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DOMINANCE ON SNOW Four weeks after strapping on skis for the first time, Creemore's 1944 EME Cadet Corps crowded the podium at the Cadet Area Biathlon Competition last Saturday at Highlands Nordic. The team, consisting of **Connor McNally**, **Devlyn Lohnes** and **Troy Millsap**, finished first overall and will move on to the Provincial Competition in Sault Ste Marie on the weekend of February 10 to 12. Connor McNally placed first in the Junior Boys category, and **Cole McArthur**, who will be competing on a "Composite Team" with two members of other Corps at the Provincial Competition, placed third. Troy Millsap placed third in the Youth Boys category. Pictured with their trophy and medals are Devlyn Lohnes, Cole McArthur, Connor McNally and Troy Millsap.

IS THIS THE LAST WORD ON THE BRIDGE?

by Brad Holden

Simcoe County is set to release a final report on the Environmental Assessment of the Collingwood Street Bridge today (Friday, February 3), and while the *Echo* was not able to see the document before press time, we were able to confirm that the EA points to the same preferred solution as the first EA done on the subject, in December 2010.

That solution will come as a disappointment – though perhaps not a surprise – to the citizens' committee that's dedicated itself to saving the steel truss bridge that's crossed that section of the Mad River since 1913. In no uncertain terms, County engineer and project overseer **Julie Scruton** told us, the report concludes that the option that best deals with all of the bridge's "noted deficiencies" – its deteriorated condition, its low load capacity, the fact that it's one lane only with no sidewalk, the fact that the approach grades to the bridge no longer fit MTO regulations, among others – is to replace it with a two-lane concrete span, similar to the one on Caroline
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Study identifies a need for affordable housing in south Georgian Bay area

Almost half of residents are spending too much on housing

by Christopher Greer

According to a January study conducted by the Collingwood-based Housing Resource Centre, the price of housing in the Southern Georgian Bay region has increased to a point where it is no longer affordable for a significant portion of residents.

The problem is due in large part to population growth and the market-driven nature of the region's housing market. Put simply, there is a high demand for a low supply of available units. Real estate sales have been strong over the past several years, but developers are pressured to build

what the market is demanding – typically moderately priced, single family homes – rather than increase the affordability of housing by constructing units of various type and cost. As a result, those units that are available – many of which are considered to be substandard in quality by the study – do not meet the "definition of housing affordability" for much of the population, especially young people, seniors, and those with low paying jobs.

According to Statscan census data collected in 2001 and 2006, the gap between income levels and home values is growing. In that time, the median household income in
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HOT PINK Curiosity House Books holds an annual Valentine-themed open show in February, and this year's theme is "Pinkalicious." Here, **Catherine Randall** shows off three works reflecting the colour of choice, by (clockwise from left) **Bobbie Fogel**, **Willi Wildman** and **Bryan Davies**. The show's opening reception, where you can meet the more than 30 participating artists, takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Friday, February 3.



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This Weekend

- Thursday, February 2 to Sunday, February 5**
- **Winterama** at New Lowell. Wild Wild West is the theme. Spaghetti Dinner & Burning of the Green & fireworks on Thursday night, Movie Night on Friday night with local talent at intermission, Saturday includes pancake breakfast, parade & activities at the park all afternoon, dance at night, snowmobile races on Sunday.
 - **Friday, February 3**
 - **Curiosity House Annual Group Art Show “Pinkalicious”.** Opening Reception – Meet the artists today from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. More than 30 artists are entering one piece of artwork reflecting this theme.

- The public is invited to vote for their favourite piece. Winner will be announced on Friday, February 17.
- Saturday, February 4**
- **Mega-quarry Public Information Session** hosted by **North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT)** from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Norduff Room, Honeywood Arena. Focusing on the environmental assessment process and next steps. Fresh food and clean water first. www.ndact.com for details.
 - **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Opening** from 2 to 5 pm. New Members Show “**Below Zero**” features a number of new artists with a winter theme. 705-466-5555 info@madandnoisy.com.

- Sunday, February 5**
- **Church Services** on page 5.
 - **Opening Reception of “Irregular Terrain” – New Paintings by Peter Adams** at the Tremont Gallery, 80 Simcoe St, Collingwood from 2 to 5 pm.. Exhibit continues to March 31. www.peteradamsart.com. Come see new paintings on Sunday afternoon then enjoy dinner at the Tremont Cafe – reservations recommended by calling 705-293-6000.
 - **Annual General Meeting of Ray’s Place Youth Resource Centre** at the Sovereign Restaurant at 2 pm. All welcome! Join us for socializing,

Upcoming Events

- Monday, February 6**
- **Indoor Walking at the Creemore Legion** has resumed. Weekly at 10 am. Everyone welcome.
 - **Adult Skating** at Stayner Arena every Monday through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Contact Joan at 705-428-2711.
 - **Tuesday, February 7**
 - **Creemore Adult Skating** Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.
 - **Wednesday, February 8**
 - **Creemore BIA General Meeting** at 6:30 pm at Creemore Springs Brewery.
 - **Friday, February 10 to Monday, February 20**
 - **Big Heart Days 2012.** Fill out your entry ballet at downtown stores to win the BIA Basket full of gifts and vouchers. Draw takes place February 20.
 - **Friday, February 10**
 - **Big Heart Days Romantic Skate** at Station on the Green from 7:30 pm.
 - **Saturday, February 11**
 - ****Rescheduled** 4th Annual Mayor’s Challenge** in support of **Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids** at Pretty River Provincial Park. Snowmobiling & snowshoeing. Meet at the staging area, 33-34 Nottawasaga Sideroad. From 10 am to 2 pm. Visit www.clearview.ca for more information. All funds raised will stay in the area.
 - **Notty Junior Farmers’ 3rd Annual Snow Volleyball Tournament** at the Avening Hall. Games from 10 am to 4 pm, lunch at noon. Hotdogs, chili, and refreshments for sale. A fundraiser for the Nottawasaga Creemore Public School’s Hockey Team. Teams must be 6-10 players, must have two girls on the team and on the court at

- all times. Teams are guaranteed two games. \$100 per team. Contact Melissa Ferguson 705-331-7554. **Dance** to follow. Advance tickets only, no tickets available at the door. Contact Adam Versteegen 705-607-2326.
- **Curiosity House Story Hour** from 10:30 to 11:15 am. Join Miriam for stories and a small craft. For ages 18 months to 6 years.
 - **Stayner Lions Club Ham and Bean Supper** at the Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free. Take-out available. Proceeds to Lions Camp Dorset.
 - **The Collingwood Agricultural Society** will be hosting its **Annual Car Show Dinner**. To be held at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on County Road 124, the event consists of a dinner and Silent Auction and features the Pink Slips Car Club as guest speakers. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Diane at 705-444-2992.
 - **Sunday, February 12**
 - **Creemore Legion Auxiliary** hosting a **Valentine’s Tea** from 11 am to 2 pm. Soup, sandwich & dessert \$5.
 - **Open Auditions** for Neil Simon’s intriguing, hilarious, fast-moving farce **Rumors** at 2 pm at Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne. The play will run April 27 to May 5. Rehearsals begin February 23 on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the Hall. 4 men and 4 women in their thirties and forties – or looking as if they are – and 1 man & 1 woman any age to play police officers will be cast. Come along, try out for it and join in the fun. For more information visit www.tiplingstagecompany.com.

