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AS SEEN... IN CREEMORE! – Katsandra McCleary and Larissa Walker perform a “Dora the Explorer” duet in the 45th Annual Skating Carnival at the Creemore Arena last Sunday. More photos are on page 6.

SCI GETS \$70,000 FOR ACTIVE LIVING

By Kristi Green

Students at Stayner Collegiate Institute have just got a healthy boost. Theirs is the only school in the Simcoe County District School Board to receive two grants from the Ministry of Education to support active living.

Earlier this week, SCI found out it was the recipient of both a \$50,000 healthy eating grant and a \$20,000 physical activity grant. The grants will be used to change the food culture of the school and increase its 400 students’ physical activity levels.

“We’re very excited about the next two years,” said Principal **Jane Seymour**. “It’s a great opportunity to get the students involved and engaged. We’re making changes to promote a healthier lifestyle, which will benefit the school community for years to come. We want to start it now but have it end up being sustainable in the community.”

To do this, the school will implement a project called “Gardens N Greens” over the next two years. It will include a student leadership team, an

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No change for Catholic kids

Local elementary school students who attend Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Angus will continue to graduate to Jean Vanier Catholic High School in Collingwood, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has announced.

The Board made the decision earlier this week after hearing recommendations from a committee charged with conducting a boundary review for Jean Vanier.

During the review, the School Board proposed directing Our Lady of Grace students to St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Barrie, instead of to Jean Vanier next year.

However, in its recommendations to the Board on March 26, the Boundary Review Committee suggested making no changes to the current system.

The recommendations were based on comments from the public, as well as account research, and current and future enrollment projections.

The boundary review began last October to address decreasing enrollment by merging school populations. It involved Open Houses, meetings, and consultations with families, staff members and community members. Approximately 40 children from Creemore, New Lowell and Glencairn attend Our Lady of Grace.



Stayner Brethren in Christ Church

Local school moving out of Creemore

Next fall, Hummingbird Montessori students will travel outside of Creemore to go to school.

This week, school owner **Sherri Jackson** announced to parents that the school will be moving to Brethren in Christ Church north of Creemore for September 2014.

“With an influx of new students, we have outgrown our space, and have added an upper elementary program,” explained Jackson. “Next year is our sixth year and we anticipate significant growth.”

Hummingbird has grown from five students to 21 (in preschool to Grade 4) since it first opened in 2009.

Jackson said the new space contains all the elements needed to provide a holistic and enriching program to students. The modern church has large, separate classrooms, a large kitchen for cooking and science experiments, new washrooms and a separate staff room. There is also a huge yard with space

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This Weekend

Friday, April 4 & Saturday, April 5

- **Cybergnomes Robotics Team** is competing in the Eastern Regional Competition in Calgary this weekend! You can watch the matches live at www.watchfirstnow.com - their robot is #2013. Hope they win!

Saturday, April 5

- **Food & Water First Public Meeting.** Help protect the land that feeds us! Join broadcaster Dale Goldhawk, Tom Eisenhauer of Bonnefield Financial and Steve Peters from the Alliance of Ontario Food Processors for a lively discussion about preserving Ontario's prime farmland. 9:30 to 11:30 am at Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddlepark Lane, Shelburne.
- **The Honeywood Skating Club Annual Skating Carnival** is at 7 pm at the Honeywood Arena (North Dufferin Community Centre). The Carnival

features the members of the Honeywood Skating Club, Country Blades Synchronized Skating Teams and guest skater Sarah Raynsford. This year's theme is "Songs from our Juke Box". Adults \$6, Students & seniors \$4, children under 12 free.

Sunday, April 6

- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- Emmanuel Presbyterian Church will be hosting a **Gospel Bluegrass Concert** with the band "Rescue Junction" at 1:30 pm. Rescue Junction was voted "Most Promising Group" at the 2013 Central Canada Bluegrass Music Awards. A freewill offering will be taken. For details, phone 705-444-6823 or visit www.emmanuelpresbyterian.ca
- **Opening of DCMA's 2014 Main Gallery Exhibit; Art from the Heart; Folk, Found, Farm, and Folly** at 2 pm. Admission by donation. Dufferin County

Museum & Archives, Hwy 89 & Airport Road. 705-435-1881 events@dufferinmuseum.com.

- ****Changed location**Knox Cantata Choir and Friends present an Easter Cantata "Encounters at the Cross"** at 2:30 pm at Trinity United Church, 4903 Conc 2 at Hwy 89, Rosemont and on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 2:30 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 160 King St. S., Alliston. A freewill offering will be taken and refreshments.
- **The Divas** are back! Snowed out in December, our Divas will be here 3 pm to perform for the Gift of Music program at St. Luke's Anglican Church. Tickets \$15 at the door or bring your December tickets.
- **Creemore Baptist Church Mission Night.** 5 pm Potluck, 6 to 6:30 pm Meet & Greet, 6:30 pm Presentation & Slides. All welcome. 12 Wellington Street West. 705-466-5031.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 7

- **Collingwood & District Historical Society Meeting** "Down Memory Lane". Jack McAllister will take us down memory lane with pictures and stories from Collingwood's past. Held at Leisure Time Club, Minnesota Street at 7 pm. Admission CDHS membership or \$3.

