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Goodbye, old school NCPS starts planning for school closure

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PUT A STOP TO BULLYING WITH PINK - Students in Grades 2 to 8 at NCPS' senior site stand up against bullying on Pink Shirt Day on February 26. While they assembled, Principal Heather Birchall reminded the group, "Although we wear the pink shirt on one special day, it is a symbol for something we should be thinking about all through the year." For more on Pink Shirt Day, read the story on page 7.

Clearview spends millions on sewers

By Kristi Green

Two major contracts were awarded by Clearview to increase sanitary sewer capacity in Stayner and Wasaga Beach at its Council meeting on Monday night.

First, Councillors unanimously voted for Matheson Construction's contract for \$5,337,103 to construct the Stayner sewage pumping station #2 and associated pipe work.

Then, they agreed to award the contract to construct the dual forcemains and associated chambers between Stayner and Wasaga Beach to Cedarwell Excavating in the amount of \$4,255,966.05.

The entire construction, which is called the Stayner-Wasaga Beach Sanitary Servicing Project, will be funded by grant money and contributions from developers. No funds will be used from general taxation.

Matheson's tender bid on the contract includes HST. With Clearview's HST rebate factored in, the total tender dollar value is \$4,806,229.87.

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NEW SMALL HALLS FEST COMING IN OCTOBER

Clearview Township is giving \$20,000 to start a new festival that celebrates the area's "small halls."

Small halls refers to the eight community halls (Station on the Green, Avening, Dunedin, Duntroon, Nottawa, Singhampton, Brentwood and Sunnidale) in the Township. Clearview owns each of the halls, except for Singhampton's, which is owned by a notfor-profit community group.

Next October, each hall (plus the Stayner Community Centre, as there is no "small hall" in Stayner) will participate in a "Small Halls Festival," by hosting events from Thursday, October 2 to Sunday, October 5.

Last year, the Township budgeted \$10,000 for community festivals and events, and \$10,000 for promoting those events. This year, it has allotted the same amount of funds to those causes, plus an extra \$20,000 for the Small Halls Festival specifically.

"Clearview Township doesn't want to lose these halls," said Shane Sargant, Clearview's Community Culture and Recreation Coordinator. "We have all had buck and does in them, or got married. There is a concern that the small halls need a tremendous amount of upgrades. We can all work together to keep each community centre alive. These halls do successful events and the people behind them are the fabric of each community."

Sargant said he proposed the idea of a tourist event involving all the community halls when he started his position at the Township in February 2013. At that time, he learned that members of each hall's board also had similar thoughts.

The festival will see each hall "doing what they do best," said Sargant. Avening Hall, for instance, is garnering a reputation as a venue for music shows, while Duntroon Hall has an annual trivia night, Sunnidale is known for its cards nights and Nottawa hosted a cammo-and-black tie themed dinner last year.

Township commitment provides leverage for other grants

The \$20,000 that Council is injecting into the festival now permits Clearview to be eligible for other

(See "Township" on page 3)

Communicate with Council: survey

Clearview Township wants your ideas on how its Council can communicate better with the public.

The Effective Representation Advisory Committee has created a survey to gather public input about the ways Council could be more effective, accessible and improve communication.

"It's important that we get information from the public because one part of the committee's goal is to improve communication between the Councillors, Council and the public," said **Bob Charleton**, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

"We hope to get good information back from the public because maybe we will hear things we haven't considered ourselves."

The Committee was created in January to define the role of Council as outlined in the Ontario Municipal Act. Since then, it has had five meetings to review Councillors' salaries and communication strategies. The committee's goal

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COMMUNITY Calendar

Submit your community events

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This Weekend

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".

Sunday, March 9

- Daylight Savings begins. Change your clock ahead one hour.
- Church Services see page 5.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 10

- Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion begins today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome.For more information call 705-466-2330.
- March Break Kids Expressive Art Workshop from 1 to 4 pm at the Mill Street Art Studio, 148A Mill Street, Creemore. \$15 per child (includes materials & a snack). Please register by calling Sue at 705-727-6161 or email sueamiller65@gmail.com.

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.
- Creemore Adult Skating Tuesdays through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.

Friday, March 14

• Ladies Auxiliary Friday Night Supper from 5 to 6:30 pm at Creemore Legion. Soup, corned beef

and cabbage, boiled potatoes, vegetables, assorted pies, coffee/tea, rye bread and butter. Adults \$15 seniors \$13.

• Stayner Chapter Order of the Eastern Star's Chili Dinner with all the trimmings. \$10. At the Masonic Hall, 213 Louisa Street, Stayner from 5 to 7 pm. Proceeds will go to Worthy Matron's Project – the Clearview Stayner Food Bank & Wasaga Beach Food Bank. Everyone welcome!

