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Student artists **Hannah Rawn** and **Christopher Stephens** were on hand along with Stayner Collegiate art teacher **Angie Kerr** for the unveiling of a new mural at the Clearview Chamber of Commerce building in Stayner. The mural depicts four Clearview scenes: the tulip garden in spring, the gazebo in summer, rolling fields in autumn and the giant snowflake display in a local park in winter. Kerr says up to a dozen students worked during classes, lunch breaks and spare periods to create the mural which was commissioned by the chamber of commerce.

Station's Big Book Bash shelved for 2024

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

The Big Book Bash, a favourite tradition in Creemore for the past 20 years, will not be happening this fall. Organizer **Marg Purkis** says renovations being done at the Creemore Community Centre and Arena means the space will not be available for drop off and sorting of donations.

The biannual sale is a fundraiser to pay for improvements at the Station on the Green. Purkis says a core group of 15 to 17 volunteers have typically worked in the space leased by the Creemore Curling Club prior to the sale date.

Members of The Creemore Curling Club have expressed regrets that they are not able to provide the usual support

because of the municipally-planned construction.

"We work five days a week, two hours a day sorting all the books that get donated. We eliminate any books which are soiled or smell like smoke or may be infested with pests."

"We don't take self-help books, business books, or encyclopedias. It is because we have such a very high standard that there's always a line up on sale day."

Purkis says the Curling Club was an ideal space to prep for the sale. It had plenty of room and it was offered to organizers at no charge. She says there is no other space in Creemore that makes sense.

The first sale was the brainchild

of **Pat and Chris Raible**, the original owners of Curiosity House Books. Purkis has been in charge of the last six or seven Book Bashes. "I enjoy it. I enjoy the people who help. But I'm getting tired. Hopefully someone else will come along to take it over for next year."

Purkis says in a typical year, the sale raises more than \$6,000. The selection features fiction, history, biographies and plenty of gardening and cook books. In the first sale post-pandemic, they also handled hundreds of jigsaw puzzles. Unsold items were sent to a second-hand book store in Collingwood.

Anyone interested in running the Book Bash next year is invited to call Purkis at 705-351-2681.

County releases annual housing report

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

The County of Simcoe has released its annual report card to track progress on the 10 year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. The strategy set a goal of creating at least 2,685 new affordable housing units between 2014 and 2024. That goal was actually exceeded one year ahead of schedule, but the work continues.

Warden **Basil Clarke** says "as we officially close out our previous 10 year plan, our council and staff are committed to having an even stronger and bolder 10 year affordable housing strategy to present in the coming months."

The report lists several large builds in Orillia, Bradford West Gwillimbury and Barrie, as well as government-funded rent supplements and housing allowances, and partnerships with groups like Habitat for Humanity.

Clearview Mayor **Doug Measures** says the township's ability to participate in creation of affordable housing is severely limited by infrastructure constraints. "Water allocation is the big issue. In Stayner, limits on water capacity are forcing restrictions on building permits. In Creemore, the issue is waste water treatment capacity."

Measures says during the ten years covered by the County report, some secondary units have been built in Clearview outside of settlement areas. As well, there have been two Habitat for Humanity builds in Stayner – one already complete and one currently under construction. "The township supported the Habitat builds by setting aside capacity. We have a lot of churches and community groups that would like to build affordable housing but we have no water capacity."

Measures says Clearview is open to working with developers to build affordable units on township owned land, but there is actually very little township land which is zoned for housing.

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Friday, July 19

- **Friday night BBQ** every weekend at 5 p.m. at the Stayner Legion, 7149 ON-26. Burgers, hotdogs and more. For info call the branch, 705-428-3809.
- **Line dancing lessons** every Friday night at Station on the Green. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$15 per person. Beginner friendly, bring your water bottle. Sign up at the Creemore 100 Mile Store or call/text Linda at 705-794-0638.

Saturday, July 20

- Creemore Horticultural **Flower and Vegetable Show** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station on the Green, 8 a.m. Free. For information call 705-466-2315.
- Creemore Farmers' and Craft Market **outdoor market**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until the end of October in the parking lot at 10 Caroline St. E. More info at creemorefarmersmarket.ca.
- **Saturday night entertainment** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Stayner Legion. This week: The Missing Link. July 27: Karaoke with Kellie. No cover, just good times and great music.
- **Pork BBQ dinner** from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Centennial United Church, Hwy 89 east of Rosemont. Smoked pork chop, baked potato, salad, buns and homemade pie. \$25 per person.

Sunday, July 21

- **Sundays in the Park** at the Creemore Village Green. Tai Chi at 10 a.m. with CTCA. Sherri Jackson Band performs classics from the 60s, 70s and 80s at 1 p.m. Free to attend. See ad on page 6.

Thursday, July 25

- **Stayner Music, Market and Park It** every Thursday night until August 29 at Station Park, 7259 ON-26, Stayner. Live music, fresh produce, artists, kids' events, classic cars and food vendors. Beer, wine and cider served by the Stayner Kinsmen Club. Tourism Information and Heritage Centre open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Farmers' market from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Live music from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair.
- **Breathwork** at the Creemore Sanctuary, 1 Caroline St. W. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$50 per person. www.thecreemoresanctuary.com.

Saturday, July 27

- Creemore Coyotes **fundraiser dance** with local band HogBack Road from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Creemore Legion. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$30 per person, tickets available at the Creemore Farmers' Market on July 20, by calling Laura at 705-627-5284, or emailing creemoreseniorhockey@gmail.com.

Wednesday, August 7

- Canadian Blood Services **donation clinic**, noon to 7 p.m. at the Collingwood Legion, 490 Ontario St. Book online at blood.ca or by calling 1-888-2DONATE.