Monday, April 7 to Wed. April 9

- **Open House for True North Academy.** April 7 to April 9 from 9 am to 2 pm and April 9 from 7 to 8 pm. 800 Sunnidale Road, Wasaga Beach. 705-428-5144 truenorthacademy.ca for details or see ad on page ??.

Tuesday, April 8

- **OPP MTO Information Night** re: new transportation laws, dangerous goods update. At Stayner Community Hall, 277 Regina Street, Stayner at 7 pm. Question & answer period. For more information call 705-466-5227.

Friday, April 11

- **The Creemore Curling Club Windup Dinner and AGM** at Creemore Legion. Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- Tickets will go on sale today at 6pm for the **New Farm's Annual Grow for the Stop Fundraiser** on Saturday, June 21 featuring Gord Downie and The Sadies along with top chefs. Tickets \$45 plus online fees. For info and the link to online tickets go to www.aveninghall.com. Organizers are expecting another quick sell-out so please log on promptly at the time of release to avoid disappointment.

Saturday, April 12

- **Join the Brereton Field Naturalists and leader Jim Spruce for a search for spring birds in the Minesing Floodlands.** Leaving the Little Lake parking lot at 8 am, Tim Hortons in Angus at 8:30 am. Returning about 2 pm. The flooded basin of the wetland is a magnet for migrating waterfowl and early songbirds. Bring rubber boots. Call 705-728-3884 for more information.
- **"Veil" The Opening Reception** from 2 to 4 pm at L.E. Shore Memorial Public Library Gallery, 175 Bruce St. South, Thornbury. An exhibition of painting and sculpture featuring Rachel M. Thomas and Shikha Sharma. Show runs from April 1 to 30, 2014. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rachel-Thomas-Artist/188484864528605> or <https://www.facebook.com/Cookii3licious/info> for more info.
- **Encounters at the Cross Easter Cantata** presented by Knox Church Choir & Friends at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin at 2:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Freewill offering. Refreshments to follow.
- **The 14th Know-it-all-Ball Trivia Night** at the Duntroon Hall. 6 pm social hour, 7 pm questions. \$10/head, 8 to a table. No need to have a full table – solo brainiacs welcome! Call Debbie for reservations or further information at 705-445-7681. Proceeds go toward upkeep and improvements at the Hall. In reference to the renovations to the hall: "what's old is new again" thus c.1955 fashions will be fashionable at this year's Know-it-all-Ball.

Monday, April 14

- **Annual General Meeting for the Nottawasaga Community Hall, Duntroon** at 7 pm. Please come out to learn about all the fun events and projects our hall board put on for the community and to see the outcome of our renovations – we're sure you won't be disappointed! 9025 County Road 91, Duntroon. For info contact Jim at 705-446-2506 or jim@rockside.ca.

Tuesday, April 15

- **Spring Yoga Sessions start with Catherine Randall.** 9 to 10:30 am on Tuesdays & Thursdays for Intermediate. Tuesdays from 10:45 am to noon is Pretty Easy Yoga & Thursdays from 10:45 am to noon is Therapeutic Yoga. To register email cathcreemore@yahoo.ca or call 705-466-3533.

Wednesday, April 16

- **The Creemore Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting** at 7:30 pm at St Luke's Anglican Church, Caroline Street West. Speaker is Susan Elliotson "Teas From Your Own Garden".

Thursday, April 17

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Evangelical Missionary Church in Stayner from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

Saturday, April 26

- **Dunedin Fisherman's Breakfast and Bake Sale** from 7 to 10:30 am at Dunedin Hall. A great home-cooked breakfast and spectacular baked goods. This year's breakfast will showcase the new renovations at the community hall – please drop by!
- **Centennial United Church Annual Fish Fry,** Stayner. (corner of William & Oak Streets) from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$15, children, 6-12 \$6, under 6 free. Entertainment while you wait! Come and bring family and friends! Whitefish filets caught right in Georgian Bay with all the trimmings and homemade pie! A fundraiser to aid the Church's work.

Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27

- **Let's Get Growing, the 2014 Home and Garden Show** is coming to the Creemore Arena from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. The latest in home décor and garden displays, lawn and garden outdoor equipment, children's activity centre, door prizes and a chance to win the Big Backyard Giveaway.
- **Tree Society of Creemore's Silent Auction** will be at **The 2014 Home & Garden Show**. The Society is currently seeking donations of new and lightly used household articles for this annual event. All items in good condition are welcomed and a tax receipt will be issued for any item sold for \$20 or more. Call 705-466-6317 or 705-466-3271 to donate or volunteer for this event.

Saturday, May 3

- **The Clearview Community Theatre** will present an evening of song with their youth troupe and adult troupe at the New Lowell United Church starting at 7 pm. Get your tickets soon as they will soon sell out. Call 705-424-1034. This is a fundraiser for the church's Accessibility Fund.



