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**\*\*Garbage & Recycling Collection is one day late this week\*\***

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**A YEARLY TRADITION** As always, St. Luke's Anglican Church was a busy place this week for its annual Pancake Tuesday Supper. Here, **Audrey Davidson** has her plate filled by **Evelyn Knappett** and **Carol Parcell**, as **Olive Wilkinson** waits behind her.

## TWO MEETINGS, TWO SOLUTIONS

### Future of Collingwood Street Bridge hangs in the balance

by Brad Holden

On Saturday afternoon, 50 people gathered at the Station on the Green making plans to write letters to the Ontario government, in hopes of staving off Simcoe County's plans to replace the 99-year-old steel truss Collingwood Street Bridge with a two-lane concrete plan. And on Tuesday afternoon, the County's response: a slideshow depicting the bridge's deteriorated condition, information boards stating the case for replacement and several high-ranking County politicians, including Warden **Cal Patterson**, rebuffing any requests by the save-the-bridge folks to take another look at their rehabilitation solution.

With Monday, February 27 being the mailing deadline (March 3 is the actual deadline) for comments to the Ministry of Environment on the County's recently completed Environmental Assessment, as well as any "Part II" order requests for a higher level

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## ECHO Briefs

### New Farmers' Market Website

The Creemore Farmers' Market debuted its new website this week, designed by **Shane Durnford** and shepherded to completion by new Market president **Sarah Hallett**. The site, found at [www.creemorefarmersmarket.ca](http://www.creemorefarmersmarket.ca), features information about special events throughout the season as well as bios of each of the market's vendors. Once this year's market gets up and running on the Victoria Day weekend, the website will also list which produce is in season each week.

### Provincial Award for New Farm

**Brent Preston** and **Gillian Flies** of The New Farm in Maple Valley received the Outstanding Horticultural Producer of the Year award at the recent 2012 Ontario Organic Awards, hosted by the Organic Council of Ontario. They were credited for growing 150 varieties of premium, hand-harvested, seasonal vegetables on their 100-acre farm, as well as for their innovative partnership with Toronto's The Stop Community Food Centre.

## Stressing the post-secondary option



SCI Vice Principal **Janice Ellerby**

by Christopher Greer

While parents of school-age children may be concerned about a 2009 Colleges Ontario study that ranked Simcoe County District School Board a lowly 48<sup>th</sup> of 57 Ontario School Boards in terms of how many students go on to post-secondary education (PSE) directly from high school, educators at Stayner Collegiate Institute want them to know that they and others in the area are doing their best to help students beat those odds.

The study, which was discussed at a Ray's Place meeting in January, used data collected from 2001 through 2007 and noted that "poor performance very early in secondary school predicts non-completion of an Ontario Secondary School Diploma." At the meeting, the importance of engaging students at an early age was emphasized. **Kathy Whitley**, a kindergarten teacher at Creemore's elementary school, said that educators are "reaching out too late," proposing that students be engaged at a younger age so as to be better prepared for the transition to high school.

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## This Weekend

### Friday, February 24

- **Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Come enjoy some homemade soup.
- **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 Nottawasaga Hall, Duntroon.** Bring your photos, stories, and anything else related to the school for posterity and the creation of a final year book. Dinner is \$5 per family.

### 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. [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca).
- **Chili Dinner** at the Masonic Hall, 213 Louisa Street, Stayner hosted by The Order of The Eastern Star. Social begins at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. \$10. Chili, Caesar salad, cake & ice cream. For tickets call Marg at 705-428-0409 or Jane at 705-428-6119.

### Sunday, February 26

- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Creemore Legion Breakfast** from 8:30 to 11 am. A Belgian waffle with fruit, syrup & whipped cream or two eggs any way you want, bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee or tea all for \$5.
- **Community/Family Bridal Shower** for **Laura Rowbotham** at Avening Community Centre from 2 to 4 pm. Hosted by her aunts Glenna Collins and Myrna Whitley.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, March 2

- **World Day of Prayer Service** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West at 2 pm. The theme this year is "Let Justice Prevail". The Service is written by the women of Malaysia. Please join us & learn about life in Malaysia.

### Saturday, March 3

- **Simcoe County Museum's Fifth Annual Celebration of Arts & Crafts** from 10 am to 4 pm. Demonstrations & a chance to try a craft. Craft supplies for purchase. More information at [www.simcoecrafts.ca/celebrations](http://www.simcoecrafts.ca/celebrations). Hwy 26 west of Midhurst.
- **Curiosity House Art Show Opening Reception** from 2 to 4 pm with **Adele Derkowski** and her oils & acrylics. The show is called "**Spring Thaw**". 705-466-3400 or [artbyadele.wordpress.com](http://artbyadele.wordpress.com) for more details. Show runs to April 6.
- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Show Opening Reception** from 2 to 5 pm for new exhibition "**Elemental Truths: Examinations of Abstraction versus Minimalism**". This month's group of seven artists is: **James Stacey, Claudia McKnight, Liz Eakins, Jenn Smith, Dorianne Ross, Jordon Eveland, Brett Lundy.** Experience this ethereal collection of works that celebrate the mediums of silver, encaustic, paper, paint, stone, and digital imagery. Show runs to April 2. 705-466-5555 [info@madandnoisy.com](mailto:info@madandnoisy.com).
- **Beef & Lamb Supper** at St. John's United Church, Mill Street from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$15. children \$5, pre-schoolers free. All are welcome.
- **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.

### Monday, March 5

- **Hamburger Night** at The Old Mill House Pub in support of **Teddy Bear's Picnic Day Care Centre** Starts at 5 pm. Hamburgers \$5 each and Hot Dogs \$4 each with all proceeds going to roof replacement expenses at Teddy Bear's Picnic. Beverages and side orders not included. Call The Old Mill House Pub at 705-466-5244 for more details.
- **Clearview Township's Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.
- **Journey Dance.** A holistic fitness practice that is fun and transformational. No dance experience required. Monday nights at 7 pm for the month of March at Station on the Green. Call Nicole at 705-435-0302 or [www.journeydance.com](http://www.journeydance.com) for details.

### Wednesday, March 28 to Sunday, April 15

- Theatre Orangeville presents **Wingfield Lost & Found** a **Dan Needles** comedy starring **Rod Beattie** & directed by **Douglas Beattie**. Tickets & details are available at 519-942-3423 or [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca).

