

COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

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.

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

- **Church Services** – see page 5.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 3

- **Clearview Township's Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.
- **The Collingwood and District Historical Society Meeting** at 7 pm "British Home Children, Part II" – Shipped to Canada, thousands of British home children find new homes and different lives presented by Gloria Phillips, author and historian. At Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St. Admission is CDHS membership or \$3.

Tuesday, March 4

- **Pancake Supper** at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall from 5 to 7 pm. \$8 per person.
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- **Pancake Supper** at Horning's Mills Hall from 5 to 6:30 pm. Adults \$10, kids under 12 \$5, under 5 free. horningsmills.ca
- **Public Meeting concerning planning an Open House Celebration** in early June to honour the history of **Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School Annex Building**. At the NCPS library at 6 pm. 240 Collingwood Street. All interested community members are invited to attend.

Wednesday, March 5

- **Ash Wednesday Service** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 6 pm.
- **Clearview Soccer Registration** at Creemore Arena, Stayner Arena, New Lowell Fire Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.. See clearviewsoccerclub.com for details.

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".

Tuesday, March 11

- If you are 55+ and want to be active, join VON's free group exercise class called **Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together (SMART)**. Register and information session at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 1 pm. Call Michelle at VON for more information at 705-737-5044 ext. 232.

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.

Monday, March 17

- **Public Meeting for a 61 metre telecommunications tower** to be installed at Lot 13 Conc 6 Nott. At Clearview Township Council Chambers at 7 pm.

Saturday, March 22

- **6th Annual Health and Leisure Showcase** from 10 am to 3 pm. at the Stayner Community Centre. Early bird registration. Book your booth or more information visit www.clearview.ca.

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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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Meeting to focus on celebration ceremony

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school at 705-466-2624 or 705-466-6314.

The March 4 meeting will focus more on the ceremony in June than the transition to the newer school, added Birchall. However, there will be drawings of the plans and budget information about the senior site of NCPS for interested attendees. Birchall will take any questions to **Jackie Kavanagh**, the Superintendent of Education for the Simcoe County District School Board, at a later date.

The School Board announced the closure of NCPS' junior site last fall to consolidate resources amid declining student enrollment.

In September 2014, all Creemore public school students will attend the NCPS building at 240 Collingwood Street, which was built in 1966. Students in kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 will no longer have to walk from the junior site on Caroline Street West to the senior site for gym class.

Once the junior site has been vacated, the School Board will offer it first to the Simcoe Muskoka District School Board and then to the Township of Clearview. If neither express interest in the building, it will be put up for sale.

Offerings benefit women

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will be sent to the Women's International Council of Canada for projects that benefit women and children in this country and all over the world, as well as to fund next year's World Day of Prayer, which will be held in the Bahamas.

The event is organized by the New York-based World Day of Prayer International Committee. In the Creemore area, World Day of Prayer is hosted by one of six different churches every year.

The origins of the event, which is celebrated on the first Friday in March, date back to the 19th century. All people are welcome to participate.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, 10:30 am

St. Patrick's Church, Stayner, 2 pm

Echo briefs

Clearview budget approved

Clearview Township has given the green light to Treasurer **Edward Henley's** 2014 budget and instructed staff to create a tax rate by-law. The new budget shows a tax increase of 3.39 per cent, or 2.03 per cent once taxes for Simcoe County and the school boards are included. This means that residential property tax on a \$253,250 home will increase \$55 to \$2,882. This year's operating budget is \$25.9 million, compared to \$20.4 million in 2013. There will also be more funding for new infrastructure and equipment: \$69.2 million compared to \$45.3 million last year.

More support for veterans' funerals

Veterans Affairs Canada is committing \$108.2 million over the next three years to ensure that eligible veterans receive a dignified funeral and burial when they pass away. The eligibility criteria for the "Funeral and Burial Program" will expand to include all modern-day veterans of modest means. The program also pays for the actual costs of the burial, including cremation or the opening or closing of a grave. Veterans Affairs Canada also provides a military-style grave marker and care for the gravesite in perpetuity. Last year, the program received an additional \$65 million over two years to better reflect cultural and regional differences, and to increase reimbursement rates for funeral services that cost \$3,600 to \$7,376. For more information, visit www.lastpostfund.ca.

Five cows perish in barn fire

Thirty firefighters from Clearview Fire and Emergency Services responded to a barn fire on Thursday, February 27 at 5:52 am, north of Duntroon and south of Nottawa on Country Road 124. The Fire Department initiated mutual aid with the Townships of Essa, Springwater, Adjala-Tosorontio, Mulmur-Melancthon and Collingwood, and Town of the Blue Mountains to control the fire. They provided additional equipment and personnel for tanker operations. Water was transported from Collingwood because there were no hydrants in the area. While the barn could not be saved and five cows lost their lives, Acting Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** reported there were no civilian or firefighter injuries.

Locals win "Battle of the Bands"

Pop-punk music band, Midnight Low, celebrated their first real stage show at the Opera House in Toronto by winning this year's Band on the Run competition on Friday, February 21. Midnight Low stole the show with a 30-minute set of seven original and cover songs. Members **Cole McArthur**, **Kelsey Smith**, **Brett Hanley** and **Jon Burnett** beat out 12 other acts to win eight hours of recording time and the opportunity to headline an upcoming show. The band, which started 10 months ago, plans to record an EP and write more songs. They also will compete at the Band on the Run Finals in June at the Sound Academy in Toronto.

