

# The Creemore ECHO

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News and views in and around Creemore

## Council opts for 4-way stop

by Trina Berlo

Clearview council has agreed to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Concession 10 and the 33/34 Sideroad Nottawasaga, near Nottawa.

Council members opted for the additional stop signs at its Nov. 24 meeting.

The four-way stop is preferable to rumble strips, as recommended by staff, because it is believed that problems at the intersection aren't caused by poor visibility as much as driver behaviour.

"For some reason it just feels like a four-way stop and I think that's the problem. I think there's an expectation the people coming the other way are going to stop," said councillor **Brent Preston**. "It's not a perfect solution but it's the best solution of all the ones before us."

Staff recommended rumble strips be placed on Concession 10 on both the northbound and southbound lanes approaching the intersection in the spring, that the two-way tab be removed from the existing stop signs and that the signs be replaced with bigger ones.

Council unanimously agreed to proceed with converting the intersection to a four-way stop, which will require a bylaw be brought back to council for consideration.

Councillor **Doug Measures** said during the election campaign speeding was identified as the top issue. He said the township should go for the gusto by adding bigger signs, signs that indicate stop signs ahead and even look into what it would cost to install flashing lights.

Councillor **Shawn Davidson** said the same issue was raised about nine years ago and changes made at that time weren't enough so more needs to be done.

"It's time to try to slow the intersection down," he said.

CAO **Steve Sage** reported that (See "Collisions" on page 5)



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Creemore resident **Barry Burton**, pictured with his parrot Jewel, will be sworn in as deputy mayor of Clearview Township on Monday.

## Duty calls for new heads of council

by Trina Berlo

Since being elected in October, **Chris Vanderkruys** and **Barry Burton** have been working behind the scenes, getting ready to lead Clearview Township.

Vanderkruys and Burton will be sworn in at the inaugural council meeting Monday, at town hall in Stayner. Vanderkruys is the incoming mayor and Burton is incoming deputy mayor.

They will each have under their belts, a county orientation and two of three classes on what it is to be the head of council.

They have also been meeting with most council members individually to get a sense of what the issues are in each of the wards.

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## Echo Briefs

### Cash prizes for best dressed downtown windows

Creemore's secret Santa is offering cash prizes for the best dressed shop windows in the downtown core.

A \$100 prize will go to the business with the best Christmas decorations. A \$50 prize will be given for second place and \$25 for third place.

All windows must be ready for judging by Dec. 15. The winners will be announced in *The Creemore Echo* on Friday, Dec. 19.

### Stayner BIC giving away free turkeys

Stayner Brethren In Christ Church is giving out free turkeys and all the fixings.

The frozen turkeys will be available for pick up on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church, located at 1152 Concession 6 North just north of County Road 91.

Those wanting a turkey are asked to call the church at 705-428-6537 to reserve one in advance.

### Creemore Echo food and toy drive continues

*The Creemore Echo* is once again holding its annual food and toy drive.

*The Echo* is collecting non-perishable food items, unwrapped toys for all age groups, cash and grocery store gift cards to be distributed locally.

Bring all donations to the office, located at 3 Caroline St. W., during regular business hours.

*The Echo* has been collecting items for those in need since the newspaper began publishing in 2001.

*The Echo* works with local organizations to distribute the items.

### Moonlight shopping Friday

Creemore businesses will be staying open late tonight during a Moonlight Shop event. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., there will be added nightlife on Mill Street and throughout the village, entertainment, dining and the shops will be open late.

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Now until Sunday, December 14

- **St. Luke's Gifts of Grace "Silent" Auction** closes at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. The church will be open to view & bid on the items Sunday mornings, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For other times call 705-466-2206, 22 Caroline Street West.

### Now until Monday, Dec. 22

- **Creemore Echo's Annual Toy & Food Drive.** Drop into our office with unwrapped gifts for all ages, food, grocery store gift certificates and make somebody's Christmas!

### Friday, November 28

- **Toonie Lunch.** Come out and enjoy some homemade soup and breads with your friends for just a toonie. At St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline St. West from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Moonlight Shop on Mill Street** from 6 to 10 p.m. Come do some shopping in downtown Creemore on this special night and get some great deals!
- **Creemore House of Stitches' 4th Anniversary Open House tonight.** Drop in for our giant anniversary sales.
- **Closing Reception for Martha Bull's "Canoe Visions"** at Curiosity House Gallery from 6 to

8 p.m. Artist will be present. Refreshments will be served. Last chance to see Martha's solo exhibit and to do some holiday shopping at Curiosity House Bookstore during the Moonlight Shop on Mill Street. We will be open until 10 p.m.

### Friday, November 28 & Saturday, Nov. 29

- **Clearview's Creemore Fire Station's Annual Food Drive** at Creemore Foodland. Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donations go to Clearview - Stayner Food Bank.

### Friday, November 28 to Sunday, Nov. 30

- **Tipling Stage Company** presents *Little Red Riding Hood*, a traditional British pantomime, at Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne. Adults \$15, children \$8. Call 519-925-2600 for more information or visit [www.tiplingstagecompany.com](http://www.tiplingstagecompany.com).

### Saturday, November 29

- **Christmas Baked Goods and Quilt and Craft Sale** beginning at 9 a.m. Fresh baked pies, handmade quilts and crafts. Coffee and muffins. Nottawa United Church, Queen Street, Nottawa.
- **Curiosity House** welcomes author **E.K. Johnston** who will be in the store handselling her novel *The Story of Owen* as part of "Indies First" from noon to 4 p.m.

- **Creemore Holiday House Tour** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View 6 spectacular homes decked out for the Holidays by local designers and decorators. Tickets \$25 with a portion of the proceeds going to local charities. Tickets will be available at Station on the Green that day.

- **Bid Euchre Tournament** at Leisure Time Club, 100 Minnesota Street, Collingwood. \$10 per person. Registration at 11 a.m., hot lunch at noon, cards at 1 p.m. Cash prizes, lucky draw, share the wealth and 50/50 draws. Club Membership not a requirement. Must be 50+. For more information call 705-445-9685 (days) or 705-444-2475 (nights).

