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RESIDENTS QUESTION BUDGET

by Brad Holden

An overflow crowd of at least 80 people filled the Clearview Township Council Chambers for last Thursday's town hall meeting on the 2012 budget, and when it came time for feedback from the audience, the message was clear: a 4.5 per cent tax increase is too high given the current state of the economy, and the prospect of continued tax increases, year after year, is unacceptable.

"Are we not at the point where the staff should say 'Ken, these people have nothing left to give?'" said one audience member, referring to Mayor **Ken Ferguson**. "In my opinion, the brakes need to be put on everything. Hold the line."

In response, Ferguson maintained that every member of his Council shares the same frustration about the increase, and that a lot of work went into getting it down as low as 4.5 per cent.

The night began with a lengthy presentation from Township treasurer
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SWEET VICTORY The Creemore Valley Hawks Atom Rep Team completed an absolutely dominant season last Friday by claiming the OMHA Atom D championship. The team, sponsored by Talbot Carpentry, went undefeated in the regular season with a record of 20 wins, 0 losses and 0 ties. Their playoff record was almost as good, finishing with 12 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. Celebrating after their final win against Woodville are (in front) **Tyler Bryan, Ben Carter, Ryan Groves, Zac Hayward** and **Cody Marles**. In back are **Justin Morby, Melissa Morby** (assistant trainer), **Garet McMahon, George Mikaczo** (manager), **Jordan Carruthers, Paul Carruthers** (head coach), **Gavin Mikaczo, Jon Greer, Shawn Marles** (assistant coach), **Ryan Patton, Xander Watt** and **Dave Patton** (trainer). To see pictures of the team taking its traditional victory ride down Mill Street in the old fire wagon, visit www.thecreemoreecho.com.

Opposition to wind turbines continues to build



John Ruppert, standing, and **Kevin Elwood** in the excavator. Three of wpd Canada's eight wind turbines are proposed for the field in the background.

by Brad Holden

At the very back of his property, a kilometre-and-a-half in from the road on a winding laneway, **John Ruppert** broke ground on his new home Tuesday. On the neighbouring property to the west, all within 550 metres of the freshly dug hole, sat three stakes, marking the locations of three of the eight Industrial Wind Turbines that wpd Canada proposes to build in the vicinity of Fairgrounds Road and County Road 91.

The Ruppert property, which fronts on Fairgrounds Road north of 91, contains a total of 350 acres and currently has

no house on it, which means the new home would be considered a principal residence. That allows it to be located anywhere on the property, unlike accessory residences which must be built within the existing cluster of farm buildings (in this property's case, the cluster contains a pig barn, a drive shed and an abandoned house, located close to Fairgrounds Road).

Ruppert's building permit was acquired from Clearview Township in January, and his plans have received approval from the NVCA as well.

While Ruppert's choice of building
(See "A gamble" on page 12)

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COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

Thursday, April 5

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Angus Recreation Centre from 2 to 6:30 pm. www.blood.ca or 888-2-DONATE to book your appointment.

Friday, April 6

- **Good Friday.** *Creemore Echo* will publish on Thursday this week and will be closed today.

Saturday, April 7

- **Creemore Farmers' Easter Market** at the Station on the Green from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Show Opening** from 2 to 5 pm for new exhibition "**Conveyed: Visual Interactions Between Art and Text**". Show runs to April 30. 705-466-5555 info@madandnoisy.com.

- **Easter Celebration at Brentwood Hall** from 11 am to 1 pm. Community families are invited for an egg hunt, games, face painting & a light lunch.

- **Easter at The Tremont** from 10 am to 4 pm. The Tremont is opening its fabulous, historic doors to distinguished guest artists. Visit our Resident Artists

on the second floor and across the street at the new Tremont Annex. Fine art and fine craft. Over 20 creative minds showing and selling their work. 80 Simcoe Street, Collingwood. www.thetremont.ca

Sunday, April 8

- **Easter Sunday.** See church services on page 5.

Monday, April 9

- **Easter Monday.** *Creemore Echo* closed today.

Upcoming Events

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.

Friday, April 13

- **Deadline is today for the Little Shop of Horrors Colouring Contest.** Colouring sheets are available at *Creemore Echo*. Please drop them off at *Creemore Echo* by today at noon.
- **Friday Night Supper at Creemore Legion** from 5 to 7 pm. Ham & scalloped potatoes, veggie, bun & butter, tea or coffee with DD's surprise dessert. Adults \$12, seniors \$10, under 10 \$6. Hosted by the Ladies Auxilliary. Please call to reserve at 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432.

Saturday, April 14

- **CARA (Creemore Area Residents Association) AGM** at 10 am at Station on the Green. Anyone interested in local issues may join us. Discussing: Collingwood Street Bridge; Industrial Wind Turbines; and real estate issues.
- **Creemore Tennis Club 2012 season** will begin today **Court clean-up and windscreens** from noon to 2 pm. All members welcome. Heavy brooms an asset. **Club AGM** to follow at 2 pm – venue and agenda will be announced. For membership sign-up www.creemoretennis.ca or membership forms and keys at Curiosity House after April 14th.

Saturday, April 14

- **Peter Adams Opening Reception "Lonely Avenue – And Some Minor Deviations"** from noon to 4 pm at Double Door Gallery, Anten Mills. Show runs to May 7. www.peteradamsart.com for details.

- **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.

Thursday, April 19

- **Canadian Blood Services' Blood Donor Clinic** at Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church in Stayner from 3 to 7 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.

Thursday, April 19 to Sunday, April 22

- **Wasaga Community Theatre's** spring musical "**Little Shop of Horrors**" – this quirky fun musical is about a hapless florist shop worker who grows a plant that feeds on human blood. At the RecPlex in Wasaga Beach (1724 Mosley St.) with evening shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 8 pm, matinee shows on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd at 2 pm. Tickets at door or advance at Major's Guardian Pharmacy, 597 River Rd W. \$20 each or \$17 each for a group of 10 or more. 705-352-5922 or www.wasagacommunitytheatre.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.