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 15 & Sunday, March 16

• Watercolours for Beginners with Martha Bull from 10 am to 3 pm both days at the Mill Street Art Studio, 148A Mill St. Creemore. \$200 (includes materials). Contact Martha to register at 416-546-2555.

Monday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day!

• Public Meeting for a 61 metre telecommunications tower to be installed at 7754 12-13 SR Nott. At Clearview Township Council Chambers at 7 pm.

Tuesday, March 19

- Clearview Township Town Hall Meeting at the Township Office in Stayner at 7 pm to discuss recommendations to make Council communication more effective. Dont forget to fill out the survey on www.clearview.ca by Tuesday, March 21! Survey is also available at the Township libraries and the Township Office.
- The Creemore Horticultural Society Meeting at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall at 7:30 pm. This month's speaker is Graham Corbett & his topic is "Healthy Soil".

Saturday, March 29 & Sunday, March 30

• Oil Painting Workshop with Sara Sniderhan at Mill Street Studio in Creemore. Learn the art of painting a portrait from life. \$280 includes model fees & some materials. Space is limited. Call 416-559-6189 or sara.sniderhan@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Tuesday, April 1

Kristi Green is on 97.7 The Beach this morning between 9 and 10 am to talk "All Things Creemore".
 Don't miss it!



Red Cross is in need of Transportation Volunteers!

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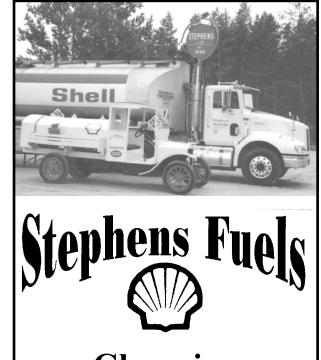


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Make Council more effective

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is to make recommendations to make Council more effective.

Members of the public can get a survey at the municipal office in Stayner, at any branch of the Clearview Public Library and online at www. clearview.ca. The surveys must be completed and returned to the Township (in person, by mail or at any branch of the Clearview Public Library or the Library Book Return Box in Nottawa) by Tuesday, March 21. Clearview will also hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Township Offices in Stayner on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 pm.

Additional sewer capacity will support growth

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This is less than the \$5,543,000 that Clearview budgeted for this project. The budgeted amount breaks down into \$5,230,000 for the pumping station, \$239,000 for the water main and \$74,000 for installing gravity sewer mains.

Sixteen companies bid for the pumping station contract. R. J. Burnside & Associates, an environmental and engineering consulting group, reviewed the three lowest bidders' tender documents. Burnside staff members performed references checks before recommending Matheson Construction, which bid the lowest amount

Burnside received 13 bids for constructing the forcemains and reviewed the tenders of the three lowest bidders before recommending the second-lowest bidder, Cedarwell Excavating.

With its HST rebate, it will cost the Township \$3,832,631.89, which is \$341,368.11 less than it originally budgeted for the project.

"This project will help provide additional sanitary sewer capacity that will allow growth and development in the Town of Stayner for years to come," said **Mike Rawn**, General Manager of Environmental Services in the Public Works department in a memo to Council.

"By working with our municipal neighbours, the Town of Wasaga Beach, we have secured efficient environmentally sound sewage treatment at a reasonable cost for present and future residents."

Township support sows seeds for other grants

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"You need to show you have commitment from the Township to leverage for other grants that are available," explained Sargant.

Last Tuesday, **Steve Sage,** General Manager, Transportation and Recreation, visited Ontario's Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, **Michael Chan**, with Mayor **Ken Ferguson**, Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage**, Councillor **Doug Measures** and the Township's Chief Administrative Officer, **Susan McKenzie**, about Clearview's \$68,000 grant application (results are pending), as well as other events, tourism and trails.

In addition, last month, Clearview received \$50,000 from Simcoe County. Clearview's Economic Development Committee chose to invest the funds into culture and recreation.

"With this support, Clearview can now apply for outof-town marketing from the province," Sargant said. "This is seed money that will bloom."

Ten thousand dollars of the \$50,000 sum will go to local marketing for the small halls (including the Stayner Community Centre); \$10,000 will be set aside for Stayner's new farmers' market, Music and Market in the Park, starting in June; \$10,000 is budgeted for signage for the area's trails; and \$10,000 is to be used to create a website for Clearview tourism and a new tourism brochure (the last one was produced in 2009).

In addition, Creemore's Children's Festival, now in its third year, will received \$5,000 for increasing local entertainment. This is the first year the Children's Festival will receive funds from the Township.



GOOD TIMES AT SMALL HALLS – Events like last Saturday's show at the Avening Hall, featuring the talents of **Travis Good** of the Sadies and a special appearance by father **Bruce**, attract visitors from across the province.

The annual Copper Kettle Festival, which has been funded solely by Creemore Springs brewery in the past, will receive \$5,000. Last year, Clearview supported the event by providing Sage's staff services.