### Saturday, November 29 & Sunday, Nov. 30

- **Christmas Craft Sale** in Rosemont at the Orange Hall on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Sunday, November 30

- **Church Services** – see page 5.
- **St. Luke's Gift of Music Concert Series** with classical guitarist **Tariq Harb** at 3 p.m. today at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Caroline Street West. Tickets \$15 available at Curiosity House, *The Creemore Echo* or at the door.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, December 3

- **Yoga Fundraiser for My Friend's House** in Collingwood. A Gentle/Restorative Class at The Sanctuary, 1 Caroline Street West from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Leigh Bird at 705-796-4915 or [birdleigh@gmail.com](mailto:birdleigh@gmail.com).

### Thursday, December 4

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Angus Recreation Centre from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) to book your appointment.

### Friday, December 5

- **Creemore Christmas Tree Lighting** at 6:30 pm at Station on the Green. Carols, Crazy Hat Contest for kids. Hosted by CARA & Tree Society of Creemore.

### Friday, December 5 & Saturday, Dec. 6

- **The 4th Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament** at the Honeywood Arena. For more information contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842, [leitherin@hotmail.com](mailto:leitherin@hotmail.com) or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, [chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca](mailto:chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca)

### Saturday, December 6

- **Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School** is once again proud to host **Breakfast with Santa** from 9 am to noon. Come out and take pleasure in the Christmas festivities and enjoy a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Also, take part in the other fun events such as: Kids Shopping Room, Treasure Tray Raffles, Kids Craft Room, Silent Auction and a visit with Frosty the Snowman and Santa!
- **Creemore Christmas Market** at Station on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. Full of a wide assortment of gifts and items to keep you through the winter. This is our last market until Easter.
- **Creemore Santa Claus Parade** begins at County Road 9 at 1:30 pm and will turn down Mill Street. If you would like to put in a float, contact Laurie at TD Canada Trust. Donations for the Clearview - Stayner Foodbank can be given to the **Creemore Firefighters** as they walk beside their fire wagon. Also, **Paramedics** will be collecting toys for their Annual Toy Drive at the parade.
- **Meet Santa after the Parade** at Station on the Green. Enjoy some hot chocolate.

### Sunday, December 7

- **Christmas Church Supper at Creemore Baptist Church** at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a turkey dinner with a Christmas Carol Sing to follow. All welcome - no charge.

### Thursday, December 11

- **Bay Photography Meeting** at The Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood at 6:30 p.m. This month discussing Results; Abstract and Scapes; & Architecture Photography. Contact Jim Desormeaux at [jimdesormeaux@hotmail.com](mailto:jimdesormeaux@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Friday, December 12

- **Christmas Carol – A dramatic reading of Dickens' Holiday Classic** featuring **Dan Needles** & special guests at Trinity United Church, Collingwood at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 available at Crow's Nest Books. All proceeds to My Friend's House Shelter & the Trinity Food Bank. [www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com](http://www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com) for details.

### Sunday, December 14

- **Majengo Party** at Creativity Art Retreat, 8961 County Road 9 in Dunedin from 2 to 5 p.m. Tree ornaments, jewellery, original drawings from the kids, and more. Bring interested friends and family. Have any old prescription glasses? Bring them and they will make their way to Majengo! Donation bar / delicious African food. RSVP to [lynnconnell@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynnconnell@sympatico.ca).
- **St. Luke's Gift of Music Concert Series** with **The Three Tenors** at 3 p.m. today at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Caroline Street West. Tickets \$15 available at Curiosity House, *The Creemore Echo* or at the door.

### Tuesday, December 16

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

### Wednesday, December 17

- **The Stayner Skating Club** is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner with Santa** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Stayner Community Centre. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children under 12 and \$30 for a family of four.

### Thursday, December 25

- **The 13th Annual Christmas Community Dinner** will be held at Creemore Legion. Social hour at 4:30 p.m. followed by the traditional hot buffet meal at 6 p.m. For more information contact Diane at 705-466-3126.

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# Outgoing Clearview mayor says it's hard to let go

by Trina Berlo

Council members not returning to the table in the coming term took an opportunity at their final meeting Monday to say farewell and ‘see yas around’.

Four council members are not returning to the table.

Mayor **Ken Ferguson** and councillors **Orville Brown** and **Brent Preston** did not seek reelection this time around.

Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage**, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor, was not in attendance.

Ferguson was presented the gavel he has used during two terms as mayor and all three outgoing council members were presented plaques by clerk **Pamela Fettes**.

“I never thought this day would come to tell you the truth,” said Ferguson. “It’s a bit of a blur. It’s gone by really fast.”

He reminisced about the steep learning curve and how it was complicated further by amalgamation in 1994, the year he was first elected.

He thanked Savage for always having his back and said Clearview Township residents were lucky to have two dedicated councillors at the county level.

Ferguson said he decided to retire from municipal politics after 20 years to focus on family and work.

“It does come with costs. It takes a lot of time,” he said.

He warned the newcomers of the personal sacrifices required adding, “I wish you all the best. There is a lot



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

**Orville Brown, Ken Ferguson and Brent Preston** were presented plaques at the end of their final council meeting at town hall in Stayner Monday. Ferguson was also presented the gavel he used during his term as mayor.

happening and there’s more to come.”

He encouraged the new mayor and deputy mayor to form a partnership.

Ferguson said he is proud of the work the township has done in the past eight years.

“It’s hard sometimes for me to let go,” he said.

It’s like farming, he said, “You have to give before you receive and you’ll get

more out of the land than you put in to it and that’s true with politics.”

“I leave happy,” he said, maintaining he wasn’t crying.

“Clearview is in a good place.”

Ferguson thanked staff adding, “This isn’t goodbye, I’ll just see yas around” to a standing ovation.

Outgoing councillor Orville Brown, who said a reporter once called him the godfather of Duntroon, took the opportunity to send a brief message to those who have caused him grief.

“Complain, complain, complain...” he said, urging the complainers to run for council. “Let them get the shit that we all take... I am just the godfather. Hallelujah.”

Preston first thanked everyone for their work during the council term and mentioned Savage specifically, who he said he got to know in the early days of his term while carpooling to NVCA

meetings.

“I thought I was going to hate her but I very quickly came to like her,” said Preston. “She has always been motivated by a desire to help people... and a desire to work for the most vulnerable and least powerful people. I don’t think a lot of people see her that way.”

He thanked staff for helping him achieve his goals, saying the township is in good hands and has progressive leadership.

“You’ll be seeing more of me,” said Preston.