### Sunday, March 11

- **Stop the MAQ Quarry – Snowshoe Fundraiser and Family Fun Day at Highlands Nordic** from 10 am to 2 pm (they have generously given a free day pass to every participant). Bring your own snowshoes, or rent on site for \$9. 3 routes with varying difficulty. Hot chocolate. Free food and drinks for kids and all those who raise over \$100 (or \$50 for students) can be purchased too. Live music by local bands & camp fires to warm up. Prizes for those who raise the most pledges for: student, school, team, and overall. Guest speakers. [www.stopthequarrysnowshoe.ca](http://www.stopthequarrysnowshoe.ca).

### Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16

- **Theatre Collingwood's March Break Drama Program** (ages 7-13), at our new production

centre. Explore voice, movement, creativity, build confidence through basic theatre skills. Pre-registration required. 705-445-2200 or [www.theatrecollingwood.com](http://www.theatrecollingwood.com).

### Friday, March 16

- **Washboard Hank & the Corn Pickles** is putting on the Green at the Duntroon Hall – the best St. Patrick's party in town! Get ready to move to the groove of Irish Hillbilly music like no other... a fundraiser for the hall. \$15 plus hst in advance, \$17 plus hst at the door. Free buffet. 705-445-9551 for information.

### Saturday, March 17

- **Marsh Street Community Centre** presents **JP Cormier's Farewell Tour Show** at 8 pm. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. 187 Marsh Street, Clarksburg. Call 519-599-7837 for more information.

### Monday, March 19

- Do you need a hand preparing your income tax return, but are a low income earner, maybe we can help. **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** from 4 to 8 pm. Presented by **Ramona A. Greer, CGA** and the **Clearview Stayner Food Bank**. Please call to see if your are eligible for the program and to book an appointment. Contact Laura at 705-428-2171.

### Tuesday, March 20

- **Theatre Collingwood's Adult Drama Training Program** (19+) Ten week spring session (3 hour classes) begins. Build confidence through basic theatre skills. 705-445-2200 or [www.theatrecollingwood.com](http://www.theatrecollingwood.com).

### Thursday, March 22

- **Public Meeting** at Singhampton Hall from 6 to 9 pm presented by **Skyway 124 Wind Energy Inc.** concerning the Skyway 124 Wind Farm wind turbines proposal. For more information call 905-271-2845 or [john.nicholson@ebccanada.com](mailto:john.nicholson@ebccanada.com).

### Saturday, March 24

- **Theatre Collingwood's Teen Drama Training Program** (14-18) Twelve week spring session (2.5 hour classes) begins. Build confidence through basic theatre skills. (705) 445-2200 or [www.theatrecollingwood.com](http://www.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.

### Friday, April 27

- **A Free AED Training Session** for the automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Station on the Green conducted by Simcoe County Paramedics from 1 to 5:30 pm at the Station on the Green. Limited to 15 participants. To register, please email Bill Crysedale at [wscrysedale@gmail.com](mailto:wscrysedale@gmail.com).

### Sunday, March 11

- **Peak to Peak Escarpment Challenge.** 26 km. Pre-register at [www.peaktopeakhike.com](http://www.peaktopeakhike.com) and raise tax deductible donations to support the **Clearview Community Coalition and Environmental Defence Canada.** Hike Osler Bluff to Duntroon Highlands or choose your challenge. Hike to stomp out quarrying on the Niagara Escarpment. Enjoy vistas of Georgian Bay, caves, streams, wildflowers, breakfast, buffet/barbeque, live music, an escarpment art silent auction and great draw prizes. The grand prize is a \$5000 trip for 2 to Fogo Island Newfoundland and Labrador.




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# Helping students find their way

(Continued from page 1)

On that point, SCI principal **Jane Seymour** and vice-principal **Janice Ellerby** talked about the Collingwood Learning Centre, which offers a two-week Preparation Program in late August of each year for students going into Grades 7, 8 and 9. The intent of the program – registration and transportation for which is free – is to ease the transition from primary to secondary school, educating students on larger world issues (this year the focus will be on social justice) and helping them to improve their numeracy skills, which **Hanne Nielsen**, the Centre's principal of adult and continuing education, believes are essential for success in all disciplines.

Upon entering Grade 9, students are faced with the decision whether to enroll in the Academic or Applied stream. As is true across the province, students must obtain a particular number of Academic credits in Grades 11 and 12, as well as high enough grades, in order to register for university after graduation. But to enroll in those courses, they must first obtain credits at the Academic level in Grades 9 and 10, requiring them, at age 14 or 15, to make a decision regarding whether they intend to pursue PSE, and if so, what type.

Ellerby pointed out that, in our region, the decision whether to enter the Applied or Academic stream is not irreversible. The Collingwood Learning Centre offers a summer program for Grade 9 and 10 students who wish to learn concepts not covered in their Applied courses during the regular school year, affording them the opportunity to move to the Academic stream.

But even with that option, these are big decisions to be making at an early age, and it is essential that appropriate guidance be available, especially considering the study's claim that "there appears to be a general lack of understanding of PSE options and entry requirements" among students.

It is suggested that this lack of understanding is due in large part to the fact that guidance counsellors are "spread quite thinly across school populations in most secondary schools," and that, as a result, "it is not realistic to expect them to provide the support and information necessary for all secondary students."

Seymour, however, believes that the 1.2 guidance counsellors (one is employed full time and another comes in for one period a day) allotted to SCI by



SCI principal **Jane Seymour** and vice principal **Janice Ellerby**.

the school board is sufficient for the approximately 440 students who attend the school.

"I don't believe we have any students who don't receive guidance," said Seymour when informed of the study's claim that students can easily "fall through the cracks of an overextended system," adding that the SCI guidance staff "does a phenomenal job helping students to move forward."

The importance of parental influence on a student's decision whether or not to pursue PSE is also emphasized by the study, which claims that "youth are more likely to aspire to a non-university program, or not want to pursue education after high school, if their parents did not."

According to Nielsen, a significant number of regional parents whose children are now old enough to be considering postsecondary options were employed in the now-defunct Collingwood Shipyards. Employment in the Shipyards – which closed circa 1986 – did not require a high school diploma, enticing many to leave high school after Grade 10. The Shipyards is not the only manufacturing plant to have closed down in the area, and agriculture, our other big industry, has never required a post-secondary education. As a result, Nielsen believes that many area students may have parents without any postsecondary experiences to share.

The 2006 Census would seem to back this theory up: while the percentage of Clearview residents with college or other non-university certificates or diplomas is higher than the provincial average (20.6 per cent and 18.4 per cent respectively), the percentage of Clearview residents with a university certificate, diploma or degree is drastically lower than the provincial average (9.3 per cent and 20.5 per cent respectively). Results of the 2011 Census are due out in the next several months, and educators will be keeping a close eye out for a change in these statistics.

The Dual Credit program offered in Ontario schools attempts to address this problem by helping students gain exposure to PSE. According to Seymour and Ellerby, this is extremely important for students whose

parents did not obtain PSE.

