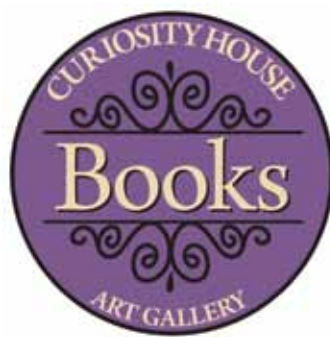


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News and views in and around Creemore

## INSIDE THE ECHO



### Some Sad News

After an exhaustive search for someone to take over the business and move it to a new location, the owners of Curiosity House announced this week that Creemore's beloved bookstore will close its doors later this month. Their full message to the community is on page 4.

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**BIG FISH** Last weekend's opening of the fishing season was a successful one for at least two local fishing enthusiasts. **Adam Webster**, above, caught this 26-inch rainbow trout "somewhere on the Mad or Noisy" (that's all he's revealing), while **Hayley Edwards** caught hers, weighing in at 10 pounds, on the Mad River between Websterville and Glen Huron.



## AT LONG LAST, BUDGET PASSES WITH 3.91% TAX INCREASE

by Brad Holden

Clearview Council passed its 2012 budget Monday night, agreeing unanimously to a 3.91 per cent net tax increase and a 5.44 per cent increase in tax-supported Township spending.

The decision came after six months of discussion, taking place over eight working sessions and one town hall public meeting. Nearly every member of Council who commented before the vote said it had been a long, arduous process, but ultimately a rewarding one.

"Every year we get better at this," said Councillor **Thom Paterson**, summarizing his reasons for supporting the budget while stressing his opinion that there's still work to be done.

With increases to the police budget and Simcoe County waste management fees accounting for more than two percentage points and remaining outside of Council's control, the sentiment among most Councillors was that there was little more that could be done to bring the increase further down.

"There's always going to be a segment of our population that believes we can do it for less, but I believe this municipality is already running very bare bones," said Councillor **Shawn Davidson**. "We did this without making any major service cuts, and I'm proud of that."

(See "Average" on page 3)

## ECHO Briefs

### Bring out your scrap

Don't forget that Saturday, May 5 is the Creemore Skating Club's annual Scrap Metal & Bottle Drive Day. Please place your scrap metal, appliances, barbecues, pots and pans, electronics or other metal items, as well as liquor and beer bottles by the curb at 8 am. Special pickups can be made in New Lowell, Glencairn, Dunedin, Lisle and areas outside of Creemore by calling **Julie Bigham** at 705-424-0626.

### Hiking for the Escarpment

Registration is building for the Peak to Peak Escarpment Challenge, taking place on Saturday, May 12 in the hills above Duntroon. Hikers can register at [www.peaktopeakhike.com](http://www.peaktopeakhike.com), raise \$200 or more and take part in a range of hikes, with all proceeds going to the Clearview Community Coalition and its fight to keep quarrying off the Niagara Escarpment. After the hike, the after party will include a buffet-barbeque, live music by **Aaron Garner**, **Tom Barlow** and **Romney Getty**, and a silent auction. Visit the website for more details.



**QUILTS GALORE** Tracey Lawko (left) was the featured quilter at Wednesday's Mad & Noisy Quilters Dessert Tea. Here, one of her creations is held up by **Dorothy Gray** and **Pauline McIntosh**. For pictures of the various quilts on display, visit [www.thecreemoreecho.com](http://www.thecreemoreecho.com).



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## This Weekend

### Friday, April 27 to Monday, May 7

- **Peter Adams Art Show “Lonely Avenue – And Some Minor Deviations”** at Double Door Gallery, Anten Mills. Show runs to May 7. www.peteradamsart.com for details.
- **Friday, April 27 to Saturday, May 5**
- **Nottawa Scrap Metal Fundraiser.** Mid West Metals is providing a bin located at the Nottawa Memorial Community Centre. Fundraiser is for the improvements to the Nottawa Hall. Collecting aluminum products, ie blinds, foil, siding, window, appliances, bbqs, batteries, lawn chairs, pop cans, rims, etc. Will pick up old vehicles also. Just arrange a pick up. Please nowood or plastic material. Call 705-445-6032 or www.midwestmetals.ca for more information.
- **The Tipling Stage Company presents the play “Last of the Red Hot Lovers”** at the Grace Tipling Concert Hall in Shelburne (April 27, 28 and May 4, 5 at 8 pm and April 29 at 2 pm). Tickets available at Caravaggio IDA, Shelburne Town Hall, www.tiplingstagecompany.com or call 519-925-2600 to reserve tickets or 519-925-3146 to arrange for discounted group bookings. www.tiplingstagecompany.com for more information.

### Saturday, May 5

- **Mad & Noisy Gallery Art Show Opening Reception from 2 to 5 pm** for exhibition “**Momente: Capturing Moments in Time**” featuring seven artists. Show runs to end of May. 705-466-5555 info@madandnoisy.com.
- **Annual Scrap Metal Day & Bottle Drive** hosted by **Creemore Skating Club**. Please place your scrap metal, appliances, BBQs, pots and pans, electronics or other metal items, as well as liquor and beer bottles by the curb at 8 am. Special pickups will be made in New Lowell, Glencairn, Dunedin, Lisle and areas outside of Creemore if you call Julie Bigham (705) 424-0626 to arrange a special pickup.
- **Curiosity House Art Show Opening Reception** for Emerging Artist **Tom Caswell** from 2 to 4 pm. His show called “Mostly Barns” features works in acrylics. 705-466-3400.
- **Annual Fish Fry** from 4:30 to 7 pm at Centennial United Church, Stayner. (corner of William & Oak St) Adults \$12.50, children 6-12 \$6, under 6 free. Entertainment while you wait! Come and bring family and friends! Delicious fish fillets cooked by Tom Howell right at the Church. A fundraiser to aid the Church’s work.
- **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.

- **First Annual Woodcarving and Woodworking Expo** at Honeywood Arena from 1 to 4 pm, admission by donation. Demonstrations, used tools, crafters’ marketplace. For more information or to participate contact Darren White at 519-217-3941 or dwhite@melancthontownship.ca. Sponsored by the North Dufferin Recreation & Community Centre Committee supporting our Arena and community.

### Sunday, May 6

- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Birthday Celebration for Sister & Brother: Donna Lowe and Glen Millsap.** Please join them in celebration of their 80<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Birthdays. At the Stayner Community Centre from 2 to 4 pm. We would ask that you sign our guest books in lieu of cards and gifts.
- **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.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, May 7

- **Collingwood & District Historical Society Meeting.** A presentation and interactive workshop identifying old photographs with the Collingwood Museum Staff at the Collingwood and District Historical Society’s monthly meeting. 7 pm at the Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St., Collingwood. Admission CDHS membership or \$3.
- **Dunedin Ladies Friendship Club** invites you to their annual Plant Swap at the Dunedin Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

### Thursday, May 10

- **Creemore Cares. An evening of fine food, music, awareness & giving to benefit The Aids Committee of Simcoe County** at Station on the Green at 6 pm. Featuring Coco Love Alcorn opening with Scott Cooper. Dinner designed by Bank Cafe. Silent Auction. \$50. For reservations & tickets call 705-722-6778 ext. 102.

### Friday, May 11

- **GNE Trivia Night** at the GNE Fairgrounds. Doors open at 7 pm, Trivia starts at 7:30 pm. Bring your own snacks. This is a licensed event. Prizes, 50/50 draw. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling Diane at 705-444-2992 or going to Stayner Town and Country.

### Saturday, May 12

- **Peak to Peak Escarpment Challenge.** Pre-register now. 26 km. Can you handle it? No problem. Hike Osler Bluff to Duntroon Highlands or choose your challenge, from a flat 3.5 km route up to 26 km, up and down the Escarpment. Hike to stomp out quarrying on the Niagara Escarpment. Enjoy breakfast, a buffet/barbeque, live music by Aaron Garner, Tom Barlow and Romney Getty, a children’s program by Tin Roof Global, a silent auction including Gbaca art and a Stadlander dinner, and prizes including a grand prize \$5000 trip for 2 to Fogo Island, Newfoundland and Labrador. Pre-register at www.peaktopeakhike.com and raise tax deductible donations to support the Clearview Community Coalition.

