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Nearly five years after first planning to enlarge its facility, Creemore Springs Brewery is finally going ahead with its expansion. Last Friday saw Clearview Township Mayor **Ken Ferguson** turn the ceremonial first piece of sod, as Creemore Springs General Manager **Dave Clarke**, Cowden Woods Design Builders President **Anita Stacey**, Clearview Township Councillor **Thom Paterson**, Creemore Springs Maintenance Electrician **John Stephenson**, Creemore Springs Vice President of Production and Brewmaster **Gordon Fuller**, Creemore Springs Maintenance Manager **Gary Melenhorst**, Clearview Township Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage** and Six Pints Specialty Beer Company President **Ian Freedman** looked on. For more pictures of the event, see page 12.

Mulmur objects to Arbour Farms' aggregate application

by Brad Holden

Mulmur Township has submitted an objection to the Arbour Farms Aggregate Resources Act application on the basis that consideration

of the licence application is premature until supporting technical information has been adequately reviewed.

The decision to file an objection was made at Mulmur Council's February 20 meeting, following a report by **Brandon Ward**, the planning consultant that the Township

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has retained to deal with the gravel pit application.

The Arbour Farms site is an 80-hectare property on the east side of Airport Road approximately 1.5

kilometres south of County Road 21.

The area to be licensed is 41.7 hectares, with 36 hectares within this boundary to be extracted. Of that area, 21.4 hectares is proposed for below-water-table extraction.

Arbour Farms is applying to (See "Mulmur" on page 3)



YOUNG SCIENTISTS Hummingbird Montessori student **Beatrix Karsgaard** was eager to show off her discovery – that bottles of water can be used to make music – at the school's Science Fair last week. For more pictures of the event, see page 7.



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This Weekend

Friday, March 1

• World Day of Prayer at 2 pm at Hope Acres Community Church, 998614 Mulmur-Tosorontio Town Line. The theme for WDP 2013 is "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me," based on the Gospel text of Matthew 25 and with a focus on migration. For more information call 705-466-3435 ext. 228.

Friday, March 1 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.

Saturday, March 2

- Curiosity House Art Opening for Siegfried Blum from 5 to 7 pm. "Exquisite Pastel Paintings". Show runs to the end of March. 178 Mill Stret. 705-466-3400.
- **Beef & Lamb Dinner** at St. John's United Church from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Adults \$15, children \$5, preschoolers free. Everyone welcome.
- Avening Hall Euchre Tournament. Doors open at 7 pm, cards start at 8 pm. For those new to euchre or needing a refresher we will have a little learning session at 7 pm. \$10 per person. Bring a snack to share. For more information contact Carol Rowbotham 705-466-3024.

Sunday, March 3

- Church Services on page 5.
- Come and worship at 10:15 am at New Lowell United Church followed by a delicious chili lunch for \$5.
 Everyone is invited to this Welcome March event!
- Stayner Brethren in Christ Church would like to announce the Installation Service for their new senior Pastor Dale Collier at 10:35 am at 1152 Concession 6 N.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 4

- Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion begins today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome.
- Final Clearview Township Budget Workshop at 12:30 pm at Council Chambers. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.
- Clearview Township Council Meeting at 5:30 pm at Council Chambers.

Tuesday, March 5

• Creemore Adult Skating Tuesdays through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.

Wednesday, March 6

• Join us Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 pm for Door Jam. A creative jam of music and readings. This jam is open to all ages. Our host is the one and only Chuck Baker. The jam is held at The Door Youth Center, 7458 Hwy 26, Stayner. For more information call 705-428-3733 or check out our Facebook page (The Stayner Door) for cancellations or changes.

Friday, March 8

• Friday Night Supper at the Creemore Legion from 5 to 6:45 pm. Featuring corn chowder, corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes, peas/carrots, coffee/tea, bread pudding. Adults \$12, seniors \$10, child under 10 \$5. Call 705-466-2330 or 705-466-2432 to RSVP.

Saturday, March 9

- Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition (MC2) Townhall Meeting from 10 am to noon (coffee at 9:30 am) at Rosemont Hall (across from the Globe Restaurant & Hwy 89 in Rosemont). An opportunity to catch up and be fully informed on key issues in our community. Melancthon Quarry, Airport Road Proposed Aggregate Operation, Waste Disposal Controversy. There will be time for questions. All
- Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner for The Door Youth Centre. Join us from 5 to 7 pm at Centennial United Church, 234 William St. Stayner. \$12 per person. Children under 12 free. For tickets or to volunteer please call Ellen at 705-428-2323.

Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10

• Martha Bull teaches Watercolour Painting for the Absulute Beginner (or some experience) You will want to hang the work you create in this workshop. Get beautiful luminus colour from this versatile and flexible medium. \$170 includes all materials and a hot lunch both days. From 10 am to 5 pm located at the Honeywood School House. Call 416-546-2555 or martbull@ca.inter. net to register. www.mytimewatercolour.com

Sunday, March 10

• SHHH!!!! IT'S A SURPRISE!!!! Shower/Mixer/
Social to help celebrate the upcoming marriage of
Josh Rowbotham to Lisa Dunbar. You are invited
to Avening Community Centre at 1:30 pm. We hope
to visit with new & old friends (guys and girls) and
also help this happy couple start their life together!
You can help with the cost of a KitchenAid Mixer
for their kitchen or to Pampered Chef or check out
their registry at Sears. If you have any questions or
concerns please call Carol aka 'Ma', at 705-466-3024
or rowbie5@live.ca.

