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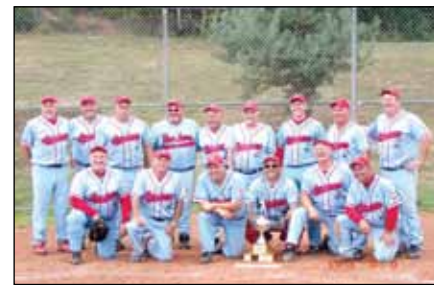
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FACE OFF ON FAIRVIEW WIND FARM

As Clearview Council prepares to debate its stance on wpd proposal, pilots argue about turbines' proximity to airport and protestors rally outside of public meeting

by Brad Holden

Last Thursday saw a war of words on multiple fronts regarding wpd Canada's proposed Fairview Wind Farm. In the afternoon, it was a case of dueling press conferences concerning the effect the turbines might have on the Collingwood Regional Airport; later on, Preserve Clearview's march ended with a rally outside the Stayner Arena, inside which wpd were holding their mandated second public meeting.

The day got underway with a press conference at the airport, during which members of the airport's Municipal Services Board and pilots representing the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association lamented the fact that wpd is proposing to erect four of its eight 150-metre-high turbines within the airport's "obstacle limitation surface," a theoretical circle around the facility that is 45 metres off the ground and eight kilometres in diameter. The closest turbine site to the airport is 3.1 kilometres from the end of the runway.

"You'd think a grade-school kid would understand that you don't put 50-storey structures next to an airport," said services board chair **Charlie Tatham**. "This situation is sad, unfortunate, ill-advised, damaging to the community and just plain dangerous."

Tatham pointed out that, while wpd might claim that Transport Canada has no issue with the siting of their turbines, that's only because Transport Canada's only role is to regulate aviation activities. In other words,

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRACTOR PARADE Sixth Line resident **John Wiggins**, who is currently suing wpd Canada and the Beattie Brothers in regard to the Fairview Wind Farm proposal, was one of several protestors piloting tractors down County Road 91 on the way to last Thursday's wpd public meeting.



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This Weekend

Friday, August 10

- **Dinner at Mad Riviere Sugar Shack.** A fundraiser for the Station on the Green. \$25 per person. Bring your own chair. Tickets at *The Creemore Echo*.
- **Friday, August 10, Sunday & Monday, August 12&13**
- **Nottawasaga Daylilies** open for viewing of the garden. Good August bloom from 10 am to 5 pm each day. See ad on page 7 for directions.
- **Saturday, August 11**
- The **CREEMORE LOG CABIN** (on Library Street) is **OPEN TODAY**, and will be open every

Saturday throughout the summer **from 9:30 am to noon**. Volunteer "History Hosts" will be on hand each week to welcome visitors.

- **Curiosity House Story Hour** at 10:30 am with **darcique** and her new book *Marvin Bullies Mollie*.
- **Industrialment** continues at the **Mad & Noisy Gallery** in Creemore, focusing on the impact industrialization has had on industry and innovation. The six participation artists are painters Mark Hope, Peter Adams and David Scott, photographer MK Lynde and sculptors Kyle Thornley and Al Matchett. This show runs until Aug 27.

- **Road Trip Artist Reception for Creemore's Mad & Noisy Gallery Show** at Blue Mountain Foundation's Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood from 2 to 5 pm. 20 member artists exhibit their artwork and take it on the road. Exhibit hours daily from 10 am to 5 pm to August 26. www.madandnoisy.com
- **Sunday, August 12**
- **Church Services** on page 5.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 13

- **Clearview Township's Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome.
- **Thursday, August 16**
- **Music in the Park 2012. Ladies Night Out (Gulleys)** at Station Park Gazebo, Stayner from 7 to 9 pm. Bring your own lawn chair. Sponsored by Stayner Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, August 18

- **Curiosity House Author Event with Ted Reader**, author of *Beerlicious* at Creemore Farmers' Market from 10 am to noon. 178 Mill Street 705-466-3400
- **Moths & Butterflies at Dufferin Museum.** Presentation at 2 pm by *In the Hills* columnist **Don Scallen**. 90 minutes. followed by 30 minute hands-on with live caterpillars. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Dufferin County Museum & Archives, Hwy 89 & Airport Road. 705-435-1881 events@dufferinmuseum.com.

- **Manito Shrine Club Fish Fry** from 5 to 7 pm at the Manito Shrine Club, 2265 Fairgrounds Road. For tickets call 705-428-3945 or purchase at the door. \$17 per person. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, August 19

- **Live Auction** at Corbetton Church on the museum grounds at **Dufferin Museum**. 10 am to noon. Proceeds to the museum. Dufferin County Museum & Archives, Hwy 89 & Airport Road. 705-435-1881 events@dufferinmuseum.com.
- **Monday, August 20 to Saturday, August 25**
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Wednesday, August 22

- **G&M Hospital Foundation 19th Annual Golf Classic.** Registration is now open. At Mad River Golf Course. Sign-in and driving range open at 10 am. Lunch and carts are included. A noon Shot Gun begins the 18 hole scramble. Following the round, on-course activities commence, followed by dinner and our fabulous silent auction.
- **Dog Day Afternoon Fashion Show at Dufferin Museum.** For children & their pets from 1 to 3 pm. Bring your pet & the museum provides the fashion accessories! Win prizes! \$10. Dufferin County Museum & Archives, Hwy 89 & Airport Road. 705-435-1881 events@dufferinmuseum.com.

Thursday, August 23

- **Music in the Park 2012. Tommy Gilham & the Chill Billys.** at Station Park Gazebo, Stayner from 7 to 9 pm. Bring your own lawn chair. Sponsored by Stayner Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, August 25

- **Big Book Sale** at Station on the Green from 8:30 am to 2 pm. A fundraiser for the Station. Drop off your books to either the Curling Club or *Creemore Echo*.
- **Copper Kettle Festival** hosted by Creemore Springs from noon to 6 pm. www.creemoresprings.com
- **Copper Kettle Classics.** This year's car show features 'Barn/Garage Finds' - those rare and unique vehicles that have been tucked away for many years. 10am to 3pm. For info or to pre-register your vehicle copperkettleclassics.com.
- **Quilt & Hand Art Exhibit at Creemore House of Stitches**, 122 Mill Street from 10 am to 4 pm celebrating the craftwomen of Creemore. Demonstrations, a **Marketplace**. Call 705-466-6363 for details.
- **Dunedin Annual Chicken BBQ** at Knox Presbyterian Church from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$14, youth 7 to 12 \$7, 6 & under free.