Saturday, April 21

- **Know-it-all-Ball at the Duntroon Hall Trivia Night.** 6 pm social hour, 7 pm questions start. 9025 County Road 91, 705-445-9550 Come with a group or as an single brainiac. Tables of 8. Bring your own munchies. \$10/head.

Saturday, April 21 & Sunday, April 22

- **Creemore Home & Garden Show.** This year's show will feature many of the top landscapers, and greenhouses in our area, as well as many other companies that provide great services. *Our Homes Magazine* will be sponsoring this year's seminar stage that will bring you many professional and noteworthy speakers. This year's show will also be bringing back the Garden Display Competition so if you want to see artistry at work be sure to check out the amazing talents of the local Landscape Artists. Your children will have plenty to keep them occupied throughout the weekend as well. Check out this year's Big Backyard Giveaway with over \$3500 in prizes!

Sunday, April 22

- **Gift of Music Concert: A Musical Journey Around the World with Mathew Walton (piano) and Peter Crouch (trumpet)** at 3 pm at St. Luke's Anglican Church. Tickets \$15 at Curiosity House, *Creemore Echo* or at the door.
- **Artists Against the Mega-Quarry "A View from here" Show & Sale.** 11 am to 5 pm at Honeywood Arena featuring original works by more than 40 artists. All proceeds go to the campaign against the proposed mega-quarry by supporting the arts of North Dufferin. Featured artist is Edward Burtynsky. Special Blind Auction & win one of his originals. www.artisagainsththemegaquarry.com

Saturday, April 28

- **25th Annual Fisherman's Breakfast and Bake Sale** at Dunedin Village Hall from 7 to 11 am. The event has been marking the opening of fishing season for 25 years, and attracts hundreds for its great home cooked breakfast and spectacular baked goods.
- **Clearview Community Theatre** presents ***You Can't Stop the Beat!*** a fundraising dinner & concert at the Stayner Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner starts at 6 pm. Adults \$30 and children 10 years and under. Tickets available at Nifty's in Stayner.

Saturday, May 5

- **Stayner Kinsmen Duck Race** at 1 pm at Kinsmen Park, Stayner. Activities and Kinsmen BBQ start at noon. Tickets \$5 each. Win cash prizes, and support community projects at the same time! Get your tickets today and also support our local Clearview 4H Club for future projects by phoning Judith Crawford at 705-466-2600 or 705-466-3687. Tickets also available at Stayner Rental & Stayner Home Hardware.

Sunday, May 6

- **Spring Concert at St. John's United Church** at 7 pm. Hear the Ontario Presbyterian Chorus present the Gospel through the singing of the Psalms, Gospel songs & other music. Admission by donation. 192 Mill Street.



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Collingwood General & Marine Hospital

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Georgian Manor Resort, Hwy 26, Collingwood

The General and Marine Hospital invites all residents of the communities served by the Hospital to participate in its Annual General Meeting on June 14, 2012.

Individuals interested in voting at the General Meeting must purchase their \$10 Corporate Membership from the Hospital's cashier before midnight Sunday, April 29, 2012. At the meeting, members of the Hospital Corporation will vote on any changes to the hospital's by-laws, review audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2011/12 and elect members to the Board of Trustees.

There are several Trustee-at-large terms ending on the Board. Nominations for these positions can come forward through two means:

1. The Governance and Quality Committee of the Board.
2. Members of the Corporation, provided that each nomination by Members is through the written recommendation of ten (10) Members of the Hospital Corporation in good standing submitted to the Hospital by April 29. A written declaration must be signed by the nominee that he/she will abide by the Hospital by-laws if elected.

Letters of interest can be sent to: Governance and Quality Committee c/o Jennifer Stevens, Administration, G&M Hospital, 459 Hume Street, Collingwood, L9Y 1W9

Anyone interested in additional information is invited to call 705-445-2550, ext. 8303 or visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL CARA MEETING

Saturday, April 14, 10 am, Station on the Green

CARA Creemore Area Residents' Association

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the CREEMORE AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION is being held at Station on the Green, Creemore, Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. We urge CARA members, all those interested in joining CARA and anyone concerned about recent developments concerning our community to attend this important meeting.

Among the issues to be discussed:

- *The Collingwood Street Bridge rehabilitation
- *Industrial Wind Turbine developments
- *Real estate development issues

Valerie Dyer, Secretary

Public asks Township to find efficiencies

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Edward Henley, who explained the months-long process that Council has gone through on this budget. In total, if the 2012 budget is passed as is, the Township will collect \$20.5 million from its taxpayers. Of that, \$5.7 million will go to Simcoe County (an amount that's 3.55 per cent higher than what was requested last year) and \$4.1 million will go to the School Boards (the same amount as last year). The remaining \$10.7 million will go toward specific tax-supported capital and operating costs within the Township's 2012 budget, which totals \$63 million. The rest of the Township's revenue comes from grants, user fees and reserves.

Henley pointed out that staff had already cut or deferred \$4.2 million from the budget, and Council had cut or deferred a further \$357,000. He also reminded the public of two large cost increases that the Township had no control over: the Huronia West OPP's budget includes a \$2,310,261 bill for the Township, which is \$102,679 higher than last year, and the Simcoe County Waste Management Levy increased by \$153,968 to \$954,325 in 2012. When \$92,000 represents a one per cent increase in the budget, these two raises account for about half of the this year's 4.5 per cent increase.

Henley also noted that Clearview has not received the growth that other area municipalities have received, so extra revenue from added taxpayers has been limited.

This explanation wasn't good enough for those who spoke up at the meeting, however. A consistent theme was that the Township should be looking for ways to make service cuts or at least to deliver its services more efficiently.

"I run a business, and I know that if there's no growth, the next thing you look at is attrition," said Creemore resident **Murray Lackie**. "It's about efficiency."

Councillor **Shawn Davidson**, in response, said the comparison to business is not quite correct, as municipalities are not profit-and-loss organizations. "We



Above, Clearview Township Mayor **Ken Ferguson** chats with a constituent during the early, meet-and-greet portion of the budget town hall meeting. Below, Treasurer **Edward Henley** presents the proposed 2012 budget to the audience.

are mandated to provide services that we are not allowed to charge for," he said.

