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News and views in and around Creemore

MULMUR STRUGGLES TO BRING TAX INCREASE DOWN

by Brad Holden
Mulmur Council held a public meeting as part of its budget process Wednesday morning, updating residents on a situation that could require an increase in the municipal levy of anywhere between 4.5 and 11 per cent.
Township treasurer **Harry Bunker**, who resigned his employment with Mulmur last week and was not at Wednesday's meeting, had been working toward a 2.2 per cent increase, in line with inflation. Coming into the public meeting, with staff having made about \$40,000 worth of cuts, there was a still a \$204,036 shortfall in meeting that goal.
The suggestion put forward Wednesday, in writing by Bunker and presented by Clerk/CAO **Terry Horner**, was for the municipality to sell a parcel of land at the intersection of 5th Sideroad and 2nd Line. According to the report, the property would yield between \$125,000



and \$150,000 after real estate expenses and, once built on, provide a perpetual revenue stream of \$3,500 to \$4,000 in residential taxation.
The sale of the property, if it goes for \$150,000, would bring the shortfall down to \$54,000, which would then require a 4.5 per cent increase in municipal taxes. Without the sale, the increase would be somewhere around 11 per cent.
There were some suggestions from the audience on possible alternative cuts to the budget. **Michael Monahan** suggested that a decrease in the amount of road grading would result in cost savings while at the same time decreasing petroleum fuel consumption and air pollution. That suggestion, however, was disputed by Public Works Director **John Willmetts**, who said the Township was obligated to provide a consistent and
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OUT ON THE ICE The Station on the Green outdoor ice rink is up and running again this winter, thanks to the dedication and hard work of Councillor **Thom Paterson**, and **Miles Dempsey**, **Jonny Greer** and **Jullian Gignac** have been putting in the hours playing some old-fashioned outdoor shinny. Jullian's mom **Robyn** sent us this picture, and wanted to be sure that Thom knew his work is appreciated. The ice rink will be the scene of a family skate from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, February 17, part of the BIA's annual Big Heart Festival. For more on that event, see the centre spread on pages 6 and 7.



A DOMINATING PERFORMANCE Creemore native **Regan Millsap** (left), here seen with Canadian Special Olympics Team honorary coach **Catriona Le May Doan**, put in a performance worthy of the Olympic speed skating hero at last week's Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea. The Manitoulin Island resident won silver medals in the 100-metre and 200-metre snowshoeing event and was a member of the gold-medal-winning 4x400-metre snowshoe relay.

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This Weekend

Thursday, February 7

- **Today is your deadline to order your Valentine's Take-out Dinner order.** See details on February 14.
- **Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction** at Stayner Collegiate Cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. A fundraiser for **CyberGnomes Team 2013 Robotics Team**. Silent Auction includes 2 sets of 4 tickets to the February 16 Barrie Colts game and 2 xbox Kinects and more. Adults \$10, students 5 to 12 \$5, under 5 with an adult free. Tickets available at *Creemore Echo*

Thursday, February 7

- **Public Meeting concerning Arbour Farms Application** at Mulmur Township Building from 4 to 7 pm.

Saturday, February 9

- **Come & Go Tea to celebrate Warren Gale's 90th Birthday** at Creemore Legion from 2 to 4 pm. No gifts please, but you can bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

Saturday, February 9

- **Stayner Lions Club Ham & Bean Supper** at Centennial United Church, 234 William St. Stayner. Serving from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free. Takeout available. Proceeds to Camp Huronda, a camping experience for diabetic children.

Sunday, February 10

- **Church Services** on page 5.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 11

- **Clearview Township's Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. **Budget Public Meeting** starts at 7:15 pm. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, February 12

- **Sara Hershoff & Brad Holden** are on **97.7 The Beach** this morning between 9 and 10 am to talk "**All Things Creemore**". Don't miss it!
- **Pancake Supper** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West, from 5 to 7 pm. Come and enjoy some pancakes, sausages, dessert and beverage. Adults \$8, children (under 12) \$4, pre-schoolers free.
- **Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras**. Whatever the name, it is all about pancakes, sausages, syrup, and homemade pie. From 5 to 7 pm at the Olde School House in Duntroon. Come and enjoy a traditional pancake supper. Family of 4: \$20, adult \$6, student \$4, pre-school free. Proceeds to "The Door" Youth Centre in Stayner. Phone 705-445-4199 or 519-922-2033. Presented by St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton, Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon and Christ Church, Batteaux.

Wednesday, February 13

- **Stayner Heritage Society in celebration of Black History Month** is proud to announce that **Janie Cooper-Wilson** will talk about her new book, **Echoes in the Hills: My Eighteen Month Search for John Brown's Legacy** at Centennial United Church (corner of William & Oak) at 3 pm. (Storm date is February 20). Everyone is welcome.
- **Weight Watchers**. First night of a new 20 week group session at Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Stayner, at 5:30 pm. Call 1-866-567-2496 for more information.
- **Avening Hall Annual Meeting** at 7 pm. Let's talk about the future of our hall.