"We have such great volunteers in Clearview Township and we thought with this money, a little bit might go a long way," said Sargant.

SENIORS FITNESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer instructors are needed to lead a new free-of-charge active-living program for seniors which starts Tuesday, March 11 in the St. Luke's Anglican Church hall at 1 pm.

SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) is a twice-weekly 48-week-long program funded by the Ontario government for people older than 55 years or individuals with chronic diseases.

The program is led by volunteers who are trained by the Victorian Order of Nurses.

"Anyone can be trained," said **Michelle Foster**, the Program Coordinator for the Georgian Bay Region. "You don't have to be a fitness guru."

Training will take place in Creemore over oneand-a-half days. Volunteers will need to fill out an application form, have an interview and police record check, and provide character references. SMART instructors lead classes of seniors through a series of 15 gentle exercises to improve their strength, balance and flexibility regardless of their fitness abilities.

"It's preventive health care," Foster explained. "It's part of a program to prevent falls. The goal is to keep you from falling, or, if you have a fall, it won't be as severe."

This is the first time that the program will be offered in Creemore, said Foster. Groups have been held over the last four years in Collingwood and Wasaga Beach, but new government funding is helping SMART reach smaller communities.

For those who have trouble leaving their homes, SMART also offers an at-home program. To apply to be on the waiting list for the 12-week series in your home, call Foster at 705-533-1066.

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Front: Diane Kerr, Bonnie Fisher, Debbie Emerton, Carol Grant, Brent Weatherall, Rick Denison, Terry Grant, Alan Trott, Frank DeBeer

LETTER Rock, too loud for some...

I appreciate the fact that there is an ardent music promoter in Creemore and we can enjoy a variety of talent playing the various venues in the area. Although we do have this access to fantastic entertainment, I rarely see a review in the Echo, which I find perplexing. It is always good to have a feel for the quality of an artist, before you purchase tickets. Would anyone buy a CD if they had never heard the band? So I am offering my review of The Sadies concert at the ACC North on Saturday night, so that when they stage up again locally others can make informed choices regarding attending.

The Sadies played a country/rock/rock-a-billy mix of tunes that were reminiscent of the soundtrack to old dusters, particularly of the Django or Clint Eastwood western genre. The origin of the songs were not clear and they sounded "borrowed" in some cases. (This is the shortcoming of a reviewer that has no

time for research.) I believe the group has some talent, and yet it is always difficult to tell when the music volume is at the clinically deafening level that was delivered on Saturday. (I know that I have always compensated for my lack of talent and knowledge by trying to be the loudest person in the room. It sets me apart.) Snow is a beautiful thing when falling lightly from the sky on your forehead and tongue. It is a totally different experience when it is whipped into your eyes at 90 km/hour. I would have to say the same for a good bottle of wine. It would not be improved if the alcohol were increased to 30 or 40%. So why does anyone think that music is improved by volume? Even with earplugs I couldn't escape the throb of The Sadies sadistic sonic stylings. With the ceiling removed in the cellar there was little relief below stairs. By the end of the night I had a blistering headache, and had no sensation of happiness which I

usually get from listening to music.

Now I have to admit I have never been a fan of loud music. Not being gifted with chiseled good looks, by necessity during my courting years I sought out bars and nightclubs which allowed me to communicate my irreverent brand of humour to unsuspecting lady folk. Thank Goodness my wife attended with me on Saturday, and has no interest in hearing from me anyway. In fact it gave her a break.

Finally, if I hadn't leapt out the doors once the band finished, I might have purchased a CD and could be more helpful on informing the *Echo* readers if The Sadies were indeed worth listening to if they resolved their soundboard strategy. I certainly did like their style. The presentation was bang on for Avening with a Nashville Value Village suited foursome. I would give them a second chance, but from very, very far away.

Murray Lackie, Creemore

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"This kind of money makes me nervous. I'm not nervous about the building, I'm not nervous about the engineering...
I'm just nervous about the numbers."

– Mike Rawn, Clearview's General Manager of Environmental Services discussing the millions of dollars in contracts the Public Works department recommended for the Stayner-Wasaga Beach Sanitary Servicing Project.

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LETTER School focuses on improving math

Math is the main focus of our School Improvement Plan this year. Using our Education Quality and Accountability Office test scores, report card marks and teacher observations from last spring, we chose the following focus this year: "improving students' understanding of and competence in basic math computations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)."

Because of this school-wide focus, there has been a noticeable increase in time spent in class this year on teaching and memorizing math facts. Teachers and students are using a variety of strategies, including drill sheets, computer apps and websites such as www.xtramath.org, and card and dice games.