Tuesday, August 13

- **Drive-Through Chicken Dinner** hosted by the Collingwood Agricultural Society. \$25 per meal, includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, bun and dessert. Pickup from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pre-order only, call 705-888-2797 or email max@greatnorthernex.com.

Saturday, August 17

- Canadian Blood Services **donation clinic**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wasaga Beach RecPlex, 1724 Mosely St. Book online at blood.ca or by calling 1-888-2DONATE.

Sunday, October 6

- Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club's 3rd Annual **Music Hike and Bruce Trail Day**. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area. Explore the Bruce Trail while listening to live music stations along the trail. Free to attend. Visit bmbtc.org/news/events/ for information.

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Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards Presented for 2023

Clearview Township announced the 2023 Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Award Winners, honoured at the Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony at the Stayner Community Centre on June 19, 2024.

Fellow community members nominated the award recipients for making a positive impact on the sports and cultural community in Clearview in nine distinct categories.

“We are blessed in Clearview Township to have a culture of competitive sports and talented artists. Congratulations to the nominees and award recipients on behalf of Council and all in our community,” said Mayor **Doug Measures**.

The legacy awards are on display in the atrium of the Stayner Community Centre and Stayner Branch of the Clearview Public Library. In addition, the Hall of Fame kiosk recognizes current and past members of the Clearview Hall of Fame and welcomes visitors to learn more about the outstanding contributions of community members.

Young Leader in Sport – **Ryan Hepburn**

Hepburn has played and umpired several years for New Lowell Minor Baseball Association representing this community in a positive light.

Hepburn demonstrated great leadership on and off the field. As an umpire, he displayed an increasing level of confidence and knowledge of the game while exhibiting a better sense of game management. He mentors younger umpires by offering constructive criticism and sharing personal experiences to enable growth. He has learned and continues to grow when dealing with adverse situations by remaining calm, providing explanations resulting in diffusing the situations. Hepburn was dedicated to the program and exemplary to his peers while umpiring. He demonstrated respect and professionalism to the game.

Young Leader in Culture – **Ella Baker**

Ella Baker has lived in Stayner since 2003 and was part of Clearview Community Theatre (CCT) from 2012 until she graduated high school in 2020. She participated in theatre, ukulele and choir performances. These performances served as a means to fundraise for the theatre group as well as for other local charities. These shows were also brought into nursing homes and care facilities to share music and theatre with the residents. Baker served on the Board of Directors for Clearview Community Theatre as part of the Youth Director Mentorship Program for six years and as a full director after turning 18. Baker was one of the 2020 recipients of the Wendy Stormes Award for Outstanding Contributions and Leadership in Theatre.

Baker was part of the OMCI Summer Emerging Artist Program. Her role was to perform in and around Clearview Township, supporting Festivals and events, busking and helping to animate the communities.

Baker performed at various Clearview summer Markets singing and playing some of her original music and has been featured on the PEAK FM “Talk of the Town” and “Northern Tracks” series. Baker was one of the featured female artists in Shipyard Kitchen Party’s song/video “This Ain’t a House” – a song of hope and support for victims of domestic violence and for the women’s shelters that help them.

Young Leader in Culture – **Grey Baker**



Bryan Davies photo

Mayor **Doug Measures** pictured with 2023 Award Winners (from left to right): **Richard Gauthier**, Team of the Year: Members from the New Lowell Knights 2022 to 2023, **Trevor Harris** accepting on behalf of **Walker Godmere**, **Brian Hoysa**, **Ryan Hepburn**, **Tai DeLuna** for Ruff Mudder, **Ella Baker**, **Grey Baker**, **Grenville Bray**.

Grey Baker has lived in Stayner their whole life and has been part of Clearview Community Theatre (CCT) from the age of seven. Since then, they have participated in theatre, ukulele and choir performances. Baker served on the Board of Directors for Clearview Community Theatre as part of the Youth Director Mentorship Program for five years and was one of the 2023 recipients of the Wendy Stormes Award for Outstanding Contributions and Leadership in Theatre.

In their high school Baker was involved in many leadership activities attending multiple leadership conferences. Most notably Baker wrote, directed and performed the lead role in the school’s play which was entered into the National Theatre School Drama Festival. The play won district and regional level competitions and moved on to the Provincial Showcase with Baker winning awards for directing, writing and acting. At the provincial level Baker won one of the six Mira Awards for Artistic Vision and the award for best student-written script for 2023.

Baker is currently studying theatre at York University and has been cast in the lead role for a feature film which began shooting in May.

Athletic Achievement Award – **Walker Godmere**

Walker Godmere has played baseball in New Lowell for several years and 2023 was his last, due to aging out of minor baseball. Throughout the years playing baseball, he demonstrated respect and sportsmanship to coaches, players and officials. While being an experienced umpire himself, he readily accepted their calls and if he questioned an umpire, it was exercised discreetly and with the utmost respect. He greeted the opposition players when they arrived at the New Lowell diamonds.

Walker welcomed all his teammates whether they were experienced baseball players or new to the sport. He made all players feel like valued members of the team. He readily mentored younger players on fundamentals to play the catcher’s position while achieving success.

Athlete of the Year Award – **Anna Carruthers**

In 2023, Anna Carruthers earned two silver medals at provincials and a fifth place national ranking.

As a Western University track runner, Carruthers won two silver medals at the Ontario University Athletics provincial championships, one in the 3000 metre race and another in the four-by-800-metre relay.

Carruthers and her teammate were neck-and-neck at the finish line for the 3000 metre race. She narrowly missed the gold but she said it was a huge personal accomplishment to win her first individual medal. Being in the top-12 track runners of all Canadian university students earned Carruthers a spot at the 2023 FFUN U SPORTS Track and Field Championship in Saskatoon where the women’s track and field team won silver, finishing 100 points behind Guelph, and Carruthers maintained her fifth place national ranking in the 3000 metre.