### Saturday, May 12

- **Creemore Horticultural Society Annual Flower Sale** in front of the Mad & Noisy Gallery from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Arrangements in teacups and unusual containers & small bouquets. Come out & support them as they continue to help keep Creemore’s public spaces beautiful.
- **Stayner Mom to Mom Sale** from 9 am to 1 pm at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street (across from Byng). Gently used children’s clothing and toys, baking and a white elephant table. This sale is for more than just moms and moms to be. All proceeds to help fund the Sunday School’s Missions Projects. For information about renting a table or donating items please call 705-428-3733.
- **Creemore Minor Hockey Association Annual Elimination Draw & Dance “Vegas in the Valley”** Doors open 8 pm, Dancing from 9 pm to 1 am at Creemore Arena. Six cash prizes, 1st prize \$10,000. Live music by Fred Hale. Tickets \$40 – admits one couple – available from Creemore Shell, Donna Harper 705-466-5082 or Terri Carter 705-424-8931.
- **“Diamond in the Rough” The Neil Diamond Tribute Show featuring Joey Purpura** at the New Lowell Legion, 5357 County Road, starting at 8 pm. Call (705) 424-1721 for tickets or visit www.solitaryman.ca for more information.

### Sunday, May 13 Mother’s Day

- **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
- **U4ia Quartet** will be performing on Mother’s Day at **St. John’s United Church** in Creemore during the 11:30 am service. Come & enjoy this 4-part acappella-style barbershop quartet.
- **Creemore Horticultural Society Meeting** at St. Luke’s Anglican Church Hall, Caroline Street West at 7:30 pm. Pleased to present **Paul Jenkins**, of Wildflower Farm, who will speak on why we need wildflowers. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

### Saturday, May 19 to Saturday, May 26

- **The Mary Robertson Collection** of more than fifty lovely and unusual 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century botanical prints. You are cordially invited to an **Exhibition and Silent Auction** held at the Creemore Log Cabin. May 19 9 am – 2pm, May 20 noon – 3pm, May 26 9am – 2pm The exhibit will close on May 26 with a Reception and final bidding from 2 to 3 pm. For the benefit of the gardens and landscaping of the Creemore Log Cabin.

### Saturday, May 19

- **Farewell to Curiosity House Party**, all day at the bookstore.

### Saturday, May 19

- **Creemore Echo** will be at the **Creemore Farmers’ Market Season Opening** doing the Annual Subscription Drive. Drop by and see us for a chat - we’ll be near the fountain! The price this year is \$46.67 plus hst totalling \$49.
- **Dunedin Annual Plant & Bake & Garage Sale** at Dunedin Hall starting at 8 am until the plants are gone. Donation of plants & yard sale items are greatly appreciated. Garage sale items can be dropped off at the Dunedin Hall on May 11 and 18 from 6 to 8 pm. To arrange alternate drop offs, call 705-466-3690.
- **St. James’ Anglican Church, Clougher-Lisle** will be holding a **Lilac Luncheon** in the Church Hall from 11 am to 2 pm. The tea will include a Bake Table and a Plant Sale. There will be a small charge of \$5. We look forward to seeing you. West of Lisle on the north side of Cty Rd. 12 at Conc. 2 of Adjala-Tosorontio.
- **Duntroon Central Public School Grand Finale Celebration Day** from 1 to 6 pm at the school to commemorate the school’s 48 year history. Classrooms are open for the day, each one celebrating a decade. Official Ceremonies at 2 pm. Entertainment on Main Stage & children’s activities at 3 pm. Food served at 4 pm. (Please RSVP at www.duntrooncentral.edublogs.org) Decade Baseball Game at 5 pm – bring your baseball glove! Come help us say goodbye to a great school. 8974 Cty Rd 91, Duntroon.

### Saturday, June 2

- Come party with us at the **Clearview Trail Mixer** at New Lowell Park from 8:30 am to 2 pm. A fun-filled day of activities including an NVCA Interpretive Canoe Trip, carnival games, face painting, Fun Run, trail hike along the Ganaraska, FREE learn to paddle clinics and more! Details at www.clearview.ca.
- **Margaritas in the Valley with Northern Harbour, the ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band.** At Creemore Arena, doors open at 7 pm. \$20 available at Creemore Foodland. Presented by Nitetis Lodge #444 in support of the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

### Monday, June 18

- **Bus to Royal Botanical Gardens.** There are still seats available, so come and join us for a fabulous tour of the RBG. The tour is self-guided but there are tours available if interested. Bring your own lunch or dine at the cafe or restaurant on the site. Cost is \$35 per person and that includes the entrance fee. Call Isobel McDougall at 705-466-2597 to reserve your seat.

### Saturday, June 9 to Saturday, June 23

- **Orangeville Music Theatre** presents **The Wizard of OZ** at the Orangeville Town Hall Opera House Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office: 519-942-3423 or online at www.orangevillemusictheatre.com. Tickets \$20, children under 12 \$15 (Plus Box Office Fee).



**Spring Concert**  
*St John's United Church, Creemore*  
**Sunday, May 6th at 7PM**  
featuring  
**The Ontario Presbyterian Chorus**  
*present the Gospel through the singing of the Psalms, Gospel songs and other music*  
Admission by Donation



# Average homeowner will pay \$106 more on 2012 tax bill

(Continued from page 1)

Councillor **Robert Walker** echoed that thought, saying that Council could have gone further and started cutting services, but that “you have to be careful what you wish for.”

Mayor **Ken Ferguson**, meanwhile, reiterated his opinion that this is a “maintenance budget – survival without cutting services.”

There was one final debate on Monday night, regarding the now infamous organizational study, which was unanimously inserted into the budget early on in the process, only to be removed, then put back in, and finally removed at the last minute.

With three members of the Township’s senior staff – Clerk **Robert Campbell**, Director of Public Works **Richard Spraggs** and Chief Administrative Officer **Sue McKenzie** – all set to retire within the next two years, most Councillors had supported the organizational study at various times throughout the budget discussions as a way of discovering the most efficient way of moving forward, not just with senior staff but with the Township’s workforce as a whole.

The study, with a predicted cost of \$25,000, had been left in the budget after the final Council workshop, but in the days since a memo from McKenzie had circulated stating that enough preliminary work needed to be done by staff that, should Council desire, the organizational study could be put off until early 2013.

Councillor **Brent Preston**, however, was eager for Council to include the cost in this year’s budget to provide flexibility in case staff was ready to put the study to tender in the fall. He also expressed concern that, if the decision were to be left until next year, it may fall victim to the same pressures that it did this year. “Now is the time,” he said, “for us to vote on this once and for all.”

The inclusion of the study in the 2012 budget would have brought this year’s net increase up to 4.04 per cent, with Clearview’s tax-funded spending going up by 5.66 per cent. The spectre of a four-per-cent-plus tax increase seemed to dissuade most on Council however, and Preston’s amendment to reinsert the study failed to pass, with only Preston and Councillors **Doug Measures** and **Deb Bronnee** voting in favour of it.

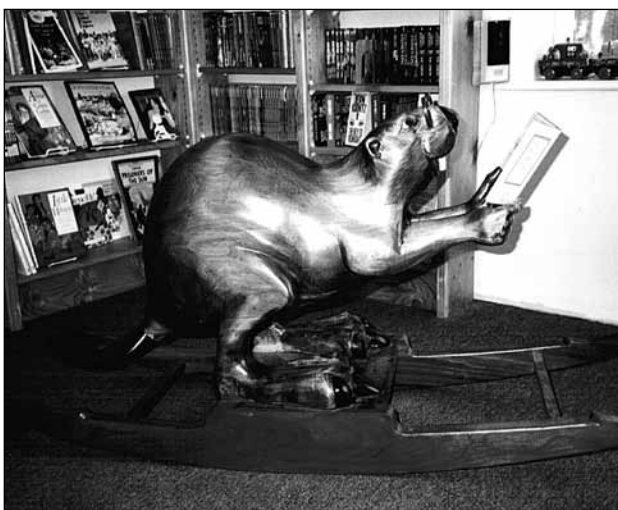
There still seemed to be a will at the table to make

a final commitment to the study, however, so after the budget vote passed unanimously at 3.91 per cent, Councillor Paterson made a motion that Council instruct staff to do all the necessary preliminary work this year so that the organizational study can be done early in 2013. That motion passed unanimously.

