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Bryan Davies Photo

MEGA QUARRY APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

by Brad Holden

For most people, making their thoughts known on social media or on the sidewalk, the initial reaction was disbelief. Over the course of the day though, as the news became real, disbelief became jubilation, albeit tinged with a hint of caution.

The *Creemore Echo* received the news at 10 am on Wednesday, with an email from Highland Companies' public relations firm, Hill & Knowlton. "The Highland Companies announced today that it is withdrawing its application to develop a quarry in Melancthon Township," it said.

John Scherer, speaking for Highland in place of **John Lowndes**, who resigned from his post as company president on Wednesday, explained the rationale behind the decision. "While we believe that the quarry would have brought significant economic benefit to Melancthon Township and served Ontario's well-documented need for aggregate," said Scherer, "we acknowledge that the application does not have sufficient support from the community and government to justify proceeding with

the approval process."

According to the release, Highland plans to continue focusing on its farms and on "supplying its customers with high quality potatoes and other crops." The company is currently the largest potato producer in the province.

Mulmur rancher **Carl Cosack**, who has led the North Dufferin Agricultural Task Force in opposing the quarry since the group was formed in 2009, said he felt "truly humbled" upon hearing the news. "There are a thousand pieces to the puzzle that beat this," he said, "from the local residents, to the folks at the Creemore Farmers' Market, to the media, to the chefs, to the politicians who got on board. We have had such tremendous support, and all of it has been courteous, professional and solutions-based. I can't thank people enough."

While Cosack said the news caught him unawares in the moment, the fact Highlands was withdrawing was actually not that surprising to him. The ongoing Environmental Assessment of the project was nearing the peer review stage, and according to Cosack, the sheer

size of the proposal was starting to look like too high a risk for the province. "I think Highland was beginning to see the writing on the wall," he said.

Cosack also sounded a note of caution, pointing out that the Aggregate Resources Act, which was under review when the provincial government prorogued parliament, remains unchanged. "We need to make sure those changes are made, or else five years from now we could be looking at this thing again," he said.

That said, the announcement remained a cause for celebration, said Cosack, and Wednesday would be remembered as a "tremendous day."

That thought was echoed by Maple Valley resident **Miriam Streiman**, who along with **Sandi Wong** and **Donna Baylis** worked tirelessly to get word of the quarry application out to Farmers' Markets and community groups across southern Ontario. Streiman was also a major organizer of Foodstock and Soupstock.

"This is a very special moment," she told the *Echo*. "We never gave up, and today I'm proud to be a member of this community and a resident of Ontario."

Cookies and a place to stay!

by Brad Holden

The owners of the four bed and breakfasts that make up the Creemore and Area Bed and Breakfast Association met recently to share their best cookie recipes, in preparation for their second annual Open House and Cookie Tasting Tour, scheduled for Sunday, December 2 from 1 to 4 pm.

Angel House, Creemore Comforts, the Clearview Station & Caboose and Cedar Pond have been working together as an association since 2009, producing a website (creemorebb.com) and promotional materials and co-operating to make sure guests to the area find the booking that works for them.

In a way, they work as ambassadors for the village, and cite a recent study that found that day tourists to an area spend an average of \$60, while overnight tourists average \$300.

They don't just serve tourists, though... a lot of their business comes from friends and families of local people, up for a visit and needing a place to stay.

For that reason, they encourage anyone and everyone to pay them a visit on December 2, to sample their delicious Christmas baking and to see what sort of accommodations they offer.

"We'd love to see the whole village out," said **Pat Steer** of Angel House.



Creemore and Area Bed and Breakfast Association members **Bob and Ann Huskinson** of the Clearview Station & Caboose, **Wendy Schellenberg** of Creemore Comforts, **Lily White** of Cedar Pond and **Kate Ceccarelli** and **Pat Steer** of Angel House.



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COMMUNITY Calendar

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This Weekend

- Sunday, November 17 to Friday, November 30**

 - **Art Array Exhibit & Gift Show** at Studio One, 65 Simcoe Street, Collingwood. Len Bevan, Eleanor Brownridge, Lenore Burton, Bryan Davies, Louis Davies, Janie Grice, Ellie Lagrandeur, Miro Omes, Dar West, Diane Wilson. Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Sundays from noon to 5 pm.

Saturday, November 24

 - **Christmas Gift Show and Sale** from 9 am to 3 pm at the Singhampton Community Centre. Free admission. 20 local vendors. Raffle prize valued at \$200.
 - **Dunedin Hanging of the Green.** Come out & help make our village in the valley festive. Enjoy hot chocolate and friendship. Dunedin Hall at 10 am. Hope to see you there!
- **Rosemont Christmas Market** from 10 am to 2 pm in the Orange Hall, beside the Globe Restaurant on Hwy 89. The Globe's baking, Pam's Soaps, Willowlane Farm, EB Candles, Shirley's Touch of Glass, Alpaca Products, Wooden Crafts, Wool Heart Mittens, Rosemont Organics, Jams, Preserves, Herbs, Teas, Dog & Horse Treats and more.
 - **Sprig of Holly Bazaar** at All Saints Anglican Church, Collingwood from 10 am to 1 pm. Baking, preserves, the Christmas Store, the Treasure Shop, knitting and crafts, opportunity draws and lunch.
 - **Mad & Noisy Gallery Show** continues "Saturations: Cerebral Celebrations of Colour and Light. Featuring artists Susan Belcher, Eleanor Brownridge, Sarah Uffelmann, Peter Miehm, Ruth Ann Pearce & Janet Donaghey. Until November 26.
- Sunday, November 25**

 - **Church Services** on page 5.
 - **Creemore Legion Breakfast** from 8:30 to 11 am. A Belgian waffle with fruit, syrup & whipped cream or two eggs any way you want, bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee or tea all for \$5.
 - **St. Luke's Gift of Music** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm featuring **Tariq Harb**, award-winning classical guitarist. Classical and Flamenco guitar. Tickets, \$15, available at Curiosity House Books, the *Echo* and at the door.
 - **Eduard Klassen – Harpist with Paraguayan Folk Harp and Inspirational Speaker** at St. John's United Church at 7 pm. Free will offering. Reception to follow. Visit www.eduardklassen.com for details about him.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, November 26**

 - **Clearview Township's Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. Everyone welcome. Come help us make the decision re: Stayner sewers. See article on page 10.