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No appropriate facility in the village

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for gardens, a sport field and a fully equipped gymnasium.

“[The outdoor facilities] were major considerations because Montessori encompasses the development of the whole child, so being physically active is very important – not just in gym class, but throughout the day,” Jackson said.

Last year, the school had hoped to expand but remain in Creemore by moving into the former manse on County Road 9 at Collingwood Street. However, the Township required the area to be rezoned, which involved too many factors and was too costly, Jackson said.

“The Township’s vision for what they required for that property to be rezoned were extreme and in conflict with our philosophy for our school. We felt the reason we were drawn to the property for our school would have been compromised if we had complied with the Township’s requirements,” Jackson explained.

“There is no facility in Creemore that is as suited to our school as this location is, and there is no possibility for such a facility to be built without insurmountable cost. Though we love Creemore and are grateful for the years we have had here, there is no way for us to fulfill our vision for the school if we remain in town.”



SCI Principal **Jane Seymour**, teacher **Mike Wheatcroft** and **Lisa Jacksch**, who runs the school cafeteria

UPGRADES PLANNED TO ENCOURAGE FITNESS

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outdoor garden, educational events and workshops. The Grades 11 and 12 construction classes are about to start building sheds on the property for tools and gardening supplies. As well, the Grade 9 business class is creating a design for a logo for “Gardens N Greens.”

“We want to brand the program with the logo for years,” said **Mike Wheatcroft**, a teacher in the Technology Department who helped apply for the active living grant.

The grant will also be used to fund SCI’s “Green Industries” program, which focuses on growing healthy food for the students and community. This will include the purchase of soil, seedlings and a stainless steel salad bar for its cafeteria. SCI will also organize educational field trips for students and hire guest speakers to come to

the school.

To promote healthy activity and provide pupils with more opportunities for physical fitness, the school plans to upgrade its current fitness room using input from the students.

After the Ministry announced the grants in January, SCI quickly submitted its applications to meet the February deadline. The applications were the result of a collaborative effort by students, staff members, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, the Clearview Food Bank and Clearview Township.

More than 250 schools throughout the province applied for the grants and only 44 schools received one.

“We have the staff on board and we’ll get the kids on board,” said Seymour. “The kids will get the kids on board. They will start talking and texting!”



FLYING THE FLAG FOR AUTISM AWARENESS – Mulmur Township’s Council members commemorated World Autism Day on April 2 at their Council meeting by participating in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign. On this day, participating organizations display the flag to promote awareness for autism. Autism and autism spectrum disorder are general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. (Pictured, left to right:) Councillor **Heather Hayes**, Deputy Mayor **Rhonda Campbell Moon**, Mayor **Paul Mills**, Councillor **Earl Hawkins** and Councillor **Lynn Hilchey**.

Echo brief

Trades Town Hall on April 4

Simcoe-Grey MPP **Jim Wilson** is holding a meeting in Tottenham to discuss the affect of the Ontario College of Trades with local business owners and tradespeople. Wilson is holding the meeting with PC Training and Apprenticeship Critic **Garfield Dunlop**. The meeting will be held on Friday, April 4 at the Tottenham Legion, 25 Richmond Street E at 2:30 pm.

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THE WAY WE WERE



The baseball girls are back! And this time, thankfully, with more information. **Gertie Gowan** (who appears in the photo, middle row, first on the left) came by the *Echo* office to give us the names of all the players on the team. Thank you, Gertie!

The picture was taken in the early 1960s, she said. The uniforms were sewn from bleached sugar bags, which each girl ordered from *The Family Herald*, a farmer's magazine, for \$1. It took three-and-a-half hours to make one uniform with red broadcloth bias tape.

Front row (left to right): **Isabel Kenwell (Gubbels)**, **Joyce Jordan**, **Jackie Ernsshaw** and **Brenda Styles**.

Middle row: **Gertie Gowan**, **Percy Cooksey (Coach)**, **Ev Fleming**, **Carl Gowan (Coach)** and **Rose Daigle**.

Back row: **Sylvia Jordan (Gale)**, **Linda Cooksey (Cockton)**, **Anne Westbrooke (Emerton)**, **Carol Aikens (Stephenson)**, **Kathy Striegl (Measer)**.

LETTER

Hockey, please

It is fortunate that Creemore Minor Hockey has two deserving teams competing in the All-Ontario Play-Offs.

It was nice to be informed of these games by way of the *Echo*. However, why doesn't the Minor Hockey Association post scheduled games with dates and times on a weekly or monthly basis in the *Echo*? Then more fans might come and support non-play-off games.

Some of us in outlying areas do not have access to Internet to check out schedules. Perhaps minor hockey could arrange to do so in the 2014 to 2015 season.

Audrey Davidson, Lavender

Editor's note: *The Echo* is always looking for more sports coverage – including articles about minor hockey. If you have any information about teams, tournaments, wins or losses, or even just a really great team photo, send it to kristi@creemore.com.

LETTER

Dunedin wants cell

I noticed that the Councillor for the southwest part of Clearview Township said that he didn't feel people in Dunedin wanted their cell phones to work.