Clearview’s 2012 operating budget now sits at \$18.7 million, compared to \$18.2 million in 2011. The capital budget is \$45 million, compared to \$35.6 million in 2011, though much of that money will only be spent if the Township secures grants.

The 3.91 per cent net tax increase means that the average family home in Clearview will see an increase of \$106 on their 2012 tax bill.

As for the work yet to be completed alluded to by Councillor Paterson, he told Council he still intends to bring forth a motion sometime in May regarding the creation of a budget/finance committee (or “working group,” as he called it on Monday night). That subject did not receive much debate during the meeting, although Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage** did note her support for such a mechanism.



## Insult to Injury

The decision to close Curiosity House Books was hard on the store’s owners (see page 4) but their mood worsened last Friday morning when they discovered that “Lomigo,” the rocking beaver that has been with the store since original owners **Chris and Pat Raible** purchased it as a mascot from Mulmur sculptor **Hugh Russel**, had gone missing. The store is now offering a \$200 reward for its return, and is happy to ask no questions if the beaver is anonymously returned to its rightful spot on the store’s front porch.



**ROBOTICS OPEN HOUSE** The SCI Cyber Gnome Robotics Club had another successful year, taking their robot to competitions in Mississauga and Boston and making it to the quarter finals both times. For those wanting a first-hand look at their creation, the club will be holding an open house at the New Lowell Legion from 5 to 9 pm on Friday, May 4. There will be a slideshow from their trips, a demonstration of the robot’s skills and food and beverages available for purchase.



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### A community hub

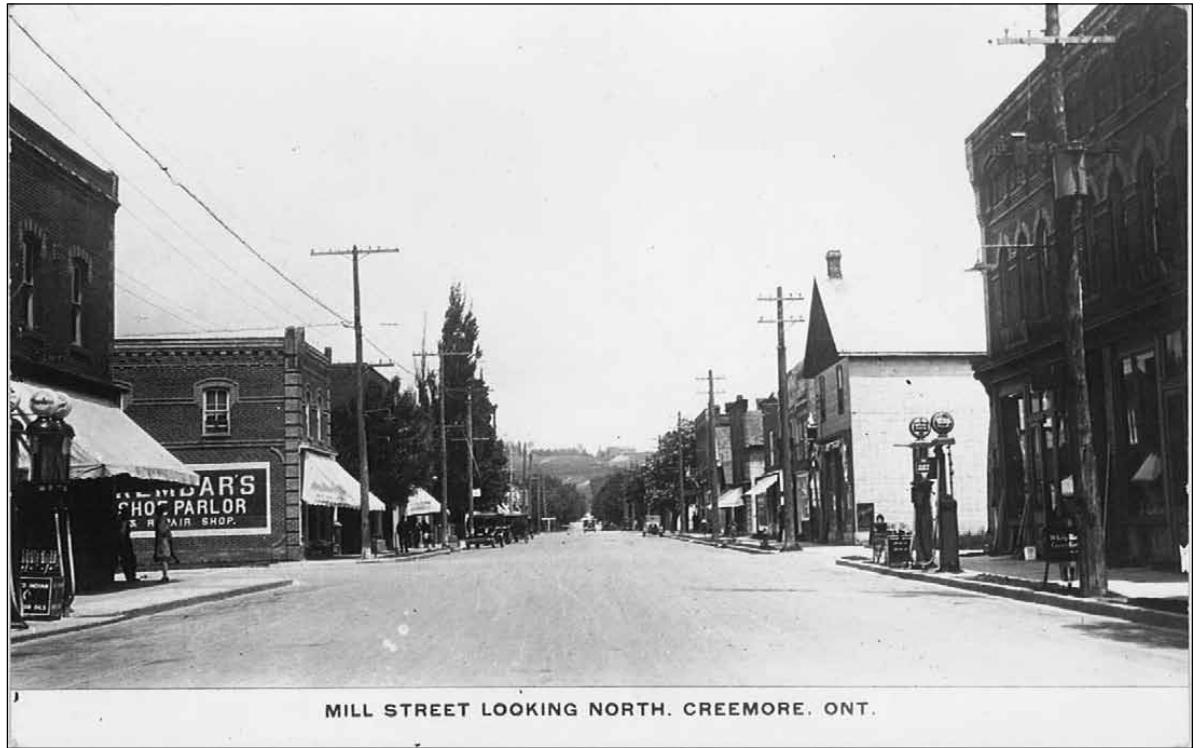
Our publisher, Sara Hershoff, claims that when she and her husband were deciding in the late 1990s on where in the area they'd make their home, the thing that sealed the deal for Creemore was that it had a bookstore. We suspect she's not the only one with a story like that.

There's something wonderful about a small-town bookstore, especially a good one. And there's no doubt that Curiosity House has been a good one for the past 17 years, whether under the stewardship of founders Chris and Pat Raible, their successor Louise Richardson or current owners Catherine Randall, Miriam Vince, Rowlie Fleming and Tom Vandewater.

Whether in the cozy confines of the store or in the greater cultural space of the community at large, Curiosity House has provided us with countless art shows, book signings, literary events and storytime hours. Book clubs and knitting groups have called the store their home. And we've all benefited from the thoughtful suggestions and knowledgeable guidance of the store's owners and employees.

Curiosity House has been our cultural hub, and Creemore won't be the same without it. If anyone would like to send us their reminiscences of the place over the next few weeks, we'd love to share them with our readers. It's going to be a sad month.

## THE WAY WE WERE



Here's an interesting photo of Mill Street in what looks like the 1930s, judging by the cars. Note the old gas pumps in front of the building that today houses Creemore Springs Brewery. Thanks to **Shirley DeBoard** for bringing us this picture.

## LETTER

### Curiosity reaches its final chapter

Dear *Echo* readers:

The past six months have been a rollercoaster ride for the staff and partners of Curiosity House.

In November of 2011, we learned that the building which houses our business had been sold and that we would not have an option to renew our lease. Catherine and Miriam were also committed to taking their lives into new directions, which would allow more time for family and travel as well as volunteer and artistic pursuits. To that end, we have spent the past six months working hard to find affordable new rental space and energetic new owners to take up our mission of connecting our customers with the best possible offerings in the world of books and local art. Unfortunately, our efforts have not been successful and we are saddened to announce that Curiosity House Bookstore & Gallery will be closing its doors at the end of May.

The current partners of Curiosity House have walked in the very impressive footsteps of such illustrious people as founding partners Pat and Chris Raible, and their successor, Louise Richardson. We are proud to have spent the past six years working hard to bring our customers the best selection, service and programming possible and we are happy to have been chosen one of Canada's Top Ten Independent Bookstores, by the CBC Radio book club. We have worked hard to be a valuable contributor to the cultural landscape of the village and we have tried to expand our outreach efforts to connect with a larger portion of the local population.

No business can become a success without the considerable efforts of talented and enthusiastic staff. We have been very lucky to have wonderful employees who understand that excellent service is key to the success of any small business. We would like to express our thanks to them for a job very well done.

We also take this opportunity to thank our customers for their continued patronage, during a time when independent booksellers face the dual challenges of online and discount retailers and ebooks. You have kept this business moving forward during a very difficult time in the retail and publishing industry and it has been a real privilege to have served you over the past six years.

When the outcome of a situation is not what we hoped for, we have two options. We can either view it as failure or, as we believe, we can take it as an opportunity to acknowledge our successes. To that end, the partners at Curiosity House have decided to spend the month of May celebrating the wonderful relationships that have sustained us over the years. Beginning May 4, we are having a storewide sale. On Saturday, May 19, we invite you to join us at our "Farewell to Curiosity House" party. This will be our way of saying, "Thank you!" to our customers, staff, family and friends for their loyalty and support over the past six years.

The Partners of Curiosity House Bookstore & Gallery: **Catherine Randall, Miriam Vince, Rowlie Fleming, Tom Vandewater** and with the memory of our dear friend, **Jim Vandewater**.

## LETTER

### A sincere thanks

Dear Editor:

It is extremely sad that the Curiosity House Books & Gallery is having to close its doors. This business has been integral to "the heart of Creemore."