- Monday, February 13**
- **Clearview Township’s Budget Workshop** at 12:30 pm and **Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.
 - **Tuesday, February 14**
 - **Sara Hershoff & Brad Holden** are on **97.7 The Beach** this morning between 9 and 10 am.
 - **Creemore Ladies Auxiliary** are having their **Valentine’s Day Take Out**. Lasagna, Caesar salad and cheese cake \$12. Please call to order your dinner before February 10. Pick up from 5 to 6 pm. Call 705-466-2432 or 705-466-2202.
 - **Wednesday, February 15**
 - **Creemore Horticultural Society Meeting** at St. Luke’s Anglican Church Hall, Caroline Street West, at 7:30 pm presents **Martin Scott**, Senior Ecologist, WILD Canada Ecological Consulting, who will speak on “Why You Need to be Growing Native Plants”. Mark your calendars and come join us. All are welcome.
 - **Thursday, February 16**
 - **Canadian Blood Donor Services’ Blood Donor Clinic** at Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church from 3 to 7 pm. To book an appointment or for more information, visit www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283.
 - **Sunday, February 19**
 - **Curiosity House** hosts a lunch with **Charles Foran**, author of *Mordicai: The Life and Times* at **Chez Michel** from noon to 3 pm. Tickets are \$35 and available at the bookstore. Limited seating.
 - **Saturday, February 25**
 - **4th Annual Health and Leisure Showcase** at Creemore Legion from 10 am to 2 pm. There’s something for everyone with over 40 sports, recreation and health providers under one roof! Giveaways, Product Sampling, Program Registration, Information Packages & Interactive Demos. This year’s Grand Prize Passport Giveaway is a 2012-2013 Season Class Pass donated by the Danceroom. For more information visit www.clearview.ca or follow the Showcase on Facebook or Twitter.

- Saturday, March 3**
- **Dan Needles Entertains!** at 7:30 pm at Station on the Green. \$20 tickets available at Curiosity House. A fundraiser for My Friend’s House celebrating 20 years of keeping families safe. Silent Auction. Refreshments.
 - **Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16**
 - **Theatre Collingwood March Break Drama Program** each day from 9 am to 3 pm. For ages 7 to 13 (Grades 1 to 8). Pre-registration required by calling 705-445-2200 or info@theatrecollingwood.com.



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Bridge EA says replace

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Street West.

What might be surprising, considering **Barry Burton**, who has led the effort to save the bridge, told us his group has never been told this flat out, is that the conclusion of the EA will not have to pass through County Council again before the bridge replacement enters the design phase.

"Schedule 'B' EAs do not need to go back to County Council for direction," said Scruton. "The Collingwood Street Bridge is following the Schedule 'B' EA. Only Schedule 'C' EAs [the next level up] go to Council prior to the notice of completion."

Clearview Mayor **Ken Ferguson**, who sits on County Council and chairs the County's Corporate Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over bridges and roads, agreed with Scruton's statement.

"The decision has been made," he said. "It's been brought forward, it's in the budget, and it's gone through due process."

The County originally estimated the cost of replacing the bridge at \$2.5 million, but in recent budget talks that number came down to \$1.75 million, said Scruton. Burton's committee, which includes local residents **John Hillier**, a landscape architect who has worked on the architectural design of several historical bridges, **John Boote**, an architectural engineer who oversaw the construction of the Bluewater Bridge in Sarnia, and **Jack Mesley**, a steel bridge construction expert, has made a proposal to the Corporate Services Committee detailing a plan to rehabilitate the bridge for about \$900,000.

According to Ferguson, however, the money slated to replace the bridge is to come from County Development Charges, which cover only bridge replacements. If rehabilitation were the option, funds would have to come from general taxation.

But Ferguson's real issue is a different one. "This is all about the safety aspect," he said. "County staff, which I have to trust, has spent the time and the money to study this thing, and the bridge is not safe – not just because its in deteriorated condition but because of the angles of approach and because it's one lane."

Another fear, he said, is that if the County doesn't bring it up to standard, responsibility for the bridge might be downloaded to Clearview. "It would be a liability that I don't want," he said.

Burton's group is arguing not just on cost but on heritage value as well, and last year they collected a petition of 182 names asking for it to be saved

because it's an important visual reminder of Creemore's history. That petition was sent to the County in early 2011 along with a request to "bump up" the original EA to a Schedule 'C' version. The Ministry of Environment at that point decided that Schedule 'B' was sufficient, but that the County should go into more detail on several fronts. That report, the second one, is what is being released today.

While the new report apparently includes more detail as required, Scruton said its conclusions on heritage value remain the same. In the 2010 report, the bridge was measured using two assessment tools, the Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines for Provincially Owned Bridges (OHBG) and the Ontario Heritage Bridge Program (OHP). Both rubrics measured the bridge on such things as structural integrity, functional design, visual appeal, landmark value, reputation of designer/builder and historical association. The Collingwood Street Bridge scored 44/100 on the OHBG with a required passing score of 60, and 58/100 on the OHP with an assumed passing score of 60. Both of these rubrics can be found in detail on www.simcoe.ca; a link to the EA report is also posted on thecreemoreecho.com.

"Those numbers come from the County's consultants," was Burton's response to the scores. "In our view, that bridge is important, and worth saving."

There will now be a 30-day review period on the EA report, although the only comment that would matter at this point would be another request for a "bump-up," something Burton said he is prepared to do.

The County will also hold a "public information night" in Creemore at some point during the 30 days, although a place and date has not yet been set. Comments received would not go into the EA, said Scruton. The night is planned more for explanation purposes. Burton said he's hoping to see as many people out as possible, and he'll be encouraging people to make official comments as well.