The Ladies Friendship Club met last week and this topic came up for discussion. The idea that we don't want cell coverage in Dunedin is wrong, mistaken and very poor judgment on his part. The fold who live in the village, those of us out in our valleys, and the poor souls who are trying to get family and friends on their way through town are in agreement.

Cell service is very important. If there was a chance that service would be available in the village, and if the tower would help my family out when they come to the farm, we would all be very happy to have that service. We do live in the 21st century, even if we are country folk!

Sincerely, **Maureen C. McLeod**,
Glen Huron

LETTER

Spending must stop

It may have escaped the notice of Clearview taxpayers that once again our elected Councillors, under the leadership of Mayor Ferguson, have voted for a large increase in our taxes and water rates (a.k.a. "user fees").

The property tax increase for 2014 will be 3.39%, and the increase in user fees for water and sewer will be considerably higher.

That might be fine and dandy if the population of Clearview Township didn't continue to shrink and our tax base wasn't growing a lot less than the rate of inflation. The 2014 budget document projects that in 2014 the farm tax base, the commercial tax base and the industrial tax base will all be down year over year. The residential tax base is supposed to increase by a nominal amount. On top of the 3.39% tax increase, the Township Capital budget for 2014 is a whopping \$69 million versus \$35.3 million last year!

The 2014 Budget Report produced by the Township captures the essence of the budget problem caused by the Council led by Mayor Ferguson: zero growth, despite the Township having a large planning department, which for years has promised but not delivered significant revenue from projected new developments to increase our tax base.

There must be reasons why our neighbouring municipalities can do so well where we fail. But of course our Council never tells us why we are getting deeper into a financial hole.

The really bad news not being shared with us as taxpayers is not only that people are leaving Clearview, but that few are settling here as new permanent residents. Properties are not selling and current taxpayers as well as prospective buyers are seeking other municipalities with lower tax costs. Many are deciding they can no longer afford to live in our community.

The other news not yet being shared is that there is now discussion on Councillors being given raises and benefits paid by the taxpayers. As we used to say in Ireland, they have more nerve than a broken tooth.

Unfortunately, there is more bad news for taxpayers in the offing but that can wait for another day.

I guess that the voters can do little about these problems right now other than to become educated by attending Council meetings. This is an election year and it gives us all an opportunity to let the candidates standing for election know that enough is enough.

Taxes cannot continue to increase; spending has to be curtailed unless we are content to pay a lot more to live in Clearview down the road.

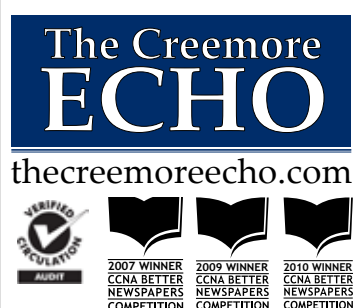
A clear focus on making our Township an attractive and affordable place to live must be given priority by all who wish to represent us taxpayers for the next five years. Hopefully, the spend, spend, spend Council led by Mayor Ferguson will come to an end after the next election.

Rowland Fleming, Creemore

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be careful! Don't go there! It's stinky!"

– **Memphis Palmer-Gummer**, Grade 1 student at NCPs, warning classmates about the hole a skunk burrowed through the snow in the schoolyard this week.



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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

For cards this week, we had eight full tables with one table of three.

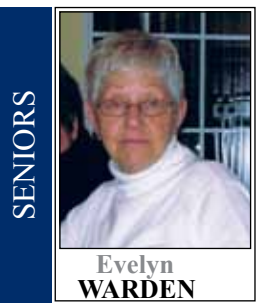
Moon Shots were played by Evelyn Warden, Dave Smith, Alma Seifert, Warren Gail, Peter Gubbels, Kevin Keough, Lucy Young, Leona Hartling, Marg Hennessy and Eileen Nash, with the travel prize going to Roy Veinot.

Lucky draws were won by Robert McNicol, Ruth Loughheed, Norma Johnston, Bob Veale, Marion Kelly and Marg Hope.

Prizes for cards went to Leona Hartling 313, Kevin Keough 308, Roy Veinot 303 and Marg Hope 297, with the low prize to Marion Kelly 123.

Irma Flack reported that we were still in need of riders for the Rama bus. She had received an email from Rama because Great Canadian had no bus available for us in June, July and August. But Rama indicated that they would find us a bus if we wished them to do so.

On April 1, we went to Rama and



SENIORS

Evelyn WARDEN

are happy to report we had 53 riders so that the \$5 fee will remain with the Club. Thanks to all who came with us.

Evelyn Warden asked if anyone had a picture of people playing cards; perhaps one will show up

at a later date.

Club trivia

In 1974, the Club joined the United Senior Citizens of Ontario Inc. I am not sure if we still maintain this membership today, however, I will certainly find out.

The annual bus trip to Midhurst was a large event for the Club, as well as invitations back and forth with the Friendship Club of Stayner. These events were very well attended and at one time there were as high as 28 tables of cards.

I do note in my readings that when there was a business meeting, it was well attended and very professionally conducted.

