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Mayor hosts New Year's levee in Brentwood

Mayor **Chris Vanderkruys** is hosting the first New Year's Levee in Clearview Township.

Vanderkruys is invited people to the Brentwood Community Centre on Thursday, Jan. 1, where he will greet guests from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vanderkruys said he will be available to chat with residents and share tea, coffee and snacks.

"This will give one of the first opportunities of a sort of town hall meeting but with a twist. My family and I will welcome those that wish to come by and chat and take part in bringing in the New Year as we look forward to 2015 and what it will bring each of us as well as the Township of Clearview," he said.

He chose to host the first event in Brentwood where he lives and volunteers serving as hall board president.

He plans to host New Year's levees during his four-year term.



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School's Thunder Food Drive coordinators **Jocelyn Young** (from left), **Libby Millsap**, **Jessica Davenport**, **Addison Payment**, **Landon Grant**, **Danielle Hammill** and **Anson Dupuis** have been busy collecting food donations this month, answering Forest Hill Public School's challenge to see which school can collect the most food per student capita for local food banks.



Staff photos: Trina Berlo

ANSWERING THE CALL Director of Salvation Army Hope Acres Capt. **Rob Hardy** (top left, from right) picks up toys collected at *The Creemore Echo* office from **Georgi Denison**. The toys were donated by the community during *The Echo's* annual food and toy drive. Hope Acres expects to distribute 150 hampers of food and gifts this Christmas. **Fred Mills** (right) delivers a load of food donations to the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank. Many people also donated gift cards and cash to both organizations.





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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve
• **Creemore Echo closes today at noon.** We will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
• **Christmas Eve Church Services** – see page 5.

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day
• **Christmas Day Church Services** – see page 5.
• **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.

Saturday, December 27
• **Today is Garbage Day** – one day late this week due to Christmas Day. See page 12 for details.

Sunday, December 28
• **Church Services** – see page 5.

Wednesday, December 31
• **Ring in the New Year with Nottawa!** Just a good old party with DJ, Cash bar and dancing. Contact jillian_clarke@hotmail.com for tickets.
• **Celebrate New Year's Eve** at Branch 63, Royal Canadian Legion, 490 Ontario Street, Collingwood. Stu's DJ supplies all the dance music one needs to have a fun evening. More information at 705-445-3780 or museum@collingwoodlegion.ca.

Thursday, January 1 New Year's Day
• **Mayor Christopher Vanderkruys** is holding his first **New Year's Levee** at the Brentwood Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join him and his family for conversation, tea, coffee and lots of snacks Take part in bringing in the new year as we look forward to 2015 and what it will bring each of us as well as the Township of Clearview.

Saturday, January 3
• **Today is Garbage Day** – one day late this week due to New Year's Day. See page 12 for details.

Wizard of Oz auditions in January

Laura LaChapelle is directing the Wasaga Community Theatre's spring production of *Wizard of Oz*.
Auditions will be held for elementary aged school children interested in roles for munchkins and flying monkeys from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4.
Auditions for adults wishing to try out

for the role of Dorothy will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5 and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6.
Anyone interested is asked to contact LaChapelle to book a 10-minute time slot.
Call 705-441-2507 or visit Wasaga Community Theatre on Facebook.

Secure off-season properties: OPP

The OPP is reminding residents to ensure seasonal residences are secured in the off-season to prevent crime.
"These types of crime are not new, and are very often preventable through community engagement; empowering communities to play an active role in crime reduction initiatives cottages and summer homes are most vulnerable to thieves from the week following Thanksgiving to the weeks prior to Victoria Day, especially if the owners are not using them for fall, winter or spring getaways," said police.
Police tips for keeping property safe in the off season:
• Pack up all food and alcohol.
• Don't leave firearms or weapons at the cottage.
• If you are leaving vehicles, make sure they're winterized, secure and disabled.
• For snow machines remove track and hide keys, ensure boats are covered and locked, outboard motors are locked and slightly disassembled, ATVs are disabled and leave nothing on trailers unless it is locked or disabled.
• Do not leave valuables such as electronics, personal items, tools.
• Keep contact information handy for the person who can respond to alarms, thefts, weather damage or animal