Service cuts are an option, said Davidson, as long as people realize that they will cut into the quality of life of Clearview residents. And they do so differently across demographics. "Young people, who are not represented well here tonight, enjoy our parks and libraries," he said. "So while some of you might see an opportunity to cut costs in those areas, there are many others who would disagree."

Throughout the night, members of Council asked those in attendance for ideas about specific line items that could be cut. But the public lobbied for a more comprehensive look at the Township's operations.

"The principle has been made absolutely clear," said Creemore resident **Ernie Purkis**. "You need to adjust

your spending to your income, just like all of us here have had to do."

Councillor **Brent Preston** agreed that such an exercise may be worthwhile, though he noted that the Township's staff is already paid less than most of its comparitors in the region. He also warned that the problem is a more systemic one, of rising costs for fuel, hydro and insurance and increased regulations from the Province.

"We might be able to find some efficiencies," he said, "but we're not going to find the kinds of savings that will solve the longterm problems that we are seeing."

Council has one more budget working session planned for Monday, April 16, at which it plans to take comments from the public into consideration. The 2012 budget is then scheduled to be passed at Council's regular meeting on Monday, April 30.



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EDITORIAL The public's opinion

Last week's budget meeting was a frustrating one, we suspect, for both Council and for those sitting in the audience.

As a Councillor, it must have been hard to listen to so much aggressive criticism from the public, after the large amount of time and work that has already been put in on this budget. As Councillor Brent Preston pointed out, the problem of rising costs is a large, systemic one, and it's not likely to go away by making a few cuts in services or staffing this way.

On the other hand, it was hard for members of the public to hear information about the budget increase and new spending only. This is what municipalities have always done, but common sense does dictate that if you're trying to reduce your costs, you might dig deeper into the budget and take a tough look at the operation as a whole.

The public delivered a clear message that that's what they think should be done. It will be interesting to see how much of that message was heard.

LETTER

Anniversaries, and reminiscences, abound

Dear Editor

Obviously every year is the anniversary of something. Today we have read that it is the 100th anniversary of the Titanic story and by comparison 11 years since *Creemore Echo* sailed into town (*Echo* Editorial March 30th issue). It's also exactly 10 years since Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, died on March 30, 2002 at age 101. Being reminded of the "Queen Mom" roused memories in me going back to seventies, when I was a photojournalist for TV, working news and current affairs in Britain.

Covering royal visits was not my favourite assignment, because on occasion the restrictions almost made it impossible to give fair coverage for television even though, well vetted, we had royal press badges. The one royal family member that appreciated our problems was the Queen Mom. It was noticeable that every time she inspected a line of soldiers or nurses for example, she would pause as close as possible to the press and media and talk at length to the last person in line, giving us all we needed. On one royal occasion when visiting a charity garden sale, we expected the same action from the Queen Mom at the end of the display tables but this time she faced me, walked closer and asked if she could borrow fifty pence to buy an article she had in her hand. A fast hand shot past me holding a fifty pence piece and she took it, spending the coin at the cash desk. A man approached the giver, a press photographer, taking his name and address. We heard later that the press photographer had received a cheque in the mail made out to the value of fifty pence and signed by Elizabeth, all handwritten. Oh well, that's life!

The *Echo* has sailed into another decade, reporting and filing many stories and memories. So may it continue.

Ray Jackson, Terra Nova

THE WAY WE WERE



M391 pauses on its way north at Creemore on October 13, 1952. The older station, its side windows boarded up, slumbers by the siding track in its demoted state of freight shed. R. Sandusky

Here's another railroad picture submitted to us by **Reg Rawn**. As the caption shows, the picture shows two eras in Creemore train stations... the last one, which was hit by lightning and burnt down less than three years after this picture was taken, is on the left. The older station is on the right, demoted to a freight shed. This picture looks east toward where today's Creemore library building sits.

LETTERS

A frustrating meeting

Dear Editor:

About 80 of us attended last Thursday's Township budget meeting on property tax increases for Clearview. I believe it was billed as, "come, make suggestions and ask questions about the 4.5 per cent increase."

All arrived at 6:30 pm and staff/Council presentations commenced at about 7:20 pm. At 9 pm very few questions had been asked or encouraged and the crowd was thinning.

A budget process in most circumstances includes a review of staff levels, annual increases, benefits and pensions. No information was presented and when this side of the expense budget was asked about, some Council members became agitated and aggressive, stating that a \$40,000 independent study would have to be done, thus leaving attendees to include that neither Council nor management were up to or interested in the task.

The planning department's presentation left us with the impression that thousands of homes were due to be built in Clearview, thus adding to the tax base. I heard a very similar presentation six or seven years ago. Twenty-two houses were built in Clearview last year.

A taxpayer asked, straight up, "Can we expect a 4.5 to 5 per cent tax increase, compounded year over year, for the next five years?" No straight answer was given.

I am not aware of any ideas or suggestions from the citizens being suggested, but the number of people attending suggests they are not happy.

Paul Bridgman, Creemore

Feeling miffed after Skyway 124 meeting

Dear Editor:

I came home from the Skyway 124 meeting with a strong sense of foreboding. How can we believe this organization? They plan on using our land for the next 20 years and yet there was no real information. They don't know what turbines they'll be using. There were many errors in their presentations. The whole evening came across like a bush-league operation. We've had a residence here for 22 years and their "receptor" map indicated our land was vacant. Other homeowners had the same observation. The site map had a nothing category – oops they forgot to check their spelling. Quoting specialists with no names just big titles, I even overheard that changes will need to be made to the roads to accommodate the turbine blades.

Why are home owners called "receptors?" We're people who will be living with these 500-foot turbines for the next 20 years and then possibly another 20 years. There's no one to speak for the "birds and the bees." This receptor/land owner doesn't feel very good about that either.

These three huge turbines will bring jobs and tourism to our area? I keep asking myself, "what are these guys smoking?" How can this be happening to our community?

OJ Grolman, Singhampton

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 50 out for cards today, one of whom was **Angela Turgeon**, **Mary** and **Ted Underhill**'s daughter and **Norma Johnston**'s granddaughter who has been visiting from Gibbons, Alberta. Angela will be going home this week, and will be sadly missed by her Ontario family.

