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BUDGET TRIMMED AGAIN

by Brad Holden

Clearview Council will take a proposed tax increase of 4.5 per cent to the public at its Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 30, after four months of workshops and a final day of cuts and deferrals this past Monday.

That 4.5 per cent would be a net effect increase to residents' municipal taxes, encompassing a 6.79 per cent increase to Clearview Township's levy, a 3.55 per cent increase in Simcoe County's take and no increase to the education portion. Simcoe County's tax increase is actually 1.5 per cent for 2012, but the amount that Clearview pays the County to deal with its residents' waste and recycling has increased by \$150,000, which is equivalent to two extra percentage points.

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Bryan Davies Photo

SPEED AND SKILL The Creemore Arena was alive with action last weekend during the Ontario Winter Games ringette tournament. By all accounts, the athletes and spectators were impressed with the venue, the volunteers and our village. For more pictures from the event, visit www.thecreemoreecho.com.



OWNING THE PODIUM Long associated with curling, hockey and baseball, the Millsap name garnered another sporting honor at the beginning of the month when 17-year-old **Regan Millsap** (centre), granddaughter of **Glen** and **Joyce** and daughter of **Dean** and **Lorri**, won gold in the 200-metre snowshoe and bronze in the 100-metre snowshoe at the 2012 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games. Regan, who lives with her family on Manitoulin Island, paid a visit to Creemore this week and was welcomed by her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins at Affairs Bakery. She hopes to qualify for the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

ECHO Briefs

Creemore Springs Hearing

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding the Creemore Springs Brewery expansion is scheduled for two days, beginning Monday, March 19 at 10:30 am in the Clearview Council Chambers. Having reached a settlement, all parties involved will jointly present the details of their agreement to the Board for approval. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Second Skyway Meeting

A second public meeting regarding the Skyway 124 wind development will be held on Thursday, March 22 from 6 to 9 pm at the Singhampton Hall. The proposed project would see three turbines east of County Road 124 between Maple Valley and Singhampton.

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This Weekend

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

- **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Show** continues 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**. Mediums of silver, encaustic, paper, paint, stone, and digital imagery. Show runs to April 2. 705-466-5555 info@madandnoisy.com.

Sunday, March 18

- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Dufferin Grey ATV Club's** annual general meeting at 1pm at the Dundalk Legion. Hot off the press trail map for 2012 available. Members and prospective members welcome. See www.dgatyv.ca or www.facebook.com/dgatyv or contact info@dgatyv.ca for further information.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 21

- **Sara Hershoff & Brad Holden** are on **97.7 The Beach** this morning between 9 and 10 am to talk "All Things Creemore". Don't miss it!
- **Singhampton Minor Baseball Registration (Mixed Softball League)** at Singhampton Fire Hall. Teams for ages 4 to 16. Register tonight and March 29 from 7 to 9 pm and on March 31 from 9 am to noon. Call Garry for more information at 705-444-1247.
- The **Creemore Horticultural Society** will be having guest speakers from the Simcoe County Master Gardeners to speak on roses and peonies and pest and insect control. We meet at 7:30 pm on, 2012, at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 22 Caroline St. West in Creemore. All are welcome.

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.

Sunday, March 25

- **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.
- **Ward 4 Town Hall Meeting** regarding the Clearview Township budget. 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Station on the Green, to gather your comments on the details of this year's budget proposals.
- **An Afternoon of Easter Music** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mansfield at 2:30 pm featuring the Knox Presbyterian Church Choir from Alliston with guest soloist Suu Taylor. Freewill offering. Refreshments to follow.

- **Live music at the Casbah**, 18 Huron Street, Collingwood. Gentlemen Jack Whiskey Blues Masters Series. **John Hammond** with special guest **Paul James** at 2 pm. Tickets \$35 advance & \$40 at the door. www.casbahbar.com

Thursday, March 29

- **Clearview Township Town Hall Meeting** concerning this year's budget. 6:30 pm at Council Chambers.

Friday, March 30

- **Help Creemore Echo Celebrate our 11th Birthday.** Drop into our office from 10 am to 3 pm and share cake, coffee & conversation.

Saturday, March 31

- **Euchre at Avening Community Hall.** Doors open at 7 pm, cards start at 7:30 pm sharp. \$10 per person. Potluck snacks. Prizes. Call 705-466-3024 for more details.

Sunday, April 1

- **Creemore Skating Club 43rd Annual Skating Carnival.** Theme: Skating Through the Calendar Year (celebrating special occasions and holidays throughout the year: Christmas, Spring, Valentine's Day, New Years Eve, etc...) at the Creemore Arena. Show starts at 2 pm. Featuring: Skaters from the Creemore Skating Club as well as Roman Sadovsky, 2012 Canadian National Novice Mens silver medalist. Admission: Adults \$8, Seniors \$5, Students \$2 and children under 6 free. Tickets available at the door.
- **Missions Night at Creemore Baptist Church.** 5 pm Potluck Supper, 6 to 6:30 pm Meet & Greet Missionaries, 6:30 pm Presentation & Slides. Gospel for Asia: Geoff & Christine Harris; Mission Ventures: Alan & Sue McDougal; New Tribes: Chuck & Shannon Talbot; Introducing Voice of Martyrs: Trevor & Monica. All welcome. 12 Wellington Street West 705-466-6232

Thursday, April 12

- **Free Seminar "R U Okay?? – Teen Suicide"** at 7 pm at the Leisure Time Club in Collingwood. A 4 member panel will be addressing factors that contribute to teen suicide, resources and help for teens, parents and caregivers including a presentation in treatment and counseling via a group running program. A question and answer period will follow. Hosted by the Collingwood G&M Hospital Foundation Education Advisory Committee. Information and seat reservation call 705-444-8675 or email benedicta@cgmh.on.ca.