While the design of the bridge is included in the County's 2012 budget, the build cost is technically not, although Scruton and Ferguson both said the direction to complete an EA was in essence a nod from County Council.

The EA predicts a project completion date in the fall of 2013, so the actual build cost would be included in next year's budget. That will have to be passed by Council in the fall, although County Council does not tend to debate line items as thoroughly as municipal-level Councils.

An area-wide need for more affordable housing

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Clearview Township decreased 3.69 per cent. Conversely, the average value of dwellings increased 59.3 per cent and the average rental rate increased 22.6 per cent. These statistics closely mirror those seen throughout the Southern Georgian Bay region as a whole. According to **Gail Michalenko**, executive director of the Housing Resource Centre, 45 to 49 per cent of people in the Southern Georgian Bay region are putting more than 30 per cent – the limit in terms of affordability – of their income toward housing costs.

If nothing is done to fix the problem, the Housing Resource Centre report predicts home ownership will become more unattainable and that those who rely on affordable rental units will potentially be without housing.

"Affordable housing is one of the most fundamental requirements for good health," states the study. "Poor housing and homelessness shatters communities."

The study proposes that municipalities and counties introduce by-laws and tax methods that

encourage developers to accommodate diverse housing needs.

Alicia Savage, deputy mayor of Clearview, said that the Township is aware of the study and expects that it will be a subject of discussion on an upcoming agenda. Already, residential zoning policies have been put in place that make adding accessory housing – such as basement apartments and duplexes – automatic.

Council is also in the process of developing a new Official Plan, and Savage said that staff are working to establish inclusionary zoning policies that require development projects to include a special component desired by the municipality, usually affordable housing.

"We can't force developers," said Savage, noting that most of the muscle lies with the Province, "but we can encourage them."

"The objective for the long-term is to have healthy communities," said Michalenko, emphasizing the importance of strategic planning. "If diverse housing is not made available, the Municipality is not meeting the needs of the community."

A "Food and Agriculture Charter" for Simcoe County

by Christopher Greer

Do you have an interest in the future of our local food system? If so, the Food Partners Alliance of Simcoe County wants to hear from you.

On Tuesday, February 21 the organization will host a "Visioning Day" at Lakehead University in Orillia, to both gather feedback and educate the public about the importance of creating a "truly sustainable food system." The information collected will be used in combination with the results of an online survey, which was completed last week, to create a first draft of a made-in Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter.

"It's about supporting the local economy by trying to get people to eat foods sourced from Ontario and Simcoe County," says **John Miller**, a Creemore dairy farmer, adding that "locally sourced food is more nutritious because it hasn't been

plucked before maturity and travelled long distances to get here."

The event takes place from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Registration costs \$25 and includes a locally sourced lunch and refreshments. Space is limited and those interested in attending are encouraged to register online at fpa.simcoe.ca by Friday, February 10.

County Council approved both staff and monetary support for the Charter on April 18, 2011, establishing a partnership between Simcoe County and a number of organizations including the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, the Barrie Community Health Centre, the Simcoe Federation of Agriculture, Simcoe County Farm Fresh, and the Food Partnership Alliance.

"The goal in the end is to create a Charter that reflects all aspects of food in Simcoe County, from producer to consumer," said Councillor **Basil Clarke** of Ramara Township at the time of the decision.



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EDITORIAL Back in the saddle

After a surprise surgery to fix a retinal detachment and a couple weeks of lying on a couch with my head positioned at a fixed angle (Google “pneumatic retinopexy” if you want a fine example of the magic that doctors are capable of these days), I am glad to be back at the helm of the *Echo*’s editorial department.

This week I’d like to use this space to commend my fellow employees for stepping up on short notice and delivering three fine newspapers in my absence. The wonder of Creemore was once again on display, with Cecily Ross – the illustrious Cecily Ross, I should say – filling in for me and teaching us all a thing or two about how they do it at the *Globe and Mail*, where she spent much of her career. And how lucky were we to find Christopher Greer, a young man of great poise and promising talent, looking for some experience at just the right time.

Chris is going to stay with us for a while, and you’ll hopefully see more of Cecily in a few months when I deal with one more (and hopefully the last for a while!) health issue. In the meantime, consider this a heartfelt thanks to them both.

- Brad

LETTER

Kudos for the Wiggins

Dear Editor:

Three cheers for Sylvia and John Wiggins for their legal efforts in trying to stop wpd Canada Corporation and the Beattie Brothers from erecting wind turbines on land near their home.

It’s a sad state of affairs when an elderly couple has to spend their time and money fighting a battle which never should have come about to begin with. We have a provincial government who’s “Green Energy” initiative has helped to put this province into an economic free fall, a corporation that moved in for the quick buck, and lastly a neighbour who has little concern for his neighbours and wants to put eight of these windmills on his land so that he can turn a few dollars.

Where is all this going? A provincial government paying huge premiums for wind power and then having to pay an American customer to take it makes interesting economics. We have a surplus of power in Ontario, although you wouldn’t know it by looking at your hydro bill each month. We are going to continue to have a surplus as more and more of our industry moves out because they cannot afford the escalating rates.

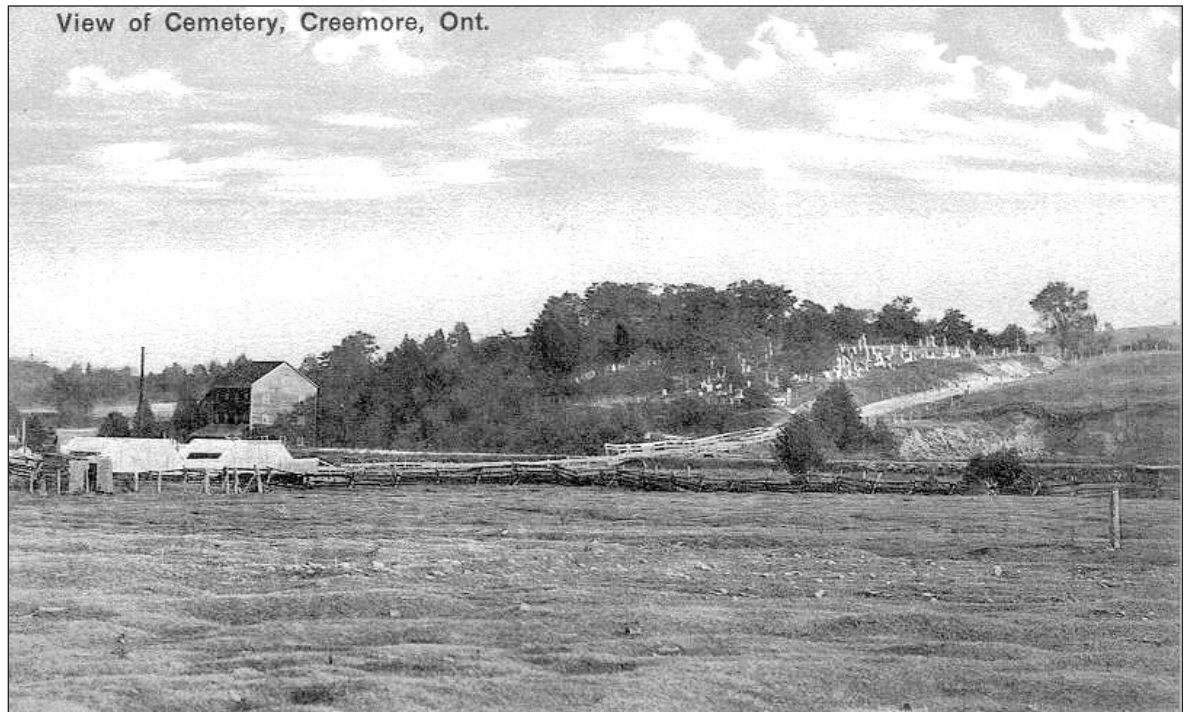
As for wpd, they are one of many from around the world who saw what a sweetheart deal Premier McGuinty’s crowd was offering, and they came by the dozens. One could hardly blame them, as it’s easy money and “you” the taxpayer ensures that they will be paid.

