change was incorrect, she thought she hadn't given me enough and called the manager over. When I tried to simply return the \$10 to make it right, they insisted we start over, so I had to return both bills. Then they returned the \$21.50 to me and the dance began again.

The second bizarre math incident occurred in a fairly high-end Toronto restaurant when a friend and I handed the waiter both our credit cards to split the bill. She hesitated and said (I quote), "I am not good at math. Can you divide it for me?" She handed us the VISA machine and we did the split for her. Unfortunately, these aren't rare events. These are, I am afraid, only the tip of the iceberg.

The thing that worries me most is not that younger people are going to be constantly short-changed in fast food restaurants, it's their curtailment of life's opportunities resulting from poor grade school math skills. You can't be a doctor, carpenter, pilot, nurse, farmer, pharmacist, engineer, mechanic, accountant or even a sociologist.

Before I was accepted into graduate school in sociology, I was required to take two upper-level statistics courses. Fortunately, my undergraduate degree was in math and physics, or I don't think I would have made it.

Perhaps a graphic illustration would clarify. Let's assume we go up to Methers' and acquire a 20-kilo bag of "ripe" sheep manure (sheep manure is the best), throw it in the back of the F150 and drive down to Queen's Park,

where we carry it carefully to the top of the highest tower. Now, gazing out over Toronto, we know the following: the exact weight of the bag of excrement, the height of the tower, and that here on earth, gravity will accelerate a falling object at 32 feet per second. Thus, when we toss this baby over the side, we can calculate "exactly" how long the bag will take to hit the steps of Queen's Park (which is important should we wish to warn anyone that might be below), and its speed and force upon impact.

Fortunately, for comparative purposes, let us imagine that an English class has been assembled to observe and write a short paper on the proceedings. Having been brief on our political agenda, one student might conclude that the bag of manure was an euphemism for the bureaucrats who wrought this math curriculum upon us, while yet another might interpret the whole event as a metaphor for the dysfunctional path that math teaching is taking in Ontario.

Assuming that both students had been taught the fundamentals of grammar and spelling, and could assemble a literate piece, one could reasonably assign an A to both papers, as they are two perfectly good but different answers to the same question. In some disciplines like English there is room for more than one correct answer – the obvious exception being when to use the semi-colon – but not in math.

In the real world of math, there is only one correct answer to each

of our Queen's Park questions. Methodology can be helpful, but in math, methodology has no value unto itself. It's only *raison d'être* is to get you efficiently to math's "Holy Grail": that unique correct answer. Nothing else has ever really mattered in math. Remember that all other disciplines intimately depend upon math's unfussy truths.

If you have a young child or grandchild, Jackson's letter probably raised your concerns as to the wrong-headedness of Ontario's math curriculum. While I can't suggest you lobby Queen's Park, as they will likely be applying for CPP before anything happens, for the best outcome, I suggest you take matters into your own hands.

My favourite out-of-the-box recommendation is to buy your child a pencil and some paper, forget the computer, find a local successful farmer who can calculate the per cent mixes for fertilizer and diesel burn per acre, estimate crop yields, weight gains on cattle, and costs and revenue for livestock by weight, understand depreciation and amortization on the purchase of capital equipment, program a GPS, deal with a banker on a line of credit, execute a cattle futures contract and file for farm tax credits.

That's the guy/gal who should be teaching your child the real math. Best yet, they're just down the road, and are likely free on rainy days, when your child's inside anyway.

Al Clarke, Mulmur

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



Sunday, February 23

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
22 Caroline St. W. 705-466-2206
Sunday Worship Service
at 11 am. This week:
Service of Morning Prayer followed by
annual vestry meeting.

Friday, February 28: Toonie Lunch from 11:30 am to 1 pm.
Tuesday, March 4: Pancake Supper from 5 to 7 pm. \$8
Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday Service

CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE
February 23: Congregational Meetings
at worship time for all 3 churches:
Avening 8:30 am,
New Lowell 10:30 am,
St. John's Creemore 12:30 pm
Saturday, March 1: Beef & Lamb Supper
4:30 to 7:30 pm. \$15, kids \$5.

