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Farewell to the NCPS Annex

As the old building at 35 Caroline Street West prepares for its closing celebration on Thursday, June 19, the *Echo* asked some of its last students to tell us their favourite things about the school:



Ruby McQueen, Grade 1

"The library because there are lots of different kinds of books."



Derk Hovius, Grade 1

"The climber on the playground with the slide. I like playing on it."



Ava Hogben, Grade 2

"I like doing milk helpers, delivering milk to kindergartners."



Bella Dupuis, SK

"Drawing with markers, crayons and pencils at our tables."



Jackson Mitchell, Grade 2

"I like that it's small and I fit in really, really well. I have made a lot of friends!"



Evening Martin, SK

"Sometimes I like to play in the shade of the trees outside."



Miles Dempsey, Grade 2

"I like Olympics Day when we played mini-stick hockey."



Ava Lane, Grade 2

"The classrooms that hold the memories of our teachers."

LIBRARY LEAKS GET A CASH FIX

By Kristi Green

Earlier this month, Council increased the Clearview Public Library's 2014 Capital Budget to cover the cost of a new roof – and not a minute too soon.

The roof will help eliminate the growth of mould, which has been found in the building, resulting from continued leakage from the facility's flat roof during rain storms.

"The Board is coming to Council in a hurry," said **Jennifer La Chapelle**, Chief Executive Officer of the Clearview Public Library, at the June 2 Council meeting. "We would like to

get the mold out of the building."

The new roof will be installed in July by Midhurst Roofing using an extra \$11,640.40 from the Board's Reserve Fund.

"We had budgeted \$30,000, but [the bidders] came in higher, so we're coming to Council for the rest of the money," said La Chapelle.

After a month-long reconstruction of the floor by Rainbow International earlier this spring, higher-than-normal levels of mould were detected in the main library and staff work area.

(See "Local" on page 3)



Cheryl McLaurin

Yarnbombed!

Visitors to the Library likely noticed a new piece of headwear on the statue of Mary Cone Barrie earlier this week (left). The makeover occurred under cover of night; the only clue was a note that read, "Happy International Yarn Bombing Day!" Many local businesses found they had been "yarnbombed" on Tuesday, too. At the *Echo* office, we arrived to find an orange crocheted plant holder (with plants!) on our door. Although we have our suspicions, the Creemore Yarnbomber's identity remains a mystery.



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This Weekend

Friday, June 13

- **Friday Night Supper at the Creemore Legion** is a BBQ from 5 to 6:30 pm. Hamburgs, hotdogs, sausages, salads, dessert. \$10. Call 705-466-2432 or 705-466-2202 to RSVP.

Saturday, June 14

- **Creemore's Log Cabin** is open from 10 am to 1 pm. History Hosts will be on hand to welcome visitors and tell them about the cabin and its first families. (The Cabin, Creemore's only surviving log residence, was built in the 1870s and is now located on Library Street, between the Old Jail and the Creemore library.) It will continue to be open each Saturday morning until Thanksgiving.
- **Singhampton's Annual Upper Mad Duck Race** at 1pm starting at the beautiful dam Singhampton Millpond on Milltown Road. Ducks are available from Sharon H, Lynn M, Martin R, Nancy L and Brad B. \$5 each or 5/\$20. Proceeds to the Singhampton Community Centre.

- **Mad and Noisy Gallery presents "Summer Solstice"** A showing of new art by: Tanya Zaryski, Gary Haines, Rosemary Molesworth, Bryan Davies, Diane Soward, Peter Miehm, and Kai-Lii McInnes. **Opening Reception** is today from 2 to 4 pm. 154 Mill Street, Creemore.
- **4th Annual Pick'n In The Park** at Station Park in Stayner hosted by The Door Youth Centre in Stayner from 11 am to 5 pm with over 6 local bands, silent auctions as well as other fun activities, games and food. This will be a great family-friendly event in Clearview Township. For more information call 705-428-3733 or email gerriordutka@rogers.com.
- **Strawberry Supper** at Alliston's Knox Presbyterian Church, 160 King St. S. Alliston from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$5, under 4 free. Tickets at the door. Take-out available, wheelchair accessible.

Sunday, June 15 Father's Day

- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- **Creemore Legion Father's Day Breakfast.** Choice of 2 Eggs or waffle, home fries, toast, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee or tea included. Child's Breakfast (1 egg or ½ waffle) Adult \$6, children 12 and under \$4. Hungry Soldier Special \$10. Taxes included.
- **Curiosity House Books** presents an afternoon of mystery with **David and Robert Rotenberg** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Mystery authors and brothers, the Rotenbergs will read from their most recent works before discussing mystery novels in familiar settings. Cost: \$45, and includes a \$10 book voucher. Must reserve in advance at Curiosity House Books at info@curiosityhousebooks.com or 705-466-3400.
- **The Annual Creemore Cemetery Service** will be held at 2:30 pm at Union Cemetery.
- **The Annual Singhampton Cemetery Service** will be held at 3 pm.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 17

- **Annual General Meeting** from 1 to 2 pm & **Symposium** from 2:30 to 4 pm for the **Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County.** Dr. Jessica Grahn will speak about how music affects our brain & behaviour. AGM is no cost, Symposium is \$20 advance, \$25 at door. At Liberty North, 100 Caplan Avenue, Barrie. Call 705-722-1066 to attend.

Wednesday, June 18

- **Creemore Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting** at St Luke's Anglican Church at 7:30 pm welcoming Judy Hutton whose presentation will be a "hands on" demonstration of Flower Arranging.

Thursday, June 19

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Evangelical Missionary Church, 202 Ontario Street, Stayner from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.
- **The Old School is closing at the end of June! NCPS is holding a Good Bye Open House at The Old School or the Primary Annex of NCPS** from 1 to 3:30 pm, with an assembly at 2 pm and then again in the evening for the public to tour the school from 5:30 to 7 pm.
- **Bingo at Creemore Legion.** Doors open 5:30 pm, canteen opens at 6 pm. Early Birds start at 6:45 pm. Progressive Jackpot continues at 55 numbers. Everyone welcome to the biggest little bingo in the area.

Friday, June 20

- **Fundraising BBQ at TD Canada Trust** in Creemore from 11 am to 2 pm. In support of Children's Miracle Network. Rain or shine.
- **St. Luke's Anglican Church's Pig Roast Fundraiser** from 5 to 7 pm. Adults \$15, children (12 and under) \$8. Only 100 tickets sold so get your tickets early. For tickets & information call 705-466-2206.
- **Theatre Collingwood & The Mad and Noisy Improv Co.** are proud to present *Bonspiel* – the upper crust of improv comedy in the country today. Starts at 8 pm. A licensed event for ages 19 years and over. Tickets available for purchase in person or by phone: Studio 7, 65 Simcoe St. at the corner of Saint Marie St. (across from the Collingwood Public Library) 705-445-2200 or 1-866-382-2200.

Saturday, June 21

- **The Creemore Echo** will be at the **Farmers' Market for our Annual Subscription Drive.** Drop in and say hi to Kristi & Georgi this week and hand in your survey on what you think of the newspaper.
- **Toronto & North York Hunt Annual Puppy Show** at 2 pm. Huntsman John Harrison presents the young entry. Year-old hounds will be judged for conformation and activity before they join the pack. Light refreshments to follow. All welcome. Hunt Kennels, 878445 5th Line of Mulmur.
- **3rd Annual Horning's Mills Garden Tour** in conjunction with *In Bloom* at the Dufferin County Museum & Archives from 9 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day. Info at horningsmills.ca or dufferinmuseum.com.

Sunday, June 22

- **Creemore Minor Hockey Registration** at 1 Tuxedo Court, New Lowell from 11 am to 1 pm. Also on Tuesday, June 24 at Creemore Arena from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, July 12 at 7 Longwood Crescent, New Lowell from 11 am to 1 pm. For information call 705-424-0579.

Tuesday, June 24 to Saturday, June 28

- **Theatre Collingwood** presents *The Foursome* by Norm Foster, warm, intelligent comedy. What happens when four old friends meet for a golf game after their class reunion? Tickets: Adults \$40, youth \$20 or call 705-445-2200 or visit www.theatrecollingwood.ca.

Thursday, June 26

- **Music in the Park** Concert at Station Park in Stayner from 7 to 9 pm featuring Full Circle, a Clearview country group. Bring your own lawnchair.