Friday, November 30

 - **Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Come enjoy some homemade soup.
 - **Christmas Tree Lighting** at Station on the Green at 6:30 pm. Carolling. Silly hat contest. Free hot chocolate, apple cider and hot dogs.

Saturday, December 1

 - Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is once again proud to host **Breakfast with Santa!** Come out and take pleasure in the Christmas festivities and enjoy a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Also, take part in the other fun events such as: Kids Shopping Room, Treasure Tray Raffles, Kids Craft Room, Silent Auction and a visit with Frosty the Snowman and Santa! Doors open at 8:30 am, Children \$5, adults \$7, family of 4 \$20, family of 5 \$22.
 - **Christmas in the Valley.** Come downtown and do some Christmas festivities in our stores & restaurants, visit the **Christmas Farmers' Market** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Station, see the **Santa Claus parade** which starts at 1:30 pm, **sit on Santa's knee** following the parade at Station on the Green. Have a holly jolly time. Check out the calendar on www.thecreemoreecho.com for everything that's going on!
- **The Cadet Support Committee will be joining the 1944 E.M.E. Cadets** at the Creemore Santa Claus Parade collecting food for our ongoing food drive. Please help us help others!

Sunday, December 2

 - **2nd Annual Open House & Cookie Tasting Tour** from 1 to 4 pm presented by Creemore and Area Bed & Breakfast Association: Angel House, Creemore Comforts, Clearview Station & Caboose and Cedar Pond. www.creemorebb.com.
 - **"A Christmas Carol" reading of Charles Dickens' classic story**, fundraiser for the Clearview Foodbank, at 3 pm at St. Paul's Church in Singhampton. **Potluck Supper** to follow. Snow Date: Sunday Dec. 9 at 3 pm. Contact: Wilma at 705-445-4199 or Peggy at 519-922-2033. All welcome... And we will sing some Christmas Carols too!
- Tuesday, December 4**

 - Please help the Clearview Public Library Board and Staff celebrate **Laura Wark's** appointment to the Manager of Public Services for the Essa Public Library, by joining us for tea and cake from 1 to 4 pm at the Stayner Branch.

Thursday, December 6

 - **Yoga Fundraiser for My Friend's House Women's Shelter** in Collingwood. Taking place at Dunedin Hall. Two classes 6:30 to 7:30 pm and 7:45 to 8:45 pm. \$15 or a donation of your choice. Any inquiries please call Leigh Bird at 705-520-0098.

Sunday, December 9

 - **St. Luke's Gift of Music** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm featuring **Chagall Trio**, piano, cello & violin chamber music repertoire. Tickets, \$15, available at Curiosity House Books, the *Echo* and at the door.

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Mayor **Paul Mills**, **Jacqueline Tilford** and **Al Clarke**.

Mulmur News

by Brad Holden

Mulmur Township Mayor **Paul Mills**

continued his new tradition of honouring excellence in the community before Council's night meetings by presenting a plaque to **Al Clarke** and **Jacqueline Tilford**, in recognition of the couple's recent Niagara Escarpment Commission property stewardship award.

"We've tried to respect the landscape," said Clarke in receiving the plaque, describing the heritage apple orchard, sugar bush, relocated antique barn and home on the property.

Fire Department Debate

The majority of the remaining Council meeting Wednesday night was spent discussing a request from Rosemont Fire Department Chief **Wayne McIsaac** for Mulmur's blessing to amalgamate the Rosemont, Everett and Loretto Fire Departments into one Adjala-Tosoronto Fire Department.

The problem is that Mulmur Township is currently served by three separate departments, in Rosemont, Honeywood and Shelburne, paying a portion of each department's operating and capital costs. Mulmur's portion of Rosemont's budget is 52 per cent. If Rosemont is amalgamated with two stations that don't serve Mulmur, those around the Council table were unsure if the same funding formula should exist.

Concern was also voiced about Rosemont's mutual aid agreements with Honeywood and Shelburne, which frequently provide calls that those two stations rely on for revenue. If Rosemont is allied with Everett and Loretto, there's a possibility that those stations would be called in before Honeywood and Shelburne to provide extra assistance to calls in the eastern part of Mulmur.

In the end, it was decided that Mulmur should defer making a decision until a meeting of all affected fire chiefs can be convened.



ECHO Briefs

Our Food & Toy Drive Has Begun

It's hard to believe, but the holiday season is almost upon us. As we do every year, the *Creemore Echo* will be collecting food and toys to help ensure that as many members of our community as possible are able to have a pleasant Christmas season.

Any non-perishables brought in will be donated to the Clearview Food Bank in Stayner, which currently serves about 190 local families per month.

Toys will be taken to the Salvation Army in Collingwood, which organizes Christmas hampers for families in this part of Simcoe County. Financial donations are also encouraged to help with the Salvation Army's hamper effort.

The deadline for donations is Friday, December 21. Please be generous at this time of year.

Initial Budget Meetings Set

Both Clearview and Mulmur Councils have set dates for their initial budget meetings; Mulmur's will take place on Tuesday, December 4 at 9:30 am and Clearview's will take place on Monday, December 10 at 12 noon. Both meetings are open to the public.

Call for Rec Guide Submissions

Together with the *Creemore Echo*, the Township of Clearview is once again inviting organizations and individuals to send in information on programs and events taking place within the Township between March 1 and August 31, 2013, for inclusion in the Spring/Summer 2013 edition of the Clearview Township Recreation Guide. Information must be submitted online at www.clearview.ca no later than January 11.



A NICE VISIT Members of the New Lowell Girl Guides (plus **Jack**, in the front row) visited the *Creemore Echo* last Friday to learn about the role of community newspapers and earn their "media" badges. They asked lots of good questions, and we were happy to give them a tour of our operation!



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EDITORIAL A Big Win, And Well-Deserved

Watching Twitter Wednesday morning, it was breathtaking to see how fast and far afield congratulatory posts spread across the Internet, once Highland Companies' withdrawal of its Melancthon quarry application was announced.

It was a fine example of the power of that platform as a way to get news out, but more than that it was a testament to how thoroughly the "anti Mega Quarry" message had been absorbed by folks across the GTA and the province at large.

From its very first meeting in 2009, held by local farmers at the Honeywood Community Centre who were wary of the people who had come knocking on their doors with big real estate offers, to the final Soupstock event that drew 40,000 to Toronto's Woodbine Park a month ago, the North Dufferin Agricultural Community Taskforce (NDACT) and the Stop the Mega Quarry movement that grew out of it provided a textbook example of how to stage a successful, grass-roots protest campaign.