However, mathematics is about more than memorization; it involves understanding math concepts, using the correct math terms and language, and being able to communicate how you arrived at your answer. These are the skills employers will be looking for in the future, the skill of effective communicators and flexible problem-solvers. So we also included a focus on these higherorder thinking skills in our plan, what call mathematical processes: connecting, reasoning, proving, reflecting, representing and selecting tools. These are an integral part of the "Three Part Lesson" (Minds On, Action, Consolidation).

To demonstrate how this all comes together in the classroom, I have copied a sample report card comment for an early primary student at NCPS (my comments are in italics):

"This student represents, compares and orders whole numbers to 31 making minimal errors (understands what numbers are and the difference between, say, 13 and 31). She is able to read and print numbers to 10 with few errors. She is beginning to compose and decompose numbers to 20 using

concrete materials (understands that 20 is 10 plus 10 but also 15 plus 5 and 12 plus 8, etc.). She uses appropriate tools and strategies to count forward by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to 50 (patterning and counting strategies). She is able to count backwards by 1 from 20 and any number less than 20 using a number line (uses math tools appropriately). She is encouraged to continue to explore numbers beyond 50 and keep practising her math facts using www.XtraMath. org (focus on memorizing). She can effectively estimate and measure the (length, mass and capacity of) objects using non-standard units (understands that there are many different ways and tools to measure). She can select an appropriate unit when measuring objects of different sizes (e.g., knows the difference between millimeters and *metres*). She effectively communicates her thinking using terms such as taller, heavier, faster and bigger (the language of math). She is able to independently identify, describe and extend repeating patterns using one attribute (will she be a designer? A computer game programmer? A landscape gardener?). She independently collects and organizes data into categories and effectively displays the data correctly on graphs using one-to-one correspondence (for future use in banking? Advertising? Sales? Scientific research?)."

This is a lot of math learning in one term for this Grade 1 student!

If you are interested in finding out more about the current teaching of math in our school (and all Ontario schools) please come to our Family Math Night, which will be rescheduled in the early spring. Keep an eye on your child's agenda, the school website (ncpschool.wordpress. com/staff/) and Facebook page.

Heather Birchall, Principal, Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School

Echo briefs

Bell proposes new cell tower

Bell Mobility wants to build a cell phone tower at 7754 Nottawasaga Sideroad 12/13 to improve cell phone service in the Creemore area. Clearview Township will hold a Public Meeting on Monday, March 17 at 7 pm to hear comments from the public.

Drugs found in stopped car

On Friday, February 28, a member of the OPP stopped a car travelling at high speed on Highway 26 between Sunnidale Corners and 15/16 Sideroad in Sunnidale. During his investigation, the Officer discovered cannabis marijuana in the car. The driver, a Collingwood man, has been charged.

See the Cybergnomes

The Cybergnomes robot-building team is competing at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa on Saturday, March 8. To watch the competition live, visit www.thebluealliance.com/team/2013 or www.watchfirstnow.ca.

Spring forward!

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 9 at 2 am. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour!

Agricultural Safety Week

Sunday, March 9 to Saturday, March 15 is Canadian Agricultural Safety Week. The theme of this year's annual public education campaign, "Let's Talk About It!" is to encourage farmers to discuss safety issues through videos, articles, advertisements and activities. For more information, visit www. agsafetyweek.ca.

Township hires voting service

Clearview has hired Intellivote Systems Inc. to provide the telephone and Internet voting system for this fall's municipal election. Intellivote is currently used by the Town of Wasaga Beach. The company plans to hold an information session about using the system closer to the election.

Shelter gets new website

Collingwood women's shelter, My Friend's House, will launch their new website, www.myfriendshouse. ca on Saturday, March 8 to coincide with International Women's Day. The website has information for women in abusive relationships, as well as for people who think someone they know might be in trouble. It is also designed for young people.

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY Sunday, March 9

Friday, March 7 **World Day of Prayer Services:** Knox Presbyterian, Dunedin at 10:30 am St. Patrick's Church, 217 William Street, Stayner at 2 pm

This year's service was written by Egyptian women "Streams in the Desert"

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 22 Caroline St. W. 705-466-2206 Sunday Worship Service at 11 am. Morning Prayer Service and the beginning of Sunday Lenten Services.

Wednesday, March 12: Hearing God lunch sessions at noon at St.Luke's & at 7pm at St.John's for 5 Wednesdays with video & conversation. Presented by St.Luke's and St.John's United

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Little philosophers wanted in Creemore

By Kristi Green

Lisa Kristine Arlt believes there is more to picture books than meets the eye. That is why she is organizing a new interactive storytelling group for kids that incorporates movement, reading, writing, drawing and discussion.

Called "A Junior Philosopher's Walk," Lisa Kristine will read stories and poetry that explore different perspectives from around the world, as well as the natural world around us, to childrens ages 6 to 10, starting on Tuesday, March 18.