Saturday, September 8

- **G&M Hospital Challenge at Wasaga Beach Triathlon.** Participate or pledge. Run, bike & swim. Goal is to raise \$100,000 for the New Age of Care. New this year: registration fees are waived and all participants on the G&M Hospital Challenge Team get dry-wick t-shirts. www.RunBikeSwim.ca

Sunday, September 9

- Please accept this as your personal invitation to **help Avening United Church celebrate 140 years**. Guest speaker is Rev. Glen Eagle. 11 am service; refreshments to follow.
- **Friday, September 21 to Sunday, September 23**
- The Board of the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society is thrilled to announce the launch of a **Festival of the Arts** at Station on the Green, Log Cabin and Creemore Springs. This event will replace the Studio tour. Featuring Drawnward at Station on the Green and other arts activities throughout the village of Creemore. Opening Ceremony at 10:30 am. Children's art activity at 11am. Festival party featuring the music of Grand Canyon at 8 pm - free. For more information contact Simon Heath at 705-466-6446 or email simonheath@xplornet.ca.



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Mulmur Council works through its differences

by Brad Holden

Several personality conflicts that have come to define this term of Mulmur Council came to a head at Tuesday's meeting, with a dispute regarding an illegal greenhouse owned by Councillor **Lynn Hilchey** reaching a possible conclusion and, later, Township planner **Ron Mills** being given a raise after implying that he's been the victim of workplace bullying.

With the gallery full and several people clearly set to use the morning question period to comment on the Hilchey situation, Mayor **Paul Mills** started the meeting with a plea for civility, stating he will no longer tolerate personal attacks from, or aimed at, Council members, staff members or ratepayers during Council meetings. Those who persisted in speaking negatively about others would be given one warning, he said; the next time, they'd be removed from Council chambers.

In Deputy Mayor **Rhonda Campbell Moon**'s opinion, one of the following question period participants warranted removal from the proceedings, but she failed to convince Mills and the rest of Council. Resident **John Thomson**, who raised Campbell Moon's ire by questioning the ability of Councillor Hilchey to sit on the Township's Planning Advisory Committee, Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee when a staff report on the meeting's agenda listed several ways in which her own property was not in compliance, was allowed to register his question but did not receive an answer. Another question, by Hilchey's husband **John** regarding the professional qualifications of Township planner **Ron Mills**, was perhaps couched more delicately than it would have been before the Mayor's warning.

When it came time to debate the matter of the Hilchey property, only Campbell Moon argued that Council should go against the advice of its planner and allow the Hilchey's new greenhouse to remain in place (Hilchey herself had declared a conflict of interest and left the room while the subject was being discussed and voted on). As he had maintained at the previous Council meeting, planner Mills stated that the 27-by-60-foot greenhouse was "nowhere close" to meeting the Township's zoning bylaw, which has labeled the property Rural Residential since 2002. John Hilchey's assertion that, since several agricultural activities like the raising of chickens had been continuously taking place on the property since before that date, all uses allowed under the previous Agricultural zoning (as well as structures accessory to those uses) should now have legal, non-conforming status was incorrect, said Mills – new agricultural buildings, structures and uses are "simply not permitted."

Campbell Moon called for compromise, stating that too often at Mulmur Council issues become "win-lose" situations, but the rest of Council spoke of the need for the Township's zoning bylaw to be applied equally for all ratepayers.

"This was done the wrong way," said Councillor **Heather Hayes**. "They were told that they couldn't do this, and they went ahead and did it anyway. To allow it wouldn't set a great precedent for the Township."

With that, Council voted 3-1 to have the Dufferin County bylaw enforcement officer issue an order to have the greenhouse removed and several other property maintenance issues dealt with by October 31.

It's uncertain what will happen next on the file, as Tuesday's agenda package did include a letter from a lawyer working on behalf of John Hilchey stating an opinion that differed from that of planner Mills – an opinion that had the support of the Township solicitor.

Immediately following the Hilchey situation on the agenda was a request by planner Mills to have his contract with the Township reviewed. In addition to submitting a written request that stated his primary concern was that "over the past five years or so, I



have been subjected to regular instances of abuse, intimidation and ridicule by a member of Council," Mills handed two articles about workplace bullying to both Council and the audience and delivered a speech in which he said he was tired of having his qualifications, professionalism, and best intentions called into question.

"This environment is poisoned – we are a couple of teammates short of being a real team, and we're being dragged deeper and deeper into the mud," he said. "I feel that I, and collectively we as staff, Council and community, are being bullied."

Mills did not mention any names, but later in the meeting Campbell Moon self-identified as one of the people being singled out as a "bully." Indeed, at the end of the previous meeting, the Deputy Mayor publicly questioned the fact that Mills is not a member of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.

While Mills said he was "tired of being

discouraged and angry" and revealed that at times he felt like quitting, he said he wanted to be part of a solution to the problem, and to that end he requested that Council go behind closed doors to discuss "a possible solution" that had been devised by Township staff.

The resulting in camera meeting took place before Council broke for lunch, and at the end of the day Council voted to raise Mills' rate of pay from \$50 per hour to \$75 per hour when the work he is doing is not cost-recoverable. His rate for cost-recoverable work and for OMB attendance will stay the same, at \$80 per hour and \$100 per hour respectively.

While what happened in the in camera meeting remains unknown, Mills did hint that the "solution" that he had hoped for was not agreed upon.

"I had intended to work for a lower rate if there was an indication of meaningful change," said the planner after his pay raise was passed unanimously. "Unfortunately, I don't see that happening."



BOXES OF BOOKS Station on the Green board member **Bill McDougall** has collected dozens of loads of books from the *Creemore Echo* over the past few weeks and delivered them to the Creemore Curling Club, where they're being sorted for the Station's biennial Big Book Bash, this year taking place on Saturday, August 25. Good quality used books are still being accepted – drop them off at the *Echo* during office hours or the Curling Club by chance.

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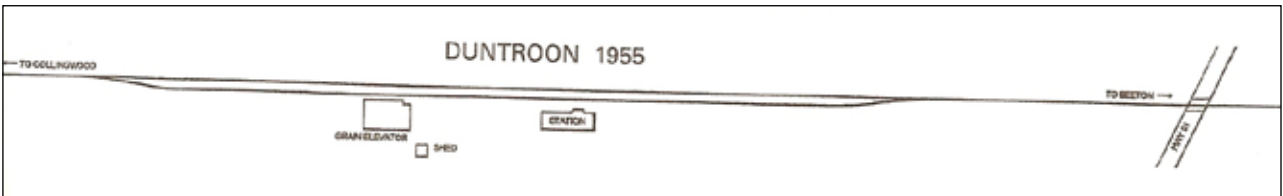
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After travelling uphill from Creemore, the Hog Special reached its summit in Duntroon at 938 feet above sea level. The station, seen in the 1920s at right with the old grain elevator in the background and later on in the 1950s, after the railroad had passed its prime, at bottom, was actually situated east of Duntroon, a little north of where County Road 91 meets Brown Boulevard today. The satellite image below, taken from Google Maps, shows a clear remnant of the train's path as it passed over County Road 91 and north towards Collingwood.