problems. Your insurance company may give you a deduction if you have one.
• Secure your windows and doors, close curtains or blinds and put up shutters to protect interior from intruders, both animals and humans.
• Record serial numbers of anything of value left behind.
• Secure all sporting goods such as fishing rods and equipment, water skis, toys etc. If they're not secured, locked up, hidden or both don't expect them to be there next spring. Lock them up or be prepared to lose them.
• Make a list of where everything is kept and make copies. Store one copy on your home computer and one at the vacation home. Take lots of photos.
• Know what police force patrols your cottage area.
Police are reminding residents to contact the OPP Communications Centre immediately at 1-888-310-1122 to report any suspicious activity or suspicious vehicles in the area.
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Geoff Davies had his head shaved by Stayner barber **Frank Pesce** Friday while Creemore stylist **Joanne Garlick** took the clippers to **Gord Fuller** Friday during a Movember wrap-up event.

Brewery raises close to \$10,000 during Movember

Creemore Springs Brewery's head of operations **Geoff Davies** and brewmaster **Gordon Fuller** got buzzed Friday after a successful Movember

campaign. Both men offered to have their heads shaved as incentive to each of their teams to raise money for prostate

cancer research during the month of November.

The brewery team raised \$2,913 and the distribution team raised \$3,773. All donations made by brewery employees

were matched by the company, bringing the overall campaign total to \$9,177.

The campaign was organized by Creemore Springs Brewery production manager **Bryan Egan**.

Christmas Tree Collection



Consult your **2015 Waste Management Calendar**, or the waste collection calendar tool at **simcoe.ca** to determine your Christmas tree collection weeks.

- Christmas trees must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your collection week
- Collection will occur during the week; not necessarily on your garbage day
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EDITORIAL

Ten things to love about winter

As Canadians, we welcome winter.

Even if we grumble about the snow and say we are sick of winter long before it officially arrives on Dec. 21, deep down, we embrace the changing of the seasons.

We have only endured a few short days of winter so far with short being the key word as there are only a few hours of daylight, if it manages to penetrate the cloud cover.

We are now in the homestretch because as soon as we rounded the corner of the winter solstice, the days are already getting longer.

We find it helps to stay positive (and load up on the vitamin D).

We've come up with 10 things to love about winter:

1. If your fridge is full you can put your beer in the snow bank.

2. There's no pressure to wash the car because the doors will probably freeze shut and it will just get dirty again on the way home anyway.

3. You can hide in plain site by wearing white and taking a walk in a blizzard

4. Because sometimes you just can't get to work and "it's bad out there" is enough of an excuse for your boss.

5. There's skiing and then there's après skiing.

6. Soup.

7. You can hit those carbs hard without feeling guilty because you are building up your winter insulation.

8. You can go to bed at 7 p.m. without feeling guilty. It's already been dark for three hours.

9. You never have to do your hair. We are all rocking helmet-head or flyaway a la science centre static ball do. Toques really level the playing field when it comes to bouffants.

10. One can feel perfectly welcome strutting into a restaurant wearing a full snowsuit and smelling of two-stroke gasoline on a sledding pit stop.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THE WAY WE WERE



Big Heart Seniors Edith Veale and Art Clement decorate the Christmas tree at the Creemore Legion back in 2003.

All council members should be respected

Editor:

I read in *The Creemore Echo* of the inaugural meeting of Mulmur council. In the article, John Franklin said, "That thoughtful negotiation and compromise are needed to satisfy the needs of the community".

This was always needed, so the question to be asked is, will the acclaimed deputy mayor be "curling up in the fetal position" when such negotiation takes place?

The *Globe and Mail* had a number of articles referring to former Liberal minister Linda Jeffries' inaugural meeting when she was sworn in as the mayor of Brampton. She is quoted as announcing her desire for an ombudsman review as a result of her concern with the administration of the city. Yet, in Mulmur when the administration is questioned as a

concern if staff threatens to resign, the returning three members of council think holding staff accountable is bullying.

There will always be members who have higher standards and expectations. All should be respected and listened to. This is not personality conflict, it is accountability and an occasion for compromise.

