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It's time once again for the village of Creemore's end-of-summer party, the Creemore Springs Copper Kettle Festival. This year, the brewery's part of the festivities will move back to Mad River Park at the south end of Mill Street. For a full schedule of events there, see pages 8 and 9 of this week's *Echo*.



The rest of the village will, of course, be decked out in chrome and colourful paint during another edition of the Copper Kettle Classics. For more on the annual car show, see page 6.



This year's festival will also include the inaugural Copper Kettle Cook Off, a celebration of local food like these carrots culled from the Clearview Community Garden. For more on the Cook Off, see page 3.

## A place of honour at WWI Centenary

by Brad Holden

Patrons of the Terra Nova Public House will be familiar with the portrait of a World War I soldier that hangs in a place of honour by the pub's entrance. **Anna Muth**, who owns the establishment, was lucky to spend a great deal of the first seven years of her life with the soldier in the picture, her grandfather James Ernest Muth.

A Lance Corporal with the 133rd Engineer Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Canada, Muth didn't talk much about the war, but Anna knew he'd had an eventful one. He was injured and returned to the front three times, he was gassed and hit with shrapnel, and he fought heroically at Vimy Ridge.

She also knew that he'd been introduced to embroidery as a form of shell-shock therapy during a stay at a Sheffield military hospital. Some of his work had even been included in a collage of soldiers' embroidery that had served as a frontal at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England, until that church's altar was destroyed during the Battle of Britain in the Second World War.

"He continued to do embroidery throughout his life," said Anna of her grandfather, who returned to his home of Port Dover after the war and went on to become a father to seven children, a carpenter, a church elder and a village councillor before his death at 83 in 1976.

Anna and her family didn't need anything else to respect and honour

(See "Terra Nova" on page 10)



**Anna Muth** with a portrait of her grandfather, World War I veteran James Ernest Muth. Below is the St. Paul's Cathedral altar frontal that Muth contributed embroidery to while convalescing in a Sheffield military hospital.



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## This Weekend

### Friday, August 22 to Monday, August 25

- **Nottawasaga Daylilies** Come see the late bloom. Open 10 am to 5 pm Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from now until Labour Day. 3757 Conc 3, Avening. See ad on page 12.

### Saturday, August 22

- **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.

### Saturday, August 23

- **2014 Copper Kettle Classics.** Classic Car Show from 10 am to 5 pm featuring 1990 or older classic cars, trucks and motorcycles, OddBalls and One-Offs. Call 705-466-6593 for more information or visit [www.copperkettleclassics.com](http://www.copperkettleclassics.com).
- **Infinity Gymnastics Grand Opening Gymfest** from 10am to 2pm, featuring BBQ, gymnastics demonstrations, free open gym for beginners to try equipment, plus bouncy castle, games, auction and more. Meet author and Olympian Jessica Tudos with her book, Kika The Upside Down Girl. Fall registration open. 17 Napier Court Utopia, just off Hwy 90 between Angus and Barrie, 705-896-3220.

- **Creemore Springs Copper Kettle Festival** from noon to 6 pm rain or shine. First Annual Copper Kettle Cook-Off featuring celebrity chefs, local growers & more.
- **Creemore Skating Club Duck Race.** At 2:30 pm from Collingwood Street Bridge to Mad River Park. Tickets \$5 available at *Creemore Echo*.
- **Knox Presbyterian Church Dunedin's Annual Chicken BBQ** from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$15, youth \$7, children 6 and under are free.

### Sunday, August 23

- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- **Praise in the Park.** An outdoor worship service and picnic at the pavilion in the New Lowell Conservation Centre at 10:15 am. Hosted by New Lowell United Church. Featuring the gospel music of Al and Lloyd (North of 40).

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, August 27

- **Caregiver Support Group Meeting** at the VON Adult Day Program at Sunset Manor, 49 Raglan Street, Collingwood. Connecting family and friends caring for a person who is elderly or frail or with various stages of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. Educating and learning coping strategies in a safe place, while sharing challenges and successes. For more information call Fiona at 705-444-2457.

### Thursday, August 28

- **Bingo at Creemore Legion.** Doors open at 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.

### Thursday, August 28 to Monday, Sept 15

- **Scrap Metal Fundraiser for Badjeros United Church.** Let us help you with your fall clean-up! A scrap metal bin will be placed at Badjeros United Church Shed from Thursday August 28 to Monday September 15. Donations for any scrap metal, old appliances and electronics will be sincerely appreciated. If you would like us to pick up your items contact Barbara Black at 705-466-5201.

### Friday, August 29

- **Susan Prosser is retiring today from the TD Bank.** Drop in between 10 am and 1 pm to say good bye.

### Wednesday, September 3

- **Card Parties held at the Old School House in Duntroon** begin today on Wednesdays. Snack at 1

pm, Cards at 1:30 pm. All are welcome. Call June at 705-445-0623 for more information.

### Friday, September 5

- **Registration for the 2014-15 Friday Night Mixed Dart League** will be held tonight at 7:30pm, at the Creemore Legion. Regular play will begin on September 12. All players are welcome, you don't need to be a Legion member to join. Come out and enjoy this fun league! For more information please call Mike at 705-466-3007.

### Monday, September 8

- **ChoralWorks Choir** – Starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> exciting season! Rehearsals on Mondays at 7 pm, starting tonight through to May, at Collingwood Public Library. Especially welcome altos, tenors and basses with music reading skills. Contact Brian Rae at 705-444-5857 [www.choralworks.com](http://www.choralworks.com)

### Wednesday, Sept 10

- **Creemore Skating Club Registration** at the Creemore Arena from 6:30 to 8 pm tonight. For more information please contact Annette Belkosky 705-424-9422 or [a.belkosky@hotmail.ca](mailto:a.belkosky@hotmail.ca) or Julie Bigham 705-424-0626 or [jbigham30@hotmail.com](mailto:jbigham30@hotmail.com).

### Sunday, September 14


- **Terry Fox Run.** Bike, walk, run! The 33rd Anniversary Terry Fox A Run For A Cure For Cancer from 9 am to noon at the Mulmur Town Office, 2nd Line and 20th Sideroad in Terra Nova. 1, 5 or 10 km. Fun for families and supporters of all types! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Donations of any amount can be made at the event.