As NDACT president Carl Cosack said in his comments to the *Echo* this week, the entire battle was waged in a professional, respectful and results-based manner. The right people were on the front lines, the right social media was used, the right messages were allowed to resonate in the right ways.

Kudos to all of those who took part. For all of you, Wednesday's win was well-deserved.

LETTER

Caution for the future

Dear Editor:

So the Mega Quarry is dead! But wait – can we ever really be sure that it is dead? Or have we only cut off one head of the Lernaean Hydra, which could rise with venomous intentions at some future time when our guard is down? There is no guarantee that the Highland Companies will not resubmit its proposal in the future or sell to another entity who would have similar designs. I suggest the following:

First, all the unspent funds that have been raised should be carefully accounted for – it's important to do this quickly as interest and attention will now fade – and they should be put into a "Trust" that would stand guard going forward to act should the threat resurface.

Second, and even as a capitalist I think this a good idea, the Provincial government should purchase and "Land Bank" the properties that Highland purchased in Melancthon, in order to protect strategic agricultural assets and the future wellbeing of Ontarians. Even capitalists have to eat.

Al Clarke, Mulmur

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LETTER

Dufferin Wind Power's \$5 million will be necessary to offset loss of property value

Dear Editor:

It is noted that Dufferin Wind Power Inc (DWPI) has pledged to give the Township of Melancthon \$5 million "over the lifetime of the project," whatever that means. Is it \$100,000 per year for 50 years or \$200,000 per year for 25 years or some other equation?

Well, before that happens, we will have an open and thorough review of their proposal by the Ministry of Environment. I hope that DWPI will be challenged to address financial and environmental issues related to decommissioning; to recognize and act upon the recent publication of a peer review article statistically documenting increased adverse health effects in individuals living closer than 1.4 kilometres to an industrial wind turbine; to appreciate the financial hardship created by the construction of wind farms as documented in the recent study that documents an

average decrease of 38 per cent in value of properties in Melancthon within one kilometre of an industrial wind turbine; to address why they are erecting two of the larger towers (448 feet tall) adjacent to forested areas in continuity and within 500 metres of the western border of the Niagara Escarpment; and finally to answer intelligently why they are proceeding with construction in 2013 before completion of the federal study in 2014 on the impact of industrial wind turbines on the health of individuals.

Anyway, if this proposal is somehow approved unaltered, I can believe that Melancthon will appreciate DWPI's donation as their residential tax base will be significantly eroded by people like myself, who will be firmly requesting that MPAC reduce the assessed value of their properties by a minimum of 30 per cent.

William Crysdale M.D., Lavender

Creemore Big Heart Seniors

This was our 12 noon potluck lunch, so after **Bob Veale** gave the blessing, we all enjoyed one of our most varied lunches yet. Just about everything was homemade, plentiful and delicious. **Warren** was pretty pleased as he not only ate his fill, but also came home carrying the remains of **Barb Pilon's** salmon loaf. I kind of fancied **Effie Taylor's** tasty mixed salad that had cabbage, carrot, pineapple, celery, green and red peppers, etc, etc, all finely chopped, mixed with her own homemade dressing. And there were enough homemade butter tarts to keep us all happy.

After lunch was cleared, we enjoyed a cute joke from **Evelyn Warden**, and then we heard about a Craft and Bake Sale at the Singhampton Community Centre on Saturday, November 24 from 2 to 4 pm. Also announced was Christmas with Dickens at St. Paul's Church in Singhampton on Sunday, December 2 at 3pm. This is a "Christmas Carol" reading, to be followed by Christmas Carols and a hot supper. All proceeds go to the Clearview Foodbank. For more information, phone 705-445-4199.

Wilma Zeggil then mentioned that **Jim** and **Georgina Rigney's** daughter, **Roxanne Young**, had a bad fall and injured her back to an extent that surgery was necessary. Then, I believe it was **Janice Stephens** arrived from Stayner and told us that a former member of Seniors, **Doreen McDermid**, had



SENIORS

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GALE

passed away.

There were 52 out for cards, and the 50/50 draws went to **Eileen Nash, Betty Sharpe, Marjory Thomson, Barb Cudmore, Earl Bentley, Wilma Zeggil** and **Marcie Cameron**.

Moon shots were played by **Alinda Bishop, Brian McGill, Eileen Nash, Jean Lune, Earl Bentley, Gerri Miller, Karl Seifert** and **John Van Voorst** (2). John won the travelling prize, and there was no "Sidewinder" winner today.

High scorers were **Bob Veale** 316, **Art Bishop** 298, **Alinda Bishop** 269 and **George Blakney** also 269. Low was **Jean Lune** with 105.

Our thanks to **Evelyn Warden** for the candy canes for our "Goodies" stash – just in time for the season.

My thanks to **Katherine Blohm** and her cohorts (sorry – don't know your names) for being "first responders" on Saturday evening when I couldn't breathe very well. Katherine is so very clear and concise when she is talking to you (and that is hugely important, because when you don't breathe well, you don't hear well – or it just doesn't sink in). At any rate, at the hospital they thought I had pneumonia, but apparently it is some sort of a bug that is being treated with antibiotics. Thankfully, I got back out of hospital while the three "**Kidd**" kids were home for their father's funeral, so we did get some time with our three grandboys and **Cleve's** wife **Heather**. **Curtis's** wife is also **Heather**, so she gets "Jake," which sure saves a lot of confusion! At any rate, Jake has flown home, and we lose the other four this week as they head for home also. Sure going to hate to see them go.

