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News and views in and around Creemore



**Sydney Lowe** with her mom **Megan**. **Norma Panzini** is spearheading a campaign to cover Megan's costs while Sydney is treated at the Milwaukee Children's Hospital for an undiagnosed condition.

## Hearts for Sydney

by Christopher Greer

Less than a week after **Norma Panzini** and her employee **Abbey Ewing** conceived the Hearts for Sydney campaign, the light coming in the windows of Affairs Bakery and Café is already taking on a rosy hue, passing through a growing number of small, pink, paper hearts and fending off the grey outside.

For two years now **Sydney Lowe**, the eight-year-old granddaughter of Creemore residents **Lorna May** and **Doug Lowe**, has suffered from a yet-to-be-diagnosed gastrointestinal illness. For a ten-month period she was confined to a bed at Sick Kids' Hospital, struggling to keep up with her schooling in between treatments. Her mother **Megan** had to move from Creemore to Toronto to be close to Sick Kids, and Sydney's now at home and attending Grade 3 at a school in the city, which remains a challenge due to the need for frequent trips back to the hospital for treatment.

The problem is that the doctors there have no idea what is wrong with Sydney, and have only been able to treat her symptoms as they arise. As a result, they have now decided that she be sent to the Children's Hospital in Milwaukee for further diagnosis and treatment.

"They see a lot more kids with gastrointestinal problems there," said Doug. "They'll be better able to help her."

The Hearts for Sydney campaign hopes to raise funds to help Megan offset the costs of transportation, accommodation and food so that she can afford to be with Sydney and not have to sacrifice their home in Toronto.

Those wishing to help are encouraged to purchase a heart at any participating Creemore business, where they will be hung in the windows, showcasing that Creemore really is, as the Gaelic translation suggests, a "Village with a Big Heart."

"It would be wonderful to have everyone participate," said Panzini, noting that a friendly competition between local businesses to see who can sell the most hearts might help. "The more people we have participating, the more funds we can raise."

"It's been a rough time," said Doug, "but this is the best news we've had in the past few years."

Look for decorated Hearts for Sydney donation jars at participating Mill Street businesses. Any donation is welcome.

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## A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

### Committee to save Collingwood Street Bridge to hold public meeting February 18

by Brad Holden

With the release of its Environmental Assessment Report on the subject last week, Simcoe County has asserted its position that the best solution for the ailing Collingwood Street Bridge is to remove and replace it. Local resident **Barry Burton** and the committee he has formed in response to the County's plans, however, are equally convinced that the bridge should be saved and rehabilitated. And despite the fact that the fight is reaching its eleventh hour, Burton's group has no intention of backing down.

Last Sunday, the committee held a strategy meeting in Burton's living room. Those sitting in just the right position could almost catch a glimpse of the 99-year-old one-lane bridge through a window. Gathered to discuss a response to the EA report

were Burton; Clearview Councillor **Thom Paterson**; Brentwood resident **Chris Vanderkruys**, whose great-grandfather built the bridge; **Ingrid Schilling**, who wrote a letter to the *Echo* on the subject a few weeks ago; and three individuals who have spent their careers in and around steel bridge construction: **John Hillier**, **John Boote** and **Jack Mesley**.

Boote, a structural engineer who oversaw the construction of the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia – a massive steel truss structure – presented a costing estimate to the County last year, which said that the Collingwood Street Bridge could be rehabilitated and equipped with a new steel deck and one sidewalk positioned on the outside of the superstructure for approximately \$900,000. The work would include the removal of a hump in the road on the north side of the bridge which causes the bridge's approach angle to be unsafe by today's standard. Once restored in this fashion, Boote said the bridge would have a 100-year lifespan, with the steel needing a recoat every 25 years.

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**CELEBRATING WINTER** Warmer than usual weather didn't stop **Dustyn Lohnes** from practising his slap shots during last weekend's Sunnidale Winterama. For pictures from the events "Old West" parade, see page 8.

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## This Weekend

### 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. See ad on page 12.

### Friday, February 10

- **Big Heart Days Romantic Skate** at Station on the Green from 7:30 pm.

### Saturday, February 11

- **\*\*Revised\*\* 4th Annual Mayor's Challenge** in support of **Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids** at Pretty River Provincial Park. There will be a hike. Snowmobiling & snowshoeing have been cancelled. Meet at the staging area, 33-34 Nottawasaga Sideroad. for a peameal bacon on a bun. BBQ from 10 am to noon. Drop off your pledges & donations to

the local food bank. A short hike will follow a group photo at 11 am (depending on weather conditions). Visit [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca) for more information. All funds raised will stay in the area.

- **Turkey Shoot** at New Lowell Legion at 10 am. For more information call 705-424-0471.
- **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** 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.

- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Show.** New Members Show "Below Zero" features a number of new artists with a winter theme. 705-466-5555 info@madandnoisy.com.

### Sunday, February 12

- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Creemore Legion Auxiliary** hosting a **Valentine's Tea** from 11 am to 2 pm. Soup, sandwich & dessert \$5.

## Upcoming Events

### 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.
- **Clearview Soccer Club 2012 Registration** from 6 to 8 pm at Creemore Arena, New Lowell Firehall & Stayner Arena. See ad below for details. Registration on February 25 at Health & Leisure Showcase & March 8 from 6 to 8 pm as above also.
- **Dunedin Women's Friendship Club** at Dunedin Community Hall at 7:30 pm. All welcome to our Valentine's program.

### 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 cheesecake \$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

- **Avening Hall Annual General Meeting** at the hall at 7:30 pm.
- **Creemore Horticultural Society Meeting** at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Caroline Street West, at 7:30 pm. **Martin Scott**, Senior Ecologist, WILD Canada Ecological Consulting, 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](http://www.blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283.

- **Clearview Community Policing Committee Monthly Meeting** at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Clearview Administration Building. For more information, email [policingcommittee@yahoo.ca](mailto:policingcommittee@yahoo.ca) or find us on Facebook! All are welcome to attend.
- **Collingwood Jazz & Blues Society** presents **Danny Brooks**, a blues & Gospel singer & guitarist, at Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood from 7 to 9 pm. Tickets \$15 available by calling 705-445-3430. \$20 at door.

### Saturday, February 18

- **Help Save the Collingwood Bridge Meeting** at Station on the Green at 11 am. See ad on page 10.

### 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.

### Tuesday, February 21

- **Annual Pancake Supper** from 5 to 7 pm at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline St. W. Adults \$8, children 12 & under \$4, preschoolers free. Come out and enjoy a traditional pancake supper with sausage, pancakes, coleslaw, dessert, beverage.

### Thursday, February 23 to Sunday, March 11

- **Theatre Orangeville** presents **Theatre Newfoundland Labrador's** production of *Tempting Providence*. A story of love and courage from Newfoundland told with simple elegance! Show times: Wednesday & Sunday Matinee at 2 pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings

at 8 pm, Saturday Matinee on March 3 at 3 pm. Tickets at Theatre Orangeville Box Office at 1-800-424-1295 or on-line at [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca).

### Friday, February 24

- **Duntroon Public School Memorabilia Gathering & Spaghetti Dinner Night.** All Duntroon alumni, family and community members are invited to attend a special night of memory gathering and celebration from 5 to 8 pm at the school. Bring your photos, stories, and anything else related to the school for posterity and the creation of a final year book. Dinner for a suggested donation of \$5.

### 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](http://www.clearview.ca).

### 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.

### Sunday, March 11

- **The North Dufferin Baseball League Annual General Meeting** at 1 pm at the Lisle Community Hall. The league is looking to expand the junior division for 2012. Anyone interested in submitting a team to the league, either a junior team 18 to 21 years of age or senior team 21 years of age or older, can contact secretary Scott Anderson at 705-424-0769 or [secretary@ndbl.ca](mailto:secretary@ndbl.ca). Individual players who would like to join a team can contact Anderson or visit [www.ndbl.ca](http://www.ndbl.ca) to find contact information for local teams.