Friday, June 27

- **Jubilee Presbyterian Church's Annual Strawberry Supper** at Main Street, Stayner from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$12.50, children \$6. For take-outs or delivery call the church office at 705-428-2653.

Saturday, June 28

- **Knox Church Dunedin's Annual Strawberry Supper** from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$15, youth \$6, under 5 free.
- **Creemore Horticultural Society Bus Trip** to Ontario's newest botanical Gardens, Folmer's in Walkerton. 30 acres of gardens and sights to see, gift shop and plants to buy! Bring your own lunch. \$35 per person and that includes a guided tour. Rain or shine. Meet at Station on the Green at 8:45 am and arrive back between 4 and 5 pm. Call Charlotte Vorstermans at 705-466-2756 or Jeanette Post at 705-466-2644 to save your seat.
- **Canada Day 4th Annual Street Hockey Fundraiser** will take place early this year with proceeds going to the Cybergnomes robotics program. The Creemore Sunday Night Hockey League & The Old Mill House Pub provide live music, beer garden, children's activities, raffles, street hockey and a 50/50 shootout contest. Sign up at The Old Mill House Pub or contact Shawn Hughson at 705-796-7536.

Tuesday, July 1 Canada Day

- **Canada Day in Creemore:** Creemore Ladies Auxiliary Canada Day Brunch at the Legion from 11 am to 1 pm; Harold Crawford Memorial Kids Bike Parade from Mill Street Park to Legion starting at 12:45 pm; Games & fun at the Legion to 3 pm; Creemore Country Gas Bar Concession Booth with popcorn, candy floss, snow cones & candy all afternoon; BBQ at Legion from 1 to 3 pm; Firefighters BBQ at 6 pm; emilie-que sings O Canada, Lady & Man of the year presentations, cake cutting, boot drive to help fund the fireworks at 8 pm; The Baker Magic Show at 8:30 pm; fireworks at dusk.
- **Honeywood United Church Strawberry Supper** on the Honeywood Arena floor from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$13, children 6-12 \$6, 5 and under free.


- **Canada Day Music in the Park** Concert at Station Park in Stayner from 7 to 9 pm featuring Adrien Robitaille. Bring your own lawnchair.

Wednesday, July 2 to Saturday, July 5

- **2nd Annual Creemore Blooms "Backyard Beauty"** - have your backyard viewed by a qualified panel. Top 5 gardens will receive a special award & a free 2015 membership to Creemore Horticultural Society. **Enter by Friday, June 27** at *Creemore Echo*, Creemore Library or at www.chs.gardenontario.org.

Saturday, July 5

- **17th Annual Stayner Heritage Day** at Station Park. Parade on Main Street at 11 am. **3rd Annual Classic Car Show.** Concert in the Park at noon. Food & fun until 4 pm. Silent auction, 50-50 draw, photo display, clowns. Stayner Lions draw at 3 pm. Bring your own lawn chair. Hosted by Stayner Heritage Society. Rain date, July 12.
- **Gibraltar 6 Hour Relay** – a great day of biking while supporting My Friend's House, a safe place for women and children that need to escape abusive situations. 4 person teams or solo mountain bike relay on a private course. For more information or to register or pledge go to www.6hrsofgibraltar.com.
- **Prison Break Race** at Mansfield Outdoor Centre. 5k 30 obstacle muddy race with the element of pursuit. Escapees can register solo or in a team of 4 to 12. a portion of the proceeds go towards Canadian Cancer Society. Visit prisonbreakrace.ca to register.



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THE NEWS FROM MULMUR

By Julie Pollock

Mulmur Township's Senior of the Year, **Morley Brown**, was recognized during the June 4 Council meeting for his years of civic service.

An avid historian, Brown seized the occasion to speak about one of the many projects that enjoy his attention: the ongoing restoration of an antique Mulmur Township road grader. Brown's other interests include longstanding involvement with the Dufferin County Museum and support for the restoration of Mansfield's Stanton Hotel. He has volunteered for many years on the Township's Committee of Adjustment and, more recently, on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Brown lives with his wife on their Mulmur farm where they garden and pasture beef cattle.



Morley Brown and Mayor Mills

County Forest Public Meeting

Dufferin County is seeking input on a 20-year management plan (2015 to 2035) for the Dufferin County Forest. As part of the process, there will be a Public Meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 7 pm at Shelburne's Mel Lloyd Centre. The meeting will provide information on a draft forest management plan, draft recreation policy and a proposal for access by off-road (non-racing) motorcycles by the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders.

The Forest, which was established in the 1930s to reduce soil erosion caused by overclearing of trees, comprises 2,606 acres in 13 tracts throughout Dufferin County. The main tract – nearly 60% of the forest (1,492 acres) – is located north of Mansfield in Mulmur Township. This tract, together with an adjacent section of the Simcoe County Forest, makes up a large public area that is a potential resource for recreation and tourism development.

The Public Meeting follows establishment of a Forest Plan Advisory Team, complete forest inventory, a user survey, a random household survey and two Open House information sessions. This is one of the last opportunities for input as all comments must be submitted to Dufferin County by Thursday, July 31.

Arbour Farms Info Session

Mulmur Township will hold an information session on Saturday, June 21 at 10 am at the Honeywood Arena (North Dufferin Recreation Centre) to provide an update on the applications review process for Arbour Farms, including the results of traffic impact studies.

Arbour Farms is a 103-acre property (80 hectares) owned by **Adam Krehm** on the east side of Airport Road, south of County Road 21. The company applied to Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources in January 2013 to extract and haul up to 500,000 tonnes of gravel annually from the site. The deposit is estimated at 8.7 million tonnes of aggregate material, some of which is below the water table. Under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, Arbour Farms has until 2015 to address comments received.

The information session will provide an opportunity to comment before the Township finalizes its position on Arbour Farms' municipal applications for rezoning and official plan amendment. A Public Meeting in June 2013 drew about 150 attendees. Concerns raised included the potential for heavy truck traffic, operational noise, effects on groundwater and other environmental impacts.

Echo briefs

Measures runs again

Ward 1 Councillor **Doug Measures** has filed to run for a second term on Council in fall's municipal election for the new Ward 1.

Musical theatre auditions

Auditions for Clearview Community Theatre's "Bye, Bye Birdie" will be held from Friday, June 13 to Saturday, June 28. Visit www.clearviewcommunitytheatre.ca for more information, or contact clearviewcommunitytheatre@rogers.com or 705-428-2600.

Local citizens help out

(Continued from page 1)

Tests confirmed mould growth on the new wooden crib Rainbow had placed under the floor as a structural support.

"Whenever there were major leaks at the Circulation Desk, we disconnected the electrical and computer appliances," said La Chapelle.

"We used umbrellas to keep water off the equipment. Our roof has some moss growing on it in places; it is 26 years old and at the end of its life cycle."

Michele McKenzie, Deputy CEO of the Clearview Public Library, says she will be happy when the leaks are fixed.

"We have sat at the Circulation Desk with umbrellas when it has rained. We have a green roof, but it's not the good kind!" she said.

In spite of the repairs, library programs are still running in Stayner.

According to the Environmental Consultant, the Library does not need to close while the mould is being remediated.

Aside from roof repairs and re-shingling, McKenzie says the 117-year-old building on Huron Street in Stayner hasn't had any structural improvements since the addition in 1988.

She added that a 2012 earthquake shifted the floor levels, leaving the librarians to slide down the sloping floor on their rolling chairs.

"We would roll into each other like bumper cars," said McKenzie. "It's

lucky we like each other."

The reconstruction also includes a redesign of the interior. Rooms are being rearranged to change the flow of the building, the Teen Area and Job Bank have been relocated and a staff room has been added. An "Art Walk"

at the entrance will feature work by local artists.

"We have been salvaging, upcycling and recycling all sorts of things," said McKenzie. This included making a new computer bar out of a door.

Library patrons have been volunteering to help, McKenzie said. **darci-que** donated the lilac-coloured paint that **Bob Charlton** used to cover the walls. **Albert Yule** helped paint and freshen up the children's area.

Local citizens have helped the library come up with creative solutions for the redesign,

too. **Glenda Newbatt** created a "Fairy Walk" mosaic where he tile was ripped up for repairs. Stayner Collegiate Institute woodworking teacher, **Mike Wheatcroft**, made the shelves. **Bob Charlton** also refinished the antique table.