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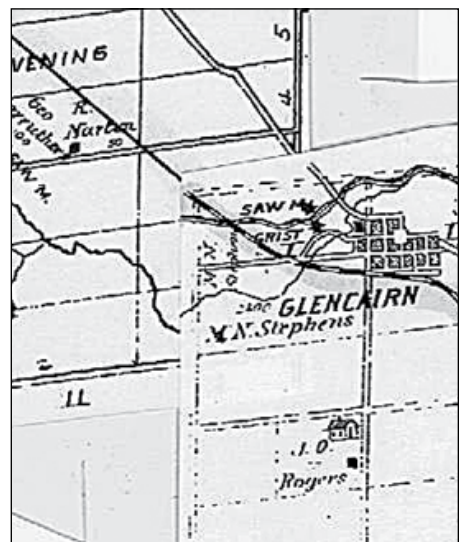
THE WAY WE WERE

Our resident rail buff **Peter Coates** has unearthed some more Hog Special treasures, this time a bunch of Glencairn area memorabilia that's in the collection of the Stephens family. Peter was very excited by the picture at right, a very early shot of the large bridge that crossed the Mad River just west of the settlement. You can just see the words "Grand Trunk" on the engine, which places the photograph before 1919, when that company went bankrupt and was placed under the management of the Canadian National Railway. The Stephens also provided Peter with the great *Creemore Star* picture below, of a derailment that took place just north of Glencairn in 1954, as well as the original handwritten letter from the Hamilton & North Western Railway to M.N. Stephens, Esq., thanking him for the donation of land for a Glencairn station and requesting he raise \$2,000 per mile in order to have the line built in 1878. The line was extended from Glencairn through Creemore to Collingwood in 1879.



The *Creemore Star* had this report on June 19, 1954: "THE [south-bound] BEETON FLYER DERAILED SATURDAY AT GLENCAIRN ... a quarter of a mile north of Glencairn Station. Fortunately the engine and tender were not derailed but a spare tender belonging to a work train parked at Creemore broke loose and nosedived into the ditch. Two crew members suffered injuries and four passengers received a severe shaking up." The location was actually at a short pile trestle over a tributary of the Mad River, just west of Glencairn station.

Picture courtesy Allan Herbert and Simcoe County Archives



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M.N. Stephens Esq.,
Glencairn,
Dear Sir

Referring to the subject of our conversation of today I beg to say that your proposal to build our line to Glencairn this season appears to us more practicable than to build merely to Alliston. The great objection to building to Alliston is the shortness of the line and consequent difficulty of working it to advantage. If it were built to Glencairn that objection would be removed to a great extent and if you can succeed in raising an amount equal to two thousand dollars per mile I think I may say that we are prepared to put the work through to Glencairn this season. It will be no easy task to do this and complete the Barrie line also, but we are anxious to prove to the people interested in the Collingwood line that we want to keep faith with them and we are ready to exert ourselves to the utmost to accomplish at least part of the line this year, in the hope that we can complete it in another year. In addition to the \$2000 per mile we shall of course expect to get the necessary station ground at Alliston and Glencairn as a gift which was offered by the Alliston delegation and yourself.

We should also expect you to make this additional bonus payable on the work as it proceeds, so as to help us in our financial arrangements. The payments on the work from the group bonuses are deferred to a considerable extent until towards the conclusion of the work and the government aid is not payable until it is completed so that a considerable proportion of the cost has to be provided from other sources to carry on the work and it is difficult to do this in these hard times.

I would urge upon you the necessity of prompt action in this matter for there is not a day to be lost if we are to build this amount of additional road this summer.

Yours truly
John Stuart

P.S.

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World-renowned guitarist returns to Gift of Music

by Laura Walton

In the spring of 2011 the Gift of Music committee met at St. Luke's and decided for the first time to host a solo performer as part of our 2011 series. We had been impressed by the recordings of **Tariq Harb**, a young classical guitarist who was doing his doctorate in Musical Arts at the University of Toronto, and were delighted when, a few months later, he was awarded first prize at the 2011 Montreal International Classical Guitar Competition. By the time Tariq arrived to perform for us in Creemore later that year, he was just a week away from flying off to Paraguay to compete in the world's most exciting classical guitar competition, the Barrios WorldWideWeb. He not only won first prize there, but also claimed the Audience Choice Award.

His success did not surprise any of us who had heard him perform in Creemore. When playing at St. Luke's, he made incredibly complex music look effortless, and the deep sighs of appreciation from the audience following each of his pieces, not to mention the standing ovation at the end of the concert, made it very clear how we felt about his performance. Beyond his exceptional musical ability and lovely stage presence, however, Tariq was also a charming young man who delighted everyone as he shared refreshments with us after his concert.

Join us at St. Luke's Anglican Church this Sunday, November 25, at 3 pm, to



Tariq Harb

hear this exciting young classical guitarist once again perform in Creemore. Tickets, at \$15, are available at Curiosity House Books, the *Creemore Echo*, or at the door. Following the concert you can meet Tariq in person as everyone relaxes with friends and neighbours over complimentary refreshments.

Tariq Harb has performed at guitar series and music festivals in North America, Europe, the Middle East, and South America, and has played in prestigious halls such as the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall in Montréal, the 2000 year-old Roman Amphitheatre in Jerash, Jordan, and at the world-famous Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

This versatile young artist also

performed two concerts as part of the Montreal International Jazz Festival this past June. His future engagements include performances in Tokyo, Japan next month during the 55th Tokyo International Classical Guitar Competition, as well as performances during the TED Global 2013 event held in Edinburgh, Scotland in June 2013.

Spending time at my computer on a warm and sun filled day in late November

is not my idea of a good time, but one of Tariq's recordings is playing softly in the background, and with his music filling the room I am totally content to type away. Tariq Harb is quickly becoming recognized as one of the up and coming classical guitarists of his generation and this is your chance to see him perform in a small and intimate setting – who knows how long we will be able to convince him to return to our little village!

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Tuesday, December 25

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When a tree is more than just a tree

At what point in a man's life do posthumous events first come to mind with any degree of serious consideration? I've had a couple of near-death experiences, but surprisingly those didn't seem to trigger them.

However, last year at the back of my property I set aside a small field as my "sugar bush" and planted 200 sugar maples. I calculated their first tapping season to be 2040 or so. The jury's still out on whether I will be looking up or down on this occasion, but for sure I will be long gone. So why bother, right?

Well, I have this sloping field in the back of my farm that I have always envisioned to be ideal for a sugar bush, as friendly gravity would simply drain the sweet nectar to a sugar shack that I would strategically erect on a piece of flat land at the bottom. It just seems like the best of places for a sugar bush. For several years I mulled over the layout in my mind, and a few years ago an arborist friend of mine, knowing of my intent, sent me a couple of books on sugar bush plantations and I began my research in earnest.

I was initially excited by rumours that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture was secretly working on a super sugar maple, probably at their top secret skunk works near Guelph, Ontario.