Saturday, April 14

- **Family Dance** at Avening Community Hall. Instructor **Lorraine Sutton**. 8 pm sharp start. \$15 per person or \$40 per family. Lunch served. Call 705-466-3024 for more details.



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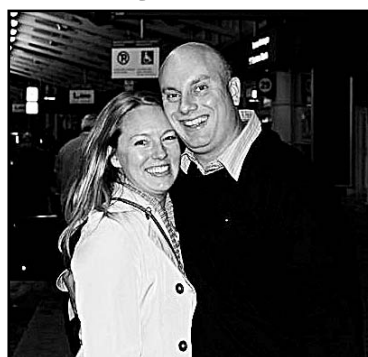
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Virginia Bullock, Emily's sister, presently living in Nigeria, is also delighted with the announcement.

Emily Bullock, a graduate of the University of Toronto, is a consultant with the Ontario Medical Association in Toronto. Kent Emerson, a graduate of Manhattan School of Music, York University, and Brock University, is a jazz pianist and works for the Government of Ontario. While the couple met in the cosmopolitan and political world of big city life they both hail from rural Ontario and plan a rural Ontario wedding. The happy couple will wed in September in Creemore. They will reside in downtown Toronto.

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Public input wanted on budget

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The 4.5 per cent figure is still not set in stone, as members of the public will have the chance to comment on the budget at the Town Hall Meeting, and Council will deliberate once more following that before passing its 2012 budget on April 30.

But if the number were to stick, it would mean the owner of the average home in Clearview Township would pay an extra \$129 in taxes this year – a total of \$3,033 compared to \$2,904 in 2011.

In order to bring the increase down from 6.3 per cent, the number which had been predicted the week before, Council made several tweaks on Monday. A \$40,000 organizational study, inserted into the budget earlier this year in light of the fact that three Township senior staff members are set to retire in the next two years, was taken out; the repaving of Sunnidale 3-4 Sideroad from Concession 9 to Concession 7, estimated at \$125,000, was deferred to 2013; renovations to the Avening Hall, budgeted at \$40,000, were deferred to next year;

a replacement of the administration centre's telephone system, at a cost of \$35,000, was deferred to 2014; and the \$28,250 repairs to the Stayner Library's roof was deferred to 2013. Several other smaller changes were made; in total, \$327,850 was taken out of this year's budget, \$185,850 was moved to next year and \$55,000 was pushed off until 2014.

That raised the concern among some at the table that this year's hefty tax increase was merely being postponed until next year.

Councillor **Thom Paterson** then raised the topic of service cuts, saying "there's millions of dollars we're spending that we never look at." Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage** agreed that the Township's base level costs should be looked at, and a discussion ensued about whether next year's budget process could be started even earlier, in order to look more closely at things like contract services and staffing.

It was then agreed that the 4.5 per cent increase should be taken to the public for input, before one last working session on April 16.

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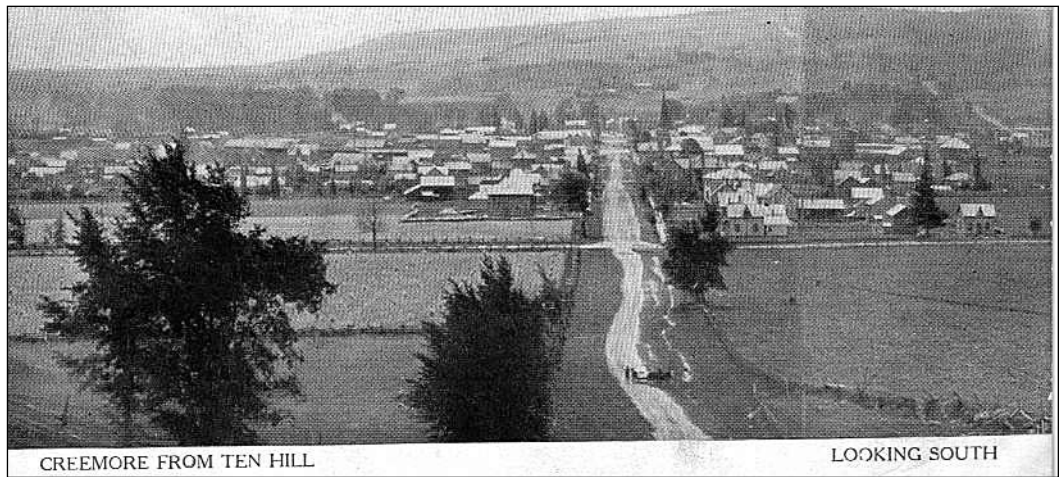
EDITORIAL Calm in the Storm

Over the past couple of months, the *Echo* editorial staff has been operating at twice its normal complement thanks to Christopher Greer, a homegrown writer on hiatus from an English degree at the U of T.

Degrees cost money, however, and if Chris is to finish his he needs to make a little more than what we were paying him as an editorial intern (quality experience and a bunch of bylines for the portfolio do not a fridge fill, you see).

So Chris is moving on to full-time work on Monday, and will no longer be gracing these pages to the extent to which we've grown accustomed. But let us publicly thank him here for the work he's done for the *Echo*, and wish him great success in what, we have a hunch, will be an illustrious writing career.