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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

August already! Seems like summer is going by pretty fast, but it sure has been a warm one! The heat might have accounted for the lesser numbers out for cards this week – 49 as opposed to 66 last week. We all wished **Gerri and Russ Miller** a Happy 60th wedding anniversary. We then had a really cute joke by **Ruby Klinck**, and then the 50/50 draws went to **Jim Rigney**, **Dave Smith**, **Kevin Keogh**, **Audrey Tidd**, **Sheila Overall**, **Evelyn Warden** and **Audrey Tidd**.

Moon shots were played by **Pat Broad**, **“Mr.” Dave Smith**, **Warren Gale**, **Sylvia Gale** and **Norma Johnston**. Norma won the travelling prize, “Mr.” Dave won the Sidewinders money, and Warren ruined **Jim Rigney**’s day by winning the Toonie!

High scorers were **Warren Gale** 314, **George Blakney** 278, **Jim Murray** 277 and **May Johnston** 273. Low was **Barb Cudmore** with 141.

Barb Pilon, our “candy gal,” was absent this week, so her mom, **Dean Chestnut**, brought in the goodies. Thanks to **Pat Winger**, **Marcia Cameron** and all for seeing they got distributed. Also thanks to **Kevin Keogh** for being ready, willing and able to lend a hand if needed.

There was a cute “take” on Canadian history by the *Toronto Sun* the other day. It was for August 1, 1975: “Canada, along with 34 other states, signed the Helsinki Accords, pledging

SENIORS



Sylvia GALE

to protect human rights,” it said, before delivering the punch line: “It was nowhere near as successful as the Honda Accord.”

Daughter **Laurie** and her better half, **Bryce**, were down to Ft. McLeod this past weekend at the Canadian Country Music

Festival, where son **Terry** was the Friday night “attraction.” They then went on to Eureka, Montana, where there is a quilt festival, and all the businesses hang quilts up and down

the street. Quite a showy display, and I guess quilters come from all over to see this wonderful display of handmade quilts.

In **May Johnston**’s January 23, 1902 *Mad River Star*, the column titled “Horseflesh” carried the following gems: “Vet Bailey’s new driver is a blizzard, a cyclone and whirlwind all rolled into one. She goes like a storm,” “Reeve McArthur has a fine pair of Fred Lees that should hold their own in the show rings next fall,” “Alex Matchett’s pair of pacing ponies have improved of late and now move out

as though they meant business, when asked,” and “John Carlton’s rookers would make a good roadster team if properly handled.” I found this very interesting, but I have no idea what a “pair of Fred Lees” would be, or John Carlton’s “rookers.” Would the “Fred Lees” have been purchased from a Mr Lee? Anybody know? Also the “rookers” are a mystery to me. I think we need an old timer, or someone who listened to the old timers, to come up with the answer. If anyone does know, you can contact the *Echo*, or phone me at 705-466-5732.

LETTERS

More on Festival of the Arts

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the lovely article on the Creemore Festival of the Arts in last week’s *Echo*. It’s hard to believe we have such an amazing local newspaper.

I did want to clarify a few things, though. The main one being that after reading the article, it appeared to be my festival. I’m just the guy who agreed to do the interview! It’s actually a Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society event, which is being put together by an incredible committee of volunteers, of which I am grateful to be a part of. In fact, since joining Purple Hills I’ve been astounded at the amount of good work done by these volunteers – beyond the more visible community events, I was amazed to learn that every penny raised goes directly back

into the community via grants and contributions.

Secondly, I think it’s important to note that while Purple Hills decided to replace the Studio Tour (because of declining numbers and an increase in similar events the same weekend) with a new type of event, that the intention of supporting local artists is very much still at the heart of the endeavour. We want this to be a distinct and exciting event for local artists, audiences and businesses alike.

The third thing is in response to an omission: in addition to other events planned, there will be a performance on Sunday, September 23 by the 2010 champion Barrie County Chordsmen, a 60-member a cappella chorus. They will be performing at 7 pm at St. John’s United Church. Ticket information will be made available closer to the date.

Thanks again, and as before, I’m hoping there will be much involvement from the community – please feel free to contact me at 705-466-6180 for information on how to participate.

Simon Heath, Dunedin

Thoughts on health study

Dear Editor:

Okay, so I opened the August 3 *Echo* and was struck by Thom Paterson’s very funny, tongue-in-cheek article entitled “Wind Turbines Should Wait For Health Study.”

For those who didn’t catch the joke – firstly, waiting for a Government health study is a little like waiting for a centipede to put her shoes on to go for a walk. It may take a little longer than expected.

More importantly, the idea that the Federal government will return a non-biased report is the real crux of the joke. Prime Minister Harper has silenced any scientists who have spoken against him (hence the demonstrations on Parliament Hill and the various research closures) and he is world-renowned for his emphasis on promoting oil (and pipelines).

So thanks, Thom, for the great article.

Glen Eagle, Creemore

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Sunday, August 12

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Simcoe-Grey Greens launch new award

The Green Party of Simcoe-Grey will launch a new community and sustainability award this coming September. The “Green Thumb Award” recognizes the efforts of individuals, businesses and groups in the areas of sustainability, conservation and community development.

“Building and sustaining strong local communities is a core value for Greens,” said party leader and Dunedin resident **Mike Schreiner**, “and we see this new award as a way to recognize and celebrate initiatives being carried out in the riding by individuals and groups of all political stripes.”

Organizers are actively seeking nominations for awards in the areas of community volunteerism, environmental action and conservation, youth achievement, green business, community heritage and municipal excellence. According to Schreiner, “The riding of Simcoe-Grey is a vast area and every day community groups, young people, business and municipal leaders work on initiatives that enrich our communities and protect the environment we all share. The Green Thumb award is our modest way to recognize all those folks quietly working away to make Simcoe-Grey a better place.”

The awards cover achievements during the period of July 1, 2011 to July 30, 2012 and the deadline for nominations is midnight September 1, 2012. Mike Schreiner will present the awards at the Green Party of Simcoe-Grey annual barbeque September 9, 2012. Additional information on the awards and how to nominate are available by contacting **Rob Howard** via email at robhoward99@gmail.com.



THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING Banda resident **Carmen Molnar**, who has dealt with a rare form of muscular dystrophy her whole life and is now battling brain cancer, has written an inspiring book entitled “Why Not Me!” which is available for sale at the *Creemore Echo*. Despite a life of health problems, and the fact that she has genetically passed her muscular dystrophy on to both of her sons, Molnar maintains a positive outlook and a folksy way of looking at her life, which began in rural Quebec at a time when health care was much different than it is today.



FOOD CAMP How do you inspire young people to eat healthy food? Chef **Jean Francois Archambault** from Montreal (La Tablee Des Chefs) came to Mansfield Heritage Farm to lead a one week Culinary Camp for Kids this week. Ten young people from 10 years of age to 19, including six from Creemore, learned to appreciate vegetables by picking what they would cook and later eat. A special photography day led by **Simon Bell** (Bell Production Services) encouraged the participants to develop a sensitivity to the beauty of fresh vegetables. They “plated” salads, took photos, and held their own mini salad Olympics contest. The model for the program follows a successful initiative in the Montreal area where more than 500 youth have the opportunity to attend Archambault’s camps.



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Sides face off over wpd wind farm proposal

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the government body is only able to instruct the airport to adjust its procedures, or even close down, once the turbines are built. It has no power to prevent their construction.

With the Collingwood Regional Airport currently the site of 12,000 plane “movements” a year, experiencing 10 to 15 per cent growth over the past few years and predicting that rate to increase further with the gradual winding down of Buttonville Airport, Tatham said it was unfortunate that wpd was able to use a “loophole” that would result in the airport becoming less accessible.

He also reminded those present of the unpredictable winter conditions that can arise suddenly due to the airport's proximity to Georgian Bay.

“If these towers are built, there is no doubt in my mind that, at some point, we'll see a plane crash into one of them,” he said. “It's inevitable.”

That opinion, however, was not shared by the two pilot/consultants who spoke at a second aviation-related press conference, held later in the day by wpd Canada. **Terry Reilly** of SMS Aviation Safety, who officially released his wpd-procured report on the effects of the Fairview Wind Farm on aviation at the press conference, disputed Tatham's use of the “obstacle limitation surface,” pointing out that that particular regulation does not apply to uncertified aerodromes like Collingwood's. He also said that several certified aerodromes have been developed in Canada with pre-existing obstacles within the four-kilometre radius prescribed by the obstacle limitation surface. To illustrate his point, two large maps were tacked to the wall behind Reilly and his fellow speakers: one of the Collingwood Regional Airport, with the potential 150-metre-high wind turbine site located 3.1 kilometres from the runway, and one of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport on Toronto Island, with the 550-metre-high CN Tower just 1.26 kilometres from the runway. Under questioning, Reilly did admit however that the CN Tower is located to the side of the Billy Bishop runway, while the turbines would be located forward and to the right of the Collingwood runway, a more critical location when it comes to aborted landings.

That said, Reilly said that with adjusted operating procedures, the Collingwood Regional Airport would

be no less accessible with the turbines present than it is now. And he disputed Tatham's claim that an accident would be inevitable, pointing out that pilot culture is one of “shared responsibility” and “good airmanship.” Any certified pilot accessing Collingwood airport would have been thoroughly briefed in the facility's operating procedures, as well as the day's weather conditions, before take-off.

“If everybody does what they're supposed to do, there will be no problem,” he said.

The wpd aviation press conference ended just as 300 or so protesters began arriving in the Stayner Arena parking lot, following a tractor and car parade down County Road 91 from Preserve Clearview principal **Kevin Elwood's** Clearview Nursery.

Under effigies of Premier **Dalton McGuinty** and Provincial NDP leader **Andrea Horvath** hanging from mock turbines, Elwood, fellow Preserve Clearview organizer **Chuck Magwood** and four Conservative MPPs – local Simcoe-Grey member **Jim Wilson**, **Bill Walker** of Bruce-Grey, **Lisa Thompson** of Huron-Bruce and Energy critic **Vic Fedeli** of Nipissing – spoke of their criticisms of the Green Energy Act and the need to oust the Liberal party in the next election.

The final speaker of the rally was radio personality **Dale Goldhawk**, who summed up the feelings of the crowd.

“Can somebody please exercise a little bit of common sense when it comes to these things?” he asked, motioning to the mock turbines next to the stage. “It's not that difficult: don't put them where they can hurt people, and don't put them in the path of airplanes.”

Meanwhile, inside the arena, wpd carried on with its second mandated public meeting, summarizing the detailed contents of its Renewable Energy Application, which it plans to submit to the Ministry of the Environment this fall. Approval could come as early as early 2013. Barring any appeals, which would be heard through the Environmental Review Tribunal, the company plans to begin construction six to 12 months after approval and be up and operating by August, 2014.

Full details of the wpd REA can be found online at www.canada.wpd.de or at the office of Clearview Township.

Clearview Council will debate



Top: A protestor arrives at the Stayner arena. Middle: Radio personality **Dale Goldhawk** addresses the crowd. Bottom: wpd Canada president **Ian MacRae** talks with an interested citizen at the company's public meeting. For more pictures of last Thursday's events, visit www.thecreemoreecho.com.

its stance on the wpd proposal at its meeting on Monday, August 13, following the release of a staff report by planning director Michael Wynia that recommends the Township take a stand against the project.

Opponents to the Fairview Wind Farm are currently collecting signatures on a petition, which will be presented to Council before its

deliberations on Monday night. It will also be presented in the Ontario Legislature by MPP **Jim Wilson**. The petition can be found in Creemore at the Old Mill House Pub, in Stayner at Mac's Corner Gas, in Nottawa at Dovetail Interiors, in Collingwood at Jim Wilson's office, at Clearview Nursery and at the Collingwood Regional Airport.

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The Ridgeway versus the Bruce

Last month my buddy **Jimmy** and I travelled to southwest England for a hike along “The Ridgeway,” arguably Great Britain’s oldest road, with traffic on it dating back over 5,000 years.

We started in Avebury, near the greatest Neolithic stone circle in Europe, built around 2,600 BC. We then travelled along the high country, through one and around several massive Iron Age Hill Forts that date from 1,000 BC. We wandered past Wayland’s Smithy long barrow, a Megalithic Tomb circa 3,700 BC, and past the Uffington White House, which was cut into the chalk hill in 800 BC. We then descended into the valley and along the bank of Thames, before again taking to the high country and more ancient hill forts. We walked along Grim’s Ditch, a massive, 14-mile-long series of massive earthen works of unexplainable intent, and finally ended up at our destination in Nuffield.