"Push the button" on smoke alarms

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services has teamed up with the Office of the Fire Marshall and TVOKids to raise awareness about testing smoke alarms. The goal of the new "Push the Button" campaign is to test as many smoke alarms in Clearview homes as possible by Sunday, March 9. Parents are encouraged to give their children permission to push the button on their home's smoke alarms, to hear if the alarms are working. Once kids have done that, they can visit www.tvokids.com to record the number of smoke alarms they tested and print out a certificate. "Every home must have a working smoke alarm on every level and near sleeping areas," says **Colin Shewell**, Acting Fire Chief.

New Farmers' Market: call for vendors

A new weekly summer event in Stayner is looking for vendors to sell their wares. To promote the first year of Music and Market in the Park, the fee is free for people who would like to sell their locally prepared foods and crafts, with a \$140 deposit. (\$10 will be deducted from the deposit for every week missed.) The Market will occur on Thursday evenings from 5 to 8:30 pm, from June 26 to September 25 in Station Park. The Township aims to have a mix of goods: locally grown produce and/or plants; locally processed or prepared food, or fruit, vegetables, meats, poultry and eggs; and nonprofit organizations or other products such as art and handmade crafts. For more information, contact **Shane Sargent**, Community Culture and Recreation Coordinator, at ssargent@clearview.ca or 705-428-6230, ext. 249.



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THE WAY WE WERE

Marsha Styles of Kitchener submitted this photo of Mrs. Dorothy Shropshire's Grade 1 at NCPS (1969/70). Pictured are: Brian Stephenson, Danny Miller, Ken Morby, Paul Kitchen, Roger Hisey, James Lindsey, Robert McArthur, Robert MacLeod, Gord Falls, Kevin Hemsley, Byron Montgomery, Rick Metheral, Bert Walker, Bobby Webster, Ed Stephens, Janice McLeod, Lynn-Ann Grant, Marsha Styles, Sonya Winchester, Lenny Hawkins and Albert Whissell, with other students we can't identify. Perhaps we'll see some of them at the School Planning meeting on March 4!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I'd like to see an old fashioned storm for three or four days, so the younger generation could see what it used to be like."

— Bob Ransier, snowblower

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LETTER

A little time will solve math question

Re: Al Clarke's Letter to the Editor, "Math in the Real World," Friday, February 21

The argument that people are losing their ability to make simple arithmetic computations has become quite topical, especially after we hear math scores (as rated by the Education Quality and Accountability Office) have recently declined across Canada, Quebec notwithstanding.

Ontario's Education Minister is careful to note that math scores have increased over the last 10 years in this province and the recent two per cent decline in student performance is not yet a trend but a noteworthy cause for further reflection and study. Countering any dissatisfaction some people may have with the way math is taught, the U.S. Department of Education has seen it worthy to commission a \$2.7 million dollar research project to study math education in Ontario. All western nations are concerned about static or declining math scores and the Ontario model will add important data to inform the evolution of math education pedagogy.

Previous letters on this issue have pilloried schools for the perceived loss of computational skills. However, we need to pay attention to the sea change in skill training that requires a rethink of the old "drill and kill" methods that we have historically endured in our school experience. While there has not been the growth in math-testing scores across the country, I think it important to notice

that in the optional computer-based mathematics assessment administered for the first time in 2012, Ontario students performed at the Canadian average and were surpassed by students in only four other jurisdictions (Singapore, Shanghai-China, Korea and Hong Kong-China).

This assessment result allows us to situate math training in a different context. While we value the ability to make accurate computational calculations, we now live in a world where this skill set is secondary to real world problem-solving. I agree that this emphasis on math education as problem solving learning is essential. The question is: Do we need to work this out with a pencil on the back of a Hamilton Brothers bill, or can we use a computer to do the calculations and our math ability to devise the appropriate questions that will yield answers to real problems?

Conrad Wolfram, who was considered a radical mathematician and technologist, was quoted as saying that "Calculating is the machinery of math – a means to an end." He recognizes math needs to be liberated from calculating. Calculating is the chore... the means to an end. Automation allows us to free ourselves from calculating. The required skills in the contemporary workplace privilege effective problem-solving: posing the right questions, real world-to-math formulations, computation... which computers can do, and finally math formulation to real world verification.

Or put another way, let's cease seeing mathematics as an isolated subject. "Children will learn to value mathematics through activities that help them build connections between mathematics and other fields" (House, 1990; Pallascio, 1990). Wolfram sees that we should make math more practical and more conceptual... people can feel and play with math. Now we can reorder math as a measurement of how hard the problem is rather than how hard the calculations are.

A centrepiece for teaching math in contemporary classrooms is recognizing that people have unique knowledges that assist them in decoding and solving problems. Students are now being taught to understand math at a deeper level. They are being taught the process of problem-solving and how to work through problems that may at first seem too difficult. On top of the math-specific skills, students also develop the skills of persistence and perseverance, which serves them well in many other areas.