"Many come back and say that college is where they want to be," said Seymour. "They like the autonomy; being responsible for their own learning."

In the program, which is intended to support student's "successful transition to post-secondary education," high school students also participate in apprenticeship training and college courses, earning credits that count toward "both their high school diploma and their post-secondary diploma, degree, or apprenticeship certification."

The myblueprint.ca initiative, which was spearheaded by SCI, is also being adapted across the board, giving students access to an online database of Canadian university programs and helping them to determine the appropriate pathway for a chosen career.

"There's always support out there," said Ellerby. "If students have the desire, we can help them find the way."

The question remains, though: if the necessary support is available, why is it that Simcoe County youth are not pursuing PSE directly after high school?

The study found that rural secondary school students were less likely to go on to PSE than their urban counterparts and that they tended to apply to schools that were close to home.

Nielsen noted that, in our immediate region, which does not have – save for the University Partnership Centre at Georgian College – a university campus, students who wish to obtain PSE will likely have to commute or leave home – an added expense, which, in combination with rising tuition costs, may make PSE unaffordable for many.

Indeed, in the study, many students who chose to enter the workforce directly after high school as opposed to PSE cited travel expenses as a major influence on their decision.

"If we are able to look at some kind of downtown university campus for Barrie, that might have a huge influence," said Ellerby.



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The Community Mental Health Services is currently seeking candidates who, preferably although not necessarily, have skills in communications, public relations, project management, finance, or a clinical background.

**Interested applicants are asked to submit a written letter of interest and their resume to Mr. Dale Graham, Administrative Co-Lead Community Mental Health Services, 459 Hume Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 1W9 or fax to 705-444-5131 by March 16, 2012.**

**For further information call Joan McLeod, Administrative Assistant of Community Mental Health Services at 705-444-6600.**

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## EDITORIAL A work in progress

When we first heard, two years ago, that Simcoe County was looking at replacing the Collingwood Street Bridge, our knee-jerk reaction was to say good riddance to the structure. It's an old steel bridge after all – it's not covered, and its trusses are utilitarian in appearance at best. And besides, anyone who has taken a good look underneath it would agree that it has deteriorated to the point that it's not safe.

But Barry Burton and the committee he leads have done their work diligently, and have come up with an engineer-approved plan that would completely replace the bridge's aging wooden deck with a lighter, stronger steel one. They've made plans to have a sidewalk hung on one side, and they've asserted that, with a proper recoating of the trusses, the bridge would be able to support its original payload capacity for at least the next 75 years.

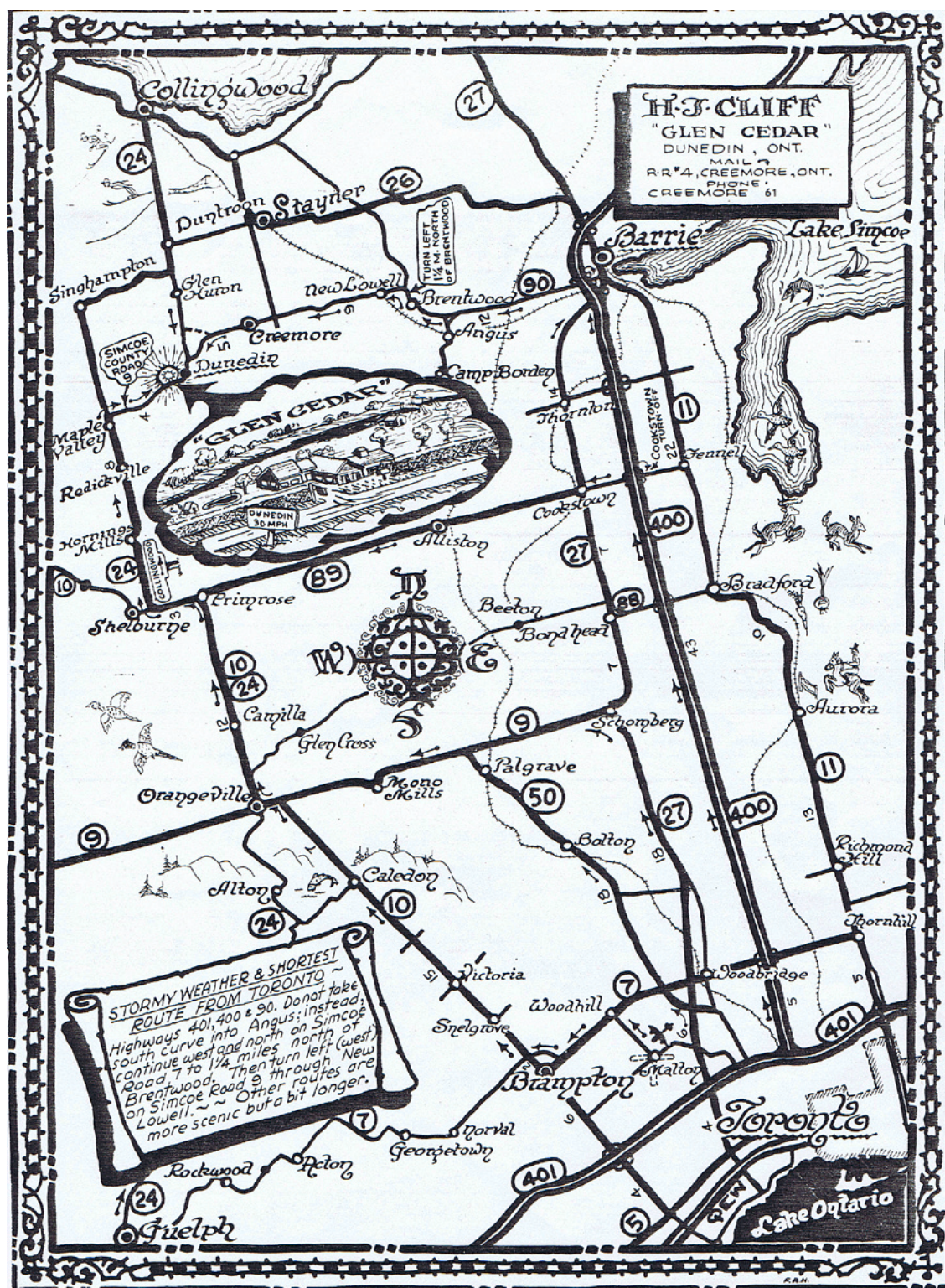
In so doing, a piece of our heritage would be preserved. The bridge might not be the fanciest way to get across the river, but it was built by local hands nearly 100 years ago, and is one of few reminders left in the area of how people of that time overcame the challenge of transporting themselves across moving water. And there's no doubt that the one-lane nature of the bridge acts as a natural speed deterrent as vehicles descend the hill, cross the river and drive straight into a school zone.