### 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](mailto:info@theatrecollingwood.com).

### Friday, April 20

- **The Creemore Curling Club** is holding their **Wind-Up Banquet and Annual General Meeting.** Happy Hour from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Dinner to follow. For more information and tickets call Paul Crevier 705-428-2616 or Gayle Millsap 705-466-5482.



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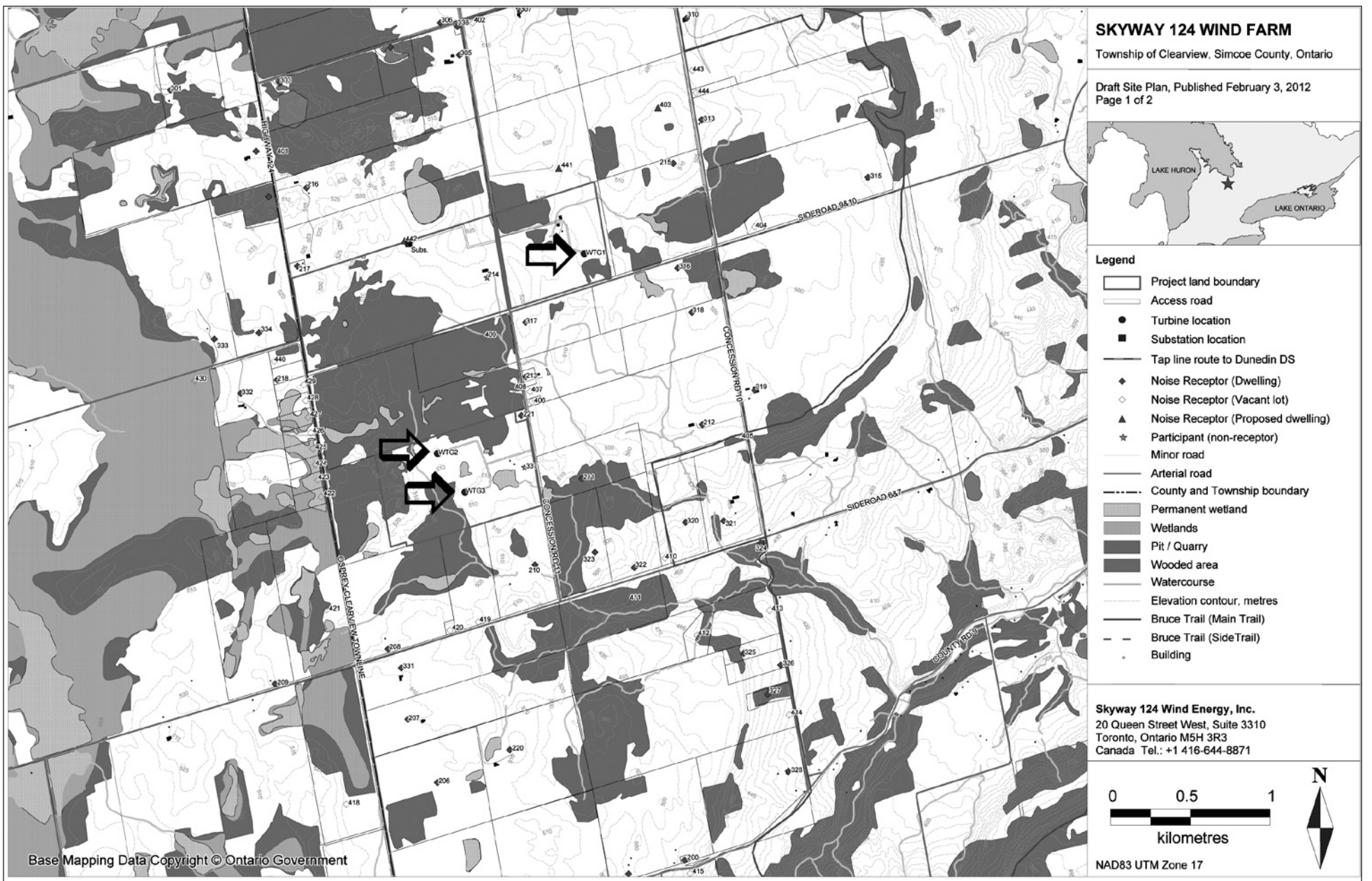
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Skyway 124's new draft site plan, which is unfortunately better viewed in colour (visit [skyway124.com](http://skyway124.com) or link to it at [thecreemoreecho.com](http://thecreemoreecho.com)), shows three wind turbine locations. The arrows pointing to the locations were added by the *Echo* to compensate for the lack of colour. The road to the left of the turbines is County Road 124; the one below them is Nottawasaga 6/7 Sideroad, and the one that bisects them is Nottawasaga Concession 11.

## New site plan released for Skyway 124 Wind Farm

by Brad Holden

Skyway 124, Inc. now plans to erect just three wind turbines in the area east of County Road 124, north of Nottawasaga 6/7 sideroad and west of Nottawasaga Concession 10, according to a revised draft site plan released last Friday.

That's in contrast to the company's Notice to Engage in a Wind Energy Project, which was filed last November and stated the company plans to build up to five turbines in the area. The

map that was included with that Notice showed five turbine locations, but when Skyway held a public information meeting in December there was no mention of specific locations.

The *Echo* tried three times this week to reach **John Nicholson**, who heads up Environmental Business Consultants, the consulting firm that's doing the technical work for the Skyway proposal. Nicholson has acted as the spokesman for Skyway throughout this process and his name

is listed as the contact on the Notice of Draft Site Plan, but we did not hear back from him this week.

We do not have a definitive explanation for the reduction of turbines, therefore, however the new map does make note of at least two proposed dwellings in close vicinity to former turbine locations. Interestingly, the new map retains a substation that would have linked the two missing turbines to the project, which now sits right on top of one of the proposed dwellings.

**Jan Minduik**, who has been speaking on behalf of a large group of neighbours who oppose the project, told the *Echo* that she has no comment at this time. She did reiterate her wish, however, that when Skyway holds a second public information meeting (which it has apparently told Clearview Council it will do), that it be held in Singhampton, which is half the distance away from the proposed wind farm as Creemore, where the December meeting was held.

## Neighbours discuss further legal action against wpd, Beatties

by Brad Holden

**John Wiggins** sent the *Echo* a press release this week, telling us of a meeting that took place last week between him and "a group of 50-plus landowners" who live in the vicinity of the proposed wpd Wind Farm. According to one of the

meeting's organizers, **Kevin Elwood**, "Landowners and turbine developers that expropriate value and use of neighbours' properties should be held responsible by compensating for the neighbours' losses through their gains."

This is the nature of the lawsuit

that Wiggins and his wife **Sylvia** have filed against wpd Canada and the Beattie Brothers, who own the land where wpd's turbines are proposed to be built.

According to the press release, the group discussed three options: the potential of entering similar lawsuits

as the Wiggins; being part of the Wiggins claim as a group action; or starting a class action lawsuit. They have decided to seek legal advice on subject.

"A legal win will open the door for all affected Ontario landowners to lay similar claims," said Wiggins.

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## EDITORIAL

### Our name is true

Let your Big Heart shine, Creemore. From Norma's campaign to help Sydney Lowe, to Matthew Vorstermans' heroic fundraising for Alzheimers, to the heart shown by those standing up to the County's decision on the Collingwood Street Bridge, to the folks who've been proving our heart at the Quebec International Bonspiel for decades, this issue of the *Echo*, like all others, displays Creemore's trademark characteristic. Happy Valentine's Day all.

## LETTER

### Budget thoughts

Dear Editor,

Thank you for printing Peter Lomath's letter about the Township budget meetings; it provided me with a different perspective on the way that these meetings are handled and it shows that the *Echo* is interested in ensuring that both sides of all stories get equal coverage.

Those of us who cannot attend these budget meetings (why are they held during work hours when most of us cannot attend?) only have the minutes to tell us what is going on in Clearview and when they are 300 to 400 pages thick with the decisions of Council all mixed in with presentations and submissions it is extremely hard to find exactly what is going on and how Council is dealing with our business. Why is the budget meeting not held on the Monday evening between regular council meetings?