Today's math is not about one right answer or pure memorization. It is the process of problem-solving. Actually, students are encouraged to try different methods to solve the problems and are then given the chance to share their ideas with others. They are being given the opportunity to be active participants in their learning, rather than just regurgitating facts. For example, give a group of any children a mathematical equation to solve and

then get them to explain how they got their answer. You will see that everyone did it differently. Real learning occurs. Past math instruction celebrated only the right answer. Now it is recognized that everyone uses different tools and concepts to get to the right answer. Recognizing this may assist Mr. Al Clarke in understanding that his way of getting change for a \$16.48 restaurant bill is not the way his server constructed the problem or did her own computations.

Students now are thinking math. "Drill and kill" just drills and kills.

These are significant method changes in the way math is taught in schools. It is fascinating to watch a classroom of students collaborating on a problem, using technology to develop understanding, use research skills and locally publish their results. Yes, changes, like research, require examining the data. Are graduates from high schools leaving school with the appropriate skill sets to access the skilled jobs of this century? One thing we know is that, like Quebec, where teachers are required to have more than 230 hours of math training, we need skilled educators, and not all teachers are skilled in the classroom in new methods.

With time though, a team of 4th graders using their Chrome books will break out the problem and have the answer to Mr. Clarke's curious manure experiment soon after the bag has left his hand.

Geoff Ayton, Creemore

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WINNERS OF CURLING CLUB'S SECOND DRAW

By Fred Mills

In the Second Draw of the Creemore Curling Club, which wrapped up this past week, the action heated up on the sheets.

All of the rinks seemed to have a little more extra sweep in their brooms during the past two months – was it from all the Olympic Curling the players were watching?

All four leagues had teams that were evenly matched, which resulted in very close games. When it came time to crown a champion, it was very exciting at the Club.

The closest champion game was in the Mixed League with **Steve Lindsay's** rink facing **Rob McArthur's** rink for all the stones. The game was a close one – tied in the last end, with Rob taking out Steve's potential game winner with his last rock. Wow! What curling!

Photos by Fred Mills and members of the Creemore Curling Club.



DAYTIME LEAGUE

Wallace Timmons Trophy presented by **Bill McDougall** (far left) to (left to right): **Milton McArthur** (Skip), **Joan Morby** (Vice), **Ann Huskinson** (Second) and **Gwen Taylor** (Lead).



LADIES' LEAGUE

Brian Greasley Trophy presented to (left to right): **Mary Bouchard** (Lead), **Madison Halliday** (Second), **Donna Baylis** (Skip) and **Johanne Neelin** (Vice).



MIXED LEAGUE

W.A. Gordon trophy presented by Creemore Curling Club President, **David Millsap** (far right), to (left to right): **Naomi McArthur** (Lead), **Mandy Major** (Second), **Diane Kelly** (Vice) and **Rob McArthur** (Skip).



MEN'S LEAGUE

The TD Bank Trophy presented by **Rick Kelly** (far left) on behalf of the bank to (left to right): **Paul Millsap** (Skip), **Paul Vorstermans** (Vice), **Brett Millsap** (Second), and **Ernie Purkis**, Spare for **Jim Deslippe** (Lead).



MEN'S LEAGUE (SECOND PLACE)

Reg Westbrooke Memorial Trophy presented by Reg's daughter, **Ann Emerton** (far right) to (left to right): **Jim Moltner** (Lead), **Don Metheral** (Vice) and **Tim Young** (Second). (Absent: **Gord Fuller**, Skip).

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Sunday, March 2



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Sunday Worship Service at 11 am.
Friday, February 28: Toonie Lunch from 11:30-1.
Tuesday, March 4: Pancake Supper from 5-7 pm. \$8
Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday Service-6 pm
Wednesday, March 12: Hearing God lunch sessions at noon at St. Luke's & at 7 pm at St. John's for 5 Wednesdays with video & conversation. Presented by St. Luke's and St. John's United

CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE
March 2 Services: New Lowell 10:15 am, St. John's Creemore 11:30 am
Saturday, March 1: Beef & Lamb Supper 4:30 to 7:30 pm. \$15, kids \$5.
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"Streams in the Desert" by Egyptian women

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"Hearing God"

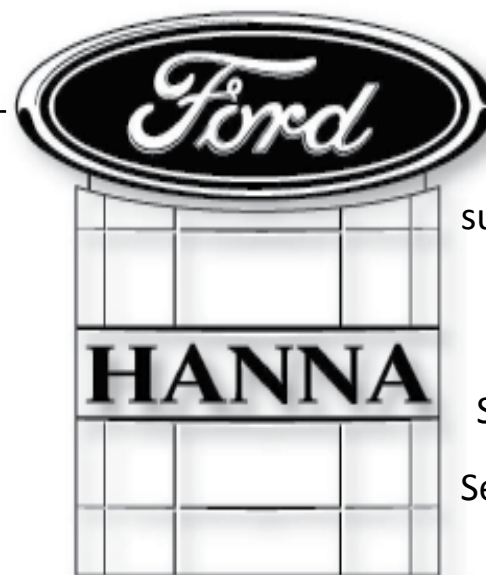
Starting Wednesday, March 12 – 5 sessions on Wednesdays
noon at St. Luke's Anglican Hall (bring your own lunch)
and/or at 7 pm at St. John's United Church.

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Winter from the inside: a snowblower's perspective

By Kristi Green

"It's been a good year for snow," says **Bob Ransier**, in what could be the understatement of the season.

Bob should know. He blows snow from the driveways of 150 of Creemore's houses and businesses these days.