Simcoe County politicians are right in saying that the County doesn't do heritage bridge rehabs. But this bridge is different. It is on a road with little traffic and literally no potential for population growth. If it weren't for an obscure, barely remembered agreement signed long in the past, the bridge would naturally be the possession of the Township anyway.

So why not download it to the Township? We can't afford it, is Mayor Ferguson's answer. But would the County not be obligated to transfer ownership of the bridge in a safe condition? Could the money the County now has slated for the bridge's replacement be instead handed over to the Township along with responsibility for its maintenance in the future?

These are the questions that are now floating around. If the engineers can agree on the feasibility of rehabilitation, then we'll see if the politicians have the will to answer them.

## THE WAY WE WERE



# An alpine pioneer in the Dunedin of yesterday

by Marian Abbey

Dunedin is situated with many hill slopes surrounding the village. I reflect back on the many winter sports we took part in. In the 30s and 40s, before there were ski clubs, young and old strapped on homemade skis and poles and spent hours on the slopes.

In February 2012, Friday nights see lights appear in homes around the community. On Saturday mornings roads are busy with skiers travelling to Devil's Glen Ski Club and Blue Mountain.

In the 1940s Harold Taylor Cliff, known as Sam, arrived in the village. Sam acquired a cottage west of the village and called it "Glen Cedar." The Noisy River ran through the property. When you walked over the old hay road bridge a path led to the hill slopes. On these slopes Sam held ski classes on weekends for out-of-

town visitors. You might think these trails, short as they were, would have posed not much of a challenge, but remember there were no lifts, tows or snowmobiles to take people back to the top.

Our family home was situated on Lavender Hill Road, and many winter Sundays we looked across the valley to

observe venturesome skiers learning ski jumping.

Sam was involved with the forming of the private Toronto Ski Club at Blue Mountain resort.

In the 1950s Sam and his wife Kay built a new home on the site of the old cottage and kept the name "Glen Cedar." In addition to being an avid skier, Sam had a love of nature. On the river he had a dam built with a fish ladder.

A nature club was organized by Sam for the youth in the community, and in early spring we could watch trout jumping up the ladder to the spawning grounds.

Kay and Sam enjoyed their home on the river for several years before selling the property and returning to Toronto. Sam died on January 4, 1983.

The map above is one he created to guide his friends to "Glen Cedar" from Toronto.



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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

This week was our noon potluck lunch and there were around 35 out for the meal. There was a really great assortment and choices of salads, main courses and desserts.

There were 49 out for cards, and **Irma Flack** read out a “Thank You” from the Creemore Baptist Church for our yearly donation.

The 50/50 draws went to **Martin Verstraten, Elsie Longson, Pat Winger, Pat Elliot, Tom Sharpe, Isabelle Gubbels** and **Ray Leighton**.

Moon shots were played by **Martin Verstraten, Pat Winger, Evelyn Warden, Bob Veale, Mercedes Veinot, Peter Gubbels, Warren Gale (2), Marcia Cameron, Earl Bentley** and **Earl Toole (2)**. Earl Toole won the travelling prize, and Bob Veale won the Sidewinders money.

High scorers were **Toosje Vasvari 323, Pat Winger 313, Beulah Dunn 312** and **Mercedes Veinot 307**. Low was **Tom Sharpe** with 77.

Pat Winger was having a lucky (or skillful) day, as she was fortunate enough to score in all the moneymaking categories! And I understand that **Winston Ferguson** was back with us for the first time for a long time. Sorry to have missed you, Winston.

My thanks to Irma Flack for all

SENIORS



Sylvia  
GALE

the above information as I was absent from Seniors. Daughter **Laurie** and her hubby **Bruce Rowe** were visiting from Alberta. They were set to leave for home the next day, so I didn’t want to miss time with them while they were here.

What I should have done was lock the door so they couldn’t get out, and just kept them here!

Bryce bought and installed a new medicine chest; changed three old smoke alarms on the ceiling; put a clock up; fixed our water system; found space in the storage sheds around here to store picture frames, etc., etc., plus did all the “extra” tasks that Laurie found for him to tackle as she was “spring cleaning” one of the spare bedrooms.

I had, previous to their arrival, taken “stuff” off some of the upstairs shelves and washed it, just to freshen it up. Well, Laurie took a look at this stack of clean tablecloths, etc, and grabbed the iron and went to work. In between trying to spend some visiting time with her long-time friends, she never stopped doing good things, most of all helping us – along with Bryce – to do things we are past doing on our own. I really do think I deserve at least a medal for neither questioning nor peeking at what left this house in garbage bags! I’m quite

sure that it wasn’t garbage when I put it away in storage on the clothes closet shelves! But the truth is that if I hadn’t had a reason to haul some of the stuff out to be used over the past several years, then I probably didn’t need it. The fact that a lot of it went to some charitable organizations was a bonus. I also hope the “kids” have some idea how much their help was appreciated.

It was so nice to see the wee note from **Flo Bremner** in last week’s *Echo* that gave **Sara, Brad, Georgi**

and **Fred** some idea of how much this paper, that is crammed with local news, events and pictures, is enjoyed. Flo wrote the letter, but everything I have heard about the *Echo* from other folks follows the same vein – and it was just great that she took the time to tell you guys so!

Last month I missed mentioning that Manitoba was the first province in Canada to allow women to vote and to hold any provincial office – and this wasn’t until January 1916. Thank goodness for Manitoba!



Bryan Davies Photo

**LITERARY LUNCH** Author **Charles Foran** (left) spent last Sunday afternoon chatting to diners at Chez Michel about his latest book *Mordecai*, a biography of Canadian literary great Mordecai Richler. Hosting the event were **Miriam Vince** and **Catherine Randall** of Curiosity House Books and **Michel Masselin** of Chez Michel (in back).

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



*Sunday, February 26*

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# Seen & Heard around Creemore



## A Snowy Day for Baseball

Smith Brothers Baseball Central, the new indoor baseball facility in New Lowell, held its grand opening last Saturday, with Clearview Councillor **Deb Bronee**, **Kirby Smith**, **Kirk Smith**, Clearview Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage**, **Kelly Barrow-Smith** and **Konar Smith** teaming up to cut the ribbon. There were tours, games, completions and mini clinics running all day. For more information visit [www.smithbrothersbaseballcentral.com](http://www.smithbrothersbaseballcentral.com).



## Polar Ice

This “snowbear” was spotted on the Ventzke family’s lawn on Sarah Street this week, looking content while drinking – what else? – a bottle of Coca-Cola.