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

and **Joe Orsatti**!

Our thanks to **Toosje Vasvari** for bringing in some "Birds and Blooms" and other beautiful full-colour magazines for give-away. These were publications with a wealth of information on anything to do with enhancing your yard, etc. They were picked up pretty quickly, but may come back to be further recycled.

Warren and I dropped into the *Echo* Birthday Party on Friday. Lots of fun chatting, and lots of lovely cake and super brownies. We in Creemore and surrounding areas sure lucked in when **Craig** and **Phil** were assembling their staff—they chose **Brad**, **Sara** and **Georgi**, and they in their turn chose **Fred**. It seems that, no matter what the problem, they roll up their shirt sleeves and tackle it with a smile. They also put up with such things as the Seniors News arriving as Part 1, Part 2, etc., etc., complete with spelling mistakes! So, to anyone who hasn't got around to joining in on the *Echo*'s birthday, next year just drop into the office, tell them who you are, and be prepared to enjoy a few minutes of fun time – complete with goodies and coffee.

Sorry to hear that Margaret (Plater) (Denison) Bellamy, former sister-in-law of our Vice President, **Ray Leighton**, passed away last week. Margaret had been married to the late Jack Denison, and had three children, John, Brad and Deanne. Our

condolences to Ray, and to all the Plater-Denison-Bellamy families.

We would like to send a "Glad to hear you are on the mend" out to **Thelma Lighthouse** who had a fall and broke her hip some few weeks ago. She was operated on in Collingwood Hospital, and after some healing and some physiotherapy she is back at Blue Mountain Manor in Stayner. It's great to hear that you are on the mend, Thelma.

Frank Hargave, who was involved in an accident some weeks ago, is still in Markdale Hospital. He has lots of healing yet to accomplish, but he is improving, according to his mother, **Helen Blackburn**. He may still have to have surgery on one arm, and one hip (and pelvis, I think) was badly damaged. But Frank is young, and in pretty good physical shape, so it might be surprising at just how much repair work his own body can accomplish. So again our best wishes go out to you for a speedy recovery, Frank.

Our sympathy goes out to the many families that are connected to Neil and Jean (Cation) Coe who were killed in a car accident near Dundalk last week. Their son, Chad, is in hospital (in Toronto, I believe) with severe injuries. There are many families that are

connected such as the Coes, Walkers, Prossers, Lighthouse, Kidds – and to them all our sympathies.

A heartfelt "Get Well Soon" goes out to **Irene Dolson** who has, at time of writing, been in hospital in Collingwood for a few days with some heart and breathing problems, and she will likely be in for a bit longer. Irene is a really, really well-liked member of Seniors, and is a good friend to most everyone. She is **Ray Leighton**'s 2IC (Second-in-Command) when it comes to 50/50 draws, and she is always helping someone to do what has to be done. Irene is a good card player, and a joy to have at the same table. So from all of us, Irene, we sure hope you are feeling better right away soon.

There is a new business called "Garden Tamer Plus" starting up in Creemore, covering everything from garden and yard clean-up to grass cutting to snow blowing and shovelling. **Katharine Blohm**, at 705-790-8407, is the heart and soul behind this venture, which also includes pruning shrubs, hedges and trees, and any odd jobs. Katharine is a trained firefighter, and she is not afraid of hard work. She is enthusiastic and able to handle the jobs she tackles. Give her a call for a free estimate for the work you want done.

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LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

On the night before He died, Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane praying. Jesus expressed disappointment in His disciples, saying, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

On Thursday, April 5 St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church, Creemore will be open between 5 pm and 10 pm for Silent Vigil.

Pick the time of your choice and give to Jesus one hour.

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Easter Church Services

Thursday, April 5 Maundy Thursday

- St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church, Creemore will be open between 5 and 10 pm for a Silent Vigil. Pick the time of your choice & give Jesus one hour.
- Seder Supper with Potluck at 6 pm at St. Luke's Anglican Church.
- Maundy Thursday Communion at 7 pm at New Lowell United.
- Come watch movie "Magdalena: Through her eyes" at 7 pm at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa.
- Maundy Thursday Communion at 7 pm at Stayner Brethren in Christ Church.
- Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic, Stayner.

Friday, April 6 Good Friday

- Good Friday Service at 10 am at St. James Anglican, Clougher-Lisle.
- Good Friday Service at 10 am at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin "The Trial".
- Good Friday Communion Service at 10:30 am at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa.
- Good Friday Service at 11 am at St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian
- Good Friday Service at 11 am at Avening United Church.
- Good Friday Liturgy at noon at St. Luke's Anglican Church.
- Good Friday Service at 3 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic, Stayner.

Saturday, April 7 Holy Saturday

- Easter Vigil at 8 pm at All Saints Anglican, Collingwood.

Sunday, April 8 Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at Badjeros United Church at 7 am.
- Sunrise Communion Service at 7 am at Eagle Chapel.
- Easter Breakfast at 8 am at St. John's United Church.
- Easter Breakfast from 9 to 10:30 am at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa.
- Children's movie from 10:15 to 10:45 am.
- Service at 9:30 am at St. James Anglican Church, Clougher-Lisle.
- United Church of Canada Communion Services – Avening United Church at 9 am, New Lowell United Church at 10:15 am & St. John's United, Creemore at 11:30 am.
- Service at 10 am at St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church, Creemore.
- Service at 10 am at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin "The Resurrection".
- Service at 10:35 am at Stayner Brethren in Christ Church.
- Service at 11 am at Creemore Baptist Church.
- Easter Service Celebration at 11 am at St. Luke's Anglican.
- Service at 11 am at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Nottawa.
- Service at 11:30 am at Victoria Memorial United Church, Honeywood.
- Service at 11:30 am at St. Patrick's Catholic, Stayner.



One Councillor’s take on the budget meeting

Thank you to all the residents who filled the Council Chambers to overflowing capacity last Thursday evening, to participate in Clearview’s Budget Town Hall meeting.