Remember: Don't let yesterday take up too much of today



Julie Suzanne Pollock

THE VIEW FROM HONEYWOOD

A new flock of wind turbines has landed next door.

We knew they were coming. Government go-a-heads rolled in throughout 2013. Just before Christmas, local appellants were turned away by the provincial Environmental Review Tribunal, which did not agree that the turbines would cause serious and irreversible harm to the land or the people on it. We waited for construction to begin and wondered how much the view would change from the Greater Honeywood Area.

Big machinery rolled up the highway on flatbeds. Soon, towers began to rise and take shape as 49 of these great, white birds gathered in the northeastern corner of Melancthon Township. Billed as a second harvest for the

host landowners, the turbines and substation are owned by Dufferin Wind Power Inc., a project of Longyuan Canada Renewables Ltd. (a subsidiary of a Chinese corporation) in agreement with Farm-Owned Power (Melancthon) Ltd.

This month, Dufferin Council approved an easement to plug the project into the province's power infrastructure. Mulmur demurred, along with Melancthon, Amaranth, Grand Valley and Mono. But the power line, approved by the province, appears to be inevitable. The 230kV single wood-pole line, now being marked out for construction, will run partly along a former rail corridor to reach a Hydro One transformer station in the Township of Amaranth.

The view to the west from Honeywood has changed notably this winter. None of the turbines are in Mulmur and we do try not to pry into our neighbours' affairs but, frankly, these tri-pronged towers are hard to overlook.

MULMUR RAMBLE



Julie Suzanne POLLOCK

CORRECTION

The company that owned the land in once slated for the mega quarry was Highland Companies not Highland Farms.

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SKATERS TUNE INTO TELEVISION AT 45th CARNIVAL

The Creemore Arena came alive last weekend as the Creemore Skating Club celebrated its 45th Annual Carnival show on Sunday. Titled, “As Seen on TV,” skaters showcased routines inspired by characters and programs found up and down the dial. Superheroes, Ninja Turtles, Strawberry Shortcake, The Flintstones, Cake Boss, Charlie’s Angels, The Beverley Hillbillies, Dallas and Survivor all played out in dance on the ice, much to the audience’s delight. Congratulations to everyone involved! *Photos by Steve Hepburn, The Perfect Image.*



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Jesse Hubbert and Kaden Beebe



Hockey fans **Hannah Bloemendal, Kaia Harbee, Ella Duits and Emilee Murphy-Duits**

SLEDGE HOCKEY PLAYER AIMS HIGH

By Kara McIntosh
When New Lowell resident **Jesse Hubbert** started to suffer from debilitating chronic pain caused by small vessel vasculitis at 15 years old, he had to give up the sports he loved – baseball, hockey and cross country running. The pain was so intense that Jesse could barely walk and sports were out of the question.

During one of his stays at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto, someone brought in a hockey sledge to show the kids. Jesse's Mum, **Sherry**, suggested that he try it when he became well enough.

In 2011, at 20 years old, Jesse played his first season as a defenseman for the Elmvale Bears Sledge Hockey Team. After the team's regular goalie got sick, Jesse offered to try playing net because he had old goalie equipment from his Dad and younger brother. Since then, he hasn't looked back.

Because Jesse's pain affects mostly his knees, playing in the sledge means he doesn't have to use his legs the same way that stand-up hockey players do. Although he tries to walk as much as he can, he relies on the support of canes and a wheelchair often.

But Jesse has refused to let his illness keep him off the ice forever. "It

has been awesome to be back out on the ice playing a game I love. When I got sick, it was so hard to give it up and to be able to get back into the game is just incredible. It is so freeing and has really brought my spirits up," he said.

Last month, Jesse, now 23, played goalie for the Ontario North Team in the Ontario Winter Games in Gravenhurst, where the team won the bronze medal. Last year, as a Junior,



Jesse was part of the Ontario North East Team who won Gold at the Ontario Para Sport Games in Kingston.

Sledge hockey is growing in the area. The Elmvale organization is expanding to include a Junior team next season – the

Elmvale Cubs – and they continue pick up more intermediate players for the Bears team.

For Jesse, his ultimate goal is to represent Canada in 2018 at the Paralympic Games in South Korea. He has been invited to try out for the Ontario Sledge Hockey Team this coming fall which, if he makes it, will put him on the right track towards realizing his Paralympic dream.

Jesse and the Bears will be playing this weekend in the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association's Champions Day game in North Bay to finish the 2013-2014 season.

NCPS hosts interschool hockey

By Cole Lundy
This winter, Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School had an interschool hockey team, which was coached by Mr. Weir, and assisted by Mr. Watt and Mr. Underhill.

Both boys and girls from Grades 7 and 8 were on the team, which practiced from 7 to 8 am at the Creemore Arena. Games were played against Admiral Collingwood Elementary School and Byng Public School.

On March 6, the entire student body of NCPS went to watch the game against Byng at the Creemore arena. The game tied 2-2.

There was also a tournament on Tuesday, March 25 in Elmville. The team played two games at 1 and 3 pm. The team won their first game 4-2, but lost the second game 5-2.