Team of the Year Award – **New Lowell Knights 2022 to 2023**

The Knights, a mainstay in the North Dufferin Baseball League since 1967, have enjoyed great success in recent years, winning league championships in 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2023. They were also finalists in 2017 and 2021.

As a result of the team’s hard work by the players and coaches they have continuously demonstrated great success in the sport of baseball for the community of New Lowell and Clearview Township. Moreover, by their victories and representation in both league and provincial championships they demonstrate that successful baseball programs can be found within smaller communities in the province. The team’s core roster has not changed significantly in the past 10 years, winning the Strothers Cup five of those years.

Builder Award – **Richard Gauthier**

Richard Gauthier is a local business owner, and president and director of hockey operations for the (See “Community” on page 9)

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COLUMN

Continuing increase in syphilis cases in Simcoe Muskoka a growing concern

Since 2018, the number of syphilis cases in Simcoe Muskoka has increased fivefold. Syphilis is a bacterial infection that spreads through sexual contact, such as genital, anal, or oral sex. It can affect anyone who is having unprotected sex. The largest increase in cases has been among women, although most cases are still in men. We are also seeing a concerning trend of increased infections in pregnant people and newborns throughout Canada. Pregnant individuals can pass the infection to their babies during pregnancy or at birth. Meanwhile, the number of cases among men continues to grow.

If a person has syphilis, they may not have any symptoms. For those who have symptoms, they may have painless sores at the site of exposure, followed by a rash, fever, and other symptoms. These symptoms may disappear without treatment; however, the infection stays in the body. Syphilis that remains untreated for a long time can permanently damage organs such as the heart, brain, and liver.

Because it can present with symptoms that are very similar to other health conditions, syphilis is called the “great pretender” which can sometimes complicate its diagnosis. Syphilis is easily detected with a blood test and is best treated with an injectable antibiotic. This particular antibiotic is only available through the public health unit for free and a treating health care provider can access this medication on behalf of patients at no cost.

We recommend that people who are sexually active get tested regularly through a blood test. When detected sooner, the infection can be treated sooner, requiring fewer doses of antibiotic, and lowering the risk of developing long-term health problems. Testing for syphilis and other STIs is available through your healthcare provider’s office, walk-in clinics, community health centres, certain community agencies and sexual health clinics, including the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU). STI testing is free through a healthcare provider for those with an Ontario Health Card. A valid health card is not required to access free STI testing at the health unit.

Anyone who is pregnant or planning to be pregnant should be tested. If left untreated, a syphilis infection can lead to congenital syphilis. This is when syphilis is spread from those who are pregnant to their babies during pregnancy or at birth. Syphilis can result in serious health complications for babies. All pregnant individuals are recommended to get tested in the first three months and at seven months of pregnancy.

People can reduce their risk of getting syphilis by making informed decisions before participating in sexual activities, such as using barrier protection, limiting their number of sexual partners, talking to their partner(s) about STI testing, and being aware of how alcohol and other drugs can affect sexual decision making.

Dr. Colin Lee is an Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

THE WAY WE WERE



Avening Public School (date unknown) with teacher Gracie Carruthers (right).

Submitted by Ed Stephens.

COLUMN

Scholarships, bursaries available for careers in agriculture

Two topics often make headlines when it comes to agriculture – the relatively high average age (56) of Canada’s farmers and the ongoing labour shortage that makes it hard to attract enough workers to fill the many positions available throughout the food system.

Current research suggests the worker shortage in agriculture could reach 123,000 by 2030, because of older workers retiring and the expected continued growth of the sector.

I’m both a farmer – my husband and I raise cattle and grow crops in the Eastern Ontario county of Lanark – and a professor at Algonquin College’s Perth Campus, where I teach agricultural business. That means I understand firsthand how important it is for our industry to encourage the next generation to choose a career in agriculture, whatever that might look like.

Traditionally, that has often meant on-farm jobs working with livestock or growing crops, but today, pursuing a career in agriculture offers a wide range of fascinating and fulfilling opportunities.

Beyond the farm, which I personally know can be a rewarding and fulfilling way of life, the career possibilities range from research, equipment

maintenance, quality control, food safety, and construction to transportation, processing, product development, marketing, sales, business and beyond.

That’s before we include emerging fields like robotics, automation, artificial intelligence or gene editing, to name just a few, all of which offer exciting new potential for farming and food production.

As a professor, I also know how hard today’s students have to work at their education. It’s an expensive undertaking and many of the students I teach balance their course load with employment to put themselves through school.

That’s why scholarships and bursaries are important – and why I’m proud of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), where I serve as a board member, for actively supporting young people who wish to work in our sector.

One way the OFA does this is through our province-wide bursary program, which offers \$2,000 each to three students in undergraduate programs studying agriculture, as well as to someone completing an apprenticeship and to an individual enrolled in a post-graduate or leadership development program.

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COLUMN

Acceptance key to healing

When I was a teen I spent a lot of time in my room listening to 45's and dreaming about escaping the small rural town I grew up in. As part of my escape plan I covered my bedroom walls in album covers, posters and magazine ads depicting successful people living a so-called happy and glamorous life. What I choose not to see at the time was that all the women on my walls were super skinny and mostly white.

WELLNESS



Nicole HAMBLETON

promoted female thinness, servitude and silence. My desire to fit in, keep up, stay small, and succeed overtook the anxious voice inside trying to show me where I was out of balance. I went seeking solace in a socially enforced yet unrealistic expectation of women.