Thursday, February 14

- **Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary Annual Valentine's Take-out**. Lasagna, Caesar salad, cheese cake, rolls and butter. Cost of \$12. Please call before February 7 to get your name on the list. 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432. Remember this is take-out only.

Saturday, February 16

- **Big Heart Story Hour** at Curiosity House at 1 pm
- **Nottawasaga Junior Farmers 4th Annual Snow Volleyball Tournament** at Duntroon Hall. \$100 per team (6-10 players, minimum of two males and two females on the court at all times), food and beverages for sale during the day. Dance following the tournament as well.)Contact Melissa Ferguson for more information or to enter 705-331-7554 or sasaferg@hotmail.com..
- **Creemore Legion Ladies Auxilliary** presents **Country Western Night** at 8 pm. Chili will be served at 11 pm. \$10 per person. Come out & kick up your heels.
- **Valentine's Dance** at New Lowell Legion from 7:30 pm to 12:30 am.
- **Taters Not Craters Dance**. NDACT (North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce) celebrates the Mega Quarry Victory at North Dufferin Community Centre, Honeywood. Doors open at 6 pm, food showcase at 6:30 pm, NDACT meeting/message from the chair at 7 pm, square dancing with Gary Heaslip & Band at 7:45 pm and main stage show from 8:30 pm to midnight featuring Hobo Wally, Danny Beaton, Jeremy Taggart, Tom Barlow, Grand Canyon, Ed Roman and Harlan Pepper. Tickets are \$20, order your tickets in advance at www.ndact.com.

Saturday, February 16 to Monday, February 18

- **Creemore's Big Heart Festival**. Build a snowman and win - judging on Sunday. Family Skate with free hot chocolate (provided by Creemore Springs) at Station on the Green Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. Hosted by Creemore BIA.

Sunday, February 17

- **Wasaga Snowmobile Club's 1st Annual "Snow Run for Fun"**. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Ride departs at 9:30 am (direction depends on weather). Return to a hot turkey meal. Minimum of \$50 per rider and \$20 per passenger. (pledge form available at J&R Cycle) Arrive with a full tank of fuel. Staging/starting at Wasaga Sports Park, 1888 Klondike Park Road. This years proceeds are shared with Breast Cancer. For more information call 705-429-3822.

Monday, February 18

- **Family Day Fun Skate** at Singhampton Park, Cty Rd 124, from 11 am to 3:30 pm.
- **Family Day** at Tiffen Centre from 10 am to 3 pm. \$5 (children 5 and under free). Skating (bring your own skates & helmet), snowshoes, kick-sleds, geocaching. Adopt a maple syrup bucket. Hotdogs & hot chocolate \$2. 705-424-1479 www.nvca.on.ca.

Wednesday, February 20

- Spring is nearly here and the **Creemore Horticultural Society** invites you to their next meeting for a talk on "Spring Things" with guest speaker **David Hawke**. The meeting takes place at St Luke's Anglican Church at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Thursday, February 21

- **Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic** at Stayner Evangelical Church from 3 to 7 pm.
- **Thursday, February 21 to Sunday, March 10**
- **Theatre Orangeville** presents "**Sketching Sunshine – An Evening and Morning with Stephen Leacock**." Joe Matheson stars as the iconic Canadian Humourist Stephen Leacock in honour of the 100th Anniversary of Leacock's most famous work – *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*. Show days – Weds to Sun. Ticket price: \$33 to \$40 (tax included). Call 519-942-3423 or 1-800-424-1295 to book.

Sunday, March 10

- **Annual General Meeting of the North Dufferin Baseball League** will take place on at the Lisle Royal Canadian Legion. A lunch and awards presentation will get underway at noon and is open to players and fans. AGM starts at 1 pm. Any teams interested in joining the league for the 2013 season should contact secretary Scott Anderson at 705-424-0769 or secretary@ndbl.ca. www.ndbl.ca. A senior and junior division.

Wednesday, March 20

- **Team Unbreakable**. A 12 week running program for teens aged 13 to 19 in support of healthy mind, body & spirit starts today at YMCA Collingwood. For more information call Nick Brindisi 705-446-7194 or nick@inzaneplanet.com.

NDACT to celebrate mega quarry victory

The North Dufferin Agricultural Task Force (NDACT), which led the grassroots campaign that resulted in the Highland Companies withdrawing its application to develop a mega quarry in Melancthon Township late last year, will "recap the fight and unveil its vision going forward" at the Taters Not Craters Dance, being held at the North Dufferin Recreation Centre in Honeywood on Saturday, February 16.

A statement released this week said that vision will involve "the protection of Ontario's prime farmland and vital water resources." But first, the party. Doors will open at 6 pm, and a Local Food Showcase will begin at 6:30 pm, featuring fare from **Philip Patrick** of the Ridge at Manitou Golf Club, **Ceasar Guinto** and **Samual Holwell** of Creemore Kitchen, **Shawn Adler** of the Flying Chestnut Kitchen and **Gareth and Julie Carter** of Men With Knives.