The 37,000 members of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture last week called on the government to suspend wind turbine development because of the tension it is creating in the country between neighbours. This is by far Ontario’s largest farm group. They’ve been around for a long time and are well respected. I hope the government listens to them, but I doubt it.

As for the Wiggins, keep up the fight, and I wish you well.

Dick Corner, Duntroon

THE WAY WE WERE



This great view of the Creemore cemetery from a viewpoint on the north side of the Mad River came from a great postcard brought into the *Echo* by **Helen Miller**. The original was colorized, a practice that was in vogue early in the twentieth century. Interestingly, the bridge on the right side of the picture is the original Collingwood Street Bridge, which was replaced by the one that Simcoe County currently has slated for replacement.

LETTER

Cautiously optimistic about wind situation

Dear Editor:

For the first time in many years, I am feeling optimistic about the wind turbine catastrophe. Why? Two things have happened: John and Sylvia Wiggins have stepped up to the plate, suing wind developer wpd and the participating landowner and seeking an injunction and \$2 million in damages related to the proposed Fairview Wind Farm in Stayner. A bold move and one many of us applaud. Enough is enough.

In addition, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has issued a statement, agreeing that the wind turbine situation is pressing – “seriously dividing rural communities and even jeopardizing farm succession planning,” says OFA president Mark Wales. “The onus is on our provincial government to ensure the interests of rural Ontarians are protected. OFA is speaking up to clearly outline the issues that must be addressed right now.”

The OFA’s new position statement on industrial wind turbine development addresses many of the concerns that a great many of us in our community have been voicing for the last few years including inefficiency (it can’t be stored for use during peak demand); the price paid for wind power; setback issues and induced currents; health and nuisance issues; and removal of municipal input from industrial wind turbine projects.

I have had the great fortune of travelling the world, yet to me there is no place on earth as beautiful and

peaceful as Clearview. It is worth fighting for. I have listened to both sides of the debate, rallied against these concrete and steel monsters, petitioned and marched, made new friends and felt tremendous gratitude towards those who have taken up the fight and devoted so much of their lives to preserving our magnificent lands.

Could it be that we are turning a corner? Could we be starting to right the wrong that McGuinty foisted on us, an ill-conceived plan with no respect for the locals and the land?

I hope so, because as I gaze over the bay I am again reminded that Creemore is where my heart is, a little piece of heaven on earth. My fervent wish is that it remains that way, a haven for the body, mind and soul.

Diane McQuaig, Creemore

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 49 out for cards today, and **Bob Veale** introduced new player **Joe Verstegen**, who was welcomed with a round of applause. We then had a couple of cute jokes from **Barb Pilon**, which we all enjoyed – even if they were “kitchen” jokes, which is Barb’s “code word” to Bob that he might want to go out into the kitchen so he won’t hear anything that he is too young to hear!

The 50/50 draws went to **Gerri Miller**, **Irma Flack**, **Eileen Nash**, **Roy Veinot**, **George Blakney**, **Barb Pilon** and **Effie Taylor**. We did have a bit of confusion because, at one point **Warren Gale** thought he had ticket number 905 – but it was really number 907 that he had, so **Roy Veinot**, the rightful owner of ticket number 905 got his prize money.

Moon shots were played by **Russ Miller**, **Eileen Nash**, **Mike Smith**, **Marj Thomson** (2), **Mercedes Veinot**, and **Bob Veale** (3). This was surely Bob’s day to shine with a whopping great three successful attempts!

This was followed by **Lillian Hiltz**, **George Blakney**, **Terry Watt**, **Warren Gale**, **Toosje Vasvari** and **Bert Douglas**. Toosje and Burt shared the travelling prize, and Bob won the Sidewinder’s loot.

High scorers were **Ray Leighton**

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

288, **Sylvia Gale** 269, **Eileen Nash** 265 and **Tom Sharpe** 264. Low was a gal who is a good player, and does not find herself in the low category very often. This was **Pat Winger**, who had a score of 62. Pat was so under-impressed with her score that she didn’t wait to

pick up her \$2 prize money. Maybe she was working on the premise that if you don’t collect the money, then maybe it didn’t happen? But it was a great day for **Eileen Nash** as she collected cash from all three paying categories – 50/50 draws, moon shots and high or low score. Well done, Eileen.

We were sorry to hear that former member Doris Read had passed away. Doris and her husband Bob were a real “lady and gentleman” couple who lived on property near the river south of Creemore (behind Dad’s). Bob, a Second World War veteran, was also a curler in Creemore, and he predeceased Doris some years ago. They had two girls, **Janice** and **Kathy**, and Doris went up to Haliburton some time ago to be near her kids. She was predeceased by her brother Wilburt (Wibb) Holman, and is survived by her sister **Audrey Tidd**. Our sincere condolences go out to you and your family, Audrey, on the loss of a lovely family member.

Several of our members are now enjoying the amenities of living in a

warm, snow-free area. Hope you all have a great time – just don’t rub in your lovely tans too much when you return, OK?