Some knowledgeable reader will no doubt realize that we cut the Ridgeway short by 25 miles by not going on to Ivinghoe Beacon. In our defense, I would point out that both Jimmy and I are arguably past our best-before dates. He’s just come off a little heart procedure and I have a new hip, so we thought it prudent to cut back from our usual 15 to 20 miles a day to a more manageable 10 to 15, at least until we ascertained that everything still worked. I am happy to report that all went well. We did about 65 miles in five days and saw arguably the best part of the Ridgeway.

It was raining hard the day we arrived in Avebury, but that didn’t stop us from heading out to see the

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Al CLARKE

great stone circle. The cognoscenti believe this stone circle and its grand stone Allee are better than those of Stonehenge – I have seen both and I would agree.

The whole area known as the Salisbury Plain, on which Avebury,

Stonehenge and a number of ancient Barrows lie, is a hotbed of paranormal events, and is considered to be the epicenter of crop circle activity. On the summer and winter solstice you can’t swing a dead cat without hitting a Neo-Druid. If you go to Google Earth and zoom in on Avebury you can see a crop circle in a field to the northeast. We stayed at “The Forge,” a B&B just outside of Avebury. That morning I had breakfast with two Dutch ladies who from outward appearances seemed normal, however they had come in search of crop circles, and were busy on the web searching for the latest sightings thus to plan their day’s excursion.

I am not generally a believer in the paranormal, however years ago I stood between the stones of the great circle at Avebury and watched two brass rods rotate on my hands for no reason that I could account for. Having dinner at the local pub, Jimmy chatted up a farmer who owned some land that the Allee ran through. “Every time I run my tractor through there the hairs stand up on my body,” said the farmer. We also heard that the incidences of crop circles are likely to be down this year because the Smyth brothers, Nigel and Gilles, are getting too old to go out in the middle of the night anymore. Regardless, I can assure you from personal experience that there is something deeply interesting and unexplainable about the place.

One doesn’t just get up off the couch



Al and Jimmy, somewhere on England’s Ridgeway Trail.

and walk 65 miles without a plan, so in preparation for the Ridgeway I decided to hike the 60-kilometre Dufferin Hi-Land section of the Bruce Trail from Lavender to Mono. I must tell you that it is every bit as scenic, well-marked and maintained as the trails in England. Granted, you don’t have Hill Forts, stone circles, crop circles or little 800-year-old villages filled with timeless 13th century guest houses and quaint pubs with ceiling beams so low that you repeatedly bump your head into. However, considered purely from a hiking and natural beauty standpoint, the 900-kilometre-long Bruce Trail is world class, and people from around the world do travel all the way to Canada to experience it. The Dufferin Hi-Land section is considered to be one of its most scenic sections. It has spectacular long vistas over patchwork valleys, special moments beside trout-

infested steams, hardwood forests carpeted with trilliums in the spring, heavily treed sections with intense growths of ferns that surprise and open onto sunlit meadows of wild flowers, evergreen plantations where the scent of pine hangs in the air, a constant chorus of birds, fascinating geology and better weather, particularly this year with the rain and flooding in the UK. Look hard and you might also find an occasional 150-year-old village with a pub in which you won’t hit your head.

While England is a little hard to get to, the Bruce Trail is just a stone’s throw away. Stop in at the Curiosity House Bookstore and have them order the Bruce Trail Guide for you or go online to order it direct. Give it a go; hiking’s great and it’s free, though I would recommend you help out by getting a membership. They are only \$50 a year at www.bruce-trail.org.

New Lowell News

Summer is slowly slipping by and I hope you all are taking advantage of the weather and enjoying the outdoors. To keep cool, think about the long, cold, bleak winters with snow piled high!

The New Lowell Legion invites you to mark your calendar on Saturday, September 22 starting at 6 pm for a Murder Mystery Dinner. This will be a full roast beef dinner with all the trimmings and a fun evening of solving “who did it?” The cost per person is \$25. The Legion will not be having its annual Pig Roast dinner this year. They do have a special every third Friday of a good old fashioned barbeque with hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage. Join them on Toonie Tuesdays and Thirsty Thursdays for their specials. The Legion has new hours to better accommodate you. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday they are open from 4 to 8 pm. On Fridays they

NEW LOWELL NEWS



Sandra BEDNAREK

are open from 4 pm till 1 am.

Praise in the Park, the annual sing-along worship service from the New Lowell United Church, will take place on Sunday, August 19 starting at 10:15 am. Bring your lawn chair, friends, neighbours and enjoy

Al Beardsall and Lloyd

Preston as they help us sing some of the good, old-fashioned hymns. This is at the pavilion by the river at the Conservation Park. It will go rain or shine!

The August worship services for the Creemore Pastoral United Church Charge will be August 12 at Avening United, August 19 Praise in the Park, August 26 and September 2 will be at New Lowell United Church. All services are at 10:15 am.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Carol and Chris Vanderkruijs on the passing of Carol’s dad last week.

I hope you have had a chance to walk around our village these lovely summer

evenings and enjoy the beautifully kept parks and flower beds. The Brentwood Horticulture takes care of many of these beds and the New Lowell Cemetery Board looks after the Cemetery. They all volunteer their time and talents and we appreciate that. If you have young bicycle riders or skateboarders at your home please remind them not to use the parking lot of the Library or the Church for their trick riding. We do know that these young people want to have fun during the summer but these two places are not safe for them to use. It is perhaps a good idea to talk to Deb Bronee, our Clearview Councillor, to see if we could offer these children a skateboard park in the future.

I hope you took time to watch some of the Olympics this week. They surely have been entertaining. You get to appreciate all of the hours and money that must go into these sports.

Happy August birthday to a certain “garden” lady on Switzer Street and a soccer fan at my house.