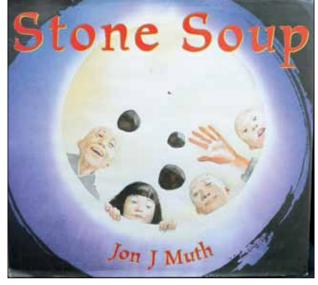
"The inspiration for the Philosopher's Walk came from the many children's story books I have collected, some of them during times when I had no little ones around," explains Lisa Kristine, who now has four children. "Many of them are stories from different cultures and have been around for a long time."

"Some of the stories prompt us to take a look inward, guiding us to develop, with consciousness, our person. Others are more immediate teachings, looking at our environment, encouraging contemplation of how we wish to engage in life and to consider the impact we have on each other and the planet."

The group will begin with tea, snack and stretches before the readings. Each child will receive a sketchbook for writing or drawing their thoughts and ideas. Lisa Kristine will facilitate a group discussion and hopes to hold the activity outside once the weather warms up.

"Myths, stories, poems and songs have long been used as powerful learning tools. They provide understandings which sharpen our sight. I think of them like a trail of crumbs which lead us back home, each one containing clues that assure us we are on the right path. Or like water that nourishes our inner seeds of knowing."

Jenn Hubbs, manager at Curiosity House,



Stone Soup is one of the picture books that children on the "Philosopher's Walk" will be exploring.

agrees. She has been working with Lisa Kristine to find books for the group.

"A study in California showed that reading to children drops off after Grade 3, but that while this happens, the children miss the connecting that comes with it," explains Jenn.

Jenn, who taught Grades 6 to 8 at Montessori schools in the U.K. and Canada for five years before coming to Creemore, says she always read aloud to her students, no matter what their age.

"Reading a picture book out loud is not a solitary practice," Jenn explains. "You are constantly asking, what do you think? You are asking kids to build connections to the story and the world around them. What a picture book can do in 50 words, great novels can take 400 pages to get to."

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By **Shelley Hannah**, in honour of International Women's Day, March 8, 2014



BIG CAT MAKES TRACKS — After seeing the photo of the mystery tracks, which **Ayrlie MacEachern** submitted to the February 21 issue of the *Echo*, **Jennifer Lougheed** wondered if they could belong to this Bobcat who visited her property near Devil's Glen in January. Jennifer took the photo from her front door as the Bobcat sauntered across the pond and walked beside the house. "Sorry they are a little blurry," she said. "I didn't want to step outside!"





STOPS STOPS

Students wear pink at NCPS' junior site

Students say no to bullying

By Mackenzie Wilson and Janneke Watt

A few years ago in Nova Scotia, a boy was picked on for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. So, two Grade 12 boys heard about this and went out and bought 50 pink shirts. They emailed other students to wear anything pink. The next day everyone was wearing pink to symbolize an end to bullying!

On, February 26. Nottawasaga and Creemore **Public** School hosted their annual Pink Shirt Day. Our school gave students the opportunity to purchase pink shirts to support the cause. They could also wear other pink items such hats, mitts and socks.

Wearing pink shirts shows that N.C.P.S wants to put a stop to bullying! Students have learned since kindergarten that bullying is not OK. They've been learning strategies that enable them to stand up to bullying. Some of these strategies include getting an adult to help, sticking up for the victim and just saying no to a bully.

Overall this day was a huge success and we look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

SCOUTING CELEBRATION

By Cathy Traverse
On February 26,
Creemore Scouting
celebrated Sir Robert
Baden-Powell's birthday.

The evening started off with **Tim Armour** playing the bagpipes to bring in the head table and leaders.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner hosted by the Creemore Legion and served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The evening ended with **Brennen Brulotte** being invested into the Beaver Program and **Avaryannah Lane** being invested into the Cub Program.

Some of our leaders were also honoured for their service to Scouting. Ginny Scott and Jeff Williams received the Certificates of Commendation.

Leah Bailey received her 15-year pin, Linda Reed received her 25-year pin and Mark Madill received his 25-year pin for service to Scouting. Mark also received a medal for Good Services to Scouting.



CREEMORE'S NEWEST BEAVER – Brennen Brulotte, 5, beams after becoming a Beaver
Cub on February 26 at the Creemore Legion. For
more photos, visit www.thecreemoreecho.com.

Cathy Traverse is the Group Commissioner and Beavers Leader for Creemore Scouting.



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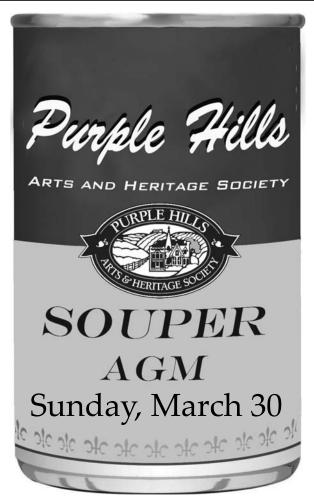


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You are invited to attend the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society's 2014 AGM Sunday, March 30, 12:30pm at Station on the Green

All members and those considering becoming a member are invited to attend the AGM featuring guest speaker Andy Barrie to be followed by a delicious (free) lunch of homemade soup, bread, crudités, and lots of coffee and cookies for dessert.