THE WAY WE WERE



CREEMORE FROM TEN HILL

LOOKING SOUTH

LETTERS

Some food for thought in advance of the Skyway 124 meeting

Dear Editor:

This Letter to the Editor has nothing whatsoever to do with whether Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs) are green or not, nor does it have anything to do with your political affiliation. I am all for promoting a green lifestyle; however, it needs to be done in the appropriate way. We need to ensure that our livelihood, our health, our properties, our environment, our pets and our wildlife are protected. We need to act responsibly.

On March 8, PC MPP Lisa Thompson brought forth a private member's bill in the Ontario Legislature asking that a moratorium be placed on further industrial wind energy development until third party health and environmental studies have been completed. We need to make sure we are getting this right, not just surging ahead and putting up IWTs by the thousands across rural Ontario before the results are in. Once again the Ontario Liberals and NDP were not listening to the concerns of rural Ontarians and voted down the bill.

Shame on the Liberal Party that, during the reading of the bill, only 12 Liberal MPPs bothered to show up; this was a slap in the face to rural Ontario. The majority then showed up only to vote it down. Are we not worth the effort to even listen to our concerns? The NDP were also not in full attendance and their energy critic, Peter Tabuns, could not even get his facts straight. He stated that Ontario had the strictest setbacks, at 550 metres, in Canada and North America. He could not be further from the truth. There are dozens of stricter guidelines than Ontario. If 550 metres is safe, why are so many Ontarians suffering health problems from IWTs?

Rural families who live too close to IWTs are complaining of health issues by the hundreds and we need to find out why. We need to protect the health of rural families. The Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario only reviewed selected literature and did not do a clinical study of the health effects from IWTs prior to concluding that they are safe. We need proper studies conducted.

The Government has commissioned a health study through the University of Waterloo. Why are we not waiting on the results of this study? Ontarians are getting sick and are reporting their illness through the proper

channels to the Government agencies, however, their complaints are being ignored and buried in Ministry files.

Please educate yourself on IWTs and make an informed decision. Visit sites like www.windconcernsontario.net or www.ontariowindresistances.org.

Jan Minduik, Singhampton

Dear Editor:

Hydro rates in Ontario are going sky high. Paying hydro bills or putting food on the table is a choice that some Ontarians have to make. We need to use economic sense before we put this province and our residents into a crisis similar to what is happening in Europe. We cannot afford to subsidize large wind companies to produce electricity at rates that are far beyond our current electrical costs and make them rich in the process.

Experts are predicting that Ontario household hydro rates will be the highest in North America (except for P.E.I.) by the end of 2013. Jobs will be lost by the thousands to countries and or provinces with lower, affordable hydro rates. The Auditor General's report also stated that, for each job created through renewable energy programs, about two jobs were lost in other sectors of the economy.

The McGuinty Liberals need to act in the best interest of the Province of Ontario. We do not need the excess power that is being created by Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs). Why do we continue to erect more IWTs just to dump the power to other provinces or the U.S. at a loss? This does not make economic sense. IWTs will never replace nuclear power or gas. IWTs, due to their intermittent supply of electricity, require back up. Hydro created by IWTs cannot be stored and therefore, they're only effective when the wind blows as the power cannot be stored to use when we need it. It is predicted that by 2014, ratepayers will be on the hook to pay the developers more than \$100 billion over the 20 year life of the contracts.

Home and property values near IWT sites are negatively affected as much as 25 to 80 per cent. Ask yourself, if your original property value was to fall

anywhere from 25 to 80 per cent because your neighbour was putting up an industrial wind turbine, how would you feel? This is expropriation without compensation. You work all your life; your home and your property are your biggest assets. Take a property valued at \$300,000 today for example. Erect an IWT, and if your property value decreases by 40 per cent or \$120,000, this amount has been taken away without compensation. How would you feel? Answer honestly.

Please take the time to attend the Open House for Skyway 124, the Industrial Wind Development proposed for south of Singhampton on March 22. It is being held at the Singhampton Community Centre from 6 to 9 pm. Become informed about what is happening right in our community.

Don't label us anti-green. Let the facts speak for themselves.

Trish Crang, Singhampton

Dear Editor:

Recently, the number of editorials in the *Echo* regarding Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs) seems to have slowed down. However, if you think wind development in Clearview Township has slowed down, nothing could be further from the truth. Both the WPD and the Skyway 124 projects are moving full speed ahead.

Regardless of one's position on IWTs, I sincerely encourage everyone to learn as much as they can about wind energy and also to understand the impact these two particular projects will have on our beautiful Township and our people. We will all be affected regardless of where we live in the Township.

Be prepared, you may even find that you are a NIMBY (Next It Might Be You).

If either WPD or Skyway 124 become operational, more projects will certainly follow.

Research as much as you can and please attend public meetings hosted by the wind companies. You too may be surprised, like me, to learn that you no longer support wind energy.

Donna Wearing, Singhampton

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 42 out for cards today, and again the Legion Ladies Auxiliary (plus Mark, their secret weapon) were catering a lunch for an Ontario Winter Games Athletics group – the Ringette team, I believe. The Legion Ladies have a well-deserved reputation for being able to feed a large group, and for serving delicious food. This is borne out by the varied groups that arrange to dine here. The only drawback was that we lost **Marg Falls** and **Barb Cudmore** to KP (kitchen parade) duties!

I was not at cards today, so the gathering of information fell to **Irma Flack** – and I didn't ask, but I assumed that **Barb Pilon** was present with a joke to start the day.

The 50/50 draws went to **Bob Veale**, **Audrey Fines**, **May Johnston**, **Marcie Cameron**, **Bob McNicol**, **June Hartley** and **George Blakney**.