As a “last hoorah” earlier in the night, Preston tabled new business recommending the township put in place a formal procedure for outgoing council members to share information and opinions with incoming members.

Council unanimously agreed to have a process in place for 2018.

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## EDITORIAL

### Splitting snares

The announcement of a title sponsorship for the Creemore Santa Claus Parade has been met with mixed reviews.

It really comes down to the band. The Collingwood Collegiate Institute marching band charges a fee to perform at the parade. Parade organizers are paying \$3,500.

The \$5,000 sponsorship from Creemore Hills Winery helps cover the fee and some other parade expenses.

Many communities would give their left streetlight for a sponsorship like that.

One of the parade organizers, Corey Finkelstein, said he misspoke last week when he told *The Echo* that the BIA executive had supported the decision to go with the title sponsor.

Not all members of the BIA executive were consulted.

He said the parade is not an official BIA event but members of the BIA did take it over when the former organizers retired, so to speak. The parade is not paid for through BIA funds, hence the fundraising. So while not all the BIA executive members supported the decision and some were not aware of the sponsorship, some members were involved as parade committee members.

Other business owners were not aware of the decision and are not happy about the perception that the parade has been renamed. Some have voiced concerns about having a winery sponsoring a children's event.

The reality of the parade is that it costs money and that money has to come from individuals and businesses willing to foot the bill. Whether the sponsor's name should go above the parade name or below on a banner is just semantics.

Parade organizers have professional and personal lives and it is more efficient to build funding around one major sponsor, rather than scraping thousands of dollars together bit by bit.

If the parade didn't include the band, it would be much more affordable, but it wouldn't be as good and, one could argue, not as much of a draw.

The band is worth the expense. It is made up of talented local youth who compete at the national level.

Christmas in the Valley attracts people from outside of Creemore.

While in town, those people shop and eat. Before the parade, the shops and restaurants are always packed with people.

So, while some may not like the idea of a title sponsor let's keep in mind, it's still the Creemore Santa Claus Parade. That feeling of community ownership is a great thing and something that should not be squandered or taken for granted.

Creemore Hills Winery is a local business owned by local people (Steve Lowey and Catherine Morrissey) and they have made a substantial contribution to a cherished local event.

## THE WAY WE WERE



The winners of the 2006 Christmas hat contest, a highlight of the Tree Lighting ceremony were Gabby Millsap, Marion Ellery and Stanley Tomlinson. This year's event is coming up on Friday, Dec. 5. Children are encouraged to make hats, the more creative the better, and wear them to the event.

## Report incidences of animal cruelty

Editor:

A disturbing incident occurred a while back when I came across a turtle who had been intentionally run over.

The tire tracks leaving Airport Road and going well onto the dirt shoulder before running over the at risk species and then veering back onto the paved road were the only tracks on the soft shoulder.

Another upsetting experience occurred just west of Airport Road in Mulmur this past weekend.

Three coyotes who had been killed were dumped in the ditch.

The disturbing scene was visible from the road and I hope no children had to witness this sight.

A correlation exists between cruelty to animals and violence against people.

A few mass murderers linked to animal abuse include Albert DeSalvo (the Boston Strangler), Paul Bernardo, Theodore Bundy, David Berkowitz (the Son of Sam) and Jeffrey Dahmer.

Anyone witnessing animal abuse or cruelty should report the incident to the proper authorities.

**N. Glenn Perrett,**  
Mulmur.

## Next problem, Harper's misuse of tax dollars

Editor:

On Nov. 14, I wrote expressing our frustrations with Hydro One, the fact that our consumption has been "estimated" for the past 12 months and that instead of addressing real service needs, Hydro was channelling their energies into a "town hall" exercise for customers – that didn't work.

To our surprise and delight, in less than seven days, we are now sporting the latest in meter technology!

We have to assume your "consumer help line" is largely responsible for this fast action, so are wondering

if you could now tackle another longstanding frustration: Harper's blatant use of taxpayers' monies to polish his image now amounts to over \$600 million dollars spent on what are curiously called "Canada's Action Plan" ads.

Would you please recover that money from the Conservative Party and put an end to this misuse of public monies?

Thank you.  
**Michael Monahan,**  
Mulmur.

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# Burton sees new role as councillor to all

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to be set. "It's the start of communication with a big C."

Burton said he sees the role of deputy mayor as second-in-command and a councillor that represents all of Clearview.

"There is a responsibility to be in tune with all of the township," said Burton.

Burton's agenda is "to become knowledgeable about how council is



Vanderkruys of financials.

The new council will dive into the budget process, with the first budget workshop scheduled for Dec. 8.

actually running". He said there is a plan to do a review of each department for the sole purpose of learning how each one is running and get a real understanding

Burton came into the public eye as a crusader for the Collingwood Street Bridge. As committee chair, he tried to convince township and county officials to upgrade the bridge instead of replacing it, in order to save money and preserve the bridge's heritage.

Burton and his wife, **Lorraine Gunn**, were married at their Creemore home in 2009.

Their wedding procession crossed the Collingwood Street Bridge on horseback.

A medieval history buff, Burton threw a theme wedding with the groom and groomsmen dressed as knights and the bride and bridesmaids dressed as ladies. Every guest was in costume, said Burton.

His interest stems from his family's lineage, which can be traced back to medieval times.

As a blended family, the couple has four adult children and five grandchildren with another on the way.

Burton also rides a motorcycle, is restoring a 40-year-old cedar strip motorboat and is the proud owner of a parrot named Jewel. He has had the 26-year-old bird since it was six years old.

The bird, one of the first domestic blue golden macaws in Canada, was part of a research project at the University of Guelph.

Vanderkruys was out of town at a conference this week and not available for an interview.

# Collisions on the rise at problem intersection

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there have been two fatal crashes at the intersection in recent history and collisions have been on the increase during the past decade. In all instances, the driver travelling northbound or southbound has been found to be at fault.

"Both staff, the OPP, and Clearview's municipal engineers have had difficulty determining why drivers do not respect the rules of the road at this location," reported Sage.

"Very serious charges have been laid as a result of these catastrophic collisions."

"Unfortunately the occupants of the vehicles travelling eastbound and westbound who are not required to stop, have also been injured. Particularly in one instance where Clearview is now in litigation as a result of a personal injury."

**Larry Jackson** spoke in support of converting to a four-way stop during public participation period Monday.

He said he was nearly killed when he was travelling west on the 33/34 Sideroad when a driver, heading north, failed to stop.