If you have an interest in the arts or heritage in this community please consider becoming a member. For more info check out

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

Due to road closures and most blustery weather, I could not get to cards. So, the ever-helpful and obliging Irma Flack took the minutes for me.

Because we only had 21 players present, it was decided the lucky draws,

Moon Shots and winners prizes would be reduced.

Lucky draws were won by Janie Long x2, Marg Falls x2, Robert Lush, Lucy Young and Ruth Lougheed.

There were six Moon Shots played by Lucy Young, Janice Stephens, Peter Gubbels, Robert Lush and Ray Leighton, with the travel prize going to Norma Johnston.

Winners for cards were **Ruth Lougheed** 328 and **Roy Veinot** 325, and the low went to **Dave Smith** 89.

We welcomed **Janie Long** back from an extended absence, as well as a new player, **Robert Lush**.

We were sorry to hear that **Barb Cudmore** is back in hospital, as well **Irene Dolson** and **Wilma Bannerman** who are sharing a room at the Collingwood General and Marine hospital. Our best wishes go out to them.

Our first bus trip of the season to Rama is planned for Tuesday, April 1. The bus leaves Creemore at 8:30 am with stops in New Lowell and



Evelyn WARDEN

Angus. We need at least 45 passengers.

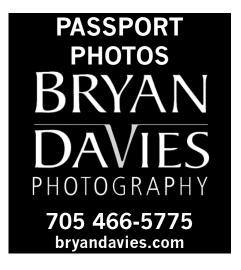
If you are interested in going, please call **Irma** at 705-466-5205 or **Evelyn** at 705-429-5067 by Saturday, March 22.

A correction to an earlier announcement: on May 4,

2014, there will be a family service for Arvid Cameron at the cemetery in Singhampton, with a reception and celebration of life at Mylar and Loretta's in Singhampton from 2 to 4 pm.

Potluck for March will be on March 20, 2014... come out and tickle your taste buds.

Remember: If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mother told you in the first place.





TENDERS/QUOTES

The Township of Clearview will be receiving Tenders/Quotes for:

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Sealed tenders clearly marked with Tender #2014-?? on envelopes and on forms supplied by Clearview Township will be received by the Clearview Public Works Department.

Tenders for the above will be accepted by the undersigned until: Thursday, March 27, 2014 @ 1:00 pm
Tenders will be opened Thursday, March 27, 2014 @ 1:15 pm

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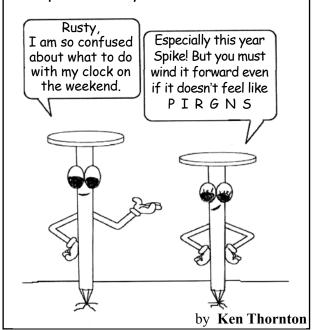
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Answer on Classifieds page

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble _



Find this week's answer in Classifieds

CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, March 7

Mainly sunny

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Saturday, March 8

Cloudy with sunny breaks High 0 Low -7 Winds N 15 km/h POP 30%

Sunday, March 9

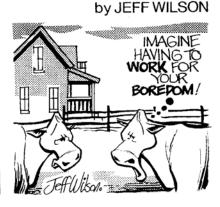
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March 7, 2014

ACROSS

- I. Sound of a bullet striking metal
- Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"
- 9. Short jacket
- 11. Schoolbook
- 13. Prime cut of beef
- 14. Telephone part
- 16. Aardvark snack
- 17. System of computers
- 19. That woman
- 20. Put on a few pounds
- 22. Not legally valid
- 23. Walkway jutting into the sea
- 24. Place to play coin-operated games
- 26. Near the centre 28. Wander aimlessly
- 29. Of ___ (in the far distant past)
- 30. Strong smelling
- 32. Obtain as a result
- 35. Way to address the Queen
- 36. Chemical agent that irritates the eyes
- 39. Fibber
- 42. Word used in asking about things
- 43. An age in history
- 44. Poor person
- 46. This place
- 47. Pitchfork prong
- 49. Change one's residence
- 50. rule
- 51. Thick, creamy sugar paste
- 54. Protective shelter
- 55. Bacterium
- 57. Briefly
- 59. Black eye
- 60. Period of immaturity
- 61. Canadian match maker
- 62. Imre of Hungary

