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BULLYING STOPS HERE Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School held its annual Pink T-Shirt Day on Tuesday, rallying support against physical, verbal and cyber bullying. The school's student government, pictured above, hosted an assembly and performed several skits illustrating how students should speak out when they witness someone being bullied.

TAX INCREASE PASSED AT 1.86 PER CENT

Decreases at County and School Board offset 7.5% increase in Clearview levy

by Brad Holden
Some last-minute adjustments to the Simcoe County and School Board mill rates made Clearview Council's budget decision an easier one Monday, allowing them to approve a 7.52 per cent increase in the Township levy and still keep the overall residential tax increase at 1.86 per cent.
Until Monday's workshop, Treasurer **Edward Henley** had been estimating the
(See "Clearview" on page 3)

Avening Hall wants Council to realize building's potential

by Brad Holden
Faced with structural deficiencies, failed fire and electrical inspections and a Council that may or may not be inclined to shut the doors rather than fix the situation, members of the Avening Hall board have decided to stand up and fight for the future of their building.
For 60 years, the Avening Hall has served as a focal point for the community that surrounds it, hosting weddings, euchre tournaments, bowling leagues and Women's Institute meetings. More recently, its wood-clad acoustics and from-the-last-century feel have made the hall a cherished tour stop for some of Canada's most respected musicians.
Taken over by Clearview Township along with five other community halls when Nottawasaga and Sunnidale Townships amalgamated with Creemore and Stayner in 1996, the Avening Hall has been patiently waiting its turn for municipal upgrades that have already

taken place, to varying extents, at the Nottawa, Duntroon, Sunnidale Corners and Brentwood Halls.
So it was with shock that members of the board received a recent double-dose of news from the Township, firstly that an engineering report found that \$250,000 is needed for the hall to meet provincial accessibility guidelines set to come into effect in 2025, and secondly (and more pressingly) that roughly \$50,000 in immediate upgrades are needed to prevent the hall being shut down for fire and electrical safety violations.
While Avening is worse-off than the other five halls on the fire and electrical front, the accessibility problem is widespread, with the total potential bill for bringing all six into compliance hovering around the \$1 million mark. As a result, a political decision on the fate of some or all of the halls looms, and Council has called a special meeting for
(See "Hall" on page 6)



IN IT TO WIN The Creemore Valley Hawks Bantam Rep team will meet the Zurich Thunder in the 2013 OMHA 'D' Finals. Coming off a near-perfect regular season (19-0-1), the team eliminated Dundalk in the quarter-finals and took Woodville in three straight games in the semi-finals. Game dates and times have yet to be finalized at press time. Stay tuned for further details. In back, left to right, are **Dan Trafford** (manager), **Tom Macham** (head coach), **Luke Whitley**, **Troy Scott**, **Shawn Runyon**, **Brody Carruthers**, **Danny Patton**, **Andrew Burnett**, **Jim Whitley** (trainer) and **Cory Burnett** (assistant coach). In front are **Jacob Wilson**, **Darren Trafford**, **Austin Hamilton**, **Brendan Macham**, **Ryan Young** and **Zack Johnston**.



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This Weekend

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 welcome.

Sunday, March 10

- **Daylight Savings Time** begins today.
- **Church Services** on page 5.

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.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 15

- **Imaginarium March Break Art Camp** from 9 am to 4 pm each day at Ray's Place. Looking for a fun and creative way to spend March Break? Suitable for kids aged 4 to 12. Visual arts, movement, drama and outdoor fun too. \$160-\$210-\$260. Pre-payment required, Register at Mad and Noisy Gallery or 705-466-5555 or creemoreimainarium.com Minimum of 10 participants.

Saturday, March 16

- Join the **Mad Professor** from **Elephant Thoughts** at Station on the Green at 1 pm. He will be bringing a hovercraft, some reptiles and more magical science. Free fun for the whole family. Call 705-466-3011 or drop by the Creemore Branch to reserve your free tickets to guarantee your seats. (Another show will take place at the Stayner Arena Community Hall at 10 am.) Hosted by **Clearview Public Library**.

Sunday, March 17

- **Abigail Zantingh's Mission Trip Fundraiser for Philippines 2013 "Serving with Hands and Feet"** Dessert Buffet, Silent Auction and Entertainment Night at Clearview Community Church, 1070 County Road 42. Doors open at 5:30 pm featuring local singing talent, dance, games, prizes and more! \$15 entrance fee, family of 4 is \$45 (2 adults, 2 children) available at the Treasure House, Clearview Community Church and through Life 100.3. Limited seating – first come, first served! For more information, call Abigail at 705-321-0429.