My 40s found me thin, anxious, sick and tired so I decided to embark on a healing journey to save myself from myself. My journey started with an article in *Chatelaine* that talked about disordered eating and body reclamation. The author shared her tarnished relationship to her body and how being a live model healed how she viewed and lived in her "not so perfect" body. I was intrigued and scared to do something so brazen. Nonetheless, six months later I ended up naked in front of artists in a home art studio on the 4th Line. It was a nerve-racking, vulnerable, and empowering experience that I repeated six times. The surface tension between my mind and my body softened yet the whispers of my heart suggested something deeper was needed... radical self-love. What a frightening yet ultimately freeing truth. I could write a book about my self-love journey that spanned many, many years and brought me to my knees and stood me back up again. For brevity I will share that it included emotional expression, leaps of faith, deep soul mining, learning and trusting therapeutic modalities, and learning how to connect and trust my inner truth while simultaneously believing in something greater. It isn't over and it hasn't been easy, but I'm a happier and more loving person because of it. In my heart there exists a gentle acceptance and respect for my changing body that feels easeful and quite frankly freeing. I no longer subscribe to societal expectations of women's bodies especially as we age (I love my greying hair, wisdom lines, and rounded belly). Instead of controlling my caloric intake I focus on nourishment from whole, minimally processed foods. I eat mindfully when I'm hungry and I enjoy "never" foods with conscious, loving awareness. I've found ways to nourish the other parts of me that were starving though dance, art, singing and gardening. It's a daily practice of noticing, loving, taking responsibility and breathing wholeness and freedom.

I grew up in a lower-middle class family without a lot of discretionary income so food was used as an inexpensive way to treat the family. I fondly remember the greasy battered fish and fresh cut fries from Chipperfield's that accompanied "I don't feel like cooking" Friday night take-out. When there was tension in our house one of my parents would come home with ice cream or candy as a sugary peace offering. I grew up snacking while watching 7 pm sitcoms. The techno vision processed food commercials supported and normalized our eating habits. As a result, I grew up a chubby kid who shopped in the Pretty Plus section of Eatons.

In high school a guy I had a crush on declined a date with me stating "he would never date a fatty". This was a crushing pivotal life moment that resulted years of chronic under eating and over-exercising. I was formally diagnosed with anorexia when I was 15 years old. I ended up looking like one of the models on my wall, but my life was far from glamorous or happy. I was praised for my appearance but inside I felt lost and lonely and the boy still didn't ask me out.

In my mid-20s I pursued an education in dietetics where I was celebrated for my thinness despite the unhealthy ways I had to maintain it. I was an expert at counting calories, fat and carbs while making it look like I was eating enough. There were many foods on my "never" list and I felt virtuous in my willpower to avoid them. Under the guise of health, I was able to justify restricted eating in a socially accepted way.

In my 30s anxiety started to show the cracks in my veneer and with those cracks came the realization that I was controlling food because I was afraid of all the feelings and trauma boiling inside of me. In the late 90s and early 2000s I was surrounded by a culture that



Staff photo: Bonnie MacPherson

Clearview's Fire Chief **Scott Davison**, Councillor **Robert Walker**, Mayor **Doug Measures**, Deputy Mayor **Paul Van Staveren** were joined by other council members, fire fighters and staff from the Public Works Department for the official opening of the New Lowell Joint Operations Centre on July 16. The 17,760 square foot facility is home to Clearview Fire Station 3. It will house vehicles, equipment and offices as well as meeting and training spaces. A tender for the construction was awarded in 2022. According to Clearview CAO **John Ferguson**, the cost of approximately \$3,800,000 was 90 per cent funded through development charges.

Support for future farmers

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Applicants are judged based on demonstrated leadership skills, involvement in the community, and their accomplishments in both school and the agriculture industry. The deadline to apply for this year's OFA bursaries is August 31, with full details available at ofa.on.ca.

There are also substantial scholarships and bursaries for higher education offered by many of the OFA's county and regional federations, as well as other agricultural organizations like Grain Farmers of Ontario, the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers, 4-H, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and many others.

Depending on the award, funds can be used to help pay for things like tuition, textbooks, housing and other educational expenses. Deadlines and criteria vary, but a full list of available opportunities can be found on the OFA's website.

By investing in these types of opportunities, we are supporting future generations and offering a hand up to the young people who are looking to follow in the footsteps of those of us who have made our livelihoods in the agriculture industry – whether they come from a farming background or not.

Many of the big issues facing the

world today, from climate change and emissions to food security and soil health, are complex but they have a connection to agriculture in that we are both impacted by them and can offer solutions for improvement.

There are no easy answers, so we need talented, smart, and enthusiastic people with fresh ideas and new perspectives to join our industry and help make a positive difference for our world.

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Andrea McCoy-Naperstkov is a director with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. She farms in the Eastern Ontario county of Lanark, near Carleton Place where she and her husband Arvin raise beef cattle and grow crops. She joined the OFA board in 2023 representing farmers in Arnprior, Lanark, Ottawa and Renfrew, but has been involved with her local federation of agriculture in various roles for the last 25 years.

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Chin Chin to host pop up for local maker

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

Three new wines from Therianthropy will be unveiled to the public at a special pop-up event at Chin Chin wine bar in Creemore.

Winemaker **David Eiberg** arrived in Creemore from California in 2018. He had originally been looking for a property in Prince Edward County, but fell in love with the Southern Georgian Bay area which was just beginning to emerge as a wine region.

Early on, Eiberg connected with local grower **Chuck Magwood**. Magwood farms 280 acres on the 6th Concession of Nottawasaga, and has been growing grapes for almost 30 years.