DOWN

- I. The Pantheon in Rome has one
- 2. Feeling poorly
- 3. Old Dodge
- 4. Be very sad
- 5. Be dressed in
- 6. Coil of wool
- 7. Separated from a pair
- 8. Legislative meeting
- 9. Kind of code
- 10. Not fooled by
- 11. Metal used in making mirrors
- 12. Warm up again
- 13. Narrative of heroic exploits
- 15. Completion of pregnancy
- 18. Unlikely hero
- 21. Give an account of
- 23. Insurance payment
- 25 Hoofed animal
- 27. Crime scene evidence
- 31. Festive occasion
- 33. Mature, as cheese
- 34. Half of a dancing duo
- 36. Scholarly essay
- 37. Otalgia
- 38. Mentioned before
- 40. Words saying you're sorry
- 41. Love unquestioningly and uncritically
- 42. Hit hard
- 44. Long tapering flag
- 45. Loom device
- 48. Town in Labrador
- 51. Have a liking for
- 52. Follow a command
- 53. Lake which is the source of the Blue Nile
- 56. Relieve from
- 58. What a tongue or tail may do

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NCPS starts planning goodbye celebration for old building

By Kristi Green

A meeting to commemorate the upcoming closure of the Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School building on Caroline Street West brought a lot of old stories out of the school's bricks and woodwork.

Twelve people joined NCPS Principal **Heather Birchall** for one hour last Tuesday to suggest ways to celebrate a building that has hosted generations of students in this community since 1917.

"We'd like to honour the things that came before us and think of the things that are coming ahead," said Birchall. Currently, she is proposing an Open House on Thursday, June 12 and possibly other events over the weekend, including student performances and photo displays. At this point, the details still need to be determined.

The first question up for debate was whether to invite all old grads of NCPS or keep the celebration local. Parent Council School Chair **Sandra Gee** said that it wouldn't hurt to invite everyone and give them the option to come.

How, then, to contact all those people? To consult, the assembly turned to three notable Creemorites and former students, **Helen Blackburn**, **Muriel Day** and **Gerry Blackburn**, who shared their experience organizing quinquenial student reunions from 1979 to 1999. More than 650 people came to the first reunion from all over Canada in 1979.

"Now that is a hard act to follow," Birchall said.

In those days, the organizers wrote handwritten invitations and made hundreds of personal phone calls to let people know about the event. Gee proposed using social media to help spread the word quickly. It was decided that Google would be a big help. "We'll tweet them!" said NCPS teacher **Bev Stableforth**.

Next on the agenda was to entertain ideas for bringing current and former students together. The congregation was encouraging of Stableforth's suggestion that NCPS students write old-fashioned letters to former students who might not be able to come. Birchall proposed that present-day students conduct video interviews with graduates from the past. Others wished to involve community groups in commemorative activities such as planting a celebration garden.

In keeping with rural tradition, someone mentioned making a quilt. **Marion McArthur** suggested that students decorate blocks of fabric, which could then be sewn together. Muriel Day remembered that a blue-and-gold quilt had been made for the first reunion. Gee offered to do some sleuthing to find it. She also suggested making two quilts: one each for past and current students.

At this point, the meeting turned philosophic. "In essence, things don't change, they modify to become modern," said Stableforth, reflecting on the quilt idea. "It's a modern version of what was old," added Councillor **Thom Paterson**.

Paterson proposed that the school host a sports game, "old-timers versus young-timers," at which point Stableforth asked for further clarification about what an "old-timer" was. Paterson did not reply verbally to her question. He stood up.

For some, the evening offered a historical glimpse into the past. Muriel Day (whose children and grandchildren attended NCPS) explained how she had boarded with a family in Creemore because it wasn't possible for her to travel to and from her family's home in Banda every day. In those days, there were no buses or snowplows, she said. You could only get places with a horse and cutter, or a team of horses and sleigh.

To add a little intrigue to the evening, much secrecy swirled around stories about the attic in the old school, which Birchall has yet to explore, but which Helen Blackburn, Muriel Day, Gerry Blackburn, and Marion and **Milton McArthur** seemed to know quite a lot about.

"There is a lot of history written on those walls," said Day, explaining that the attic walls are carved full of names.

In his day, Gerry Blackburn (who attended the school from Grade 1 to 13) said he would climb into the attic when teachers weren't looking by using a folding ladder that hung on the back of a door. Other students who were as determined as a young Helen Blackburn would pull themselves up on a chair they had balanced on top of a table.

With this admission, Stableforth asked the obvious question: "Why were students going up there?"

"Because it was there!" replied Gerry Blackburn, who admitted he had visited the attic several times. No further details were revealed.

Not one person reported ever seeing the elusive NCPS ghost.

Moving on to more material things, it was unanimous that the school bell be preserved. **Ted Stableforth**, Principal of Connaught Public School in Collingwood, showed a photograph of that institution's old bell, which now sits silently on a wooden base in the school's foyer. On the base are small plaques with the names of people who donated money to its care. "It's quite impressive," Principal Stableforth said.