The AGM will follow, and then the party will start with **Gary Heaslip** leading a square dance. From 8:30 until midnight, the main stage will then feature **Hobo Wally**, **Danny Beaton**, **Jeremy Taggart** of Our Lady Peace, **Tom Barlow**, **Grand Canyon**, **Ed Roman** and **Harlan Pepper**.

Speaking over the course of the night will be



Harlan Pepper

Brian O'Brien Photo

Rene Van Acker from the University of Guelph, **Dale Goldhawk**, **Brad Giffen** from CTV, **Mark Calzavara** from the Council of Canadians and **Dr. Faisal Moola** from the David Suzuki Foundation. Tickets, at \$20, are available at www.ndact.com.

Wondering what else is going on this year?
Check out the calendar on thecreemoreecho.com for more great Creemore events.

Mulmur takes recommendations from public on budget

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continuing level of service across the municipality.

There was much discussion about the financial state of the North Dufferin Recreation Centre, which has operated at a loss in five of the last six years. Mayor **Paul Mills** recently approached Melancthon Council to see if they would contribute more than the \$7,500 they have given to the NDRC budget over the past four years, given that roughly two-thirds of the kids playing hockey and figure skating at the arena hail from that municipality (Mulmur has contributed \$18,500 in each of those years). The response from Melancthon, Mills reported, was that they would not increase their contribution. Wednesday's conversation ended with the Mayor proposing a Town-Hall-style meeting of all of the stakeholders who use the facility, in hopes of finding away out of its current financial woes.

That left Council to discuss the possibility of selling the property at 5th Sideroad and 2nd Line, a decision that did not sit well with some of them. Councillor **Earl Hawkins** was the most vocal, equating the selling of land to "robbing Paul to pay Peter." He cautioned Council against the move, pointing out that they'll be faced with the same shortfall next year with no property to sell – and once the land is gone, it will never come back.

Hawkins then offered that Council should be figuring out what the maximum increase acceptable to residents is, and working toward that. In response, CORE president **Cheryl Russell** told him that Council received "a lot of blowback" after last year's 4.9 per cent increase. If the increase comes in that high again this year, Russell advised Hawkins to avoid answering his phone.

Mulmur Township will hold a second public meeting on its budget on the evening of Wednesday, February 20.

Arbour Farms Traffic Study

Council received a presentation Wednesday morning from **Dan Cherepacha**, president of Read, Voorhees & Associates, the firm retained by Mulmur Township to conduct a peer review of the traffic study submitted with the aggregate license application for the Arbour Farms gravel pit on Airport Road.

That application is currently before the Ministry of Natural Resources, having been recently submitted for a second time after Arbour Farms' original application, submitted in 2002, lapsed in 2011. The company's original applications for rezoning and official plan amendments are still on file at the Township, and an outside planner has been hired by the municipality to judge whether those applications are complete and to advocate for the Township as the process moves forward.

Arbour Farms' traffic study is divided into three parts: a traffic impact study, a geometric analysis study and a traffic impact safety study.

On the traffic impact study, Cherepacha agreed that the existing roadway intersections between the Simcoe/Dufferin border and Highway 89 would be able to accommodate traffic on the road through to 2016, including any increase associated with the proposed pit. Importantly, this and the other two studies anticipated the pit being open from Monday morning until noon on Friday, with no weekend operations.

The second study, focusing on geometric analysis, concluded that these limited hours of operation meant that no truck climbing lanes were needed on Airport Road. Cherepacha agreed with that finding, but disputed the study's claim that the pit's proposed access site provided adequate sightlines for trucks pulling on and off the road. Dufferin County policy dictates that site access should allow visibility of 230 metres from a height of 0.6 metres, roughly the height of a driver's eyes. Looking to the north from the access point, the maximum distance that can be seen from the required height is only 206 metres. Arbour Farms maintains, since it will be mostly trucks using the access, and that truck drivers sit much higher up in their vehicles, that 206 metres should be acceptable. Cherepacha, however, disputed that.

The third study, focusing on traffic safety, stated that the average collision rate on roads representative of Airport Road is 1.03 collisions per million-vehicle-kilometres. The overall collision rate for Airport Road from 2005 to 2009 was lower than average, at 0.79 collisions per million-vehicle-kilometres. Based on the conclusion that the collision rate is a function of the existing road features and the composition of traffic, the study stated that the addition of truck traffic from the pit might increase the number of collisions by as much as 0.4 collisions per year as a result of increased volume on the road, but that the road's collision rate would remain essentially the same. Cherepacha did not dispute that finding.

A public meeting mandated as part of the aggregate license application was to be held on Thursday evening, after the *Echo's* deadline for this week. The deadline for commenting on the aggregate application is Monday, February 25. Site plans and reports are available for viewing at the Mulmur Township office or at the district office of the MNR in Guelph. A public meeting for the rezoning and Official Plan amendment applications will likely occur sometime in the next two to three months.