Moon shots were played by **Audrey Tidd**, **Dave Smith**, **Mercedes Veinot**, **Roy Veinot**, **Bob Veale** and **George Blakney**. Dave took the Sidewinders bet money, and George won the travelling prize.

High scorers were **Peter Gubbels** 299, **George Blakney** 288, **Norma Johnston** 283 and **May Johnston**

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

268. Low was **Marge Thomson** with 125.

Boy, did **George Blakney** ever clean up today! He won a 50/50 draw (\$4), plus a moon shot and travelling prize (\$6) and second highest (\$5). So his \$2 admission fee garnered him \$15! Way

to go, George! I think I'll give you my money to invest if you can increase my \$2 to \$15 all the time!

Lucy Young, who has been absent for some weeks with a badly broken ankle, hopes to return to cards, possibly as early as next week. Sure hope you are up to it, gal, as we miss you.

Warren and I were absent today as he had some tests at the Collingwood Hospital, and as **Barb Cudmore** was busy with the lunch that the Auxiliary were catering, that left **Irma Flack** to gather all the info. Irma, as usual, did a great job, and we thank her for all the above news.

As you folks probably know, our first bus trip to Rama for this year is on Tuesday, April 3. My thanks to the folks who have already phoned to reserve a spot, and I hope to be checking with many others shortly. Please feel free to call me at 705-466-5732 to let me know you would like to join us. The cost is \$5, and

we can always accommodate more passengers.

In last week's *Echo*, I mentioned the "Avening kids network," and I missed mentioning the **Andersen** kids (their parents, **Helmar** and **Erika**, owned the general store, and they were involved in most everything going on around here), as were **John Rainbird** and the **Lennoxes** and the **Trotts**. I do remember once when we were building the house, and son **Terry** and **Rick Denison** were supposed to take down some cement forms, or some such thing, before they could go off to the river. It was a really hot day, and those two lads has been working pretty hard (they were around 12 years old) and they were getting impatient to be let loose. On being told that the job had to be finished before they got turned free, the visiting lad looked up and said "Geesh – I thought this was what the Civil War was all about!" Quick thinking on his part, and I had to laugh. But the U.S. Civil War didn't help these two – they had to finish the job, slavery or not!

Also, last week's *Echo* had several good pictures and articles on the recent snow storm that stranded several folks in Honeywood. That reminded me of the many times that Ed Maynard (coach of the kid's hockey team) would take his car full of kids, and I would take my old car full of kids, and head out

to Dundalk, Honeywood, Elmvale, etc. The snowbanks were often away over the height of the car, and the road often had only one lane open – complete with blowing snow. And at that time, I likely didn't have enough cash on me to get towed out if I did get stuck! There were no seatbelts in cars, and we just piled all the kids in that showed up on the street corner ready to go play hockey. Somehow, I never did get stuck past what the kids could push to get us out of a snowdrift, and we always did get back home. Now I shudder at the thought of the trips we went through. I guess that is why you do these things when you are young!

We were sorry to hear that **Frank Hargrave** (son of **Helen Blackburn**) was in a very bad car accident near Feversham recently. Frank was transported to Markdale Hospital, and then taken to London for surgery, and then back to Markdale. He had both arms broken – one quite severely – and his collar bone, some ribs and his pelvis/hip were also broken. He is slated to have more surgery in London in the near future. I'm told that to look at the vehicle he was driving is to leave one wondering how anyone could have come out of it alive. So Frank, you have a lot of folks that care, and are quite concerned as to how you are doing – and we all hope you have a speedy and complete recovery.



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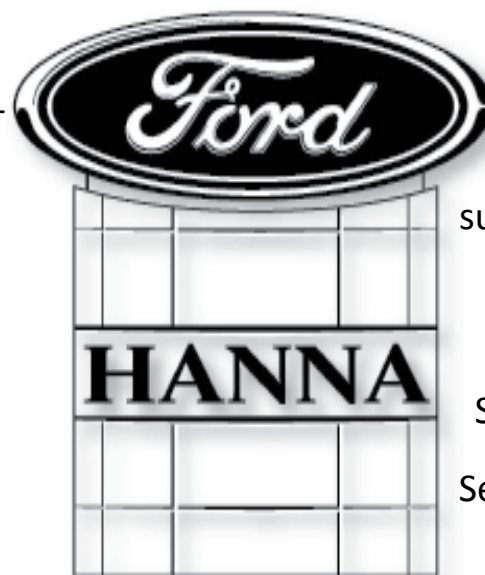
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On the ground in Africa

by Christopher Greer

Recently, Creemore resident and Tin Roof Global founder **John Millar**, along with his wife **Emily Worts** and Nottawa resident **Leah Hagreen**, who is on the Tin Roof Global board of directors, rode into Kamul, a rural town and district in south-central Uganda, on a narrow strip of tarmac.

The road, with its precarious, eroded edges, was navigated by a member of the Canada Africa School Partnership (CASP), the Ugandan organization that, in partnership with Tin Roof Global, implements programs on the ground, ensuring in the process that the funds raised here in Canada are used appropriately.

The trip along the road serves nicely as a metaphor for the partnership between the two organizations, with the CASP driver helping to steer the well-intentioned Canadians in the right direction.

"The cultural customs and practices are completely different there," said Millar, who was visiting Uganda for the first time since Tin Roof started directing funds there. "They [CASP] help prevent us from learning the necessary lessons the hard way."

As part of the Roof It H2O initiative, CASP uses the funds raised by Tin Roof Global to install what are, essentially, huge rain barrels on the roofs of schools in the Kamul region.