As was the case at our Ward 4 Town Hall meeting in Creemore, taxpayers came out to express their concerns about higher property taxes and more broadly about the rising cost of services in Clearview.

A common sentiment heard from many residents attending both meetings was “I have to cut back these days, why doesn’t the Township.”

The purpose of the Clearview meeting was for Council and staff to take public input on the proposed property tax increase of 4.5 per cent for 2012. The Treasurer and staff put a good effort into presenting more than enough information for those in attendance to ask questions about.

Once in the Q & A session, too much time was taken by Councillors and staff in defending the proposed budget and not enough in listening to the concerns. At times, answers devolved into long detailed lectures, sounding more like “we know best” than “your feedback is very important to us.”

Don’t get me wrong, Council and

WARD 4 MATTERS



Thom PATERSON

staff put a lot of work into this budget and a certain amount of explanation as to how we arrived at the 4.5% tax increase was necessary. But I think the public was right to question the many areas they did and I would have liked to have heard more.

We need to pay more attention to why our operating costs are rising and where we can achieve efficiencies. We need to better understand the real service benefits of planned capital programs to our residents and whether and when we can afford them.

By my count only 10 of the 85-plus people who attended actually asked a question, some more than once. They were important questions such as the future of the Stayner library and its value to the community. Some questioned if we took into account the ability of taxpayers to pay rising taxes, especially those young families on limited budgets and seniors on fixed incomes. Growth was a much discussed topic, the most pressing aspect being its potential upward pressure for even more tax revenue. When the need for increased services was given as a rationale for more growth and more tax revenue, one resident commented, “The point is, we don’t want these new services.”

Several questioned the size and cost of the current Township organization and asked why efficiencies could not be found as in all other levels of government. The example of the extremely high cost of policing was an area mentioned several times. Township employee salaries were raised as another that needed to be looked before this budget is approved.

The increasing long-term indebtedness of the Township was another concern mentioned several times.

These were important questions and we as a Council need to pay attention to them. Despite our efforts to complete a multi-year budget and a long term financial outlook, this work remains

incomplete. However, preliminary work points to average property tax increases in the range of 5 per cent over the next five years, unless we find ways to hold these increases down. This is too high a burden to ask our homeowners to bear.

To my colleagues who think our taxpayers’ place is best in the ballot box every four years and who are frustrated when residents assert their right to participate individually or in numbers, I urge you to listen to what our residents are saying. The public has a place at the decision table.

If we don’t, we risk losing those residents who can no longer afford to live in Clearview and making our Township a less attractive place to move to.

Theatre colouring contest

The Wasaga Beach Community Theatre is presenting “The Little Shop of Horrors” from April 19 to 22, and in conjunction with the production the group is running a colouring sheet contest featuring artwork by Creemore’s **darci-que**.

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Easter weekend is now upon us and that is always a good time for family gatherings with, of course, lots of excellent food. We usually have roast ham, but I haven't completely made my mind up yet this year. It could be turkey, it could be roast beef. If the weather continues to warm up, it could be a barbeque!

This week's recipe is a rich and tasty side dish, which goes well with an Easter ham as a variation on the usual scalloped potatoes. But first, a few definitions are in order for any cooks out there who like to know what's what. A *galette* is basically a French term for a flat cake, which can be either sweet or savoury. A

CREEMORE DISH



Elaine
COLLIER

springform pan is a round metal baking pan with a removable side. The removable side has a spring-loaded clip which keeps the side in place against the bottom of the pan while baking. Then

the clip is unlatched and the side expanded to allow it to be lifted off. These pans are often used to bake cheesecakes and make it easy to remove and serve without ruining the delicate edges.

We've seen numerous rabbit tracks around the B&B so we know for sure

that the Easter Bunny is out there practicing his deliveries. Happy Easter to one and all!

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

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

Easter Potato Galette - serves 4 to 6

¼ cup finely chopped shallots (about 2 large shallots)
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)
EVOO for coating springform pan
1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, unpeeled and scrubbed
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
½ cup finely grated parmesan cheese
1 cup finely grated Gruyere cheese (about 3.5 ounces)

Preheat oven to 400°. Prepare an 8 inch springform pan by brushing the insides lightly with EVOO, and then place pan on a rimmed cookie sheet. In a small frying pan over medium heat, add 3 tablespoons EVOO and chopped shallots. Sauté the mixture until the shallots are softened but not brown. Remove from heat and let cool.

Slice the potatoes as thinly as possible. Put the potato slices in a mixing bowl, add the shallot mixture, sprinkle with sea salt and white pepper, and then toss well to thoroughly coat the potatoes. In a separate bowl, mix the parmesan and Gruyere cheeses together.

Starting along the outside edge of the springform pan, layer the potato slices by making overlapping rings until the bottom is completely covered. Sprinkle the potatoes with 1/3 of the cheese mixture. Repeat 2-3 more times until you've used all the potatoes and cheese mixture.

Bake the galette until the top is golden brown and the potatoes are tender throughout, approximately 40 to 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and let sit for 10 minutes. Loosen the edges of the galette with a knife, then slowly unlatch and remove the springform ring. Cut into wedges and serve immediately.

NOTE: For additional flavour, you can incorporate 1 teaspoon of chopped fresh herbs such as thyme, tarragon or rosemary into the potato mixture. I love Gruyere cheese with its slightly nutty taste for this recipe, but you can also use other shredible cheeses if you want to switch things up a bit!

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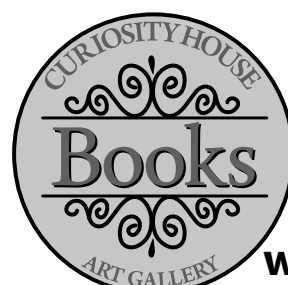
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Gwen will be discussing causes of teen suicide, resources and help for teens, parents and caregivers.