The financial implications will be examined as part of the process of implementing the bylaw.

## Election by the numbers

Chris Vanderkruys won the mayor's race with a total of 2,856 votes, compared to 2,187 for Alicia Savage. Vanderkruys won in five of seven wards.

He took Ward 2 (Duntroon, Singhampton, Glen Huron, Dunedin), Ward 4 (Stayner south), Ward 5 (Creemore, Avening), Ward 6 (Sunnidale Corners) and Ward 7 (New Lowell, Brentwood).

Savage won Ward 1 (Nottawa) and Ward 3 (Stayner north).

Barry Burton won the race for deputy mayor with a total of 2,589 votes compared to 2,348 for Larry Culham.

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He took Ward 2 (Duntroon, Singhampton, Glen Huron, Dunedin), Ward 5 (Creemore, Avening), Ward 6 (Sunnidale Corners) and Ward 7 (New Lowell, Brentwood).

Culham won Ward 1 (Nottawa), Ward 3 (Stayner north) and Ward 4 (Stayner south).

- 12,234 eligible voters
- 5,111 voted
- 3,580 voted online
- 1,531 voted by telephone
- 4,615 voters have resident status
- 486 of 2,120 non-residents cast ballots
- voters spent an average of one minute and 34 seconds voting online, add one minute for telephone voting
- 61 votes were cast out of province
- 30 votes were cast in the United States
- 3 votes were cast from South Korea
- The highest voter turnout was among those in their 70s, with 58 per cent
- The lowest turnout was among those in their 20s, with 24 per cent
- Of the 32 voters in their 90s, 13 voted online and 19 used the telephone (128 total eligible voters)
- Vote cast online for one person 99 and older
- 32 per cent of voters waited until the last day to cast a ballot
- 453 people cast their ballot using a tablet
- 189 voters cast a ballot using a smart phone

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

*Sunday, November 30*



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Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

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**Toonie Lunch** on Friday, Nov. 28 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Sunday, November 30:  
Speaker: David Archer  
705-466-5202

**Sunday, December 7**  
**Christmas Church Supper at Creemore Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m.** Come enjoy a turkey dinner with a Christmas Carol Sing to follow. All welcome - no charge. Wellington Street West

### Clearview Community Church

Sunday Service Times: 9:30 & 11 am.  
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## Farmers' Market

Join us for our Annual  
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The building will be full of a wide  
assortment of gifts and items to  
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*This is our last market until Easter.*



# Gallery calls for Creemore-centric artwork

by Trina Berlo

The Mad and Noisy Gallery is putting out a call for submissions for its annual Creemore-centric exhibition.

Everyone, artists or not, is invited to participate by making a Creemore inspired work of art on a 12-by-12 inch canvas or birch board.

They are now available at the gallery for a fee of \$20 plus tax, which includes the entry fee.

All work is to be submitted by Dec. 29. It will then be displayed at the gallery and an opening reception is planned for Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Gallery owner **Lyne Burek** said the Creemore-centric exhibit, now in its eighth year, started as a fundraiser for the gallery back when it was a co-op. It was meant to get people involved in the arts community and encourage people to come to the gallery.

Burek, who worked as the administrator at the gallery, purchased the business with her husband in February 2013. They decided to keep the show going.

Visit the gallery in January to bid in the silent auction. All the work will be auctioned off on Feb. 1.

Of all the work sold, half the profits go to the artist and the other half goes to the gallery. Participants are given the option of donating their portion of the proceeds to the gallery.

Burek is encouraging everyone to take up the challenge of creating artwork on a square foot, including



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Mad and Noisy Gallery owner **Lyne Burek** with the first submission in the Creemore-centric art exhibition, Smudge McIntosh by **Donna Cummings**. The deadline is Dec. 29.

the accomplished artists in the community.

“It’s a chance for people to get some art by great local artists at a good price,” she said.

Canvases and birch boards are for

sale at the gallery, located at 154 Mill St. The gallery is closed Mondays and Tuesdays until December when it will be open seven days per week. For more information call 705-466-5555 or e-mail [info@madandnoisy.com](mailto:info@madandnoisy.com).

# Snow blowers stolen from second Stayner business

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Thieves made off with two green John Deere walk-behind 28” snow blowers, model number 1028 with serial numbers 2014549085 and 1LM1028ECAB022389.

Huron Tractor is located on County Road 42.

Two snow blowers were also stolen from Earth Power Tractors and Equipment on Highway 26 in Stayner sometime overnight on Oct. 20.

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# Area youth recognized for volunteerism, leadership

by Trina Berlo

Four local students were presented the Collingwood Optimist Club's Friends of Youth awards last week.

The club recognized students from Collingwood, Wasaga Beach and Clearview Township who have been involved in their school, church, community club or sports team. The students are chosen by teachers for showing commitment to community service and leadership ability.

Stayner Collegiate Institute Grade 12 students **Amanda Dixon**, of New Lowell, and **Judah Page**, of Creemore, were among those recognized for their leadership in the school and the broader community along with Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School Grade 8 students **Jordan Carruthers**, of Avening, and **Jared Young**, of Singhampton.

The students were invited to attend an appreciation dinner at the Cranberry Resort on Nov. 19.

Dixon, an honour student, is recognized for her kindness, compassion, dedication and hard work.

She is a Link Crew leader, helping to integrate newcomers to the school, a facilitator for the board's elementary German language school camp and has won several academic and character trait awards, including last year's Stayner Awesomeness Award.

Dixon, who is working to overcome her shyness, had the lead in the school play.

She is also involved in her church and many other community and school initiatives.

Page is recognized for his passion for engaging people and recognizing diversity, drawing in students, for which he has received a school character award for caring and inclusiveness.

Page is a member of the Clearview Cybergnomes competitive robotics team, a Link Crew member, a Timbit soccer coach and math tutor.

In Grade 8 he delivered an anti-bullying speech, which took him to a speech competition provincial finals and earned him a school board trustee award.

Page is off to university next year to study engineering.

Carruthers is recognized for his volunteerism.

He helps out at his church's strawberry socials, with Creemore Minor Hockey and assists with the Avening community park clean up. At school, Carruthers volunteers with the kindergarten reading program, on the bus, at the school barbecue, assists teachers around the school and is a member of the Green Team.