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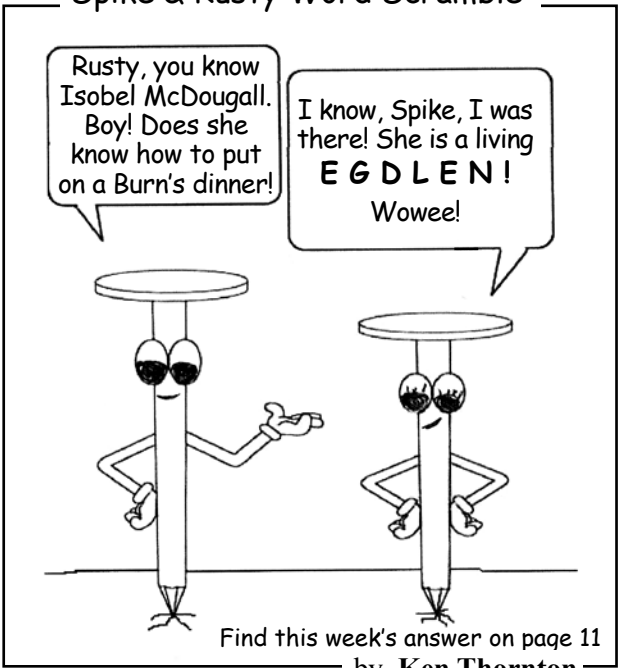
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer in The Classifieds

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, August 10

Rain, at times heavy
High 22 Low 17 Winds NE 25 km/h
POP 90%

Saturday, August 11

Cloudy with showers
High 21 Low 17 Winds S 15 km/h
POP 80%

Sunday, August 12

Variable cloudiness
High 24 Low 16 Winds W 20 km/h
POP 30%

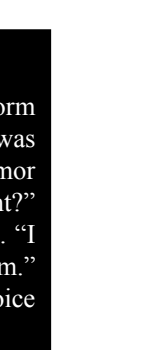
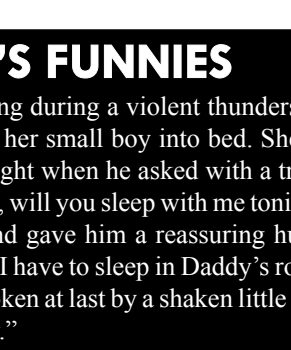
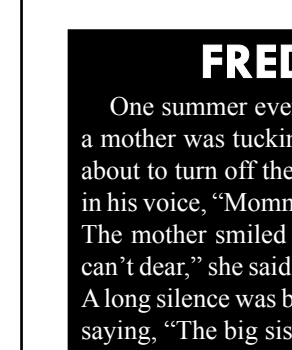
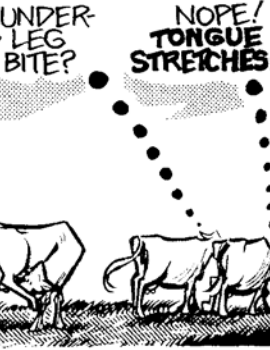
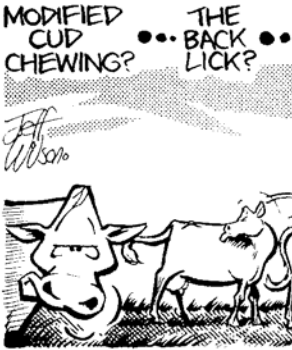
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One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by a shaken little voice saying, "The big sissy."

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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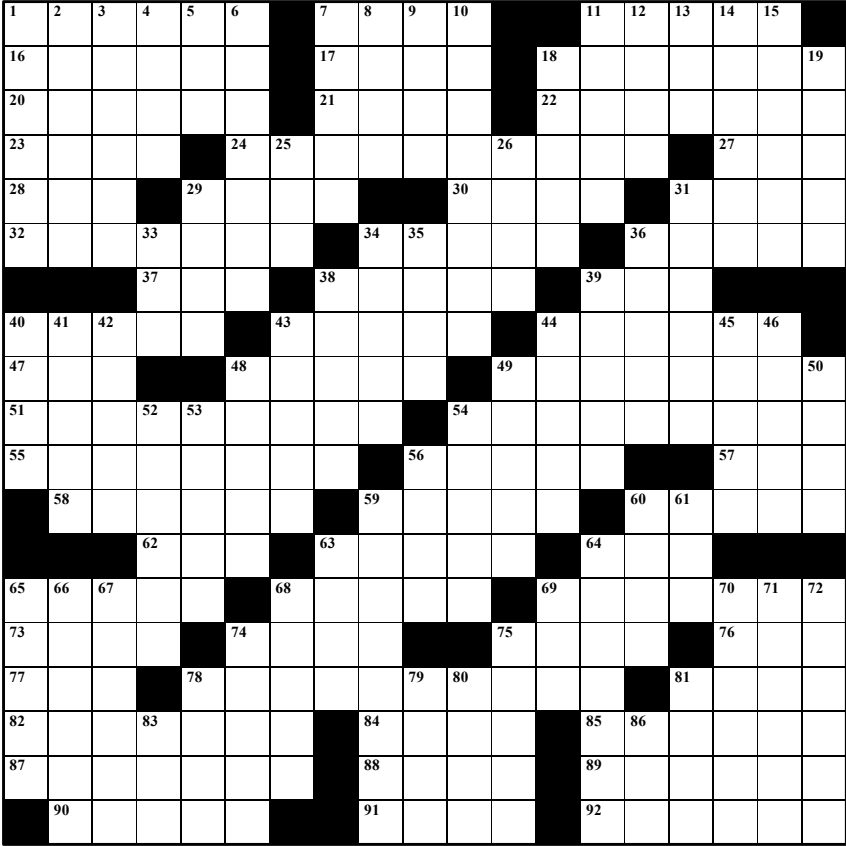
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7 Hazes
11 Title holder, slangily
16 Excedrin rival
17 Hendrix's hairstyle
18 Wet weather forecast
20 Wide open
21 Muffin material
22 Watched a TV show (2)
23 Within
24 Canadian pollster and pundit (2)
27 Hoopla
28 Greeted
29 White cheese
30 Slanted view
31 Took Air Canada
32 One way to serve pie
34 Big album for McKenna
36 Persnickety
37 Fruit drink
38 Disregard (duty)
39 Chop cooker
40 Police shields
43 Winnipeg singer Remy ____ (The Way I Feel)
44 Vancouver singer Nick ____ (Roxy Roller)
47 Caribou cousin

- 48 She's ____ (Tom Jones hit written by Paul Anka)
49 Squares things up (2)
51 CBC science specialist (2)
54 Actress Heigl (27 Dresses)
55 Item sometimes spun on a stick (2)
56 Veronica's rival
57 Espied, to Tweety
58 Spill marks
59 TV doctor Ben ____
60 Australian gemstones
62 Newly painted
63 Butts in
64 Fraser or Pacific Silver ____
65 Space traveller in 1962 and 1998
68 Substantive
69 Venues for Stompin' Tom
73 Glengarry Glen ____ (1992 film)
74 Canadian politician who can be Red or Blue
75 ____ Lights (Chaplain film)
76 Decay
77 ____ up (enjoy)
78 2005 Nickelback hit
81 Aura, slangily
82 Made possible
84 Yarn spinner
85 Becket actor Peter ____
87 Alternate routes