Monday, March 11

• March Break Monday at the Tiffen Centre. 10 am to 3 pm. Admission \$5 per person (children 5 and under free) Pre-Registration is required. Family fun. Tour our operating maple sugar bush and sugar shack, snowshoes and kick sleds, scavenger hunts and winter bird orienteering. Call 705-424-1479 ext. 263.

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.

Sunday, March 24

• Creemore Skating Club Carnival at 2 pm at Creemore Arena. This year the theme is "Blast From The Past" Featuring popular and our favorite songs from 50's, 60's, 70's 80's and 90's. Adults \$8, Seniors \$5, Students \$2, children under 6: free.

Caine's Corners Schoolhouse will celebrate 100 years in September

Caine's Corners Section #8 Schoolhouse, at the corner of County Road 10 and the 9th Concession of Sunnidale, will be 100 years old in September 2013.

The schoolhouse has been home to Leishman's Pottery for the past 35 years, and on September 27, 28 and 29, in conjuction with Clearview Township's Culture Days, the Leishmans will open the building's doors and welcome the public and all past teachers and students.

If you attended the school, are interested in some form of reunion or celebration or are willing to help with the planning, please phone **Mike** or **Connie Leishman** at 705-428-5240. Old photos or photocopies of photos would be appreciated.

Tentatively, celebrations will include a welcoming of celebreties and dignitaries past, present and future, an antique car show, refreshments and commemorative pins and mugs. Watch for more information as the date approaches.





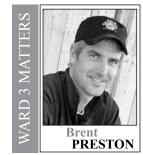


Fiscal responsibility doesn't just mean cutting taxes

The end of the 2013 Clearview Township budget process is finally in sight, and it is decision time. The final budget workshop will take place at 12:30 pm on Monday, March 4 and members of the public are encouraged to attend. The draft budget calls for a 9.53 per cent increase in the Clearview portion of your tax bill, or a 4.02 per cent increase overall, but there is no doubt that Council will make cuts. The question is what to cut, and how much.

I have heard a lot of criticism of the draft budget over the past few weeks, much of which I agree with, but some of which misses the mark. Here are some misperceptions that I think need to be addressed:

Our population isn't increasing, so township spending shouldn't be going up, either. The main driver of spending in Clearview isn't population growth, it's provincial regulations and the threat of liability. Almost everything the Township does, from road maintenance to snow clearing to the maintenance of firefighting equipment, is subject to provincial regulations that get more stringent and more expensive to implement every year. The penalties for non-compliance are also increasingly draconian. Our community halls are a good example of these problems. Years ago, the Township and residents might have been happy to turn a blind eye to the fact that our halls maybe didn't quite meet all the relevant codes, but that is no longer an option. Municipal employees and fire officials can literally be thrown in jail for overlooking safety deficiencies, and the cost of a lawsuit could be catastrophic. This is why Council included \$50,000 for hall upgrades in the draft budget. The eventual cost will be far higher. For



good or bad, increasing municipal taxes are in part a direct result of living in a litigious, safety-obsessed society.

Businesses are cutting back due to tough economic times, and the Township should, too. Municipal governments are not businesses. Businesses cut back when demand for their services decline, but our need for good roads, clean drinking water and recreational opportunities for our kids

doesn't decline when the economy goes south. If anything, the demand for municipal services increases in tough economic times.

The Township is over-staffed and the staff are over-paid. When I was first elected, I suspected this was true, and over the past two years Council has worked hard and spent many hours revamping our staff structure and examining our pay scale. We have eliminated several positions and shifted responsibilities in an effort to get the most out of our Township employees. I truly believe that Clearview is now a lean organisation with a staff that is paid fairly for the excellent work that they do. There is always work to be done in this area, but when it comes to staffing, there is very little fat that could be cut.

Clearview's taxes are too high, and are pricing us out of the market when it comes to attracting new residents. Nobody likes to pay taxes, but property taxes in Clearview are about average for Simcoe County. We tend to focus on the rate of tax increase at budget time, but our overall tax rate is lower than many of our neighbours. The tax rate in Collingwood is about 20 per cent higher than ours, and they don't seem to have trouble attracting new residents. In fact, all of the high-growth municipalities

in Simcoe have higher taxes than Clearview, with the exception of Wasaga Beach.

Public input doesn't make a difference. Council has already made up its mind. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am sure that there will be vigorous debate at the workshop on Monday over what to cut, and that debate will be informed by the public input to date and the thoughts of the public at the workshop. Council deliberately left some questionable expenditures in the draft budget in order to get public input before cutting.

Municipalities in Ontario are not allowed to run a deficit. The way Clearview, and almost every other municipality in this province, has kept taxes down in the recent past is by putting off necessary work and neglecting to save for future expenses. We have created an infrastructure deficit. Eliminating that deficit will be painful, but the longer we delay, the more painful it will be. The biggest component of the proposed increase in the 2013 Clearview budget is the establishment of reserve funds to pay for the future maintenance or replacement of our roads, bridges, recreational facilities and community halls. Large spending projects predicated on future residential growth, such as the Emergency Services Hub and the Wasaga Beach wastewater hook-up, have contributed to our current financial situation and I have opposed them, but those decisions have been made and we must now live with them. I won't support a budget that pays for these decisions by ignoring our infrastructure deficit or that refuses to save for costs that we know we will incur, sooner or later. That would not be fiscally responsible. There are things in this budget that can and should be cut, but we must resist the temptation to keep our current taxes low by shifting costs to future generations.

Mulmur objects to Arbour Farms due to lack of peer reviews

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remove a maximum of 500,000 tonnes of gravel per year, with up to 187,000 tonnes of that coming from below the water table. There is an estimated 8.7 million tonnes of aggregate material available for extraction on the site.