### October 2014

- **The ACC North (Avening Hall)** is pleased to announce their fall lineup which includes a night with Cameron House Records: Whitney Rose, The Devin Cuddy Band and Sam Cash and the Romantics on Oct. 3; Buck 65 on Oct. 4; and Skydiggers on Oct. 25. Check out [aveninghall.com](http://aveninghall.com) for details and to buy tickets.

### Saturday, October 4


- **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.** Registration starts at 10:30 am at the Federal Heritage Building, 44 Hurontario Street, Collingwood. The Walk begins at 11:15 am. Rain or shine! A playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects and remediation's to domestic violence. Although only men can register to participate, women play a huge part in this event. Women can encourage the men in their lives to walk, help them reach their fundraising goal and cheer them on. My Friend's House needs \$180,000 this year, it's that simple. A harsh truth to be sure but so is domestic violence. We can do it with your help. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges to participate. Don't worry about shoes, we provide pumps in every size! Call 705-444-2511 or email [myfriendshouse@myfriendshouse.ca](mailto:myfriendshouse@myfriendshouse.ca) to register. **Fred Mills of The Creemore Echo** is walking again this year after taking last year off to rest his tootsies! To sponsor him visit <http://myfriendshouse.dojiggy.com/fredmills>



After 31 years of service, Susan Prosser has made the decision to retire from TD Bank. Her last day will be August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Susan has a heart of gold and will be deeply missed by staff and customers.

Please join us on **August 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-1** to wish Susan well on the next chapter of her life.





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**Tubo** and **Tyler Kueper** of Iron Butterfly Blacksmithing are donating custom grills to the Copper Kettle Cook Off, while the Clearview Community Garden (pictured here are volunteers **Brooke-Lynn Downey**, **Norm Lemieux**, **Earl Hoover** and **Domenico Lupoi**) is providing produce for the event.

## Inaugural Copper Kettle Cook Off embraces local cuisine

by Brad Holden

This year's Copper Kettle Festival will feature a new event, one aimed at embracing the spirit of rural cuisine.

The Copper Kettle Cook Off is being organized by **Miriam Streiman** of Maple Valley's Mad Maple Country Inn, and will take place in the parking lot of the Creemore Kitchen, across from the brewery, from 1 to 4 pm.

The event will feature two teams made up of both celebrity foodies and locals, facing off against each other to create the best entrée with the same list of local ingredients and a dash or two of Creemore Springs beer.

Streiman has used her considerable clout in the media and hospitality

industries to lure an impressive group of chefs and food folks to take part – though none are “ego types,” according to Streiman. “These are all people who have genuine connections to rural communities and are thrilled to be joining us in Creemore,” she said.

Emceeding the event will be **Kevin Brauch**, who hosted the show *The Thirsty Traveller* and has worked on *Iron Chef America*.

Team One will consist of **Donna Dooher**, cookbook author and owner of Toronto's Mildred's Temple Kitchen, **Alex Molitz**, the executive chef at Toronto's Farmhouse Tavern, and **Gillian Flies** and her daughter **Ella Preston** of The New Farm in

Maple Valley.

Team Two will include restaurateur **Rodney Bowers**, who appears regularly on the *Marilyn Dennis Show*, **Tanya Kelly** of Bluntroll Aprons, **Paul Van Staveren** of Stayner Rental and his daughter **Karen**.

Judging the team's creations will be cookbook author **Bonnie Stern**, Creemore Springs production manager **Bryan Egan**, **Caesar Guinto** of Creemore Kitchen and **Wendy Jeffries** of the Clearview Stayner Foodbank.

Those judges will crown one of the teams the “Copper Kettle Cook Off Winner,” but there is another award up for grabs – the People's Choice Award. Beginning at 4 pm, tastings from

each team (and voting ballots) will be available in exchange for a donation to the Clearview Stayner Food Bank.

A large group of local volunteers are working to pull this event off, not the least of which are **Tubo** and **Tyler Kueper** of Glencairn's Iron Butterfly Blacksmithing, who are donating custom grills, harvest tables and awards, in the form of “dinner triangles.” Produce is also being provided by the Clearview Community Garden.

“I'm so excited,” said Streiman, picking up some of that produce on Thursday morning. “It feels like we've created an event that belongs in this community.”

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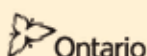


Special Guests

#### New Copper Kettle Cook-Off. 1pm Creemore Kitchen, Mill Street.

Two teams, comprised of culinary icons, gifted chefs, farmers and community members, cook-off against one another using local ingredients and a selection of Creemore Springs beer. Hosted by The Thirsty Traveler, Kevin Brauch, and joined by Rodney Bowers, Donna Dooher, Bonnie Stern, Alex Molitz, Tanya Kelly, Gillian Flies, Paul Van Staveren, Wendy Jeffries & more!

For more details, visit [copperkettlefestival.ca](http://copperkettlefestival.ca) or call 1 800 267-2240.



Event organizer **Miriam Streiman** (right) with **Earl Hoover** of the Clearview Community Garden.

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## EDITORIAL

### A Note of Thanks

Just three weeks after downtown Creemore was inundated with thousands of children and their parents for the third installment of the Creemore Children's Festival, our streets will be packed once again this Saturday for the Creemore Springs Brewery's venerable Copper Kettle Festival. There will be fun for kids and adults alike at Mad River Park, including the pony rides, music and free-flowing lager that has always been part of the festivities.

But the festival doesn't end there. These days during the event, a good chunk of the village is covered with "Copper Kettle Classics" of all colour and stripe, and this year will mark the inaugural staging of the Copper Kettle Cook Off, a culinary contest that is sure to entertain in the parking lot of the Creemore Kitchen.

Like the Children's Festival, these events will no doubt be run with the kind of professionalism we've come to expect in this crazy little town. But it's important to remember just how much volunteer work goes into spectacles like the Copper Kettle Classics and the Copper Kettle Cook Off. We're lucky to have such people in our community, and we should all take a moment to be grateful during this weekend's fun.

## Big Heart Seniors

The Emmanuel Church is presenting a Steak Supper on September 6 from 5 to 6 pm. Cost per person for adults and teens is \$17, with six to twelve-year-olds eating for \$8.50. Children under six are free.