ESOTERICA



Al CLARKE

The average sugar maple's sap is 2.5 per cent sugar, but the occasional tree can run as high as 5 per cent. The advantage is significant: it takes 34 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup at 2.5 per cent sugar, and only 17 gallons of sap to produce the same amount

of syrup at 5 per cent. This represents big savings at every step throughout the whole process. The rumour was that Guelph had isolated, or genetically created, a variety of 5-per-cent-sugar-content "Frankenmaples" and would soon make saplings available to reforest Ontario sugar bushes.

So I began a fruitless two-year search for the "Super Sugar Maples." That trail ended when I found that, while the Super Sugar Maple had indeed existed, government cuts had killed the project – and as with the Avro Arrow, the government had ordered all the existing trees be destroyed. Why, you ask? I can only guess they did it to protect the world from an over supply of high quality Ontario maple syrup, which would surely have led to mass unrest and civil disorder. Regardless, I soon realized I would have to settle for your run-of-the-mill 2.5-per-cent *Acer saccharum*.

With the dream of 5-per-cent Frankenmaples behind me and having read the reference books carefully, I set



Al's new sugar bush, with a 100+ year old maple in the background providing a nice contrast.

out to create my sugar bush. It turned out to take a lot more work, time and money than I initially expected, which seems to be the norm for every "agri-venture" we city folk embark on.

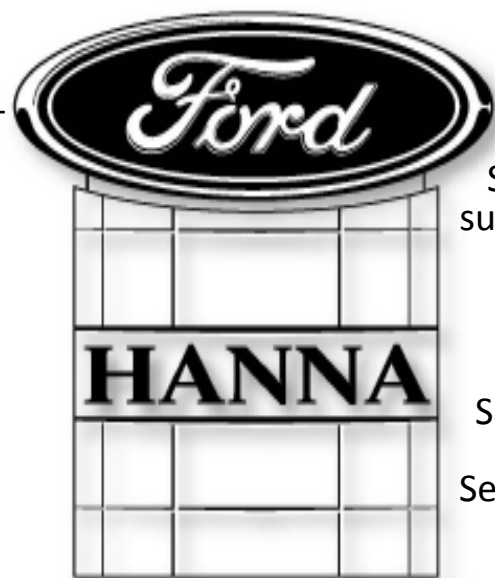
It took me some time to actually locate 200 sugar maple saplings and negotiate a somewhat reasonable price. I wanted local stock, which should acclimatize better. In the middle of all this I had a hip replacement and had to have the nursery hold the trees an extra year, which was a good thing as it probably improved their survival rate. The books recommended 25 to 30 foot spacing as this maximizes the canopy size, which in turn determines the sap volume.

So the next spring I staked out offset rows, each spot 27.5 feet apart; then I made a call to Stayner Rental for an excavator, which is far and away the best way to dig 200 holes (you have to love hydraulics). Next, I arranged for the trees to be picked up. At all costs avoid bare root saplings; regardless of what they tell you it negatively affects survival no matter how careful you are. Finally, I hired enough help to plant, fertilize, stake, wrap, and tie off 200 trees in a day – the quicker they get in the ground, the better the survival rate. That night, as the sun set for the first time over my sugar bush, a feeling

of pride and exhaustion filled me and sleep came easily and early.

That first summer I watered regularly, put out mouse traps to prevent girdling of the trees, cut the grass back to reduce completion for water and nutrients and suffered a 10 per cent loss – not bad as I had expected to lose at least 15 per cent. That fall I bought replacement trees to infill. (If I had it to do over again, I would plant all of the trees in the fall once they're dormant – the survival rate for fall planting of trees is higher than spring.) Over the next winter, spring and summer I continued their care and lost another 10 per cent; this fall, I replaced those as well. Over the next few years I expect the plantation to stabilize and the loss rate to decrease, but Mother Nature can be a cruel mistress so we will see.

A sugar maple reaches full size in 140 to 150 years and can live with very modest growth thereafter to the ripe old age of 400. They have to be 30 years old before you can first tap them, so come 2040 or so mine will be good to go. As for why I bothered? Simply put, there's an ethereal aspect to tree planting. I envision my daughter some day tapping our sugar maples and pausing to think of me; with that thought, those trees are more than just trees.



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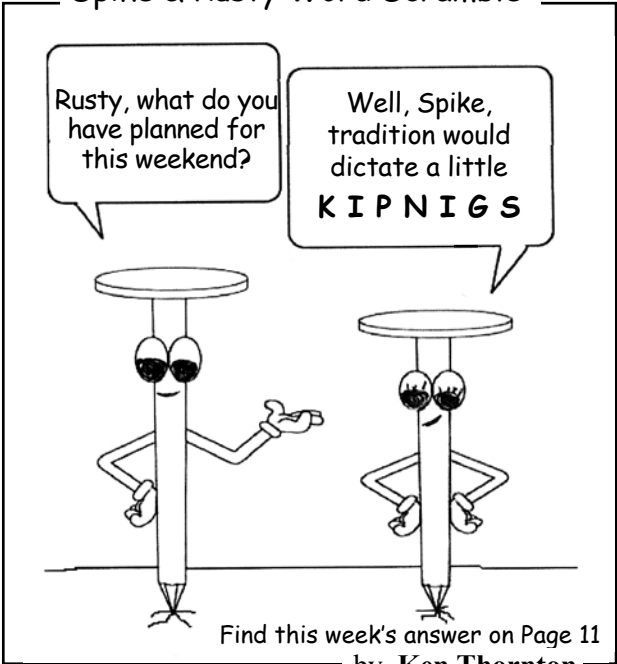
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Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Page 11

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, November 23

Light rain
High 9 Low 0 Winds W 25 km/h
POP 80%

Saturday, November 24

Scattered flurries
High 0 Low -3 Winds NW 25 km/h
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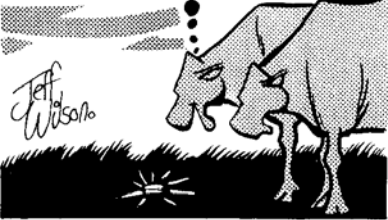
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Brian's Canadian Crossword