In total, Arbour Farms plans to remove 500,000

tonnes of gravel per year from the Airport Road site, operating primarily in the spring, summer and fall.

Dufferin County Garbage Dispute

Mayor **Paul Mills** received the permission of his Council Wednesday to have the municipality seek legal advice on the uploading of waste management to Dufferin County, set to begin on June 1 and resulting in significantly higher cost to Mulmur taxpayers than when garbage collection was handled by the lower tier municipality.

Mulmur will be joined by the Townships of Mono and Amaranth when it approaches its lawyers, as all three municipalities feel they are being affected negatively by the County's move to take over waste management due to the fact that the costs of the service will be divided among Dufferin's residents on the basis of property value assessments. This will translate to Mulmur residents paying 47 per cent more for garbage pickup than they did previously, even though service levels will decline – the Mulmur landfill site, for instance, will be closed.

Amaranth and Mono will pay 39 and 25 per cent more for their services, respectively, while Grand Valley, Shelburne and Orangeville will pay 41, 33 and 24 per cent less.

The grounds for Mulmur's complaint rests in two areas – one, that voting at the County is based on population levels, giving Mulmur little control over matters. If garbage control is paid for by assessment, said Mills, shouldn't voting be divided on these lines as well? Secondly, when the County's municipalities agreed to the uploading of waste management services, it was promised that the move would result in the same services being provided and costing less for all County residents. The completion of the County's proposed gasification plant was also tied into the agreement.


"There are definitely some questions we need answers to here," said Mills.

Fire Marshall's Report

Mulmur received a long-awaited Fire Marshall's Office report on the fire protection and prevention services provided by its three Fire Departments.

The report provided 30 recommendations for the improvement of said services, and asked that Mulmur (along with Melancthon and Shelburne, who share the administration of the three departments) come back with a timeline for following them within the next couple of months.

Watch next week's *Echo* for a full report on the findings of the Fire Marshall's report.



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LETTER

A creative solution to Mulmur Township's garbage woes

Dear Editor:

Mulmur Township, along with Mono and Amaranth, is caught up in a smelly, abusive situation within Dufferin County. Orangeville and Shelburne, with the antiquated voting system, have devised a plan for centrally controlled garbage collection which decreases dramatically their costs while more dramatically increases the costs to Mulmur, Mono and Amaranth.

Orangeville and Shelburne mayors think it's a great deal! They seem to have lost sight of the impact that the surrounding Townships have on their economies. They would be wise to assess the economic impact that a boycott of their businesses and cultural organizations would have if residents began to look towards Collingwood, Alliston, Dundalk and Creemore. Would Theatre Orangeville, Shelburne's Grace Tipling Hall, the Jazz Festival, 'One 99', Bluebird Cafe, Fines Home Hardware, etc. feel happy having their mayors alienate their customers? What would happen if new shopping patterns developed as a result of near-sighted mayors?

As you drive into Alliston, you now see signs welcoming soldiers from Camp Borden. At one time, Alliston abused soldiers and their families. Alliston found that Barrie welcomed their dollars.

In the 1960s, the mayor of Pembroke made soldiers from Camp Borden feel unwelcome until the camp commander, Colonel Tom Fosberry, adjusted the pay procedures for 3,000 soldiers. The stores in Pembroke couldn't handle the pay "in coin." The mayor wrote a nasty letter to the Minister of National Defence, who, in turn, wrote a glowing letter of praise to Colonel Fosberry! Pembroke's mayor realized he had pushed too far.

Is it time to give Mayor Adams and Mayor Crewson a "taste of economic reality?"

People of Mulmur, Mono and Amaranth! Isn't it time we stood up to the bullying tactics of Dufferin County? Is it time for a Dufferin Spring?

Dick Byford, Mulmur

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THE WAY WE WERE



When the Duntroon boys came down to Stayner to play hockey

Dear Folks:

Back in the 1950s, Duntroon did not have a hockey arena. Come to think of it, we still don't. In those days, if you wanted to become a hockey star, you grabbed your stick, skates, puck and snow shovel, slipped on a pair of rubber boots and trudged to a local pond where we cleaned off the ice and set up two pairs of rubber boots as goal posts. We then played hockey and pursued our dreams.

Around this time, Mr. Al Blanchard, who worked for the Hydro and coached minor hockey in Stayner, somehow recruited a few of us to play. My dear old mom used to deliver us to the "old" Stayner arena for early morning practice. We stepped on to the ice and it was so cold, so smooth, so pristine. There were boards around the rink and hockey nets at both ends (no rubber boots needed). They even gave us hockey sweaters. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. This is one of the teams we played on.

The "star" of this team was most definitely Dave "Dizzy" Armstrong, who I believe had a minor pro career in the United States.

Stan Blanchard was also a pretty good player. He was also as tough as nails and if I remember properly, he had an older sister who was no slouch in the tough department, either. There seems to be lately a resurrection of "bullying" but it happened back then too. One time at the Alliston arena, a bigger, older boy was bullying one of the small kids. Miss Blanchard very nicely asked him to stop. When he basically told her to get lost, she laid a proper beating on him. No more bullying. I was impressed.