Our sincere condolences go out to the Whitley families on the recent loss of husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, Harold Whitley. Harold was the husband of **Rene (Martin) Whitley**, and father of **Carol (Rodger Rowbotham)**, **Jim (Myrna Lowe Whitley)** and **Glenna**

(**Al Collins**), and proud grampa or great grampa to all their children. Harold was predeceased by sister Beryl, and is survived by brother **Lloyd (Ellen) Whitley** and sister **Eunice (Doug Smith)**. He also will be missed by many nieces and nephews, and by many old neighbours, as the Whitley family has been in this area for a lot of years – although it does seem that a lot of the “old-timers” are getting few and far between these days.

LETTERS

Awaiting explanation from County on bridge

Dear Editor:

Ingrid Schilling’s letter “A taxpayer is seeking a concrete answer on bridge” is spot on. It is our (taxpayers’) money the County is spending. If a credible solution that will save taxpayers a million dollars or more by refurbishing the existing bridge is rejected by the County, then the County owes us a detailed explanation as to why. I’m waiting!

Peter Lang, Creemore

Ray’s Place doing good work on education front

Dear Editor:

I appreciated the article by Christopher Greer on Ray’s Place.

The statistics on students pursuing post-secondary education in Simcoe County are disturbing to me. The initiatives being shown by Ray’s Place are most encouraging in many aspects, including necessary financial support.

Yours truly,

Bill Redrupp, Creemore

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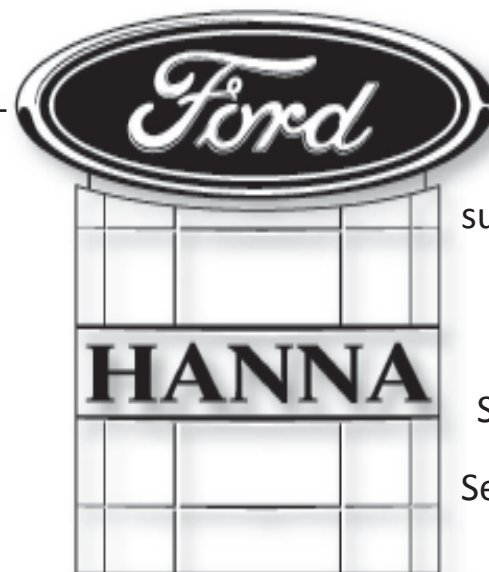
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READ-A-THON Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School held its annual Read-a-thon last Thursday night in honour of Family Literacy Day. Over 80 kids plus parents spent four hours, from 6 to 10 pm, reading. The last 15 minutes of every hour exercising in the gym. The event raised more than \$1,100 for the school's library. Librarian **Carolyn Pike**, the organizer of the event, said she has a long wish list of books she'll use the money to buy.

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The smell of baking in the air

Wow... February is staring me in the face already! Time to gear up for a Gourmet Getaway weekend or two as well as think about Valentine's Day recipes. Where does the time go?

This week's recipe has travelled all the way from Newfoundland to get here, but its roots can be traced back to the old country. Stephen's sister Cathy and brother-in-law used to run a bookstore café in St. John's. Cathy was queen of the café kitchen and one of their biggest sellers was the daily soup special teamed with a delicious hot scone on the side. While everyone loved her homemade soups, the customers raved about the scones and she could never seem to keep up with the demand for them.

Scones are named after the Scottish town which is famous for being the home of the "Stone of Scone," used in the coronation ceremony of medieval Scottish kings. Traditional scones are cut into triangular shapes for baking, but today anything goes. Scones are also an important element of a traditional English cream tea. I get all sentimental and misty eyed just thinking about scones piled high with clotted cream and strawberry jam coupled with a hot cup of Earl Grey – but I digress...

I've taken Cathy's scone recipe and paired it up with an easy to make

CREEMORE DISH



Elaine COLLIER

buttery spread. Who doesn't love hot scones with butter melting on top? This recipe makes a great number of scones (after all, it is a restaurant-size recipe), but the great thing is that you can bake some to eat right away and freeze the rest

for later with no impact on flavour or lusciousness. This really helps me at the B&B, especially during the ski season when many of our guests are up and out the door quite early. I don't always have time to prepare baked goods from scratch first thing in the morning but this recipe allows me to fill the house with the delicious smell

of fresh baking and send our guests off happy. The measurements in this recipe are by weight rather than dry measure, as that's the way professional bakers do it.

Feedback is great and I would love to hear from you. You can email me at elaine@avalonclearview.com.

Until next time, eat well, live well....

Cinnamon Buttermilk Scones (Makes approximately 36 scones)

Scones

- 3 pounds all purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce salt
- 4 ounces baking powder
- 6 ounces granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound butter, chilled and cut into small cubes
- 4 large eggs
- Buttermilk (approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 cups)
- Egg Wash (1 egg beaten with 1 teaspoon cold water)

Cinnamon Honey Butter

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 3 tablespoons liquid honey
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 425°. Prepare 2 to 3 large cookie sheets by lining them with parchment paper. Make Cinnamon Honey Butter ahead of time by mixing honey butter ingredients well. Let mixture sit for at least 1 hour for cinnamon to permeate.

In a very large bowl, mix together all scone dry ingredients, and cut in butter until mixture resembles small pebbles. Crack eggs into a 4 cup measuring cup and add enough buttermilk to fill to the top; whisk briefly and set aside.

Make a well in the dry ingredients and add liquids, incorporating gently. Put dough out onto a lightly floured counter and with your hands gently knead the dough mixture for a few minutes until it is no longer sticky. GENTLY pat/push the dough out to about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thickness. Cut out scones with round cutter (I used 2.5 inch).

Place scones on prepared cookie sheets and brush with egg wash. Bake in preheated oven for 15 to 18 minutes, until tops are lightly golden. Serve hot with Cinnamon Honey Butter.

Note: These scones can be frozen individually on cookie sheets, then stored in airtight bags. Bake from frozen for 20 to 22 minutes.



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The Township of Mulmur will accept letters of application, up until Monday, February 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. for one (1) seasonal student labourer position for public works, parks, cemetery maintenance and related duties.

This position will be approximately 40 hours per week and the rate of pay is \$13 per hour. The work period will be from April 30th to August 31st, 2012. Legislated benefits will be in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*. There is no benefit package associated with this position. Completion of Grade 12 or equivalent, current valid class "G" driver's license and your own CSA approved safety footwear are required for this position.

Please note that since this position is part of the Government's Canada Summer Jobs Program, applicants must be registered as full-time students in the 2012/2013 school year to be eligible for employment.

Resumes will be accepted via email, fax and in person.

For further information, please contact the undersigned.