DAN MCGANN MSW, RSW *Adolescent Team Social Worker at the Credit Valley Hospital.*
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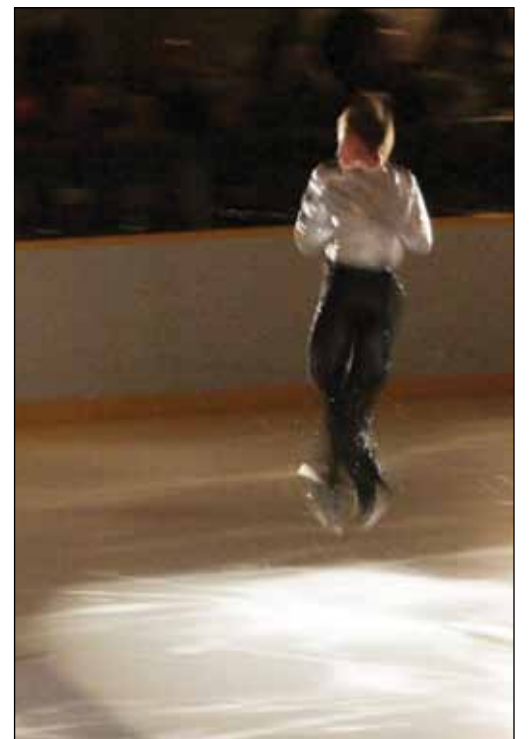
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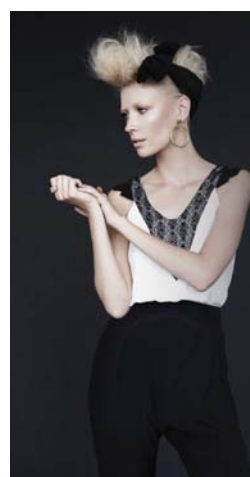
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This is the beginning of Holy Week for the Christian churches in our area. Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 pm at New Lowell United church followed on Friday at 11 am with the Good Friday Worship at Avening United church. The Creemore Pastoral United Churches will have a sunrise service on April 8 at 7 am at the Eagle Chapel, followed by Easter Breakfast at St. John's United. Rev. **Tony Rennett** will lead the Easter Communion Services at 9 am in Avening United, at 10:15 am in New Lowell U.C. and at 11:30a.m. at St. John's in Creemore. Check your local churches for their special services. Palm Sunday (April 1) was a joyous occasion at New Lowell United as the Junior/Adult choir under the leadership of **Jennifer Meijs** sang a special song while waving their palm leaves.

The New Lowell Legion invites you to get your tickets early for its "Dine and Dance Italian Cuisine" night on April 14. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. The bar will open at 4 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Mark your calendar for the Neil Diamond Tribute Show featuring **Joey Purpura** on Saturday, May 12 at 8 pm. The tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. You can



NEW LOWELL NEWS

get your tickets at the Legion or by calling 705-424-1621. Don't forget, Friday night continues to be Wing Night, and on the last Friday of every month you can have delicious Fish and Chips at our local Legion.

The Brentwood Hall invites all community families to come to their Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 7 from 11 am till 1 pm. There will be an egg hunt for the children, games, face painting and a light lunch. This will be a great way to start the Easter celebrations off in a good, fun way.

Clearview Community Theatre presents "You Can't Stop the Beat," a fundraising dinner and concert on Saturday, April 28 at the Stayner Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner's at 6 and the concert and silent auction will follow. The concert will feature performances by travelling troupes singing popular Broadway medleys including Lion King, Grease, Hairspray and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, to name a few. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 10 years old and under, and are on sale at Nifty's on the main street of Stayner until April 14. A charitable tax receipt will be offered if requested. For more information, call 705-424-3072 or 705-428-2600.

The sympathy of the community goes to **Bert Schaly** and family on the passing of his mother in her 102 year. **Tim Meijs** and family are mourning the loss of Tim's father. We offer our condolences to these families at this time.

Story Hour on at the Sunnidale Branch of the Clearview Library continues each week on Thursday at 10:30 am. This is a good time for your younger children to learn about the library, hear a story and do a craft.

That is the news for this week. Remember if you

have some local news call Sandra at 705-424-6497 or email sandra@bednarek.ca. Here is my Easter Wish for you all: May the promise of Easter bring you peace and joy!



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The top team of **Joe Power**, **Sharon Buchanan** and **John Smart** receives its trophy from Legion president **Norm Nordstrom**. Photos of all the darts winners can be seen this week on www.thecreemoreecho.com.

Legion Darts Roundup

The Creemore Legion hosted the mixed dart league wind-up dinner last Friday evening. A delicious roast beef dinner was prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary and served by smiling volunteers. Trophies and awards were presented to the following top dart players:

- Top Team – **Joe Power**, **Sharon Buchanan**, **John Smart**
- High Team Baseball – **Mary Underhill**, **Barrie Oakes**, **Ray Percy**
- High Finishes – **Barrie Oakes** with 58 and **Esther VanSevern** with 60
- High Individual Score – **Ken Armstrong**, **Barrie Oakes** and **Dave Smith** for the men, each with 140; **Dee**

Hanson for the women with 152

- High Individual Total Baseball Score – **Ray Percy** and **Joe Power** with 23 and **Gail Hornsby** with 22

• High Count Baseball Score – following an exciting playoff among **Mike Loranger**, **Andre VanSevern**, **Ray Percy** and **Norm Nordstrom**, **Ray Percy** merged victorious. **Marie Blohm** had high count among the ladies.

- Most Finishes – **Joe Power** with 39 and **Sharon Buchanan** with 19

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A gamble in the face of turbines

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site is a valid one – it provides the property's best view of the Niagara Escarpment to the west – and while he has long been planning to build a house on this property in which to retire, there is more going on here than meets the eye.

The planning of the new house has been done in conjunction with Preserve Clearview, a group of area landowners who have dedicated themselves to finding creative ways to prevent wpd from building its turbines. In fact one of the group's prominent members, **Kevin Elwood**, who owns the nearby Clearview Nursery, was operating the excavator that broke ground for the new construction on Tuesday.

While the Green Energy Act dictates that no turbines can be built within 550 metres of a "noise receptor," as dwellings are referred to, this is not a cut-and-dry situation of simply building a new house and therefore preventing the turbines. There is a gamble taking place here.

Wpd Canada issued its project description report for the Fairview Wind Farm, as the project is known, on June 8, 2011. Under the Green Energy Act, the company then had six months to do its studies and proceed to a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) application.