His suggestion to wrap Christmas gifts in newspaper was used in the Simcoe County calendar, distributed to each household in the county.

Carruthers has played on many school sports teams including hockey, volleyball, basketball and cross-country.

Young, also recognized for his volunteerism and community involvement, is a member of the school spirit squad, 4H Mechanics, Creemore Minor Hockey.

He raises chickens and sells them at the Singhampton Farmers' Market and through the Chef's Forum.

## Parademics' toy drive under way

Paramedics will be collecting toys for its annual toy drive at the Santa Claus Parade in Creemore on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The toy drive benefits local children and families during the holiday season.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at various locations and parades across the county until Dec. 19.



Contributed photo

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Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School Grade 8 students **Jordan Carruthers** (right), of Avening, and **Jared Young**, of Singhampton were presented the Collingwood Optimist Club's Friends of Youth awards Nov. 19.

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Children will be invited to read to Ariel, a registered therapy dog, and owner **Dana Mailhot** at the Creemore library in the New Year. People are welcome to come to the library to meet them both after the Creemore Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 6.

## Rescue dog turned therapy dog is a good listener

by Trina Berlo

**Dana Mailhot** and Ariel, a registered therapy dog, will be making an appearance at the Creemore branch of the Clearview Public Library Dec. 6. In the New Year, children are welcome to read to Ariel to improve their literacy skills.

Ariel is a willing listener for children wanting to read aloud.

The two-year-old whippet-boxer cross is a registered therapy dog. Ariel and her owner Dana Mailhot will be making regular appearances at the Creemore branch of the Clearview Public Library.

Therapy Tails Ontario tested Ariel's temperament and deemed her suitable.

Mailhot said Ariel was very low key and showed no aggression when faced with people in different scenarios.

Ariel is a rescue dog. She was found emaciated during a raid at a puppy mill in Texas with 40 other dogs. A rescue operation got her into foster care before she was euthanized. Mailhot adopted the dog in March through the foster home but it wasn't easy getting her home.

Because it was cold, she said, the airlines wouldn't fly with the dog in the cargo hold so Mailhot waited and eventually a friend who works as a long haul trucker was assigned a run to Texas.

"She picked her up at the Walmart parking lot and Ariel rode shotgun all the way home, 3,000 miles," said Mailhot.

Mailhot said she decided to register Ariel as a therapy dog because she has always had an interest in volunteering.

Mailhot runs a boarding facility in Mulmur Township for dogs, called Club Amarillo, home to her four rescue dogs.

Mailhot and Ariel will be at the Creemore library on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

They will also be making regular weekly appearances at the library in the New Year. The schedule is yet to be determined.

### Parade after-party at Creemore library

A parade after-party is planned at the Creemore branch of the Clearview Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

After the parade and a visit with Santa at Station on the Green, head to the library for soup and free family activities.

The library is offering a number of Christmas craft tables and displays. Meet special guests, Mailhot and Ariel from Therapy Tails, and learn about their encouraging and non-judgmental reading program, which entices children to be more comfortable with the written word. The library's computer expert will also be on hand to answer any computer related question.

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# FOIs put added burden on township staff

by Trina Berlo

The creation of a new staff position at the Township of Clearview will in part help deal with a growing number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests.

“We’re getting a significant number of FOIs,” said CAO **Steve Sage**. “Quite frankly, it’s not necessarily the number of FOIs, it’s particular FOIs with multiple requests on each one. The FOIs we’ve been receiving have as many as 25 line items in each request... I would say the clerk’s department over the last two years is spending 15-20 per cent of its time trying to administer these requests.”

The staff position was created almost one year ago. In Jan. 2014, a resolution to hire a records management person for the clerk’s department passed unanimously.

Sage said there was a caveat that person could not be hired until Dec. 1.

The new position was filled internally and the administrative assistant position left vacant was posted. The posting closed Nov. 14.

“Due to the fact that it was an internal position it gave us the opportunity that

when we backfilled the position left vacant we actually hired a position approved by council for less money than originally expected in January of 2014,” said Sage.

Part of the records management job will be to process FOI requests.

Councillor **Thom Paterson**, who moved the original motion back in January, attempted to defer the hiring to upcoming budget deliberations but couldn’t get a seconder.

He said it would have been a good opportunity to talk about staffing priorities for the new council term.

“Why not give that opportunity to the new council since the old council is in some sense predetermining the budget outcome for the new council? It just seemed like a reasonable suggestion, I don’t know why I had so much difficulty,” said Paterson.

He said some things have changed since the original approval last January, for example, the administrative assistance is proposed to be extended to members of council and more senior staff.

The change was made as a result of a human resources review.



Staff photos: Trina Berlo

**BRANDED A WINNER** A steady hand and pinpoint maneuvers earned **Chris Thoms**, the top spot at the Road Supervisors Association’s Truck Safety Rodeo, competing against 26 challengers from across Simcoe County. Thoms travelled to Ottawa to represent the county at the provincial competition, where he placed eighth. Over the past 19 years Clearview Township has sent two participants to the event, which provides an opportunity for local municipalities to showcase training and highlight the skills of some of the best operators in the province. Mayor **Ken Ferguson** presented Thoms with his trophy at the Nov. 24 council meeting.



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## St. Luke's holds auction

Creemore’s St. Luke’s Anglican Church is holding a fundraising silent auction until Dec. 14.

Auction items include an afternoon’s snowshoe, a hike, a tractor ride, cooking classes, flower arranging, dinner party, home organization, furniture touch ups, home made pies, basket of homemade pickles, dairy farm adventure and more. Most items are redeemable within the local area.

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# Woman hopes to bring Syrian refugee to Canada

by Kara McIntosh

**Debbie Ebanks** wants to make a difference and help a Syrian refugee come to Ontario.

Ebanks lives in Mulmur with her husband and four children and is enrolled in a Master of Fine Arts program with the California College of the Arts.

In June 2014, she and three fellow students won an award and \$10,000 to develop a social entrepreneurship project aimed at helping Syrian refugees living in Turkey.

The project, called To Lemon Hill, partnered with a local school in Izmir, Turkey and provides support for 40 students between the ages of seven and 14.

The program started in October and will run until June. It aims to teach the students Turkish, English and other subjects.

While spending time in Izmir last June and July, Debbie met a 29-year-old Syrian refugee woman named **Anahita Osman** through one of their art and play workshops.