Seven of the nine Councillors have been there for over four years so it is because of their decisions during the previous mandate that we are now looking at a huge increase for the costs of living in Clearview. It is not just the property tax component; add in the previously announced water and sewer rate increases of 10 per cent and this starts to get ridiculous, especially when Wasaga is holding their W/S rate increases to +3 per cent and Collingwood is targeting an overall reduction in taxes. Clearview water rates have doubled in just five years for the same amount of water.

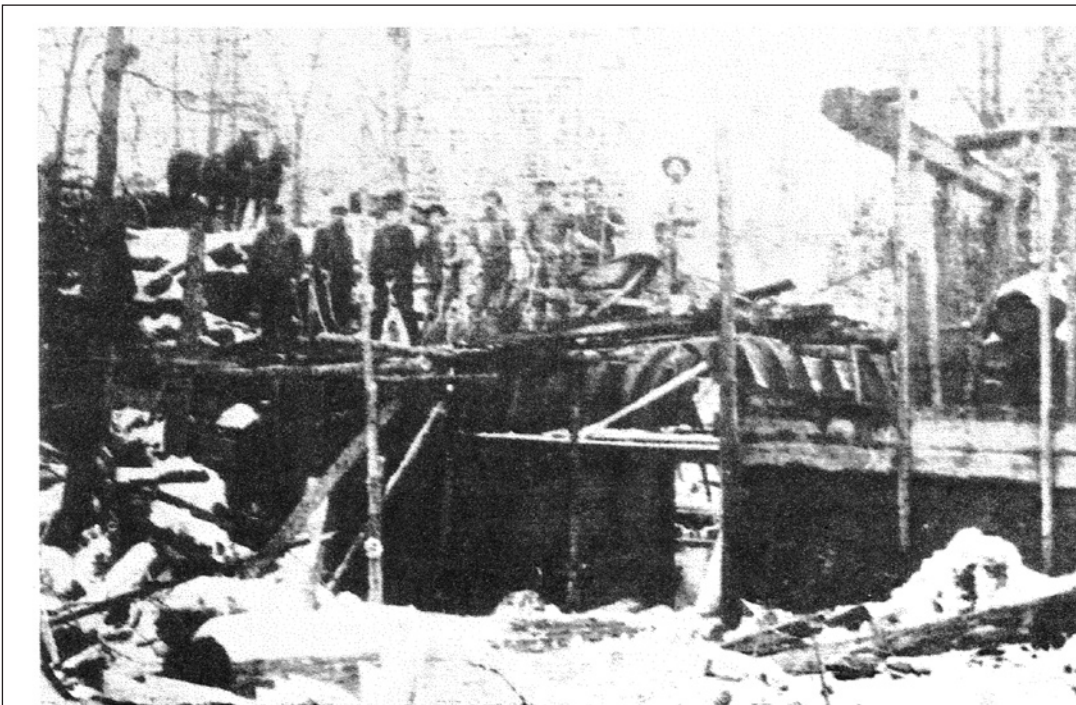
In a recent *Echo* the Township was looking for a Recreation Facilities Manager with a salary of between \$61,000 and \$71,000 each year! What on earth makes this Council think that this position is worth that much money? We can no longer afford these costs. Post the job, let everyone interview and then take bids on the salary. I'm sure we can find 200 or 300 people who will do that job for less than \$40,000 per year and even that is more than the Provincial government pays most of their Provincial Park Managers.

How many staff at Clearview are making over \$70,000 each year? We know the CAO makes \$110,000, so just how many others are just below the \$100,000 breakpoint that would require their salary be made public? I'd like to see this information on the Township website so we can see just how salaries and benefits have expanded through the good times.

It's time this Council started to act for the citizens by trimming the costs at Gideon Street so that there will be no increase in property taxes and less of an increase for other services.

Pierre Beauchesne, Creemore

## THE WAY WE WERE



J.J. Dumond Bridge Gang - taken 1916 or 1917.

In light of the ongoing debate about the Collingwood Street Bridge, we present this picture, brought into us recently, that shows the "J.J. Dumond Bridge Gang" in 1916 or 1917 – the very same crew who built the existing Collingwood Street Bridge three or four years earlier in 1913. The information that came with the picture says that J.J. Dumond built over 300 bridges in Simcoe County before he passed away in 1957.

## LETTER

### In search of a perfect "Banger"

Dear Editor:

Is there a food that you remember from your childhood that is not common today?

I do. "Walls™ English Bangers," sizzling on the plate surrounded by homemade baked beans and mashed potatoes oozing butter for a special dinner treat.

Two months ago the Creemore Meat Market was taken over by new owners and my wife knew that butcher Mark Thomson made good "Canadian style" sausages.

"Bet he does not have Bangers" I said, "that's the only real sausage for me." "Go in and ask," she said. "Maybe he can make you some."

Thus began the quest for the perfect "Banger." We agreed upon what I wanted and Mark set out to find the one unusual component of that particular sausage, "Rusks" (a dry biscuit dating from the 1880s), before making me five pounds of what I expected to be "heaven in a tube." I even got to pick the size of casing for the sausage, so I could get a breakfast (skinny) or dinner (fat and stumpy) – things were really looking up!

Three days later five pounds of Bangers were ready. "Yippee, we're having Bangers for dinner!"

Around 6 pm all you could hear in our kitchen other than the salivating was the sizzle of the

sausage, the clumping of the potato masher and the sound of the spoon serving up the homemade baked beans.

Was my quest a success? Had we found a sausage meeting our expectations? Did the taste bring back and confirm old memories?

Yes, yes, yes! All was well in the world, we now had a Banger to relish and all because Mark had "gone that extra mile" to re-create a taste I remembered from childhood.

For those whose taste in sausage is not of the Banger style, talk to the butcher, he's even removed the Rusks and added Rosemary to create a "Banger-style sausage" more suited to Canadian tastes.

It's really great to find, in my hometown of Creemore, shops that really do cater to what we want and that will go out of their way to achieve "perfection." Tell Mark I sent you and maybe he'll let you have some of "My Bangers!"

Now I have to find somebody to work with me on "Treacle and Chocolate puddings."

Peter Lomath, Creemore

(ps. The designation "Banger" was in use at least as far back as 1919 and is often said to have been popularized in World War II, when scarcity of meat led many sausage makers to add water to the mixture, making it more likely to explode on heating).

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

**Bob Veale** introduced new player **Pat Elliot**, whom we welcomed with a round of applause. Bob then mentioned the then upcoming Sunnidale Winterama, which was held in and around New Lowell last weekend. So that is the answer to all those folks you have spotted around the New Lowell area that were down on their knees lately. They were asking the powers that be to give them some snow for their winter extravaganza! Just kidding, folks – I'm sure the event went off without a hitch despite the fact the weather wasn't very "Februaryish."

**Irma Flack** read out a very nice "Thank You" from Hope Acres for our yearly donation. **Bob McNicol** then regaled us with a joke to start our day, which we all enjoyed. **June Hartley** mentioned that she had had a phone call from **Ruby Klinck**, who is in Florida. Ruby reported that all was well with them, and they were wondering how we were all faring. The folks that are away for the winter are really good about taking the time, and, yes, money, to give a call "home." We also hear from **Joan Monaghan** every once in a while, and we quite often get a card from **Jim** and **Marg Ferguson**, just checking in. That is so thoughtful of you all,

SENIORS



Sylvia  
GALE

and is really appreciated at this end.

The 50/50 draws went to **Martin Verstraten**, **Isabelle Gubbels**, **Marg Hope**, **June Hartley**, **Dave Smith**, **Audrey Fines** and **George Blakney**.

There were 41 out for cards today, but only three successful moon shots, played by **Audrey Fines**, **Warren Gale** and **Marg Hope**. Marg won the travelling prize, and Warren won the Sidewinder's money.