Our next Rama trip will be on September 2, leaving the Creemore Legion at 8:30 am with pickups in New Lowell and Angus. We are always looking for riders and if you would like a day away please call **Irma Flack** at 705-466-5205 or **Evelyn Warden** at 705-429-5067 to reserve a seat. We receive promotions from the Casino.

We had 11 full tables for cards and lucky draws were won by **Ray Leighton**, **May Johnston** (2), **Corrine Brownridge**, **Ray Broad**, **Evelyn Warden** and **George Blakney**.

There were five Moon Shots played by **Marj Thomson**, **Marg Ferguson**, **George Blakney**, **Jim Rigney**, with the travel prize to **Dave Smith**.

Winners for cards were **Jim Rigney** 309, **Earl Bentley** 276, **Marg Falls** 270 and **Marion Kelly** 266. **Ray Leighton** received low with 94.

A few facts that may interest you. Spiders have transparent blood. Female armadillos have exactly four babies at a time and they are always the same sex. Leonardo DaVinci could draw with one hand and write with the other at the same time. Glass gets stronger the longer it is underwater – the only known substance to do so

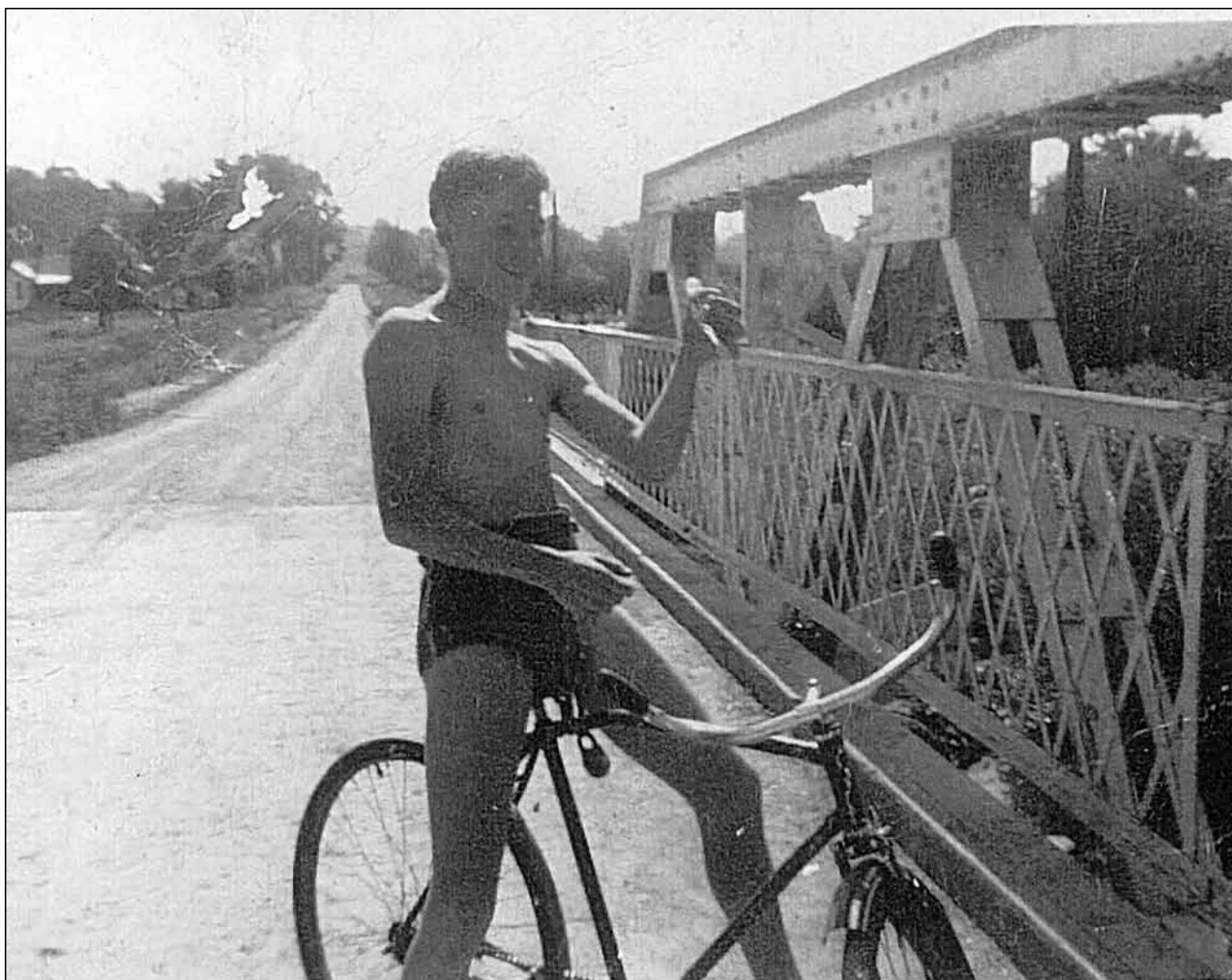
Remember: tough times don't last; tough people do.

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## THE WAY WE WERE



**Colleen Stamp** brought us this great picture of her father Eldon Barber in the late 1940s, posing on his bike on the old Caroline Street bridge. In those days, the Mad River was so deep that kids would regularly jump off the bridge and swim in the waters below.

## LETTER

### County Road 91 closure remains an issue for residents on both sides

Dear Editor:

On August 9, the Osprey Community Centre was filled with people wanting to become more informed on the plan to close Simcoe County Road 91 and the negative impact this would have for everyone on both sides of the closure.

My phone did not quit ringing for days, both before and after the meeting and I am still getting calls every day, a week after the fact.

We learned that Walker Aggregates has what it needs to build a tunnel under County Road 91, as it has done in other areas of the province and that it would still tunnel to keep business up and running with no issue to continued public access to the road.

People came to talk about valid concerns that closing County Road 91 will negatively affect EMS service from Clearview to Grey Highlands' east end, safer winter travel, safety at intersections on surrounding small roads, business and local merchant profits, tourism and any faith that

representatives actually represent the concerns of the people who voted them into place.

Meeting organizers await information, or lack thereof, on proper public process from both Clearview Township and Grey County Council, used to inform Grey Highlands Council and the public on both sides of County Road 91 before deciding to close a major public east/west corridor from Simcoe County to Grey/Bruce County.

Grey Highlands has already sent letters of objection to the road closure and will be making a delegation to Clearview Township in September.