Janet Horner is quoted as saying, "we will do what is right for all the people in Mulmur and not just some". However, in Mulmur, some individuals receive controversial bylaw exemptions such as permission for severances from prime agricultural lands and some don't. Will we soon see a severance and sale of the 3rd Line road allowance? Stay tuned.

Jim Pendleton,
Mulmur Township.

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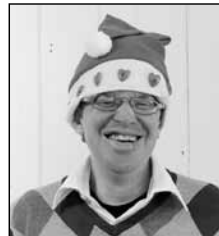
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The Intruder

by Dave Bull

The other night, on my way to the kitchen by way of the dining room, I flipped on the light and was startled by a flash of white scurrying into the kitchen.

That stopped me dead in my tracks. What was that!? The first thought was a mouse. I battle constantly to purge the house of them. For those of you who are sneering right now, and who also own Century old farmhouses, you don't fool me. You all have mice from time to time. In this house, a mouse could easily gain entry by closing its eyes and just running full tilt at the foundation, more likely finding itself inside than bouncing off the wall.

So, white mouse? No, too big. White rat then? A far more serious problem.

But what is a white rat doing in this wilderness?

I entered the kitchen but found no sign of it. I then heard a scrambling behind me and turned to see the white flash disappear back into the dining room. I followed the sound into the laundry room and turned on the light to find the creature trapped in a corner. We stared at each other for a second or two before it bounced past me to disappear under the closed door (somewhat shy of tight fitting).

It was a marvelous looking animal, about the size of a squirrel but skinny and long. It had black eyes, its fur, a luxuriant white, a long tail with a black tip.

I ran through the possibilities in my mind. Certainly not an otter, way too small. A mink then? Still too small, and too small for a ferret also.

The only thing that was left in my

mind was a weasel. I headed for the computer, casting a wary eye for an ambush, and looked up 'weasel' to find that was indeed my intruder. I had never seen one in this area before, but learned they exist throughout Canada. I also learned that they will live on mice, and even creatures larger than themselves, such as perhaps squirrels, taking over the burrows of their prey.

So now what do I do? I don't want to set a trap to kill it; it is way too beautiful and exotic for that. I have a squirrel trap, but I think that the weasel is skinny enough to escape. Besides what do I bait it with? A dead mouse? Disgusting! And if I am successful in trapping it, I would have to relocate it knowing that it would not survive the elements at this time of the year without a den.

Then I pondered again its prey. Mice and maybe squirrels, creatures that I am always interested in having fewer of. Why not just leave it alone in the house? For those of you who sneered at the existence of mice in my home, and who are sneering now, what better solution do you have given the circumstances?


Then sister Cathy wondered what I would do if it found a home in my bed.

That gave me pause for thought. The idea of settling into my bed with the latest Stephen King propped on my chest while a weasel sized up which of my nether regions to attack was disconcerting. But then, what the heck. Think of the pleasure the doctors would have telling the staff that story.

The weasel, unseen since, is still here, doing what weasels do, though I do take a little longer crawling under the covers.

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St. Luke's Anglican Church

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Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m.

Stayner Brethren in Christ

Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m., refreshments to follow

Mansfield Presbyterian Church

Candlelight Service at 6:15 p.m.

New Lowell United Church

Christmas Eve Communion Service at 6:30 p.m.

Creemore Baptist Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

St. James Clougher-Lisle

Christmas Hymn Sing at 7 p.m.,

Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

Christ Church Banda

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

St. John's United Church

Christmas Eve Communion Service at 8 p.m.,

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton

Christmas Eve Service at 8:15 p.m.

(combined service for the parishes of Batteaux, Duntroon & Singhampton Anglican Churches)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Carolling at 10:30 p.m. followed by Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11 p.m.

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

Creedan Valley Leisureworld

Christmas Day Carol Service at 11 a.m.

hosted by St. John's United Church &

St. Luke's Anglican Church. All welcome.

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (said) Service

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Christmas Day Mass at 11 a.m. (No Evening Mass)

Christ Church, Batteaux

Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.

(combined service for the parishes of Batteaux, Duntroon & Singhampton Anglican Churches)

Sunday, December 28

St. James Clougher-Lisle

Service at 9:30 a.m.