Standing: Bill Gilbert, Winston "Storm" Dickey, Merv Dickey, Roger Wiggins, Peter Castle, Don Blackstock (Manager), Dave "Dizzy" Armstrong, Unknown (in tie), Jim Bellamy, Ted Wilson, Al Blanchard (Coach, in back), Chal Conn, Walter Nobes, Phil Osburn.

Front Row: Stan Blanchard, Russ Maher, John Browndridge, Jim Barnes, Bill Wall and Dave King.

—Submitted by **Ted Wilson**, Duntroon.

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

Today was very windy and chilly, with the temperature staying below -10. That and our missing "Snowbirds" likely accounted for the fact that we only had 33 in attendance. **Ray Leighton**, our new president, thanked **Wilma Zeggil** and **Bob McNicol** for the additions to our "goodies" stash.

The 50/50 draws went to **Irma Flack**, **Marg Falls**, **Pat Winger**, **Bob McNicol** and **Alma Seifert**.

Moon shots today were started off by **Brian McGill**, followed by **Sylvia Gale**, **Mike Smith**, **Warren Gale**, **Peter Gubbels** and **Pat Winger**. Pat won the travelling prize, and Warren won the Sidewinders loot. The only drawback to that was the fact that there was only **Dave Smith** and **Roy Veinot** present to pay up!

High scorers were **Wilma Zeggil** 314, **Peter Gubbels** 287, **Lucy Young** 266 and **Isabelle Gubbels** 262. Low was **Norma Johnston** with 123.

We had an added treat for our lunch today when **Irma Flack's** daughter-in-law, **Cat**, sent a fresh homemade loaf for us to try out. Rumour has it that Cat is going to have a booth at the Creemore Farmers' Market this coming season that will be featuring home baking. And, if we can keep her using us to taste test, we are in for a great time trying out her culinary offerings.

Two brothers, Herman and Lorne Lennox, grew up in Avening. Recently, they passed away – on the same day.

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

In the words of the Fawcett Funeral Home obituary for Herman, "Big brother said to little brother, 'Lets go.'" The Lennoxes lived just north of the General Store in Avening. The kids were Freida, Margurite, Karl, Herman, Shirley and Lorne. Their dad died

very young, and Mrs. Lennox raised the family by herself. She cleaned and did any work that would help to pay the bills. It must have been a struggle many times, but she always managed, and was always quiet and friendly. Freida and Margurite were married and away from home when we were kids, so I never knew them well. The Lennox boys were kids that could hold their own in any of the many fist fights that often broke out when they were teenagers, but they were always "there" when you needed a hand to control a grass fire that Alma Fisher, June Denison, Gertie Weatherall or Yours Truly had lit. (Well, we didn't have power lawn mowers, and there was a lot of grass around Avening!) Lorne was also the kid who stepped out of the store, and noticed kids yelling and running along the river bank. Lorne knew the kids were not allowed there without an adult, so he ran from the store and ran upriver just in time to pull my daughter Carol (Louie), who was three or four years old, out of the water before she floated in where he would not have been able to get her. Louie wasn't breathing, and Lorne was just a kid himself, and didn't know what to do with her – so he did

the best thing he could have done. He put her over his shoulder and ran with her to get to an adult. It seems the bouncing around on his shoulder was what caused her to spew up water. By the time he got to our house she was still blue – but breathing. I arrived home from work just in time to take her (wrapped in somebody's towel) up to Dr. Stubbings. So, needless to say, I have always had a soft spot for Lorne. I also had a merry old time when Karl helped me to wallpaper up the stairwell. Karl literally had only one arm that worked, and I didn't have a ladder, just things piled on top of things to climb up on, but the wallpapering job (surprisingly!) turned out well. I was talking to **Shirley** after Herman's funeral, and she is the last one left of that family of six. Our condolences to you, my friend, and to your extended family.

I answered the phone the other day, and a male voice said, "Do you know who this is? It's someone who is a little bit older than you are." Well, that cut out a good part of the population, but I still didn't know who I was talking to. Turns out it was **Dale Scott** and, yes, he is a little bit

older than me. One day, to be precise. Anyway, it was good to hear from him, and we had a great old chat. Seems he keeps track of everybody by driving over to Everett and picking up a copy of the *Echo*.

Daughter **Laurie** and grand-girl **Beth** will be arriving shortly to be here for **Warren's** 90th birthday bash. Laurie mentioned that she would have several copies of **Terry's** book, *Mantracking – The Ultimate Guide to Tracking Man or Beast*, with her on Saturday for anyone who is interested in owning one. They will all be signed by Terry, and the cost is \$25 each, with all taxes included. The rest of the **Rowe** household will be flying in on Friday, and Warren's son **Bruce** and **Bruce's** daughter **Nikki** and her kids, **Tyler** and **Amber**, will be arriving on Saturday. We have four bedrooms, but I can still see where we might have some kids sleeping on the floor!