While Simcoe County and Clearview Township may save some money by downgrading the care and upkeep of what would be left of County Road 91, what kind of precedent is set if the closure of this important road actually comes to be? What gives a few the right to permanently close down access to a public road used by many? The next thing to ask yourself is this: will your road be next?

**Lorrie Gillis**, Grey Highlands

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# Anonymous in Avening

by Beth Rowe

About this time last summer I was in Avening visiting my grandparents Sylvia and **Warren Gale**. It was the first time I'd visited completely on my own as an adult, though it turns out Gramma didn't quite see it that way (I was 23, but still a young whippersnapper in her books). My mom **Laurie Rowe** grew up in Avening and seems to know everyone, just like Gramma, though I wasn't as fortunate. In essence I was a stranger on a short trip through town knowing only a handful of people. But how hard could it be, right? I was set to enjoy the anonymity of being in Avening rather than home in Calgary. Ha. Fat chance.

It started with something simple. Gramma sent me across the road to give **Maurice Weatherall** a handful of fresh cucumbers on my first day there. I'd been over to visit many times before; Maurice was one of the few people I did know. I don't think I'd more than said hello before Gramma was on the front porch of her house (as far as her oxygen hose would go) making sure I'd crossed the road OK, found the right house, and making sure Maurice knew who I was. You'd think she thought I was six years old still.

The next episode was on a trip to town to do errands, on my own. Pick



**Beth Rowe**, her mom **Laurie** and her grandmother Sylvia Gale, who passed away last fall.

up a prescription, hit the hardware store, and stop in at the post office to say "hi" to someone for Mom. Gramma was letting me do something on my own, and I even got to drive myself! Picking up the prescription was a breeze; apparently saying I was Sylvia's granddaughter was all it took. They didn't even ask for ID or anything! The visit to the post office was odd, as saying "Laurie Rowe sent

me to say hi to someone" caused a stir of "Oh you must be..." from staff and customers alike. When I got back to Avening I found out that Gramma had called both the post office and the pharmacy to make sure they knew who I was and that I was coming. Luckily, I walk (and drive) somewhat faster than she thought and had been there before the calls. Sigh. Only slightly embarrassing; I have been out in

public on my own before, Gramma. The icing on the cake was on my last day when, upon backing out of Gramma's driveway in the car (on my own, I'd escaped the apron strings momentarily), I turned around to see some complete stranger tapping on my window, nearly giving me a heart attack. "You must be Beth! I've heard so much about you from your Mom and on her Facebook!" Such was how I met Maurice Weatherall's daughter **Heather** for the first time.

About this time I came to terms with the fact that there was no such thing as being anonymous in Avening when your Gramma is Sylvia Gale (known by everyone for her Big Heart Seniors column in the *Echo*), and your mom and her siblings are known as the "Wicked Westerners." Looking back on it now, however, I'm glad I'm not anonymous when I'm there. At Gramma's wake and funeral this past November, I couldn't count the number of people I don't think I'd met who said that they'd heard so much about myself and my sister, who were there for a hug or comforting word. I understand now how much Avening and Creemore, but more importantly the people in it, come together to make this feel like home.

Thank you, for everything. And remember, anonymity in Avening is highly overrated.

## What's in Season?

by **Pam Black**, Creemore Farmers' Market President

This week there will be corn, potatoes, tomatoes, garlic, onions, cabbage, peppers, lettuce, beans, beets, herbs, cherries, blueberries, and apples.

Are you looking for breakfast when you get to the market? Drop by "Sassy Sonja's Bursting Flavours" and get your hot breakfasts, loaded bagels, bagel quiche or a mcmuffin. Sonja also has individual sale items such as cookies, muffins, scones, cinnamon rolls and squares.

See you there...

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



**Sunday, August 24**

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# HERE COME THE CARS

Last year’s Copper Kettle Classics show brought 400 vintage cars to Creemore during the Copper Kettle Festival. If this weekend’s weather is good, organizer **Corey Finkelstein** expects at least as many again this year.

“We’ve definitely developed a bit of a following,” said Finkelstein on Tuesday, at which point he had 208 cars pre-registered for the event. “There’s just so much happening in town, with the Copper Kettle Festival going on, that car enthusiasts love to come here.”

With last year’s brewery festival relocating to the main street, Finkelstein was able to park cars on the Gordon lot across from the Foodland as well as in Mad River Park. This year he won’t have those options, so expect the classic cars to