Wednesday, March 20

- **Creemore Horticultural Society Monthly Meeting** at St Luke's Anglican Church, Creemore at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker is **Kristen Martyn** whose topic is "Hummingbirds". All are welcome.

Thursday, March 21

- **Nottawasaga Community Hall's Annual General Meeting** at 7 pm at the hall, 9025 Cty Rd 91, Duntroon. All welcome to attend.

Friday, March 22

- **New Lowell United Church's First Movie Night!** Come see *The Lorax*. \$5 includes movie, drink and popcorn. Movie starts at 7 pm.

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.



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10 am to Noon • (coffee at 9:30 am)
Rosemont Hall
(across from the Globe Restaurant - HWY 89 in Rosemont)


- **Melancthon Quarry/Aggregate Act Reform**
Next steps, presented by a representative of NDACT
- **Airport Road Proposed Aggregate Operation**
Moment of truth - presented by a representative of CORE
 - **Waste Disposal Controversy**
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Clearview Council sets tax increase at 1.86%

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impact on residents' taxes from the County and School Board, waiting for the official mill rates to be determined. The numbers being used were 0.61 per cent for the County, which is the increase in that organization's overall levy, and zero per cent for the School Board.

But the mill rates, which Henley had in time for Monday's workshop, reflected the fact that Clearview Township's taxable assessment grew at a rate of 1.01 per cent last year, the second lowest rate of the 16 municipalities that make up Simcoe County. Only Ramara Township, with a rate of 0.54 per cent, grew less. Overall, Simcoe County grew at a rate of 2.13 per cent, with Bradford-West Gwillimbury leading the way at 6.64 per cent and New Tecumseth growing the second fastest at 2.68 per cent.

Because the overall increase in Simcoe County's levy is less than its growth number, it means that municipalities on the lower end of the growth chart see a decrease in taxes, as the faster-growing municipalities shoulder more of the tax burden. As a result, the 2013 Simcoe County mill rate translates to a 0.65 per cent decrease in what the County needs to collect from Clearview.

Similarly, this area's lack of growth meant the School Board is requiring 4.07 per cent less from Clearview this year.

Treasurer Henley also led off the workshop by telling Council that since the last time they met on the budget, staff had found \$100,000 in savings in salaries and benefits in the public works and parks and recreation departments.

That, coupled with some up-to-date math that showed that a one-per-cent increase in the Clearview levy translates to \$106,240 rather than \$100,000 as previously estimated, meant that Council started the day with a 7.73 per cent increase in the Township levy to work with.

Council then went line by line on several items put forward by Councillors **Thom Paterson**, **Shawn Davidson**, **Brent Preston** and Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage**, in hopes of bringing the increase down further. Up for discussion were things like the Schell Farm local improvement study, the part-time fire prevention officer, the full-time fire administration position, a pay equity study, the asset management plan, the use of contracted services in general, new flooring for the administration centre, the digital signage program, the paving of the Creemore Arena parking lot, and the Economic Development Committee branding project.

Of those, the only subject that met with a majority

of votes was a decision to split the branding project, previously budgeted at \$50,000, over the next two years. Left in the budget for this year was \$27,937, with \$20,000 coming from taxation and \$7,937 coming from EDC reserves.

The budget was then passed at Monday night's Council meeting, despite some previous indication that a final vote wouldn't take place until March 25. When Councillor Paterson asked why the Township wasn't waiting until they know the outcome of the March 18 special meeting on the future of the community

halls, he was assured by staff that should any financial commitments arise at that meeting, the budget could always be amended.

With a final property tax increase of 1.86 per cent, that means taxes on the median-value Clearview Township home (valued at \$250,750) will go up \$51.11 this year, from \$2,743.68 to \$2,794.79. Of that amount, \$1,181.81 will go to Clearview Township, \$312.74 will go to the Huronia West OPP, \$768.66 to Simcoe County and \$531.59 to the School Board.

The official tax bylaw is set to be passed in May.