We were sorry to hear that **Marg Rainbird** became a patient in the Intensive Care wing of the G&M Hospital recently. We all hope you are feeling much better, and are able to be out and about again soon, Marg.

LETTER

"What were they thinking?"

Dear Editor:

The two letters and the anti-turbine ad on the back page in last week's edition of the *Echo* highlighted most of the consequences surrounding the current provincial policy of scattering wind turbines across our rural landscape.

As a physician, I point out that a recent peer review study has shown the residential setback in Ontario is too short and people are getting sick. Yet the Ministry of Environment here in Ontario is still accepting and approving applications for construction despite the fact that there is an ongoing federal health study. Shameful!

The economic model is beyond belief. With respect to wind-produced electricity, we are paying the producers six times what it is being sold for to the consumers. Furthermore, the electricity is

produced by a method that functions well only 30 per cent of the time, thus back up power sources (usually gas plants) must be maintained. With such a scheme, we are adding billions to our already huge provincial debt every year. More debt (i.e. higher taxes) will be created as politicians give subsidies to manufacturers threatening to leave Ontario because of our high cost of electricity. Unbelievable!

In 20 or 30 years, people will look back at this "wind turbine era" in Ontario, shake their heads and say "what were they thinking?"

Please readers, write your Councillor, MPP, MP, the MOE, or even our new premier. Express your concerns. It is crucial that we have a moratorium on construction of new wind farms until at least the federal health study is completed.

Wm. S. Crysedale M.D., Maple Valley



Sunday, February 10

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Support for NCPS Music

The Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society, a longtime supporter of the NCPS Music Program, donated \$3,000 to the community-owned instrument fund this week. From left to right are NCPS principal **Heather Birchall**, instrument fund chairperson **Norma Friest** and Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society president **Cheryl MacLaurin**.



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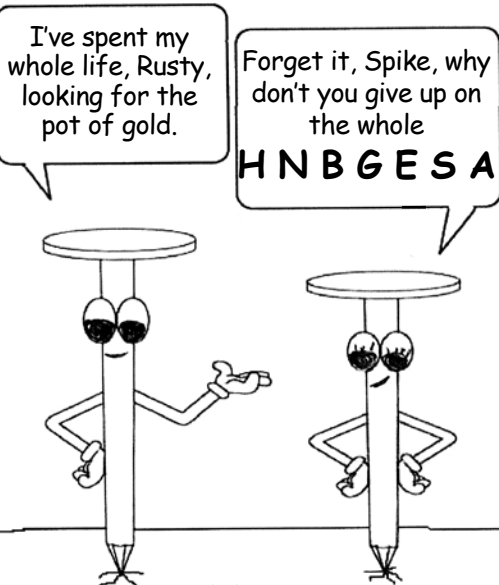
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Page 11

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer on Page 11
by Ken Thornton

CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, February 8
Snow
High -9 Low -11 Winds NE 30 km/h
POP 90%

Saturday, February 9
Sunny
High -7 Low -15 Winds N 10 km/h
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Brian's Canadian Crossword

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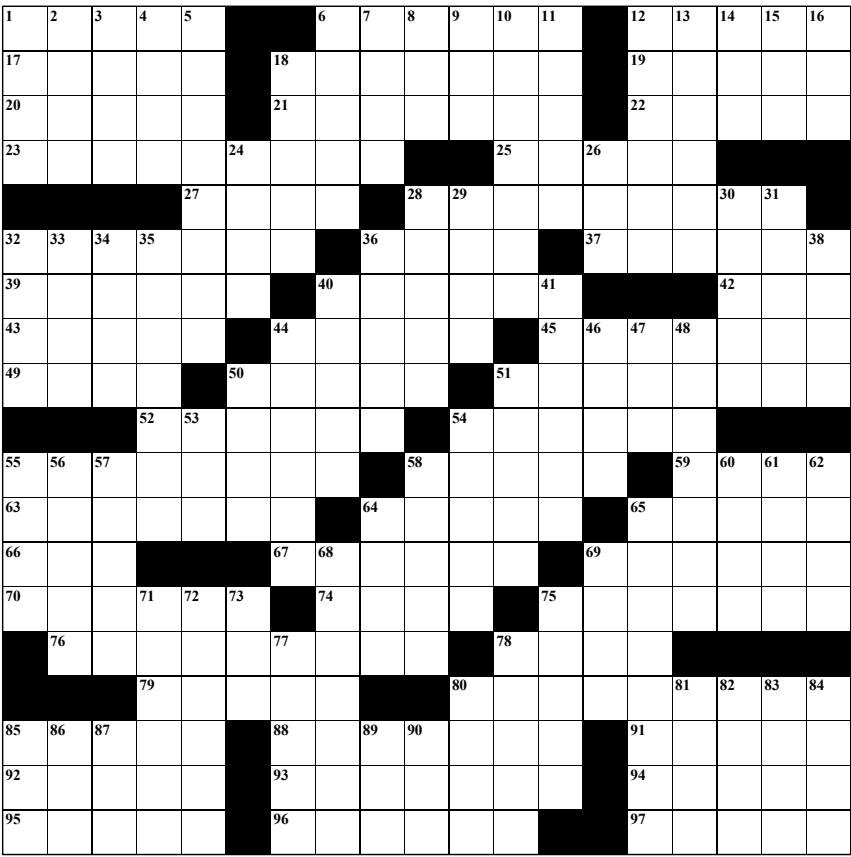
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- 6 Uses a blast furnace
- 12 Oklahoma oil hub
- 17 Charlottetown poet Milton
- 18 Coffee substitute
- 19 Actor Ryan (Paper Moon)
- 20 Understanding (Marshall McLuhan)
- 21 Lethargy
- 22 Part of GATT
- 23 Canada's Cash Cab cabbie (2)
- 25 Civvies
- 27 France, once
- 28 Traditional Nova Scotia meal (2)
- 32 Vancouver 2010 skating medallist Christine
- 36 Big blow
- 37 BC punk band Marianas
- 39 Bard On The Beach opening (2)
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- 42 Prozac maker Lilly
- 43 Cheech's partner
- 44 Stacked checkers
- 45 Dr. Scholl product
- 49 Brat Pack actor Rob