Many of the things we enjoy here in Canada simply don't exist in rural

Uganda, including readily available water. In many schools, students make multiple trips throughout the day to gather water, which takes them away from the classroom and makes it difficult for them to obtain a proper education, which, according to Millar, is essential in "breaking the cycle of poverty" that exists in rural Uganda.

Millar, Worts, and Hagreen visited four projects being funded by Tin Roof's Roof It H2O initiative, including one, at Nakulabye Elementary School, that's using \$3,600 donated last year by St. Luke's Anglican Church to Tin Roof. The total cost for the project, including roof repairs, installing eavestroughs, and constructing a 20,000-litre tank, is over \$5,000, and will be completed within the next few weeks, just in time for the Ugandan rainy season.

At each of the four schools they visited, the members of Tin Roof travelled to the water sources that students used prior to the installation of the water collection systems. They found that the quality of the water was universally atrocious, oftentimes consisting of nothing more than a grey puddle in the middle of a farmer's field. Some students even shared their water source with cattle and wildlife, and, unable to expend the resources necessary to boil it, were forced to drink it as collected.

"Water is a precondition to most successful development," said Millar, adding that, by bringing water into



The Tin Roof representatives gather with students in front of the new water tank at the Nakulabye Elementary School in Uganda.

schools, Tin Roof is not just filling the cups of students; there are ripple effects: after the water collection systems are installed, student enrollment and health tends to increase dramatically.

The water collection systems also allow schools to implement crop-growing programs. With water available, schools can sustain crops longer into the dry season, allowing them to feed students who might otherwise go hungry during the day.

"The community begins to view the school as a much stronger asset," said Millar, "and are more inclined to want to protect it."

The showing of appreciation is an integral part of regional Ugandan culture. After returning from viewing each school's original water source, the Tin Roof team were greeted with

a large ceremony, with students, teachers, administrators, parents and governmental officials breaking out drums, dancing and feasting in a demonstration of their gratitude.

"It was amazing to see in person the effect of what we are doing," said Millar. "It was an emotional experience and I'll never forget it."

As part of the Roof It H2O initiative, Tin Roof Global also teaches Canadian students about the situation in Uganda and the importance of water as a foundation for development, connecting them with their Ugandan counterparts and encouraging them to lead fundraising efforts for the cause in their schools.

"We want to encourage a perspective of water as a precious, global resource," said Millar, "both here and abroad."

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Sewing Saturdays

For the past few weeks, a diligent group of 13 volunteer sewers and cutters have been meeting at the Creemore Arena to work on 70 or 80 new costume pieces for the Creemore Skating Club's 2012 Carnival, taking place on Sunday, April 1. They have also been working on a new black curtain to be used during the show. The following people have been involved, and are to be commended for their volunteer spirit: **Sherri Black, Donna Baylis, Judith Crawford, Gertie Gowan, Joan Grant, Eileen Martin, Maureen McLeod, Gayle Millsap, Mieke Patton, Jeanette Poste, Cheryl Robertson** (whose store, Creemore House of Stitches, has lent support to the project), **Ken Robertson** and **Diane Royal**. The theme of this year's carnival is the "Calendar Year."



Downhill Fast

The Creemore Arena and Highlands Nordic weren't the only venues in Clearview for the Ontario Winter Games – alpine skiing events rotated between several local ski clubs, and last Saturday saw them at Devil's Glen.



Fred Mills Photo



Sustainable Snowshoeing

Provincial Green Party leader **Mike Schreiner** spoke passionately about sustainable quarrying at the kickoff to last Sunday's Snowshow to Stop the Quarry event at Highlands Nordic. The event was a fundraiser for Grey Matters, the group that's been fighting the proposed MAQ quarry just west of the proposed Walker quarry expansion.

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Creemore Springs gets the reality show treatment

by Christopher Greer
On Thursday, March 8, Creemore Springs Brewery was featured on the W Network show *Undercover Boss Canada*, in which high ranking officials from some of Canada’s biggest corporations – in this case **Kelly Brown**, the chief legal officer of Molson Coors Canada – stealthily join the ranks of their unsuspecting workforce.

Brown and the Undercover Boss camera crew travelled to Creemore Springs last August to film a portion of the program (they also filmed at breweries in Moncton and Vancouver for the episode), working alongside employees **Mike Isaac** of Singhampton and **Janice Stevens** of Creemore under the guise of documentarians filming a training video.

While driving with Brown to the place just outside of town where Creemore Springs collects the spring water that is its namesake, Isaac, who in addition to being a brewmaster is also a hockey coach and volunteer firefighter, divulged that he had hopes of sending his children, **Alex** (11), **Meghan** (9), **Sara** (6) and **Charlie** (5) to school, but was unsure of being able to afford the expense.

Brown was touched by Isaac’s hopes for his children, and after revealing her true identity to him at the conclusion of the show, announced that Molson Coors would be donating \$10,000 for the education of his children.



Creemore Springs employees **Janice Stevens** (above left) and **Mike Isaac** (below left) each spent a day training an undercover **Kelly Brown**.

Isaac, who also revealed to Brown that he is a Toronto Maple Leafs fan but has never been to the Air Canada Centre, was given tickets for him and his family to see a game there against the New York Rangers on Saturday, March 24.
“It’s nice to know that, even though

you feel you’re further down in rank, your work is appreciated and you’re thought of as an important part of the process,” Isaac told the *Echo*.
Brown and Molson Coors also expressed their gratitude for the hard work being done by Stevens at the

packaging plant, agreeing to pay for a trip to Scotland for her and her husband after Stevens revealed that she had hopes of visiting the homeland of her ancestors. The Stevens have not yet taken the trip, as they are trying to find the time in their busy farming schedule.