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Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Sunday Worship Service at 10 am
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Friday, March 7 at 10:30: **World Day of Prayer**
"Streams in the Desert" by Egyptian women

"Hearing God"

Starting Friday, March 7 for 5 Fridays, join us for dinner at 5:45 pm at St. Luke's Hall followed by video/conversation.
Come any Friday or all Fridays as each night can be enjoyed on its own.
Last Friday is April 11. Hosted by St. John's United & St. Luke's Anglican Church.
Call 705-466-2200 or 705-435-7059 for more details.
Call 705-435-7059 to confirm that event is on if weather looks bad.

Friday, March 7
World Day of Prayer
at **St. Patrick's Church**, 217 William Street, Stayner at 2 pm
An ecumenical service.
"Streams in the Desert" by Egyptian women

To tell us what is happening at your church, call Georgi:
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SPEAKING UP – **Grace Millsap** and **José Paolo Araya** took top honours in the junior and intermediate branch levels of the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest at the Creemore Legion Hall on Sunday, February 16. Next up for these two orators (who spoke about stress and goal-setting, respectively) is the zone competition this Sunday, February 23 in Creemore. Best of luck!


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Creemore gives a warm welcome to Big Hearts

Our first Big Heart Days, themed to encourage residents and visitors alike to make the best of our long winter days, generated a lot of enthusiasm during the weekend, and produced many ideas and much support for repeating the event next year.

It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to put on the many events offered throughout the weekend. The organizing committee would like to thank all those who helped make Big Heart Days a success.

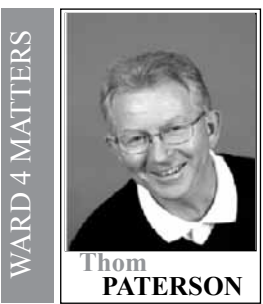
Some of the highlights of the weekend included junior curlers playing on the outdoor rink (pictured, below right), hundreds of sliders enjoying the toboggan hill, more than 90 visitors to the Log Cabin warming station, and 50 skaters who took advantage of the free Family Day skate at the Creemore Arena.

A new event this year, the creation of ice lanterns, helped to light up the winter night for the Sweetheart Skate on Valentine’s evening. The Library’s “Messy Art” event kept the Mess Mistresses busy all day. And the Sugar Shack was a popular warming station to take the chill off and get a stick of maple taffy.

The opening ceremony was made special with the appearance of three local residents, **Gertie Gowan, Tom Wilson and Paul Ruppel**, in their full Olympic torch-bearing uniforms (see Gertie and Tom, below, centre), complete with their torches from when they participated in the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. Three of our local bagpipers and **emilie que** added their unique flare to the ceremony.

With seven wonderful entries in the snowman-making contest, judging was not easy. This year’s winning creation is the brilliant yellow Minions on Mary Street (below, left), a combined effort of neighbours **Jill and Mike MacAlpine, Peter Madore and Tara McGee**. Congratulations! Honourable mentions go to the creators of the dragon on Mill Street and the firetruck on County Road 9.

The Chili Challenge will no doubt become an annual event at Big Heart Days. This year, seven of our restaurants took part in the Challenge, most selling out of their chili. This may have been the most talked-about event of the weekend, with the



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organizing committee receiving many suggestions for next year’s challenge. We do like to eat and talk about our chili on a cold winter’s day.

A challenge with any new event is to get the word out to a broader audience. The organizing committee is already pulling together ideas to bring more visitors into the village to join us during next year’s Big Heart Days weekend. Additional changes may include the location of the main event venues, the need for road closures and the addition of several new events. If you have suggestions for next year, please email them to tpaterson@clearview.ca.

With a winning format, the organizing committee is confident attendance will grow as more visitors become aware of the Big Heart Days weekend.

This year’s Big Heart Days events would not have been successful without the generous support of our sponsors: the Creemore BIA, *The Creemore Echo*, izaneplanet, the Tree Society of Creemore, the Creemore Public Library, the Township of Clearview, the 100 Mile Store, Affairs Catering Bakery and Café, the Old Mill House Pub, the Creemore Log Cabin Service Board, the Station on the Green, Ray’s Place, J & R Firewood, Eric Miller and the Iron Butterfly.