Municipal Tax Increase Requested for Operating and Capital

	2012	2013
Administration		4.14%
Information Services		0.02%
Fire		-0.15%
Building		0.00%
Bylaw		0.19%
Public Works		1.04%
Parks		2.93%
Library		0.59%
Planning		-0.56%
Medical Centre		0.00%
Total		8.20%
Plus increase in taxes refunded by assessment change		0.38%
Less property tax base increase from new growth		-1.06%
Total Clearview Tax increase (est.)		7.52%

Clearview Tax Increase (est. using tax rate)	7.52%
Policing (OPP) Tax Increase (est. using tax rate)	0.14%
Simcoe County Tax Increase (est. using tax rate)	-0.65%
Education Tax Increase (est. using tax rate)	-4.07%
Net Tax Increase (est. using tax rate)	1.86%

Using tax rates instead of % estimates

Property Tax on Average home assessed at \$250,750 (estimated)		
	2012	2013
Clearview	\$ 1,103.60	\$ 1,181.81
Policing (OPP)	\$ 312.29	\$ 312.74
County	\$ 773.64	\$ 768.66
Education	\$ 554.16	\$ 531.59
	\$ 2,743.68	\$ 2,794.79

Average Property Tax increase on average home assessed at \$250,750 (estimated)		2013
Clearview	\$	78.21
Policing (OPP)	\$	0.45
County	\$	(4.98)
Education	\$	(22.57)
	\$	51.11

Source: Clearview Township Finance Department

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LETTER

What constitutes local?

Dear Editor:

In his March 1 letter to the *Echo*, Mr. Krehm of Arbour Farms takes Dick Byford to task for referring to him as an “outsider.” I think Dick can be forgiven for that. You see, Dick has never seen Mr. Krehm play any role in the community other than pursuing personal profit. In all his years as an active member of the local ratepayer’s group, (MC)2, Dick doesn’t recall seeing Mr. Krehm participating. Nor, while he was able to be an active member in the Bruce Trail Association, did Dick work alongside Mr. Krehm. Nor does he recall seeing Mr. Krehm while he was active in the “Stop the Mega Quarry” effort. He has never seen Mr. Krehm at the Dufferin Oaks when he volunteers there, nor at the Shelburne Food Bank, where Dick still helps out. The same can be said for helping out at the Dufferin County Museum, Theatre Orangeville, the Concert Association and the Dufferin Arts Council.

Although Mr. Krehm appears to claim some sense of community through land ownership, I feel assured that were his residence on or adjacent to the property proposed as a gravel pit, we would not now be faced with that most dire prospect. No, his “recreational farm property” is safely 18 kilometres upwind and away from the anticipated noise and traffic. And, although he and his extended family may find the Airport Road the most direct route from Rosedale to Smithdale, now they can use it in relative safety as the new proposal limits weekend activity at the pit. “Locals,” however, will still have to cope with the danger and inconvenience large trucks bring to that little highway from Monday to Friday.

No, I think Dick has accurately defined Mr. Krehm’s proposal as definitely “outside” the interests of the local community.

Michael Monahan,
Mulmur Township

THE WAY WE WERE

Here are the names for the picture of the teacher and students at Mount Zion School in 1946/1947, which appeared in the March 1 *Echo*.

Back row: Ruth Grose (Day), teacher, Orma Newton (Smith), Kathleen Flack (Montgomery), Orneva Flack (Pardy), Bernice Leighton (Chipchase), Harvey Micks, Earl Ritchie. Second row: Violet Micks, Elaine Flack (Tryon), Keith Ritchie, Glenn Millsap, Clifford Flack, Donald Millsap. Front row: Irma Ritchie (Flack), Lena Flack (Halcrow), Paul Millsap, Wayne Rutledge.



Allen Flack, great-grandfather of the Flacks in the picture, donated land from his farm at lot 4, concession 5, Nottawasaga, to build the school in 1883.

In December, 1951, the teacher, Miss Milroy, decided to have the school Christmas concert at Mount Zion Church because there was a raised stage and more space than at the school. Although the road had been plowed that day, transportation to the concert was by horse and sleigh. During the concert a winter storm blew in and raged all night. When it was time to go home, safe travel was almost impossible. Some took refuge in the nearby houses of Jim Leighton, Tom Green and J.T. Millsap, and 25 stayed at the home of Freeman and Ruth Day. By morning the storm had abated. Following a hearty breakfast at the Day home, including oatmeal porridge, the men going north hitched their teams and headed out in a convoy to break a trail through the mountainous snow banks. Some of this track was through the fields because the road was too deep for the horses. These men finally arrived home to look after their chores. Later in the day they returned to the Day residence for their families.