Parent Council Co-Chair **Sharon Gummer** asked Birchall if the School Board had designated any funds for "heritage" projects such as this one (Birchall said she would find out). Ted Stableforth came up with the suggestion to increase finances by charging interested parties money to go up into the attic.

At 7 pm Birchall thanked the group for their participation. She proposed to regroup at the end of the month.

Paterson asserted that once the idea for the event was out in the community, many people would want to be involved.

Birchall then asked the gathering if they had heard their friends and neighbours talking much about the closure. The meeting attendees all shook their heads.

"It's too cold," Marion McArthur said.

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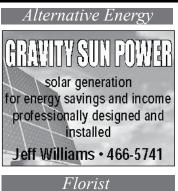
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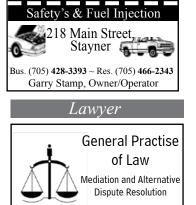












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IN MEMORIAM

Kate Jordan (Granny Dynamite) December 1911- March 2004

I wanted to phone you today Even though it's 10 years you've been away.

You are probably out in the garden Growing flowers and tomatoes galore. At noon Bill will be in for his lunch With Sylvia, Jim, Joyce

-- always room for one more! Boots is purring on the couch And Rusty is lying on the mat by the door.

That Jordan home in heaven With its table laden with pies So much love and laughter! Yup.

That's where I'm heading when I die. Missing you, as always,

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Kate Jordan – Granny Dynamite

Grandma: Legendary butter tarts, great pies, hockey puck hamburger patties, and onion gravy. Snowball tree, gooseberries, geraniums, and that thriving bed of periwinkle by the road. Ferocious Scrabble player, Yahtzee, Euchre, and you always enjoyed a good story and fun times. African violets by the window, gracious receiver of Chia pets, your Christmas tree always touched the ceiling.

Love for all of us, no matter what we did. Loved by us, because of all you did. Missed deeply and always in our hearts.

The Jordan clan

THANK YOU

What's bigger than a barn raising? Ken & I wish to thank our many friends & family for helping us move and set up our new store: Dorothy Gray, Sharon McLellan, Marlene Gilmore, Marion & Milton McArthur, Marilyn Steed, Sylvia McLeod, Charlotte Vorstermans, Dawn Craven, Jane Shelswell, Dorothy Shropshire, Marilyn & Bob Chenier, Amanda Dixon, Tim Brockbank, Scott Duffin and Bob Ransier for clearing snow from both stores. Cheryl Robertson of Creemore House of Stitches

ROAD TRIP

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The Good Food Box Program, Order by Wednesday, March 12 by phoning St. Luke's Anglican Church and leave a message 705-466-2206. Pick up & pay on Wednesday, March 19. \$10/small or \$15/large.

DEATH NOTICE

TROTT, Murray – July 25, 1947-March 4, 2014 It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved partner, brother, uncle and friend. Murray will be lovingly remembered by Lois Hornett, her daughter Chrystal and as 'Poppy' to Ethan. He will be sadly missed by his brothers Bill and his wife Betty, Norman and his wife Krys, Howard, sister Bonnie and her partner Doug and sister in law Sandra; predeceased by parents Edward and Lorraine Trott, brothers Alan and Jim and his nephew Bryan. Remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 pm on Friday, March 7, 2014 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. Funeral service will take place in the chapel at 1 pm.on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Spring interment at Angus Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Avening Hall would be appreciated. Friends may visit Murray's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

March Break is here. Do you have your holiday reading?



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Spike & Rusty: SPRING

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PROUD GRANDPA - Milton McArthur stands with his granddaughter, Theresa Russwurm, after she played in the Provincial Junior Broomball Tournament in Stroud last month. Theresa's team, the Twisted Sisters from Mildmay, won gold after Theresa scored the winning goal to break the tie in double overtime. Theresa's mother, Cheryl Russwurm, says that Milton and Marion McArthur were Theresa's good luck charms, as they came to watch all of Theresa's games this year. Theresa has been picked up to play with a team from Cornwall and will be headed to Alma, Quebec, in late March.









FEEDING A COMMUNITY - Local churches have been warming up the waning winter with their annual dinners. **Neil Metheral**, **Rowlie Fleming** and **Ken Thornton** served up the meat at the annual Beef and Lamb Dinner at St. John's on March 1 at while Shrove Tuesday saw **Evelyn Knappett** (left) and **Cyndi Reycraft** (right) stacking flapjacks and sausages on the plates of those who attended their pancake dinner.



WINTER WINNERS – The Creemore Curling Club's Daytime League pose with their newest piece of hardware: the Stayner-Creemore Seniors Challenge Trophy, which they won on February 26. Congratulations!



We are celebrating our 4 Year Anniversary on Friday, March 21st!

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