New Lowell United Church

Service at 9:45 a.m. (No service in Creemore today)

St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Service at 10 a.m.

Stayner Brethren in Christ

Service at 10 a.m.

Creemore Baptist Church

Service at 11 a.m.

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Service at 11 a.m.

"Memories of 2014 & Dreams of 2015"

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Mass at 11 a.m.

Church of Redeemer, Duntroon

Service at 10 a.m. (combined service for the parishes of Batteaux, Duntroon & Singhampton Anglican Churches)

Thursday, January 1

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Mass at 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 4

St. Paul's Anglican, Singhampton

Service at 10 a.m. (combined service for the parishes of Batteaux, Duntroon & Singhampton Anglican Churches)

St. Luke's Anglican Church

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SCI SPIRIT Stayner Collegiate Institute student council collected more than 500 pounds of non-perishable food donations for the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank during the “Fill the Van” campaign and delivered it with the help of the fine folks at Lafreniere Auto Sales. The Girls’ Group at Stayner Collegiate Institute gathered donations from students and staff filling 15 festively wrapped boxes with personal care items for My Friend’s House shelter for women and children in Collingwood. Also, in the spirit of community support and giving, the school, in partnership with Clearview Community Church, has provided 20 area families with Christmas dinner packages, complete with a turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce to make the season bright.



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FESTIVE SING-A-LONG
Community members joined **Clive VanderBurgh** and **Laura Walton** at Station on the Green Saturday evening for the annual Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long.

Staff photos: Fred Mills



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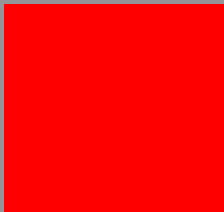
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Wednesday – Dec 24 – 9-3	Mon-Tue – Dec 29-30 – 10-5
Thurs-Fri – Dec 25-26 – closed	Wednesday – Dec 31 – 9-3
Saturday – Dec 27 – 9-6	Thursday – Jan 1 – closed
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Molly Nabuurs (back row, from left), Gemma Belrose, Emma Rusk, Helen Wright, Matthew Beals, Star O'Neill, Madison Wright, Gloria White, Sarah White, Robert Bishop, Cassandra Bishop, Tracy Bishop and pre-4-Her Braydon Bishop with pre-4-Hers Kylie Platt and holding the club banner.

Miniature horse 4H club finishes season with awards

by Sarah White
The Georgian Triangle Miniature Horse 4-H Club began its seventh consecutive year as a club in March of this year.
The club enjoyed a fun year, with 10 new and returning members ranging in age from nine to 21. Club executive members for the year were **Matthew Beals** as president, **Madison Wright** as vice president, **Cassandra Bishop** as secretary, and **Sarah White** as press reporter.
Over the course of the year, club members were taught everything from the fundamentals of haltering, tying, and grooming a horse, to showmanship, jumping and the early stages of driving.
We also learned about confirmation, body language, bathing and clipping, and practiced judging in preparation for the county judging competition in June. **Dr. Tee Fox** from Markdale Veterinary Services also came to speak to the club about laminitis, vaccinations, and deworming.
The club wrapped up the season with a two-day meeting on Aug. 8 and 9, as we gathered for a campout at Wright's house.
The weekend kicked off with a bonfire on Friday evening and continued Saturday with a showmanship

demo, mock show, obstacles practice, jumping, and driving exercises.
Our achievement day was held at the Great Northern Exhibition on Sept. 19, when members showed in showmanship, halter, and obstacles classes. **Robert Bishop** placed first in junior showmanship, followed by Matthew Beals in second, with **Star O'Neill** placing third.
In senior showmanship, Wright took home the first place ribbon, with White in second, and Cassie Bishop rounding out the tough class in third place. Wright took home the grand champion ribbon, with Beals taking the ribbon for reserve champion.
Halter classes were divided by age, with the first group including horses up to three years of age and the second group covering ages four and up. In the junior group, Beals and Jaxx placed first, followed by O'Neill and Lilly in second, White and Dandy in third. Wright and Copper placed first in the senior class, with Booby Bishop and Maple placing second, and Cassie Bishop and Chickpea in third. Copper (with Wright) was named grand champion in halter and Lilly (with O'Neill) was reserve champion.
The obstacles class was not divided by age of handler or horse, resulting in a large and varied class.