The Women's Institute: past and future

By Billie Power

"What is the Women's Institute?" I can tell you what it has been called. It's been called "the world's best-kept secret."

It was not always so. In its "glory days," Ontario alone had 40,000 members.

Simcoe West, of which Creemore was a part, had 18 branches comprising at least 10 members each. Some branches had many more members.

Creemore Branch is no longer with us. Organized in 1902, it disbanded in 1989 after 82 years of service to the community. Mulmur Township, Dufferin North, has one branch still going: Mansfield (out of 18 former branches). Avening, organized in 1907, continues to thrive.

The Women's Institute (or WI) was organized at Stoney Creek on February 19, 1897. At that time there was a real need for domestic science training for women. Men had their groups dedicated to teach them how to care for their animals and other skills, but information for women on caring for children and households was sadly lacking.

The structure of the WI was laid out in this manner: branches were usually organized first, followed by districts, then areas (32 in Ontario at one time), the province level (Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario), the Canadian level (Federated Women's Institutes of Canada), and finally, the Associated Country Women of the World, which is the international level.

The Associated Country Women represents millions of women around the world. It is recognized by the UN as a non-governmental organization, with consultative status.

In the "old days," WI was a godsend to "housebound," mostly rural women. It gave women an opportunity to meet with their neighbours in a relaxing, rewarding atmosphere. Their children – all ages, all numbers – were always welcome.

It was not all fun and games, however. WI's mandate was to educate – and educate they would, with their own members being no exception. Members were to develop mottos, topics and papers under such headings as *Agriculture and Canadian Industries*, *Health and Consumer Affairs* and *Citizenship and Education*.

Members could have speakers come who were related to their convenorship. But members were expected to do most of the work (the research and the writing of papers) themselves. Can you imagine the consternation some might feel when picking up a pen after many years idle, staring at a blank piece of paper and being expected to fill it with words of wisdom?

Let me say here, WI has been a real education

to me, with many things learned: the rudiments of parliamentary procedure, how to do Tai Chi, how to cook economical meals, lots of crafts and lots of fun on the way... a small sampling.

Education continues to be a driving force for WI. The group operates under the acronym ROSE (Rural, Ontario, Sharing, Education). Under the auspices of the Avening WI, **Stan Freedman**, Creemore Village Pharmacist, presented several educational events in recent years, which were well received in the area.

At the meetings, fellowship and lunch was always a big part. Each hostess had to keep up with her neighbour in providing food. Sandwiches, pickles (homemade) and laden dessert tables (homemade) were the norm. Beef, pork and chicken on the farm was the usual protein, salmon more rare – thus salmon sandwiches were a favourite then, as they remain with many today!

Members live up to their motto, "For home and country," and WI values remain the same today: mutual respect, mutual support and a desire for safe and healthy communities. It would be impossible to list here even a fraction of their achievements or their contributions to society.

Reading WI history reveals millions of actual dollars have gone to good causes as a result of WI efforts. Add to that the unpaid and countless volunteer hours collected by members for government attention and the numbers are vast. And remember these monies were raised in the old fashioned way, with "good old elbow grease." Members had bake sales, catered meals, made quilts for raffles and did many other things.

Donations are only part of the story. The images WI presents of dedication, self sacrifice and hard work made them pillars of their communities – and they continue to be so. Some concrete examples of earlier achievements: WI was instrumental in having poison containers clearly marked, music included in school curriculums, stop signs placed at railway crossings, sliced bread wrapped in stores and lines painted on the highways.

Another achievement of which WI is justifiably proud, and which has brought them wide acclaim, are their Tweedsmuir Community History Books.



Women's Institute members 1954

These were started in the 1940s and the goal was to preserve the interesting history, customs and activities of Canada's people.

WI work and accomplishments past and present has been partly due to the use of resolutions. A branch would note a problem in a community and resolve to change it. Their concern would be sent on to the district, and then to the area and province, where sustained resolutions would be used to effect change through the lobbying of governments.

Recently, the Women's Institute of Ontario sustained a resolution for the Ontario Ministry of Education to develop a lifestyle program to teach students cooking skills, human nutrition and other wellness practices, to contribute to a healthy society.