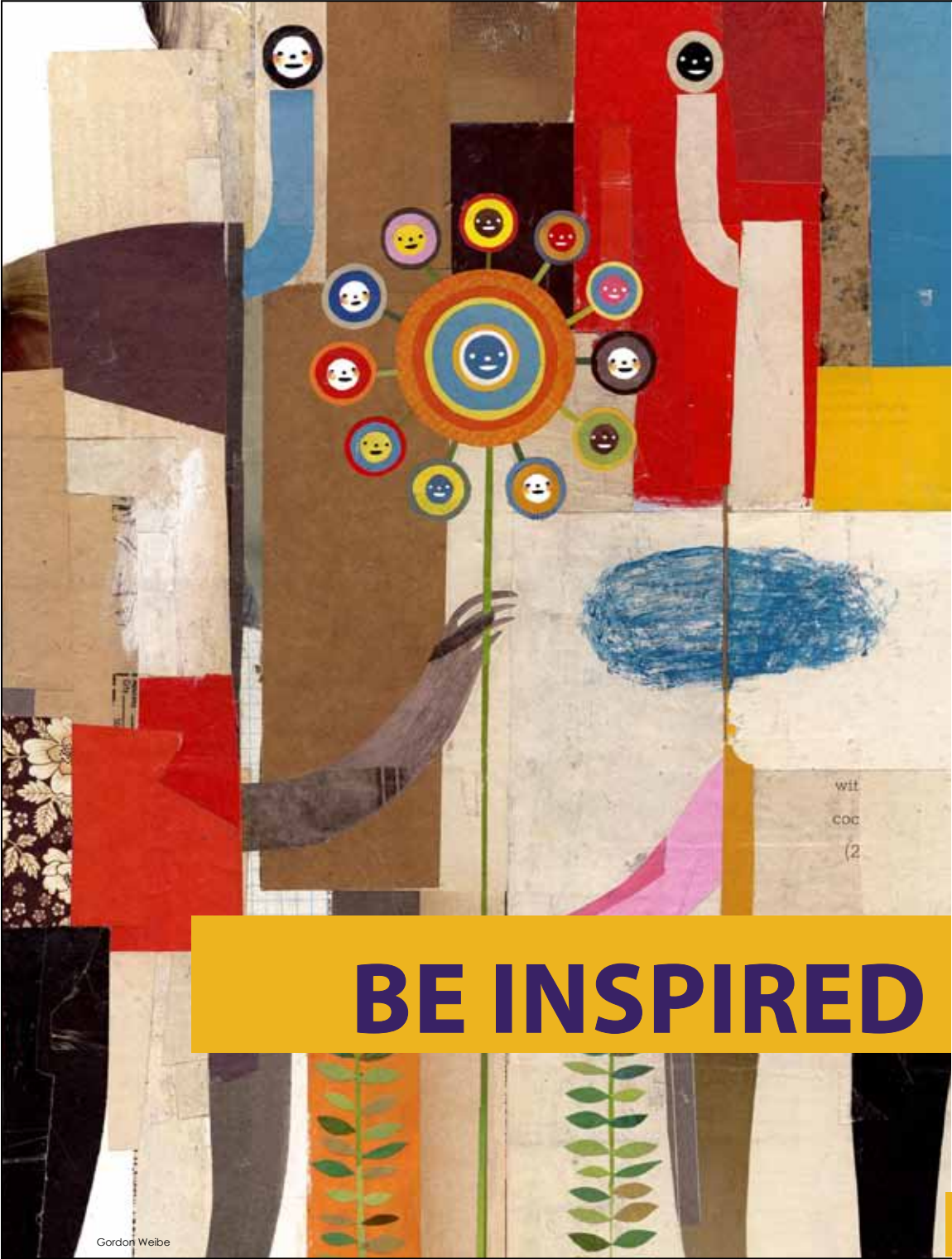
take up even more of the village’s streets.

“We’re actually ‘renaming’ a bunch of the streets this year,” said Finkelstein. “The main part of Mill Street will become ‘Route 66,’ the stretch of Elizabeth in front of the brewery will be ‘Model A Avenue,’ Caroline West will become ‘Volkswagen Boulevard,’ Francis Street will be ‘Import Avenue.’ There will be ‘Rat Rod Alley,’ ‘Rockers & Mods Street’ and so on.”

For the second year in a row, winners in seven categories including “Best In Show” will receive custom copper kettle awards donated by Iron Butterfly Blacksmithing of Glencairn. The show begins at 10 am on Saturday, August 23 and awards will be handed out in the Sovereign Restaurant Beer Tent at 4 pm.



Above and below are two of the custom Copper Kettle Classics awards donated by Iron Butterfly Blacksmithing.



# CREEMORE festival of the ARTS

**SAT. OCT 4**  
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**SMALL HALLS FESTIVAL**  
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**HARMONY**  
The unveiling of Ernest Herzig’s gift of sculpture to the village. Saturday, October 4 at 10 am Horticultural Park - Station on the Green  
As part of the Festival’s opening Ceremonies we are pleased to reveal Creemore’s newest public art.

**INSPIRED**  
**Works by Eleven Acclaimed Artists curated by Sara Sniderhan**  
Station on the Green  
This signature art show is an all-Canadian, all-stellar exhibition of eleven contemporary artists and illustrators whose work is being celebrated nationally and internationally: **Sara Sniderhan, Shaun Downey, Graham Roumie, Rachel Berman, Marco Cibola, Sean Yelland, Keita Morimoto, Peter Mitchell, Gordon Weibe, Peter Roffer and Gosia.**

**THE DETRITUS PROJECT**  
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*A message from*  
**Krista Young,**  
*General Manager*

Often in the community, I hear, “have you saved my room for me?” and I respond, “Of course!” Then I hear: “But I’m not ready yet.” For some, it may not be the right timing, for others, I worry that you are going to miss the window of being able to enjoy the lifestyle provided by retirement living if you soon don’t make your decision.

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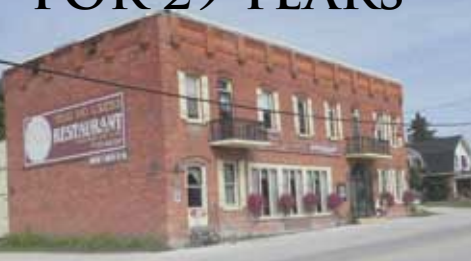
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# Terra Nova resident’s grandfather contributed to St. Paul’s altar frontal

(Continued from page 1)

the life of James Muth; their own fond memories and the story of his life were enough. But this past May, a surprise email arrived from a team of British researchers, and three months later, earlier this month, Anna and her brother **James** (himself named after their grandfather) found themselves in the front row of pews at St. Paul’s Cathedral, guests of honour at the great church’s celebrations of the centenary of the First World War.

It turns out that the frontal survived World War II after all, but it was put into storage because the new altar, replacing the one damaged by German bombers, was built to different dimensions.

When it was decided in 2013 that the frontal would be restored to its original glory and used as a centrepiece at this year’s 100th anniversary service, work began to find information on and track down descendents of the 138 wounded Commonwealth soldiers who had contributed embroidery to it.

Those family members found, descendants of about 60 of the soldiers, were invited to London to take part in the August 3 service marking the outbreak of the war.

“We couldn’t not go,” said Anna of her and her brother James, who inherited not only their grandfather’s name but also his military blood – he is a Lieutenant Colonel in the same Royal Canadian Regiment as his namesake and works as an instructor at the Canadian Army Command and Staff College at Fort Frontenac, Kingston. With those credentials, the younger James Muth was invited to read the Lesson during the service, standing at the altar in front of the more than 1,000 people in attendance.

Sitting in the front row with Anna and her brother was the Lord Mayor of London, various Ambassadors to England and even some “lesser royalty,” according to Anna.

“It was unbelievable how well we were treated,”



**Anna Muth** and her brother **James**, a Lieutenant Colonel with the Royal Canadian Regiment, in front of the altar frontal that includes some of their grandfather’s embroidery.

she said. “I run a pub in Terra Nova – I’m not used to that kind of treatment!”