With only five children left in the community, the school closed in 1958. When the Township schools amalgamated, the school could not be sold because there was no deed for the lot. The land reverted to the Flack farm. The school well now waters the Flack feedlot.

Freeman Day bought the building, tore it down, and rebuilt it on his nearby farm as a pig barn in 1967. The building later served as a dog kennel.

Today the building is a workshop for John Millsap, who now owns the farm.

-Submitted by **Irma Flack**

LETTER

Dufferin County voting system “complicated, confusing, unfair”

Letter to the Editor:

I was pleased to read Mr. Crewson’s letter in the February 15 *Echo*. His somewhat indignant reply reveals a complicated, confusing and, for many, unfair Dufferin County voting system which, this year, has caused Mono, Mulmur and Amaranth Townships a huge increase in the cost of garbage collection. Conversely, Orangeville and Shelburne’s costs have dropped, Orangeville’s by \$576,000 and Shelburne’s by \$166,000.

In the background is the very expensive and questionable DEEP – Dufferin Echo Energy Park – whose costs may skyrocket and which all necessitate the importation of megatons of garbage from away to have any chance of success. Hundreds of trucks will be on our roads.

Mulmur residents don’t need to join the County-wide collection as their dump has a 75-year capacity remaining. Mulmur citizens now get much less service. Our dump is closed and weekenders, who make up about 40 per cent of the population, have to put their garbage out on Tuesdays – or leave it out Sunday night for the raccoons! Mulmur Township Council would not have agreed to uploading if they had known in advance the huge costs to residents.

We, in the Townships, need to know if DEEP is alive as County Council has recently transferred about \$1.4 million from the DEEP Reserve Fund to reduce County taxes. Why?

This could lead one to believe that the project is not progressing and that it might well be dead! To have heard nothing about this very expensive and environmentally questionable project could lead taxpayers to believe it was never a serious proposal but, instead, a lure to draw the rural Townships into a County-wide disposal system that would cost them more while saving Shelburne and Orangeville large sums of money! It smells like “bait and switch” or “smoke and mirrors.”

We taxpayers need an open and “deep” discussion of DEEP. We need to see all the documentation/costs that taxpayers have paid so far and a timeline for when the plant will open.

There is another issue that goes well beyond waste disposal. Mayor Crewson is correct in saying that votes on County Council are allocated by population, which reflects democracy. However, County taxes are charged to the Townships, not by population but by property assessment. That means that Mulmur, with 5.3 per cent of the population, pays 8.5 per cent

of the County tax bill! Mono, with 14 per cent of the population, pays 19 per cent of the taxes.

Shelburne, with 16 per cent of the population, pays 7.7 per cent of the taxes and Orangeville, with 51 per cent of the population, pays 43 per cent.

Thus, the majority determined by population uses its power to over-tax the smaller communities! That, to me, is not democracy, but a form of tyranny by the majority!

It is time to change the voting structure of Dufferin to one that encourages co-operation. We all know you can’t bully kids into eating liver! What the current Dufferin County Councillors need to look at is the taxing structure. This would lead County Council to act on the important principle, “No taxation without representation,” and to act beyond the parochial interests of the two communities that control the Council.

In my first letter, I mentioned a possible boycott by military personnel near the towns of Pembroke and Alliston. Those communities did not suffer boycotts because their mayors “woke up and smelled the coffee.” I hope/trust this will be the case in Dufferin.

Dick Byford, Mulmur

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

We had a few days of heavy snow prior to our Seniors “cards” day. But 44 of us made it out, including **Phyllis Seed** from Alliston, and **Marj Thomson** from west of Highway 124, which is notorious snow country.

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

is the daughter of **Kevin Johnston**, Norma’s son. Also, our congratulations go to **Katharine Blohm** for her volunteer work with the Community Policing Committee for which she was recently recognized and was awarded a certificate, etc,

at the Wasaga Beach Recognition Day. Well done, Katharine.

We received a Thank You card from the Clearview Stayner Food Bank, thanking the folks at **Warren’s** birthday party for their generous donations of food to the Food Bank. So, thanks again, everyone, and see you all in another 10 years.