Ultimately, Wright continued her red-ribbon streak, with another first place, **Molly Nabuurs** took home a second place ribbon in her second show ever, and Beals placed third.
Divided into teams of two, Wright and O'Neill, Beals and White, and Cassie and Bobby Bishop finished the day with a synchronized jumping performance with their horses.
The Clearview 4-H Awards Banquet was held on Oct. 24, when members from local clubs were acknowledged for their achievements.
O'Neill, Nabuurs, **Gemma Belrose**, and **Emma Rusk** were given plaques to commemorate their first year in 4-H; White was given a seal upon her graduation from 4-H. Trophies were awarded to O'Neill, Cassie Bishop, Wright and Beals.
Although the official 4-H year had wrapped up by this point, the club also had fun participating in the Stayner Santa Claus parade on Dec. 6.
For more photos from the year and more information regarding the club, check out the Georgian Triangle Miniature Horse 4-H Club on Facebook.

Sarah White is Press Reporter for the Georgian Triangle Miniature Horse 4-H Club.

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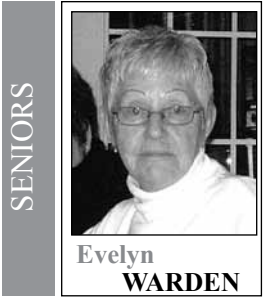
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SENIORS

Evelyn WARDEN

Condolences were expressed to **May Johnston** on the passing of her sister Effie Rowbotham.
A memorial service will be held Jan. 3 at the St. John's United Church.
We welcome a new member **Cecil Ferguson** who has just learned to play his guitar and helped us out with a carol sing-a-long. Thank you Cecil.
Requests for donations resulted in a donation of \$1,000 to the Legion and donations of \$150 to each of the following: The school bands, The Cemetery

Board, The Salvation Army, St. Luke's Anglican Church, St. John's United Church, Maple Cross Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church. These donations were nominated by **Wilma Zeggil** and seconded by **Alma Seifert** and carried.
A thank you card was received from the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital for our donation to their Tree of Life.
Donations of food and money for the food bank were picked by *The Creemore Echo* staff.
We had 10 full tables with a two sit out and lucky draw winners were **Gayle Gordon**, **John Van Voorst**, **Mary Bouchard**, **Cecil Ferguson**, **Barb Cudmore**, **Eileen Nash** and **Irma Flack**. Poinsettia and chocolates were drawn for and the winners were **Dave Smith** and **Marg Hennessey**.
There were six moon shots played by **Eileen Nash**, **Karl Seifert**, **Mary Bouchard**, **Kevin Keogh**, **Isabelle Gubbels** and the travel prize went to **Peter Gubbels**.
Winners for cards were **June Hartley** 296, **Marg Hennessey** 284, **Peter Gubbels** 281, **Janice Stephens** 271 and low went to **Brian McGill**.

I had hoped to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in my last column, however there was no column for that week and so here are all my good wishes for a good and prosperous New Year.
Remember: Buy presents? No, be present; Wrap gifts? No, wrap someone in a hug; Send gifts? No, send peace; Shop for food? No, donate food; Make cookies? No, make love; See the light? No, be the light.
Peace to all friends and family.

May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy.