Anna and James spent a whirlwind three days in London, and the pomp and circumstance surrounding the First World War centenary was “everywhere,” she said. Upon her return, she took a few days to process what had happened, and to reflect on the life of her beloved grandfather, before tucking a picture of the

newly restored frontal into his portrait at the door and getting back to work.

*After the service, the altar frontal was transferred to a display case in the sanctuary of St. Paul’s, where it will be on public display until the centenary service commemorating the end of the First World War on November 11, 2018. More information can be found at [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk).*

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# Mulmur asks for input on properties of historic interest

by Julie Pollock

The Mulmur Heritage Committee is preparing a register of properties of historical interest in advance of their upcoming Heritage Open House (September 27). The list must be final by the end of this month. Members of the public can submit their suggestions.

The Committee, consisting of four Mulmur residents and a member of Council, has set criteria for properties of "cultural heritage value" and maintains a register or list of those

deemed conservation worthy. A current register of properties of historical interest, available on the Township website, consists of the area's abandoned cemeteries (which are maintained by the Township) and the Old Stanton Hotel.

Properties with potential for addition to the register may include past public gathering places (e.g., churches, lodges), properties where historical events took place, or properties recognized for their historical significance (e.g., direct

ties to settling families, notable period architecture or contribution to the area's rural character).

The Committee is compiling an unpublished list of potential additional properties. Property owners will be notified by letter, inviting them to the Heritage Open House for discussion. In the interest of privacy, the list will not be made public until it has been refined with input from residents and then presented to Mulmur Council for approval.

"We would like to have as much

participation from Township residents as possible," notes Committee Chair **Carl Tafel**. "We have invited members of Community Heritage Ontario to conduct a workshop during this Open House, in order to better explain the historic register and designation to our residents."

Favourite relics of local history can be submitted via email to the Township ([info@mulmurtownship.ca](mailto:info@mulmurtownship.ca)). Be sure to include specific property details such as lot information or an emergency number.

## Of newsreels, Sadie Hawkins and strawberry blondes

Kevin Charles Johnston was my best friend through elementary and high school and remains a close buddy even today, although he was replaced in the number one spot by my late wife of more than 58 years.

Growing up we did everything together. Where one was, there was the other. We played on the same baseball team, the same hockey team and when the occasional movie came to town there we were.

If you lived in a small Canadian village during and after WWII you will remember the travelling movie presentation that came to the town hall.

Those were the days of film on reels, film that regularly broke right in the midst of the most suspenseful part of the picture. The film usually started out with a newsreel (Movie Tone News) which was at least a month out of date. This was followed by a "sing along" to the lyrics on the screen paced by the "bouncing ball," in a futile attempt to keep all the audience singing the same words at the same time. The main feature was nearly always an "oater" or a propaganda style war movie. They could have shown us anything, we didn't care, just being



at the "flicks" was great fun. You will also remember that everyone smoked everywhere in those days and we watched the movie through a thick blue haze accented by the bright light

of the projector. Kevin Charles (we called him KC and this eventually became Casey) and I went to the movies together and in loud voices along with the rest of the crowd booed the villain and cheered the hero.

The summer following high school graduation was a crucial point in our lives. What next? Casey finally decided to become a butcher and took up an apprenticeship with the local butcher John McKenzie. I decided to try my hand at banking and joined The Bank of Toronto at the local branch. I was titled "Junior" and paid the handsome sum of \$900 per year. Survival was only possible because I lived at home.

That summer something else of momentous importance took place. A new shoe store opened. The owners were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown who had moved to our village from a small town in the Ottawa Valley. They had two children in their late teens, Neil and Shirley.

Shirley was a beautiful young woman with a sparkling personality, fine features and strawberry blond hair. She never lacked for dates and my friend Casey admired her from afar but being somewhat shy around the opposite sex and I suppose afraid of rejection he never approached her. I knew just by watching him that he was infatuated although we never spoke of it.

The other much anticipated town hall event was the monthly dance. There was a live orchestra or if you prefer a band. The owner of the local garage played the piano, the undertaker played the banjo and often my dad played the violin, more usually known as the fiddle. The format was three round dances followed by three square dances and so on. Few people attended as couples. Rather, the single men lined up on one side of the hall, the women on the other. When the music started the men moved "in on" whomever they had decided they wanted to dance with. Sometimes more than one man was asking the same girl and of course all but one would be rejected. Only slightly embarrassed, the rejected ones would move down the line. There were always more women than men.

Casey and I would always attend the monthly dance and although Shirley was there Casey could never muster the courage to ask her to dance. Then came the Sadie Hawkins Day dance. Shirley asked me to dance and I took the opportunity to suggest that she would make Casey a happy man if she asked him next and she did. The band played an old time waltz tune and the two of them, Casey and Shirley, the strawberry blonde, glided across the floor as if they had been dancing together all their lives. When the music stopped they didn't thank each other and return to their respective sides of the hall. No, they stood there in the middle of the dance floor waiting for the band to play on. They danced together every remaining dance and I

watched the magical chemistry take over and the joy on Casey's face was such that I thought he would explode.

Yes, as we used to say they started to "go steady" or even better they were "an item" and eventually became husband and wife. They have, with their two children, remained a loving family over these many years. Shirley is still a strawberry blonde, although I have suspicions that she may have recruited some outside help with the colour.

Casey hung in, pun intended, and became a fine butcher. I in turn decided that there had to be something better than working for starvation wages counting someone else's money and moved on from the bank.

In completing this tale, allow me to quickly tell you about two of Casey's namesake relatives. His great uncle became an all-star baseball player, was recruited by the Mudville AAA team and has been immortalized in the poem "Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer. His dad's sister married Casey Jones the famed railroad engineer who tragically died in the wreck of the old 97, or so Hank Snow sang.