It's proposed that the pit will operate up to 12 hours a day from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday to Saturday. Shipping hours are to be limited to 7 am to 6 pm, Monday to Thursday, and 7 am to 12 noon on Fridays. During the winter months, a "road sand" supply operation is proposed that would involve shipping sand off-site for winter road maintenance purposes, which could occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Arbour Farms has submitted a range of studies to the Ministry of Natural Resources in support of its ARA application, but Ward noted that three – the Natural Environment Report and two Hydrogeology and Aquatic Reports - had not been peer reviewed by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority or the Ministry of Natural Resources by the February 25 deadline for ARA comments. As well, there is a discrepancy between the proponent's

traffic study and the findings of the planning firm that peer reviewed the document that still needs to be resolved.

As a result, Council followed Ward's advice and voted to submit an objection to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Ward also brought Council up to date on Arbour Farms' Official Plan and Zoning applications, which are still being examined for completeness. Once they are deemed complete, the Township will have 180 days to study the documents, hold a public meeting and make a decision on the file.



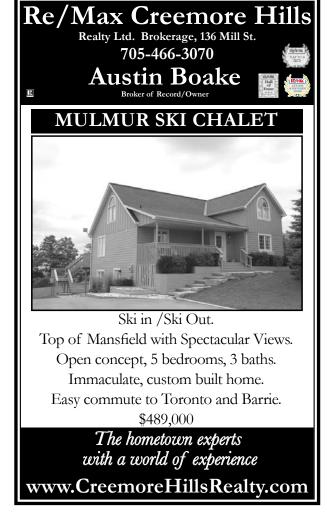
How will it work? Tax/cost implications. Is it fair to Mono and Mulmur? Presented by local environmental engineer; expert on new system

Presentations will include time for questions and answers.

Everybody Welcome!







Feedback and old photos welcome

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LETTER

A letter for Stuart McLean

Dear Stuart McLean and the folks at CBC's Vinyl Café,

We are writing you from the village of Creemore, Ontario on behalf of our old hall, just down the Mad River a ways in the even smaller hamlet of Avening.

Our hall, officially named the Avening Community Centre and often unofficially referred to as the ACC North, was, like so many others across this country, built by our community back when all it took to get things done was an idea, a friend at the lumber yard and a lunch served by the Women's Institute.

Now owned by Clearview Township, the hall – again, like so many others across this country – must comply with more stringent regulations and this costs, well, money. This we think we can muster, but it also takes public will and that is why we are calling on you.

All of us in Avening, which is now as well-known for hosting some of Canada's top performers as it is for the ever popular afternoon bowling league, think you may be able to help us help others understand the need for an old hall, in the middle of nowhere, with a squeaky floor which, when danced on, lends to a song. We think you, as someone who is on the road all the time, will understand that a venue which offers a home-cooked meal before the show can make a difference in a performer's tour. We think you, who celebrates all that is humble and honest, would find the Avening Hall to be just the sort of place you would want to make people aware of.

A shout out, a surprise show or even a quiet, personal reflection on your part would be enough to help our volunteer board's efforts for our hall, which is not only our place to celebrate great music but also the place we celebrate a new arrival with a community baby shower, a birthday with a round of five-pin down in the basement, our agricultural abundance with an annual beef BBQ and, of late and far too often it seems, the lives of those who came before us and built this place.

With kind regards, The Avening Community Centre Board

THE WAY WE WERE



Former Creemore resident **Gladys Broderick** (née **Grose**) dropped off this picture from the old Mount Zion Schoolhouse on the 5th Line. The teacher is Gladys' older sister Ruth Grose, and while Gladys recognized a few of the faces in the picture, she figured some of our readers might to a better job of identifying all of the students. Anyone care to give it a shot? **Irma Flack**, perhaps?

LETTER

Another take on the Arbour Farms Aggregate Act public meeting

Dear Editor:

I wish to address Mr. Byford's February 22 Letter to the Editor describing the February 7 public meeting which was held as part of the Arbour Farms Ltd. Licence Application.

Regarding the timing of the meeting, the Aggregate Resources Act sets out a 15-day period in which the public information session must be held. In hosting and advertising the public session, Arbour Farms took advice from the Township on its practice for holding public meetings.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Byford chooses to view the timing of the public information session as a choice between local attendees and those residents whom he terms "weekenders." This was simply not the case. Arbour Farms recognized that regardless of the day or time of the information session, it may not be possible for everyone to attend. An evening session was chosen to remain outside of regular working hours, and a weeknight was chosen to avoid impinging on the weekend when people are often busy with family.

This was explained to Mr. Byford during the meeting of February 7. It appears his mind was made up about Arbour Farms before he arrived. It was also explained to Mr. Byford that Mulmur Township will be holding a separate statutory public meeting for the planning applications, and that the Township was considering holding that meeting on a weekend. As with the February 7 public information session, Arbour Farms and its advisors will be in attendance for the Township's public meeting to answer questions and provide information.

Arbour Farms had a consultant in attendance representing each of the technical disciplines that contributed studies to the Arbour farms application. The presentation format was designed by Arbour Farms' team of consultants to allow all members of the public to learn about the proposal, and have their specific questions answered. All members of the project team wore name tags so that Mr. Byford and anyone else who wanted to ask questions would know who they were conversing with. The format ensured all residents could talk directly to each member of the project team, without any one individual or group being able to monopolize the entire meeting pursuing their own agenda. The format is successful in allowing those with specific questions and different perspectives to have their questions answered by the project team, thereby avoiding any misinformation.