## In the Pink

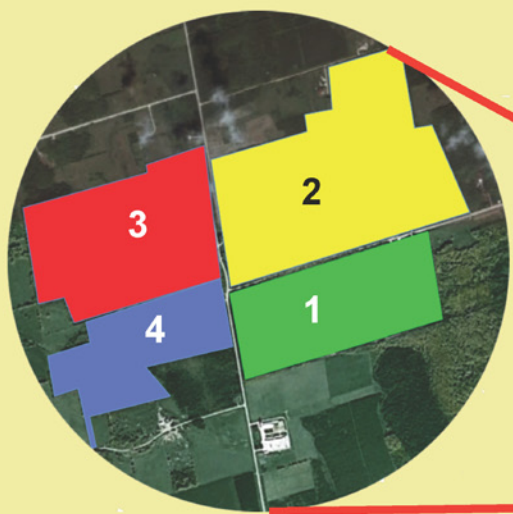
**Dorothy Shropshire** won the viewers’ choice award at February’s “Pinkalicious” art show at Curiosity House with this lovely tastebud-tempting painting titled “Mmm... Pinkalicious!”



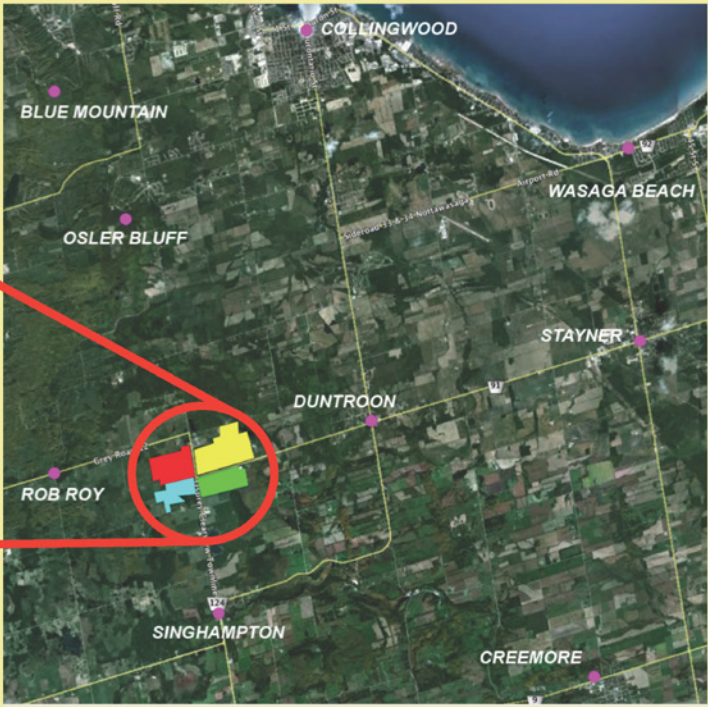
## Taking Protest to New Heights

This picture doesn’t quite fit under the “Seen and Heard in Creemore” headline, but those are Creemore-area residents (**Blane and Graeme McPhail**) standing atop Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, spreading a message on a very local issue!

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[www.stopthequarrysnowshoe.ca](http://www.stopthequarrysnowshoe.ca)





This year's Stayner Collegiate Institute Robotics Club show off the robot they will take to competitions in Mississauga and Boston. (L-R): **Samantha Tapaley, Andrew Bronee, Jakob Lawson, Lisa Brown, Anna Chantler, Chris Gabriels, Patrick Belford, Ian Jones, Judah Page, Connor Watt.**

## SCI robot ready to rumble

by Christopher Greer

The Stayner Collegiate Institute Robotics Club revealed their creation to an audience of fellow students, sponsors and family this week, using a joystick to control the machine from across the room as it shot basketballs at a series of hoops replicating those to be used at upcoming Rebound Rumble competitions in Boston and Mississauga.

The robot – which, according to **Lisa Brown**, a member of the Robotics Club, took six weeks and a lot of late nights to build – will compete in an alliance alongside two other machines, attempting to score as many baskets as possible in two minutes and 15 seconds.

The match will begin with a 15-second Hybrid Period, during which the competing robots will be controlled using a Microsoft Kinect (a motion capture system typically used for playing video games).

In order to gain additional points, the teams will end the match by attempting to balance their robots, up to three at a time, on bridges located in the middle of the field.

"It's great to see the teamwork taking place," said SCI principal **Jane Seymour**. "It's a wonderful program, with plenty of opportunity for students to learn from experienced teachers."

First Robotics Canada, the organization that is facilitating the competition, does so in the hopes of

inspiring young people to be "science and technology leaders by engaging them in mentor-based programs."

According to Brown, the program would not be possible without the generous donations from sponsors and the support of a dedicated group of mentors, which this year consisted of **Aaron Bronee, Michael Szewczyk, Mark Gatemby, and Mason Elwood.**

Students **Connor Watt** and **Chris Gabriels** knew very little about programming before joining the Robotics Club, but with the help of Gatemby, a professor at Georgian College, they learned quickly, successfully writing the source code for the robot.

"I've been very impressed with the support shown by the community," added Seymour, noting the Bronee family in particular, who own JT Snowmobile Repair and allowed the students to use their shop to work on the robot.

Then there was **Shelley Verhoek**, who, on a Sunday night, brought enough spaghetti dinner for the entire team, which was working late.

"It's heartwarming to see this kind of support," said Seymour.

Last year in Boston, the team finished third. This year, the winning team in Boston will move on to the final competition in St. Louis, the winners of which will have an opportunity to meet President Obama.



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# Tapas and Trout

Stephen and I enjoyed another lovely meal at Chez Michel last Wednesday as our belated Valentine's Day dinner. We weren't the only ones celebrating one day later, as the restaurant was filled with lots of people we know, all enjoying themselves.

Family Day weekend is always a busy one – we've been booked up for quite a while, but were getting phone calls for rooms right up until Sunday morning! I also did a cooking lesson on Sunday evening for guests who have stayed with us before – they brought their parents for a Gourmet Getaway at the B&B, to celebrate their 45th anniversary. So it was lots of chopping, dicing, grilling, and table setting, not to mention the dishwashing. We both had a great time and our guests jumped right in and cooked alongside me. By the time I could put my feet up on Monday mid-morning, I realized it was time to go off to Tai Chi at the Station. No rest for the wicked I guess!