Stevens was also given \$10,000 by Molson Coors to be spent on a community cause in the name of her father Donald Walker, who recently passed away. Walker worked for over 25 years as a farmer and school bus driver in the Creemore area. Stevens has not yet decided what she intends to do with the money, but is taking suggestions from both her family and staff at the brewery.

“It was an experience, to be sure,” said Stevens, adding that she was genuinely shocked to discover Brown’s true identity. “It was hard to get my head around, but I’m grateful for what they’ve done.”

In an interview on Global’s *The Morning Show*, Brown shared an anecdote about Stevens, who upon seeing a slightly peeled label passing by on the assembly line, promptly pulled the bottle off and fixed the problem.

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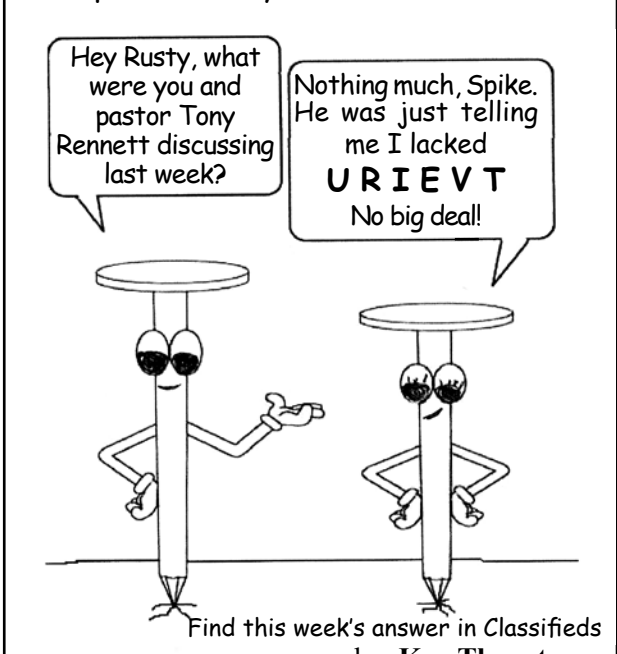
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Answer in Classifieds

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, March 16

Chance of thundershowers
High 15 Low 9 Winds NW 15 km/h
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Saturday, March 17

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"Why? What are you selling?"
"A ten-foot ladder," said the man, and banged the phone down.

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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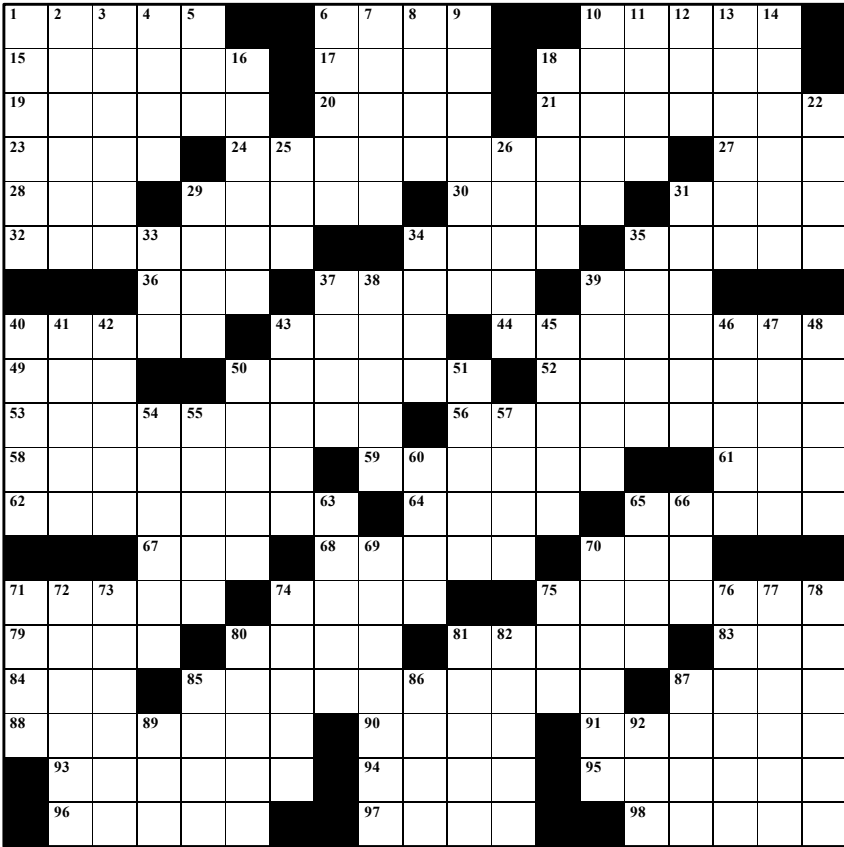
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71 I'm Your ____ (Celine Dion)
74 Every song from Anne Murray's 2007 album
75 Let The Song Last ____ (Dan Hill)
79 Premier Charest
80 Finale
81 The ____ Alex, Toronto
83 Singer Little ____ (The Loco-Motion)
84 Wheat bristle
85 Successor to Tommy Douglas (2)
87 Make tea
88 Only In Canada tea (2)
90 Type of wave
91 Speech From The ____ (Parliament opener)

- 93 Takes (power)
94 Sign of danger
95 Virtuous ones
96 Carhops' carriers
97 Part of E.N.G.
98 French ____ (breakfast food)