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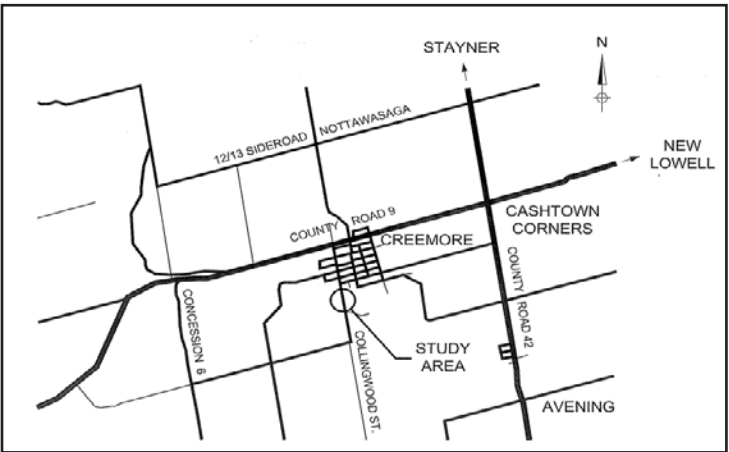
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**NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION COLLINGWOOD ST. BRIDGE. 000141
REPLACEMENT CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

The County of Simcoe is considering improvements to the site of the Collingwood Street Bridge (No. 000141) located on Collingwood Street over the Mad River in Creemore, 0.8 km south of Louisa Street.



The map above shows the approximate location of the study area.

The existing bridge structure was constructed in 1913 and has been identified as being deficient with respect to deck width, physical condition, barrier protection, guide rail protection, and road approach geometry.

The County has concluded that the preferred solution is to replace the existing bridge.

This project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007). Subject to comments received and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the County intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project. The work is scheduled for completion by fall 2013.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document and Study Completion Report are available for review during office hours at the following location or on-line at www.simcoe.ca:

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County of Simcoe Administration Centre
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Interested persons may provide written comment to the County Clerk on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved through discussions with the County, any person or party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environment assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the County Clerk at the same time as it is submitted to the Minister. If there is no request received by March 3, 2012, the Collingwood Street Bridge Replacement will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Minister of Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue 12th Floor,
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
This Notice issued February 3, 2012.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the following project team members:

County of Simcoe	AECOM
Julie Scruton, P. Eng.	Peter Wills, P. Eng.
Senior Structural Engineer	Project Engineer
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**CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP
NOTICES**

EMPLOYMENT

Human Resources Manager - Job # 2012-02

The Township of Clearview, located in South Georgian Bay and comprised of the Town of Stayner, the Village of Creemore, and the Townships of Nottawasaga and Sunnidale, is currently seeking an energetic and self motivated individual to perform the duties and responsibilities of the **Human Resources Manager**.

Qualifications:

1. Degree or Diploma in Business Administration or Human Resources/ Industrial Relations or related discipline;
2. Five (5) years related experience, preferably with a CHRP designation and acquired in a municipal environment;
3. Thorough working knowledge of applicable legislation; labour relations principles and practices, job evaluation methods, compensation and benefits, recruitment techniques, policy development and administration, human resources planning and organizational design strategies, and local government functions/responsibilities.

The salary for this position is \$72,290 to \$85,030 (2011 rates)

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and covering letter, quoting **Job # 2012-02 by February 24, 2012, @ 4:30 pm to:** Denise Henry, Township of Clearview, Box 200, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON, L0M-1S0; dhenry@clearview.ca; fax #: 705-428-0288.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Please no phone calls. Information gathered relative to this position is done so in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility for this competition. The Township of Clearview is an equal opportunity employer.

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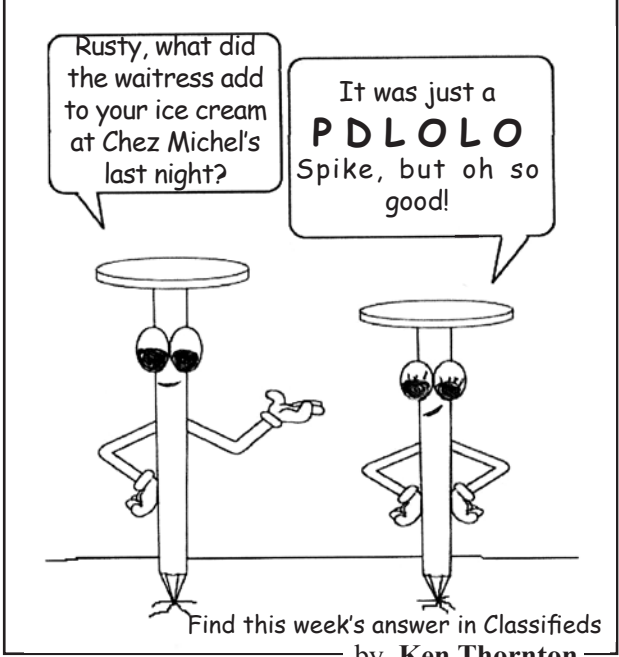
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer in Classifieds

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, February 3

Variable cloudiness
High 1 Low -8 Winds NW 20 km/h
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Saturday, February 4

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Sunday, February 5

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by JEFF WILSON

FRED'S FUNNIES

On the first day of college, the Dean addressed the students: "The female dormitory is out-of-bounds for all male students, and the male dormitory to the female students. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time. The second time you will be fined \$60. A third time \$180. Any questions?" A male student inquired, "How much for a season pass?"