When we do a two-day Gourmet Getaway weekend, the first night starts off with a variety of tapas and hors d'oeuvres. I have a few standard recipes I can always rely on, but I usually try at least one new appetizer to expand my repertoire each time. I had been wanting to try yet another recipe from one of my Williams-

CREEMORE DISH



Elaine  
COLLIER

Sonoma cookbooks called *Hors D'Oeuvre*, but I realized that morning that I had forgotten the key ingredient, smoked trout. I called Jackie at the 100 Mile Store, hoping to get some frozen. Well, she had some fresh trout in and put aside a nice 1/2 pound fillet for me. Stephen drove to Creemore, picked up the fish and I was in business. If you like fish, you'll love their smoked trout. It's delicate in texture and flavour, and it made a wonderful appetizer mousse. Our guests lapped it right up and there was only a smidgen left at the bottom of the bowl!

Since I very rarely try any cookbook recipe without trying to tweak it here and there, I made a few alterations to come up with this week's recipe. That is part of the fun of cooking. If you're missing an ingredient, improvise. If you don't like the measurements, change them (except when you're baking because that requires precision)! The pairing of the smoked fish with the burst of orange flavour you get from using the zest is definitely an interesting combination. Citrus fruit always makes me think of sunshine, and I hope this dish brightens up your day!

Feedback is great and I would love to hear from you. Just email me at [elaine@avalonclearview.com](mailto:elaine@avalonclearview.com). Until next time, eat well, live well....

## Smoked Trout Mousse with Orange and Chives

- 1 1/4 cups quark cheese
- 4 ounces low fat cream cheese, at room temperature
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch sea salt
- 4 drops Tabasco sauce
- 1/2 pound smoked trout fillet, skinned
- Zest from 1 orange, finely shredded (keep back 1 tablespoon for garnish)
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives, 1 inch long (for garnish)

In a food processor, combine the quark, cream cheese, garlic, salt and Tabasco sauce. Process until smooth. Roughly chop smoked trout. Add half the trout and the orange zest. Pulse a few times to incorporate. Transfer the mixture to a bowl. Gently stir in the remaining trout and 2 tablespoons chives. Refrigerate for a few hours. Just before serving, garnish with remaining orange zest and chives. Serve with crackers or toasted crostini.

Note: You can also use fromage blanc or cottage cheese. If using cottage cheese, use small curd and process it first to a smooth texture.



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Tender forms are available at the Township Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during business hours. Sealed tenders clearly marked with **Tender #2012-??** in envelopes and on forms supplied by Clearview Township will be received by the Clearview Public Works Department.

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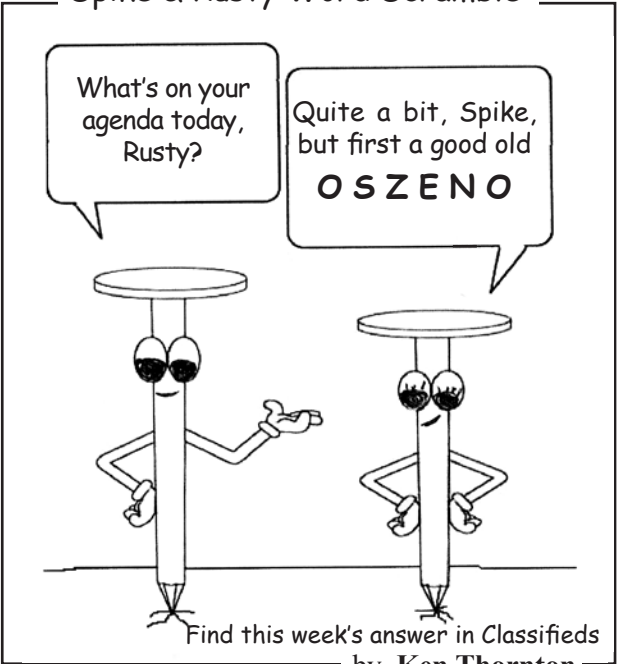
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer in Classifieds

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer in Classifieds by Ken Thornton

## CREEMORE Weekend Weather

### Friday, February 24

Snow  
High 1 Low -6 Winds N 40 km/h  
POP 90%

### Saturday, February 25

Scattered flurries  
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### Sunday, February 26

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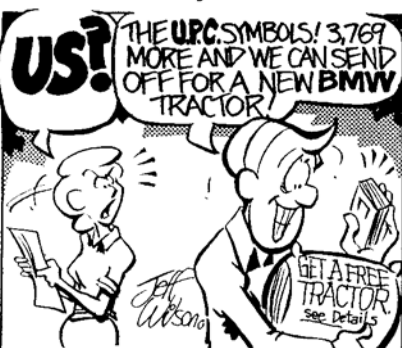
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## The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

## FRED'S FUNNIES

After the husband forgot their wedding anniversary, his wife tells him: "You'd better have something in front of the house tomorrow, which goes from 0 to 100 in 4 seconds."

The next day, she finds, on the road, a bathroom scale.

## Brian's Canadian Crossword

#164 by Brian Paquin © 2012

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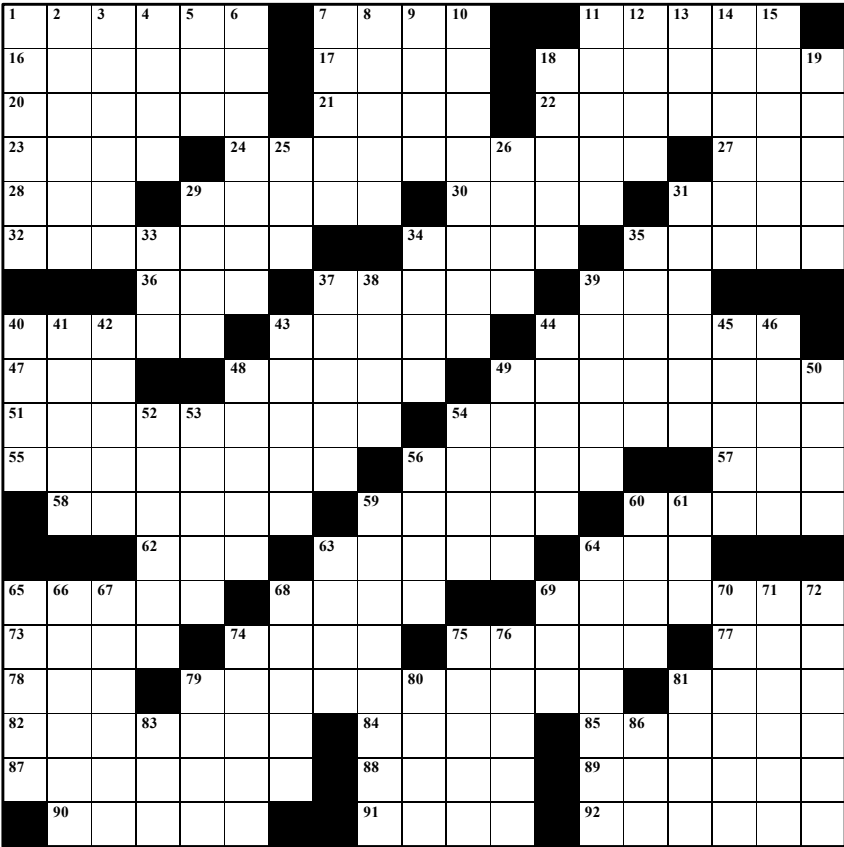
### ACROSS