"What I like about snow is it makes me money," says Bob. "It's liquid gold! Pennies from heaven!"

Bob, who runs a handyman business, has been clearing snow in Creemore for the past 29 years. This winter, he has been known

to plow from 5 am to 7 pm.

"It's a long day. By the time you get to the end of it, you could [drive] to Cashtown and back."

Bob says he has loved clearing snow since he was a seven-year-old kid, growing up on 10 Hill. In his day, Bob says students would miss two or three days of school at a time during the winter because the buses couldn't get through.

Back then, when the main roads were closed, snowplows weren't allowed to drive either. Bob recalls

that once, in the middle of a snowstorm in the early 1960s, he was asked to deliver medication from the Creemore Pharmacy to the hospital in Collingwood by snowmobile, which was the only way to get around.

"You'd dress warmly enough and have your pockets full of food and water," Bob said. "There were no cell phones back then and you didn't know where you were going. But if the snowmobile quit, you could walk to the nearest farm. These days, people don't live at every farm any

more, so you wouldn't know if you could get anyone."

To clear snow, Bob rides in one of two Kubota snowblowers, which he keeps in a garage behind his house. One of them, which he calls "Lemonade," has a chute that is painted with brightly coloured lemons (courtesy of **darci-que**) because the original, a "lemon," kept breaking down.

But the snowblowers, which cost \$30,000 to \$50,000, usually don't require much maintenance, says Bob.

"The number one problem is shear



Bob Ransier

pins," he says. A shear pin is a safety device designed to separate if there is mechanical overload, preventing other parts from being damaged. "If you get something caught in the cross auger or chain, the pin gets sheared off. Newspapers [in driveways] are the worst. You have to stop and get out and replace the shear pin."

To overcome this problem, Bob puts a zamboni blade at the bottom of the chute, so the blade can chew up the newspaper and spray it out without the paper getting caught.

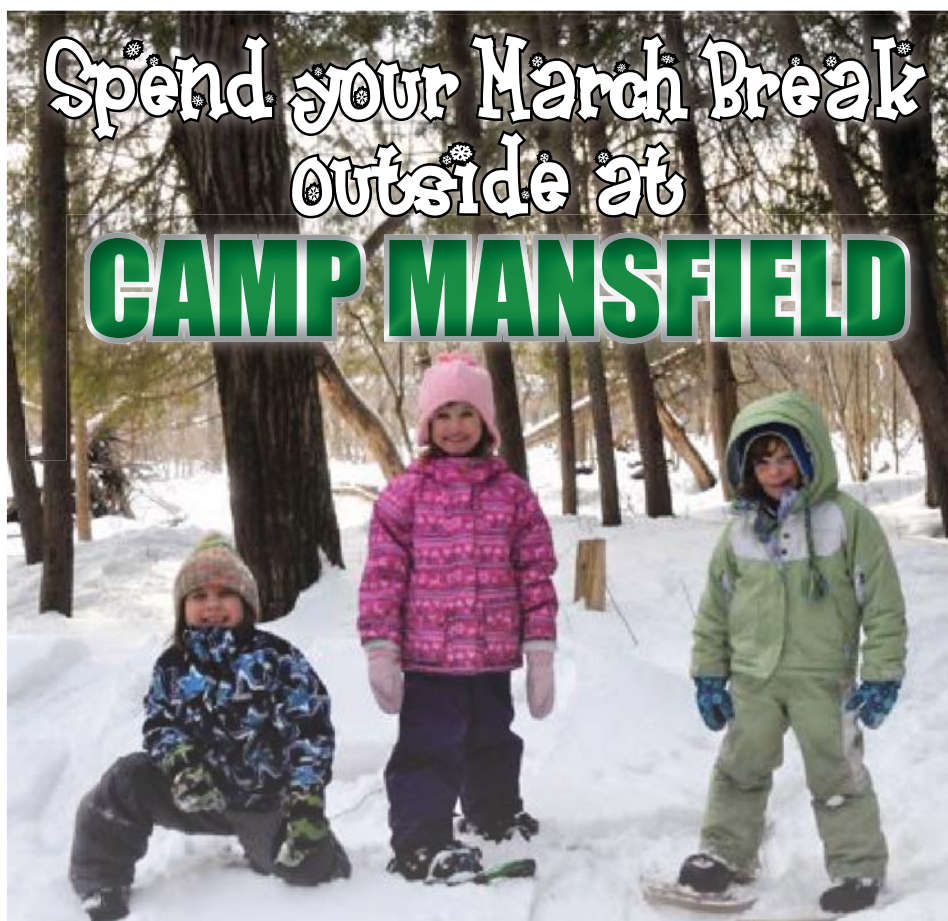
These days, even Bob says he has seen enough snow for one winter. "I'm waiting for summer now. Even I've had enough of blowing snow."

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GNE Ambassador attends agri-fair “boot camp” to prepare for CNE

By Nicole Gowan

Last week, I had the privilege to represent our municipality as the Senior Ambassador of the Great Northern Exhibition in Toronto at the Ontario Association of Agriculture Societies convention at the Fairmount Royal York hotel.

Fair Board members attend this convention to generate new ideas for the fairs, examine what is and isn't working, and think of ways to bring rural and urban communities together.