At the start, Magwood says, growing grapes in this area was hugely experimental. “I bought this derelict farm and I noticed that wild grapes were growing in profusion. It was the early days of the internet, but I found a site which talked about winter hardy vines so I connected with the author and started out with some of his vines.” Magwood initially planted frontenac, sabre bois and some hybrid winter-hardy grapes. They did well so he kept adding, learning and growing. Eighteen years ago he got some roots from Niagara and added vinefera grapes and never looked back. These days, he’s growing baco noir, marechel foch, pinot noir, pino gris, chardonnay, cabernet franc and syrah. He employs a system of covering the vines with geo tech fabric to protect them from winter



Staff Photo: Bonnie MacPherson

David Eiberg and Chuck Magwood

damage. “It’s very labour intensive, but it works. I don’t know of anyone else north of Niagara doing these varieties of grapes this successfully.”

Eiberg says the three wines, to be debuted at Chin Chin beginning July 18, are made from 2023 grapes grown on Magwood’s farm.

The first is a pinot gris. Eiberg describes it as like a pinot grigio but with some skin content that gives it more complexity and structure.

Next is a field blend. “This is a light red that is meant to be served chilled. It’s a combination of pinot noir and chardonnay grapes which are grown, picked and fermented together.”

The third new wine to be showcased is a big serious red — a blend of syrah and cabernet franc. Eiberg is especially proud of this one, “It’s hard to get good reds in cool climates. This has the weight of a Malbec with a bit more acid.”

Each wine will feature a label created by **Michel Tolmer**, a French artist who has a connection to Canada. Eiberg says each one is a piece of art. “He does all our labels and branding. We do 19 new labels each year and no label is repeated.”

The labels for the three new wines feature images of Magwood’s farm.

Until recently, Eiberg made his wine



in a barn on the 12/13 Sideroad but he outgrew that space. The 2023 wines were made locally, but he has since shifted production to a 1400 square foot facility in Vineland.

In addition to the three new Georgian Bay wines, the pop up will feature the entire 40 wine library of Therianthropy from their first vintage to the latest offering. Eiberg and partner **Anastasia Phillips** will be taking over Chin Chin, located on Mill Street in Creemore, from July 18 to August 6.

Therianthropy means Human-animal shapeshifting in mythology, folklore, and fiction.



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Collingwood Bridge Reconstruction

by Bonnie MacPherson

The Collingwood Street bridge in Creemore has closed for reconstruction and is expected to remain closed until at least December.

The previous Township Council voted in 2022 to proceed with engineering and permit approvals for replacement of the bridge which was determined to be a less expensive option than permanently closing the bridge and reconstructing Concession 5 and the 6/7 Sideroad as an alternate route. At that time, the cost of the project was estimated at \$3,453,089.

The current council recently awarded a tender for \$3,636,008 to Soncin Construction of Woodbridge.

Project Manager **Baz Dokainish** of Clearview Public Works says Soncin

was not only the low bidder, they have also been thoroughly vetted. “They’ve done all sorts of bridge work throughout Simcoe County and York Region and they’re well known for their expertise.”

The work will include removal of the existing bridge and construction of a replacement structure, plus retaining walls, storm drainage and road reconstruction. The completion date is somewhat weather dependent, but Dokainish is confident the bridge will reopen at some point during the coming winter.

Local access will be maintained at all times for residents, and businesses from either the north or the south. There will be no through access during construction.

CGMH seeks input for Strategic Plan

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) is embarking on an exciting journey to develop a new strategic plan and is calling on the community for input.

The new plan, which will direct the hospital’s work in 2025 and beyond, will provide a detailed guide for making informed decisions into the future.

The creation of this new plan is timely, with the construction of a new state-of-the-art hospital for South Georgian Bay projected to be completed within the next 10 years.

“Preparing to build a new hospital is a big job,” says **Michael Lacroix**, CGMH President and CEO. “We need to plan carefully to ensure we continue to provide outstanding care in our aging building today, while laying the groundwork for new programs and services in our future hospital. Our next strategic plan will act as our road map

to the future, as CGMH begins to build tomorrow, today.”

The new strategic plan is being created through a collaborative process with guidance from CGMH’s Board of Directors, and input from hospital staff, physicians, volunteers, patients, partner hospitals, local government, and the community at large. Each contributor brings unique insights that are vital to the planning process.

An online survey for patients and community members is now open until July 31 through CGMH’s website: <https://cgmh.on.ca/who-we-are/new-strategic-plan>.

This is an opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts and help shape the hospital’s path forward. Printed copies of the survey are also available at the volunteer desk in the front lobby of the hospital.

CGMH anticipates the release of its new strategic plan in early 2025.

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Community members awarded for their talents

(Continued from page 4)

Stayner Siskins, a PJHL Jr. C. team he first played for 35 years ago. The team celebrated its 50th season in 2022/23, advancing to the Schmalz Cup Championships in 2022 and 2023.

Described as a formidable defenceman playing for the Siskins at 17 years of age, Gauthier has held virtually every staff position on the team as assistant coach, head coach and general manager before stepping into his current role, all as a volunteer.

Dozens of hockey players have extended their years of competitive play in Stayner where a small-town team has consistently “punched above its weight” and developed a consistent fan base. The Siskins have won nine regular season titles and four league or division championships in the past 25 years and appeared in the provincial championship finals for the Schmalz Cup in 2017, 2021 and 2023 seasons.

Community Volunteer Award – Brian Hoysa

Brian Hoysa has been a member of Kinsmen for at least 10 years and has the privilege to be Stayner’s Santa. Hoysa loves his role and looks forward to seeing all the kids’ faces along with their families. He has been asked to be Santa for the Tree Lighting, the Firefighters Christmas party, the Blue Mountain Manor Nursing Home and so much more. Hoysa loves playing this character. He gets so excited to see the

kids’ faces when he makes a comment on how much they have grown or talks about the colour of their snowsuit. Hoysa loved visiting the nursing home and seeing the joy on the resident faces.