*Dear reader: I know that you will have recognized that this short story is part whimsical history and part my imagination. I leave it for you to do the sorting, one from the other. All the people names are fictional but in many respects quite representative.*

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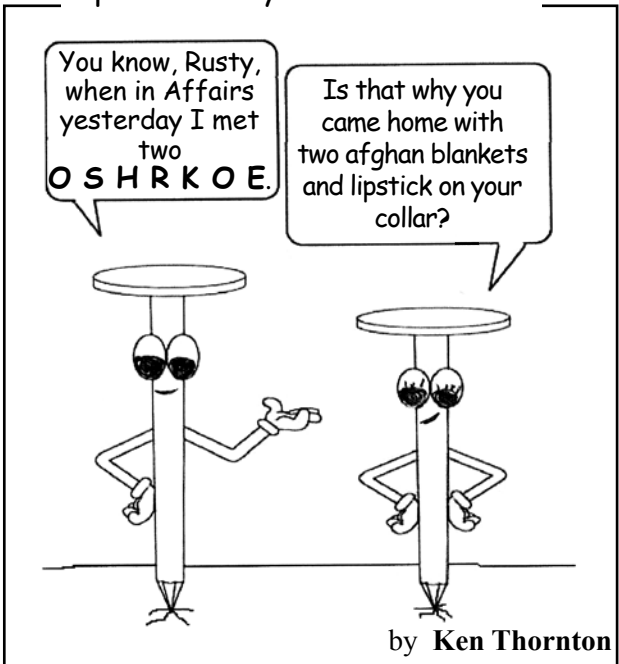
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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7				4		9		3

Answer on Classifieds page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



by Ken Thornton

Find this week's answer in Classifieds



### WEEKEND WEATHER

**Friday, August 22**  
Mainly cloudy  
High 22 Low 16 Winds E 10 km/h  
POP 40%

**Saturday, August 23**  
Cloudy with sunny breaks  
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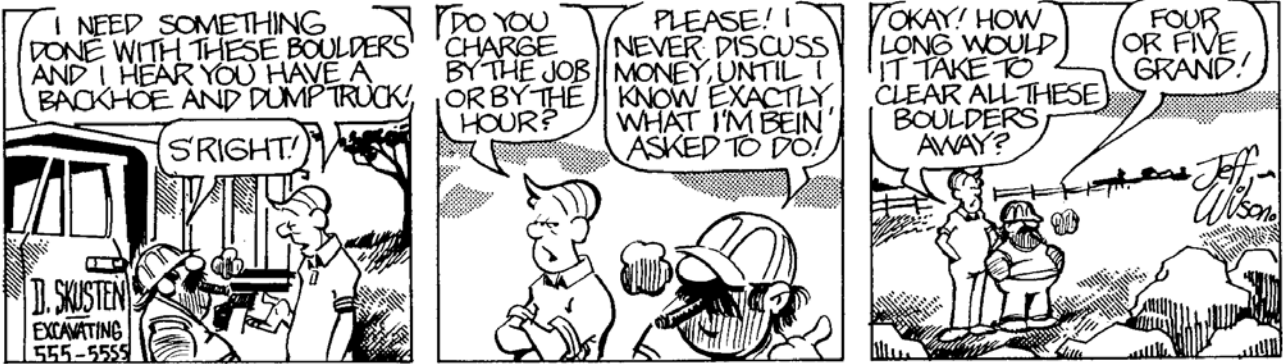
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by JEFF WILSON



### FRED'S FUNNIES

Where do monkeys go to grab a beer?