During those six months, the situation on the ground is said to be "crystalized," meaning that any new dwellings built after June 8, 2011 would not qualify as noise receptors and have no effect on wpd's site plan.

Wpd was not able to finish its work within six months, however, and on December 5, 2011, it was granted a one-year extension by the Ministry of the Environment, giving the company until December 8, 2012 to complete its REA application. The state of "crystalization" is also to continue until that date. Preserve Clearview's lawyers, however, feel that a technical error was made in the way the Province responded to the request for extension, and according to Elwood, his group has now officially challenged the decision in court. Their opinion is that wpd's time has now run out, and at some point the company will have to start the process all over again. And if that's the case, then Ruppert's new house would qualify as a noise receptor.

"It's a gamble, but what other option do we have as a community?" said Elwood. "Mr. Ruppert wants to get on with his life, and this is where he wants to build his new home. How long can we stand still and let this company sterilize our land? At some point, you have to say, 'all systems go.'"

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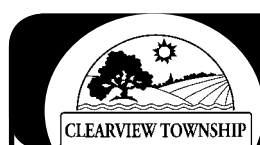
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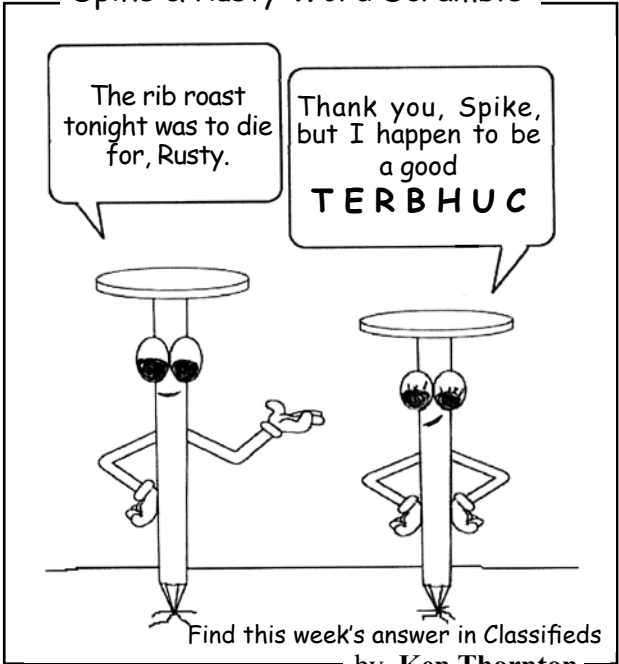
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Answer in Classifieds

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, April 6

Sunny
High 9 Low -2 Winds N 30 km/h
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Saturday, April 7

Sunny
High 13 Low -1 Winds NW 15 km/h
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Sunday, April 8

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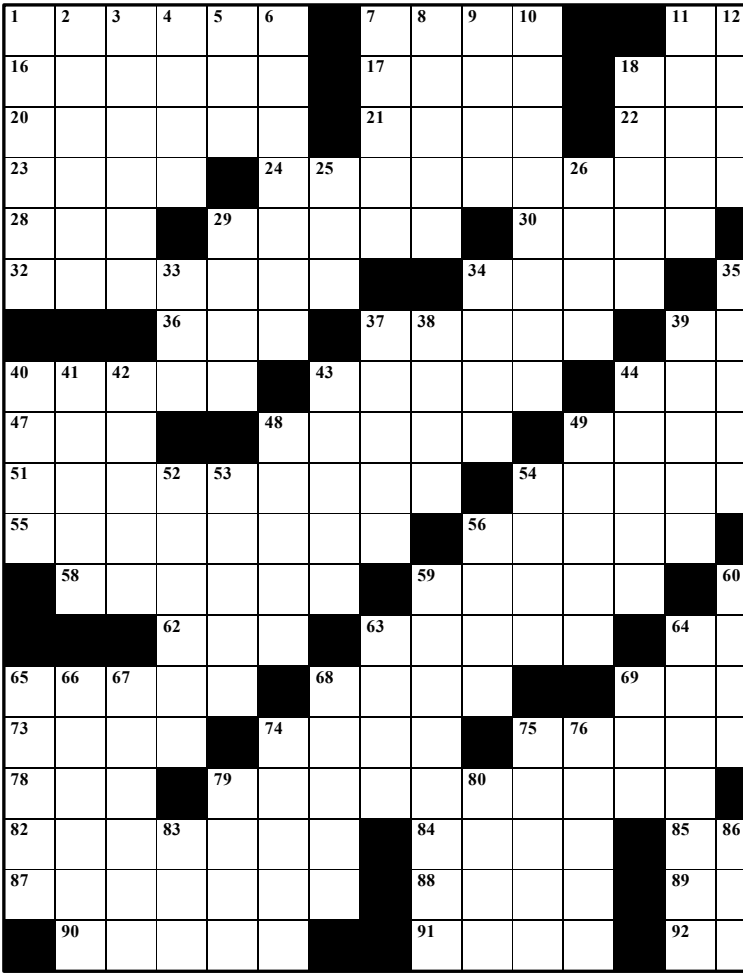
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- 1 PM Pearson
7 Four-time Olympian Hoffman
11 Olympic skater Barbara Ann
16 Great Lakes Indian tribe
17 Pouter's expression
18 In The Moonlight (Anne Murray)
20 Lodge in the Rockies
21 Gaucho's weapon
22 Telephone part
23 Queen Elizabeth's daughter
24 Jean Charest's home town
27 Told you so!
28 Live It Up! co-host Grogan
29 Entrances
30 Part of the Canadian Forces
31 Hand (out)
32 Work hard to find (2)
34 Type of lap dog
35 Inflation fighter Plumptre
36 Nosebag bit
37 Boxes a bit
39 Tricked
40 Actress Veronica (Hill Street Blues)
43 Bottle material
44 Courteous
47 4X4
48 Na na na na, hey hey
- goodbye, at a hockey game
49 Like most bottles
51 Best Canadian Film winner in 1991 (2)
54 Newfoundland national park (2)
55 Rationality
56 Front Page Challenge host Fred
57 Minor objection
58 Positively 4th (Dylan)
59 CRT dot
60 Consecrate
62 Wapiti
63 Chalice
64 Schlesinger of the CBC
65 Chex choice
68 Experience
69 Operator (Hampshire)
73 Concert venue
74 Abbey
75 Supermodel Cheryl
77 Eggy drink
78 Travel stop
79 Hugo, Andrew and Mitch of the 1990s
81 Disparage
82 Holdup attire (2)
84 Fashionable
85 Type of skiing
87 Lease holders