He also came to Byng Public School during their Christmas assembly and he even got on St. Noel school bus, to see all the kids. A couple of years ago, Brian got an opportunity to go to Barrie for the Children Connection Program to meet and greet the children and hand out presents.

Festival & Event Award – Ruff Mudder

Ruff Mudder, a five-kilometre obstacle adventure event held at TGK Farm in Stayner, began in 2014 as part of the veterinary clinic’s open house and has grown to an international sensation. There are over 40 permanent and natural obstacles on the Ruff Mudder course with another 40+ tunnels, ramps, temporary lined ponds, chutes, stiles and spider webs.

In 2023 it attracted more than 1,000 people, from all over North America. Ruff Mudder is a fundamental part of the family farm; it allows the farm to diversify, increases the amount of land lying fallow and gives people insight into the daily workings of a successful farm. The Moon Dog Walks (held on the Saturday night) provided participants with a tour of the farm and included discussions about environmental impact, sustainability, crop rotation and diversification. The

event is a testament to how innovation can save the family farm and build a multi generational business.

Artist Achievement Award – Grenville Bray

Gren Bray was the driving force behind the creation of the Clearview Community Theatre in 1996, since then over a thousand cast members, many of them youth, have participated in productions of musical theatre. In addition to CCT productions and under Bray’s direction, has had troupes no auditions required, open to all ages singing, playing ukulele, and performing together. Many times bringing families out together.

Bray always made a point of being inclusive, of all who were interested in participating, if they were unable or unwilling to be on stage, he would find something backstage that would suit their talents. He also provided the training necessary like set construction, lighting, audio and sound. He is a master of all when it comes to the theatre. Bray has always had high expectations of the cast and crew under his direction. He pushes people to be their best and they always meet his high standards, unwilling to let down this man that has been a director, mentor, friend and family to all.

For information about the awards or to view past inductees visit www.discoverclearview.ca/hall-of-fame.

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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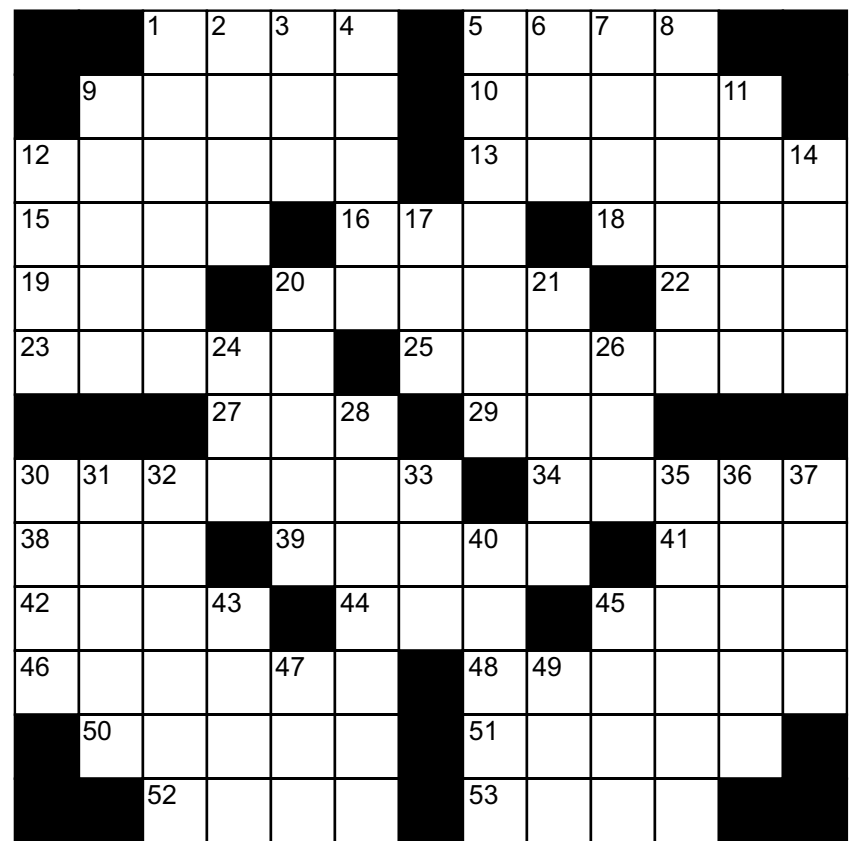
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- Organ knob
- Parts of old telephones
- Become gradually narrower
- Advertising tune used in advertising
- Actors in a crowd scene
- Former premier of Ontario
- Walk all over
- Location
- Bang into
- One way to become parents
- It's not true
- Tricky deceitful fellow
- Flower
- Before now
- ___ out (use sparingly)
- Relating to the past
- World on which we live
- Very great sadness
- Fire truck feature
- 100 square metres
- His ___ (jack in cribbage)
- You can get one at the beach
- From the beginning
- Part of an address
- Gives a tint to
- It has a perforated bottom
- Sea eagles
- Hightailed it
- Welsh recipient of the Victoria Cross



DOWN

- Place where people go to watch films
- Witches
- Not well
- Pretentious person
- Church tower
- Part of HST, in Canada
- Chooses
- Great dangers
- Backless couch
- Proportion
- Weightlifting move
- Give the impression of being
- Kind of story
- Athena's shield
- You can use one to take the bus
- Large container for liquids
- North ___
- Left out
- Has possession of
- Steals from an abandoned store
- Bits and pieces of rubbish
- Pitcher's stat.
- Kitchen appliances
- Forest features
- Uses an axe
- Keyboard key
- Flow slow
- Daughter of Elizabeth II
- Day before a holiday
- Wrath