The players learned to come together as a team and Mr. Weir changed the lineup as he got to know the players' skills. The team had fun.

The players would like to thank Mr. Weir, Mr. Underhill and Mr. Watt for making this opportunity a reality. Congratulations to the team for representing our school!

Cole Lundy is a Grade 8 student at NCPS.

A stylized illustration featuring a variety of musical instruments including a guitar, a keyboard, a drum set, and a siren. The instruments are arranged in a collage-like fashion with a retro, hand-drawn aesthetic. A red circle with white text is overlaid on the right side of the illustration.

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Divas return for long-awaited finale

By Laura Walton
The St. Luke's Gift of Music concert series usually ends in December with a performance by the "Divas," our traditional end-of-season concert closer. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate this past December, so our young sopranos will be performing in Creemore on Sunday, April 6 instead. So far, there's no sign of snow for the weekend!

This year's Divas are all new, brought to us by the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, and they have worked very hard to pull together a great program. Soprano **Jamillynn Gübbe** and mezzo soprano **Stephanie Tritchew** are currently in their second year of the University of Toronto's Opera Diploma program, while soprano **Caitlin Wood** recently graduated from the University of Toronto with a Masters in Operatic Performance.

Pianist **Blair Salter** has a Master of Music in collaborative piano and

works as a freelance vocal coach at the University of Toronto. She is currently the Music Director of Metro Youth Opera.

If the Diva program is any indication, it will be an exciting afternoon. As well as performing pieces such as "The Flower Duet" from Lakme from the standard opera repertoire, the Divas will also showcase songs from musical theatre,

including "On My Own," "Do You Hear the People Sing" from Les Misérables, and "Angel of Music" from Phantom of the Opera.

Please join us at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Sunday, April 6th at 3 pm. Tickets (\$15) are available at the door – or bring your tickets from December. Following the concert you can meet with the musicians over complimentary refreshments.

Echo brief

The real Mayor Mills runs

On April 1 – and this is no joke – Mulmur Township's Mayor, **Paul Mills**, filed nomination papers to announce his candidacy for re-election next fall. "It's no secret that it has been a challenging first term given certain personality issues that exist around the Council table," said Mills in a press release, referring to Deputy Mayor **Rhonda Campbell Moon's** pending lawsuits against the Township. "Fortunately though, a few of us have been able to rise above that and accomplish much of what we were elected to do. If re-elected, I hope to work with a more cohesive group of individuals who are there for the right reasons." During Mills' time as Mayor, the Township created a Strategic Plan, a 10-Year Financial Plan and a Code of Conduct for Council members. Mills also encouraged efforts to engage ratepayers in the decision-making process. If re-elected, Mills said he plans to develop the Primrose Business Park, improve Mulmur's roads and infrastructures, implement the new Strategic Plan and keep the Financial Plan on track. "We have laid a great foundation over the past four years, but now it's time to build on that progress," Mills said. "We will have to be innovative in our approach and actively seek out opportunities and efficiencies to make Mulmur an even better place to live."

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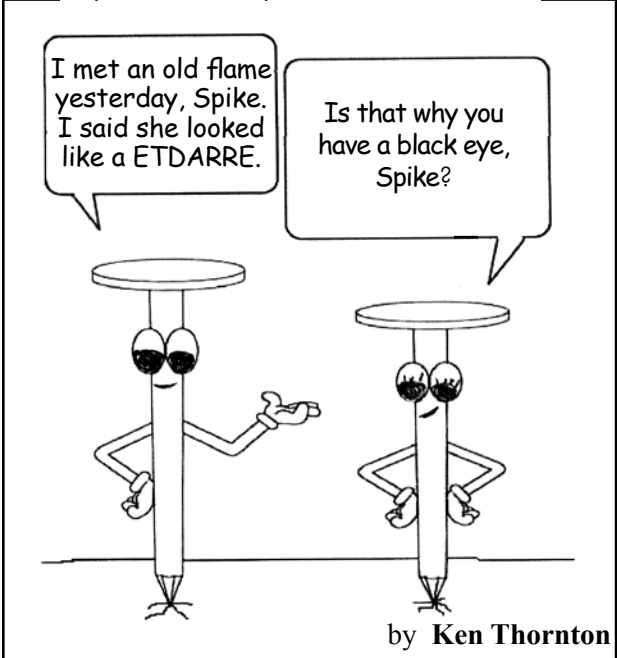
FUN & Games

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



WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday, April 4
Rain
High 7 Low 1 Winds SE 25 km/h
POP 90%