- 1 Mick and the boys
- 7 Group of voters
- 11 Edward VIII and George VI
- 16 Political analyst Chantal
- 17 This Is \_\_\_\_ Life
- 18 Barbecued
- 20 Thoroughfare
- 21 Clever trick
- 22 Skater's program
- 23 Interpret
- 24 Residents of Selkirk
- 27 Bit of Brylcreem
- 28 Letter before omega
- 29 Singing capacity, slangily
- 30 Seltzer
- 31 Light Of Day rocker Joan \_\_\_\_
- 32 Billy Madison portrayal Adam \_\_\_\_
- 34 Like slasher films
- 35 Thorny flowers
- 36 UK ref.
- 37 Inundation
- 39 Point Of Sale, briefly
- 40 Canadian National Exhibition, for short
- 43 Nickname of Andre Dupont and Elmer Vasko
- 44 Entries on the left side

- 47 Sculler's tool
- 48 Bridge position
- 49 Eroded (2)
- 51 Wolves and coyotes
- 54 OK Blue Jays composer Keith \_\_\_\_
- 55 Breakaway groups
- 56 Web publications
- 57 Like steak tartare
- 58 Canada Post items
- 59 Cherished
- 60 Pottery furnaces
- 62 Notes after mis
- 63 Penalized in court
- 64 Courtroom evidence
- 65 First We Take Manhattan composer
- 68 Hollywood crosser
- 69 First name of 65A
- 73 King of the jungle
- 74 Great West or Canada \_\_\_\_
- 75 Job by Toronto's Boyd Gang
- 77 Charles X, par exemple
- 78 Everything
- 79 Student summaries since 1948 (2)
- 81 Station that aired soap opera The Days Of The Week
- 82 Excessive paperwork (2)
- 84 Jet speed measurement
- 85 Draw parallels

### DOWN

- 1 Swindlers
- 2 Toronto soprano Stratas
- 3 Acquire
- 4 Require
- 5 Foul up
- 6 Thwarted
- 7 Comic book artist John \_\_\_\_ (Superman)
- 8 Actor Del Grande
- 9 Topple from power
- 10 Wood preservative
- 11 Swedish money
- 12 Poker game papers
- 13 Trivial detail
- 14 Flies on updrafts
- 15 Upper house of parliament
- 18 Super Bowl QB Tom \_\_\_\_
- 19 Poker game results
- 25 Big mth for taxes
- 26 Drill a hole
- 29 Multi ender
- 31 Martin's role on The West Wing
- 33 A deer, a female deer
- 34 Nasty cut
- 35 Vestments
- 37 Whiskey drinks
- 38 Poker game piles
- 39 Criminals, to cops
- 40 Exceeds
- 41 Long-eared hoppers
- 42 On two feet
- 43 Othello and friends
- 44 Like Montreal's Olympic Stadium
- 45 Use a baton
- 46 Big name in wrap
- 48 The CN Tower has 2,579 of these
- 49 Tapered off
- 50 Trees used to make bows



- 52 Play it too loud
- 53 Jingle writer (2)
- 54 Place for a queen
- 56 Plant hardness, e.g.
- 59 Matt Pavelich or John D'Amico
- 60 Double Windsor or double bowline
- 61 Society's Child singer Janis \_\_\_\_
- 63 Marching band instrument
- 64 Maple Sugar Pie, e.g.
- 65 Montreal singer Terri \_\_\_\_ (Girls Lie Too)
- 66 1980s NHL dynasty team

- 67 Not so fast! (2)
- 68 More repulsive
- 69 One of a pack?
- 70 Mysterious
- 71 Tainted
- 72 Sylvie Bernier and David Bedard
- 74 Relaxed runner
- 75 \_\_\_\_ Minh
- 76 Antiknock fluid
- 79 Part of a goalie mask
- 80 Org. of the Canadarm
- 81 Bankrupt, slangily
- 83 Intersection configuration
- 86 Quid pro \_\_\_\_

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# Clearview Library News

Mud season is right around the corner and if you are looking for some good clean fun, think of us and what we have to offer at the Clearview Public Library.

Look for us at our next Library Outreach program as we will be hosting “a one-minute story hour” on the hour, every hour (11 am, noon and 1 pm) at the Clearview Township Health & Leisure Showcase taking place at the Creemore Legion on Saturday, February 25. Our craft table will be open to entertain little artists from 10 am to 2 pm. Plan to stop by and check out our display of books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, and movies and if you have any questions about e-readers, blogging or Skyping, Alicia (our CAP student) will be on hand to answer them.

At this time, we will also be handing out our timetable for our March Break special programs featuring literacy arts and crafts about fairies and goblins. These programs, presented by Ontario Early Years, darci-que & Emily and Michele at the Library will take place throughout the week at the Creemore, Stayner and Sunnidale Branches. Please call your local branch for more details about time and dates. Pre-registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcome.

Our main event, sponsored by Saunders Book Company, will take place on Thursday, March 15 in Stayner and Creemore. Please join us for a free presentation of the No Glass/No

LIBRARY NEWS



Michele MCKENZIE

Bars Animal Party Show, featuring small, medium and large critters. See and handle scaly and furry animals at this family-friendly show at the Clearview Administration Centre at 217 Gideon Street in Stayner at 10:30 am. A repeat of this show will take place at the Station on the Green in Creemore at 1pm. Place your name on our guest list by calling 705-428-3595 (Stayner), 705-466-3011 (Creemore) or 705-424-6288 (Sunnidale).

If you are starting to suffer from Spring Fever and need some new ideas for your garden or renovation projects, take a moment during your next trip to the library to dig for inspiration through our newest issues of *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Canadian Gardening*, *Canadian Living*, *Home Workshop* and *House & Home*. Please notice that we have a great selection of home decorating magazines and an extensive back listing on our shelves.

And speaking of great resources, remember us at March Break when you are looking for free entertainment and informal fun! We have Blu-Ray movies, CD ROMs, graphic novels, Playaways and Wii games as well as newly released movies, TV series and cartoons. If you are looking for a wonderful collection of stories, we have all sorts of books including board books for tiny tykes, picture books for toddlers, easy readers as well as tales written by everybody from Aames to Zola!