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COE, Doris Viola (nee Miller) – Passed peacefully on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Stayner Care Centre, formerly of Wasaga Beach and Maxwell, in her 85th year. She is reunited with her beloved husband Gerry (Gerald William, 2017). Loving mother of Karen of Collingwood, Laurie (Sandy) Clark of Stayner and Roger of Parry Sound. Loved and remembered by grandchildren Shannon (Gary) Welch, Krista McKee (Adam Garbutt), Jordan McKee (Kevin Schreiber), Brandon "Will" Clark, Madisson Coe (Stephan Bouchard), Dylan Coe (Sarah Parent). Survived by brothers Wes (June) Miller of Thorold, and Reg (Dorilla) Miller of Feversham. Doris was born October 11, 1939 to John and Emma Miller in Nottawasaga Township. She met and married the love of her life on September 7, 1957 in Singhampton. Doris loved being a mother and kept a clean and tidy home. She was the reason Gerry's books were always in order over the years. She also will be fondly remembered for her years at Maxwell Farm Service. Interment at Singhampton Cemetery has taken place. If desired, memorial contributions to Singhampton Union Cemetery would be gratefully appreciated. Online donations or condolences at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca.

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EMERSON, Melissa – Melissa Emerson, born in 1941, died peacefully with her family at her bedside on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston, Ontario. Melissa, devoted and loving wife of Garfield Emerson, was mother of Melissa Hylton and of Taylor Emerson, 'Nana' to grandchildren Slater, Minnie and Harriet Hylton, and sister of Ann Turner. Melissa's life was attuned to the eternal verities and values of human existence. Her first care was for her family.

Her familial loyalty to her parents Dr. Alan Taylor and Wilhelmina Taylor (née Slater) of Windsor, Ontario, extended beyond their passing. Following her first high school dates with Garfield in 1958, she pursued her own career and graduated from Toronto General Hospital as a nurse in 1963. Following their marriage in 1964 and working as a senior nurse at Sick Kids Hospital in ophthalmology, she supported Garfield as he pursued his legal education to graduation. On the birth of daughter Melissa and then son Taylor, Melissa left a promising nursing career to become an at-home mother to raise her children. Her thoughts never wandered from maternal concerns for the welfare and wellbeing of her children and grandchildren to the time of her passing. "When's Missy coming?" "Where's Taylor?" "What are the grandchildren doing?" she would inquire almost daily. Melissa's personality was joyful. She welcomed life's unfolding adventures and tribulations with positivity, optimistic cheerfulness, inquisitiveness, and steadfast determination, always with a natural, unpretentious friendliness to all. While not an extrovert, she enjoyed social and fun gatherings. Family birthdays and Christmas celebrations were extravagant occasions. Outside her family, Melissa became close friends with many with whom she associated, numerous of whom confided in her for her frankness and commonsense approach. Humanity, humour, generosity, and life enjoyment founded her many personal relationships with her diverse friends and those she met. Urban-born, raised and educated, with childhood summers at Muskoka's Lake Rosseau, Melissa's life changed culturally when Garfield bought a windswept 100-acre agricultural farmstead in Mulmur Township with a sole tree and a solitary 19th-century Victorian brick house standing starkly in the open fields. Without hesitation, she accepted the challenges. An active member of the Toronto Garden Club, Melissa transformed the arable fields into country estate property over the next 43 years. Extensive gardens were designed to surround the main buildings. Thousands of trees, more than 40 species, were planted, springs released, ponds dug, and dry stone walls positioned. With the main home re-reconstructed and furnished with her interior design talents, a second house was built for family. The dismantled barn foundation, first converted into a stonewalled garden, was, with the coming of grandchildren, repurposed at her direction into a pool house and inground swimming pool for their enticement and enjoyment. During her final year, Melissa welcomed, without unease, the personal and loving attention she received from her several caregivers, to whom she expressed her warm thankfulness daily. Melissa, from her wheelchair, regularly asked them, "How can I help?" Melissa Emerson was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, at a private family graveside ceremony officiated by Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. A reception to honour her and her memory will be held at the York Club, Toronto, on the afternoon of Friday, September 20, 2024. Melissa's family has endowed the Melissa Emerson Horticulture Fund to promote horticultural community activities and research and to provide scholarships, bursaries, and awards to students enrolled in horticulture and related courses at Canadian educational institutions. In remembrance of Melissa, tax-receipted donations may be made to the Fund at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/102830>.

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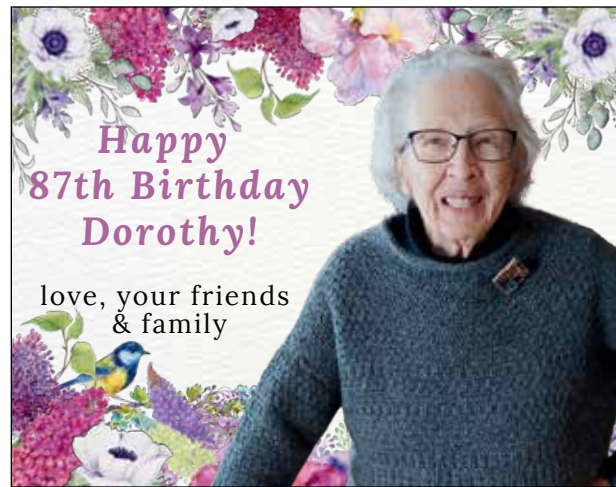