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec. 24 - 8am to 3pm

Dec. 25 - CLOSED

Dec. 26 - CLOSED

Dec. 27 - 8am to 6pm

Dec. 28 - CLOSED

Dec. 29 - 8am to 6pm

Dec. 30 - 8am to 6pm

Dec. 31 - 8am to 3pm

Jan. 1 - CLOSED

Jan. 2 - 8am to 7pm

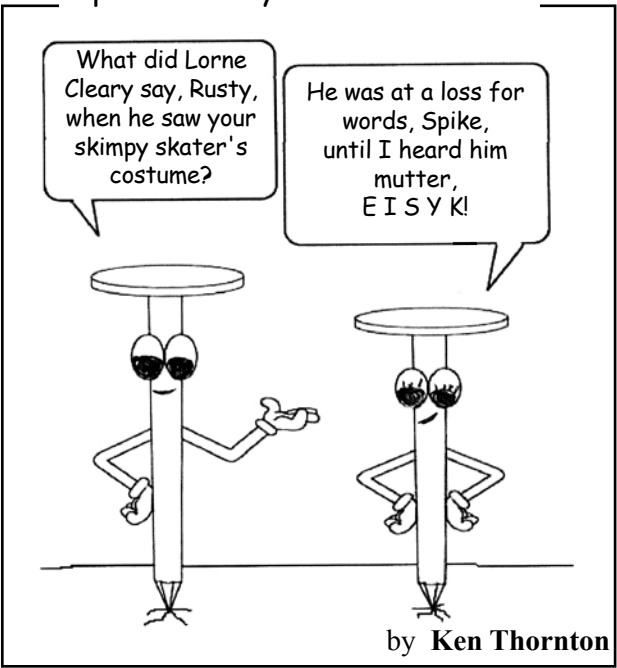
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds page

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer in Classifieds

Weekend Weather

Wednesday, December 24

Light rain
High 6 Low 4 Winds N 10 km/h
POP 80%

Thursday, December 25

Mixed precipitation
High 2 Low -4 Winds W 40 km/h
POP 70%

Friday, December 26

A mix of sun and clouds
High 5 Low 2 Winds S 10 km/h
POP 30%

Saturday, December 27

Cloudy with sunny breaks
High 3 Low -1 Winds W 15 km/h
POP 40%

The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

FRED'S FUNNIES

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has no L.