High scorers were **Dave Smith** 294, **Audrey Fines** 292, **Peter Gubbels** 293 and **Marg Hope** 269. Low was **Earl Bentley** with – oops – 91. That is 91 points, not minus 91. But Earl is a good card player, and it is not often we see him listed in this category, so I suspect he had some help getting there.

As we were leaving the Legion, I met **Wayne Bannerman**, who thanked me for crediting him with the high score one time in the Seniors News. The only problem was that he never was at Seniors! He suggested that it was probably **Wayne Brownridge** (who has been to Seniors) who actually deserved the credit for the high score. Sorry about that, guys!

I got a kick out of **Evelyn Warden** today. She was trying to get **Warren** to hurry up and finish his coffee so

they could wash his cup. But her method of asking was hilarious. "I wish you would hurry up and finish your coffee," she said, "because I have been waiting on you for so long that my clothes are going out of style!"

We were at the greatly attended funeral for Harold Whitley recently, and Harold's son and daughter-in-law gave a great eulogy – sort of "in tandem." The way it worked was that **Jim** spoke until something (usually the word "Dad") hit his emotions very strongly, and then **Myrna** took over for a minute or two. That gave Jim time to regroup, and he would

take over again. Very well done, guys. And yes, anyone from this area can attest to the proficiency that the young guys from around here showed on the dance floor at the Avening Community Centre – especially when the waltz was played. Harold and Lloyd Whitley, Bob Carruthers and Myrtle, Maurice Weatherall, etc, etc, were all great dancers, as was Sid Martin. I can still remember Sid and my sister Pat waltzing so beautifully that a lot of folks just stopped dancing to watch them swirling around the floor. Great memories, and great eulogies from everyone, for which we all thank you.

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The Duntroon Parent Council wants pictures like this one, of the 1969 Grade 4/5 class featuring our own **Georgi Denison** in the front row.

## Bring your Duntroon memories

With Duntroon Central Public School now resigned to its closure in June 2012, the school's Parent Council is hard at work planning, as they're calling it, a "Grand Finale Celebration."

"If we have to close, we're going out with a bang, not a whimper," said Parent Council member **Robin Ardilla-McDermid** this week.

Robin was calling to let us know about a Memorabilia Night and Spaghetti Supper that the school has planned for 5 to 8 pm on Friday, February 24. It's hoped that, besides coming out for a good meal, present and former students will bring as much Duntroon Central Public School memorabilia as they can find.

"The plan is to have five rooms at the Grand Finale night – one room for each decade that the school has

been open," said Robin. "And we want to fill those rooms with pictures, trophies, newspaper articles, anything that pertains to what was happening at the school during that decade.

There will be a scanner at the school during the Memorabilia night, so those who bring in pictures will be able to take them back home with them. As for trophies and other physical memories, they will be tagged and returned to people after the Grand Finale.

There will also be a video camera set up to record people's personal remembrances and stories, which will be edited into videos for each decade.

After you've dropped off your pictures and told your stories, a spaghetti dinner will be served for a \$5 donation.

The actual Grand Finale Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 26.

## Dan Needles to entertain at My Friend's House fundraiser

by Christopher Greer

One of this area's essential services will celebrate 20 years of being a safe haven for women and children who are the victims of domestic violence this month, and they will do it in Creemore.

My Friend's House, which has serviced about 12,000 women and children since its inception, will celebrate the milestone on Saturday, March 3 at the Station on the Green, with a performance by **Dan Needles** at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at Curiosity House Books. There will also be refreshments for purchase and silent auction.

Needles is, of course, the Nottawa-based author of the award-winning series of Wingfield plays. The cause is an important one for Dan; he also performed at the organization's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

"My Friend's House serves a great need in the community," he said, adding that, though the subject is not a funny one, he will be attempting to amuse his audience. "When you get to know a place, you begin to feel affection for it and start looking after it. In our neighborhood, the ability to pull together and overcome crises is alive and well."

**Allison FitzGerald**, who has been with My Friend's House for 19 of its 20 years and now acts as the organization's executive director, is proud of all that has been achieved. She's also a realist about the ongoing challenges.

"The issues are not going away," she said, "but the response and help that is available has improved."

My Friend's House is based out of Collingwood and Wasaga Beach. Their services, including a free, confidential crisis line, emergency transportation and short-term housing accommodations, are available at all hours, every day of the week.

"We can accommodate the needs of any woman that phones or walks through the door," said FitzGerald, adding that the organization's service area includes all of Clearview



**Dan Needles**

Township and beyond.

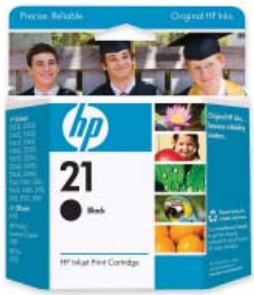
The shelter has a great local champion in **Ursula Abbot** of Village Builders, who, in addition to acting as treasurer for My Friend's House, is part of the Creemore-based fundraising sub-committee that was instrumental in organizing the Dan Needles event.

Three years ago, with the help of a property donation and a grant from Status of Woman Canada, My Friend's House initiated a pilot project called the Next Door Transitional Support Program for Woman, offering therapeutic counselling and a safe place to stay for up to one year. The new program allowed the My Friend's House to move from crisis management alone to something more lasting.

"Over the years we have found that victims of abuse have difficulty moving forward," said FitzGerald, noting that abuse makes it difficult for women to be optimistic about the future. "We help them to realize that there is hope."

For more about My Friend's House, visit their website at [www.myfriendshouse.ca](http://www.myfriendshouse.ca). If you are a woman in need of their services, call their 24-hour crisis and information line at 705-444-2511, or toll free at 1-800-265-2511.

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# Locals dispute County bridge solution

(Continued from page 1)

With that in mind, the committee was surprised to see the opinion of AECOM, the engineering firm that authored the EA, printed in the report. In the section on cost estimates and life cycles, the report states a rehabilitation cost of \$971,000 versus a replacement cost of \$1,470,000 (the \$1.75 million previously reported includes engineering fees). But 30 years out, it states that the rehabbed bridge will have to be replaced completely at a cost of \$1,770,000, while the new bridge would only incur \$50,000 in maintenance costs.

"I don't know where they're getting that idea," Boote told the group. "If we do the work we've proposed, we're putting 100 years back into the bridge."