IRVING, Neil Brian – Neil was born a blue baby on July 8, 1963 at the hospital in Wadena Saskatchewan. Diagnosed with Ebstein's Anomaly, doctors at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto predicted he would not live past the age of five. Neil didn't get

the memo. He lived to receive a life-saving valve replacement surgery at the Mayo Clinic when he was 21 and went on to marry twice, have five kids, farm for forty more years and live every day to the fullest. He was due to receive a whole new heart later this year when he died suddenly on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at the General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood at the age of 61. Neil of Stayner, Ontario and of Kelvington, Saskatchewan maintained farming in Saskatchewan six months of the year while spending the other six with his wife and children in Ontario with the help of his whole family. Neil was the beloved husband of Jennifer Irving and loving father of Charles and Jill (Nathan) Irving of Saskatoon and Colin, Olyndra and Neelah Irving of Stayner. Cherished grandfather of Max and Theo of Saskatoon. Devoted son of Allen and

Carroll Irving and dear brother of Beth (Nigel Mayo), David (Tammy), Dale (Allison) and Tim (Stacey) Irving. Neil will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins along with all those who were just like family to him, his in-laws, his friends (whether life-long or forged over a coffee or a curling game), and of course, his fellow farmers. Neil was a gentle man who made friends easily. He enjoyed making conversation with whoever crossed his path. His passion was farming with his father, uncle, brother and cousin near Kelvington, Saskatchewan. He wasn't known for his strategy at cards or games but loved to play and joke around. He enjoyed curling and shuffleboard and coffee time at the corner or after church (or anywhere!) and supporting his family and their activities, and pretty much anything that you could do and still

have a great visit. He also loved a crop tour and a good nap. Neil dealt with his heart condition with courage and determination. He would never let anyone tell him he was sick or admit that he was feeling unwell, and loved to agree that he was too stubborn to die. He was one of a kind so we really believed he might have been right about that. He will be deeply grieved. Friends will be received at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home, in Stayner on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 2 to 4 p.m. A Celebration of Neil's Life will be held in Kelvington, Saskatchewan later in July. If desired, a donation to Centennial United Church, Stayner, Kelvington United Church or your favourite organization that supports farming would be appreciated by his family. For further info to sign Neil's Book of Memories, please visit www.carruthersdavidson.com.




Thanks to the volunteers, Clearview Township and the village of Creemore for supporting the inaugural INDIGENOUS MARKET.

Many thanks to the Indigenous community for sharing their talents and culture with us. We look forward to hosting this event next year!

If you'd like to be a part of the 2025 Indigenous Market, we are looking for volunteers and vendors.

Contact creemorefarmersmarket@gmail.com



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Community Economic Development Officer Contract

The Corporation of the Township of Clearview

Clearview Township is currently seeking a full-time temporary Community Economic Development Officer– two (2) year contract.

Clearview Township is located in a region that has a long history as one of Ontario's favourite tourist and vacation destinations, attracting over 2 million visitors annually. Our community offers all the modern urban amenities with the attractiveness and friendly charm of small-town quality of life. Clearview Township currently only has in-person work.

Qualifications:

A university degree in business, political science, planning or related discipline from a recognized institution. Preference is given for an Economic Development certificate obtained through a 2 year postgraduate program. Possession of an Economic Development designation is an asset.

Responsibilities:

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Community Economic Development officer is responsible for facilitating, promoting, and assisting in community and economic development. Including securing opportunities and facilitating processes for economic and business development that support sustainability and increase business growth within Clearview Township. In addition, they will be required to facilitate community development opportunities for volunteer groups.

The preferred candidate will have extensive knowledge and experience with community economic development theories, practices and knowledge of local and regional economic development opportunities. As well as a good understanding of municipal affairs, business principles, market analysis and a good knowledge of marketing and business promotion. The successful candidate must possess a G driver's licence in good standing.

Salary:

The salary range offered for this position is \$70,937 to \$87,091 plus matched OMERS contributions.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and cover letter quoting **job # 2024-027** to Human Resources **by July 29, 2024**, to: hr@clearview.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please. The Township of Clearview is an equal-opportunity employer.

Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Please visit: www.clearview.ca

Human Resources Administrative Assistant Temporary Full Time

The Corporation of the Township of Clearview

Clearview Township is currently seeking a temporary full-time (35 hours per week) Human Resources Administrative Assistant, 6 months to 1 year contract. Clearview Township currently only has in-person work.

Key Accountabilities

Reporting to the Director of Human Resources, the Human Resources Administrative Assistant provides support to the department by assisting with key projects and functions including recruitment activities, department filing, HRIS data entry and reviewing department documentation. The main duties and responsibilities of the position are in the areas of records and process management, recruitment, health and safety and training programs, administrative support and department functions.

Skills and Experience

- Diploma in Human Resources Management or Business Administration, or related field, together with one to three (1-3) years of experience in a Human Resources administration role, preferably in a municipal environment.
- Demonstrated and thorough working knowledge of municipal government, Human Resources Management, policies and procedures.
- Thorough working knowledge of Microsoft Windows and Office applications and ability to produce professional documents using desktop publishing software.
- Excellent administrative, communication, interpersonal, organizational, time management, and public relations skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to multi-task, cope with interruptions and work under pressure to meet multiple deadlines, exercise discretion and good judgment particularly when handling highly confidential/sensitive information.
- Possess a high level of initiative and personal integrity.
- Knowledge and understanding database management a definite asset.
- Ability and willingness to travel within the community and out of town as required.
- Flexibility to work occasional evenings or weekends to attend special events, functions or meetings.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check.
- Valid Class G Driver's License with dependable personal transportation.

Salary:

Salary range offered for this position is \$48,831 to \$59,958 per year plus a competitive benefits package.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a criminal background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2024-028** to Human Resources **by July 26, 2024** to: hr@clearview.ca

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