- 88 Choir voice
89 Aykroyd character E. Buzz
90 Compact
91 Part of a wine glass
92 Shows scorn

DOWN

- 1 Portuguese explorer Vasco ____
2 Tooth coating
3 Per ____ (for each person)
4 Hendrix's rock
5 Hullabaloo
6 Put 'em up, Pierre! (2)
7 Stone Soup, e.g.
8 Toronto cellist Harnoy
9 Part of GTO
10 Nightingale, e.g.
11 Gulps down
12 ____ Kong
13 Wonderment
14 Awards received on podiums
15 Groups of lions
18 Ponderosa product
19 ____ Owl (Quebec's official bird)
25 Golf ball situation
26 Skating surface
29 Physiques, slangily
31 Underwriter
33 Wrestling surface
34 Not ethical
35 Not big
36 Not true
38 Percentage
39 Concise
40 Joe, to Barack
41 World figure skating champion from Newmarket, ON
42 Sport with clay targets
43 Casino machines
44 Golden Girl Estelle ____
45 Little Eva of Argentina
46 Kidney-related
48 ____-garde
49 Airport areas
50 That's ____ to me!
52 Produces little salmon



- 53 1979 Sigourney Weaver film
54 Ken __, head of the Merry Pranksters
56 Entice
59 The red ones are usually finished first
60 Greasy
61 In favour of
63 Smart-mouthed
64 Perceives
65 Love of money
66 Gave the use of money
67 Property plus money
68 States of mind

- 69 Quick drink
70 Black and orange bird
71 More chivalrous
72 Driven animals
74 ____ you have it!
75 Billiards bounce
78 Furthermore
79 Coating of gold
80 Speed
81 Mouse cousin
83 ____ appetit!
86 ____ Cup (Kevin Costner film)

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Horticultural Society shines and dines

Saturday, August 4 witnessed the Creemore Horticultural Society's "Progressive Culinary Garden Tour." Five local gardens, owned by **Charlotte Vorstermans, June Reed, Sherry Wilson, Michel Masselin, and David Johnson/Tracey Kolowska** presented a wide variety of landscape architecture, perennial and annual plants, plus an opportunity to obtain ideas and advice from the host gardeners. In addition, this happening was given a unique flavour by the offering of international cuisine at each garden.

The first-ever event was a sell-out, attracting visitors who live a considerable distance from Creemore. Despite the incredibly hot conditions, the participants enjoyed the five-course lunch comprised almost entirely of cold dishes from vichysoise to dessert. As one participant exclaimed, "The weather might be hot but it hasn't taken away my appetite!"

Undoubtedly, this event is one way the Creemore Horticultural Society encourages an interest in all things horticultural. Moreover, it demonstrated another positive attribute of our thriving community.



The garden of **Charlotte Vorstermans**, on display during last weekend's Progressive Culinary Garden Tour.

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YARD SALES

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COTTAGE FOR RENT

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Copper Kettle Classics needs volunteers! If you would help with the car show on Saturday, August 25 please contact Corey at 705-466-5276 or corey@inzane.ca.

SERVICES

BUILDING BLOCKS HOME DAYCARE, has full or part time care available. For more information or to book a play date please call 705-466-6355

FLOORING for residential homes. Installation prices. \$1.50 Sq. Ft, Lamination .99 Sq. Ft. and ceramic tiles \$2.50 Sq. Ft. Call 705-715-4995.

REGISTRATIONS

Creemore Skating Club Registration for the 2012-2013 skating season will take place at the Creemore Arena from 6:30 to 8 pm on Wed. Aug 15, Tues. Aug 21 and Wed. Sept. 12. Early Bird pricing available to those who register before Aug 31, 2012. For more information, please contact Annette Belkosky 705-424-9422 or Julie Bigham 705-424-0626 or jbigham30@hotmail.com. Skating programs available for children 3 years and up to adult figure skating programs.

Angel Wings Yoga is now offering Yoga classes at Maizis Martial Arts Academy in Stayner, just north of Cash Town Corners on Airport Road. Join our certified yoga teacher, Angel Vollick, every Tuesday, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, starting on September 4th. For more information, contact Angel at angel@angelwingsyoga.ca or call 705-444-4970. Register now!

PLANNING AN EVENT?

The Creemore branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is available for rent. The hall will hold up to 400 people, bar can be arranged. Lounge will hold up to 150 people, bar can be arranged. Quiet Room will hold up to 30 people. Call 705-466-2330 to book. Catering is available for any event.

DINING

Friday Night Dinners at Affairs featuring homemade fish & chips, Beer-roasted Quarter Chickens with your choice of sides and spaghetti & meatballs. Open until 7 pm. Dine in or take-out. 705-466-5621.

Mylar and Loretas Restaurant, Singhampton open every day at 10 am; Sundays at 9 am. We feature Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner with specials every day. Our Sunday Breakfast Buffet is a great way to start your day at only \$11.99. The regular menu is also available. For reservations call 705-445-1247.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Sale on Saturday, August 18 from 9 am at 826116 Mulmur Nottawasaga Townline. (north on 2nd Line West from Honeywood or through Dunedin and up Lavender Hill Road and west on M-N TL.)

Camping, Garden: tents, screens, stools, portable toilet, lights, hammocks, umbrellas, deck storage box, outdoor washstand, wheel barrow, hoses.

Building: ext door, tools, nails, screws, fasteners, etc., garage vac, Ryobi/Craftsman 8 1/4” cordless compound miter saw & stand - \$200 obo.

Trailer: 4 x 8 metal frame, wooden, tipping - \$200 obo.

Household: small appliances, 30’ rattan table/2 chairs, Am Standard toilet/tank, household items

Fish Tank: 18 x 12 x 30, all equipment included - \$50.

Call or email for prices or to buy now. 705-466-3480 or kathy.sammy@gmail.com

Local Franchise Owners ‘Clean Up’ at Awards Banquet



Pictured above (left to right): Kevin Hipkins, President of MOLLY MAID International, Linda and Peter Newton, owners of MOLLY MAID Collingwood / Wasaga Beach and Aaron Abrams, Vice President of MOLLY MAID International.



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MOLLY MAID International recently held their bi-annual Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and is proud to announce two local Franchises achieved very prestigious awards.

Linda and Peter Newton, owners of MOLLY MAID Collingwood / Wasaga Beach and who are members of MOLLY MAID’s esteemed President’s Circle, were the recipients of a Top Growth Leader Award, which recognizes the top ten Franchise Owners who have significantly grown their Franchise and increased sales. Linda and Peter also achieved the Golden Mop and Bucket Award which honours innovative advertising initiatives. This is the second time this significant Golden Mop and Bucket Award has been presented to MOLLY MAID Collingwood / Wasaga Beach.