Canadian Criss Cross

December 24, 2014

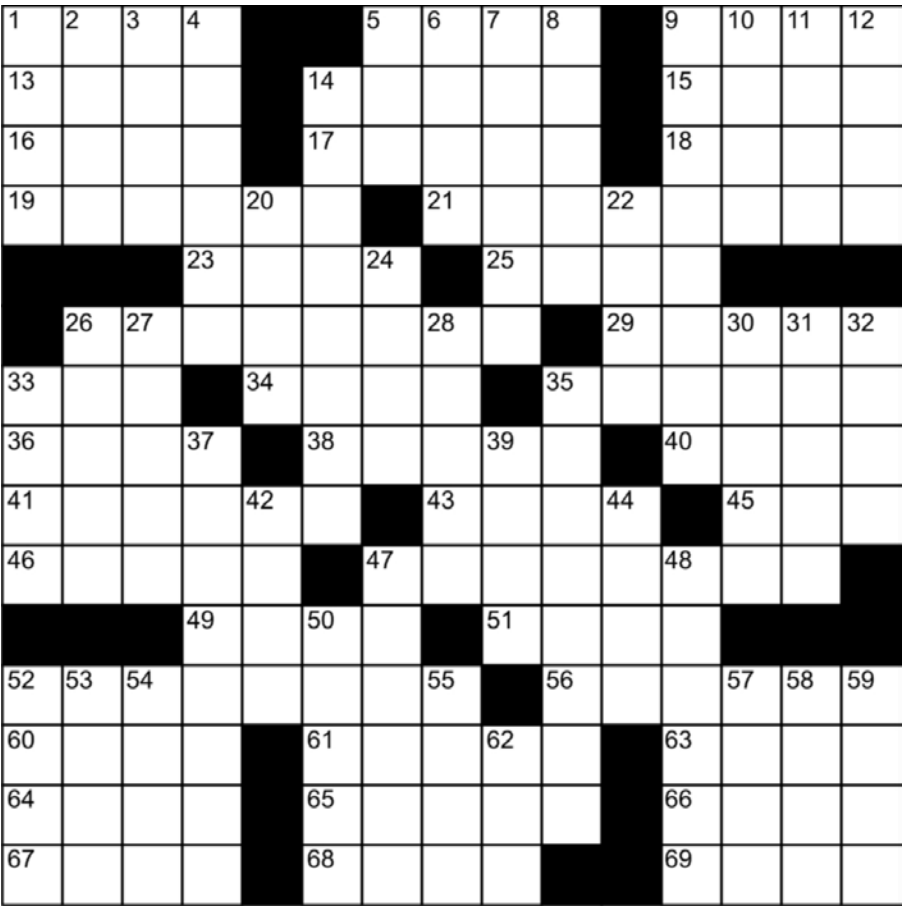
ACROSS

1. First man
5. In addition to
9. Seagoing vessel
13. ___ Scotia
14. Hurtful remark
15. A hammer is one
16. Member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame
17. Bewildered
18. Catholic tribunal
19. Whenever one wishes
21. Scolding, vicious woman
23. Gangster's girlfriend
25. Breeding stallion
26. Vibrate sympathetically
29. Exclude from a place
33. At a considerable distance
34. Allot
35. Go back on one's word
36. False witness
38. Disgrace
40. Long part of a shirt
41. Charge with a tax
43. Submerged
45. Untrustworthy
46. Vexation
47. Explode
49. Manoeuvre gently
51. Devilish
52. Hole in a camera that lets light in
56. Finally
60. Inhabit a dwelling
61. One who flies a jet
63. Unattractive
64. Available for anyone to take part in
65. Get around by trickery

66. Bring in the harvest
67. Circus sight
68. Tear into pieces
69. Part furthest out

DOWN

1. Canadian who sings "Lonely Boy"
2. Shania Twain song
3. Confess
4. Sayings
5. Light touch
6. Growing profusely
7. Feeling of anxiety
8. Begin
9. Having a harsh sound
10. Engine cover
11. Greek vowel
12. Way of doing things
14. Height
20. Be about to happen
22. Impolite
24. Lattice piece
26. Bring up
27. Remove written material
28. Make hair look thicker
30. Four-footed animal
31. Lithe
32. Be dependent on
33. Pocket cover
35. Make like new
37. Godly
39. Making no sound
42. Chair part
44. Grow together, as broken bones do
47. Obtain from a source
48. Attract powerfully



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

50. Wonderful
52. Huge amount
53. It has a bowl at one end
54. Smooth
55. Dash

57. Old
58. Scum on molten metal
59. Work with a word processor
62. Left over

Merry Christmas from your neighbours!

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for Christmas and a very Happy New Year!
Grace McGillivray

Our warmest wishes to all our family and friends for a Merry Christmas and Love, Health and Happiness in the New Year.
Gertie & Terry Gowan

Merry Christmas
Grandma Marg & Grandpa Keith, family & friends!
Love, **Justin & Alyssa Rowbotham**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our old friends & neighbours in Creemore and area.
Sincerely
Isobel and Lorne Burbidge

Merry Christmas everyone!
Helen Blackburn

Wishing everyone a Christmas overflowing with Love & Laughter!
John & Darlene Lemmon

Happy Holidays from the **Creemore Equestrian Centre** wishing all of our friends & neighbours a very Merry Christmas. Your support & kindness throughout a difficult time in 2014 was greatly appreciated. Best wishes for the New Year.

A very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to our Creemore family.
Mary Vandewater & family

Merry Christmas!

BOXING WEEK BLOW OUT!