If you would like to help out the library, call 705-428-3595. The Library is a registered charity that accepts financial donations and Canadian Tire money.

Once the repairs are complete, the library will host an Open House to show off the changes.



Michele McKenzie

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EDITORIAL School stories

Saying goodbye to a school that you or your kids attended is like saying goodbye to a part of yourself. It's hard.

Yes, it might represent that part of your life when your mother dressed you in itchy pants and awkward glasses and your knees knocked together when you tried to run – but it's part of yourself all the same.

Saying goodbye to a school such as the NCPS Annex serves as a reminder that time passes, children grow up and people change.

Or do they?

When we asked *Echo* readers for photos and memories from their days as students at the old building, we heard many stories about friendships that were formed at that school long ago – friendships that continue on to this day.

In this edition, you'll find pictures of people who once were students in that building, who you can still find on the streets of this village. And many of them still get together as friends.

Over time, some things have changed. According to the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society book, *A Green and Pleasant Place*, there were 100 public school pupils and 32 high school students when the school officially opened on January 11, 1918.

The book goes on:

The teaching staff went to their respective homes for lunch and left the pupils unsupervised. One of the most exciting activities was "playing with electricity." A table was dragged in place under the dangling light fixture, someone climbed up and took out the light bulb. Then the students held hands and the one on the table put a finger in the socket!"

So, that's something that has changed.

But for the almost 100 years that the Annex has stood watch at 35 Caroline Street West, students have run for its bell, climbed its stairs, run around its playground, snuck into its attic and sung its songs.

Celebrate the school's rich past at the Creemore Annex Celebration on Thursday, June 19. The building will be open to visitors from 1 to 3:30 pm. From 2 pm to 3 pm, Principal Heather Birchall will host a goodbye ceremony. The *Echo's* own historian, Helen Blackburn, who was both a student and teacher there, will share stories of the Annex at an Open House from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Come out on Thursday and help honour a piece of village history.

You won't want to be marked absent.



THE WAY WE WERE



Laurie Rowe sent in this photograph of students of a 1950s Sports Day, taken from the roof of the NCPS Annex building on Caroline Street West.

LETTER

So much to offer

I think that Brent should send his article ("Why I won't run again," *The Creemore Echo*, June 6, 2014) to every politician in the province; municipal and provincial, especially the leaders that are presently duking it out for our votes on June 12.

It is tragic that someone with so much to offer feels so defeated, though I do admire his honesty and his assessment that the position of Councillor is more than a casual part-time job, but one that requires requiring brains and dedication.

Paulette Dennis, Collingwood

LETTER

Silent majority

In his "farewell" article, Brent Preston tells us he is saddened by what he has decided are "wealthy" critics of the taxation in Clearview Township.

How he decides who is wealthy and who is not is a bit of a mystery, but that being said, has Brent never heard of the silent majority of taxpayers who have suffered the cost of financial mismanagement by the Council over the past four years?

There are a lot of people in Creemore (mostly sane and hardworking) and in other developments within the Township who struggle just to pay their bills and stay ahead of the increases in taxes and water charges levied by the Township during Brent's time in office.

I can't see why he is proud of a record that has seen no growth in our residential population, and tax increases amounting to approximately 25% over the past four years. Add to that the tax increase implemented for the current year. Personally, I would not be hugely proud of that record but perhaps I am missing something. I worry about the impact of Township spending on the silent majority of households in Clearview, particularly those who might not be considered wealthy in Brent's view of how wealth is measured.

Paul Ruppel, Creemore

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Mrs. Metheral was my Grade 5 teacher and I got the strap from her. My friend and I got two smacks on the hand with a big, old leather belt. It was dramatic because you had to go to the highest part of the school on the west end of the second floor, then go up another half-set of stairs. Did it do anything to deter me from doing anything bad again? I doubt it. It didn't hurt much. It was way better than I thought it would be. Back then, kids were a lot tougher than they are today."

– **Terry Grant**, a.k.a. "Mantracker," who started Grade 4 at the Creemore school in 1966.

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LETTER Food trucks un-charming

The current discussion over mobile food vendors coming into our village has covered the unfortunate impact on our local restaurants.

It is important for Creemore residents to know it is not just the restaurants that are impacted by these vendors. I am sure we have all at some point been close enough to such a vendor to hear the overwhelming noise. That will be a constant. That is what you will be hearing as you walk along our beautiful Mill Street attending the Market and festivals. Festivals that many volunteers work on for endless hours to promote our village!

Why allow a “fly-by-night” vendor to reap the benefits? How about the odours generated from such vendors? People dwelling in apartments and in the vicinity of Mill Street – sorry, but close your windows for the summer. The odours are offensive and emissions noxious.

This by-law affects all of us –business owners and residents. Please support our local businesses, which are often counted among the volunteers, and who pay taxes and adhere to health and safety standards.

I have lost count of the number of times a newcomer to the Village comments on Creemore’s unique, quaint charm. Our residents are the volunteers who have stepped up to build Creemore into this wonderful little jewel.

Think about what you love about this Village. Are mobile food vendors part of that vision?

Help our BIA preserve unique, quaint and charming; preserve our Creemore.

Sherri Ann Black, Creemore

LETTER Reduce Clearview's costs

Doug Mills has given all readers a terrific summary of just how badly Clearview Council, led by Mayor Ferguson, has mismanaged our tax dollars. The Township is a mess and the really sad news is that after more than eight years of bad financial decisions by the Mayor and the current Council, we are likely to see most of them re-elected. The Mayor may be a really nice guy, but at some point he has to take responsibility for the terrible results of his leadership. If he runs again he will probably get re-elected by voters who think he is a good man, and they will forgive him for the financial disaster which is translating into higher taxes for us all. Of course, the financial mess is not all the Mayor’s fault. He has had unwavering support from a majority of the Councillors who have been afraid to challenge him and who have closed their eyes to the costs of their mistakes. They, too, may be nice people, but their record of looking after taxpayer interests is dreadful.

I disagree with Doug Mills on one point: the train has hit us and the wreck has already happened. We will see our taxes, our water costs and other user fees continue to rise quite significantly over the coming years. Like it or not, higher taxes will be the only way voters can pay for the crazy spending on operating costs and staff benefits by the current Mayor and Councillors. Just in the last six months or so, when they spent hundreds of thousands on more staff and consultants for branding, communication and ward reviews. The only thing that has changed is our taxes will go higher to pay for reckless spending. It is akin to rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

Over the coming months, the taxpayers and voters need to challenge the Mayor and those running for office on what they are going to do to reduce costs. It might be painful, but it has to happen and they need to be held accountable. Ideally, we need to encourage some young, smart people to run for office on a promise to take control of spending and be responsive to the people who pay the bills – the taxpayers. The alternative of business as usual after the next election is going to be shocking for us all.

Rowland Fleming, Creemore

What's in Season?

By Farmers' Market President, Pam Black

This week we will feature a variety of lettuces, radishes, spring onions, rhubarb, herbs and asparagus.

Drop by and see **Nancy Rawn**. She has a wide selection of jams, preserves and pickles, as well as my favourite peach salsa!

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- The Annual Singhampton Cemetery Service will be held at 3 pm.

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MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT LETTING GO



Principal **Heather Birchall**

By Heather Birchall

After 96 years, the Creemore Annex, originally the Creemore Public and Continuation School, is closing. I know many current and former students, staff and parents have mixed feelings about letting go of such a large part of our school's history. But many have also shared with me their excitement about this decision and their optimism about the positive changes that this consolidation will bring.

From a principal's point of view, I see it as a positive move. Having all staff and students at one site will mean everything we do becomes more efficient, more connected. From curriculum planning, to access to the gym and our amazing library, there are so many positives. Older students will have daily contact with younger ones, as mentors and role models – and friends. Younger students (and their teachers) will feel more part of the fabric of the entire school. This will result in more consistency in all aspects of school life – from curriculum to discipline to art and music programs.

I, too, will miss the warm, polished wood trim, the gorgeous murals and the special environment of this building built with love and care so many years ago. I hope to see many of you at our Open House on Thursday, June 19, and look forward to hearing more stories of the Annex's fabled history before we "say goodbye."

Heather Birchall is Principal of Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School.