A creative, imaginative entrepreneur, they have given us top-notch programming, wonderfully selective reading, and constant community support, all of which are obvious from their awards – not to mention their devoted customers.

Curiosity House has been operating in a business which in Canada can barely sustain itself, yet due to a committed and skilled staff and ownership, they have "soldiered on."

I am sure I speak for hundreds of people who have used their services – a huge thank you for being in our community and bringing such light and joy into our lives.

**Ann Warren, Duntroon**

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There was a cold “sooner” wind blowing on cards day last week. You know, one of those winds that would sooner go through you than around you. I guess all the snow on the hills around Creemore would account for that. **Bob Veale** introduced two new players, **Jim** and **Joyce Beckett**, who we welcomed with a round of applause.

The 50/50 draws went to **Alma Seifert**, **Elsie Longson**, **Joan Monaghan**, **Martin Verstraten**, **Corrine Brownridge**, **Dave Smith**, **Barb Cudmore**, **Phyllis Seed** and **Bob McNicol**.

Moon shots were played by **Bob Veale**, **Bert Douglas**, **Karl Seifert**, **Phyllis Seed**, **Eileen Nash**, **Isabelle Gubbels**, **Warren Gale**, **Wilma Bannerman**, **Pat Broad** and **Phyllis Seed** again. Phyllis won the travelling prize, and Bob Veale won the Sidewinders loot.

High scorers were **Peter Gubbels** 343 (Nice!), **Marg Hope** 275, **Lucy Young** 271 and **Marg Ferguson** 268. Low was **Jean Lune** and **Jim Ferguson** tied with 78 points each.

I mentioned the “Conklin” family name a couple of weeks ago (specifically **Ron** and **Bill Conklin**), and it seems the family was much better known, with far-flung relations in this area, than I realized. Several people mentioned remembering

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Sylvia  
GALE

the family at school and around Creemore, and then **Shirley Hemsley** mentioned having worked with Mary (Bill’s mother) some years ago. Then I got a call from **Nonie**, wife of the late **George Price**, who spent a lot of her married life in Creemore, to tell me that she gets the *Creemore Echo* from a friend up at the Beach, and enjoys reading about the folks she used to know. When she saw the item in the paper about the Conklins, she phoned to say she was also related as her mother was Gertrude Conklin who married Ross White – so it seems that she would also be related to the “White’s Sideroad” Whites. Nonie’s grandparents on her mother’s side were, I believe, John and Ginette Conklin. I find it fascinating when a name from the past triggers memories and stories from a far-flung area – and era – and the Conklin family is one family that reached much further than I thought.

In the “You learn something new everyday department,” I discovered that one should never, ever, set a hot loaf of bread on a Lotto Max lottery ticket. Which I did not intentionally do. What I did do was pick up, without good oven mitts, and so quickly set down, a small platter with a loaf of bread right out of the oven, onto the table – and then I

turned and went back to the cupboard. I immediately returned with another dish, only to discover the bread had rolled off the plate and onto the top of a lottery ticket. I thought there might be some black ink on the bread that I would have to cut off. It turned out that the bread needed very little help, but one more minute and the ticket would have been beyond help as the heat melted the ink into a black smear of numbers. You could not tell what the “smeary” numbers were, but fortunately there were enough numbers left that one could tell they were not good numbers. Otherwise, with \$30 million up for grabs, there would always have been that “I wonder just what those numbers were?” in the back of my head.

Last week there was a 70th birthday party for “**Pizza Bill**” **Dorsay** at Hometown Meadows club house at the Beach, put on by **Jan Hensell**. This party was also for Jan’s mom, **Gladys Longman**, who was celebrating her 83rd birthday. There were over 70 people there – all Jan’s siblings, as well as all her kids except **Ricki**, and scads of other folks. This took two days of food preparation, and Jan would like to thank **Louie (Carol Kidd)** for rolling up her shirtsleeves and working hard for those days so that the party was a resounding success. And a Happy Birthday to the birthday folks from this corner of the world.

We had a fun trip to Rama recently, with some winners, some losers, and

some holding their own. It seems we all had a good lunch, and at departure time, everyone was at the designated place within the allotted time. So – nothing could go wrong, right? Well, not quite right. We were well on our way home, having “done” all the normal things like passing around the candies **Norma Johnston** provides, passing the “hat” for a tip for the driver, and the telling of the odd joke. Matter of fact, it seems **Dee Hanson** was the only one onboard who was alert, because it was Dee who said “That’s our turn-off!” She then said, quickly, “He just passed our turn-off!” I looked, and, sure enough, our off-ramp to Highway 90 and Creemore was behind us! Our driver, quite a nice chap, was embarrassed and apologetic, and a bit confused as to how he could quickly rectify his goof. But Dee, who was sitting directly behind him, gave him clear, concise directions as to what turn-off to take, and she guided him home via the “scenic” route – over by the Costco area and back out to Highway 90 at the Bradford Greenhouses. Well done, Dee. Instead of a *Mantracker* sidekick, I think we’ll appoint her our special “Rama” sidekick and pathfinder for future trips! Our thanks to all you folks who joined us on our “runaway” Rama trip, and hope to see you all on our next trip on June 5, 2012. And by the way, you can be sure we didn’t let Dan the driver forget about his goof all the rest of the way home!

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Sunday, May 6



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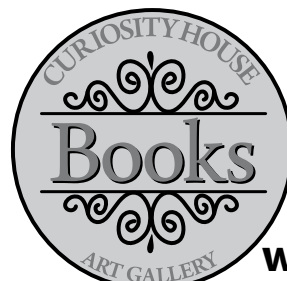
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**TEA TO FIT A QUEEN** Affairs Bakery had a great turnout for its Diamond Jubilee High Tea last week. The linen table cloths were pressed, the fine china was set and the fascinators were out in full force!



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# Skating Club hands out 2012 trophies

On Friday, April 27, the Creemore Skating Club held their annual skating awards and dessert night. Individual report cards, certificates, crests, carnival pictures, individual trophies and medals were given out. The following skaters and individuals were recognized for their achievements with individual trophies and medals:

- The MacIntosh Family Trophy for the most improved Pre-CanSkate skater – **Ella Duits and Camden Mozetti**

- The Ransier Trophy for the CanSkater passing the most badges in one season – **Cassidy Engel**

- The AJ Skate Sharpening Trophy for the most improved CanSkate Skater – **Asia Symons, Maya Landers**

- The Ceramic Enterprises Trophy for the StarSkate skater earning the most Skate Canada tests passed in the winter season only – **Emma Woodhouse and Karine Talbot**

- The Tanya Walker Trophy for the StarSkate skater earning the most Skate Canada tests passed throughout the year – **Emma Woodhouse and Karine Talbot**

- The John Van Zant Trophy for the most improved StarSkate skater with group lesson only – **Ella Hayward**

- The Creemore Village IDA Trophy for the most improved StarSkate skater – **Karine Talbot**

- The Willene Stewart Trophy for the most improved Advanced StarSkate skater, taking into consideration hard work and club interests – **Rosalyn Martin**

- The Margaret Rose Kusiar Trophy for the Advanced StarSkate skater earning the most Skate Canada tests throughout the year – **Nicole Gowan**

- The Anita Verstraten Trophy for the Advanced StarSkate skater earning the most Skate Canada tests throughout the winter season only – **Nicole Gowan and Rosalyn Martin**

- The Valley Auto Tech Trophy for the skater from any level who has displayed



**THE 2012 CREEMORE SKATING CLUB AWARD WINNERS** Back Row – Dan Gowan, Lynn Gowan, Madison Halliday, Carlee Gowan, Michaela Verstraten. Middle Row – Libby Millsap, Rylee MacGregor, Nicole Gowan, Rosalyn Martin, Ava Hogben, Cassidy Engel, Ella Hayward. Front Row – Asia Symons, Ella Duits, Camden Mozetti, Peyton Whitley, Emma Woodhouse. Missing – Karine Talbot and Maya Landers.

best effort, hard work, determination – **Libby Millsap and Rylee MacGregor**

- Gallery of Gold (skaters completing a gold level Skate Canada test) – **Jeanette Atkinson, Carlee Gowan, Bailee Redfern, and Michaela Verstraten**

- The Alta Vista Trophy for a skater who does the most for the club, recognizing their volunteer efforts – **Madison Halliday**

- The Jan (Rowbotham) Hulme Trophy for club executive member who does the most to assist the club – **Lynn Gowan**

- The Jane Ivits Memorial Trophy for a past or current volunteer member that has given more than 10 years of service and dedication to the club – **Dan Gowan**

- CanSkate Medals – **Sarah Gray, Peyton Whitley, Ava Hogben**

The club would like to thank its club coaches **Janice Bigham and Tanya**

**Walker**, as well as its freelance coaches **Janice Bigham, Jan Hulme, Michael Koshilka, Azure Dee Perkins and Anita Verstraten.**

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Please join us at one of the artist's receptions in the Gibson Centre on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm or Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

# 20th Annual Hockey Elimination Draw & Dance takes place May 12

The Creemore Minor Hockey Association's major fundraiser, which makes it possible for 150 or so Creemore youths like the ones pictured on the opposite page to partake in the great game of hockey, will take place from 8 pm to 1 am on Saturday, May 12 at the Creemore Arena.