Last week we had a real deluge of snow. Then the plow came along, and we were royally snowed in. Then along came **Allan Thompson** with his snow blower to make a track to the road, in case one of us needed to get out. His wife **Suzanne** was in the car, warming it up, as they should have been on their way, but delayed their departure long enough to make sure we were okay. Then along came **Mark Cailles** with **Steve Whitley’s** skid steer, and Mark cleared all the driveways down this street. There is just no stopping that machine with something like a ton of snow – and Mark is very adept at handling it. Then **Maurice Weatherall** was in with the “big” tractor and bucket. It is equipped with a double auger blower, but the snow was so wet and heavy that the bucket was the answer. So he pushed these huge piles of snow back further, and he is very, very good at manoeuvring that

piece of heavy equipment – even in close quarters around houses, etc. And it does require a lot of skill to keep from doing a very possible lot of damage when one is working in close quarters with any kind of motorized machinery. So thanks to all of you guys with your machinery, your skills, your kindness and thoughtfulness in making sure we are all mobile when we can not do it on our own.

Once upon a time in this country, when a farmer saw a hawk hovering near his barnyard, he brought out the 12-gauge shotgun and the hawk bit the dust. This was because all farms had free-run chickens, hens, ducks, etc, and the hawks would decimate a flock pretty quickly. Well, I’m thinking maybe we should all polish up our 12-gauges and go to war with the hawks that are swooping down and grabbing the little birds right out of the air at birdfeeders. Then I’m thinking we should keep them polished up to stand a chance at holding our own against the raccoons that are bound and bent that they have the right to rip a way in through the eaves so they (and their kits) can enjoy living in the penthouse suite of any building. This all may sound cruel, but how else can one stop the hawks from chewing on the small birds, and the raccoons from chewing on the buildings?

We enjoyed the lovely beef and lamb supper at the United Church in Creemore on Saturday. Warren wouldn’t go near lamb after his time overseas during the war when the only meat that was available most of the time was mutton. His description was that it “tasted like wet wool!” Anyways, **Bob** and **Marilyn Kent** gave him some lamb chops to try – and they were a whole new experience. Then when **Neil**

Meatheral started adding it to the church menu, Warren tried it again, and now all he asks for is lamb at the supper, which is beautifully cooked by Neil. Seems there is quite a difference between lamb and mutton! Also, someone made a dynamite pecan pie that I enjoyed, as did the chap across from me. He was **Greta** and **Keith Leighton’s** son, who is likely a cousin of **Ray Leighton** – but I think this chap called him “Uncle Ray.” I can’t remember his first name, but we chatted away anyways, and good thing, because he was the best at rounding up pies that I have ever seen. I was also talking to **Laura (Coulter) Jardine**, and she mentioned that she had started out for the supper with two pies, but one slipped and fell on her porch. That was too bad, as pies take a fair bit of time and work to produce. But she said it was pumpkin, so likely some squirrel will find it and enjoy it.

We didn’t make it to the Avening Euchre night, which I had been looking forward to – but maybe next time. I understand that a fair few attended, and that it was a fun night.

I am putting in a vote for **Phyllis Seed** as the “most efficient cleaner I have ever known.” This vote is because when Phyllis won a \$5 prize, she put her prize money on the table, ate her lunch, cleaned off the table and went to help in the kitchen. She then remembered that she had put her \$5 someplace – but couldn’t find it. Well, it turned out that she was such an efficient cleaner that she cleaned up her winnings and put the cash in the garbage! As soon as she looked in the right place (the garbage can) her winnings were easily spotted. Still think you’re top of the list for cleaning up that “filthy lucre” by being the most efficient “Molly Maid.”



Sunday, March 10

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Hall wants five years to show its potential

(Continued from page 1)

the hall boards to voice their opinions on Monday, March 18.

The Avening board, for one, has decided not to go down without a fight. Its members will make a presentation to Council at the March 18 meeting, proposing that the board will draw on its reserves and fundraise some portion of the \$50,000 needed for the hall to meet fire and electrical safety standards if the Township will provide the rest and promise to keep the facility open for at least five years.

Over the course of those five years, the hall board will then do its best to cement the Avening Hall's growing reputation as a concert venue and tourist destination, while at the same time bolstering its traditional role as a community gathering place. The hope is that five years down the road, both facets will be thriving enough to convince the Township to invest further in the hall's future.

"This is not just about preserving the hall, it's about making sure it remains as, and is recognized as, a meaningful part of the Township's identity moving forward," said **Sara Hershoff**, who has been a member of the Avening Hall board since 2009 and has been promoting concerts there since 2001.