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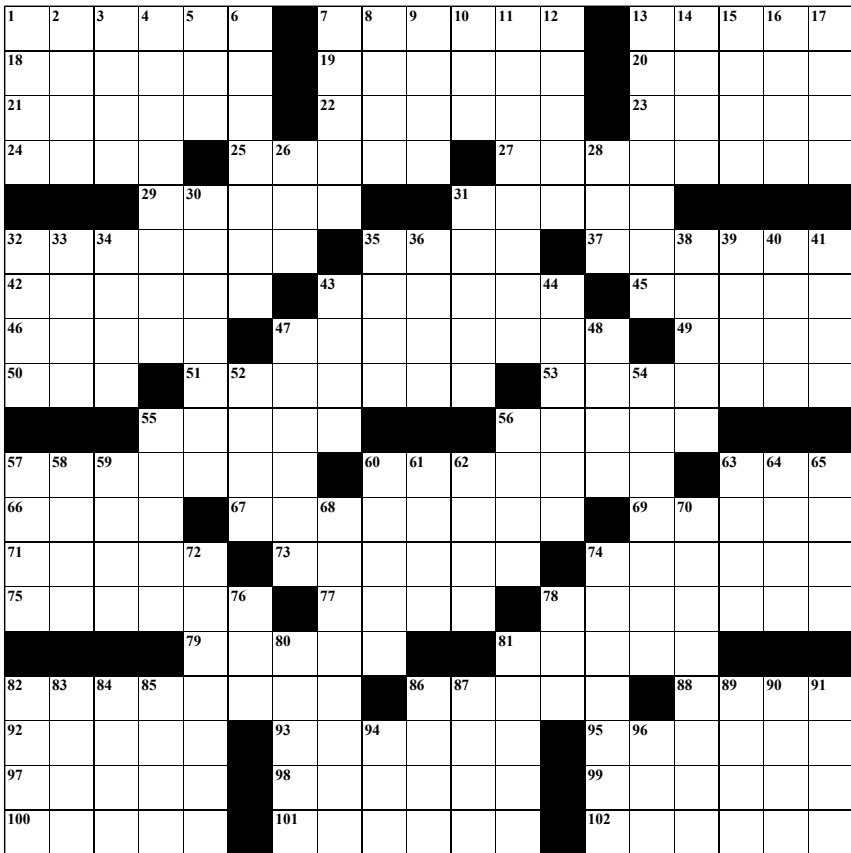
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- 1 St. ___ ON, the Railway Capital of Canada
7 Presented (to parliament)
13 Senior protocol position in parliament
18 Banquet
19 Large lizard
20 Carve
21 Queen Of Soul Franklin
22 Postal buddy (2)
23 Popular Puccini opera
24 Enclosed
25 Wedded happiness
27 Was suitable
29 Actress Page (Smart People)
31 Daily Planet reporter Jimmy ___
32 Pete 'n' Tillie writer
35 Dancer Kelly
37 Daisy's date
42 1986 James Cameron film
43 Make soiled
45 Treasure
46 Hockey stick part
47 Miniature monkey
49 Havana's island
50 Sherbrooke seasoning
51 Hailing from Port-au-Prince
53 Bought new weaponry
55 Singer Brightman

- 56 ___ de Quebec
57 Aigu and grave
60 Actress Parsons
63 Tums target
66 See 60D
67 Flin Flon furnace
69 In harmony (2)
71 Etching liquids
73 ___ And Cleopatra (Shakespeare)
74 Top notch (hyph.)
75 Kidnapper's demand
77 Cuts off
78 Informed (2)
79 Improv comedian Mochrie
81 Make baby food
82 Great Highlands instrument
86 Canadian fashion magazine
88 Oh Pretty ___ (Trooper)
92 The reason for Sitting Bull's stay in Canada
93 Having fun (2)
95 Actress Silverstone
97 Set aside
98 Small dress size
99 Rex Harrington's occupation
100 Lingerie item
101 Quality checker
102 Actress Mimieux

DOWN

- 1 Drainpipe part
2 ___ goes!
3 Make the first bet
4 Was important
5 Hibachi residue
6 Horse houses
7 Simple goal (hyph.)
8 Copper and Bronze, e.g.
9 Updos
10 Circuit
11 Unhelpful friends
12 Valleys
13 Actor Peter ___ (Spartacus)
14 Mail opening
15 School subj.
16 Behold, to Brutus
17 Teammate of Podborski
26 ___ Miz
28 Ottawa official, briefly
30 Celebrity interviewer Brian ___
31 French ___ soup
32 Smidgens
33 Canadian fashion magazine
34 Perfume bottle
35 Spice Girl Halliwell
36 Actress Watson (Harry Potter)
38 Mother of pearl
39 Evangeline Lilly, to UBC
40 Garage job
41 Like a frozen car battery
43 Big financial loss
44 In a creepy way
47 Swamp gas
48 Be a tattletale
52 Cultural pursuits
54 ___ Of Their Own
55 Thrills
56 Especially
57 Not entirely shut
58 Actress Imogene ___
59 Dimple location
60 Candle In The Wind singer (with 66A)
61 Prevent
62 Perfect scores, in some competitions
63 Egg on
64 The King



- 65 Noticed
68 Newcomer to the Canadian Forces
70 Northern vegetation border
72 Just ___ (Trudeau trademark)
74 Alright ___!
76 Big hair of the 1960s
78 Junkyard dog
80 Bounded
81 Cheque writer
82 Pre-hippie generation

- 83 Wheel shaft
84 Coat with gold
85 Walk wearily
86 Move like a moth
87 Overdue
89 Tax-free savings, e.g.
90 Concern of Jenny Craig
91 Easy to steer, as a ship
94 NHL stat
96 Washroom, in Wolverhampton

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Big infrastructure decision could be made Monday night

Next Monday evening, my colleagues and I will make what will be by far the most important decision of this term of Council. Our choice could lead to the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars and fundamentally alter the character of our community for a generation to come. The choice we face is not an easy one. It is vital that as many people in our community as possible make their views heard and contribute to this decision before or during Monday's meeting, despite the very short notice given to the public.

The sewage works that serve the town of Stayner are nearing capacity. Without a way to treat sewage, Stayner cannot grow. Several years ago, Clearview Township decided that the most economical and environmentally responsible way to increase sewage capacity for Stayner would be to hook up to the treatment plant in Wasaga Beach, an option that would eventually cost our Township a grand total of close to \$30 million. Clearview staff, Council and the Mayor explained very clearly that it was developers, through the payment of development charges, or DCs, who would ultimately pay for this infrastructure, as they do everywhere in Ontario. Since that time, the Township has aggressively pursued funding from other levels of government and has repeatedly

WARD 3 MATTERS



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assured residents that we won't go ahead without government grants or contributions from developers.