For those of you who don't know how this event works, it goes like this: buy a \$40 (per couple) ticket from any member of the Creemore Minor Hockey executive (you can pick them up at the Creemore Country Shell Station or call **Donna Harper** at 705-466-5082 as well). Then, arrive at the arena at 8 pm on the night of the dance along with 800 to 1,000 other ticket holders. **Fred Hale** will get the music going at 9 pm, at about the same time that the first ticket will be drawn.

As the dance goes on, tickets are constantly drawn. As they come up, their numbers are crossed off the "big board." By about 12:30 am, there will be only one ticket left... and the lucky holder of that ticket gets to go home with a cheque for \$10,000. You don't need to be there to win either, although depending on who you are you may get a phone call from the dance organizers in the middle of the night!

The event is always a great time, and as with all great traditions, the more the merrier. Though they do affect the odds a bit, we suppose...

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# Creemore Minor Hockey honours the best of 2012



The Bob Pickering Memorial Award for Volunteer of the Year went to **Daniel White** (presented by **Hayley Pickering-Edwards**).



The Westbrooke Memorial Plaque for Years of Effort and Dedication to Creemore Minor Hockey went to **Bernie Young** (presented by **Donna Harper**).



The Bryan Trott Memorial Plaque "For the Love of the Game" went to **Zack Johnston** (presented by **Callaghan and Brent Trott**).



The Coe Memorial MVP Midget Player was **Deyon Johnston** (presented by **Bill Watt**).



The West Memorial Trophy for Coaching Staff of the Year went to the Novice Local staff: **Melissa Morby** (Assistant Trainer), **Shane King** (Trainer), **Sherri King** (Manager), **Neal Wright** (Head Coach) and **Paul Nicholson** (Assistant Coach). The trophy was presented by **Bill Watt**.



Most Dedicated Novice Players (Donated by Sk8 Georgian Bay): **Sean McMahon** and **Jackson Gill**, presented by **Dana Edwards** and **Bill Watt**.



The Bob Patton Memorial Award for the Most Improved Atom Player went to **Ryan Patton**, **Malcolm Colquhoun** and **Luke Farrell** (presented by **Myles Morrish**).



PeeWee Fair Play Award, donated by Creemore Minor Hockey, went to **Mackenzie Wilson** and **Liam Perrett** (presented by **Bill Watt**).



The Ken Morby Memorial Award for Most Defensive Bantam Player went to **Strath Metherral**, **Jared Edwards** and **Shawn Runyon** (presented by **Dana Edwards**).



The Hemsley Memorial Award for Congeniality in a Midget Player went to **Sean Harper** (presented by **Dana Edwards**).

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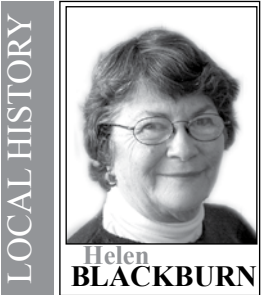


# She scales snowdrifts with ease

The arrival of a new automobile in Creemore doesn't get the attention it once did. But we have to remember that a vehicle with a gas motor was once as much a miracle (or even more so) as the latest electronic devices are today. Here's an account of the attention given to a new Ford model which arrived in Creemore just before Christmas, 1927.

"At last, after weeks of anticipation, we got a glimpse of her. We mean Henry Ford's latest achievement, a Tudor design. We called it 'she' and 'her' right away, because it is so neat and trim and possessing such straight lines that it must be female. The old Model 'T' was always referred to as 'it.' This new one which was shown for the first time in Creemore on Wednesday, was generally referred to by the large crowd as 'she,' just like a captain refers to his ship.

"She' arrived in Creemore in the wee small hours of Wednesday morning from Collingwood, under her own power. Snow drifts that might have stopped



LOCAL HISTORY

Helen  
BLACKBURN

an ordinary car were scaled with ease (This isn't our own statement). But anyway she was here and honestly, it has better appearance than we were expecting. From early morning until near midnight, this new model was inspected by hundreds of interested motorists. The motor was not started. This was a slight disappointment to us, because everybody likes to see a car in motion, and many were a little sceptical as to its wonderful power and speed. It would doubtless be impossible to let everybody have a trial ride in the one day at the disposal of the demonstrator. With this in view, head office had decreed that the car was to make its debut in Ontario agency showrooms quietly and with ignition disconnected."

After this preview, car enthusiasts waited patiently until March, when the model officially arrived at the local dealership. Here's the account of that exciting day.

"For weeks the Star [the Creemore



The 1928 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan

Star, that is] has stated she was due to arrive any day. That day came on Thursday and our reputation for veracity was saved.

"Our local Ford dealer, Mr. J.P. Lawrence, drove the new Ford from Toronto as far as Alliston, and the car was loaded onto a CNR flat car, which conveyed the new Lady to her future haunts. On arrival here Henry's new model was quickly unloaded and, finding her stride, passed down the street like the fire reel going to a blaze hitched to Art May's truck. The crowd running behind was similarly as curious. Everybody seemed afraid the other fellow would beat him to it. At last we got our chance,

and in spite of various tips, satisfied ourselves that it was a real replica of the one shown here for one day last December.

"On several points we satisfied ourselves. We now know that she will go, and real fast if you want to. The lines are beautiful and generally those of a higher priced car. She rides much more smoothly than old Lizzie ever did. Her honk is loud but mellow. She has four-wheel brakes and the usual equipment found on a Lincoln.

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EB-2012-0056

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR SALE OF INTEREST OF COLLINGWOOD UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION TO POWERSTREAM INC.

On March 9, 2012 the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood (the "Town"), Collingwood Utility Services Corporation ("Holdco"), and PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application under section 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act"). In the application the Town seeks leave of the Board with respect of the completion of the sale by the Town of 50% of the common shares of Holdco to PowerStream. The Town is the sole owner of Holdco, and Holdco is the owner of COLLUS Power Corp. a licensed electricity distributor. PowerStream, as a generator, has notified the Board of its intent to acquire an interest in a distribution system through the purchase of Holdco, as contemplated by Section 81 of the Act.

The Town is intending to sell a 50% non-controlling interest in Holdco to PowerStream through the sale of common shares of Holdco for cash consideration. The Town submits that the application meets the Board's "no harm" test and that there will be no increase in rates or degradation of the quality of the service provided to the ratepayers of COLLUS Power Corp. The Town also states that there is no intention to harmonize rates as a result of the proposed transaction. The applicants state COLLUS Power Corp. and PowerStream will continue to operate as individual corporations under their current distribution licences.

### How to see the Town's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry), and at the Town of Collingwood, COLLUS Power Corp. and PowerStream's offices and on their websites.

### Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant within **10 days** of the publication or service date of this notice.

### How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways:

#### 1. Become an Intervenor

Intervenor participants actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing). A request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. A letter of intervention must include: (a) a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; (b) if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership; and (c) whether you intend to seek an award of costs and the grounds for your cost award eligibility.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the applicants.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which means that all filings will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at [www.err.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.err.ontarioenergyboard.ca). Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry), e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

#### 2. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

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A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicants and the Hearing Panel.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

#### 3. Become an Observer

Observers do not participate actively in the proceeding but receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.