# Curling Winners



Winners of the second draw of Ladies Curling were Skip **Donna Baylis**, Vice **Diane Kelly**, Second **Kim Dodd** and Lead **Karen Crevier**. Presenting them with the Brian Greasley Law Office Trophy is **Brian Greasley**.



The winners of the second draw of Daytime Curling claim the Wallace Timmons Memorial Trophy, here presented by **Dorothy Shropshire** (second from right). The team included (from left) Spare **Jim Madill**, Second **Joan Morby**, Vice **Gerry Blackburn**, Skip **Paul Ruppel** and Leads **Isobel** and **Lorne Burbidge** (absent).

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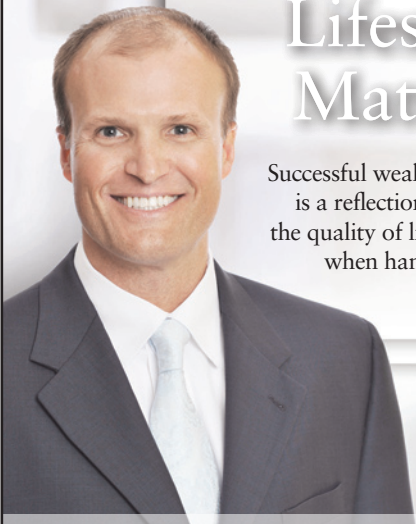
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# Bridge situation in flux

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of EA to be done, it would seem that the situation has entered its 11th hour, with any decision at this point being left to the province.

But there were some interesting tidbits to come out of the two meetings last week, signaling there may be another way forward for those in favour of saving the old bridge.

Clearview Deputy Mayor and County Councillor **Alicia Savage**, for one, rose to speak at the Saturday ratepayers' meeting, and said she would support any effort to designate the Collingwood Street Bridge as a heritage structure. The validity of such a move was actually acknowledged by Amick, the archaeological consulting firm who completed the heritage survey portion of the County's EA, but that statement was overridden in the final report's recommendation for cost and safety reasons.

Clearview Councillor **Thom Paterson**, who sits on the citizen's committee that's trying to save the bridge, said he's committed to looking into the possibility of Clearview giving the bridge a heritage designation, but admitted the situation is muddled by the fact that the bridge is owned by the County, not the Township.

Paterson also told the *Echo* that during Tuesday's meeting, he received an assurance from **Rick Newlove**, Simcoe County's general manager of engineering, planning and environment, that the rehabilitation alternative will be reviewed once more, in more detail, by AECOM, the County's consulting engineer, with a view to understanding the merits of the option as, in Paterson's words, "a viable, safe, cost effective and culturally sensitive solution."

"I told him that we would meet with a couple of their representatives and see where they're at,"

Newlove told the *Echo* later in the week. "Hopefully, we can do that next week so that anything that comes out of the meeting can be sent as comments before March 3. We're trying to find solutions, trying to find a midground."

In case the meetings extend beyond March 3, Paterson said he would be making comment to the Ministry alerting them to the fact that talks are ongoing.

As far as what the "midground" solution might be, things are a little up in the air. Collingwood Deputy Mayor **Rick Lloyd**, who is vice-chair of the County's Corporate Services Committee that oversees roads and bridges (Clearview Mayor **Ken Ferguson** is the chair), was at Tuesday's meeting and perhaps dropped a hint.

"As far as I'm concerned, the County does not rehabilitate bridges," he said. "The County standard is to build two-lane concrete bridges, and that's the only thing I would support us doing in this situation. But if the Township decides that they want to take ownership of the bridge and do something else with it, I would support that as well."

Ferguson, however, did not seem keen at the idea that the bridge might be downloaded to Clearview. "I wouldn't support that," he said. "We can't afford to fix it, and it's a liability the way it is."

As for the rehabilitation plan put forward by the citizen's committee, which includes three people who work in the steel bridge field, Ferguson remained loyal to his own staff. "It's a case of one engineer's opinion against another's," he said. "I have to trust the one that's been hired by the County."

If anyone is interested in writing their own letter to the Ministry of Environment before the mailing deadline of Monday, February 27, they should call **Ingrid Schilling** at 705-466-2658 for information on how to do so.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSAL AND PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Skyway 124 Wind Energy Inc. regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

**Project Name:** Skyway 124 Wind Farm

**Project Location:** The project is to be located on private lands near the community of Creemore in Clearview Township. The project location is further described in the map below.

**Dated at Clearview, Ontario this the 17th 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 is required. The proposal to engage in the project and the project itself is 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 application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

**Meeting Location:**

**DATE:** March 22, 2012

**TIME:** 6-9 pm

**PLACE:** Singhampton Community Centre  
6 Milltown Rd. Singhampton  
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**Project Description:**

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is considered to be a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum nameplate capacity of up to 7.5 MW and is proposed on private lands located near the community of Creemore in Clearview Township, Ontario. It would consist of up to three (3) wind turbine generators. A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been acquired for the project under Ontario's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (RESOP).

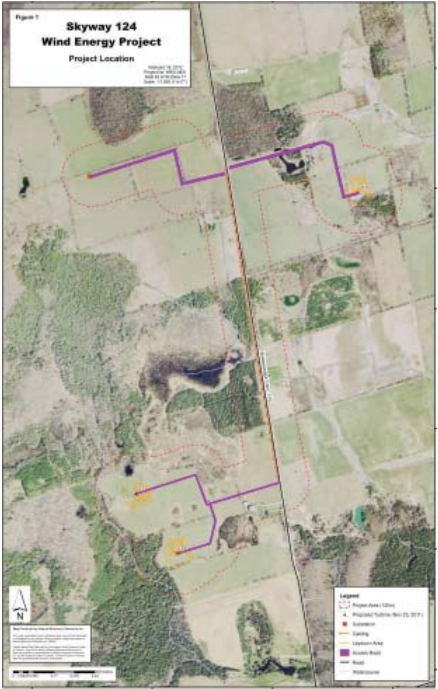
**Documents for Public Inspection:**

The Draft Project Description Report titled Skyway 124 Wind Farm Project Description Report describes the project as a 7.5 MW class 4 wind energy generation facility consisting of up to three (3) wind turbine generators. A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report will made available for public inspection on February 21, 2012 at the Creemore library (165 Library Street, Creemore ON, L0M 1G0) and the Township of Clearview Municipal Office (217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0). The report can also be found on the internet at [www.skyway124.com](http://www.skyway124.com).

**Project Contacts and Information:**

To learn more about the project proposal, public meetings, or to communicate concerns please contact:

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