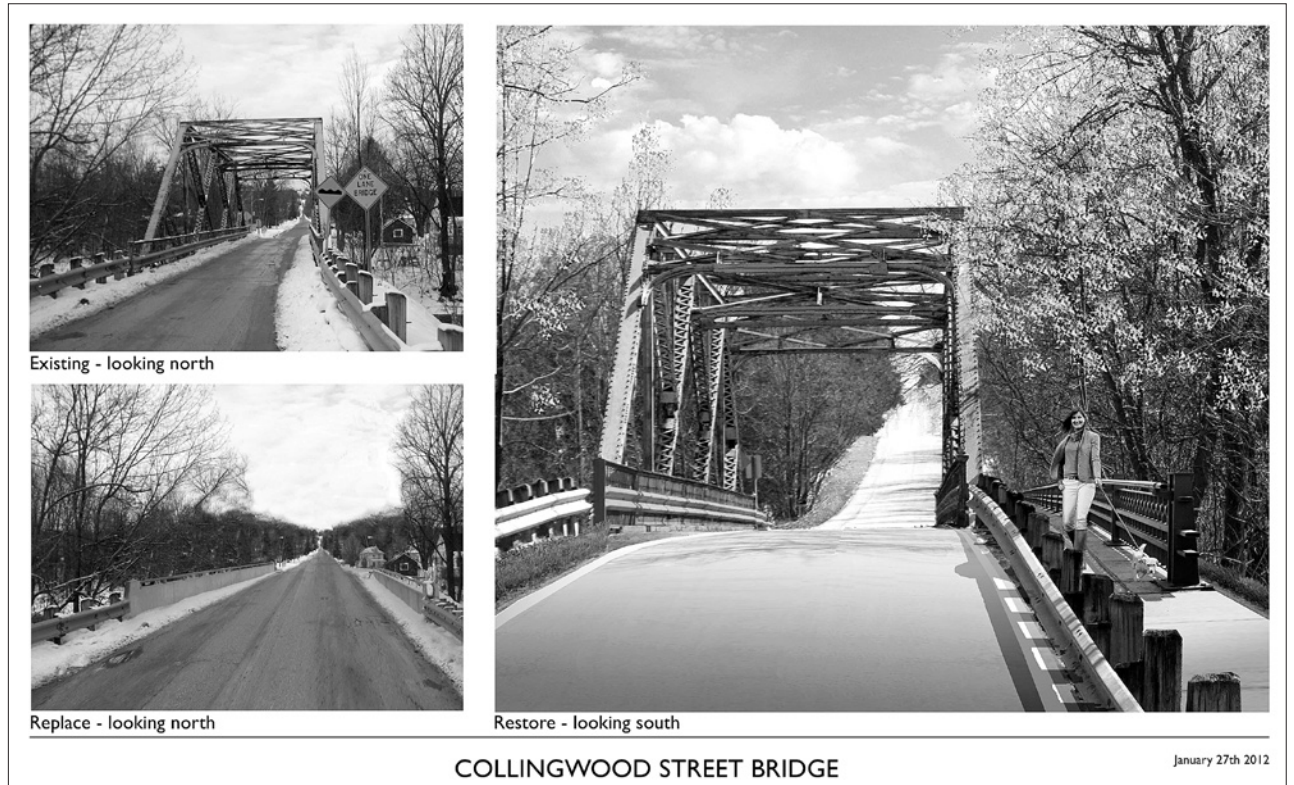
The EA's cost and lifestyle section compares the costs of both options over a 75-year period. Converted into today's dollars (making the supposed \$1.7 million replacement cost for the rehabbed bridge in 30 years more like \$729,000), and taking into account the fact that the new bridge wouldn't have to be replaced, the final tally comes to \$1.715 million for the "rehabilitate now" option and \$1.69 million for the "replace now" option. Subtract from those numbers the estimated value of the bridges in the state they'll be 75 years from now, and the numbers get a little closer – \$1.54 million for the "rehab now" option and \$1.58 million for the "replace now" option. Essentially, the financial argument is a wash, according to the EA.

But again, Burton's group disagrees, and its members claim they have the bona fide expertise and knowledge to know, for sure, that a rehabilitated bridge using the process described in Boote's cost estimate will not need replacing for 100 years. "They're ignoring us for political reasons," said Burton, convinced that County politicians and staff are so "hell-bent" to replace the bridge that they're not listening to his group of residents.

The report also does not include the elimination of the hump on the north side of the bridge in the cost estimate for rehabilitation; it continues to note the existing unsafe geometry of the road as a deficiency should the bridge be restored. Boote, however, maintains the problem could be dealt with and has included it in his cost estimate.

It's Burton's group's opinion that the difference in costs between plans is their biggest avenue to gaining further support from residents. The County maintains that half the \$1.75 million cost of replacing the bridge would be eligible to come from Development Charges, and should they require \$900,000 instead to rehabilitate the existing structure, all of that money would have to come from general taxation. But to Burton, that's like "saying the money has to come from the Chequing account rather than the Savings account." It's a little more complicated than that, but Paterson gave his opinion at Sunday's meeting that the argument is essentially an accounting exercise. Either way, a decision on the bridge frees up funding from the other source for something else.

Perhaps the most interesting section of the EA report is the Cultural Heritage Evaluation and Heritage Impact Assessment, which is a revised version of what was included in the original EA report on the bridge, submitted in 2010. That report was the subject of a "bump-up" request by Burton, and while the MOE decided not to upgrade the EA from a Schedule "B" to a Schedule "C," it did instruct the County to redo the report in greater detail. As part of those instructions, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture commented on the original Heritage Impact Assessment, stating that the two rubrics used to judge whether the Collingwood Street Bridge was a "Heritage Bridge" were both irrelevant, as one was designed only for Provincially owned bridges and the other was associated with a heritage program that no longer exists. Instead, the County's heritage consultants were instructed



This mockup, supplied by **Barry Burton's** committee, shows what the Collingwood Street Bridge might look like after the rehabilitation costed out by **John Boote** (right). At top is a picture of the existing bridge taken from the north, and at bottom left is an approximation of how it might look once it's been replaced with a two-lane concrete span (Burton's group created this picture by photoshopping a shot of the Caroline Street West bridge onto the upper picture, so it must be taken for what it's worth).

to assess the bridge using the current Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

The results are much more encouraging to Burton and his crew. While the bridge failed the two rubrics last time, this time the report concludes that the bridge meets the criterion for rarity and, as a gateway feature on the edge of an urban settlement, it meets the criterion as a landmark feature. The fact that Burton presented a petition to save the bridge that included 182 names proved that a third criterion was also met: the bridge is significant to its community.

On this basis, the heritage study (which is just one element of the whole EA) concludes that the bridge is eligible for heritage protection, and that its preferred solution is to leave it where it is. However, it also notes its many deficiencies – its one-lane width, corrosion on its underlying trusses, the bad approach angle, its lack of proper barricades and its low load limit – and says that if the current amount of traffic is to continue using Collingwood Street, then other options would be sufficient. The options include twinning the bridge or moving it somewhere else so it could be used as a pedestrian bridge. If it must be destroyed, the study asks at least that a plaque be placed on the new bridge, recording what had been there before.

Boote's proposal claims it would fix all of those issues except for the width of the bridge – with a new steel deck, the load limit could be returned to its original level, he said. As for the fact that the bridge is one lane, Burton's argument is that there are only 40 residents on its south side, and that all are accessible by an alternate route. "If ever there was a place to retain a historical one-lane bridge,

this is it," he said.

All of this said, the final recommendation of the EA maintains that the preferred solution for the County is to replace the existing Collingwood Street Bridge with a two-lane concrete span. Paying lip service to the new heritage report, it adds that "the County should also consider the possibility of relocating the existing bridge structure or mounting the existing main bridge trusses to the new bridge."

"That would be just wrong," said Jack Mesley of the latter suggestion at Sunday's meeting. Boote and Hillier, bridge purists both, were quick to agree.

The County is adamant that the EA is the last word on the bridge, and that the replacement plan will proceed to the design phase this summer. The report is under a 30-day review period until March 5, however, and Burton is talking about requesting another "bump-up." Before that, however, the committee is hoping to take another measure of its community support. On Saturday, February 18, at 11 am at the Station on the Green, the committee will host a public meeting, during which a presentation will be made detailing the contrasts between its plan and the County's report.

The County is also planning a Public Information Centre in Creemore, from 4 to 7 pm on Tuesday, February 21 at the Creemore Arena. The meeting is not mandated, and any information gathered will not result in a staff report to County Council. It is intended as a chance for County staff to explain its rationale.

The full EA report can be found by searching for "Collingwood Street Bridge" on [www.simcoe.ca](http://www.simcoe.ca).

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**Lee Anne Cohen** is mad about a lot of things – running, maple syrup and now pottery.

# The running potter

by Christopher Greer

As I walked up the laneway of **Lee Anne Cohen's** home outside of Creemore, I was greeted with a friendly wave from a man on a treadmill. He hopped off and, only slightly out of breath, pointed me in the direction of a short, shoveled path leading along the banks of the Mad River. I followed it, and, after a few short steps, could hear the sound of what I soon discovered was a spinning pottery wheel.

Cohen's new business venture, Mad About Pots, operates out of the small backyard studio that she and her partner, **Pierre Marcoux** (the man on the treadmill), fashioned themselves. In addition to creating works of her own (which she hopes will earn her a spot on the Purple Hills Studio Tour next fall), Cohen also offers lessons. Classes are full now, but more are to be offered after maple syrup season, when Cohen and Marcoux will be busy harvesting sap from the 250 taps they have on a property they own near Singhampton (they call it their "Mad About Maple" sugar bush, as it's also on the banks of the Mad River).