EVERYTHING MUST GO 50-80% OFF
on select items, decor & seasonal greenery

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Sat. Dec. 27 - 10 am to 6pm
Sun. Dec. 28 - 10 am to 6pm
Mon. Dec. 29 - 10 am to 6pm
Tues. Dec. 30 - 10 am to 6pm
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ROWBOTHAM, Effie passed away peacefully at General & Marine Hospital in Collingwood on Sunday, December 14, 2014 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence (2007). Dear mother of Russ and his wife Marg, Lorne and his wife Wendy, Larry and his wife Germaine and the late Eddy and Delbert. Effie will also be missed by her brother Frank and sister May. Effie is predeceased by her brothers George, Maurice and Wesley. Effie will be sadly be missed by 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at St. John’s United Church, 192 Mill Street, Creemore at 1 p.m. Spring interment will take place at Creemore Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Creemore Union Cemetery would be appreciated. Friends may visit Effie’s online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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On behalf of the School Council at Nottawasaga Creemore Public School (NCPS) we would like to thank the many businesses and people who made our **Breakfast with Santa** fundraiser such a huge success.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the following businesses for their very generous donations to our silent auction: Curiosity House Books, Sola’s Side Door, Creemore Village Pharmacy, Victorian Values, TD Canada Trust, Devil’s Glen Country Club, Highlands Nordic, Triple J Tree Farm, Clearview Public Library, Creemore Skating Club, Chez Michel, Seasons, Clearview Soccer Club, Creemore Life’s A Slice, Pizza Perfect, Creemore Automotive and Transmission, Mrs. C’s Crafts, Sandra Gee, Nancy Gee, Old Mill House, Bank Cafe, From The Blue House With Love, 100 Mile Store, Creemore Home Hardware, Strandz Hair and Aesthetics, The Shopkeepers’ Daughter, Clearview Tea Company, Abandoned Echoes Photography, Tin Shack, The Sanctuary, Juliette Reynolds Thai Yoga Practitioner, Jug City, Linda’s Hair Fashions, Mad and Noisy Gallery, Creemore Foodland, Dr. Hawthorne Dentist, GP Carpentry, Belmont Landscaping Design, Clearview Fire Department, Alex Hargrave Investment Planning Counsel Advisor, Creemore Kitchen, Simon Heath Pottery, Sotheby’s International Realty, Fawcett Funeral Home, Mrs. Black, Creemore Minor Hockey, Maplestone Gallery, Laura Yates Registered Massage Therapist, Sue A. Miller Canadian Artist, Cardboard Castles, darci-que, Hillview Winery, David Bruce Johnson, Ms Designs, Florist Fairy, Not So Hollow Farms, Stayner Optometry, Huron Tractor Ltd, Reinhart Food Limited, Leishman Pottery, Smith Brothers Baseball Central, Collingwood Toyota, Robinson’s Paint and Wallpaper, Play It Again Sports, Maximum Physiotherapy, Scandinave Spa, Dovetail Interiors and our anonymous donors.

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We wish to give a special thank you to Stayner Tim Hortons for their donation of coffee, cups, cream and sugar, Hoffman’s Meat & European Deli for your delicious sausage, Affairs Catering Bakery & Cafe for kindly cooking the sausage and the beautiful “Frozen” gingerbread house, Judy Fuke for the tasty maple syrup, Miller’s Dairy for the freshest milk possible, Mark Hamerton and his helper for photography services, and last but not least the big man in red “Santa”!

The Green Team would also like to acknowledge and thank those who brought their own dishes and cutlery, “reduce, reuse, recycle”!

Thank you to the many students, parents, principal Heather Birchall, teachers, Mr. Morrison and the community at large for their help, support and donations for our craft room, kids shopping room, set up, clean up, and preparing and serving the yummy pancake breakfast.

Lastly, thank you to our wonderful community for your participation in our fundraiser, your support was instrumental in helping us to achieve and surpass our fundraising goal. Breakfast with Santa was a huge success, we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Sincerely,
NCPS School Council

Happy New Year!
from
The Creemore Echo

THE CREEMORE ECHO CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

****Creemore Echo** office will be closed from
Wednesday, December 24 at noon until
Monday, January 5 at 9 a.m.**

This week’s answers

Spike & Rusty:
YIKES

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Our Holiday Office Hours
are as follows:
Wednesday, December 24th,
8:30 - 12:00 pm

Please note that our
office will be closed from
December 25th, 2014
until January 2nd, 2015 inclusive.

Regular office hours will resume on
January 5th, 2015 at 8:30 am
Wishing Everyone Happy Holidays



Staff photo: Fred Mills

A group of carolers stopped by the Mills' residence in Creemore Friday night as they made their rounds through the village. The group of young singers is coordinated by **Kim Morby**.

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Thursday, January 1, 2015
Friday, January 2, 2015

Changing to:

Friday, December 26, 2014
Saturday, December 27, 2014
Friday, January 2, 2015
Saturday January 3, 2015

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS

Waste facilities will be closed at noon:

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

Waste facilities will be closed all day:

Thursday, December 25, 2014
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Thursday, January 1, 2015



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