Those concerts have grown from not much more than glorified parties for Hershoff's circle of friends to full-fledged sold-out events that attract concert-goers from a wide swath of southern Ontario and beyond. The most recent, a mid-February show by Toronto singer-songwriter **Hayden**, saw only 30 per cent of the 200 tickets sold purchased by residents of Clearview Township.

Hershoff has done some number-crunching on that show, conservatively estimating that beyond the \$2,300 made by the Avening Hall board from bar sales, the concert generated a minimum of \$4,000 in immediate financial spinoffs

to the community, in the form of things like bed and breakfast accommodations, catering fees and advertising and printing costs. In addition, since putting the word out about the hall's precarious situation Hershoff has received letters from two different couples whose experiences at Avening Hall shows have either factored into or validated their decisions to purchase homes in the area.

The hall has also received a heap of glowing praise from many of the musicians who have graced its stage over the past decade. **Joel Plaskett** said it was "a beautiful room with great hospitality and community spirit." **Sarah Harmer** called it "one of the best venues in the country," noting that "the spirit of small-town Canadian culture and hospitality is in the walls and wood floor there, and it needs to be kept alive and thriving." **Casey LaForet** of the Toronto rockers Elliott Brood remembered that his band



"SAVENing" t-shirts, here shown off by lifetime Aveningite **Rene Whitley**, will be part of the Avening Hall's fundraising campaign.

loved playing the hall so much that they subsequently rented it for a week to record some of their most recent album there. And **Hayden**, a man of few words, said he was so impressed with both the venue and the spirit in the room that he would be recommending a stop at Avening to all of his musician friends.

It's this kind of potential that the board wants to make sure Council understands – especially in the case of the Avening Hall, but potentially with regard to all of the Township's halls. "It would be terrible to see the doors closed on these facilities without identifying, and trying to utilize them, to their full potential," said Hershoff.

Should the Avening Hall board get the go-ahead for the next five years, you can trust that there will be a few concerts to contribute to the fundraising, but that's not all the board has up their sleeve. A full slate of events is still in the planning stage, but it's intended that whatever happens will illustrate the various usage possibilities for the hall. Currently in the works are a ticketed gourmet dinner with "Canada's Top Chef," a free community potluck with special guest speaker and, of course, the venerable Avening Beef Barbecue. The board will also be soliciting donations from the community and service organizations, and "SAVENing" t-shirts are available at the *Creemore Echo* or by contacting aveningcc@gmail.com.

Avening Hall president **Carol Rowbotham** said she was unsure about how much support she could rely on from the community until the hall's Annual General Meeting last week, which saw a large turnout from the families who have used the facility for generations.

"The Avening Hall has always been a meeting place, and the people that came out to that meeting inspired me," said Rowbotham. "It showed me that there is still a lot of community spirit – that this hall really means something to the people in the immediate area, as well as people in the greater community."