The 90-plus Senior Ambassadors in attendance, including myself, focused on creating awareness of the Ambassador Programs that are available to youth, as well as the amazing opportunities they bring.

The other main focus of the convention was the Canadian National Exhibition, which is held in Toronto in August. This is where most of us will be competing to be crowned “Miss CNE” and represent all of Ontario's agricultural societies.

During the first day of the convention, there was an ice-breaker party, games, a seminar on public speaking, and, to end the night, an entertainment showcase that was extraordinary! It featured four musical acts, Moo'd Swing, **Emily Flack**, **Ty Baynton** and **Leah Daniels**, an award-winning magician and mentalist, **Mike D'Urzo**, and a World Champion Juggler who was featured on America's Got Talent, **Charles Peachock**. It was a great way to re-energize our minds at the end of an exciting first day.

The second day started early and was full of things to do. First off was a seminar with the 2013 CNE Ambassador, **Claire Milton**, where we could ask questions, learn about her duties throughout the year and gain a better understanding of the entire responsibility of Miss CNE. It was a good opportunity to learn and calm some nerves before August.

There were two other seminars by **Heather Hargrave** and **Gregory**



THE ROYAL YORK TREATMENT – (Left:) **Nicole Gowan** stands with her chaperone, **Melissa Ferguson**, and (right, third from top) poses with new formally dressed friends from the convention before the President's Reception.

Smith. Heather, who represents Farm and Food Care Ontario, spoke about food safety and how to properly addressing agricultural issues when speaking with other people.

Gregory is a personality specialist whose seminar, “Flipping Your Iceberg,” taught us what to put our drive toward and how to focus our energy on being optimistic and making our efforts successful.

The last seminar of the day was for the Ambassadors as a group. We discussed more ways to get youth involved in the Ambassador Programs and we are hoping to encourage others to apply to the GNE. I heard that some

Ambassadors do presentations in their local high schools, go to local events, and set up tables at their local farmers' markets. My goal is to get more involved locally within the schools to promote our program and get more contestants for this year's Fair.

After the seminars we got an exclusive tour of the Fairmount Royal York, which was amazing and also educational. That evening, there was the President's Reception where all the Ambassadors got formally dressed to introduce ourselves to members (past and present) of the Ontario Association of Agriculture Societies Board – and everyone else who was there! There

was live music and it was another great night for having fun together.

The last day there was a closing ceremony for the convention and the new OAAS President, **Sylvia Parr**, was introduced.

Throughout my time at the convention, I began many new friendships, and developed new ideas to bring to our Fair as well as ways to promote our Ambassador Program. Most importantly, I proudly represented the Great Northern Exhibition.

I hope to see many faces around the community as I promote this program and prepare for the CNE.



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The Clearview Public Library

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SNAKE CHARMING AT THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

By Michele McKenzie

We will be snake charming here at the Clearview Public Library over March Break!

Please join us at the Stayner Arena Community Hall on Friday, March 7 at 10:30 am for a free family-friendly edu-entertainment show from Reptilia to kick off a reptilian-themed holiday. Complimentary tickets are available at all three branches (Clearview, Stayner and Sunnidale) and will guarantee your seats at this popular event.

The fun will then continue all week long with organized programming involving more snakes, lizards, turtles and frogs.

At the Creemore Branch (705- 466-3011):

- Saturday, March 8: drop-in family literary crafts
- Tuesday, March 11: Ontario Step into Stories at 1 pm
- Wednesday, March 12: Ontario Baby Time at 11 am
- Thursday, March 13: The ROM Skulls Kit and Story Hour with Michele at 10 am (one-hour program)
- Friday, March 14: More Messy Art with Michele at 10 am (one-hour program)
- Saturday, March 15: drop-in family literary crafts.

For the schedule at the Stayner (705-428-3595) and/or Sunnidale (705-424-6244) branches, pop by and pick up your menu of activities to plan your participation, or just drop by to join the action. We will have informal activities, an art contest and an in-house scavenger hunt during open hours.

Order your Georgian Good Food Box at the Stayner Branch circulation desk by Wednesday, March 12 for pick-up on Wednesday, March 19.



Michele McKenzie (left) with Isobel Mitchell...and snakes!

If you are looking for computer help, please note that this is your last chance to have a lesson with our CAP students as they are only available for help until the end of March.

Plan to join us at the Health and Leisure Show on Saturday, March 22, where we will join forces with the Clearview Fire Department and Ontario Early Years to create a bigger and better display of informational services available to all residents of Clearview. This will be a snake-free event!

Hope to see you at the Clearview Public Library over March Break!

New Lowell News

Well, here we are into yet another week of cold windy winter weather! I hope you are all starting to feel that maybe spring will be just around the corner.

Did you hear the toe-tapping, hip hop music coming from the New Lowell Legion last Saturday evening?

The Dance Room of Stayner put on a wonderful performance with their competitive dance teams. Over 150 friends and family watched the dancers in their many musical numbers.

The New Lowell United Church Accessibility Building Fund accepted the donation from the Dance Room.

Also present at the event was the Extra Lensory Perceptions Portrait Studio owned by **Richard Robinson** of New Lowell. He was taking portraits of the dancers and families. We might be a small community, but we are mighty! Everyone understands the building of accessible venues and it is comforting to know that friends lend their talents to the fundraising activities.