DOWN

- 1 Frequent cause of flooding in Canada (2)
2 Fancy bed covering
3 Edges ahead
4 Grant alternative
5 Sure thing!
6 Cosby actor Malcolm-____ Warner
7 Peaceful relations
8 Pickle herb
9 Energize
10 Seller of Craftsman tools
11 Duty
12 Small dog bite
13 Trivial employment (2)
14 Groupings
16 Spray with graffiti
18 Blueprint info
22 Category of the RCMP's ERT
25 Big story
26 Bad, like weather
29 Small silvery fish
31 Vampire repellent
33 Shin protector
34 Actress Jessica ____ (Next)
35 Fencing defense
37 Possum from the comics
38 Bakery appliances
39 Join together
40 Military emblem
41 Crank out zeds
42 ____ sanctum
43 Hockey collectibles
45 ____ Day (April 22)
46 Inuit carving material, sometimes
47 Appointed
48 Part of hockey or baseball gear
50 Canadian Pacer, e.g.
51 Fishing gear, sometimes
54 American skating medallist



- Eric ____
55 Make void
57 ____ Of Eden
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65 Rockabilly pioneer Perkins
66 Granny Clampett's soap
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70 Sounds off
71 Just barely open
72 Most novel
73 Busy Newfoundland airbase on Sept 11, 2001

- 74 Pacifists
75 Just so you know, briefly
76 Home of Romeo and Juliet
77 Track contests
78 Least refined
80 Groups of 6, 12 or 24
81 Start again
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It's Time to Talk Taxes

The Township 2012 budget has now been completed in draft form and will be presented to the public at a Municipal Town Hall Meeting in Stayner on Monday, March 29.

As a result of an additional Council budget meeting convened this past Monday, the eighth in this year's process, the proposed draft net tax increase has been set at 4.5 per cent for 2012. This is the increase the average residential taxpayer will be expected to pay over last year's tax bill. Based on the average assessed value of a single family home in Clearview of approximately \$283,000, this represents an increase in property tax of \$129 per household.

This year's proposed Clearview portion of the total taxes to be collected is projected to be \$10.7 million, an increase of 7.6% over that collected in 2011.

It is important to hear from residents about this year's budget proposals. Is a 4.5 per cent tax increase reasonable? Do Clearview residents think they are getting the level of service they expect from the Township? Do residents think they are getting good value for their tax dollar? Is the cost of residency in Creemore and in Clearview becoming

WARD 4 MATTERS



Thom PATERSON

unaffordable to our current residents?

I have scheduled a Ward 4 Town Hall meeting for Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 3 pm at the Station on the Green, to gather your comments on the details of this year's budget proposals.

Based on discussions I've been having over the past numbers of years with residents, many of you are very concerned that it's becoming too expensive to live here and most think taxes are rising too fast relative to the level of services provided by the Township.

I agree. The proposed 4.5 per cent 2012 tax increase is too high and the outlook for similar tax increases over the next few years is unsustainable. There is a growing disconnect between what residents are prepared to pay in taxes and the amount of tax revenue the municipality is expecting to collect.

As part of the detailed efforts by Township staff and Council to keep tax spending at what some on Council consider an acceptable level, some capital and operating project expenditures are postponed, to be dealt with in subsequent budget years. This is done in the hope that future residential growth may provide the necessary revenue to offset higher taxes.

It will not. While it is true more

households will mean more potential taxpayers, with increased population will come increased expectations for more and improved services. This "spend on the backs of existing taxpayers" fiscal strategy in preparation for anticipated residential growth ensures that the tax burden on existing property owners will continue to rise.

Consider also that each new year's budget must support committed operating expenditures carried forwarded from previous years, such as debt repayment costs (as with the new emergency hub) and rising non-discretionary costs (such as OPP policing). These costs are adding 2 to 3 per cent annually to a growing tax-supported operating base.

It's time to review these embedded tax-funded base expenditures, including current staff levels and salaries, equipment maintenance and replacement costs, contracted services and service levels in order to hold down future tax increases. This will require the political will to do so and focused public consultation.

Your participation in this budget process is important. Please plan to attend one or both of the two town hall meetings planned and make your concerns known. Feel free to also forward your comments to me at tpaterson@clearview.ca or call me at (705) 466-6321.

Creemore Atom Reps in OMHA finals

After an undefeated season and a stunning run through the playoffs, the Creemore Atom Reps are in the OMHA Finals, starting this weekend.

This team finished first in their league play with 20 wins and 0 losses. They then went on to defeat Dundalk in three straight, Flesherton in three straight and Elma Logan in four games to land them in the finals, where they'll be facing off against Woodville.

All of Creemore Minor Hockey is hoping that the community will come out and support this team over the next two weeks as it plays for an Ontario title. There will be an opening ceremony before Sunday's Game 2, the first game in Creemore.

Game #1 Saturday March 17 @ 4:00PM in Woodville

Game #2 Sunday March 18 @ 4:00 PM in Creemore

Game #3 Saturday March 24 @ 5:00 PM in Woodville

Game #4 Sunday March 25 @ 4:00 PM in Creemore

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JORDAN, Katherine (Kate) - In loving memory of our mother, grandmother, great and great-great grandmother who passed away March 10, 2004 in her 93rd year.