- 50 Gate joint
- 51 French lark of song
- 52 Burns badly
- 54 Big name in self-help
- 55 In fact
- 58 Responses in court
- 59 AIRCOM's predecessor
- 63 Up On Creek (The Band)
- 64 Be a bad winner
- 65 Attribute of Miss World Canada
- 66 Website visit
- 67 Ontario actor Kevin (Lost)
- 69 Blowfish boss
- 70 Lecture loudly (2)
- 74 Flamingo colour
- 75 Superlative for Victoria, BC
- 76 The far ends of Canada
- 78 Pub projectile
- 79 Focus of Toronto's financial district (2)
- 80 Manitoba city nickname
- 85 Walked the floor
- 88 Comic actor Buddy (The Love Bug)
- 91 Easily duped
- 92 Hot dog topper
- 93 Limelight seekers
- 94 Uses a Veg-O-Matic
- 95 Taco topper

- 96 Bordering on (2)
- 97 Pitch

DOWN

- 1 Eastern priest
- 2 Tea type
- 3 Scotch mixer
- 4 Hasty haircut
- 5 Catching in a trap
- 6 Shoulder warmer
- 7 Place for gold digging
- 8 Ticker tape?
- 9 Canadian sports journalist
- 10 Soundly defeated
- 11 Sugar shack product
- 12 Wobble
- 13 Too green
- 14 Green field
- 15 Down in the dumps
- 16 Ten Penny, e.g.
- 18 Influence
- 24 Hourly charge
- 26 In fine fettle
- 28 Count of octaves
- 29 Woeful word
- 30 Clueless
- 31 Flair
- 32 Table salt
- 33 Bounce back
- 34 Tuck away
- 35 on (reviews)
- 36 Clusters of criminals
- 38 Elude capture
- 40 Supermodel Crawford
- 41 Not sunk
- 44 Put the kibosh on
- 46 How clumsy of me!
- 47 Belonging to us
- 48 Elegant cafe (2)
- 50 Foyer
- 51 Leading
- 53 Twist-off topper
- 54 Dull thud
- 55 Feeling sore
- 56 Blubbers
- 57 Mr. or Mrs.
- 58 Architectural drawings
- 60 Mention
- 61 Sales condition (2)
- 62 They fill Crocs



- 64 Staying power
- 65 Serves as an omen
- 68 Steal the spotlight from
- 69 NHL MVP Trophy
- 71 Mailing stickers
- 72 Port Royal (NS) was once its capital
- 73 Action figure, e.g.
- 75 Covets
- 77 White as a sheet
- 78 Same with me!
- 80 Country singer Dottie

- 81 Pool table cushion
- 82 1/6 of an inch
- 83 Level
- 84 Heroic act
- 85 Desktop units
- 86 I've got it!
- 87 Merger of Canadian explosives companies
- 89 Blue Jays manager Bobby

- 90 DIY purchase

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An invitation to attend 2013 budget public meeting

This Monday, February 11, Clearview Council will present its draft 2013 Township budget and invite the public to make their comments known. The meeting is planned to begin at 7:15 pm, immediately after the adjournment of the regular Council meeting. It will be held in the Council Chambers in Stayner.

As it now stands, the draft budget proposes to raise an additional 9.5 per cent in Township residential tax revenue.

When combined with an estimated increase of 0.15 per cent in OPP policing costs, 0.61 per cent increase in the County and 0.0 per cent increase in the School Board tax levies, the impact on the average taxpayer household is expected to be an increase of just over four per cent, or about \$100. Keep in mind that this impact is on the average home in Clearview valued by the Municipal Property Assessment Board (MPAC) to be \$250,750. Individual tax increases will be higher or lower depending on the assessed value of

WARD 4 MATTERS



Thom PATERSON

each property. To date, in addition to several internal department staff reviews, there have been three Council Budget workshops which were open to the public. The aggregate result of these reviews is that staff-recommended savings were in part offset by Council-suggested additions, as reported in last week's *Echo* article.