Conditions in Izmir are challenging for the refugees, particularly since their community is scheduled for destruction and redevelopment, which will leave many of them homeless in the near future.

Osman told Ebanks that she was so desperate to get out of Turkey that she wanted to swim across the Mediterranean to Greece.

Ebanks suggested that she try



**Debbie Ebanks**

immigrating to Canada.

Ebanks offered to help and is laying the foundations to bring Osman to Canada.

The Unitarian Church of Canada has agreed to be the organizational sponsor, but as part of the immigration process, Ebanks needs to find additional support in her community to bring Anahita here. She needs \$12,000 to accompany Osman's application by the end of this year and a group of three or four people who will commit to supporting Osman's arrival.

These people will need to help find her a place to live, provide clothing, furniture and help in general with her transition to life in Ontario.

Ebanks plans to do some fundraising over the next two months to pay for the



**Anahita Osman**

application fee and generate interest in bringing Osman to Canada.

Osman grew up in Syria and was studying translation in her final year of university when war broke out in Syria and she was forced to leave in July 2014.

She has worked for a number of relief and aid agencies and is also an actor and an artist who first taught herself English by watching movies.

If you or someone you know might be interested in helping sponsor Osman in the immigration process, please contact Ebanks at 705-896-6800 or [debbie.ebanks@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.ebanks@gmail.com) or **Lorna May Lowe** at 705-352-2759 or [lowe201@rogers.com](mailto:lowe201@rogers.com).

Visit the project's blog at [cargocollective.com/tolemonhill](http://cargocollective.com/tolemonhill).

## NCPs seeks prize donations for Breakfast with Santa event

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is holding its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The event includes a shopping room for the children, treasure tray raffles, craft room, silent auction and a visit from Frosty the Snowman and Santa.

The school is accepting donations of gently used items for the shopping room and items for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at the school.

## Creemore firefighters collect food this weekend for food bank

Clearview's Creemore Fire Station is holding its Annual Food Drive on Friday, Nov. 28 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Creemore Foodland.

All donations will be delivered to the Clearview - Stayner Food Bank, which serves all of Clearview Township.

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**CURLING CREW** A fundraiser for True North Academy, a private school located between Stayner and Wasaga Beach, was held at the Creemore Curling Club on Nov. 15. Organizers included **Nancy Diedenhofen** (from left), **Katherine Dale**, **Ashley Boulianne** and **Kim Morby**.

# Siskins goalie secures 3-game shut out

by Alex Hargrave

Just a few weeks ago, Stayner Siskins general manager **Richard Gauthier** was calling out his goaltenders to step it up a notch.

How things have changed.

After hearing of Gauthier's remarks of "taking the bull by its horns", goalie **Trevor Bloch** grabbed the horns and twisted the bull inside out.

Bloch has seized the number one goalie position by not surrendering a single goal in the past three games, all home games. Two Thursdays ago, Stayner beat Fergus Devils 3-0, won last Thursday, 1-0, over Penetang, and dropped Schomberg Cougars, 4-0, in a game held in Creemore.

Said Gauthier of Bloch and the team's play, "He's made some big saves. The guys are playing with some confidence 'cause they know he is going to make the save."

In the past three games, Bloch has lowered his goals against average by about one goal to 2.50.

"We're moving in the right direction," confirmed Siskins head coach **Steve Walker**.

Obviously, Stayner's penalty kill units have been doing a better job as well, considering the other teams have not scored.

Walker attributes goaltending to the improvement in the pk. He said that the coaches works with the special teams during practices and are "in the guys ears" during the games but it is up to the goalie to

make the first save.

Generally speaking, a club at the bare minimum wants their penalty kill and power play percentages to total 100 per cent.

Stayner's power play is the league's best at 24.79 per cent but their penalty kill is the worst at 76.15 per cent.

These two numbers total 100.94 meaning it is acceptable but well behind Alliston, the league's top team, 109.08, and Penetang, 105.96, the club Stayner is competing with for second place.

In the Penetang game, Stayner fired 15 shots Penetang's way in each period but the only goal that got by Kings netminder **Adam Redgate** was the one triggered by **Quinten Bruce** 3:39 into the third period. The goal was Bruce's 13th of the year and proved to be the winner. Bloch handled all 28 fired his way.

About 250 fans ventured to the Creemore arena to watch first hand the local Junior C hockey team defeat Schomberg 4-0 in an aggressive upbeat style. Stayner scored goals in each period, one by **Brandon Watson** in the first, **Ricky Darrell**'s 14th of the year in the second, and **Kort Weir**'s two goals in the third, including a shorthanded empty netter with one minute to go.

Stayner is tied with Penetang for second spot with 30 points but have one game in hand.

Stayner was home to Huntsville last night and goes to Penetang tonight.



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The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation was established to help encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament will go towards recreation activities and community projects and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate. Register your hockey team and come out to join the fun which includes: hockey, music, food, and a silent auction. Through your participation and involvement, we hope the tournament will have another successful year. We look forward to seeing you at this event and appreciate all of your support!!!

If you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team, please contact **Erin Bailey** at 519-923-5842, [leitherin@hotmail.com](mailto:leitherin@hotmail.com) or **Chester Tupling** at 705-627-0672, [chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca](mailto:chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca)

# NOTICE

## Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that Dec. 1-5 is the continuation of the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun season for deer in 2014. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. Suspected violations of the *Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act* should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 705-435-1881.

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# A small gift can make a big difference.

Donation of non-perishable food, money, gifts and gift cards are being received at The *Echo's* office to help people in our community. All donations go the Clearview Stayner Food Bank or Hope Acres Salvation Army. We will be collecting items during our office hours until Monday, December 22.