A request for observer status must be made in writing and be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The Board accepts observer request letters by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

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Observers may also request documents filed by the applicants and other parties to the proceeding but must request these documents directly from the relevant party. Observers may be required to pay for the costs of reproducing and delivering the material. Most documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website.

### How to Contact Us

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DATED at Toronto, April 25, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by  
Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary



# NDBL season starts this weekend

This weekend teams will hit the field in the North Dufferin Baseball League as the season officially gets underway.

In the senior division, 14 teams will be vying for a berth in playoffs and a championship. On Saturday, long time rivals New Lowell Knights and Creemore Braves face off while the Bolton Dodgers take on the Midland Indians.

Sunday play includes Creemore Braves at Barrie Angels, Bolton Dodgers visits Clearview Orioles, New Lowell Knights at Orangeville AIRFX, Aurora Jays travel to Lisle Astros, and Mansfield Cubs at Ivy Leafs.

Two teams of the seven-team junior loop begin their season on the weekend. The Creemore Braves Jr. travel to Barrie Red Sox Jr. on Sunday night. The remaining teams see action later in the week.

League regular season play runs to the end of July with senior teams playing a 26-game schedule and junior teams playing a 24-game schedule.

At right you'll find season schedules for both the junior and senior Creemore Braves. The full league schedule is available at [www.ndbl.ca](http://www.ndbl.ca).

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## CREEMORE BRAVES (JUNIOR) 2012 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Visitor	Home	Venue
May				
6 Sun	7:00pm	Creemore Braves	Barrie Red Sox	Lampman Park (Barrie)
9 Wed	6:30pm	Innisfil Cardinals	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
11 Fri	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	Orillia Minors	F. Carmichael Park (Orillia)
13 Sun	4:00pm	New Lowell Knights	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
16 Wed	6:30pm	Midland Twins	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
23 Wed	6:30pm	Barrie Red Sox	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
27 Sun	4:00pm	Orillia Minors	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
30 Wed	7:00pm	Creemore Braves	Midland Twins	Tiffin Park (Midland)

June				
6 Wed	6:30pm	Midland Twins	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
10 Sun	7:00pm	Creemore Braves	Barrie Red Sox	Lampman Park (Barrie)
17 Sun	4:00pm	Richmond Hill Phoenix	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
17 Sun	6:30pm	Richmond Hill Phoenix	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
18 Mon	8:30pm	Creemore Braves	Innisfil Cardinals	Innisfil Recreation Complex
20 Wed	6:30pm	Innisfil Cardinals	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
22 Fri	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	New Lowell Knights	New Lowell Recreation Park
24 Sun	4:00pm	New Lowell Knights	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)

July				
4 Wed	6:30pm	Barrie Red Sox	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
6 Fri	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	Orillia Minors	F.Carmichael Park (Orillia)
11 Wed	6:30pm	Orillia Minors	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
14 Sat	12:00pm	Creemore Braves	Richmond Hill Phoenix	Richmond Hill (Complex #4)
14 Sat	2:00pm	Creemore Braves	Richmond Hill Phoenix	Richmond Hill (Complex #4)
15 Sun	2:00pm	Creemore Braves	Innisfil Cardinals	Innisfil Recreation Complex
21 Sat	5:00pm	Creemore Braves	New Lowell Knights	New Lowell Recreation Park
22 Sun	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	Midland Twins	Tiffin Park (Midland)

## CREEMORE BRAVES (SENIOR) 2012 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Visitor	Home	Venue
May				
5 Sat	2:00pm	New Lowell Knights	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
6 Sun	3:00pm	Creemore Braves	Barrie Angels	Dana Field (Midhurst)
8 Tue	6:30pm	Barrie Angels	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
15 Tue	6:30pm	Angus Black Sox	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
17 Thu	7:00pm	Creemore Braves	Midland Indians	Tiffin Park (Midland)
22 Tue	6:30pm	Mansfield Cubs	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
24 Thu	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	Angus Black Sox	New Park (Angus)
26 Sat	12:00pm	Bolton Dodgers	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
27 Sun	1:00pm	Creemore Braves	Ivy Leafs	Victoria Park (Ivy)
30 Wed	8:30pm	Creemore Braves	Bolton Dodgers	North Hill Park (Bolton)

June				
5 Tue	6:30pm	Midland Indians	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
6 Wed	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	Mansfield Cubs	Mansfield Community Park
10 Sun	2:00pm	Creemore Braves	Lisle Astros	Ross Houston Memorial Park (Lisle)
12 Tue	6:30pm	Lisle Astros	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
16 Sat	1:00pm	Creemore Braves	New Lowell Knights	New Lowell Recreation Park
17 Sun	1:00pm	Aurora Jays	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
19 Tue	6:30pm	Orangeville AIRFX	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
26 Tue	6:30pm	Clearview Orioles	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)

July				
4 Wed	6:30pm	Creemore Braves	Clearview Orioles	New Lowell Recreation Park
10 Tue	6:30pm	Ivy Leafs	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
17 Tue	6:30pm	Orillia Majors	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
21 Sat	12:00pm	Bolton Brewers	Creemore Braves	Gowan Park (Creemore)
21 Sat	2:30pm	Creemore Braves	Bolton Brewers	Gowan Park (Creemore)
22 Sun	6:00pm	Creemore Braves	Orangeville AIRFX	Princess of Wales Park (Orangeville)
24 Tue	7:30pm	Creemore Braves	Aurora Jays	Lambert Wilson Park (Aurora)
29 Sun	5:00pm	Creemore Braves	Orillia Majors	J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park (Orillia)

The Avening Hall Board would like to thank Joel Plaskett Emergency for making us all so Scrappy Happy at the ACC on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Thanks also go to Creemore Springs Brewery, Murray and Sandra Lackie and our amazingly supportive and enthusiastic audience.

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# A life of contributing to the community

As time passes, it becomes evident how much gainful knowledge is available from those we mistakenly take for granted before learning of their accomplishments. Such a person is **Jim Richards**, who in his humble manner revealed to me information concerning his activities that I was unaware of.

A resident of Creemore since 1970, Jim has the unique distinction of being born on Christmas Day – in his case in 1941 in Toronto. Following public school at Rose Avenue in the same city, he enrolled at Central Tech. At the conclusion of high school, he became a typesetter for a Graphic Arts division, which led to a stint with a printing company, Walker's and Sons Food Advertising Company.

In preparing to move to Creemore in 1970, Jim designed and constructed the house in which he resides today.

During this period, Jim accepted a position with the Goodyear Hose Plant in Collingwood as a "braider operator," where he remained for 33 years. Around 1980, Jim was asked to become a member of the plant's fire brigade. He advanced to the position of brigade chief in 1986.

Previous to the amalgamation of Creemore with Clearview, Jim

COFFEE WITH KEN



Ken THORNTON

was already a volunteer member with the original Fire Station 4 in Creemore, where he served for 32 years before his retirement on December 31, 2011. Jim also served with Simcoe County's Mutual Aid Association, of which he was president for two

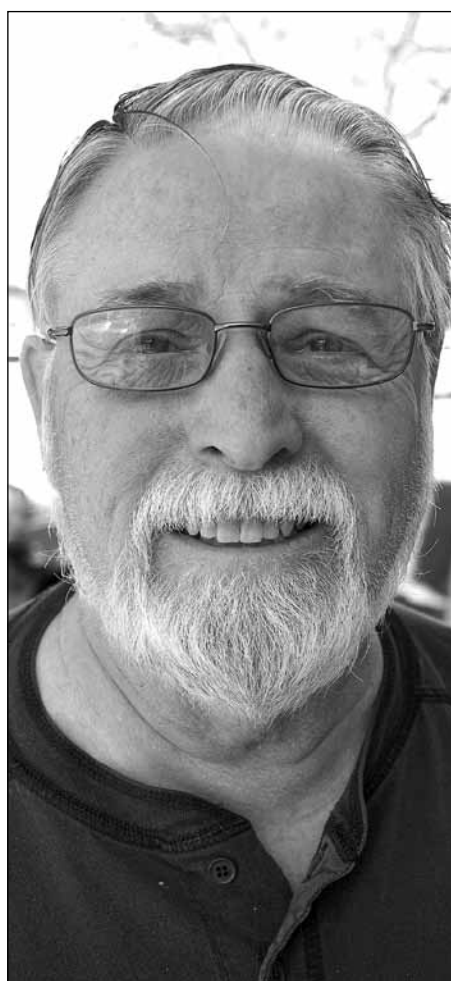
years.