Rhonda Millsap, who resides in Stayner and owns the MOLLY MAID Barrie Franchise, was awarded Rookie of the Year. As its name suggests, this award is presented to a new Franchise Owner who has made the most significant progress in their franchise since joining the MOLLY MAID team. Excellent customer service, sales performance and Franchise operation contributes to Rhonda’s overall success.

MOLLY MAID is pleased to recognize Linda, Peter and Rhonda and thank them for their outstanding efforts and dedication to their customers.

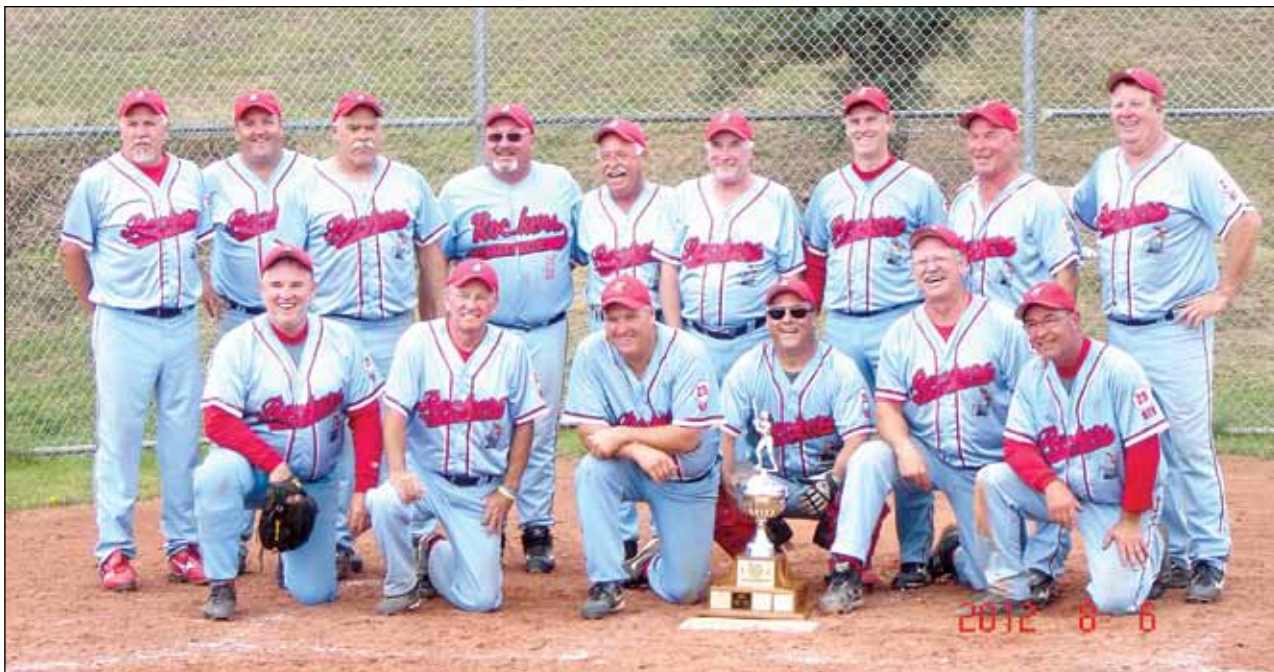
Rockers win fourth national old-timers championship

The Dufferin-Simcoe Rockers travelled to Charlottetown, PEI this past weekend and won the Canadian National Oldtimers Baseball championship in the 50+ age category. It was their fourth Canadian championship, having won three previous times in the 44+ age group.

The Rockers completed the round robin portion of the tournament with two wins, one tie and one loss. They defeated Scarborough (Ontario) 11-1 and Pleasant Valley (Nova Scotia) 7-6, tied the Nova Scotia Monarchs 8-8 and lost to Spring Lake (Alberta) 6-2.

They met Spring Lake once again in the semi-finals, and this time, with superior pitching and flawless defense, earned a 3-0 victory, putting them into the finals against their Ontario rivals from Oakville.

The Rockers opened the scoring with one run in the top of the first inning to take an early lead. Oakville scored three runs in the bottom of the third, but the Rockers answered quickly with three runs in the top of the fourth to regain the lead 4-3. The Rockers added an insurance run in the top of the seventh inning and appeared to have the championship in hand, but a determined Oakville team battled back with two runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score at 5-5 and force extra innings. The game remained tied until the tenth inning when Dufferin-Simcoe finally scored



The 2012 Canadian Champion Dufferin-Simcoe Rockers. Back row: **Steve Harrison, Greg McKee, Rick Coker, Gord Dunn, Dick Cauthers, Dave Mortimer Sr., Tom Anderson, Roger Maes, Bob Forbes.** Front row: **Don Bartley, Tom Arnold, Brent Bailey, Chris Davie, Terry Gowan, Jim Halliday.**

three runs, all of them coming after two outs. Oakville failed to score in the bottom of the inning and the Rockers took the Championship with an 8-5 victory.

The Rockers are a group of local players who

played their senior ball in the North Dufferin and South Simcoe baseball leagues. They are already looking forward to defending their title next year when the Championship will be held in Edmonton.



Braves start playoffs with tie

by Fred Mills

The Creemore Braves hosted the Clearview Orioles on Tuesday night to begin round one of the NDBL playoffs. **Brad Grieveson** took to the mound and pitched a six-hitter with nine strikeouts as Clearview's **Charles Coates** tossed a four-hitter with one strikeout. The Orioles' **Mike Kriegazas** hit a one-run home run in the fifth inning. The Braves tied the game with a run in the sixth when **Jeremy Mills** had a big single scoring **Bryan Post** from second. Going into the bottom of the seventh with two outs, **Chris Greer** hit a double to center field. **Matt Baldry** tried to score from first but the throw from center field hit the cut off man who then threw Baldry out at the plate on a very close play. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Next on Deck:

- Thursday, August 9 6:15 pm. Clearview at New Lowell
- Saturday, August 11 1:00 pm. Creemore
- Sunday, August 12 4:00 pm. Clearview at New Lowell
- Tuesday, August 14 6:15 pm. Creemore
- Thursday, August 16 6:15 pm. Clearview at New Lowell

The Junior Braves will be facing Richmond Hill starting on Wednesday in Richmond Hill. They then play:

- Saturday, August 11 4:00 pm. Creemore
- Sunday, August 12 2:00 pm. Richmond Hill
- Tuesday, August 14 7:30 pm. Richmond Hill

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