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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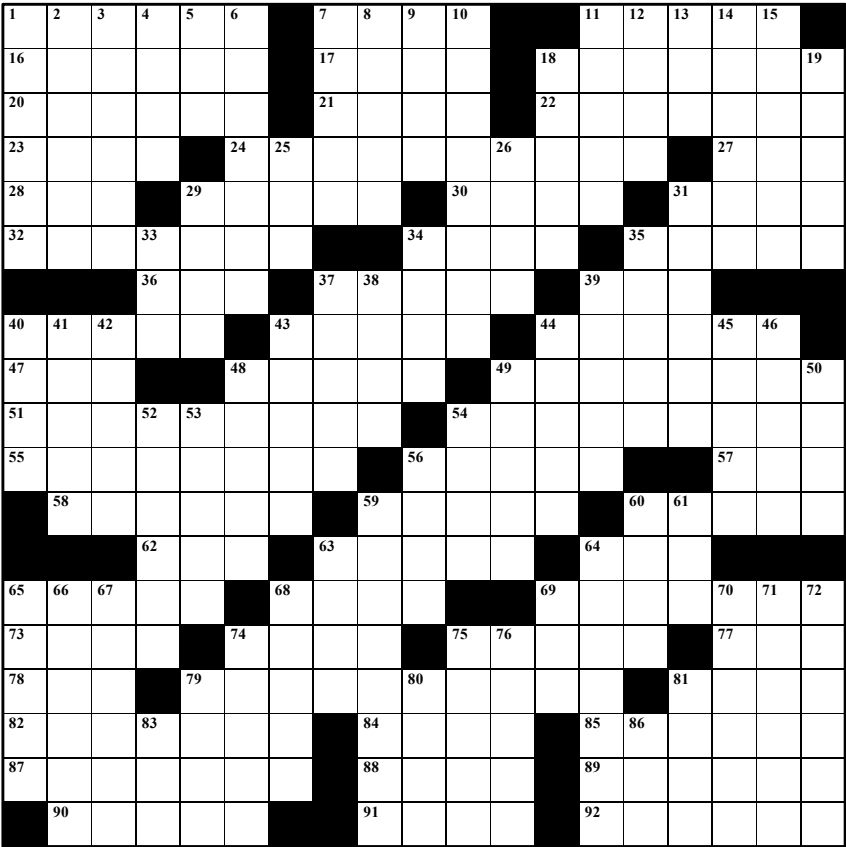
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ACROSS

- 1 Don't Be ____ (Twain)
- 7 War medal shape
- 11 Locket shape
- 16 Imperil
- 17 CTV dog played by London, Lance, Litton et al.
- 18 Go to sea (2)
- 20 Buck and Miltie
- 21 Woody's singing son
- 22 Moving feature of the Arctic Ocean (2)
- 23 The Canadian Sweethearts and Ian & Sylvia
- 24 Toronto pioneer of easy listening music (2)
- 27 Train stop, briefly
- 28 Miracle ____ plant food
- 29 Graphically transform
- 30 Body art, slangily
- 31 Ghostly sound
- 32 Cheering
- 34 Sounds of amazement
- 35 Aligns
- 36 Common mental health affliction
- 37 Movie technicians
- 39 Y follower
- 40 Agreement signed by Brian Mulroney, George H.W. Bush and Carlos Salinas
- 43 Puts in the fridge
- 44 Musical inability (2)
- 47 Dictator Amin
- 48 Serves tea
- 49 Goes wild (2)
- 51 Beverage that has a map for a logo (with 54A)
- 54 See above
- 55 Came forth
- 56 ____ Are Difficult Here (W.O. Mitchell)
- 57 Cagey
- 58 Curving fastball
- 59 Eldrick's nickname
- 60 Military installments
- 62 Hoot ____!
- 63 Connect to the Net
- 64 Strong coffee, slangily
- 65 Creme de ____
- 68 Connors and Cochrane
- 69 First Canadian to win on the PGA tour
- 73 Dr. portrayed by Mike Myers
- 74 Patina
- 75 Avoid, as duty
- 77 Former kiwi cousin
- 78 Cherry or Chevrier
- 79 Seven Day Fool singer (2)
- 81 Nuisance
- 82 Cool!
- 84 Honest-to-goodness

DOWN

- 85 Son of Martin, brother of Charlie
- 87 Like most versions of Beau Geste
- 88 Final notice?
- 89 Easy to chew
- 90 July 1, 1867 and March 31, 1949
- 91 ____ and twenties
- 92 Takes an oath
- 1 Blurred
- 2 Professor's goal
- 3 Not hip
- 4 Amigos
- 5 Winter driving hazard
- 6 Lose heart
- 7 Bright
- 8 Feature of the Victory Nickel
- 9 In an adept way
- 10 Places for shouting?
- 11 Puts on the stove
- 12 Engrave with acid
- 13 ____ Jeeves
- 14 ____ d'etre
- 15 Big name in little mints (2)
- 18 Barbecue rods
- 19 Lists
- 25 A bit of work
- 26 Partner of 34A
- 29 Isinglass
- 31 Frankly ____
- 33 Subdivision division
- 34 Takes out a squeak
- 35 Any of five, or maybe six
- 37 Decorative squash
- 38 Actor Calhoun
- 39 Criticizes sharply
- 40 ____ try!
- 41 The voice of Tennessee Tuxedo
- 42 ____ notice
- 43 Computer program writer
- 44 Piano fixer
- 45 Pile up
- 46 Good Times actress Esther
- 48 Communion plate
- 49 Up and about
- 50 Home and End



- 52 ____, vegetable or mineral?
- 53 ____ Ron Ron
- 54 ____ gadget!
- 56 Tractor-trailers
- 59 Balderdash
- 60 Canada Post category
- 61 Tally up
- 63 Be a couch potato
- 64 Advertises
- 65 Pencil wood
- 66 Confessed
- 67 Art form of James Cameron and Norman Jewison
- 68 Bathroom squares

- 69 Razor maker
- 70 Mrs. Marcos
- 71 More prying
- 72 Crocs' cousins
- 74 Sees red
- 75 Killed
- 76 Comes to a stop
- 79 Yuk Yuk's offering
- 80 Actress Neuwirth (Cheers)
- 81 Lodgepole ____ (Alberta's provincial tree)
- 83 Posed for a portrait
- 86 Kitten call

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New Lowell News

Great things were happening at New Lowell Public School last week as the children all celebrated Literacy Day. The Primary classes had stories read to them by various members of the community while they were dressed in their pyjamas, all ready to snuggle down and enjoy the stories. The Junior/Intermediate youth all wrote a speech to share with their class. Each class sent a child to the presentation in the gymnasium to speak before the judges. **Mr. Stableforth**, **Mrs. Gervais**, and **Mrs. Bednarek** had a great experience but a real challenge to pick first, second and third in each age group. The difficult part of this task was that each of the presentations were very well done and had various topics. The Grade 4/5 winners were **Gavin Ingram** (first place), **Emma Ruscitti** (second place) and **Garrett McMahon** (third place). For Grades 6/7/8 first place went to **Rachel Schneider**, second place to **Sydney Slack** and third place to **Zoe DeLorme**. We should be proud of all the participants, and thanks to their teachers who helped them in this special area of the curriculum.