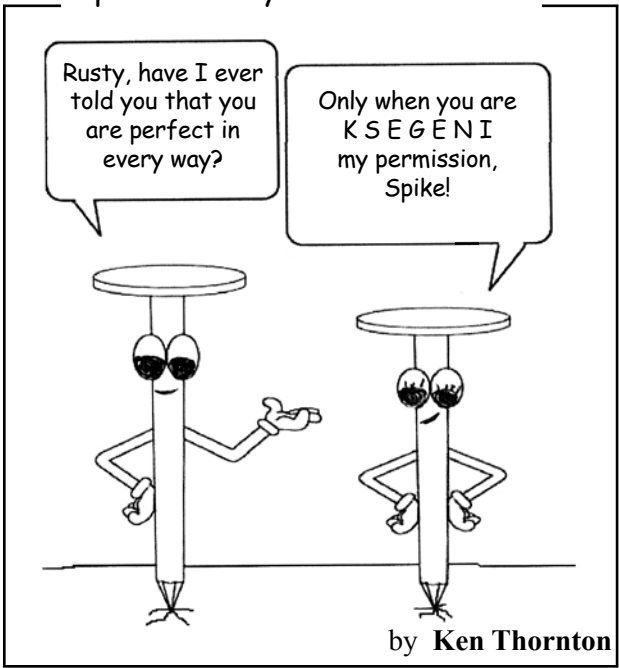
# FUN & Games

## 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, November 28

A few flurries  
High -3 Low -5 Winds W 20 km/h  
POP 40%

### Saturday, November 29

Scattered flurries  
High 2 Low -4 Winds S 20 km/h  
POP 40%

### Sunday, November 30

A mix of sun and cloud  
High 9 Low 3 Winds SW 25 km/h  
POP 30%

## The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

## FRED'S FUNNIES

A guy runs into the bar and says, "Quick, pour me 5 shots of your best scotch." The bartender pours them and the man drinks them as fast as he can. "Wow that's the fastest I've seen anyone drink," says the bartender. "Well you'd drink that fast if you had what I had," the man says. "Oh my God," the bartender says, "What do you have?" The man replies, "50 cents."

## Canadian Criss Cross

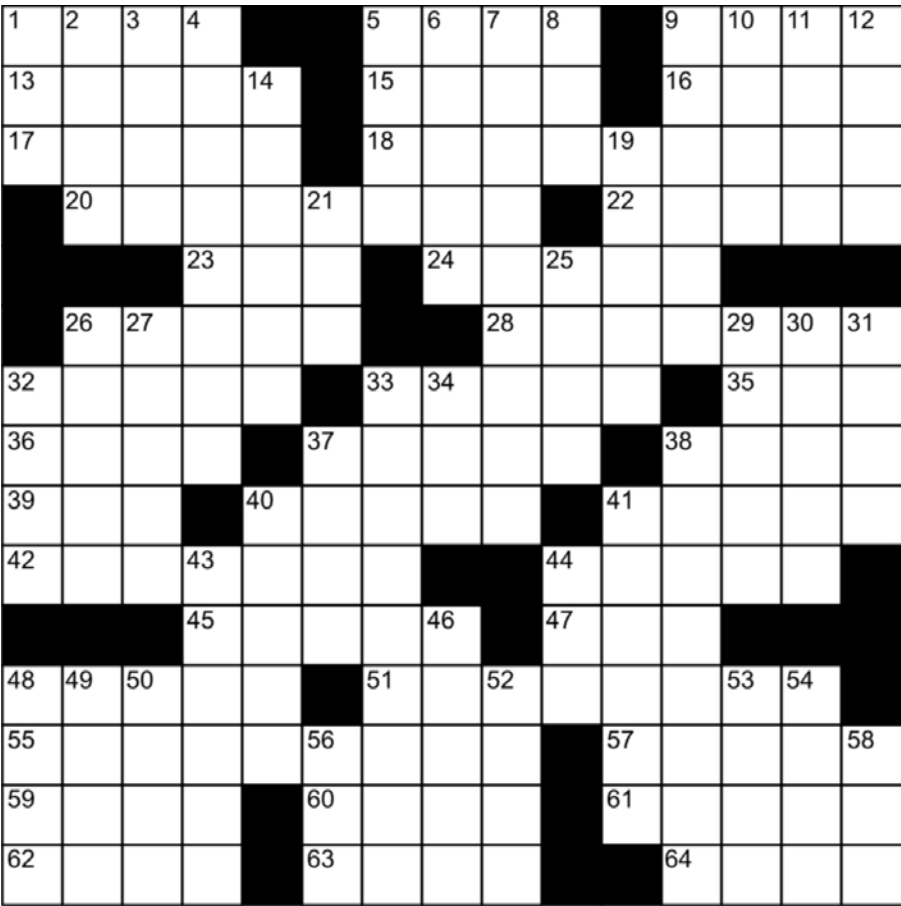
November 28, 2014

### ACROSS

- Italian noble family
- Poker counter
- "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" author
- Police undercover operation
- Absolutely the best
- Wheel shaft
- Analyze a sentence
- Its symbol is K
- Ninth largest lake in Canada
- No longer in fashion
- Meadow
- Sing like a Swiss mountaineer
- Locked book
- Suggesting end of life
- Friendly Islands
- Pull out a chicken's feathers
- French for water
- \_\_\_ meridiem
- Completely dark
- Spinnaker, for one
- And not
- V-sign's meaning
- Strong part of a sword blade
- Food store
- Like many pretzels
- A deadly sin
- Distinctive period of time
- Reject with disdain
- Falsified
- When bar drinks are discounted
- Lace with a square mesh
- Cosmetics additive
- Camera setting
- Railway signal flare
- Mannerly man, briefly
- Walk a short distance

### DOWN

- "Gift" to be skeptical of
- Award of merit
- Wear out
- Process of preserving fodder
- Part of Batman's garb
- Nonsense
- Make strangers acquainted
- Black-eyed \_\_\_
- Volcanic rock
- Neck bone
- Inuit knives
- Repeated cry while waving a hand
- Biological classifications
- Communicate
- Calendar box
- All 52 cards
- Blood bank visitor
- Opening remarks
- Valentine symbol
- People not of a particular profession
- Christmas
- Strong flavour
- Exhausted
- Varnish ingredient
- Growler
- Sunny room used for therapy
- Former Canadian coin
- Distant
- Floor covering
- Harden, as concrete
- Choice of roads taken to get to a place
- Catch balls during batting practice



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

- Whitish in complexion
- Fairy tale's second word
- Kind of circle
- Otherwise

- Forest creature
- Calls one's own
- Twentieth letter



Big Heart Seniors

Nov. 20 was potluck day and in spite of the stormy weather we had a good variety of food and 15 people enjoyed the meal and companionship.

In past years, we have donated \$ 500 to the General and Marine Hospital in Collingwood and after some discussion as to whether we could afford to again, it was determined we had the funds to support the hospital once more.