We are still working! We are still trying! Despite that fact, our membership has seriously declined in spite of Herculean efforts to change that trend. There are fewer than 8,000 members in Ontario today.

What happened? Did women going into the workforce play a role? Is our faster-paced, technologically advanced society to blame? Causes are complex and answers elusive. I only know that if we go, we will be missed...

...And some of us still know how to make a "mean" apple pie!

For more information on the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, visit www.fwio.on.ca.

FIRST BASEBALL SHOWCASE FOR SMITH BROS



Batter's up! at Smith Brothers

By Vince Trama

This past Sunday, Smith Brothers Baseball Central in New Lowell hosted their first annual College, University and Major League Baseball showcase.

There were 50 players in attendance to showcase their baseball talents in front of three Major League Baseball scouts and five colleges and universities from Canada and the U.S. The players came from as far away as Ottawa, Sudbury and Windsor, as well as much local talent.

The three scouts represented the Colorado Rockies, the Kansas City Royals and the Milwaukee Brewers. The schools in attendance were University of Toronto, Seneca College, Durham College, Humber College and Delta College in Michigan.

All of the players in attendance were excited to show off their skills and they didn't disappoint! The players showed maturity beyond their years and the coaches and scouts were blown away by the talent crops that were present.

The day kicked off with pitchers and catchers. The pitchers' velocities were clocked for all the

different types of pitches in their arsenal. After all the pitchers had blasted their hardest pitches at the catchers, it was the catchers' turn to show off their pop times.

After the pitchers and catchers wrapped up, we welcomed our positional players to start the batting practice portion of the showcase. Once everyone had a chance at batting practice, the players wasted no time getting stretched out to put their foot speed to the test in the timed 90-yard run.

The last scheduled portion of the showcase was the infield and outfield throws. Players were hit ground balls and were forced to mimic throws to second base or to the cut-off. The infielders and outfielders showed off their accuracy and velocity trying to throw out imaginary base runners.

The event was capped off with coaches and scouts speaking to the players who were eligible to attend their schools next year, as well as to younger players about the importance of developing their skills to achieve the next level.

Somer Villians take Singhampton hockey tourney

By Brad Bremner

A Zambonied outdoor ice surface, coupled with the lure of “bragging rights,” are a great drawing card.

That winter sports fact became obvious yet again on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8, as Singhampton’s Park Committee and Station 5 Firefighters hosted the third Broken Stick Three-on-Three Hockey Tournament.

Seven teams braved the wicked cold to entertain equally brave but well-bundled spectators. The games were clean, the action fast-paced and the referees were... freezing.

Between games, the bonfire and the fine barbecue fare served to warm up players, refs, volunteers and fans alike.

The tournament was won by the Somer Villians, who graciously accepted the 2014 BS Trophy and a well-chilled survival kit. The “silver medal” went to the Badjeros Bros, who contributed to future trophies with two broken sticks!


The event was a great fun fundraiser for the community-owned park. More tourney and park images can be Facebooked at singhamptonmemorialpark.

Winning team members (pictured, left to right) were: **Chris Steele, Dan Somerville, Barry Lightheart, Kenny Stephens, Mark McCandless and Lonnie Smith.** Absent: **Mike Hannon** and **Brandon Norrie.**



Contributed Photo

Somer Villians hockey team



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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CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP

Notice of Public Meeting for Telecommunications Tower

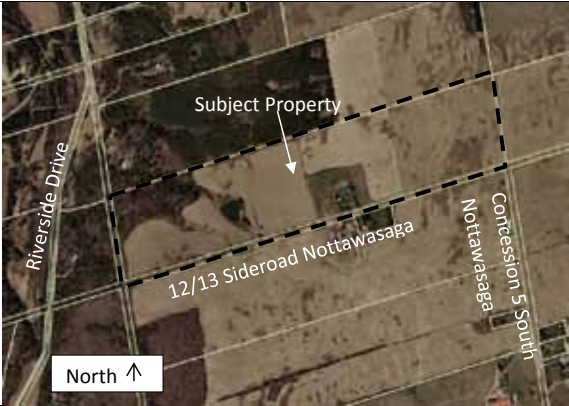
Date and Time of Public Meeting	Application File Number
March 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm	SP 2013-009