The community of New Lowell and area is busy getting into gear for Winterama which kicks off on Thursday, February 2 starting with a spaghetti supper at the Legion (sponsored by the Firefighters of New Lowell). Then it is off to the Recreation Park for skating,

NEW LOWELL NEWS



Sandra
BEDNAREK

hot chocolate, popcorn and the grand finale, a display of fireworks. Friday evening will be exciting as you get to view Western movies and local entertainment. Saturday morning you will enjoy delicious pancakes and sausages at the Legion starting at 8 am followed by watching or participating in the Wild Wild West parade. Then all the games, challenges and general fun will be at the Recreation Park. If you need a little warm up or the children would like to do a craft you are welcome to cross over to the Library for this fun. Saturday night the Legion will be rocking in the “West” with the famous Winterama Dance. Sunday morning at the Legion is another tasty full breakfast followed by the snowmobile races. Winterama continues to be part of our community and a time when all families big or small come together for fun, food and good exercise.

The Creemore Pastoral United Church Charge is back to the regular three services starting with Avening at 9 am, New Lowell at 10:15 am and St. John’s at 11:30. This week they will celebrate Holy Communion.

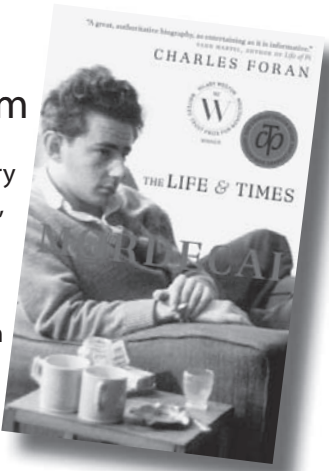
This is my column for the first two weeks in February, so I wish you all a very happy Valentine’s Day. A time to share some kind and loving thoughts with family or friends. Have a good week.

Remember, you can share some news by calling Sandra at 705-424-6497 or emailing to sandra@bednarek.ca.

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Chez Michel, Sun. Feb.19, 12 to 3 pm

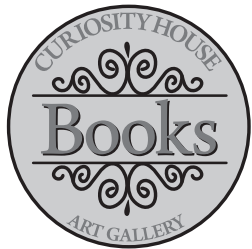
Described by the Globe and Mail as, “probably the single most awarded book of any genre in the history of Canadian literature” *Mordecai: The Life and Times*, Charles Foran’s biography of one of Canada’s most beloved literary icons, is a tour de force. Curiosity House is proud to invite you to lunch with Charles Foran at Chez Michel Restaurant. Admission is \$35.00 per person, including taxes and gratuities. Seating is limited and reservations are required.



VIEW our February Group Show -
“PINKALICIOUS” Fri. Feb. 3, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Artists’ Opening Reception

More than 30 artists will be participating in this very popular show, entering one piece of artwork which reflects their interpretation of this year’s theme, “Pinkalicious”. The public is invited to vote for their favourite piece and the People’s Choice winner will be announced on Friday, February 17th.

READ Storytime Sat. Feb. 11, 10:30 to 11:15 am
Children from 18 months to 6 years of age will enjoy some entertaining tales and activities with Miriam.



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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Hi! I am **Kaitlyn Ella Reeves Traverse**. My Gramps now has to buy me a PINK fishing rod and Grams gets to buy me pretty frilly dresses! My daddy Tim and mommy Karen get to hold and spoil me. My big brother James is glad I'm here to play hockey and soccer with, but no Barbies. Also welcoming me to the family is my Uncle John, Aunt Heather and cousins Alyssa and Nolan, Moma Sharon, Aunt Jennifer and cousin Cassie are glad I am finally here. I didn't get to meet my Poppa (late Jim Reeves) but I know he would have spoiled me too!

YOGA

Winter Yoga at Station on the Green. Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 am. Pre-registration required. Call Catherine Randall at 705-466-3533 or email cathcreemore@yahoo.ca.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to everyone who stopped to help me last Saturday night on Cty Rd 124. A special thanks to **Vicki Bell** for putting off her Chinese food dinner to sit and wait with me. it was greatly appreciated. **Emily Gardner**

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DEATH NOTICE

WHITLEY, Harold B. passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in his 85th year. Beloved husband of 51 years to Laurine (Rene). Loving father of Carol (Rodger) Rowbotham, Jim (Myrna) Whitley and Glenna (Allan) Collins. Forever cherished grandfather of Josh (Lisa), Laura (Jason), Adam (Meghan) Zachary, Clayton, Lucas, Jessica, Jacob, Nicole and Eva; great grandpa to Hunter. Harold is predeceased by sister Beryl (the late Albert) Peers, survived by brother Lloyd (Ellen) Whitley and sister Eunice (Doug) Smith. He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Visitation was held at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Funeral service will be held in the chapel at 11 am on Friday, February 3, 2012. Spring interment at Creemore Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in Harold's memory may be made to the Avening United Church or Avening Hall. Friends may visit Harold's on-line Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

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NOTICE OF A DRAFT SITE PLAN

Project Name: Skyway 124 Wind Farm Project Location: The project is located in the Township of Clearview, Simcoe County approximately eight kilometers west of the community of Creemore on lands bounded by Sideroad 6/7 to the south, Sideroad 12/13 to the north, County Road 124 to the west, and Concession Road 10 to the east as shown on the project location map below. Dated at the Township of Clearview this 3rd of February, 2012

Skyway 124 Wind Energy Inc. is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") is required. The distribution of this Notice of a Draft Site Plan and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act ("Act") Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 ("Regulation"). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an REA application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and the Regulation, the proposed project is considered to be a Class IV wind facility. If approved, this facility would have a maximum nameplate capacity of 10 MW. The project would connect to the Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") distribution grid supplying electricity to the Dunedin distribution station. A power purchase agreement has been acquired for the project under the Ontario Power Authority's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (RESOP).

Document for Public Inspection:

As per the Regulation, the issuance of a Draft Site Plan serves two purposes; i) to fix the noise receptor landscape, and ii) to indicate the locations of the turbines that nearby projects must consider for cumulative noise impact. The noise receptor landscape is fixed one day prior to publishing or posting of this notice. For the Skyway 124 project, this date is February 2, 2012.

The Draft Site Plan details the location of project features, as well as the noise receptors within 2 kilometers of the project. The noise receptors include vacant lots and proposed dwellings at the time of issuance of this notice. The UTM coordinates of the wind turbines and the noise receptors have been tabulated and appended to the Draft Site Plan.

The Draft Site Plan may be viewed online at www.Skyway124.com/announcements.html and hard copies are available for viewing at the following two locations (please phone for hours of operation, which may vary by day):

Clearview Public Library:
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Project Contact and Information: To learn more about the project, the issuance of the Draft Site Plan, or to communicate concerns please contact:

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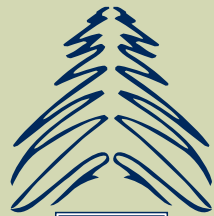
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