"I've been a potter for 30 years," says Cohen, holding a self-fashioned maple syrup jug. "It waited for me, and now I've come back to it."

Even if you have not met Cohen, you have likely seen her running in and around Creemore in all types of weather. She is quite accomplished as a runner: last year she was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in her age category for long-distance running in Ontario. This year, she has qualified for the Boston Marathon, and will be participating in the Ironman competition – which starts with a 4km swim and is followed by 180km of cycling and (in case that wasn't enough) a full 42km marathon – in Mont Tremblant.

Since 2009, Cohen and Marcoux have been co-race directors for the Creemore Vertical Challenge. The race – the clay medals for which are made by Cohen in her studio – holds a bronze certification from the International Association of Ultra-runners, allowing participants to earn points toward international competitions, and also raises money in support of both St. John's Ambulance and the Association of Canadian Ultra-runners.

Recently, Cohen retired from a 28-year teaching career. In that time, she noticed that there are few opportunities for young people who enjoy running to compete. To remedy the problem, she will be coordinating a race at this year's Copper Kettle Festival, called the Copper Kettle Dash. The race will include a 5 km and 10 km option and will be sponsored by Molson. A percentage of the money raised by the race will be donated to charity. Starting the first weekend after Easter, Cohen will be helping students from Grade 7 through Grade 12 to train for the race, conducting a running clinic once a week and teaching proper technique.

Back in the studio, **Katie Dawson** of Cut and Dried Flower Farm is at the wheel, her hands covered in clay as she shapes a spinning bowl.

"I don't mind getting my hands dirty," she says, noting that she spends a good deal of her time working with soil. "It's relaxing, and a good way to get out of the house and do something for yourself."

**Chrissy Sloski**, the other student for the evening, agrees.

"I was dying for lessons," she says. "It's great that something is available locally now."

If you are interested in signing up for lessons at Mad About Pots, Cohen can be reached 705-466-3253.



Among many other things Cohen crafts in her kiln are the medals for the annual Creemore Vertical Challenge, organized by her and her husband.



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# 40 years of “camaraderie and fair play”

by Fred Mills

The Quebec International Bonspiel is one of the oldest uninterrupted amateur sporting competitions in the world, having run each year since 1913 in the city known as the cradle of curling in North America.

Two teams from the Creemore Curling Club embarked to Quebec to compete in the 99<sup>th</sup> Quebec International Bonspiel two weeks ago. Creemore has sent at least one team every year since 1969. This year’s teams did exceptionally well, receiving a gold medal and a silver medal

in their respective divisions.

The gold medal team, which had a fabulous 7-2 record, consisted of **Paul Crevier, Gord Fuller, Bruce Folkard** from Guelph, **Paul Millsap, Ernie Purkis** and **Dennis Millsap**.

The Silver Medal team, who had an impressive record of 6-3, was made up of **Howard Walker, Robert McArthur, Steve Lindsay** and rookies **Kevin Degroot** and **Jamie Brown**.

On an impressive individual note, Paul Millsap was recognized for 40 years of attendance. In addition to being awarded

with what’s known as the “Ironman” pin, he also received a letter from Prime Minister **Stephen Harper**.

“The curling rink is a place where many wonderful friendships begin,” wrote the Prime Minister. “Your longstanding involvement in competitive curling has garnered you many friends and admirers over the years. This is because you exemplify the spirit of camaraderie and

fair play that are the trademarks of this wonderfully Canadian sport.”

Harper also credited Millsap for his 53 years of membership at the Creemore Curling Club.

A special thank you goes out to **Gord Fuller** and Creemore Springs Brewery for their continued support of the Creemore teams and their sponsorship of the “Ontario Cup.”

Below: **Paul Millsap** receives his 40-year pin and a letter from **Stephen Harper** at the Quebec International Bonspiel. Presenting them to him is Jack Bryans, who has been attending for 44 years. At right: Paul’s wife Gayle brought us this great picture of the Creemore team at the 1972 QIB: from left to right are Jack Heslip, Vic Ellis, Stan Nixon, Reg Westbrooke and Paul Millsap.



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# No need to be nervous about Nellie

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Apparently, Nellie had gone over to the barn and had gotten into an old turnip pit, at least eight feet deep and with no way for her to get out. Now, Nellie looks like an angel, but she is one of a killer breed and I hope that she was not out on one of her "sprees."

Nellie is not your typical Jack Russell; she isn't hyper and she's not a barker. She probably heard the daily noises of farm life and simply wagged her tail, thinking that someone would come and find her. It wasn't till the sixth night that she finally decided to make some noise, enough that **Corrie** (David's wife) heard her and asked David to go and see what was going on out at the barn.

It was after his investigation that I heard those four wonderful words. To anyone who has lost a pet, you know it is an anxious time to say the least. I think the worst is not knowing what happened to the pet. The finality of death is closure, a chance to move forward and hold memories close. Without it, you're in limbo.

Here are some sayings that remind us of how important our pets are in our lives.

- One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.
- Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job. – Franklin Jones



Nellie the Jack Russell Terrier, lost and found again.

- Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails. – Max Eastman
- If dogs could talk it would take a lot of the fun out of owning one. – Andy Rooney
- If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around. – Will Rogers
- To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs. – Aldous Huxley
- No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does. – Christopher Morley
- Life is like a dog sled team. If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes. – Lewis Grizzard

- I wonder what goes through his mind when he sees us peeing in his water bowl. – Penny Ward Moser
- The nose of a bulldog has been slanted backwards so that he can breathe without letting go. – Winston Churchill
- Fox terriers are born with about four times as much original sin in them as other dogs. – Jerome K Jerome
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# It seems February has always been a romantic month in Creemore

Little did Alice Hollingworth realize when she arrived in Creemore one morning in February 1902 that she was there for a romantic getaway. Miss Hollingworth thought she was there only to be a speaker at the annual Farmers' Institute meeting. The Farmers' Institute was an organization promoted by the Ontario Department of Agriculture to bring better farming methods to rural areas. Men came to address the farmers and a woman speaker presented topics of interest to farmwomen. Miss Hollingworth had several addresses prepared, such as "How to Make a Better Butter" (she had taken the dairy course at Ontario Agricultural College), "Making Conversation" (a great conversation starter is to ask about the children), and "Keeping the Farm Homestead Attractive" (don't throw slops out the back door).

At this annual gathering there was an afternoon session and an evening session. It was held in Leonard's Hall, which was the upstairs space over the south section of today's Home Hardware. There she met Frank Webster, president of the local Institute. He was a handsome man with thick black hair and an impressive black moustache. Somehow, between executing their duties on the platform, or perhaps even when watching each other, the two fell in love. Perhaps it was at

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen BLACKBURN

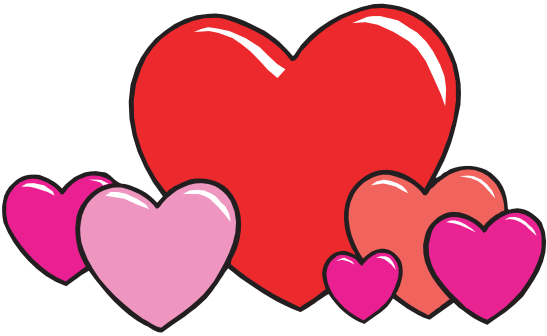
the home of Frank's parents (42 Caroline Street) where she was billeted. No doubt there was a pleasant evening meal for "getting to know you" conversation. Miss Hollingworth left the next day on the morning train for points south.

That February 1902 meeting was momentous as there followed a flurry of letters. Mr. Webster visited Alice at her home north of Bracebridge in November and in December of that year returned for their wedding on Christmas Day.

They returned to the Webster farm two miles west of Creemore where they lived for the rest of their lives. They raised two daughters and two sons and as time progressed ended up with ten grandchildren. As they both were in their thirties when married they were in their seventies when their fortieth wedding anniversary arrived. In January 1943 an anniversary party was held in their home. Dancers packed the living room and euchre players took over the kitchen.