A sign-in sheet was provided to gather names and addresses of those who attended so that they could receive written answers to questions arising from the public meeting and be kept up-to-date of any other application information.

I was the only principal of Arbour Farms in attendance the evening of February 7. I attempted to circulate within the meeting room to speak with the attendees, learn the concerns of those in attendance, and provide explanations where possible. Arbour Farms' lawyer also attended the meeting. He was there to understand the concerns of those in attendance, and assist them in having their questions answered by the appropriate technical consultants. It was never Arbour Farms consultants'

intention to make Mr. Byford or anyone else feel "dumb" or "naïve." The Arbour Farms consultant team delivered their information in a respectful and thoughtful manner.

Mr. Byford takes a flight of fancy in suggesting that I was at any time "anxious" or "demanding" during the public meeting. When an attendee expressed concern that they thought they had received contradictory information, I immediately took action to ensure that confusion was cleared up. Arbour Farms' intention was, and continues to be, providing accurate information about the proposal and to response to questions in a concise forthright manner.

Mr. Byford takes exception to the proposal on the basis that Arbour Farms Ltd. is an "outsider" who isn't from Mulmur. For the record, my family has owned the property since 1977. For over 25 years my brother and I operated a Christmas tree nursery stock farm business in Mulmur Township that, at its peak, had over 1,000 acres under cultivation. My mother's ashes were spread on a farm lot in Mulmur Township. My brother, the other owner of Arbour Farms Ltd., and his family maintain a weekend home in Mulmur Township. I myself have had a recreational farm property just north of Creemore for over twenty years.

Arbour Farms Ltd. continues to be open to comments from the public. We will continue to provide information to our neighbours and other residents regarding this proposal, while working to address the concerns that they may have.

Sincerely,

Adam Krehm, Arbour Farms Ltd.





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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 27 out for our potluck lunch today, so after Wilma Zeggil gave the blessing, we all helped ourselves to one of the better lunches that we have had. Lots of hot main course dishes that were all delicious – **Bob Veale** makes a great mac and

cheese dish, and Marcie Cameron provided hot pork tenderloin, which really was tender. We also enjoyed an amazing roasted veggie assortment from Evelyn Warden, and everything in between. This included Dean Chestnut's cherry cheesecake and Betty Sharpe's wonderful homemade butter tarts – and she made enough to supply all our sweet teeth! There were many more varied dishes, all good, so you get the idea that we really are spoiled.

After the "Kitchen Krew" whistled through the clean-up, we had a cute joke by Evelyn Warden, and it was mentioned that we would soon have a schedule for our 2013 Rama bus.

The 50/50 draws went to Mav Johnston, Janie Longson, Oh! Me! Barb Cudmore (2), Tom Sharpe, Alma Seifert, Betty Sharpe, and Warren Gale.



Moon shots were played by Peter Gubbels, Isabelle Gubbels, Jean Lune, Eileen Nash, Dave Smith (2), Sylvia Gale (2), Earl Bentley, George Blakney, Kevin Keogh and Karl Seifert. Karl won the travelling prize, and Dave won the

Sidewinder's loot.

High scorers were Jean Lune 278, Kevin Keogh 271, George Blakney 261 and **Tom Sharpe** 259. Low was Dean Chestnut with 66. Mike Smith was a shoe-in for the low prize as he had 38 points going into the last game – until we made 70 points, so he ended up with 103, and no low prize!

Our thanks to Bob McNicol for the donation of cinnamon hearts to add to our stash. Barb Pilon, our "candy gal," has quite a time finding storage space for all the goodies she has accumulated.

Last Friday was a "hard" breathing day for me, and working over a hot stove makes it even worse. So I had potatoes, veggies and a salad ready for supper, but wasn't up to cooking meat. It was looking like the protein part of the meal was going to be fried eggs when the phone rang.

On the other end of the line was a gal who said there was salmon loaf, tea biscuits and muffins that were about to arrive at our house. My first thought was, "How did she know that today was the day that we needed this?" One is left just shaking their head, wondering, "Whatever made her think of us?" She is a good friend, but we are not in and out of one another's kitchens to know what is going on in them. Or, as in my kitchen last Friday, what is not going on. Sincere thanks to the Good Fairy and her son for doing so much for others. When I asked her if she would mind me mentioning her thoughtfulness in the Seniors News, she said "That would be OK, but there was no need to mention her name." I'm sure she was being modest about her name, but I'm pretty sure most everybody will be able to make a really good guess as to where that salmon loaf and buns from heaven originated. Warren thoroughly enjoyed it, and he also enjoyed the accompanying Happy Birthday card, with its 90 handwritten "90"s in several colours on the envelope. Very ingenious. And yes, there were 90 of them. I counted!

It was nice to receive a Happy 90th Birthday card for Warren from Barbara and Craig Simpson from the States. They were living near Creemore 10 years ago, when Warren had an 80th birthday party, and I remember Craig was there. Time sure does fly, doesn't it? The Simpsons, along with Phil Stevenson, acquired the "leaflet" type (single-folded page) of Creemore newspaper, and they were the perfect people to revitalize what had once been a strong weekly paper that had fallen on hard times. Their personalities, and the perfect choice of office staff, who all seemed to work very hard, and do anything that needed doing, and all the while having a smile and being

A beautiful new angel arrived at Angel House Bed & Breakfast.

cheerful about it, soon started to make the Echo a rival for the Toronto Sun's logo of "The little paper that grew."And now it can boast about having a regular page count of 10 or more. This is a huge increase in size, considering the population in the area. Well done, guvs and gals!