Wasaga Beach is getting ready to start building a pumping station that is a key component in our plans to hook into their system.

We have a deadline of December 1 to put up our share of the money for this station, or we forever lose our ability to send Stayner's sewage to the Beach. Over the past months, there have been intense negotiations with developers who plan to build houses in Stayner. The Township has asked them contribute their fair share to the costs of this sewage infrastructure. The developers have been offered what I think is a very good deal, but they have all turned it down. These negotiations had to be conducted behind closed doors, but Council has been involved every step of the way. Our attempts to secure grants from the federal and provincial governments are yet to bear fruit. We are hopeful that these grants will still be forthcoming, but we have no

guarantees.

We, as a community, are now faced with a choice. We have no up-front contributions from developers. We have no guarantee of federal or provincial funding. We must pay Wasaga Beach \$616,000 by December 1 and another \$2,284,000 by July 2014 or our deal with them is dead. Do we borrow the money and pay those costs ourselves? Or do we walk away from the deal?

Clearview Council and staff are clearly leaning toward the first option. If we go it alone, we would expect to recover all the eventual costs of the infrastructure from developers through the payment of development charges. But if development does not occur, if the developers continue to sit on their hands, it could eventually be the taxpayers who foot the bill. And once we pay this initial \$2.9 million, I think it is almost certain that we will carry out the entire \$30 million project. We now have an almost \$600,000 deficit in our Stayner sewer DC account. We need the equivalent of 122 new houses built in Stayner just to get out of the hole we are already in. How much growth can we

realistically expect in Stayner in the near future, especially when none of our developers are willing to front a dollar of their own money to build the necessary infrastructure? If we walk away from the deal, we have enough capacity left in the system to build about 500 new houses. After that, it is very difficult to see how any growth could occur for a very long time. We would also lose our ability to service our industrial and commercial lands, which could severely limit our ability to attract new businesses and create jobs.

As I said at the outset, this is not an easy decision. Forging ahead means the opportunity for substantial growth and new jobs, but it carries what I think are very worrying risks. Walking away means Stayner stays much as it is for a long time to come. I honestly don't know what is best for our community, and I am asking residents of Ward 3 and all of Clearview to lend me their thoughts, opinions and expertise. Council needs to hear from you. This decision is too important for us to make on our own.

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Please help the Clearview Public Library Board and Staff celebrate **Laura Wark's** appointment to the Manager of Public Services for the Essa Public Library, by joining us for tea and cake on Tuesday, December 4, from 1 to 4 pm at the Stayner Branch.

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD for sale. Maple, beech, elm, split wood & limb wood approx. 16" long. Half ton truck load delivered for \$150. Limited quantity, cash sales. Call 705-466-2477 or busib4u@gmail.com.

HAY for sale. Small squares or 4x5 rounds. Mixed or grassy hay, we deliver. Call Norm at 705-466-2607.

Locally raised **TURKEYS** for sale. Fed homegrown grains and vacuum-packed for freshness. Call now for Christmas parties and Christmas supper. \$3.00/lb. Call Luke Whitley (a division of the Whitley Boys) at 705-466-3541.

RENTALS

ROOMS for rent. Furnished. \$130 per week includes shared living room, heat, hydro, wireless internet, satellite TV, parking. Linens supplied. No smoking. Call 705-444-4852.

4 bedroom country **HOME** in Dunedin valley \$1,200 a month plus utilities. Call 705-466-2596.

SKI SEASON RENTALS

WINTER SKI RENTAL. December to April. In the heart of Dunedin, 15 minutes from Devil's Glen, a spectacular, light, airy, spacious home: 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, high ceilings, 2 fireplaces, artist studio, pine floors filled with skylights on the banks of the Noisy River 7 k west of Creemore. Fabulous space for intimate family gatherings, or entertaining many. Parking for 8. Formerly Dunedin's general store/post office, Circa 1860. Please email Lynn Connell: lynnconnell@sympatico.ca, or call 416-951-6528 for appointment this weekend.

DAYCARE

DAYCARE available in my home Monday to Friday. All ages welcome. For more information call Cathy at 705-466-2307.

LOST / FOUND

Children's pink and beige wool **MITTENS** lost at the fountain last Friday. If found, please drop off at *Creemore Echo*.

Spike & Rusty: **PIGSKIN**

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HELP WANTED

Centennial United Church, Stayner requires an **ORGANIST / CHOIR DIRECTOR** for January 1, 2013. Reply to dougsharon@rogers.com.

Clearview Public Library requires a part-time **LIBRARY CLERK #2** to work at all three branches. Applicants must have previous library experience and excellent interpersonal and computer skills. The position includes day, afternoon, evening and Saturday shifts. Resumes and covering letters are to be submitted no later than 5:00p.m., Friday, December 1, 2012 to jlachapelle@clearview.ca.

REAL ESTATE

Rental properties needed now, we take care of everything! Visit www.clearviewlistings.com **Joseph Talbot**, ABR®, ASA, SRES®, AGA, **Sales Representative, RE/MAX Clearview Inc., Brokerage.** Office: 705-428-4500 Direct Line/Text: 705-733-5821 jtalbot@remax.net "Ordinary Joe, Extraordinary Service" Proud supporter of Children's Miracle Network (Sick Kids)

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IN MEMORIAM

McLEOD – In loving memory of Donald A. McLeod
April 25, 1925 – November 23, 2008

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, Unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Betty, Dawnna, Lynda, Heather, Robert and their families

CHRISTMAS PLANNING

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is hosting a silent auction at the Breakfast with Santa. If you would like to donate any items to help support our school, please drop off your donation at either school site. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is graciously accepting gently used 'garage sale' items for the Breakfast with Santa Kid's Shopping Room held on Saturday, December 1st, 2012. If you would like to donate any items, please drop off your donation at either school site. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Santa Claus Parade is on Saturday, December 1. If you would like to put a float in, please phone John at 705-466-3130.

RADIO AUCTION

Collingwood G&M Hospital Live Radio Auction on 95.1 The Peak FM on Tuesday, November 27 from 6 to 9 pm. Listen live as many great items are auctioned in support of the New Age of Care Campaign for the G&M Hospital Foundation. View items online at www.cgmhf.com. Peak FM Auction Hotline is 705-446-9510. Pre-register for a bid number at www.thepeakfm.com beginning November 12 to 27.