I was at that party, because, as you may have guessed, I am one of the grandchildren. I remember my grandparents sitting on chairs beside one another, glowing with contentment and pleased to see their home full of happy family and neighbours; quite a result of a chance meeting in Creemore in February 1902.

Happy Valentine's Day!



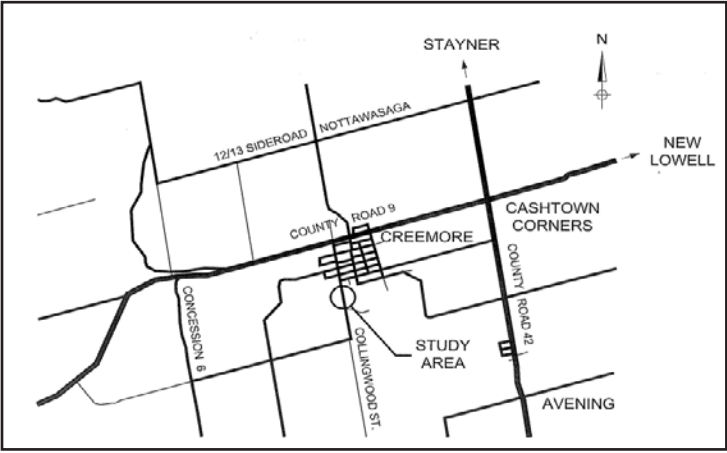
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## NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION COLLINGWOOD ST. BRIDGE. 000141 REPLACEMENT CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

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](http://www.simcoe.ca):

CAO/County Clerk,  
County of Simcoe Administration Centre  
1110 Highway 26 Midhurst,  
Ontario L0L 1X0

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:

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Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and covering letter, quoting the appropriate Job Number by **February 24, 2012, @ 4:30 pm to:** Human Resources Coordinator, Township of Clearview, Box 200, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON, L0M-1S0; [dhenry@clearview.ca](mailto: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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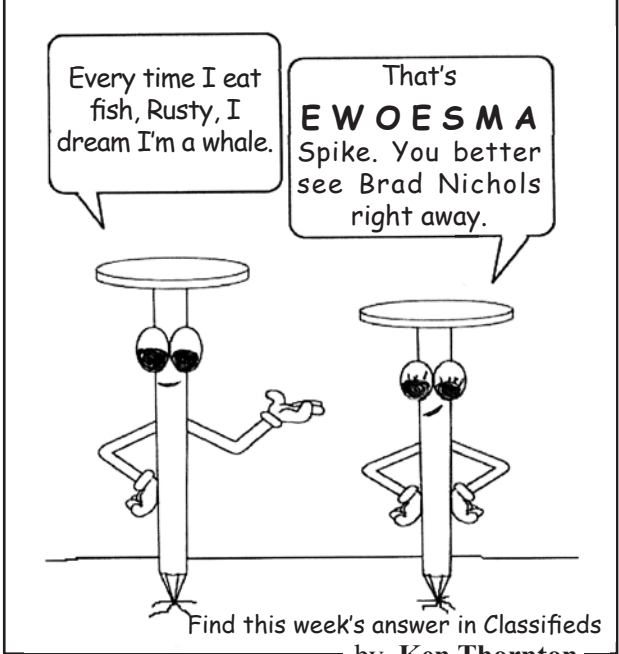
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer in Classifieds

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



## CREEMORE Weekend Weather

### Friday, February 10

Scattered flurries  
High -2 Low -7 Winds SW 25 km/h  
POP 60%

### Saturday, February 11

Few flurries  
High -9 Low -15 Winds N 25 km/h  
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### Sunday, February 12

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## FRED'S FUNNIES

Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing.  
She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.

## Brian's Canadian Crossword

#162 by Brian Paquin © 2012

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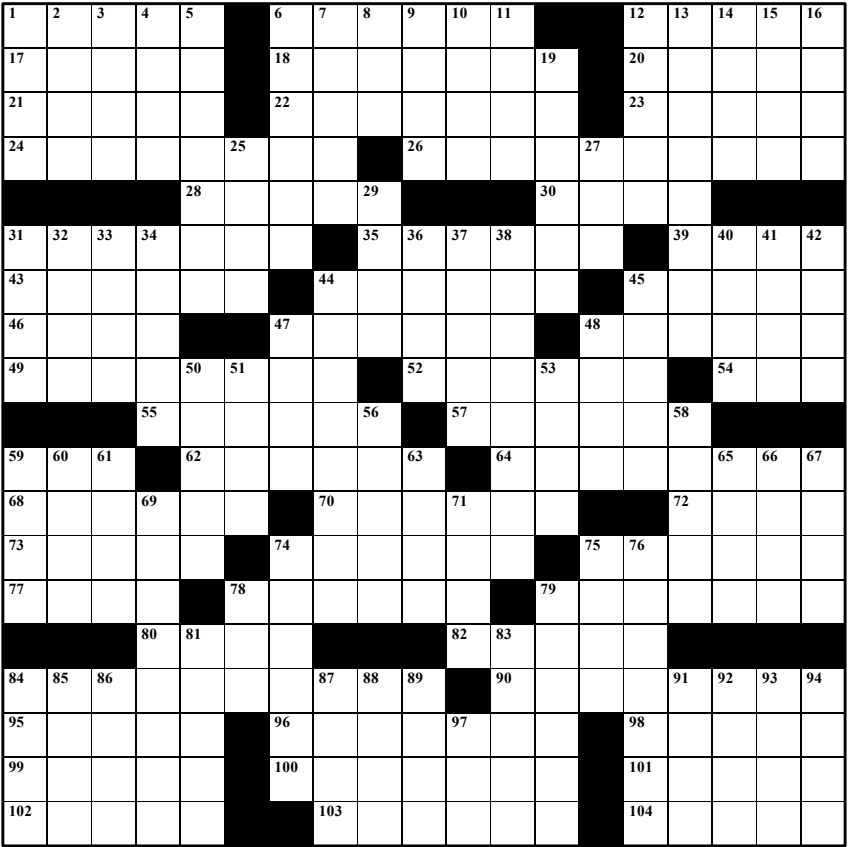
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6 Portal  
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17 Booboo in baseball  
18 Like big bureaucracy  
20 Offer a thought  
21 Presto!  
22 Veteran HNIC play-by-play announcer (2)  
23 Salon dye  
24 Catches in a net  
26 Resident of Nova Scotia's capital  
28 Soul singer Isaac \_\_\_\_  
30 Colleague of Anscombe and McAdorey  
31 Category in Trivial Pursuit's All Star Sports Edition  
35 Part of PEI  
39 Applies gently  
43 \_\_\_\_ Of The Year (Juno award)  
44 Kudos  
45 Burnaby crooner Michael \_\_\_\_  
46 Let off steam  
47 Neo portrayer  
48 Hanna-Barbera prime time character (2)

- 49 Nudged into retirement (2)  
52 Lifter of spirits  
54 Librarian's order  
55 Hanna-Barbera's Ricochet \_\_\_\_  
57 Hockey Hall of Famer Marcel \_\_\_\_  
59 Pinch Me performers  
62 Refreshed  
64 Fond of reading  
68 The business of Royal LePage  
70 Hurricane that affected Ontario in 2003  
72 Jubilation  
73 British band \_\_\_\_ Heep  
74 Finished an "i"  
75 Stop by (2)  
77 Monkee Peter \_\_\_\_  
78 More solid  
79 Neighbours of neutrons  
80 Actor Peterson (Street Legal)  
82 Pilot's pressure (hyph.)  
84 Best selling country album of all time (3)  
90 Quebec town named after a mineral  
95 In pieces  
96 Reroutes (traffic)  
98 Finnish distance runner Paavo \_\_\_\_

- 99 Circuit Mont-Tremblant victor Andretti  
100 Newly homeless person  
101 Have confidence in  
102 Transparent  
103 Birch trees  
104 Looks for