Warren was given some old western movies that had been made into DVDs, and he watched several of them on our TV. Then, when he reverted to regular television, we could not get the sound to work. We tried just about everything, but finally called our friendly neighbour, Allan Thompson, who suddenly found himself our TV Tech that found the sound on our TV and saved Warren from having to go into some kind of withdrawal. Thanks again, Allan.

I had a very interesting chat with a guy who remembered being at my Dad's, with all the guns, when he was just a lad. I so thank you for phoning, Ted, as I am always eager to chat about past times. So thanks to Ted Wilson for taking the time to phone and brighten my day.

Saturday, March 2 has a lot of things on the go that I would like to attend, starting with the Beef and Lamb Supper at the United Church in Creemore, starting at 4:30 pm. Then there is a Euchre Tournament at Avening Hall, starting at 8 pm. Anyone who would like a short refresher course can show up at 7 pm for a learning session. Admittance is \$10 – and bring a snack to share (a bag of chips, etc, etc). For more information call Carol Rowbotham at 705-466-3024.

This past Wednesday was International Polar Bear Day, and the weather was suitable. I didn't see any polar bears wandering around Avening, but they sure would have felt at home if they'd been here, what with all of the snow we received Tuesday night!

Sunday, March 3

Sunday, March 3 **Installation Service** for Pastor Dale Collier

at 10:35 am

Stayner Brethren in Christ Church

9:30 am Sunday School

6" Conc., 1 Km N. of Cty. 705-428-6537 www.staynerbic.com

THE SALVATION ARMY HOPE ACRES COMMUNITY CHURCH

Invites you to attend Sunday Church Services at 10:45 am 998614 Mulmur Tosorontio Townline, Glencairn For more info call (705) 466-3435

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Worship & Sunday School at 10 am Sermon this week: "Why do the Innocent suffer?"

All are welcome

Rev. Charles Boyd 705-466-5202

Friday, March 1 **World Day of Prayer Service**

at 2 pm at Hope Acres Community Church

The theme for WDP 2013 is "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me," based on the Gospel text of Matthew 25 and with a focus on migration.

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CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday Services: Avening 9 am;

New Lowell 10:15 am (chili lunch to follow on March 3 for \$5 each); St. John's Creemore 11:30 am. with coffee & conversation at 11 am

ST. ANDREW'S MAPLE CROSS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 22 Caroline St. W. • 466-2206

Please join us each Sunday at 11 am for Worship and a 'NEW' Children's Programme

To tell us what is happening at your church call Georgi 466-9906 • fax: 466-9908 • email: info@creemore.com

VICTORIA SARAH ROSE was born on December 27, 2012 at 6:29pm, weight 7 lbs 9 oz and length 19 3/4" Thrilled parents are Kate Steer Ceccarelli & Darryl Ceccarelli. of Wallacetown, Joe Ceccarelli of Sudbury and Gisele Gauthier of Quebec. Victoria has two excited uncles, Corey Ceccarelli of Toronto and Cameron Steer of Burlington. Great grandchild for Peggy Steer of Burlington and Yvette $m{Uictoria}$ Ceccarelli of Sudbury. Special thank you to Dr. O'Toole & December 27, 2012 staff and nurses of the Labour & Delivery dept. of CGMH.

You'll get a warm welcome and cold beer.

At Creemore Springs we take pride in introducing folks to the great taste of our beer and showing them how we make it. So the next time you're near the town of Creemore, drop by the brewery, the hospitality is on us.







A perfect place to improve your swing

by Brad Holden

Smith Brothers Baseball Central has been going strong in New Lowell for a year now, offering practice space and training sessions for young ball players from far and wide.

But for an hour each on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the swings are of a different variety at the 12,600-square-foot indoor sports facility.

Debbie Clum, the longtime head golf pro at the Mad River Golf Club, has been conducting drop-in golf lessons on those days for the past couple of months, and will continue to do so until the end of April.

For \$20 a session, attendees get what amounts to a semi-private lesson on the intricacies of their golf swings. On the day we were there, frequent customers Fred Prosser, Brian Doran, Anne Emerton and George Berry could not say enough good things about Clum's teaching style and the Smith Brothers

facility in general.

For Clum, the chance to teach indoors in the area is a great one, as she finds people can really zero in on learning when they're away from the distractions of being outdoors. "You're not so focused on where the ball is going, so you can really get a feel for what you're doing," she says.

Smith Brothers is located at 9 Greengage Road in New Lowell. Drop-in times for Clum's lessons are Tuesdays at 2 pm, Thursdays at 11 am, Fridays at 10 am and Saturdays at 1 pm. It's asked that you call 705-424-0427 the day before to book your spot.

Smith Brothers has a whole host of other things going on this spring, including a gala dinner featuring former Blue Jay and New York Met **Mookie Wilson** as the keynote speaker on April 12. For more on this and many other programs, call 704-424-0427 or visit smithbrothersbaseballcentral.com.



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IMPRESSIVE EXPERIMENTS Students at Hummingbird Montessori School donned their lab coats and presented Science Fair projects last week – clockwise from left are Antonia Scoville, Sadie Finkelstein, Helen McQueen, Ava Motonok and Willa Korthals.







What's happening this March

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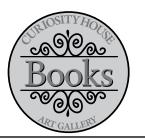
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LETTER

Give some respect to the nickel before it disappears too

Dear Editor:

The recent discontinuance of the penny has me feeling a little nostalgic. When I was old enough to walk to the general store in Painswick a penny could still buy quite a number of things: multiples of gum, candy and even licorice. As a teen you could still buy a pack of matches for a penny. You might have to double up on the penny for anything beyond bubble gum, but it still had some clout. Common expressions regarding the penny were generally positive - "a penny for your thoughts," "take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves," "find a penny and pick it up and all day long you'll have good luck," "pennies from heaven." But now our lowest common denominator of currency

is the nickel. I've always heard it associated with nasty things -"he didn't have two nickels to rub together," "don't take any wooden nickels," "they nickel and dimed me to death," "I wouldn't give a plugged nickel for that," How the more valuable piece garnered less valuable praise I'll never know, but I think we better start to honour our new minimum coinage. Give it some currency so to speak.