Principal **Lindsay Bell** (back row, left) poses with staff members. Back row (left to right): **Ruth Day, Audrey Davidson, Barb Hunter, Marion Hawkins** and **Ken Cleary**. Front row: **Marion McArthur, Bonnie McLellan** and **Mary Black**.

Good memories for former principal

By Kristi Green

Every time **Lindsay Bell** passes the old Annex building, he says he has good memories. And so he should.

Bell was the principal of the Creemore School from 1968 to 1986.

While he remembers having great students from all over the area attend the school – not just Creemore – he says his term was marked by having especially good parents, too.

"I had a great group of parents," he said. "They were supportive, cooperative, positive and interested."

Bell said the parents' support helped him undertake his "no bullying stance."

"Bullying was not allowed in any shape or form," he said. "We nipped it in the bud."

If the children noticed anyone picking on them,

Bell said they knew to inform their teacher or him. In turn, Bell kept a close watch on the students and discussed bullying in the classroom.

"We had the most cooperative students who stuck up for each other," he said.

Bell said it was a sad day in 1986 when he retired. Although he went on to run Belhaven Antiques shop for the next 30 years, he said he really missed the children, the parents and the school.

"It is sad to see it closing now, but the population in the school is going down and you can't keep a school open without any kids. Every time I go by, I think of good memories of it. It was a great place to be."

"It was indeed an honour, a privilege and a pleasure for me to have been a part of the educational system for Creemore and surrounding area for 18 years."

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Come Ye Sons of Old CCS: The continuation school legacy

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LOCAL HISTORY



Helen BLACKBURN

Continuation School (CCS) song. Sadly, CCS is fading quickly from view. It officially began in the fall of 1917, when the big, brick school on Caroline Street was built. The classes were in these rooms on the second storey.

The decline began in 1951 when Grade 13 left for classes in Collingwood. In March 1954, the doors closed forever on Grades 9 to 12, when we all went by bus to the newly built high school in Collingwood.

Now all the doors will be closed for all students this June. But affection for the school runs deep and the happy memories override the struggles we may have had with Latin or algebra, or the panic we experienced when faced with examination questions.

On the whole, we were serious students. The curriculum, unfortunately, was geared for those with academic leanings, but for those students, the program did them well.

The school year began in September with a new crop of Grade 9s, most of whom came from the one-room schools scattered around the countryside. By the middle of September, we were well into practicing for the track and field day. Some of the boys dug the jumping pits and outlined the track lanes with lime.

On the day of the event, we participated in running broad jump, high jump, standing broad jump, high jump, hop, step and jump, 100-yard dashes and some longer runs. There was ball throw for the girls and throw for the hoop. The boys had shot put and pole vault.

The winners met soon after with athletes from Stayner, Elmvale and Thornbury. While I was at CCS, Creemore did very well capturing many



SPORTS DAY, THEN AND NOW — Three boys display their baseball trophy in the 1950s (left), while (right) **Liam Spilchen** runs with (left to right) **Xander Watt**, **Chad Malone** and **Alex Sprecker** at NCPS' Track and Field Day last week.



Alex Hill

of the trophies. It was an exciting day culminating in a dance in the evening.

Halloween brought initiation for the Grade 9s. It seems a little silly now, but at the time, it was fun. Older students dreamed up embarrassing costumes for the initiates to wear. I had to don a pair of men's underwear, a housecoat, slippers and a tam pulled down over my hair. The boys wore skirts and jewellery, and carried purses. In the evening for the Halloween party, the Grade 9s were blindfolded and led through various activities that were supposed to be scary. The one I recall best was when I landed on a tarp and about 10 boys flung me up and down. That was fun!

From there on, it was serious work until we had Christmas vacation. But before that happened, we had Christmas exams, which took the fun out of holiday preparations. On the last day, we exchanged gifts, sang carols and enjoyed pieces of fudge made by our teacher, Mrs. Skinkle.

Winter was brightened up with a skating party at Creemore Arena with lunch afterwards at the school. At least one year, we tried to have a dance with music provided by a record player. But the bouncing effect of our feet on the wood floor made the needle jump on the

records. Those were the days of the 78 rpm records.

Before Easter, we always had Commencement, which was a combination of graduating and a concert. There were plays, choirs, displays of tumbling and dancing. Of great importance was the valedictory address. Usually, the person chosen was a girl and they wore beautiful evening gowns. Academic awards were given for the previous year, track and field trophies for that year's meet, and also school rings.

After Easter, there was much practice for the choirs, duets and solos, which would be presented at a music festival in Owen Sound. Mrs. Skinkle was a very capable music director and the group always came home with many awards. I was one of three girls who could not

pass the voice test for admission to the choir, so I'm not able to describe the competition day.

Why was this school "the one we all loved the best"? You could ask anyone whom you think could be over 75. You'll hear hundreds of stories and many reasons for our affection. It was a small school and we got to know one another very well. Deep friendships were formed, which was amply illustrated by the immense crowds that came to our five school reunions. I had such a good time at them that I had to take a week of quiet rest to recover.

It is going to be a sad day on Thursday, June 19 when we formally bid goodbye to the school. Yes, the doors will be locked and the bell will no longer ring, but the love and memories will endure.

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I am sorry to see the school close and hope that the town will find a suitable use for the building and keep it standing. I have gone through three school closures here in Walkerton, where I am Office Manager at Walkerton District Community School, which is a JK-12 school.

I grew up in Creemore (1955-1975) and have many fond memories of Creemore Public School, like:

- The day Mrs. Vera Melville (Grade 3 teacher) tried to get the attention of classmate Mike Weir. She tapped him on the head with the pointer – and broke the pointer!

- Our school fair’s when we had to compete against other schools by shouting our school cheer:

*Purple and gold, purple and gold,
these are the colours we’re here to uphold
Razzle, dazzle, zis, boom, bah,
Creemore, Creemore, rah, rah, rah!*

Our principal, Mrs. Metherral, was our cheerleader!

- My uncle, Tom Montgomery, was custodian there and I was always picked by my teachers to get supplies from him, when needed.

- The day our hamster from the Grade 1 class went missing and I got to go the basement in seach of him (never found him).

- Playing “Aunty over the Shanty” on one of the small buildings at the back of the school (now gone).

- Getting candy floss at our school fairs (big treat).

- Getting a colourful hankie (I still have it) from my Grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Alice Watson, as a souvenir from her trip to China.

- The girls lining up to come in the girls’ entrance (right), and the boys lining up to come in the boys’ entrance (left).

I have many, many fond memories, too many to list here.

– **Trudy (Gowan) Fraser, Walkerton**

I will miss it. The school has a lot of memories – kids have been going here for years and years and years.

– **Betty McLeod, volunteer reading helper since 2009. Her children, Dawnna, Lynda, Heather and Robert went to the school, as do Robert’s children, Dallas and Allison.**

During my ‘time of learning,’ there were several different teachers. Mrs. Skinkle was a wonderful person who gave extra time and encouragement to help me in the math and science subjects. There were only five of us enrolled in Grade 13.

I attended, along with others, in the war time and afterwards. Gasoline and tires were rationed and having come through the Great Depression, money was also a scarce commodity.

To help out, I rode a bicycle as much as possible from Lavender to Creemore School and back each day in the spring and fall. This was a round trip of 14 miles and required pedaling and pushing the bike back home up the mile-long Lavender Hill.

Also, one winter for a few weeks, I drove a horse and cutter back and forth every day. Older people will remember we had some really cold, stormy times in the 1940s.

Now the roads are snowplowed and the buses are warm. How times have changed! I am thankful and so glad they have.

Harold Davidson, Lavender
Student from 1943 – 1948.



The wall

See the photograph of the brick wall where, we are told by know closely, you can see the names of and Robert Carruthers, written in brought in that photo – along with images, stories and memorabilia everyone who shared their memo



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Reunion Committee (back row, left to right): **Muriel Day, Gerald Blackburn, Lawrence Lindsay and Gertie Gowan.** Front row: **Mae Simpson, Myrtle Carruthers and Donald Stephens.**

Writing on the wall

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Hundreds at first reunion

By Muriel Day

On a Sunday in June, 1978, it was Decoration Day at the Creemore Cemetery. I was preparing the graves of my in-laws and met George Shepherd Jr. who was at his son's grave. We talked about former students classmates and teachers, and George said, "We need a reunion and you can do it!"