- 88 Frat party attire
89 Battle scars
90 Irish rebel McCorley
91 Wellness centres
92 Emphasis

DOWN

- 1 Townsfolk
2 Cultural
3 Part of a poem
4 The Merchant's (Chaucer)
5 Field female
6 Betrays (2)
7 Alert
8 Louts
9 Lamp lighter
10 Lovesick ones
11 Unstable
12 Sugar stalk
13 Unusual
14 Quoits player
15 Granny's Looney Tunes pet
18 Push
19 Nerve material?
25 Short flight
26 Mighty trees
29 Bargoon
31 Highway divider
33 Aircraft manufacturer Allott Verdon
34 Prior
35 Model airplane wood
37 Blocks of cheese
38 Sheet of stamps
39 For on end
40 Major airports
41 Road work?
42 Indicated
43 Thornbury Manor occupant, possibly
44 Problem for Pauline
45 Steak order (hyph.)
46 7-time Canadian figure skating champion
48 Battle of Stoney (1813)
49 Live it up
50 Has a bite
52 Red River of Manitoba, e.g.



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LADIES CURLING Winning the final round of Ladies Curling and claiming the Jack Heslip Trophy were Vice **Donna Baylis**, Lead **Lisa Dunbar** (here represented by Spare **Shauna Millsap**), Second **Carol Rowbotham**, and Skip **Glenda Brown**.



DAYTIME CURLING Winning the final round of Daytime Curling and claiming the Howard Madill Trophy (here presented by Howard's son **Jim Madill** (left)) were Skip **Marilyn Steed**, Vice **Wayne Hammill**, Second **Joan Morby** and Lead **Betty McLeod** (here represented by Spare **Doug Quanbury**).



MIXED CURLING Winners of the final round of Mixed Curling and claiming the IDA trophy were **Rick Kelly**, Vice **Dianne Kelly**, Lead **Glenda Wiedeman** (represented by Spare **Carol Rowbotham**) and Second **Eric Wiedeman** (represented by Spare **Brian Wilson**). Presenting the trophy is **Steve Morby** of the Curling Club Board of Directors.



MENS CURLING Winners of the final round of Mens Curling and claiming the Paul and Glen Millsap Men's Trophy were Spare **Rusty McArthur**, Second **Graham Rowbotham** and Lead **Neil Rowbotham**. Absent are Skip **Paul Ruppel** and Vice **Lorne Rowbotham**.

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Norma Friest

Thank you to everyone who attended our **11th Birthday Celebration.** Special thanks to **Miriam Vince** for the delicious brownies! They are a special gift to us – So thoughtful of you.

The staff at Creemore Echo

DONATIONS NEEDED

TREE SOCIETY of CREEMORE needs donations of new, very gently used or antique items for its Giant Silent Auction at the Creemore Home & Garden Show on April 21-22. Please call Marilyn at 705-466-6864 to arrange drop off or collection. Please help us Green Up Creemore! **The Coffee Booth at the Creemore Farmers’ Market is available** for non-profit organizations on the following 3 Saturdays: July 7th, 14th and 21st. Please contact Sarah Hallett at 705-794-8943 or sarah.hallett@hotmail.com if your group would like to reserve one of these dates. Receive a tax receipts for donations over \$20.

DEATH NOTICE

COE, Neil Glenville and Joan Marie (nee Cation) It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing on Saturday, March 31, 2012 of Maxwell in their 63rd and 59th years. Loving parents of Chad of Maxwell and Vincent of Orillia. Dear son and daughter of Glen & Jean Coe and the late George and Vera Cation. Dear brother of Bernice (Rick) Coe of Shelburne, Ruthann Hannemann of Collingwood, Norm (Pat) of Singhampton, Elaine (Kevin) Ball of Port Elgin, Graham of McIntyre, Dennis (Donna) of Maple Valley, Lawna (Jason) McInnis of Feversham. Dear sister of Helen (Tom) Nearing of Cambridge and George (Sandy) Cation of Simcoe. Predeceased by Joan’s brother Ted Cation. Loved and remembered by many nieces, nephews and cousins. They will always be remembered by the joy they had for touring on their motorcycles. The family will receive friends at the Fawcett Funeral Home, Flesherton on Sunday, April 8 from 2 to 4 & 7 to 9 pm. Funeral service from Osprey Community Centre, Feversham, Monday, April 9 at 11 am. Spring Interment Maxwell Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Centre Grey Health Services or the Osprey Museum Board would be gratefully appreciated. Online condolences at www.fawcettfuneralhome.ca

DEATH NOTICE

McARTHUR, Roy Malcolm Passed away peacefully on Monday, April 2, 2012 at Stayner Nursing Home in his 88th year. Roy, beloved husband of the late Margaret Elizabeth “Betty” (nee Aikins). Loving father of Mary and her husband Garry Grant of Collingwood and Bob McArthur and his wife Barb of Huntsville. Adoring grandfather of Dan (Stephanie), Mark (Sabrina) and Krista. Great-grandfather of Gavin and Easton. Brother of the late Angus McArthur. Brother-in-law of Jean Young, Rose (Ron Horan), Norma (Donny Bullock) and Carolyn (Ken Stephenson). Friends were received at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel, 7313 Highway 26, Stayner (705-428-2637) from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 1 pm. Interment Stayner Union Cemetery. If desired, donations in Roy’s memory may be made to the Stayner Nursing Home Activity Fund, General & Marine Hospital Foundation, Collingwood or Centennial United Church, Stayner. For further information and to sign the Book of Memories, log on to www.carruthersdavidson.com.

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