The nickel is really a solid little piece of metal. It is favoured for plating revolvers, which can actually help you get more nickels. It makes addition in your head so much easier when figuring out the change before the cash register does it for the check-out chick. And, it was associated with victory during the Second World War. The minting of the nickel with the beaver in 1937

anticipated its role some day as a hardworking coinage. We must remember that the quest for beaver is really what opened up the virgin country of Canada all those centuries ago. It's sad that the beaver's numbers have dwindled significantly over the last four centuries

since the white man started to treasure her fur. Let's hope this isn't the same consequence for the nickel, and we start to treasure her as our hard-working and industrious new lingua franca of pocket change.

Murray Lackie, Creemore

LETTER

Goodbye quarry, hello wind power

Dear Editor:

The author of the letter re. "finding a win-win option for mega quarry land" need not to worry. Some of the NDACTaffiliated landowners have already found future remunerative land use options: they have leased land to companies for the construction of 40-storey industrial wind turbines. Needless to say, their neighbours are thrilled.

Furthermore, some of these same landowners have now located elsewhere so that they will not even have to look at or listen to the turbines. Out of sight, out of mind, but the money still flows.

Wonderful!

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



CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP NOTICES

TENDER

The Township of Clearview will be receiving Tender for:

Agricultural Land Spreading of NASM (Biosolids) 2013 & 2014 Tender No. 2013-13

SEALED TENDERS, on forms and in envelopes supplied by the Township will be received by the Clerk at the Clearview Administration Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner until, but no later than:

2:00 pm local time, Thursday, March 21, 2013

Tenders will be opened 2:10 pm local time, Thursday, March 21, 2013.

The work includes the haulage and land application of NASM (Nonagricultural source materials) from the Stayner Wastewater Treatment Plant on approved sites. The Contractor is responsible for:

- Obtaining all agricultural land sites for NASM application i)
- ii) Undertake all necessary works for the NASM Plans including the soils testing, preparation, submission and obtaining approvals from OMAFRA.
- To ensure that proper land application of the NASM is iii) carried out.

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Mike Rawn, C.E.T. General Manager Environmental Services Township of Clearview PO Box 200 217 Gideon St Stayner ON L0M 1S0 705-428-6230 ext. 243 mrawn@clearview.ca

NOTICE

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Mike Rawn, C.E.T. G.M. Environmental Services

Creemore was once the largest centre in the area

In 1857 Creemore's population was estimated at 200. You might guess that Collingwood had 2,000 citizens. Not so. The population in Collingwood in 1857 was almost zero, as you'll learn from the following passage. It is taken from a book

called The Canadian Handbook and Tourist Guide 1867. It is true that Collingwood grew more quickly, but let us not forget that Creemore was once the most flourishing centre in a large area.

"At about the southernmost portion of the Georgian Bay, called Nottawasaga Bay, lies Collingwood, the terminus of the Northern Railway, 94 miles from Toronto, and a place of great activity during the summer, when steamers run for Milwaukee, Chicago, Bruce Mines, Sault Ste Marie, Fort William (one of the Hudson Bay Company's stations) and other ports on Lakes Huron and Superior. A steamer, the 'Clifton,' also runs to Owen Sound.

"Ten years ago [in 1857] Collingwood lay only on the maps of surveyors, and what few houses there were lay in a small pine clearing. Now it is a town, where shipbuilding is carried on, large elevators have been erected for the trans-shipment of grain, and huge quantities of freight to and from the West may be seen piled on the wharves.

"Here is a pier 800 feet in length, a breakwater and a lighthouse. There is nothing in the vicinity to



BLACKBURN

attract attention save a few rocky islets called the Hen and Chickens, and it is not a desirable place to remain in, though fishing may be had in the waters of the Bay around it. Some idea of the value and extent of the fishing operations promiscuously

pursued in Nottawasaga Bay may be formed from the knowledge that the average daily take exceeds 1,000 fish, weighing from 1 to 40 pounds each, and are carried to the Toronto market. Most of the larger trout spawn about the islands upon beds of calcareous rock, over which a drift of sand and gravel passes by the action of the waves, where the water is shallow; and from being exposed to the sun, the temperature of the lake is warmer at these localities than elsewhere."

In contrast, an 1857 directory says this about Creemore Mills. "A flourishing village situated on the Mad River in the Township of Nottawasaga, and County of Simcoe. There is a large business done in lumber and flour. Six miles distant from Sunnidale Station [today's New Lowell], eight miles from Nottawasaga Station [Stayner], and 15 miles from Collingwood Harbour. Mail tri-weekly. Population about 200."

There were stores, a post office, a tanner, taverns, a blacksmith, carpenters, a saw mill, a shoemaker, a cooper, a wagon-maker and flour, carding and fuller mills. Creemore also had a church, a school and an Orange Lodge.