I gave this a lot of thought and decided to form a committee. By winter, we had a meeting with a date: August, 4 - 5, 1979 for the reunion.

The pleasure of seeing the joy and appreciation of the former students at the first reunion is beyond words. We had 841 students and 37 teachers!

Creemore Continuation School has given esteem and recognition to Creemore. We have had ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, a Member of Parliament and members of the Armed Forces.

I'm grateful for the pleasure of being part of the history of Creemore Continuation School.

Muriel Day founded the first Reunion Committee for the Continuation School, and helped plan five reunions every five years for 25 years.



Getting schooled at CCS

By Laurie Rowe

Tomorrow, we will attend my daughter, **Beth**'s, graduation from the University of Calgary with a degree in Education. A week after that, the Creemore Continuation School (a.k.a. "the Old School") will close. Avening Church will close their doors for good on Sunday, June 22.

A few years ago, our family toured the Creemore Old School and I showed the kids my Grade 4 class room. It's the same building my mother (Sylvia Gale), and her siblings Pat Matthews, Jerry Jordan, Jim Jordan and Joyce Miller, attended as high school students

In my Grade 4 class we kept height and weight charts throughout the year, and I was 50 inches tall and 50 pounds for the entire year. I told my kids stories about Mr. **Lindsay Bell** who was our teacher that year and how I sat in the last seat closest to the door so I got to answer the door all year long – except for on the very last day.

Mr. Bell had asked us what we liked or did not like about the year and how things could be changed. Very progressive for 1970! One comment was that it was not fair to have only one person answer the door because others wanted to, as well. Immediately after reading the comment, a knock came to our door. Mr. Bell asked Gary Shaw, who sat in front of me, if he would answer the door, please. There went my Grade 4 door-opener status!

As an adult, I was brave enough to venture into the Grade 4 boys' cloak room, and what did I find? Scratched into the wall was the name Helen Emmett! I was profoundly shocked as this was my Grade 5 teacher "Ms. Hargrave," now **Helen Blackburn**. Ms. Hargrave read us *Anne of Green Gables* out loud on Friday afternoons, and she cried (right in front of everybody!) and explained that a book that brought out such emotions was a great book indeed. She also tried to spank me in Grade 5, but I was a bit more flexible than her hand could reach. Oh yes, I definitely deserved it, and I am sure I got the real thing when I arrived home that evening. It was not always a good thing to have older siblings in the same school.

My Grade 7 teacher was Mrs. Bessie Arnold, and she and I hooked horns from day one. Early on in the year she called me a Coker (hellloooo that's the other family with lots of kids – I am a Grant!) and after that it was game on! By mid-year she had called me an "impertinent little imp," which my friends teased me about for the rest of the year. Apparently, I was not a model student. I prefer to think that I was highly



Laurie Rowe in Grade 1

intelligent and easily bored.

By Grade 8 I was such a little hellion that the French teacher Ms. Govan required me to do my work from my desk located in the janitor's room across the hall from our actual class room. Until parent teacher interviews came around, that is. (I declined to attend that evening but my "sister," "Louie," showed Mom where my desk was located.) After a mediation with the teacher and a "discussion" (loud, loud talking with possible hand gestures) with me, I returned to class. Retention of information from the janitor's room must have been sufficient because my Grade 8 average was 79%.

Four decades later, I continue to exchange letters with teacher **Helen Blackburn** and have rock-solid friends from Grade 1 (we started at Avening School, which closed in 1967, before coming to Creemore). **Lynda (Whitley) Jeffery** and **Marlene (Bell) Noordegraaf** have managed to span the distance from Avening to Calgary, and keep in touch throughout the years even when life is at its busiest.

I am sure my teacher daughter, **Beth**, would be appalled to hear of her mothers' escapades in elementary school, and probably hopes she never has a reincarnate of me in one of her students. I am confident that **Beth** will be the kind of elementary teacher that makes a difference in her students' lives. And, I know for a fact that she would never, ever carve her entire name into the wood in the boy's cloak room. Too much evidence for generations later!

Laurie Rowe grew up in Avening and lives in Calgary, Alberta.

School in the family

By Kristi Green

For the Carruthers family, the old NCPS Annex holds memories that go back for generations.

Myrtle Carruthers, who attended Grades 9 to 13 in the 1940s, her husband, **Robert**, sons **Brian** and **Paul**, and grandchildren **Griffin**, **Anna**, **Will**, **Jody** and **Jordan**, were all students at the school.



Will Carruthers, Grade 4

"I remember it being a big homey type of place for me," said Myrtle.

Her son, Brian, who was a student from 1971 to 1975, agreed.

"It's small and community oriented, which is the same as when I went there," he said.

When asked what it was like to go to the same school your Dad and grandparents attended, Grade 4 student Will Carruthers remarked, "cool."

Myrtle, who still lives in Avening today, was one of many children who boarded in Creemore during the week to attend school. Every Monday morning, her father drove her from their home to the Patton's house in Creemore, where she stayed with five other girls.

Myrtle said she had a good time with Marion Gordon, Jean Gordon, Alma Fisher and Myrtle's sister, Eileen Dodd, who all shared a kitchen in the house.

"The power went off at 10 in the home, so my sister took an oil lamp from home and hid it. But Mr. Patton smelled the fumes from his bedroom across the hall. So, she lost the lamp."

Did Eileen intend to use the lamp to do a bit of late-night studying?

"No! We had fun!" Myrtle laughed.

As class Valedictorian, Myrtle gave a memorized speech about the subjects the students had learned during their student lives.

"The subjects we took didn't seem to help us, but later we realized that they did," she explained. "They taught me a great deal about the outside world and especially about my own interests for teaching."

Myrtle became a teacher right after Grade 13, working at schools in Ranewick and Primrose, before moving on to do supply work for Mr. Priddle at the Creemore School.

"**Bob Ransier** gave me the hardest time," she said. "He wouldn't give me the book on his desk at exam time. Now, when you see him laughing, he often says I taught him quite a lot, but I don't know if that's true!"

Her favourite teacher all the way through was Mrs. Ruby Skinkle, who taught music and chemistry.

"She was there to help us with whatever we wanted," said Myrtle. "We even visited her at her house."

Myrtle feels that teachers in those days were closer to the students and their families than they are now.

"I was often invited to parents' homes," she said. "We don't get to know teachers now like we used to."



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Memories of attending Creemore's "tall school"

By Mariane McLeod

There may have been a hierarchy at play when I was a student at the "tall school" in Creemore. Kindergarten was in the basement, Grade 4 on the top floor. Yellow shag carpeting dotted with red was no doubt designed to cover spilled paint, dirt and the occasional barf that rained down on it.

Two of the little boys in my Kindergarten were so shy they would not come into the class. They stayed in the hall, terrified. For one of them, it may have been Christmas before he screwed up the courage to join the Birthday Circle. Miss Bambrick was very patient, and it may have been the lure of a chocolate treat to finally bring him in.

I got into trouble in Grade 2 when **Lisa Prime** busted out a swear word I had taught her in the confines of our snow fort during lunch hour. The teacher didn't believe golden-haired little me had provided that piece of Lisa's education until I confirmed it and solemnly promised never to bring "barn words" to school again. Two years later, in the middle of a geography lesson, I was engrossed in a Harlequin Romance stolen from under my mother's sewing table when I heard my name and looked up just in time to see a huge cloud of white chalk dust rising around Mrs. Marion Hawkins. I had been so immersed in my purloined love story, I didn't hear her call on me. She had finally lost her temper and slammed her hand onto the chalkboard in frustration.

I can't remember if we obeyed the stone-carved "Boys" and "Girls" entrances, although I do remember thinking it was pretty stupid to divide us, even while I practiced writing out my married name if I were to partner up with the only boy in my class taller than I.

I ran into **Mrs. Davidson** the other day, and no



Mariane McLeod in Grade 1

matter how many years have passed since I was in her classroom, I can't call her Audrey. I just can't. There was no question of she or Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Bell or Mrs. McArthur being referred to by anything

other than their honourific, and heaven forbid any of those venerable ladies showed up to school in slacks!