The last registration for Clearview Soccer will be on Wednesday, March 5. Please go to www.clearviewsoccerclub.com for more information.

The New Lowell Central Public School held their own Olympics on Friday, February 21. The children were on teams of all ages and each team represented a country. A little bit of rain and some snow during the day made for some wet snowsuits but happy smiles as the children cheered for their teams throughout the events.

And how about our Team Canada! The village was deserted Sunday morning as most were watching the final Gold medal game of men's hockey. The ladies' team bringing home the Gold a few days earlier made it a complete double-double! All of our athletes tried their best and showed the world what being a Canadian is all about.

Are you ready for a delicious homemade beef or lamb dinner with all the extras, including wonderful homemade pies? Then you are invited to come to St. John's United Church in Creemore starting at 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 1. If you have any news for around New Lowell, please email sandra@bednarek.ca or phone 705-424-6497 (4 to 7pm).

NEW LOWELL NEWS



Sandra BEDNAREK



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A sneak peek of this year's line up

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| SOS with Stacey | Collingwood Agricultural Society |
| Hitmen Minor Lacrosse | Great Northern Exhibition |
| Genesis Peure | Clearview Community Theatre |
| Spa-Ology | Stayner Physiotherapy & Massage Therapy Inc. |
| Maizis Martial Arts Academy | Hummingbird Montessori School |
| Steepled Tea | Wasaga Beach YMCA |
| Juice Plus (McNabb Health Centre) | Small Halls Festival |
| Mary Kay | Clearview Trails |
| Stayner Heritage Society | Clearview Library |
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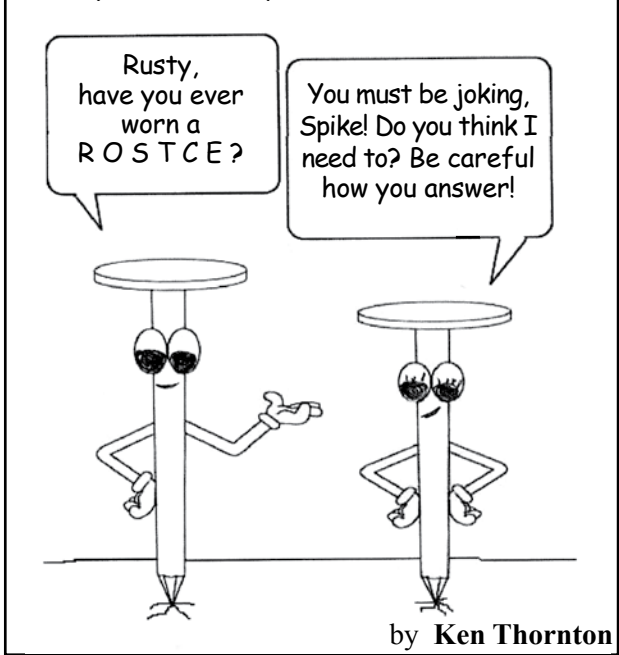
FUN & Games

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 28

Mainly sunny
High -12 Low -23 Winds S 10 km/h
POP 20%

Saturday, March 1

Scattered flurries
High -3 Low -15 Winds NW 20 km/h
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Sunday, March 2

Variable cloudiness
High -4 Low -17 Winds N 5 km/h
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FRED'S FUNNIES

I've just bought
a donut-shaped pancake....

Holy Crêpe!

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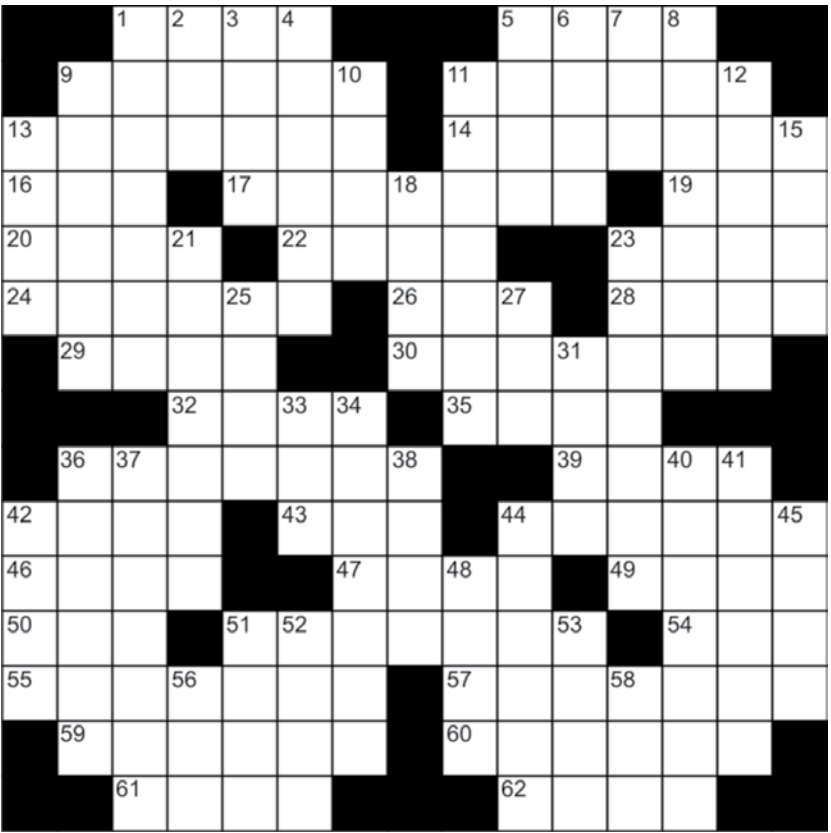
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ACROSS