Overall, total additional operating budget dollars requested are up 12 per cent over last year. These are the expenses requested to run the day-to-day business of the Township, including salaries, wages, benefits, contract services, maintenance and transfers to reserves. This year the total requested is approximately \$7.5 million.

The capital budget dollars requested are up 4 per cent, the largest portion going to public works and parks to improve our roads, bridges and sidewalks and upgrade our parks and arenas. The 2013 request proposed is \$1.8 million.

A brief look at the proposed spending by department will help explain where

much of the proposed increases are to be spent.

More than half of the total operating dollar increases requested are in the Administration department. An additional \$500,000 is requested in salary, wages, benefits and contract services. Council continues to debate the need to fund consulting fees for such things as branding, pay equity and benefit reviews as well as purchases of new support software.

The Fire Department proposes operating cost increases for two new part-time positions to assist in administration and fire prevention programs.

Public Works, the largest of the capital spending budgets, continues to do a good job holding the line on annual expense and capital increases while at the same time managing to increase transfers to reserves for a combined tax increase requested of 1.5 per cent.

Proposed spending increases of \$169,000 in capital budget projects in the Parks and Recreation department are planned either to repair aging facilities such as repaving the Creemore arena parking lot or to place funds into reserve

to eventually replace such items as the rink boards.

Planning department expense dollars requested have decreased over last year.

Water and Wastewater department operating and capital projects are fully supported by planned increases in user fees. Though they do contribute to the rising cost of home ownership, they do not contribute to the proposed taxation revenues increases.

I have asked that resident-requested Creemore local improvements including the addition of two new crossing guards on County Road 9 at Jardine Crescent and on Collingwood Street, upgrades to the Jardine Park playground and a review of improvements to the arena lobby, washrooms and kitchen be added to the budget.

Historically, tax levies have risen about 8 per cent annually, four times the rate of inflation. The economic outlook for our region is for lower residential growth for the next three years. A reduction in the increase in taxes would be both timely and fiscally responsible.

I encourage you to attend the public meeting, and make your own comments know on Monday night.

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The family of Betty Norris would like to thank the nurses at Collingwood G&M Hospital and Dr. Houston for their loving care. We would also like to thank Rev. Tony Rennett for his counselling and friendship, the Avening United Church Women and friends for the luncheon. As well as the Avening Hall Board. Fawcett Funeral Home for their help. Also friends and neighbours for cards and kind thoughts. Harold and family

DEATH NOTICE

LENNOX, Herman passed away peacefully with family by his side on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie. Loving father of Brian Lennox, Pete (Kari) Lennox and Terri Holotuk. Cherished grandfather of Wayne, Ashley, Sara, Hailey and Taylor. He will be remembered by his special companion Millie Harding. "Big brother said to little brother, let's go" and his brother Lorne Lennox died shortly after on the same day. Herman is survived by his sister Shirley Woods (Bob Robertson) and sister-in-law Gail Lennox. Visitation was held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel followed by a funeral service at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated by the family. Friends may visit Herman's on-line Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

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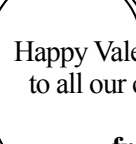
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Creemore curlers make annual trip to Quebec

Two teams from the Creemore Curling Club and surrounding areas, known as “Men with Brooms,” travelled and participated in the 100th Anniversary of Quebec International Bonspiel from January 18 to 26.

The annual event hosted 84 teams from the United States, Europe and Canada. Team “A,” consisting of **Paul Crevier**, **Gord Fuller**, **Bruce Folkard** (Guelph), **Kevin deGroot**, **Paul Millsap** and **Ernie Purkis**, finished with a remarkable 6-2 record, losing the Maritime Bowl to Team Switzerland. Team “B,” consisting of **Howard Walker**, **Robert McArthur**, **Bob Giffen**, **Bob McLeod**, **Steve Lindsay** and **Jamie Brown**, finished with a tough 3-5 record, losing some very close games. **Bill Neelin** and **Peter Gignac** made an unexpected appearance.

Attendance milestones were achieved this year by Paul Crevier (25 years), Howard Walker (10 years), Ernie Purkis (10 years), and Gord Fuller (5 years). The teams send a huge thank you to Creemore Springs Brewery Ltd. and Gord Fuller for their continued support of the Creemore teams and sponsorship of the “Ontario Cup.”

NDBL AGM and awards event set for March 10

The Annual General Meeting of the North Dufferin Baseball League will take place on Sunday, March 10 at 1 pm at the Lisle Royal Canadian Legion.

Any teams interested in joining the league for the 2013 season should contact secretary **Scott Anderson** at 705-424-0769 or by email at secretary@ndbl.ca. Further information is also available at www.ndbl.ca. The league operates both a senior and junior division.

Prior to the meeting, the league will hold an awards event at the Legion to present 2012 season awards. A lunch and awards presentation will get underway at noon and is open to players and fans.

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