The first year I was in the split Grade 1/2 class taught by **Mrs. Davidson**, I was assured at home that I was so smart, I was being paired up with the "slow" kids from Grade 2. However, when I was on the Grade 2 side of the split a year later, the story changed: I was so bright, I was being recruited to help those poor dummies in Grade 1. When I was in a split class again in Grade 4, I noticed there was no one in my class whose surname started with B, F, or H. We were the Ms to Zs, and there were no dummies.

During cold winter recesses, we girls huddled around the front door, chanting, "Mis-ter-Bell, ring-the-bell!" to let us back into the warmth of the building. Once inside, there could be no sneaking around – the din from those squeaky old wooden stairs was so loud it would overwhelm even the laughing, screaming kids as they hustled up or down on their way to learn.

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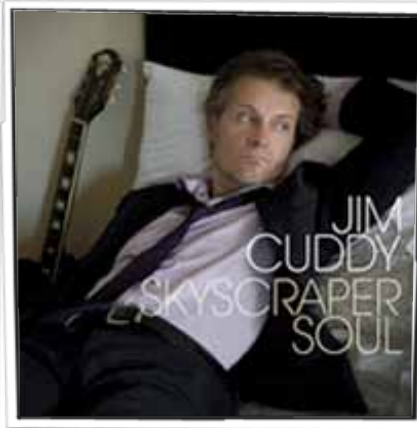
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Eight years at school

By Linda Cockton

I attended the Junior School for eight years. The first was in the basement for Grade 1, because the year I started school, there was still High School on the third floor.

I remember some of the big guys and girls double-dutch skipping with us and there were always chalk hopscotch patterns on our sidewalks. Every morning, noon and afternoon recess there were baseball games, and track and field practice. I remember all our concerts with Mr. Coates

and marching down to the park to have our Field Days. They were great days of singing, school yells, public speaking and just plain good fun.

Mr. Elmer Priddle was a teacher and a great principal. He tried to be stern, but he was soft as putty. One day, **Gayle Corby** and I decided to argue with **Betty Anne Cherry** about politics of all things. Betty Anne said it was "Dwight Eisenbaker" and "John Diefenbaker." We knew she was wrong, but instead of letting it go, we called her "stupid."

When Mr. Priddle called us to the office, we put out our hands waiting for the strap, but he just held it close to him; he didn't use it. He did make us apologize and we sure learned our lesson.

I remember the whole school

celebrated the Coronation. We all dressed up; some had robes and crowns, and were pulled by the bigger kids in decorated wagons. I was Princess Anne that day. What fun!



Linda Cockton

One year, there was a terrific talent show put on to raise funds for the Springhill Disaster in the mines. We danced and sang our little hearts out, and everyone cheered. All I remember is doing the hula hoop onstage in a pink sack dress! What memories.

As I was writing this column, I remember a very sad time in our village told to me by my Dad, Percy. I found the old copy of a *Creemore Star* article from October 14, 1926: "Tragic Death of Little Girl: Isobel Cooksey Victim of a Distressing Accident at Annual School Sports Tournament:"

Probably the saddest accident in the history of Creemore occurred on Wednesday afternoon last on Caroline St. directly opposite the school when little Isobel, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooksey, fell in front of a car, the front wheel passing over her chest crushing the little body in such a manner that death ensued later in the evening. The distressing accident cast a gloom over the entire village.

Isobel was the youngest sister of my Dad, Percy Cooksey.

Creemore Big Heart Seniors

We had eight tables for cards, with another two people sitting out.

Lucky Draws were won by **Marion Kelly, Kevin Keogh, Earl Bentley, Eileen Nash, Marg Ferguson and June Hartley**, who had made a deal with our President,

Ray Leighton, that she would give Ray a kiss if she won one of these draws. June got so excited after the kiss that she almost forgot to make another draw!

Moon Shots were played by **Lois Walker x2, Marion Kelly and Earl Bentley**, for the travel prize.

Winners for cards were: **James Ferguson 325, Irma Flack 290, Dave Smith 289 and Mary Bouchard 266**, and low went to **Effie Taylor**.

Some months ago we decided to sing "Happy Birthday" on the first Thursday of the month to all who have birthdays during that month. Occasionally we forget, so Happy Birthday to all for the



SENIORS

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month of June!

The Ladies Auxiliary for the Legion are holding a BBQ on Friday, June 13. The Big Heart Seniors roast beef dinner will be held on Thursday, June 19 at 12 noon sharp. We must charge each member a small fee of \$5.

It was moved by **Jim Rigney** and seconded by **June Hartley**

that we give a donation of \$200 to the Legion for their Canada Day celebrations. This donation has been made annually and we are pleased that we can again contribute.

A great number of pictures were laid out for all to see. These pictures were from Halloween 1998, with all or many in costume. We are pleased to see that four of those in the pictures are still with us playing cards every week. So nice to see!

Have a great week everyone.

Remember: Life goes by in a flash. Make time for the moments you will remember.

HEALTH CENTRE NEARS COMPLETION

As your Ward Councillor, I also sit on the Board of the Creemore and District Community Health Centre and I have some good news! With all the major construction work done, the Board wants to take this opportunity to update the community on its progress and to acknowledge those who made it possible.

Started almost six months ago, the construction has added approximately 900 square feet to the exterior of the building. Inside, both the ground floor and the basement have been completely renovated. An additional 700 square feet of basement space will be left in a semi-finished state for future use.

By the end of June, the main entrance at the front of the Health Centre will be fully operational and minor interior finishes will be completed.

The expansion has added space for two future medical practitioners, laboratory services, a multi-use meeting space, a wheelchair-accessible front entrance with a stair lift and front lot parking.

The existing interior has been redesigned to improve the reception and waiting areas, and the 30-year-old facility has received a much-needed facelift. The final landscaping of the Health Centre's grounds will be done in August, including the placement of a new sign and flag pole.

A special opening ceremony is planned for September, at which the public will be invited to view the results of this community-supported project.

This project would not have been possible without the support, generosity and talent within our community and surrounding area. Inspired by the early designs of architect and local resident **Michael Clifford**, and with the support of the Township, the project grew into a collaborative effort involving the Centre's family physicians, dentist, chiropractor, staff members, architect IBI Group, the contractor **Blake Farrow**

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and their various trades and suppliers, many of them local.

This project is funded entirely through the overwhelming financial support of the community and by tenant revenues. To date, more than \$500,000 has been raised by donations and in-kind services for the expansion and

renovation. The Health Centre thanks the donors and team of dedicated fundraisers for their essential support. The facility is self-sufficient, relying on lease payment revenues and donations only. Taxpayer revenues will not be used to fund the project or to operate the facility. A recognition plaque will be placed in the Health Centre in appreciation of the community's generosity.

In particular, the Health Centre Board would like to acknowledge and thank the team of medical practitioners, their staff and patients for their support, understanding, patience and invaluable advice throughout the project during what was, at times, a disruptive and frustrating experience, especially during the four weeks the facility was closed for construction. The Board appreciates the spirit in which it was endured.

Commenting on the expansion and renovation, family physician, **Dr. Scott Houston**, said, "We're very thankful for the new space and the effort that was made to create a bright and cheerful place for our staff and patients. We're settling in and working out how best to use the new space effectively." Many compliments have also been received from residents on the appearance of the building, and by patients who are using the Health Centre. They are much appreciated.

Efforts continue to recruit another physician to establish a new family practice in Creemore, and to attract new health care services to the Health Centre.

Your comments are always welcome. Please feel free to contact **Wendy Schellenberg** at 705-466-5221 or **Thom Paterson** at 705-466-6321 for more information.