- Crane compartments
- One nautical mile per hour
- Piece of shot
- Level of amateur sport, for children
- Place papers in correct order
- Put your name down for
- Bronze coin of Sweden
- Give you a hard time
- Do away with
- Price paid
- Single thing
- Strong flavour
- Be too clever for
- Meadow
- Chinese side dish
- Mentioned before
- Twist around
- Plant starter
- Academic administrator
- Inflammation of the nose and throat
- Speak in a sneering way
- Hamster's home
- Sailor's okay
- Feel disgust towards
- Extremely dry
- Slacken the strain of
- Abominable snowman
- English class, for short
- Able to stop bleeding
- Sandwich meat
- Distinct part
- Wolfsbane
- Under the influence of drugs
- Take away and place elsewhere
- Energy units
- How some like their steak

DOWN

- Percussion instrument
- Whole amount
- Loud discordant noise
- Begin a journey
- Sharp
- Fit within one another
- Have bills
- Landscape
- Permeable by water
- Bird with a forked tail
- Make believe
- Show clearly
- Fashion designer Chanel
- Move sideways
- 1.609 kilometres
- Misshapen
- Bay in Newfoundland
- Flash of inspiration
- Stopped fasting
- Carry on
- Historical period
- Not weeping
- Tooth decay
- Shake vigorously
- Many things lying together
- High hairdo
- Landed property
- Young bovine
- It's used in winter on windshields
- Measurable period
- Perform excellently
- Vocalized
- Very in French
- Deep sleep
- Rocky peak
- And not



February 21 answer

Banned books? Find them at your local bookstore

By Jenn Hubbs

“Something will be offensive to someone in every book, so you’ve got to fight it.” — **Judy Blume**

February is strange. Although it has the fewest days of any month, it can feel like the longest after a winter already filled with storms, snow and cold snaps.

We celebrate all kinds of love with Valentine’s Day and Family Day, ongoing strength and perseverance with Black History Month, but also censorship and dissent with “Freedom to Read Week,” which runs from February 23 to March 1.

Great works of literature – and some not-so-great – have encountered challenges and censorship throughout history. “Freedom to Read Week” is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. During this time, we invite readers to explore some historically challenged works and examine why they might have caused offense.

Sometimes the challenges are due to the time period in which the books are released. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee have both been under scrutiny by numerous school boards over the past 20 years.

The books, classics of North American literature that are set in the Deep South, contain language and racial descriptions that are no longer considered acceptable in today’s society. As a result, school boards must consider if the books are accurate portrayals of a specific period in time, and therefore where they are best suited in the curriculum.

Similarly, Margaret Lawrence’s *A Jest of God* was challenged and considered for removal in the 1970s because the teacher carries on an unmarried relationship while still teaching – grounds for dismissal in some conservative school districts.

Famed horse story, *Black Beauty*, was challenged and removed from schools in South Africa during the Apartheid era because the government at the time felt



SECRET READS – Curiosity House’s **Jenn Hubbs** and **Joanne McLachlan** surreptitiously share their favourite banned books, *The Witches* by Roald Dahl and Vladimir Nabakov’s *Lolita*, respectively.

that the title expressed inappropriate sentiments about non-white people of Africa – that is, that “black” could be “beautiful.” It would have been difficult to find a copy of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* in China in the 1930s, as the government there banned the book because of “unnaturally talking animals,” and because humans and animals were portrayed on the same level of understanding and intellect.

Other book challenges can be more personal. **J.K. Rowling** herself has been under fire from no less than at least 19 U.S. states and Canadian provinces, where parents were concerned that Harry Potter was engaged in wizardry, witchcraft and magic – all inappropriate for young readers from devout religious backgrounds.

The Lord of the Rings was removed and burned by schools in New Mexico in the early 2000s because of its so-called “satanic” nature – a fact that is a little ironic when you consider that Tolkien was a committed Christian, and that much is made about

the Christian symbolism within his work.

Children’s books are often a popular target for challenge and removal, but sometimes the reasons can be a little difficult to understand. Beatrix Potter’s famous *Tale of Peter Rabbit* was briefly removed from London City Council schools in the U.K. in the 1980s because it was felt that the rabbits were too “middle class.” Maurice Sendak’s *In the Night Kitchen* continues to be challenged across the U.S., simply because the main character goes through the story naked. (Sendak explained that Mickey just didn’t want to get his clothes dirty.)

Everyone has the right to make personal decisions about what we choose to read or not read in our lives. It’s important to remember that this decision is a part of our *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and that it is a right that many in the world do not have at this time.

Show your support for your personal “freedom to read,” by stopping by the bookstore and your local library to find your favourite “banned” books.

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MOVING SALE

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Clearview Travel has **UPCOMING BUS TRIPS:**

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THANK YOU

The Ladies League of the Creemore Curling Club wish to thank Jean Smart, owner of the Creemore Village Pharmacy, for sponsoring and providing the prizes for the Ladies Annual Invitational Bonspiel held on February 15. Jean has been providing this support for the last 24 years. We also thank Norma Panzine, owner of Affairs Bakery, for preparing a delicious dinner and the extra gifts for all the curlers.