### DOWN

- 1 Guelph actress Campbell (Scream)  
2 The Man In The \_\_\_\_ Mask  
3 Dismal  
4 Flaw in a sock  
5 Disparages  
6 Monasteries  
7 \_\_\_\_, but no cigar!  
8 Inner ear?  
9 To \_\_\_\_ his own  
10 Greek promenade  
11 Bear's roar?  
12 No way, \_\_\_\_!  
13 Let down one's guard (2)  
14 Austin \_\_\_\_  
15 Jane Eyre actress Paquin  
16 Quantum Leap actor Stockwell  
19 Days Of Our Lives actress Hall  
25 War And Remembrance actor Bochner  
27 Travel aimlessly  
29 Dry as a bone  
31 Main part of a church  
32 Fertilizer chemical  
33 The Rockies, e.g.  
34 Bad dog  
36 1993 Kevin Kline movie  
37 Exercise, as power  
38 Ambushed  
40 Fundamentals  
41 Ho-hum  
42 Meyers of SNL  
44 Appeal to parliament  
45 Carried  
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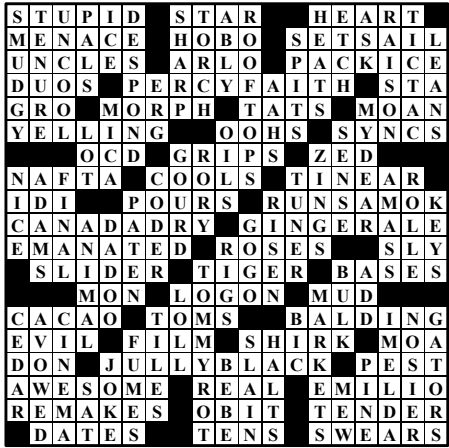


- 58 Prairie problem  
59 Champagne description  
60 Quo Vadis character  
61 Hideaway  
63 Determine the age of  
65 Dog food hawked by Lorne Greene  
66 Halt (a horse)  
67 Longings  
69 Niagara Falls feeder (2)  
71 Titanic sinker  
74 Unscramble a message  
75 Ho-hum  
76 Vermin  
78 Gunga \_\_\_\_

- 79 Chasers of rustlers  
81 Copter blade  
83 Some other time  
84 They create vids  
85 Colourful aquarium fish  
86 Meadow mother  
87 \_\_\_\_ Las Vegas  
88 Like some geniuses  
89 Office stamp  
91 Yeah, right  
92 One of two possible answers, sometimes  
93 Siberian city  
94 Is in session  
97 Hwy.

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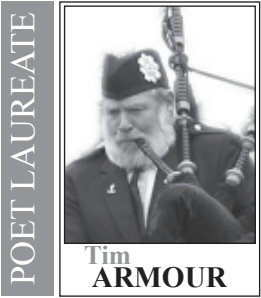


**LEARNING A NEW SPORT** Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School's Grade 6 class is curling for their winter elective this year. Members of the Creemore Curling Club are there to help them learn the basics of the sport. Here, Club member **David Millsap** (left) gives a sweeping lesson to **McKenzie Wilson, Hailey Sacerty** and **Jack Millsap**.

**TOP FUNDRAISER** **Matthew Vorstermans** (right) participated in this year's Alzheimer Society Walk for Memories and was the top individual fundraiser for the sixth year in a row. The \$2,920 he raised worked out to roughly 12 per cent of the regional grand total and placed Matthew among the top ten fundraisers in Ontario. The event may officially be over, but donations can still be accepted online at [www.walkformemories.ca](http://www.walkformemories.ca) until the end of February.



# A Groundhog Agreement



Warton Willie just woke up last week.  
His shadow was nowhere in sight.  
With the overcast skies old Sol couldn't peek  
Through the clouds. Too diffuse was his light.

And likewise down east Shubenacadie Sam  
Was facing the same situation,  
So both of our rodents were with the program  
And agreeing in prognostication.

Tradition dictates that this means early spring,  
That winter won't last too much longer,  
That soon we'll see robins and tree frogs will sing,  
That the sun's warming rays will grow stronger.

But one heckling hiccup was heard from the south,  
A blustering braggart so brawny.  
Six more weeks of winter's the word from the mouth  
Of that famous Phil from Punxsutawney.

It would seem on the surface unlikely at best  
That both opposite omens could be true,  
That one or the other would not pass the test,  
And the charlatan, then, we would see through.

But think of this thought: that for those in the States  
Six more weeks of winter sounds surly,  
But for us, if mid-March is when winter abates,  
We would say, yes indeed, spring came early.

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## CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday **Gordon**, may all your wishes come true! Love Dianne, Josie and Jacob XOXOXO

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> **Gordon**, hope you have a fantastic year! From all your friends

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Enjoy a bowl of soup at **Chez Michel** between now and February 19 in exchange for a donation to the Hearts for Sydney fundraiser.

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## CURLING

The Creemore Curling Club is offering **after school curling for students** 11-13 years of age. This will be starting on Thursday, February 23 until March 29, excluding March 16. The cost for this 5 week session is \$25. For more information and to register call Gayle Millsap at 705-466-5482.

**Ever thought you would like to try curling?** Well, here's your chance! The Creemore Curling club is offering new curlers a special rate. You can curl for just \$25. Ladies, men's mixed or daytime teams are available for you to join. Phone Linda Kelly 705-466-2785, Gord Fuller 705-466-3543 or Paul Crevier 705-428-2616 to sign up.

## DINING

Happy Valentine's Day. February has a special day to show our love in what we do and say. Candy & flowers are very sweet and dinner at Mylars is such a treat! We are waiting for you! **Mylar and Loreta's Restaurant**, Singhampton 705-445-1247.

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**Creemore Skating Club Sewing Saturdays**. Once again the Creemore Skating Club is preparing for its annual skating carnival on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. With this brings the sewing of new costumes for our skaters. If you enjoy sewing and socializing and wish to donate your time in designing costumes, cutting fabric, sewing, and adding the final touches, we would love to have your expertise. The "Sewing Saturdays" will take place in the arena hall from 9 am – 11 am on Feb 18, Mar 10, and Mar 24. Individuals can choose what day(s) work best for them. For more information, please call Lynn Gowan at 466-2995 or Julie Bigham at 424-0626. Refreshments will be served!

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## DEATH NOTICES

**HILL, Lillian** – Peacefully at Country Terrace Nursing Home, Komoka on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Lillian Hill (nee Hardy) of Kilworth in her 78<sup>th</sup> year. Beloved wife of Roy Hill. Loving mother of Jeff (Corie) Hill of Mississauga. Loving grandmother of Abigail & Liam Hill both at home. Dear sister of Karen Wharry of London. Remembered by niece Sonya and nephews Sheamus, Hosea and Noel. At Mrs. Hill's request there will be no funeral home visitation. Cremation to take place with a memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date. Interment Campbell Cemetery Komoka. Elliott-Madill Funeral Home, Mt. Brydges, Ontario, entrusted with arrangements. 519-265-1100.

**WILSON, Donalee (nee Lott)** of Texas passed away on Sunday, February 5 predeceased by husband Don and brother Bob. Funeral arrangements pending.

## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of **Gwenyth Winchester**, caring wife and mother, who left us February 10, 2011.

Three little words,  
Forget me not.  
Don't seem much,  
But mean a lot.  
Just a memory fond and true,  
To show, dear mother,  
We think of you.  
Lovingly remembered by your family

## DEATH NOTICE



**ROBBINS, Margaret "Bunny"**  
(nee Burrow)

Mum passed away quietly on Saturday, January 31, 2012 in her 99<sup>th</sup> year.

She was born in South Devon, New Brunswick, graduated from the Montreal General Hospital in 1935 and married Ed in 1941. Bunny is survived by her daughters Ruth (Don) and Joan (André), 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Following her wishes cremation has taken place. She will be buried in the Dunedin Cemetery alongside her beloved Ed who predeceased her in 1984.

**A Celebration of Mum's Life will be held at noon on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Creemore. Lunch to follow in the Church Hall.**

In memory of Mum please consider a donation to one of the following:

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