Location of Public Meeting
Council Chambers, Township of Clearview Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON, L0M 1S0

Application Location
South ½ of Lot 13, Concession 6, formally within the Township of Nottawasaga, now in the Township of Clearview (7754 12/13 Sideroad)


Purpose and Effect of the Application
Installation of a 61 metre steel lattice tri-pole self-support telecommunications tower and a fenced-in compound containing a shed owned by Bell Mobility Inc. The telecommunication tower to provide additional capacity and improve the coverage to their Websterville and Dunedin customer base, and to provide the capacity for wireless broadband internet services in this area of the Township, in accordance with CRTC Decision 2010-805.

Description of the Subject Land



Notice Circulated in Accordance With Telecommunication Protocol
This notice is being circulated in accordance with the requirements of Industry Canada’s guidelines for “Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems” and the Township of Clearview Telecommunication Protocol. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the time and location of a public meeting regarding the proposed development.

Additional Information



The additional information relating to this application is available for inspection at the Township Planning Department located at 217 Gideon Street in Stayner, or by telephoning (705)428-6230, during regular business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday).

Date of Notice: February 19, 2014

NOTICE

The 2013 Annual Reports for the Stayner, Creemore, New Lowell, Nottawa (McKean), Colling-Woodlands and Buckingham Woods Water Systems are available for download at www.clearview.ca (under Publications, Public Works) or copies may be obtained at the Township Administration Centre, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner or Public Works Office located at 5833 27/28 Sideroad Nottawasaga without charge.

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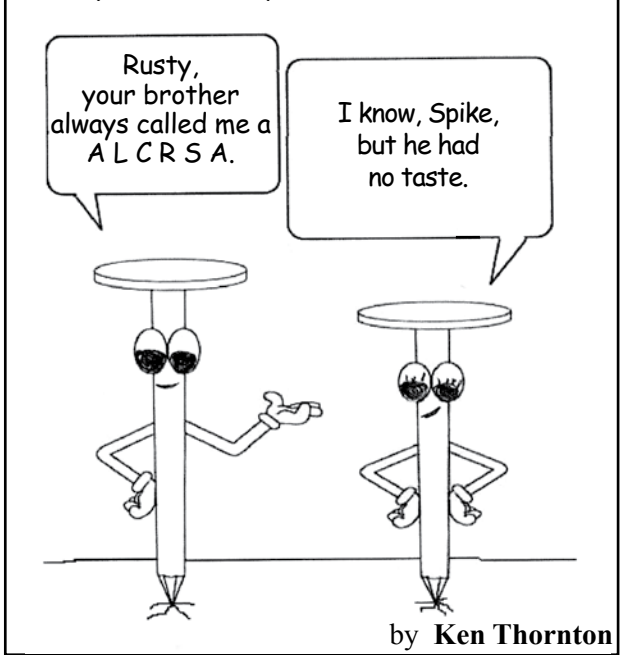
FUN & Games

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 21

Cloudy with showers
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Saturday, February 22

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Sunday, February 23

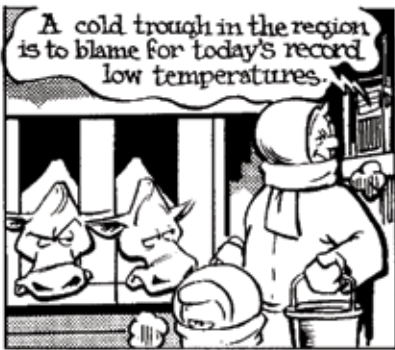
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by JEFF WILSON

FRED'S FUNNIES

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples that says: "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Canadian Criss Cross