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Monday, June 23, 2014

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(Council Chambers)

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Media Event: 4pm to 4:30pm

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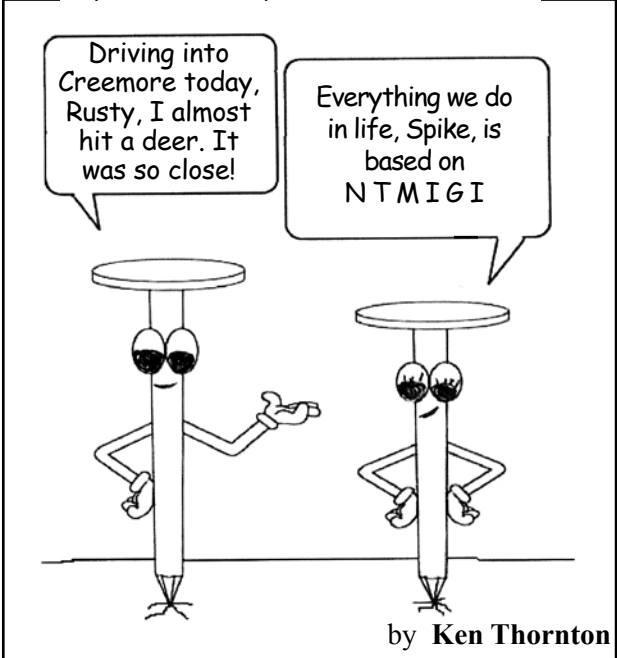
FUN & Games

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, June 13
Cloudy periods
High 19 Low 11 Winds W 20 km/h
POP 20%

Saturday, June 14
Sunny
High 19 Low 9 Winds N 10 km/h
POP 10%

Sunday, June 15
Sunny
High 24 Low 10 Winds SE 15 km/h
POP 10%


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Reggie Slackoff reports he is now in the civil service.



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Without elaborating on his duties, he is said to operate largely out of his home.



by JEFF WILSON

FRED'S FUNNIES

Father: Let me see your report card.
Son: I don't have it.
Father: Why not?
Son: My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents.

Canadian Criss Cross

June 13, 2014

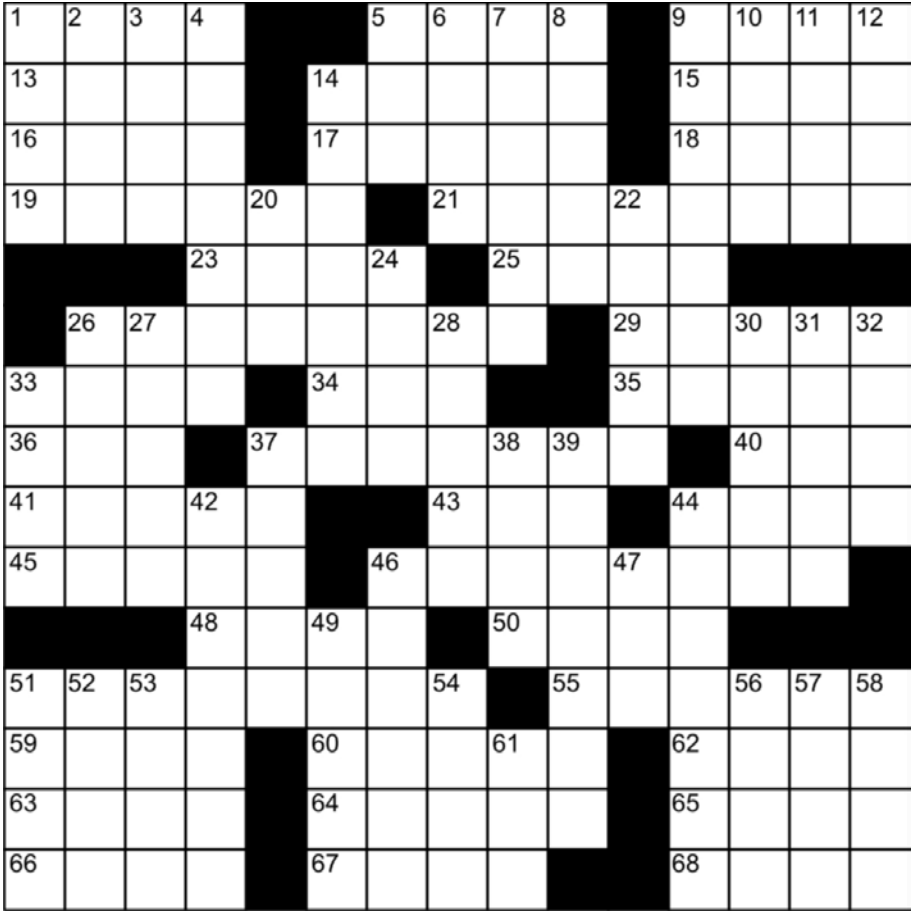
ACROSS

1. Icelandic collection of myths and legends
5. "Pirates of the Caribbean" star
9. South American rodent
13. Sticky substance
14. About 39 inches
15. Surface measurement
16. Not beneath
17. People living in the Canadian Arctic
18. Piece of train track
19. Lower in dignity
21. Not fit to eat
23. At a great distance
25. Bed with high barred sides
26. Hard to understand
29. Knight fight
33. White cheese
34. Former name of Tokyo
35. About 28 grams
36. Superman's symbol
37. Relative through marriage
40. Flushed in the face
41. ___ Jaw, Saskatchewan
43. Belonging to all people
44. Bowling targets
45. Item in a chronicle
46. Card game which uses a board
48. Knob at the centre of a shield
50. Row of seats in a rising series
51. Possible situation
55. Makes the hair look thicker
59. Winter garment
60. Fish with hook and line
62. Keep for reuse
63. Semicircular extension at the end of a church
64. Three-dimensional
65. Sign of the future

DOWN

1. Mild exclamation
2. Show excessive fondness
3. Tragic fate
4. Quiet down
5. Wild animal's home
6. Case for needles
7. Part of PEI
8. Fictional rabbit
9. Reindeer relative
10. Bedouin
11. Netting attached to a hat
12. Lock inventor
14. Mosque tower
20. At the back
22. City known for its mustard
24. Not civilized
26. Criminal act of starting fires
27. Animal with a shoulder hump
28. Unnaturally deep sleep
30. Strip a ship
31. Part of a play
32. Spreads new-mown grass for drying
33. Synagogue platform for scripture readings
37. Community in Nova Scotia
38. Be acceptable to
39. Went around the Earth
42. Walk at an unhurried pace
44. Umbrella providing shade
46. Like a laundromat
47. Quilting party

66. Alcoholic beverage
67. German admiral
68. Give temporarily



49. Yellow shiny metal
51. Healing sign
52. Handle with success
53. Free from pain
54. Stare at flirtatiously
56. Being the very one
57. Having no advantage
58. Dispatch
61. Tell an untruth

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

FATHER'S DAY FOOTNOTES

By Andy Barrie

My daughter is 38 now, so the the tale I'd like to recall here would be from 1985. She was nine, I 40. I remember it was the Monday after Father's Day, and I was riding the subway home from work. The lady opposite was clearly staring at my feet. She seemed to be laughing. I followed her gaze down and realized she was laughing not at my feet, but with them. It was my socks, given to me the day before by my daughter. Woven into them were the words, "I Love Dad."

Now, I could have worn the socks around the house for Father's Day and then put them away in a drawer. But nine-year-olds have no concept of dressing for dignity. She figured the socks were really cool, and assumed the world would agree. It's always been this way. First there were the crayoned drawings. If I tried to put them up on the front of the fridge, she wanted to know why I wasn't taking them to the office. Same thing with a little clay vase that wound up leaking water all over my desk.

I clearly remember thinking, Enjoy this while it lasts.

Unlike adults, who often give gifts in hope of getting love in return, kids

pick out presents for the pure, nutty pleasure of it. They know they can do no wrong. We think it's adorable when they save up their pennies and buy us funny socks or cheap cologne, or make some monstrosity out of coloured paper and paste. As we unwrap these treasures, we ooh and ahh and let them feel they've fulfilled our heart's desires. As they get older, they start acting more and more like grown-up gift-givers. They worry about how much to spend, they want hints about what we really want, they begin to get the idea that there's such a thing as the "right" gift and the "wrong" gift. Meanwhile, Mommy and Daddy don't make quite the fuss they used to over what they're given. Somewhere along the line, Dad might even take something back because it was the wrong size or colour.

So if you should see those socks on someone, somewhere in the days to come, I hope you'll laugh with them and not at them. The people who write those "Dress For Success" books would probably be horrified. But there's one tasteful young lady who'll be delighted that for one day of her year, Daddy dressed for her.



KEEPING AN EYE ON THE TRAILS — Trail Marshalls **Phil Jones** and **Brandon Beaverstock** get ready to board the bus in Creemore at last Saturday's Trail Mixer. The event, which was held to celebrate International Trails Day, featured music, dance and theatre performances, children's activities and, of course... trails! Participants were bussed to "Bear Alley" for a 3 km or 6 km ride, walk or run.