Saturday, April 5
Few flurries
High 2 Low 2 Winds W 35 km/h
POP 40%

Sunday, April 6
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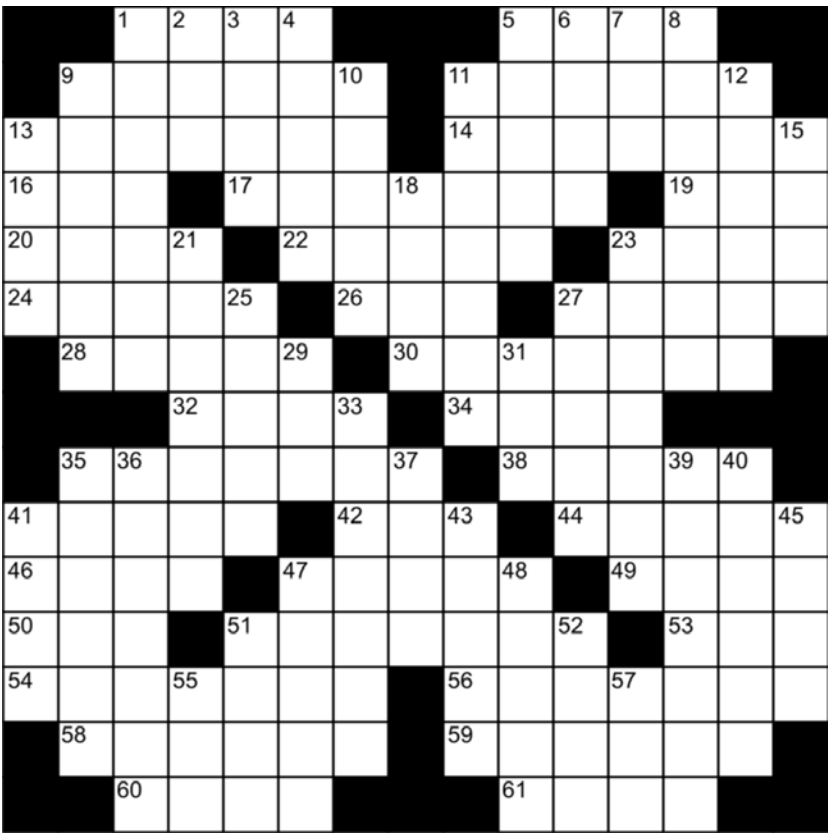
April 4, 2014

ACROSS

- What lips do in dry weather
- Cashless transaction
- Bet taker
- Barrel parts
- Feeling sure
- Piece of clothing worn over a bathing suit
- "___ on a Grecian Urn"
- Baby's room
- C'est la ___
- Colt's mother
- One-cent coin
- Top of the head
- Of sturdy construction
- Kindergartener
- Fall drink
- Simple disguise
- Greeting card word
- Opposite of gave
- Have the boldness to try
- Pompous
- Bird with webbed feet
- "Deck the Halls", for one
- Before all is done
- Protective covering placed around plants
- Vigorous enthusiasm
- Place for a peck
- Bargain event
- Lake in French
- Eyelet
- Calendar abbreviation
- Football pass
- Ancient Egyptian royal tomb
- Having the blahs
- Ride a seesaw
- Threads in shreds
- Grazing animal

DOWN

- Clique
- Extremely popular
- Comparable to
- Celebrity poster
- Lie
- Like some hair
- Map abbreviation
- Spread through
- Smear over
- White heron
- Like some candles
- Compatible with
- Explosive device
- Come partly into sight
- Highbrow
- Joy
- Moving the heart
- Ski resort in the Cariboo region of British Columbia
- Billiard shot
- Bit of Braille
- Fall behind
- Canadian film starring Isabella Rossellini
- Low bow
- One-seated vehicle
- Regard as
- Prison
- Dieter's temptation
- Kind of phone
- Whet the appetite of
- Bovine bunch
- Vulgar
- Excited, (with "up")
- Rum mixed with water
- Back into a corner
- Lengthy period of history
- Consumed



Find the answer to this week's Crossword on the Classifieds page.

Ask Lance

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Cat confusion

Dear Lance,
I have a 16-year-old cat who has developed a lump on her underside.

According to the vet, tests would need to be done to determine whether the lump is cancerous. If the lump needs to be removed, it would mean surgery and radiation.

Given the age of my cat and no sign of stress or discomfort, would you advise surgery?

At first I thought it was an easy decision... let nature take its course and don't submit her to the stress and effects of surgery. Now I'm not so sure.

What would you do?

Confused about the Cat

Dear CC,

I can personally identify with your dilemma and I realize you are faced with a perplexing decision. However, due to the age factor and exorbitant costs involving surgical fees with no positive outlook, I would allow the privilege of enjoying life until such time that you become aware of any discomfort.

Why not follow your idea and let nature take its course? There could be months of enjoyment ahead, and when the time comes, you can then arrange for a quiet farewell. In any event, I would be reluctant to subject this precious kitty to surgery due to the variables involved.

With happy thoughts,

Lance Gablehowser

Have a question for Lance?
Send it to info@creemore.com

WHAT'S COOL AT RAY'S PLACE RIGHT NOW



Sandra Green is the Director of Ray's Place Youth Resource Centre, which encourages youth to stay in school until they get a license, a diploma or a degree. Ray's Place offers scholarships and bursaries, a work program, clubs, workshops and tutoring at no cost for youth in Clearview Township.

By Sandra Green

Think Ray's Place is all about studying and universities? Think again!