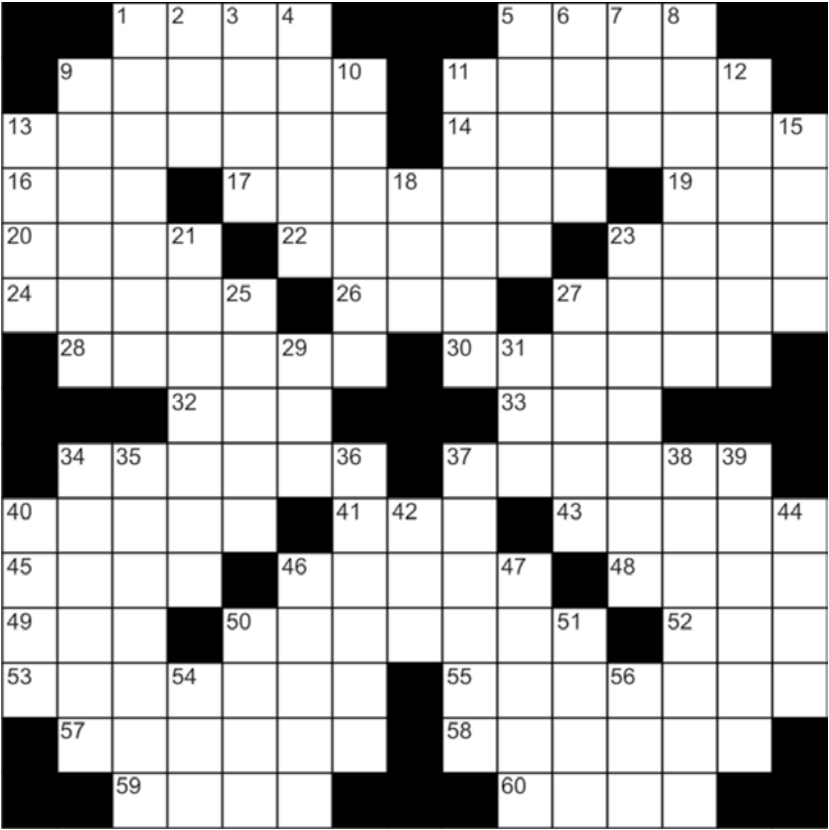
February 21, 2014

ACROSS

- Former coach of the Stampeders
- Taking too much time
- Stove part
- One who uses a measuring tape
- Addictive drug
- Third digit to the left of the decimal point
- Metal-bearing mineral
- Hindrance
- No vote
- That and nothing more
- Very small
- Common people
- Marriage announcement
- Albanian monetary unit
- Cruel one
- Deadly
- Guarantor
- Eye receptor cell
- For shame!
- Removes a beard
- Consider carefully
- Rock fragment
- Each and every one
- It cannot be saved
- Poddubny who played for the Maple Leafs
- Understood precisely
- Three Wise Men
- Not in good health
- TV station
- Honey
- Sophisticated style
- Nail polish remover ingredient
- Stuck-up
- Slow-cooked stew
- Inside information
- Affected by poverty

DOWN

- Alfalfa
- Historical period
- Black cuckoos
- Extend a subscription
- Showing a lack of respect
- Chain part
- From way back
- No longer usable
- Related to northern regions
- Say again
- Spoken appreciation
- Landed property
- Tool for cleaning wool
- Dick van
- First letter of Nova Scotia's postal codes
- Contest contestant
- The right to do what you want
- Push along
- Take along to a place
- Sweetened drink
- Extraterrestrial spacecraft
- Stable compartments
- The Netherlands
- Weekly wage
- Flat
- Inspire with love
- Monarch's substitute
- Drink in large gulps
- One-hit wonder from Toronto
- Tick off
- Water slide
- Secondhand tire, perhaps
- Henhouse
- Brand of building blocks
- Sound heard on a farm
- As well



February 14 answer

THE FIRST LOG CABIN SCHOOL

The ability to work together and get things done has been a Creemore trait that began in the very early days and continues to this day. The story of the first log school comes from about 1850, some time before the school sections in Nottawasaga were organized.

The following article was written by F. E. Webster (also known as Frank), and appeared in the January 9, 1936 issue of the *Creemore Star*. Frank Webster was a son of George Webster, considered to be one of Creemore's founders. George Webster had arrived in Creemore in the 1840s.

"I remember hearing my father tell me of the first efforts of the pioneers to provide a school. These early settlers felt it was their plain duty to make some provision to have their boys and girls taught at least primary education, that is, the three Rs. The old spirit of cooperation still prevailed among these brave men. They got together and settled the problem by all turning out and with help of a team of oxen and sharp axes, they built a log school in one day. Within a short time a fireplace was built to keep the children warm in cold weather, and other equipment provided. The school was then ready to function. This all happened before school sections were organized in the Township of Nottawasaga in the early 50s. This enterprise was accomplished, not by seeking doles or help from governments or other outsiders, but was the accomplishment of a patriotic community spirit.