When I asked Jim where he met his wife **Dawn**, with a wide grin he replied, "You won't believe this, but I met her during a fire at Cashtown Corners. Her car was on fire, and I responded to the call." He then added, "It was the best fire I ever attended," and with his face wreathed in a smile, "As a result of that call, I have been responding to her ever since." The couple has been together for 25 years, and it wouldn't take a rocket scientist to observe they are one happy couple!

There is no question that Jim has had an active and successful life. To wit, note the following activities:

He has been a member of the Creemore Legion for 34 years, and has served on the Executive Board of Directors and as the Sergeant at Arms. He is currently Vice President.

He served as president of the Firefighters' Association of Ontario on two occasions, in 2001 and 2004. He marched on the field with that



Jim Richards

organization during the first Blue Jays game after the tragedy of September 11.

He was Vice President of the Ontario Fire Fighters' Memorial Foundation and helped oversee the construction of the Memorial at Queen's Park, which was dedicated in 2005.

He worked with the MTO Board of Intermittent Fire Fighters.

Rounding out this melange of commitments, Jim also drives for the Red Cross, sometimes putting in 40 hours a week.

In his personal time, Jim enjoys

camping and working on old cars. He still owns a 1939 Studebaker, which he used to enjoy driving in the Creemore Valley Street and Custom Car Show (he was an avid member of that organization, serving for a time as president). Over the years, Jim has also owned a 1932 Chevrolet Roadster, a 1940 Chevrolet Sedan and a 1970 Pontiac.

Keep up the good work, Jim. Your contribution in the interest of your community is not only admirable but highly respected. Thank you for your untiring efforts, as we wish you and Dawn much happiness on your well-deserved retirement.

PS. It is worthy of note that Dawn has compiled a scrapbook of Jim's activities over the years. This informative compilation deserves a rightful place in every library.

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### SCDSB Public Consultation on the Use of Protective Equipment to Ensure Safety for Students and Staff

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is planning a consultation meeting to share information on the use of protective equipment to ensure safety for students and staff, and to gather input from interested parents and community members. Input gathered will assist in preparing a report to the Board.

Members of the public are invited to submit feedback and input regarding the use of personal protective equipment and foam pads. **Submissions should be sent in writing to:** Janis Medysky, Associate Director, by email at [jmedysky@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:jmedysky@scdsb.on.ca) or by mail to: 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON, L0L 1X0.

As part of this consultation process, the SCDSB has organized a public consultation session on **Thursday, May 10, 2012**. At this session, members of the public will receive information about the consultation process and the use of protective equipment. A copy of this information is available on the SCDSB's website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca). Information packages are also available in hard copy at the SCDSB Education Centre Reception Desk.

**What:** Public Consultation Meeting –

Use of Protective Equipment to Ensure Safety for Students and Staff

**When:** Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

At the meeting, members of the public may address their submissions. Anyone wishing to make a brief presentation at the meeting on May 10 should contact Kary Hancock, Executive Assistant to the Associate Director, at [khancock@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:khancock@scdsb.on.ca) or call 705-734-6363 ext. 11418 by **Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 4 p.m.** Each presenter will be given up to five minutes to address their submission, and a time **must** be booked in advance in order to present at the consultation session.

Feedback may be submitted before or after this consultation session. Submissions will be accepted until May 18, 2012, at 4 p.m.

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**Saturday, May 12, 2012 @9:30am**

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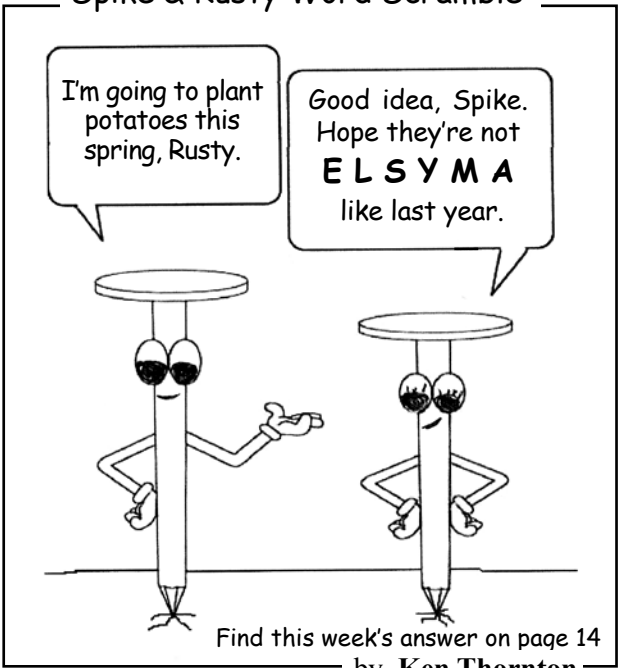
# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on page 14

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



## CREEMORE Weekend Weather

### Friday, May 4

Cloudy with showers  
High 18 Low 14 Winds NW 15 km/h  
POP 40%

### Saturday, May 5

Mainly sunny  
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### Sunday, May 6

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## Brian's Canadian Crossword

#174 by Brian Paquin © 2012

### ACROSS

- 1 Air Farce founding member  
Roger \_\_\_\_  
7 Queen Maud, e.g.  
11 \_\_\_\_ Gardens, Toronto  
16 Idol judge Flex  
17 On the wrong side (of the law)  
19 Slow kitchen appliance  
21 Egg categories  
22 Crazy  
23 Ask to a party  
24 Start of Charles' title  
25 Understated  
27 Hockey alternative  
29 Goals  
31 Don't think so, in Dorval  
32 Perry's role on Friends  
33 Polio researcher Jonas \_\_\_\_  
34 Bird houses  
36 Did nothing (2)  
39 Misplaces  
40 Rap sheet letters  
42 Untidy state  
43 Greek god of nature  
44 Canadian fried dough treats (2)  
49 Emotional greeters  
53 Youth fashion mag turned website (2)  
54 Parts of dovetail joints

- 56 Theme word from Expo '67  
57 Idol judge Jake \_\_\_\_  
58 Peterborough comedian  
Cullen  
60 No longer on the market  
61 Hullabaloo (2)  
62 TSX debut  
63 \_\_\_\_ Massif  
65 One who draws a reaction  
67 \_\_\_\_ In a Dry Land (Margaret Laurence)  
69 Surrender group from Streetsville, ON (2)  
71 Greedy person  
72 Nickname of Port Coquitlam, BC  
73 \_\_\_\_ vous plait!  
74 Software company based in Ottawa  
77 Scoundrels (2)  
80 Mount Everest's country  
84 Honest  
85 Part of PP&M  
86 Martial arts ranking  
88 Stats  
89 Those who leave real estate in a will  
91 Climbed  
94 CAA job  
95 Wears away  
96 SNL actress Cleghorne  
98 Hay movers

- 100 Salty  
101 All \_\_\_\_ Day  
102 Opera star Caruso  
103 Reversals by editors  
104 Producer of champagne music  
105 1956 perfect pitcher

### DOWN

- 1 Knitted blanket  
2 Home town of Stockwell Day  
3 One of the Three B's of classical music  
4 Hand or hat starter  
5 Abound with  
6 Great Speckled Bird surname  
7 Lead sulfide  
8 Saucer sightings  
9 Rioter's take  
10 Good times  
11 Breezing through an exam  
12 Actress Shelley \_\_\_\_  
13 My Heart Will Go On, e.g.  
14 Japanese watchdogs  
15 Irritate  
18 Output of Adolphe Basile Routhier  
20 Stinks  
26 MS-\_\_\_\_  
28 Press coverage  
30 Held (off)  
32 Low voices  
35 Keel extension  
37 More than one needs to know, briefly  
38 Tire component  
39 Can't keep up  
41 Popping up  
43 Chantal Hebert and Andrew Coyne, e.g.  
44 Start  
45 Sneak off to Niagara Falls  
46 Permit  
47 Market direction  
48 Pity!  
49 Broadcast News actress Hunter  
50 Overact  
51 Basement seepage  
52 Pig sound  
55 Lois Lane portrayal Neill

- 59 Nary a person  
61 Turned soil  
63 Cello cousin  
64 Resort on the Riviera  
66 Clark Kent portrayal Dean \_\_\_\_  
68 Lone hit for London's Motherlode (3)  
70 Kirk's record  
72 Breaks down sentences  
74 Sets of regulations  
75 Carmen and Tosca  
76 Rise up in rebellion  
77 Happy hour site

- 78 Birthplace of Solidarity  
79 Actor Mineo  
81 Local dialect  
82 Right away (2)  
83 Twiggy's last name  
85 Biblical leader  
87 Stairway post  
90 Dispatched  
91 Turn sharply  
92 Tiny room  
93 Carvey of SNL  
97 Almost empty  
99 Warning from a guard dog

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**Tom Caswell** (left) will be the subject of Curiosity House's annual Emerging Artist Show this month. Tom's wife **Gayle** signed him up for art classes two years ago and he's been painting ever since. His show, entitled "Mostly Barns," will open on Saturday, May 5 from 2 to 4 pm.