There is to be a bid euchre tournament at the Leisure Time Club Nov. 29, registration 11 a.m. to noon, lunch at noon with the tournament to start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 plus lucky draws.

We had six full tables and a table of three, with lucky draws won by **Lucy Young, Barb Pilon, Ruth Lougheed and John Van Voorst.**

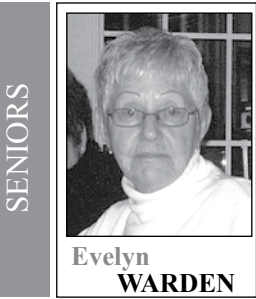
There were only two moon shots played by **John Van Voorst** and the travel prize to **Eileen Nash.**

Because of the low attendance we changed the prize structure to lessen the cost and the winners were **Phyllis Seed 284, Alinda Bishop 270, Kevin Keogh 266** with low prize to **May Johnston 109.**

At this time of year we find ourselves feeling compassion for our less fortunate neighbours. Food banks are strapped to the limit with a shortfall of all kinds of food items missing from their shelves. Also many do not have enough to sufficiently clothe themselves against the winter weather.

If at all possible could we please help out the tireless volunteers of these charities with even a small donation and help a needy family through this trying season.

Remember: Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.



SENIORS

Evelyn  
WARDEN



Contributed photos

Volunteers took part in the annual Hanging of the Green in Dunedin Saturday when people decorate the village with boughs and bows, making it inviting to visitors during the holiday season.



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**Creemore's Santa Claus Parade** – Saturday, December 6 afternoon. Contact Laurie Wilson at laurie.wilson2@td.com or 705-466-2018 ext250 to put a float in.

## NOTICES

**The Creemore Legion BIA Christmas Dinner Dance** which was to run on Saturday, November 29 has been **CANCELLED**.

**Address Change for Cecil Ferguson:** 10 Brandy Lane Drive, #102, Collingwood L9Y 0X4 705-293-6429

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is graciously accepting 'gently used' **items for the Breakfast with Santa Kid's Shopping Room on Saturday, December 6**. If you would like to donate any items, please drop off your donation at either school site. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is hosting a **silent auction at the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6**. If you would like to donate any items to help support our school, please drop off your donation at either school site. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

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## THANK YOU

We would like to thank our friends and family for attending our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Your warm good wishes and lovely cards are treasured. We appreciate the ladies of the community for providing such a bounteous luncheon. A special thank you to our family for orchestrating such a well kept surprise. It was a pleasure to see everyone. **Bryan and Maxine Ferguson**

Creemore Cats would like to thank Louise Aspden and Morgan Booth for providing us with our **3rd Annual Zumba FUNdraiser**. This year we welcomed our supporters to the Avening Community Centre, which was the perfect venue for our event. Thanks to local businesses and the many community members who supported us and helped to make our event a success. Every donation is greatly appreciated. We had fun and enjoyed a super work out too. A win - win event for sure.

Thank you to **everyone** who supported True North Academy Curling Fundraiser on November 15, 2014. Congratulations to **Jim and Anne-Marie Morrey** – winners of the 50/50 draw.

Thank you, thank you, thank you , to my wonderful family who came from far and near, to my friends, curling buddies, to all who attended my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, sent cards, or phoned. A special thanks to the New Lowell United Church women who supplied their usual fabulous food at the tea. The day was a special occasion for me. Now I am officially an "Old Lady" **Joyce Smith**

## CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

**BURLAP WREATH WORKSHOP** Wednesday, December 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Multiple Colour Choices; **CENTREPIECE WORKSHOP** Just in time for your holiday table! Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Base cost \$40 includes instruction time & materials. Add-ons and additional decor pieces available if desired. Pre-registration preferred. Email ms.designworkshop@hotmail.com or 705-812-8147. At Ms Design One Stop Holiday Shop at Florist Fairy, 5 Francis Street (behind Foodland) Check us out on Facebook!

## DEATH NOTICE

**TRICCO, Chesley "Walter"** Passed away peacefully, with his wife by his side, at General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood, on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the age of 81. Walter, beloved husband of Hazel (nee Weatherall) for 53 years. Loving father of Jim and his wife Trish of Coldwater and Dan and his wife Wendy of Nottawa. Dear Grampa of Michelle (Matt) Bigness, Christopher and Poppa of Jake and Luke. Dear brother of Charlie (Joan), and the late Bill and Eddie. Foster brother of Edith, Gordon and the late Cynthia. Fondly remembered by family and friends. A funeral service was held at Chatterson Funeral Home, Collingwood, on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. www.chattersonfuneralhome.com

## DEATH NOTICE



**ASHE, Doreen Edna**

Nov 7, 1931 – Nov 8 2014

The family and friends of Cecil Ferguson were much saddened to learn of the passing of Doreen at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. Doreen was best friend and companion of Cecil for the past eleven years. Both resided on Pine Tree Sideroad near Glen Huron until one week before her passing. Left to mourn Doreen are her daughter Darlene Ashe of Kitchener (Wendal deceased), her grandsons Robert and Bruce of Kitchener, siblings Arthur West of Madoc and Irene Bensley of London, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by siblings Mary Ward, Lois Jones, Maxwell West and Gerald West.

Doreen's passing was very peaceful. After sharing a hug, she rolled over onto her left side where she most often slept, the next we noticed, she was gone. Doreen lived life to its fullest. She lived most of her life in Barrie. She liked working as a clerk for different businesses, enjoying being on her feet and busy. Here in the country she liked cutting the grass with her John Deere riding lawn mower, car rides around the countryside where she could see everyone's rock flower gardens and lawns, country music Jamborees where they have dancing and a beef supper after, driving past the water wheel in Glen Huron and of course, having her hair done at Linda's Hair Fashions! Doreen will always be remembered and never forgotten.

A Celebration of Life was led by the Rev. Larry Hurley at the McConnell Funeral Home in Madoc on Thursday, November 13, 2014. Eulogies were given by Cecil Ferguson who also sang the song "Sing of the King", Arthur West "How did she live" and Darlene Ashe "The Spiritual".

Make me an instrument of peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy. Amen  
Interment service took place at Lakeview Cemeter, Madoc. Reception followed at St. John's Anglican Parish Hall. Donations in her memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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## This week's answers

Spike & Rusty:  
SEEKING

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**NOTICE**

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NOTICE - WATER FINANCIAL PLAN

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