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THANK YOU

The Creemore Skating Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to our 2014 “As Seen On TV” Carnival and made it a huge success. This big undertaking could not have happened without the support of our skating families and volunteers, the community, our local businesses, Mariane McLeod (our announcer) and everyone who attended the carnival. A special thank you to the Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support and to Norma Friest for volunteering at our carnival.

Congratulations to our cash draw winners: Shauna Millsap, the Mozetti Family, the Hogben-Stewart Family, John VanNiekerk and Anna Dunn.

Thanks again to all and we hope to see you next March for our 46th Annual Skating Carnival.

The Creemore Skating Club

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The Creemore Curling Club would like to thank the Pharmacy’s previous owners Jean and John Smart for their strong support of the club over the last couple of decades. Thank you Jean and John Smart.

Lois Hornett & Family and the Trott Family would like to thank everyone for the flowers, donations, cards, food and visits during Murray’s sudden passing. Special Thank You to Reverend Tony Rennett, the staff at Fawcett Funeral Home and the Avening Ladies for their special care for us during this time. We greatly appreciate all of the kindness and care.

I’m home and getting better every day. After my successful gallbladder surgery, complications sent me to Toronto. Special thanks to surgeons Dr. Akinyele in Collingwood, Dr. Jayaraman and his team at St. Joseph’s, Dr. Houston and nurses. Thanks to family and friends for all the positive messages, calls, cards, visits and gifts, they have all given me strength. **Kaitlyn MacDonald**

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DEATH NOTICE

TALBOT, Velma (nee. Honsberger) passed away peacefully on Monday, March 31, 2014 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Delbert Talbot. Loving mother of Cheryle (Doug) Miller, Glenn (Elsie) Talbot, Robert (Laurie) Talbot and Douglas (Rose) Talbot. Cherished grandmother of Shelley, Ashley, Bobbi, Adam and Abigail; great grandmother of Mackenzie & Andrew. Velma was the daughter of the late Earl & Nellie Honsberger and sister of the late Lorne (late Mary), the late Vern (Gertie), June (Alvin) Cole, the late Ruby Cole, Wayne (Lola) and Betty (Ron) Banks. Visitation will take place at Fawcett Funeral Home – Collingwood Chapel on Friday, April 4, 2014 from 7 to 9 pm. Funeral service will be held in the chapel at 1 pm on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Spring interment at Creemore Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Cancer Society or Autism Ontario would be appreciated. Friends may visit Velma’s online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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Gymnasts tough it out in provincial competition



Contributed Photo

WINNER'S CIRCLE – (Clockwise from bottom:) **Sarah Carlton**, **Emily Flood**, **Savanna Inman**, **Hannah Carpentier-Wiggins**, **Sadie Finkelstein**, **Katelyn Harrison** and **Ethan Farr**. (Not pictured: **Colton Carpentier-Wiggins** and **Aidan Scott**.)

By Michelle Pothier

This weekend, Windsor, Ontario will be temporary home to thousands of the province's best male and female gymnasts. Until Sunday, April 6, the 2014 Ontario Provincial Gymnastics Championships are hitting the stage in a very tough competition.

Borden Gymnastics has nine talented athletes attending this meet. They have worked extremely hard all season representing themselves and their club proudly. Now, they are entering their biggest meet of the year.

Women's Team leaders **Emily Flood** (level 7, age 17) and **Sarah Carlton** (level 7, age 17) are both top contenders in their category. They are looking to make their mark as they finish off their competitive gymnastics careers.

Hannah Carpentier-Wiggins (level 5, age 11), **Katelyn Harrison** (level 5, age 9) and **Sadie Finkelstein** (alternate level 5, age 9), make up Borden's very strong entry-level Provincial Squad. **Savanna Inman** (Canadian Pre-Novice, age 9) is in a very elite and challenging category. On the men's team are **Ethan Farr** (level 2, age 9) and **Colton Carpentier-Wiggins** (level 2, age 13+) have shown their best all year and look forward to championships, as does new team member **Aidan Scott** (level 1, age 9).

Atoms finish off the hockey season

By Steve and Shannon Hepburn

The Creemore Atom local hockey team finished their season last week.

After a slow start, they began growing as a team, improving both individually and as a whole throughout the year. In their playoff pool, they went 6-12 in the round robin earning them a place in the finals against Elmvale.

Game 1 was a hard 7-2 loss, but the kids bounced back for a 3-1 win in game 2. Final game, back in the opponent's rink, they battled hard to a 1-1 tie after regulation.

Both teams gave it their all, but alas, our team faced defeat by a well-earned goal in over time by Elmvale.

They finished the season as the Georgian Bay Triangle LL atom D finalists.

Way to go, team!



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GROUP SHOT – Players: **Aiden Hepburn**, **Jackson Gill**, **Jared Gaudreault**, **Ty Hogben**, **Joclyn Young**, **Molly Nicholson**, **Kyle Santia**, **Jax Farrell**, **Stone Breedon**, **Brady Eggleton**, **Jessica Morby** and **Riley Patton**. Coaches: **Paul Nicholson**, **Rich Gill**, **Jason Patton** and **Steve Hepburn**.



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