I would like to thank the Great Northern Exhibition and all their members for allowing me to be a part in the Ontario Association of Agriculture Societies convention this past week in Toronto and all they have done for me this year as the Senior Ambassador. I would also like to thank my chaperone for the few days away, Melissa Ferguson, you were a great help to me. Finally the support from my family, friends and the community is also greatly appreciated.

Nicole Gowan - Senior Ambassador - Great Northern Exhibition

Thanks to **Cat Flack** for all the delicious baking & jam delivered to us last Friday. You really spoil us!

The Creemore Echo staff

IN MEMORIAM

WILSON – In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandpa, **Wilfred Wilson** who passed away on January 29, 1995. A dear Mom and Grandma, **Mae Wilson** who passed away on March 3, 2000 & A dear brother and Uncle, **Don Wilson** who passed away on July 14, 2010

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RITTENHOUSE, C.E. Gordon passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in his 72nd year. Gord, loving husband of Emilie; father of Julie Rittenhouse and the late Cindy; grandfather of Jessie Fleming (Steve) and great grandfather of Easton & Ryder. Forever remembered by his stepchildren Connie, Cheryl, Debbie and Steve and their families. As per his wishes cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at Creemore Union Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Friends may visit Gord's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

It is with sadness but also deep gratitude for a life well lived, that we announce the passing of **Melville SEELEY**, on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014 at the General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood in his 101st year. Melville of Stayner, beloved husband of the late Helen Seeley (nee Greenfield). Loving father of John Seeley. He will be greatly missed by his nieces Karen (Scott), Elsie (Garry), Elaine (Elwin) and their families. He is survived by his sister-in-law Shirley. Predeceased by his brother Murray Seeley, sister Delrose (late Les Culham) and niece Sandra (Al). Private family Memorial has occurred. Interment will follow in the spring at Stayner Union Cemetery. If desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by Melville's family. Arrangements under the direction of Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home - Stayner Chapel. For more information and to sign the online Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com

Spike & Rusty: CORSET

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

This week was potluck Thursday, as it is every third Thursday of each month. With the threat of nasty freezing rain we only had 17 for dinner, but it was delicious as usual.

A speaker named **Susan** from Victorian Order of Nurses talked to us of a program of gentle exercise for seniors over 55. It is called the SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) and has a 48-week tenure. There is no charge and it will be available Tuesdays at 1 pm and Thursdays at 11 am at the St. Luke's church hall, 22 Caroline Street West. Participants must register for this activity on Tuesday, March 11 at 11 pm. The program is sponsored through the Ontario Government so the \$4 fee per person is being absorbed by the Ontario North Simcoe Muskoka Local, Health Integration Network. An informative pamphlet was handed out to everyone.

Russ Miller is doing very well and will be back with us soon.

Against some protesting, we fired up the television on mute and followed



SENIORS

Evelyn WARDEN

the Canadian Women's Olympic hockey final.... Yahoo! We won! But it surely was a nail biter.

We had 30 players for cards; six full tables and two tables of three.

Lucky draws were won by **Marg Hope**,

Lillian Hiltz x2, **Kevin Keough** and **Bob Veale**.

There were 15 Moon Shots played by **Evelyn Warden** x3, **Pat Winger** x3, **Janice Stephens**, **Leona Hartling**, **Marj Thompson**, **Peter Gubbels** x2, **Dave Smith**, **Phyllis Seed**, **Bob Veale** and **Roy Veinot**.

Winners of cards for the day were **Pat Winger** 256, **George Blakney** 255, **Peter Gubbels** 248 and **Marj Thompson** 232, with low prize going to **Robert McNicol** 38.

We had to hand out lesser monies in prizes because of the low attendance, weather and so many away. We will no doubt be able to increase the prize money when all gets back to normal and attendance increases.

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Seen & Heard

A QUILT OF CODES — Marion McArthur holds up the Underground Railroad Sampler Quilt she has been working on since September. Each block contains a symbol that was used to communicate messages to slaves in the southern U.S. who were seeking freedom in Ohio and Canada. Back then, the quilt would be hung on a fence or cabin door to give directions about where to go or what to do. Marion is one of 43 members of the Mad and Noisy Quilters who meet once a month at St. Luke's Anglican Church. Come see the quilts yourself at the Mad and Noisy Quilters Tea Party on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 pm at the Creemore Legion.



ART STARTS HERE — Enthusiastic artist **Miles Millar** (foreground) displays the ink-and-watercolour painting he created (with brother **Remy Millar**, and friends **Hazel Dempsey** and **Yarrow Sopinka**) at the Mill Street Art Studio where **Martha Bull** and **Sue Miller** run art classes for kids on Mondays from 3:30 to 5 pm. Children can drop in for \$12, which includes materials and snack.



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THE ECHO'S YOUNGEST READER — Fourteen-month-old **Victoria Ceccarelli** admires the kids of NCPS on the front page of last week's *Echo*. Victoria's Mum, **Kate Steer Ceccarelli**, said, "Victoria has picked up *The Creemore Echo* a number of times in the last few months to 'read' it. Victoria sees her Mummy, Daddy and Grandma read the *Echo* every week from front to back to get all the local news!"

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