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## CELEBRATIONS

**Birthday Celebration for Sister & Brother: Donna Lowe and Glen Millsap.** Please join them on Sunday, May 6 in celebration of their 80<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Birthdays. At the Stayner Community Centre from 2 to 4 pm. We would ask that you sign our guest books in lieu of cards and gifts.

**Engagement Party for Jason Gallaugh & Janice Gordon/Pawlick** on Saturday, May 5 at Station on the Green from 6:30 pm to midnight. Advance tickets \$10 and at the door \$12.

## GARAGE / YARD SALE

**EARLY BIRD GARAGE/YARD SALE** Saturday, May 12 from 9 am to 2 pm (rain or shine). Three families offering a wide variety of good things, including an exercise bike, chest freezer, 10' x 10' tent gazebo, garden chairs, camping cots, chests of drawers, tools, shelving, lumber, television, games, household items, toys & puzzles, and much, much more. Some fine – some fair – some free! 12-13 Side Road (6923 & 6920), just west of Airport Road (Cty 42), first road north of Cashtown.

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## HELP WANTED

Part-time **KITCHEN HELP** wanted at Pizza Perfect. Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings a must. 705-466-2776.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank family and friends for phone calls and inquiries while I was in hospital and since coming home. Thanks again everyone. **Herman Lennox**

A sincere thank you to all you folks helping in any way with the **Dunedin Fisherman's Breakfast and Bake Sale**. Also the folks attending. Without all of your support this could not happen. We really do appreciate all of your support! Thanks again, Dunedin Hall Board  
PS: **Gwen Taylor** was the winner of the 50/50 Draw. Congratulations.

**DAY, Bill** – Thank you to our many friends and neighbours for their personal tributes for Bill Day. The neighbours who cooked our dinner, also to Shawn and Catherine for another dinner. To those who sent flowers, cards, and the many phone calls. To St. Luke's ACW, to Pastor Lorna May for all the kindness. To Fawcett Funeral Homes for their professional service. To Dr. Houston for his passionate care during the last few years. Thank you to all who helped with his care. Love Muriel, Jim, Paul, Gwen, Lynn and families

## DINING

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## HOCKEY DANCE

**Creemore Minor Hockey Association Annual Elimination Draw & Dance "Vegas in the Valley"** on Saturday May 12, 2012. Doors open 8 pm, Dancing from 9 pm to 1 am at Creemore Arena. Six cash prizes, 1st prize \$10,000. Live music by Fred Hale. Tickets \$40 - admits one couple - available from Creemore Shell, Donna Harper 705-466-5082 or Terri Carter 705-424-8931.

## DEATH NOTICES

**HOWDEN, Winnifred Dorothy** – Passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 in her 91<sup>st</sup> year at the Collingwood Nursing Home. Winnifred is predeceased by her husband Kenneth Howden and son Willis. She will be sadly missed by her children Joyce Kane (John), Kenneth (Maureen), Bertha (Jouko), Patricia Kueper (Tubo), Robert (Patricia) and daughter in-law Sue. Remembered by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Winnie spent most of her years living in Black Bank, Alliston and Collingwood. Many thanks to the staff of Collingwood Nursing Home and the great friends she made during her stay there. Donations may be made to the Collingwood Nursing Home – Activation Department in Winnie's memory. Friends may visit Winnie's on-line Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com)

**ANDERSON, Christopher** (Stature Construction Ltd.) Passed away suddenly at home on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Chris Anderson in his 44<sup>th</sup> year, beloved husband and best friend of Stacey. Loving father of Sheridan. Loved son of Arnold and Gwen Anderson and much loved son-in-law of Terri Turnbull (Kevin Fisher) and Dennis Turnbull. Chris will also be sadly missed by his sisters Vicki (Bob) Bell and Alyson (Scott) McQueen and also his brother-in-law D.J. (Suzanne) Turnbull. Chris will be forever remembered by his nephew and nieces, Ben (Stacey), Emma, Zoey and Ruby. Friends called at Adams Funeral Home, 445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at Trinity Anglican Church, 24 Collier Street, Barrie at 11 am. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Adams Funeral Home, 445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie. Messages of condolence may be forwarded through [adamsfuneralhome.ca](http://adamsfuneralhome.ca).

**MILLS, Keith Wybourne** Passed away peacefully at the General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood on Sunday, April 29, 2012, at the age of 95. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude Pengelly. Dear father of Connie (Kent) Hall, Claire Bellamy (David), Janice (Axel) Have and Lynn (Denis) Mills-Bergevin. Grandpa to Lisa, Andrew, Sarah, Kristina and the late Ian. Great-grandpa to Alexander, Nicholas, Timothy, Aidan, Olivia and Kayla. Keith was loved by all and brought so much joy and laughter to all who were privileged to know him. Special thanks to the wonderful and caring staff of Blue Mountain Manor Retirement Home. They made it his home and often mentioned he could not be in a better place. A Memorial Service will be held at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 11 am. If desired, donations in Keith's memory may be made to Centennial United Church, Stayner or the Stayner Lions Club. Arrangements under the direction of the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel (705-428-2637). For further information and to sign the Book of Memories, log on to [www.carruthersdavidson.com](http://www.carruthersdavidson.com)

## DEATH NOTICE



**Silvester von Herrmann**  
1921-2012

Passed away peacefully on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. He is lovingly remembered by Christiane, his devoted wife of 55 years, his children Katrina with Peter Bickford, Sophie, and Robert with Andrea, his grandchildren Annika, Timothy, Lucas, Natalie, Jasper and Mischa, and his sisters Offa Seemann and Marie Heer. Silvester was a quiet man and devoted to his family. Born in Berlin, he came to Canada with his wife and their first child in 1958. They decided to settle in the Toronto area and raised their three children in Oakville. He joined the investment company Burns Brothers and Denton and was partner there for 28 years, spearheading the development of their European business. His love was "Caskar Hills", the farm in Creemore which he bought in 1966 and retired to in 1986. The farm was center for the family where he enjoyed horseback riding through the hills, cross country skiing in deepest snow and skiing at Devil's Glen. After retirement from Burns Fry, he rediscovered his passion for watercolours and was an active member of the Purple Hills Art Society where he enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow artists and exhibited for many years. He was a skilled woodworker and someone who could make or fix anything. He was a very private person and he loved his adopted country for so many reasons. Since 2000 he has lived with Christiane in Collingwood. The family wishes to give special thanks to the nurses and caregivers at Errinrune Nursing Home in Thornbury for their kindness and loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society – Simcoe County. A service for Silvester will be held at Trinity United Church, 140 Maple Street, Collingwood, on Friday, May 4 at 11 am.



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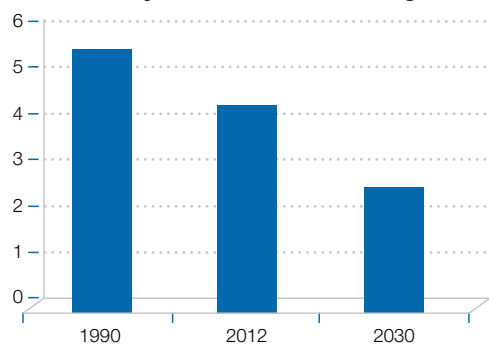
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