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FUN& Games

$Sudoku^{\text{by}}_{\text{Barbara Simpson}}$

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Answer on Page 11

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble _ Rusty, have you No, no, Spike. You're noticed I'm losing still the same old my energy? MYOADN

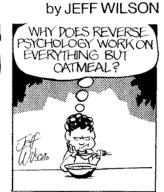


The AVRIDGE FARM









Find this week's answer on Page 11

by Ken Thornton -

FRED'S FUNNIES

Once, during a baseball game, a strange thing happened. Three lions suddenly appeared, and they promptly jumped over the third baseline wall and walked into the outfield. A man followed behind the lions, urging them on in their strange outing. Up in the press box, the radio announcer saw what was going on, and told his listening audience, 'Lion drive in left field.'

Brian's Canadian Crossword

#216 by Brian Paquin © 2013

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- 1 Used a serviette
- 7 Prom hairstyle 11 Ice-fishing shelter
- 16 Force
- 17 Furtive look
- 18 NDP House Leader Knowles
- 20 Prioritization of patients 21 Relaxation
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- 24 Hit from The Guess Who's
- Flavours album (2) 27 Flightless bird of New
- Zealand
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- 47 Lumberjack's tool
- 48 Chemist Pauling
- 49 Whining
- 51 Invention of Winnipeg's John Alexander Hopps
- 54 Maureen Forrester's voice
- 55 Arises (from)
- 56 Davenports
- 57 Third bk. of the Bible
- 58 On the agenda 59 Gossip blogger Hilton
- 60 Boscs, e.g.
- 62 Mal de
- 63 Martello fortification
- 64 Doug's brother
- 65 Doug's description of his brother
- 68 Prescription drugs
- 69 Sings like Bob Dylan
- 73 October gemstone 74 Salsa singer Anthony
- Massif, BC 75 Howser 77 Part of Napoleon's
- palindrome 78 Saucepot top
- 79 Don Cherry's long-time straight man (2)
- 81 Domesticated 82 Upright
- 84 This blew away during the
- **Dirty Thirties** 85 NT town

- 90 Not bright
- 92 Actress Marilu ___ (Taxi)

- 3 They are big or small in Hold'em
- 4 Diagonal
- 5 Hosiery container, sometimes
- 6 Legally transferring
- 7 Flip over
- on earth

- 13 Colony worker
- 14 Weather regions
- 15 Guinness's role in Star Wars

- 26 Baptism bowl
- 29 Lean and sinewy
- 33 Coal container
- 34 Oil receptacles
- 37 Haagen-Dazs holders
- 44 See 9D
- __ Maria (Montreal girls' 45 school)
- 48 Some other time
- Gerald Bouev, e.g.

- 88 Negotiator's need
- 91 Holy women of France
- 2 Wear down

- 11 Tolerated
- 12 Move (freight)

- 18 Fast-food utensil

- 31 Home town of E.D. Smith &
- 39 Story lines
- 43 Did like Steve Bauer
- 46 Come in!

- 89 Not perturbed

- 10 Type of radio program (2)
- 19 Beer fermenter

- Sons
- 40 Stare at
- 42 Bumper sticker

- 87 Glee

- 25 Calc. prerequisite

- 41 Entrance needs
- 49 Office flunky 50 Louis Rasminsky and

- 35 Anglican parish priest
- 38 This really has 60 minutes

- 1 Stock market bubble of the
- ownership

- 9 He loved Lucy (with 44D)

- 52 Fingernail coating 53 Alma 54 Fundamental
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56 Reattaches buttons

65 Sank (a putt) 66 Spoke one's mind 67 Shape of Scotiabank's

Calgary arena

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- 69 Mamma
- 70 Raise dough 71 Valuable mammal to HBC 72 One who looks for hiders

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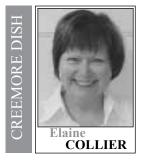
- 81 Do like leaves in autumn 83 Top the field
- 86 Maiden-name word

Got fruit? Put a crisp on it!

Hard to believe we are more than halfway through the winter season and March is here! As per my last column, I have continued to snowshoe around our property as much as possible with the two dogs, and managed to avoid any further

mishaps. This is just as well because my partner in crime has been down for the count since the middle of January. Stephen is recovering from some surgery and has to take it easy for a while - so no hauling me out of any deep snow drifts! Just in case, I now take my iPhone with me, although how that might help is debatable. I suppose I could phone everyone I knew as I waited for the snow to melt around me... maybe I'll strap a brandy flask or two around the dogs' necks...

The B&B has been very busy and we are enjoying having our new Devil's Glen family, Tim, Mairi, Bronwyn and Samuel, stay with us just about every weekend as well as during the upcoming March break. Besides cooking Saturday night dinner for them, I've been learning how to snow blow the B&B parking area after a few lessons from Stephen. While I haven't quite yet mastered the part about aiming the funnel so that the snow doesn't all come back in your face, I haven't backed up over the edge of the driveway into the east



field (thank goodness because it's quite a drop). I am quite proud that I was able to clear out the snow from all our recent storms, but will gladly turn this chore back to him and retreat to my nice warm kitchen!

It has been said around here that no fruit sticks around for very long before someone tries to put a crisp on it. In fact, it's inevitable. Who doesn't like tucking into a crunchy, sweet dessert like that, warm from the oven? Add vanilla ice cream on the side, and you have a perfect country comfort type of ending to a winter meal. The thing I like about a fruit crisp is that you can easily put your own stamp on it by tossing in old standbys such as oats and brown sugar and then adding extra flavour with nuts, dried fruit, spices, and so

This week's recipe adds a few tweaks to the traditional. Pecans coated with the brown sugar and butter will turn into crunchy praline as the fruit crisp bakes. I also add cinnamon to the fruit mixture. For some strange culinary science reason, this spice really brings out the flavour of the blueberries.