"One Fair day I met an old revered friend, Mr. John Mackay. After the usual salutations our conversation naturally drifted back to pioneer days. He being the only man living who was a pupil who attended the pioneer school, I was anxious to learn something about it. This school was situated a few rods from the northwest corner of the north half of Lot 7, Concession 4 on the north side of what is known as Hench's Hill. [Note from Helen: My guess is that this location is at the south edge of Creemore Union cemetery, close to the road.] At this date there was no cut through that gully hill, and the people on the Fourth Line travelled

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen BLACKBURN

in an easterly direction missing the worst of the hill, from thence across the Powell farm [Purple Hill Lane is part of the farm], east of the cemetery, entering Mill Street below where the mill stood. Mr. Mackay travelled a different road when going to school. His home being on Lot 6, Concession 6, he travelled east until he came to the Steed farm where he crossed over reaching the Kendrick farm, and thence to the Fourth Line."

Let us go back to the school. The desks in this school were fastened on the outer walls and the pupils sat on long benches facing the walls. There was a big fireplace that would take a block of wood five feet long. This big fireplace kept them warm in cold weather. Two different teachers, Mr. Hill and Mr. Monteith, taught while Mr. John Mackay attended. Among the pupils listed for the log school are Allan Flack, Solomon Millsap and Jacob Millsap, their families still among us.

"Mr. Mackay remembers spending happy days at this little log school and saw some stirring events. He recalled seeing one of the bigger boys and the teacher settling their differences by pounding each other's heads. He related it was all bush from his home to the school and he had a horror of meeting Indians. One morning he met a man whom he thought at first was an Indian. He did not know at first whether to run for home or face him. He worked up enough courage, however, to face him, but it turned out to be one of the Leonard boys who offered to treat him with something a little stronger than soda water.

"The writer was extremely grateful to get this information from the only man living who could give it. Only for him, none of us would have any record of the first school, where it was situated, and its architecture. And, after all, we at this age can endure the fact that they turned out worthy Canadian citizens that were a credit to themselves and the community in which they lived."

Big Heart Seniors

We had a good turnout with eight full tables and one table of three, which was staggered to make all fair.

Lucky draws were won by **Janice Stephens, Lillian Hiltz, Roy Veinot, May Johnston and Ray Leighton.**

There were 13 Moon Shots played by **Bert Douglas, Marj Douglas, Irma Flack x2, Pat Winger x2, Effie Taylor, Phyllis Seed, George Blakney x2, Betty Bartlett, Dave Smith and Lillian Hiltz,** with the travel prize going to **George Blakney.**

Irma Flack asked that when you have a Moon Shot, unless the secretary acknowledges it, she cannot record it and you may be missed.

Winners for the day were **George Blakney 302, Isabelle Gubbels 298, Lillian Hiltz 295 and Peter Gubbels 287,** and low prize went to **Marj Douglas.**

There was news from **Marcia Cameron** regarding the passing of her husband, Arvid. For those interested, there will be a service at the graveside in McIntyre on Sunday, May 4 at 1 pm, with a reception and celebration of life at Mylar and Loreta's in Singhampton from 2 to 4 pm.

See you all next week for pot luck!

Remember: For every good reason to lie, there is a better one to tell the truth.



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THANK YOU

The Broken Stick Staff and Singhampton Park Committee thank John Holloway, John Kostick, Aro Electric, Scott Holmes, Hamilton Brothers, Milltown Hose, Mylar & Loreta's, Alice n Alf Redpath, Ice River Springs, Near Mad Woodworks, Maxwell Meats, and especially the teams, spectators and Station 5 Firefighters ! The third annual tourney was a fffffrosty success.

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CROCHET CLASS

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With tears on our cheeks.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it everyday,
But missing you is heartache,
That never goes away.
We hold you tightly within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
Until the joyous day arrives,
That we all meet again.