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## Canadian Criss Cross

August 22, 2014

- ACROSS
1. Driver's compartment

4. Not yet final, in law

8. Red Planet

12. Feast of Hawaiian food

14. Scandinavian king of the gods

15. Wooden shoe

16. Totes up

17. Previously owned

18. Practice piece

19. Bird with a cooing call

21. Amend wording

23. Say to

24. Child without parents

25. Provide schooling for

27. Swindle

31. Avatar of Vishnu

34. Baseball stats

36. Silk sash

37. European cavalry soldier

38. Sharing cultural characteristics

40. Whole of

41. Small amount

43. Arrowroot genus

44. Pressing lack

46. Deer meat

48. Site for lashes

50. Industrial diamond

53. Of the countryside

55. Harsh

57. Silky fibre

58. Clarified butter used in Indian cooking

60. Barenaked Ladies song

61. Eat away at

62. In this place

63. Thatching material

64. Hereditary unit

65. Emperor of Russia , until 1917

66. Abnormally bent
- DOWN

1. Applaud

2. Inspection of financial records

3. A police officer wears one

4. Naming word

5. Psyche parts

6. Cord word for S

7. Very thorough

8. Morning church service

9. Border on

10. Floated along

11. Sault \_\_\_\_ Marie

13. Futile

15. Antitoxins

20. Boringly familiar

22. Seeing that

24. Wood sorrel

26. Get to the bottom of

28. \_\_\_\_ Smythe Trophy

29. Somewhat

30. Isinglass

31. Genghis \_\_\_\_

32. Be the best

33. Small island

35. High-intensity light flash

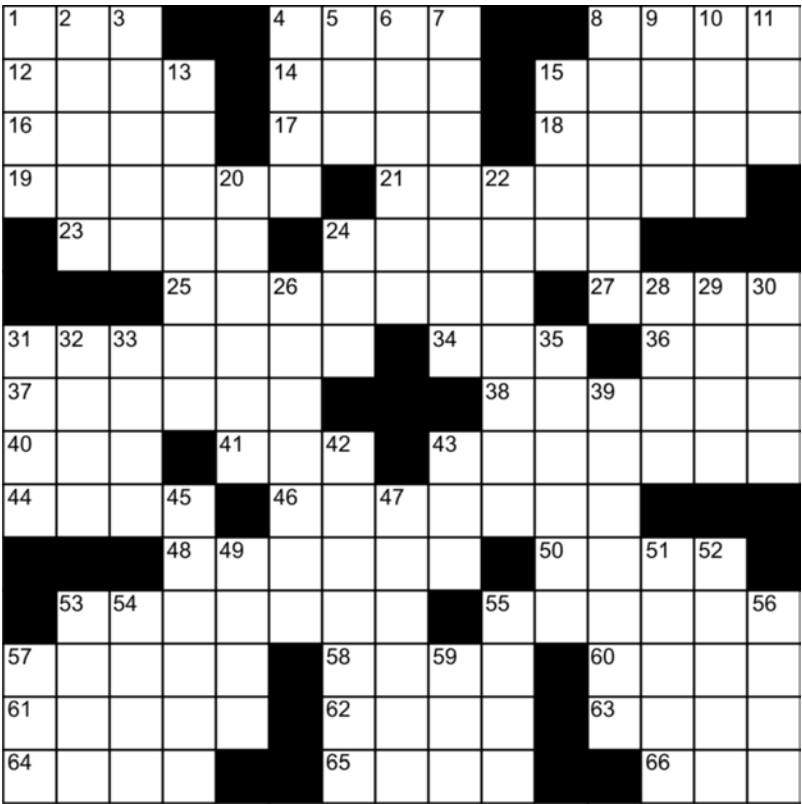
39. Town in southern Ontario

42. Take pleasure in

43. Near the centre

45. Solve a cryptogram

47. Wall recesses



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

49. Pilot's control lever

51. Take up again

52. City on the Moselle River

53. Without a stitch on

54. Familiar with
55. Prophet

56. Flow against the current

57. Beer barrel

59. Distinctive period of history





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Thank you to the wonderful Bookstore community for their warm words and kind wishes as I start my new adventure. I'm so glad that I'm not leaving Creemore, and that I will still have my connection to the bookstore through events and the occasional Saturdays. Thanks to everyone – the support has been overwhelming! See you in the stacks. **Jenn Hubbs**

DEATH NOTICE

**CURRIE, Bonnie Katharine** Passed away peacefully at home, with family by her side, on Monday, August 18, 2014, in her 71<sup>st</sup> year. Bonnie (nee Stoughton), beloved wife of Andrew (Mike) for 48 years. Loving mother of Cindy and David. Dear sister of (Cork) Robert Jr. (Doreen) Stoughton of Granite Falls, N.C. and the late Wayne. Bonnie was an avid traveller whose enthusiasm and curiosity had a global scope. Her compassion and hospitality were appreciated locally. During her illness, Bonnie received the love of fellow nurses, neighbours, many nieces and nephews and devoted friends. Nottawa United Church members provided her with spiritual support and her peace was found in her garden where she communed with God and counted her blessings. Visitation was held at Chatterson Funeral Home Collingwood, on Thursday, August 21st, 2014, from 7-9 pm. Bonnie's funeral will take place at Nottawa United Church on Friday at 1 pm. Interment at West Nottawasaga Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Donations made to the Simcoe Muskoka District volunteer drivers of the Canadian Cancer Society, Nottawa United Church or West Nottawasaga Church Cemetery would be appreciated. [www.chattersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.chattersonfuneralhome.com)

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DEATH NOTICE

**COOK, Jean** – On Monday, August 18, 2014, surrounded by family, Jean Cook (Hilts) peacefully breathed her last. Jean's family has been blessed to have spent 91 years enjoying her love, laughter, guidance and great cooking. In 1944, Jean married Ed Cook and they enjoyed 32 years of marriage before his death in 1976. They are reunited at last. She is survived by 9 of her 10 children: Tom (Cathy), Donna Chauvette, John (Bernice), Jim (Margaret), Bill (Mary), Gail Homsby, Terry (Joanne), Margaret Homsby (Don) and Brian (Holly), 2 brothers: Ernie and Bob Hilts, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents; Abner and Alice (Pifer) Hilts, brothers; Abner, Elwood, Larry, Ross and Orval, son: Ernie, son-in-law: Roger Chauvette, granddaughter: Sharon Wilson and great grandson: Brian Wilson. Jean will be resting at Fawcett Funeral Home in Creemore. Visitation was on Thursday, August 21 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm, followed by a Celebration of Life and final goodbye on Friday, August 22 at 1:00 pm. If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army Hope Acres, the Creedan Valley Residents Bus Fund or the Cancer Society would be appreciated. Friends may visit Jean's online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com)

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# Duelling the Dandelions

When I was a teenager, I was assigned the chore of keeping a tight rein on the dandelion population around our house. At the time, I thought that my dad was just looking for ways to keep me busy. In reality, he was helping me develop skills I would use in adulthood. Forty-some-odd years later, as the owner of my own home, attending to the dandelions is still one of the tasks that demands my attention.

I prefer not to use herbicides or chemicals on the lawn, so just as in my teenage years, I engage in hand-to-hand combat with the weed invaders – just me and a sharp knife against deep-rooted and wily opponents. Why wily? When I think about my childhood, I remember picking seed-loaded dandelion heads and blowing on them after making a wish. I was obviously falling for a ploy on the part of dandelions whereby they enlist the aid of humans to help them re-seed the next generation.

I will confess that I take on the task of dandelion eviction each spring with half-hearted effort until the first wave of spring butterflies have swept through – they enjoy nectaring on the yellow flowers and there aren't a lot of alternatives until other blossoms appear. But when the yellow flower flags of the dandelions lay claim to too broad a swath of lawn, the battle is joined in earnest. I'm not sold on the need to keep the lawn in golfcourse-worthy shape, but I do want to see the grass plants outnumber the dandelions.

I suppose I could take my revenge on my weedy invaders by adding them to my diet. Apparently, dandelion leaves, particularly when picked young, are succulent in salads and can be used in soups; roots can

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be dried, roasted and used as a coffee substitute; and even the flowers and seeds can be eaten. After a day of dandelion digging, though, I just don't have the appetite for it.

The wildflower book I consulted while researching this column said that dandelions are not endangered, and can be "picked freely" (that's a relief). It doesn't seem they are at risk of being endangered any time soon. According to one reference I consulted, each flower can produce up to 200 seeds, and since plants can have multiple flowers, each plant has the potential to form 5,000 seeds. No wonder there are so many dandelions around! On the bright side, when I think about how many dandelion plants I have dug up in my lifetime, I've prevented a staggering amount of them from re-seeding themselves (you're welcome, everyone).

Now that we are well into summer, the lawn has

established a thick green coat of grass that serves as its own barrier to weedy incursions, so for now the dandelions and I have called a truce. As long as they keep a low profile with the flowers, I'm willing to walk past the serrated leaves and pretend I don't see them.

But that doesn't keep me from musing about the future. It occurred to me this spring as I was conducting my annual dandelion campaign that perhaps we are looking at dandelions all wrong. Automakers are working on fuel cell vehicles that run on hydrogen, with water as the end product. Perhaps someone could develop a vehicle that uses dandelion plants as fuel, and produces fine dandelion wine as a by-product. I know where anyone who's interested can get a healthy supply of dandelions to experiment with. Yes, I think next spring I can save some effort by posting a sign at the road: "Get Your U-Pick Dandelions Here."



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