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

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

Blueberry Praline Crisp

Serves 6

4 cups frozen blueberries (in summer use fresh blueberries)

1/2 cup white sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Juice from 1/2 a fresh lemon

1 cup regular oats (large flake)

1/3 cup all purpose flour

2/3 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 cup whole pecans, broken into rough pieces

4 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat oven to 375°. In a medium size bowl, mix blueberries, white sugar, cornstarch and fresh lemon juice. Spread mixture in the bottom of a 9 x 11 pan (I use a glass lasagne pan). In another bowl, mix brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, oats and pecans together. Pour melted butter over top and mix to form a rough topping (I use my hands to ensure all ingredients are well blended). Sprinkle the topping over the blueberries. Bake in the oven for approximately 35 to 40 minutes until nicely browned. Remove from oven, let set and then serve warm.

Note: Using frozen blueberries will result in a more liquid fruit mixture than using fresh, but either way tastes great!

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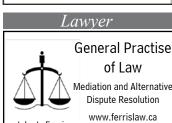


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Creemore Legion BINGO will begin again on Thursday, April 4 at 6:45 pm. We have a new format and a progressive jackpot. Come out and join us.

NOTICE

The Farmers' Market coffee booth is now accepting applications from non-profit organizations. To request the use of the coffee booth at the market, applications will be taken in writing only and can include date preferences. Applications should be mailed to: Creemore Farmers' Market, PO Box 2081, Creemore, ON L0M 1G0. The Farmers' Market board will allocate dates and get in touch with each organization at the end of March after they have reviewed all the applications. Non-profit organizations can also apply to have a full or parttime stall at the market. Application forms can be downloaded from www. creemorefarmersmarket.com.

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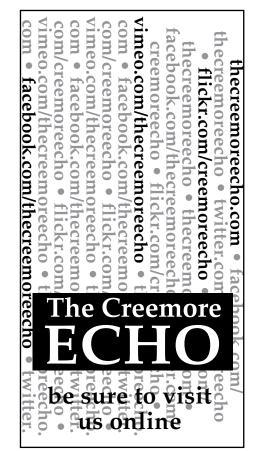
The Hamlet of Dunedin is now accepting submissions for our "Design Dunedin" contest. Dunedin is seeking a new logo, that represents our community, and the people within it. The logo will be used on t-shirts and other clothing, as well as in other places around the community. A cash prize of \$100 is being offered, as well as free meals for all of our community sponsored events for 2013 (Fisherman's Breakfast, Roast Beef Dinner etc.) This contest is open to people of all ages, residents and non-residents alike! Please email submissions as a jpeg, no later than APRIL 1st to dunedin@ danclements.com. We look forward to seeing your submissions!

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandpa, **Wilfred Wilson** who passed away on January 25, 1995 and dear Mom and Grandma, **Mae Wilson** who passed away on March 3, 2000 and a dear Brother and Uncle, **Don Wilson** who passed away on July 14, 2010

Although we laugh and seem carefree
And make no outward show.
What it meant to lose them
No one will ever know.
We often sit and wonder
How life would be today
If God had let you stay with us
And not called you away.

You will always be remembered with love, Bruce, Helen, James, Krista, Kevin and Brent Fraser



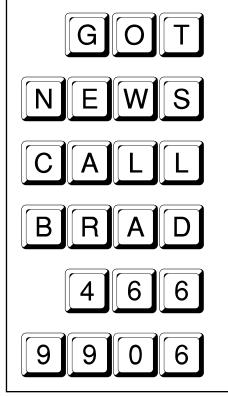
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DEATH NOTICE

ALLAN, Violet L. - at General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, Violet L. Goulter, in her 97th year, beloved wife of the late Les Allan, New Lowell. Loving mother of Glen. Dear sister of Jack and Vera Goulter, Gladys Downey, Myrtle Jackson, Lena and Bill Reid, Henry and Eileen Goulter, Jim Goulter, and predeceased by Dorothy Healey, Mary Jackson, Freda Downey and George Goulter. Dear sister-in-law of Velda Goulter. The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton (905-857-2213) Sunday afternoon. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Monday, February 25 at 2 pm. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the General and Marine Hospital, 459 Hume Street, Collingwood L9Y 1W9 or a charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www. EganFuneralHome.com



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Spike & Rusty: **DYNAMO**



Sunday Winners

The coveted Silver Broom Trophy is awarded each year to the winners of the Creemore Curling Club's Sunday league. From left to right are this year's winners: Melanie Lightheart (lead), Dale Lightheart (vice), Rhonda Millsap (second) and Andrew Millsap (skip). Presenting the team with the trophy is Paul Crevier.



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Gordon Fuller addresses the crowd.

Brewery celebrates groundbreaking

After the sod was turned at Creemore Springs Brewery last Friday, the company hosted a get-together inside the brewery's warehouse. Vice President and Brewmaster **Gordon Fuller** took the microphone first, thanking the members of Clearview Council, Township staff, the Ministry of the Environment, Creemore Springs project manager **Geoff Davies** (who came onboard last year), and the brewery's neighbours, including **Paul Vorstermans** and **Austin** and **Christine Boake**, who appealed the brewery's original application to the Ontario Municipal Board.

"What you're going to see develop here over the next three years or so wouldn't be as aesthetically pleasing or as functional without the constructive criticism we got from the people in the community," said Fuller.

Also speaking was Six Pints Specialty Beer Company president **Ian Freedman** and Clearview Township Mayor **Ken Ferguson**, who said he'd been excited throughout the whole process. "I never wanted to see this place leave Creemore's main street, because if you did, I don't think you'd be able to sell the beer," said Ferguson.



Paul Vorstermans, Thom Paterson and Geoff Davies look on.