Love you always Darlene, Dianne,
Tom, Lorraine and Lorne and family



Small, Bonnie "Louise"

June 16, 1940-
Feb 23, 2007

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered "come with me." With tearful eyes we watched and saw you pass away. Although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Miss you everyday Mom/Nana.
Love Sherry, Rusty & Naomi

DEATH NOTICE

ARNOLD – William Orland (Orley) passed away in Southlake Region Health Centre, Newmarket on Saturday, February 15, 2014. Orley Arnold, in his 96th year, beloved husband of Margaret (Millsap) Arnold. Dear father of Bill Arnold of Stony Plain, Alberta, Ann Odor of Hepworth, Betty (Alan) Styles of Nokomis, Saskatchewan. Will be sadly missed by eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Survived by a sister Jewel Gilpin of Stayner. Predeceased by two brothers Brink and Wilbur Arnold, a sister-in-law Bessie Arnold, brother-in-law Ken Gilpin, daughter-in-law Annette Arnold, son-in-law Les Odor and a grandson Michael. Rested at the McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, Dundalk. Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Complete funeral service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 11 am. Spring interment in Creemore Cemetery. Donations to St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church in Creemore or the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

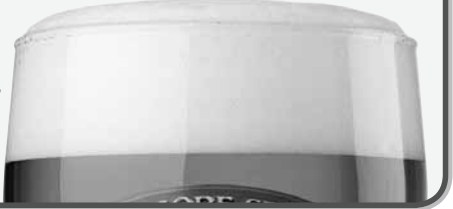
COOK, Ernest Paul passed away peacefully in his home in Creemore on Saturday, February 15, 2014. Loving father of Paul (Christie) and Tonya, step-grandfather to R.J and Tim. Ernie will be remembered by his mother Jean Cook (nee. Hiltz) and his siblings Donna (the late Roger), Gail, Margaret (Don), Tom (Cathy), John (Bernice), Jim (Margaret), Bill (Mary), Terry (Joanne) and Brian (Holly). He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and his caring friend Ellen Westhaver. A memorial service will be held at 10 am on Friday, February 21, 2014 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Friends may visit Ernie's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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Learn to look, love and hug in intimacy workshop

By Kristi Green

Eric Nagler wants you to feel comfortable looking into other people's eyes.

The Mulmur resident and performer thinks the world would be a better place if people could really connect.

That is why he is conducting a two-hour workshop called "Exploring Intimacy" in Singhampton next month.

"Most of the time when we think of being close to someone, it's about boundaries and saying 'no,'" says Nagler. "But when is it safe to say 'yes'?"

To encourage participants to examine different ways of saying "yes," Nagler begins his workshops by creating an atmosphere of trust and acceptance, which he calls "the room of love."

His sessions are based on the teachings of the Human Awareness Institute, an organization based outside of San Francisco that conducts workshops on love, intimacy and sexuality.

At the workshop in Singhampton, participants will take part in experiential exercises to help them explore the meaning of intimacy and love.



Eric Nagler

For example, attendees will practice the seemingly simple act of listening to others as they speak, a skill Nagler says is lacking these days.

"What we discover is that in daily life we rarely spend our time listening. We are always in conversation," he says.

Other exercises, such as hugging and looking into each others' eyes,

involve working toward a common goal of mutual caring, says Nagler.

"After a little bit of practice, we will be able to look comfortably into other people's eyes. The deeper we look, the more we see ourselves. The outer becomes less and less important; more important are the internal parts and we discover more and more that we are the same."

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THESE CURLERS ROCK! — Ladies Bonspiel winners (left to right) **Jean Smart** (Creemore Village Pharmacy Bonspiel sponsor); **Judy Hutton**, Second; **Merle Drew**, Vice; **Linda Morris**, Skip; and **Marion Gilchrist**, Lead (all members of the Stayner Granite Club) pose with their purple prize packs at the Creemore Curling Club on Saturday, February 15.



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BIG CAT AFOOT? — Ayrle MacEachern sent us this photo of a trail of mysterious tracks, which she saw in Singhampton recently. In her email, she asked, "Is it true that big cats' footprints are in a straight line?" Ayrle has also seen other similar prints at Highlands Nordic Cross Country Ski Centre in Duntroon.



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