LOTTERY TICKETS

Win Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World! Claire and Shelby, our new Avalon Clearview B&B greeters, are selling tickets for the Golden Rescue Wishbone Lottery. Please help them help other canines in need. Grand prize: \$25,000 travel voucher plus \$2,000 spending money. Second prize: Dinner for Two in Quebec City plus \$1,500 spending money. Only 4,000 tickets to be sold. Tickets \$40 each or 3 for \$100. Call Elaine or Steve at 705-444-8541. Cash or credit cards welcome - we'll even deliver within the Creemore area!

33rd Annual 95.1 The Peak FM - Hospital Christmas Draw. Win a Sony TV & recliner! Draw on December 21. Tickets \$2 on sale at *Creemore Echo*.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for cards, gifts and coming to our 50th Wedding Anniversary Party. A special thank you to our family for this wonderful day. Also thanks for the get well wishes since my recent surgery. Everything is greatly appreciated.

Lloyd and Jean Rowbotham

Thanks to the **New Lowell Girl Guides** for the chocolate mint cookies! We loved them. *Creemore Echo*

DEATH NOTICE

COATES, Chuck Sr. Passed away suddenly Sunday, November 11, 2012 at home of natural causes. Loving husband to Wilma. Proud father of Brandy (Sean), Chuck Jr. (Melissa), Jeff. Grandpa of Sean Jr., Ryan. Will also be remembered by mother Linda Lansing, brothers James (Lisa), John (Debbie), Rob, sisters Kim (Rob), Lynette, Evette, many extended family and friends. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Chuck's Life will take place Sunday, November 25, 2012 at 1 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 516 New Lowell 5357 County Road 9. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Chuck Coates Sr. to the Jumpstart Program jumpstart.canadiantire.ca and then click to donate and search "In Loving Memory Chuck Coates Sr." Donations may also be made at the Celebration of Life. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Peaceful Transition Inc.



Norma E ROYAL

*Those we love remain with us
for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade
because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
more than a thought apart,
for as long as there is memory,
they'll live on in the heart.*

SIMPSON AUCTIONS

Antiques, Art & Decorative Accessories Auction

Saturday, December 1, 2012 @10am

Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 27 Wellington St. W., Creemore ON
to feature

An outstanding estate selection of antique oak, walnut & mahogany furnishings – ornate carved oak 10-pc dining-room suite, a large Empire mahogany dining suite w/5ft. circular extension table, Victorian quarter-oak triple bowfront china cabinet, whatnot cabinets, bookcases, Victorian marbletop walnut dresser & hall stand, mahogany mirrored knockdown wardrobe, parlour & occasional tables, tea wagons, mirrors, ornate J&H walnut sideboard & dresser, Victorian fireplace screens, chests, armchairs & settees, quality modern furnishings, a large selection of early & collectible estate china, art pottery, pressed glass, cut crystal, Scandinavian glass, Wedgewood, Moorcroft, Limoges, Nippon, Oriental, sterling & silver plate flatware & tablewares, tea services, collections of paperweights, old pocket watches, oriental carvings, bronzes, antique lighting, table lamps, quilts, HB blankets, brass & copperwares, clocks, oil lamps, banquet lamps, a large selection of estate paintings & prints, art & antique reference books, ephemera, vintage magazines, antique dolls & teddy bears, country primitives, crocks, tins, a wide variety of collectibles, estate lots, estate & consignment oriental rugs, etc.

John B. Simpson M. Sc, P. Eng, ICCA

Auctioneer & Appraiser

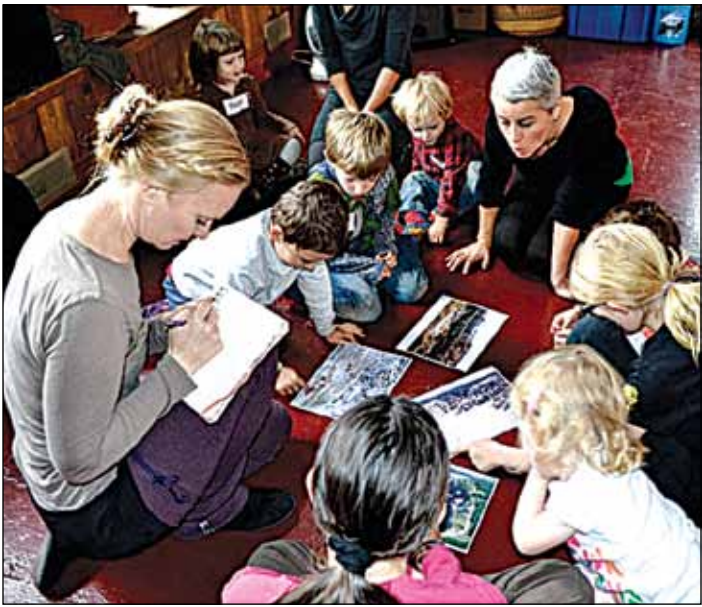
Details & Photos @: www.simpsonauctions.com

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Terms: Cash, Visa, MasterCard, Amex, Debit, 10% B.P.

Preview: Saturday @8:30am

Absentee bids welcome. Please contact our office to make bidding arrangements.



DIGGING DEEPER The photos at left are of **Ayrlie MacEachern's** recent dance workshop, part of a series of events gathering community input for a community play about the Melancthon Mega Quarry. This Saturday, November 24 will see a Visual Arts Workshop, presented by **Sandi Wong** and **Nikki Cosack**, at the Honeywood United Church from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Despite the recent announcement that the Mega Quarry application is dead, the workshop will go on. "There is still a story to tell – of a community that's come together under such a threat," said Wong this week.

Please Contact Us...



If you live near the former rail corridor in Dufferin County, or enjoy using it for recreational purposes, Dufferin Wind Power Inc. would like to hear from you!



Dufferin Wind Power is pursuing the use of the former rail corridor for its 230kV power line. Dufferin Wind Power sees it as the preferred route with the least impact to the community and the environment. Whether you have a home near the former rail corridor, or are someone who likes to use it for hiking, snowmobiling, horseback riding or any other recreational activity, please contact us – your opinion is important .



Your input is Important!

Dufferin Wind Power remains committed to working hand-in-hand with the community and appreciates all of your comments and suggestions.

We would like to hear from you!
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