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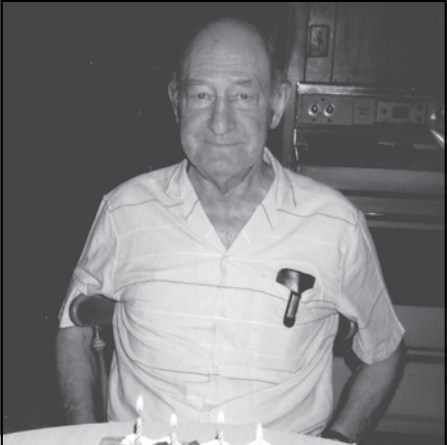
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FAMILY REUNION

The 75th Coe-Duffin Family Reunion at Dufferin County Museum & Archives from 1 to 5 pm. Potluck. Bring your own dishes, cutlery & lawn chair. Free parking & admission.

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LOST / FOUND

Found: Car **KEYS** found behind Pizza Perfect on Sunday, June 1. For a Chev that gets service at Hannons in Badjeros. Come to *The Creemore Echo* to claim.

THANK YOU

We are so grateful to everyone for your generous contributions in making our fundraiser for **The Dunedin Hall** a spectacular success, we couldn’t have asked for a better day! Our scrap metal drive proved to pay off. All our plants sold out. Thank you ladies & gents for all your hard work. Without your support we could not have accomplished what we did. Once again the garage sale was a huge success it goes to show ones junk is another’s treasure. It was great to see our little community and beyond work together. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. The lucky winner of the “Ultimate Gardeners Gift Basket” was Phillis Burt; “The Children’s Basket” winner was Teresa Hammill of Nottawa and the 50/50 winner was Ruth-Ann of Creemore. A huge thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous donations for “The Ultimate Gift Basket” !

WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 14: Watercolours en Plein Air with Martha Bull at Not So Hollow Farm, 838369 4th line E, Mulmur from 9 am to 4 pm. Learn how to paint outside\$110 includes lunch + \$10 materials fee. www. notsohollowfarm.ca

WORKSHOP

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DEATH NOTICES

McBAIN, Bertha passed away peacefully at the Collingwood Nursing Home on Saturday, June 7, 2014 in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Kenneth McBain. Loving mother of Sheila and her husband Robert John Foster and Marilyn and her husband the late Bert Seifried. Forever cherished grandmother of Robert Lee (Kelly), Gary (Liz), Terry and Lori Anne; great grandmother of Sarah, Sharon and Chloe. Bertha is predeceased by her parents Ernest and Elizabeth Johnston, her two brothers and a sister. The family wishes to thank the Doctor and Staff at Collingwood Nursing Home for their kindness and care and a special thanks to niece Joan Grant for all of her support. Funeral service was held at 2 pm on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel with visitation one hour prior. Interment at Creemore Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Tree Society of Creemore would be appreciated by the family. Friends may visit Bertha’s online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

WEEL, Theodorus (Ted) Died peacefully on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at Hospice Simcoe, Barrie in his 83rd year. Ted of Stayner, beloved husband of Jeannette and of the late Elsie. Loving father of Marian (Lawrence Yaniv), the late John (Brigitte), Jeanette (Gord Feniak), the late Perry, Connie Flynn (Gary Mitchell), Marcel (Sharon), Louise (Barry Spicher), Theresa Robitaille and Ed (Tanya) Robitaille. Cherished Opa of 24 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Pete (Regina), John (Margaret), the late Margaret Overton, the late Alie Wijnker and the late Jo Straatman. He will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews. There will not be any services. If desired, remembrances to Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated. Arrangements under the direction of the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home. To sign the Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com

SMITH, Douglas Frederick Died suddenly on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at home at the age of 40. Doug of Honeywood, beloved husband of Cristina. Loving father of Devin, Brooke, Tyler, Tori and Tess. Proud brother of Jim (Val), Marlene Smith and Lesley (Brian Neil). Dear son-in-law of Robert MacGillivray. Dear brother-in-law of Heather (Mike McNicol) and Angel MacGillivray (Calvin Isaacs). Cherished uncle of Katrina, Nathan, Ashley, Devlin, Liland, Mackenzie, Xander, Aedan, Rebecca and Jacob and great uncle of Lillian, Carter and Emmett. Predeceased by his parents Ron and Connie Smith. Doug will also be missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins and his many friends. Friends will be received at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel, 7313 Highway 26, Stayner on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. Funeral Service is at the North Dufferin Community Centre (Honeywood Arena), 706114 County Road 21, Mulmur on Sunday, June 15, 2014 at 3 pm. Interment Creemore Union Cemetery. If desired, remembrances to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by Doug’s family. To sign the Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com

This week’s answers

Spike & Rusty:
TIMING

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Secret symbols in Stableforth's mural

By Kristi Green

If you've set foot inside NCPS in the last decade, then you've likely admired **Bev Stableforth's** colourful mural of rural children on the wall outside the office. But if you look carefully, you will find secret symbols about the people who work there.

"It makes it personal," said Bev, of the little touches she has included. "It gives the kids a thrill!"

A pair of black Doc Martens (pictured bottom, left) is for teacher Mrs. **Jennifer Angus**, who used to wear Doc Marten boots to school every day. A bird singing in a tree (middle) represents teacher, Mrs. **Jennifer Floyd**, who loves music. And a fishing rod leaning against the apple tree is for Mr. **Brian Surowiec**, who Bev said is passionate about fishing.

There's a basket of apples for Kindergarten teacher Mrs. **Lisa Doner-Day** and a Scrabble poster on the side of a salt box is for avid Scrabble-player, Mrs. **Jennifer Elliott**. If you lift your eyes, you'll be able to see a picture of the school custodian, Mr. **Malcolm Morrison**, holding a broom and peering out from atop a tree (right).

"He oversees the entire school, so that's why he is there," explained Bev.

Bev, who works as an Educational Assistant, painted the mural in 2002. At the time, the principal, **Fran Dillon**, was interested in finding ways to decorate the walls. **darci-que** and a few parents had already decorated other areas.

So Bev set out to paint an outdoor scene of nature and children that she hoped would "exemplify what Creemore meant to her and the children."

Two weeks later, the mural was done. It shows children displaying flags in the NCPS house colours: purple, black, orange, white and blue. The kids are surrounded by the rolling hills of the Creemore countryside, with gardens, farms, a river, cows and sheep.

"That is the uniqueness of what Creemore is and what we were, as an almost-century school and also a rural school," explained Bev.

The mural, which is signed by B.J.



Bev Stableforth



May – Bev's artist name – is dedicated "to all the beautiful children who inspired me on the journey through this painting."

Even though she did the work of painting the mural, Bev said the students were very much involved. As she



worked, children would come by to make suggestions. They told her which colours to paint the flowers, what kind of clothing the kids in the picture should wear and what kinds of birds to paint in the sky.

"It was inspired by the kids," said Bev. "This was a group journey; it was their



vision, too."

"Every day that I was here [in the hallway] – from the concept, to sketching, to painting – the children were there. I think they visited the washroom more during those two weeks than normal!"

Sky's the limit for Arts Fest call for submissions



Close-up of "Fall Woods" by Jane Wynne

By Miriam Vince

The 2014 Creemore Festival of the Arts is now accepting applications from artists who wish to participate in its Artist on Location program on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5. Artist on Location is a two-day opportunity for artists to show and sell their art by displaying their art local businesses, studios, galleries and homes, throughout the village of Creemore.

One new aspect of this year's Artist on Location program will be a Group Art Show, which will be held in the north room of the Station on the Green. Participating artists will be invited to display a small representative piece of art and the show will be open to the public throughout the Festival weekend.

The Artist on Location program is key to the overall success of the Festival. We are hoping to encourage artistically inclined people to find creative ways to express themselves and engage the public – through open studios, public installations, interactive exhibits

– the sky is the limit!

Interested artists must complete an online application form found at www.phahs.ca. A nominal registration fee of \$20 will create a small fund to cover costs for signage and printing. A list of businesses that are willing to host an artist for this event is available upon request.

The deadline for entry to Artists on Location is Friday, August 1. It is really important for artists to make their application by this deadline so they can be included in Festival resources, such as an artist map of the area.

For more information about participating in this event, go to the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society website (www.phahs.ca), contact **David Bruce Johnson** at 705-466-6317 or david@dbj.ca, or email the organizing committee at phahs.artsfestival@gmail.com.

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