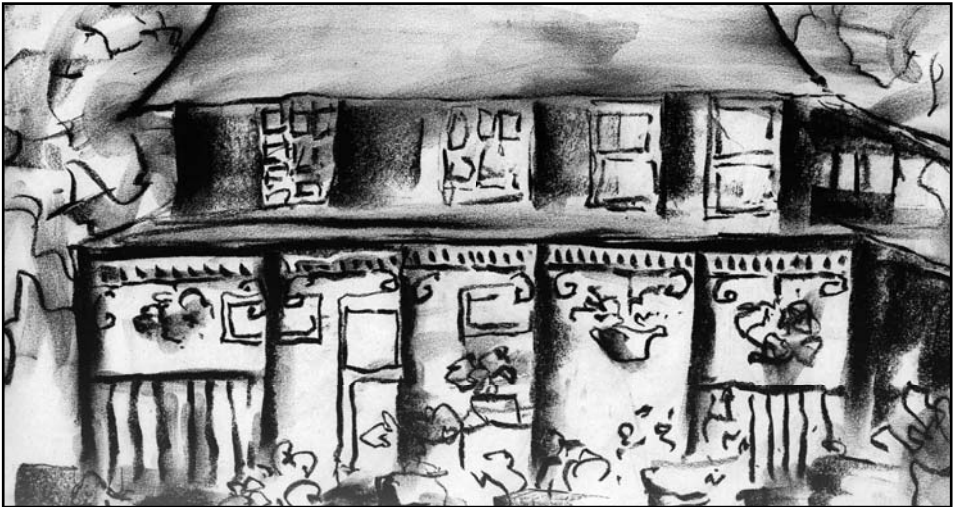
*As time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you ever near,
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last forever.*

Kate was also known as "Granny Dynamite" to the grandkids as they were constantly amazed at what this little lady could accomplish. And, now that Mother, Alice Mackey and Mildred Scott have joined forces, somebody will be busy finding a fourth for cards, and someone else will be busy organizing Bingo, and setting up the lunch. One almost feels sorry for the Chap in charge, as he will probably not often had such a challenge. And it will only get busier as they reach their full stride! What a wonderful challenge! Always missed by the Jordan Family.

GRANT, Nelson – March 15, 2011
Thinking of you
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We thought about you yesterday,
and the day before that too,
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THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all those volunteers who made the hosting of the Ontario Winter Games Ringette event in Creemore such a success. A special tip of the red cap goes to the Legion and the Women's Auxiliary for providing a fantastic food service and athlete's hospitality area. Thank you Jim Richards and Dee Hanson and the gang. Thank you Michelle and Michael Zorychta of Just Push Play for the use of one of your vintage video game consoles. To Ray's Place Resource Centre, thank you for providing the youth and adult ambassadors. Thank you to Corey Finkelstein for the BIA banners and tourism info. To the Ontario Ringette Association and Harry Hirsimaki, thank you for organizing the food drive in appreciation of the Creemore community's hosting of the athlete's contingent. And finally, thank you Jacquie Paterson for all your spirited efforts in organizing the volunteers and for making our guests feel so welcomed. Sincerely **Thom Paterson**.



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MULMUR OASIS : \$719,000



Elegant log-style home overlooking large spring fed pond. Huge great room with chef's kitchen w/ Dynasty propane stove & cherry cabinets, exposed logs, wide plank floors & wood burning stone fireplace. Library/family rm opposite great room, one bedroom on main floor, 2 more upstairs and 2 full baths. Guest house with 2 piece bath. Double garage.

CREEMORE HILLS : \$549,000



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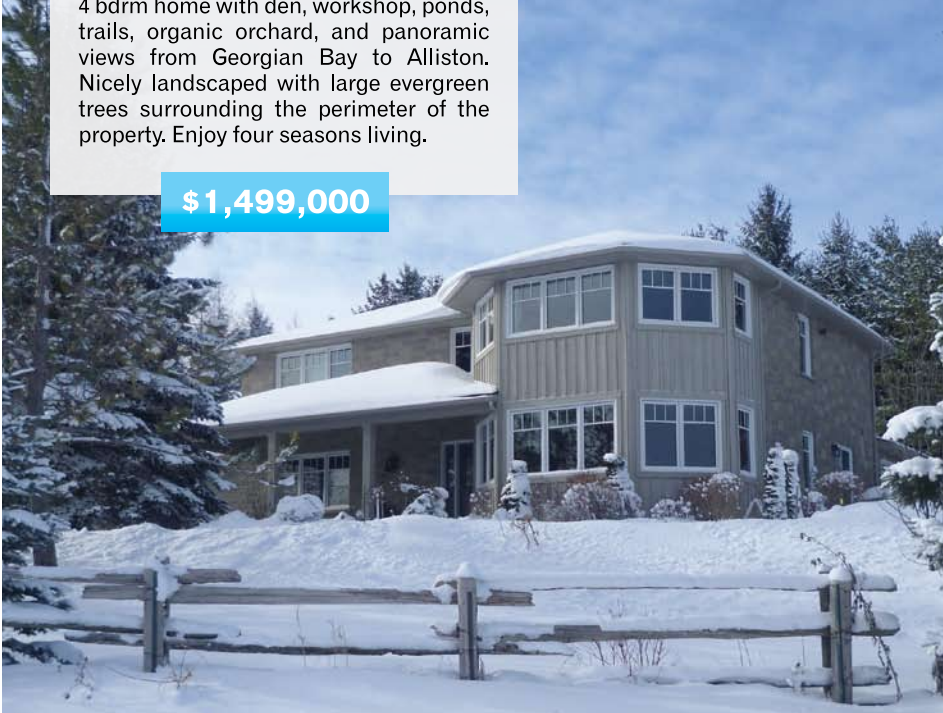
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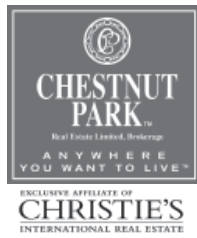
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