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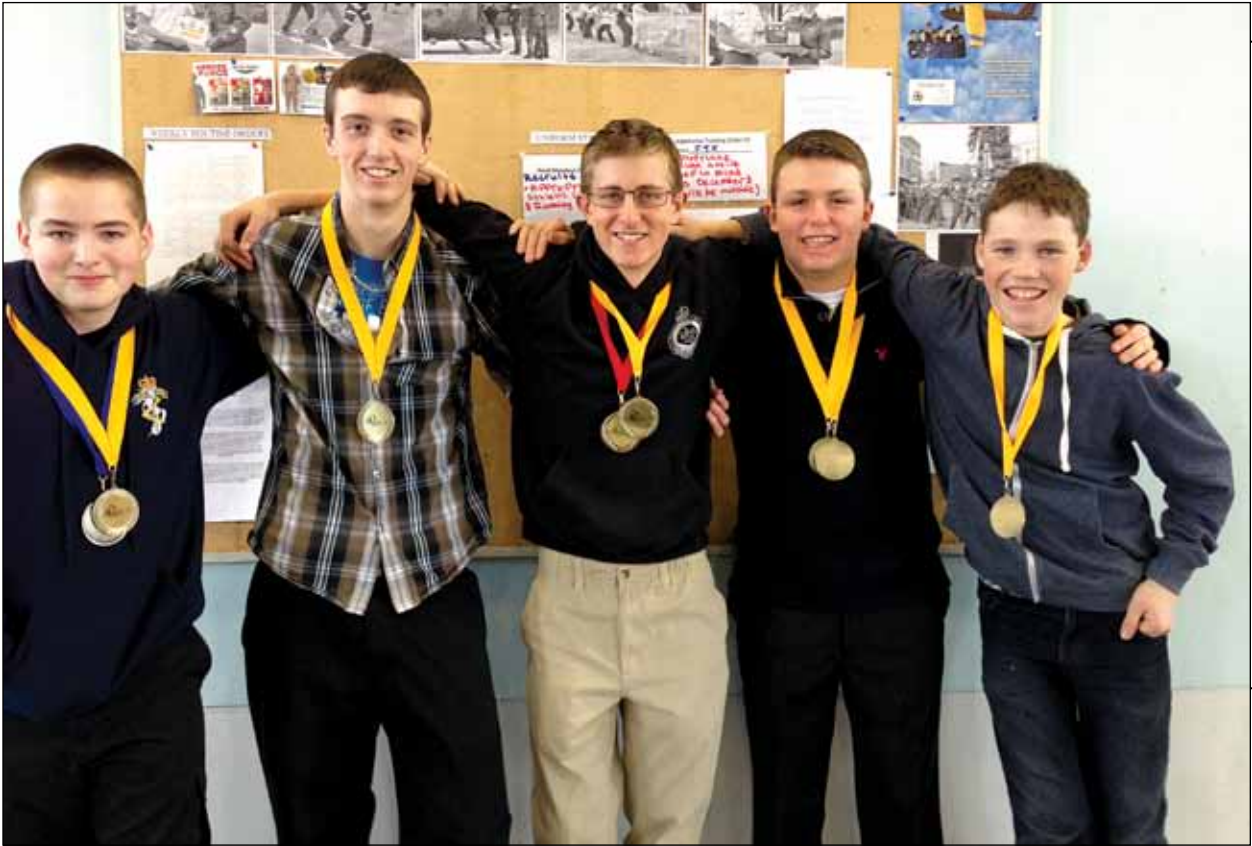
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WO **Devlyn Lohnes** placed third overall, Mcpl **Cole McArthur** placed first among the Junior competitors (under 15 years) and Mcpl **Matthew Parkes** placed second among the Junior shooters.

The team is now waiting to hear if they've qualified for the Provincial Championships, being held in Trenton from April 12-14.



SCIENCE FUN These leaping leopards, Ringo and Casper, are the official greeters at the Elephant Thoughts store in Collingwood. They will be minding "the store" while the organization's "Mad Professor" visits with the Clearview Public Library at 1 pm on Saturday, March 16 at Station on the Green. He will be bringing a hovercraft, some reptiles and more magical science, guaranteeing fun for the whole family. Call 705-466-3011 or drop by the Creemore branch to reserve your (free) seats. Another show will take place at the Stayner Arena Community Hall at 10 am on the same day.

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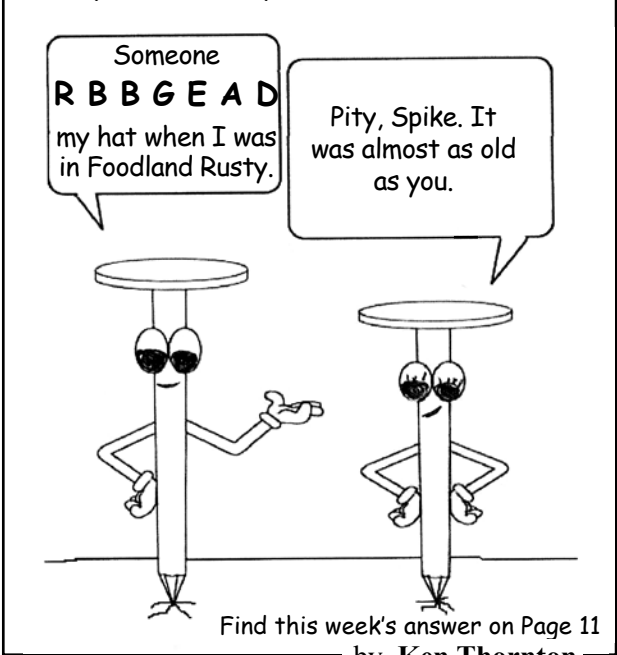
FUN & Games

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, March 8
Mainly sunny
High 3 Low -4 Winds N 10 km/h
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Saturday, March 9
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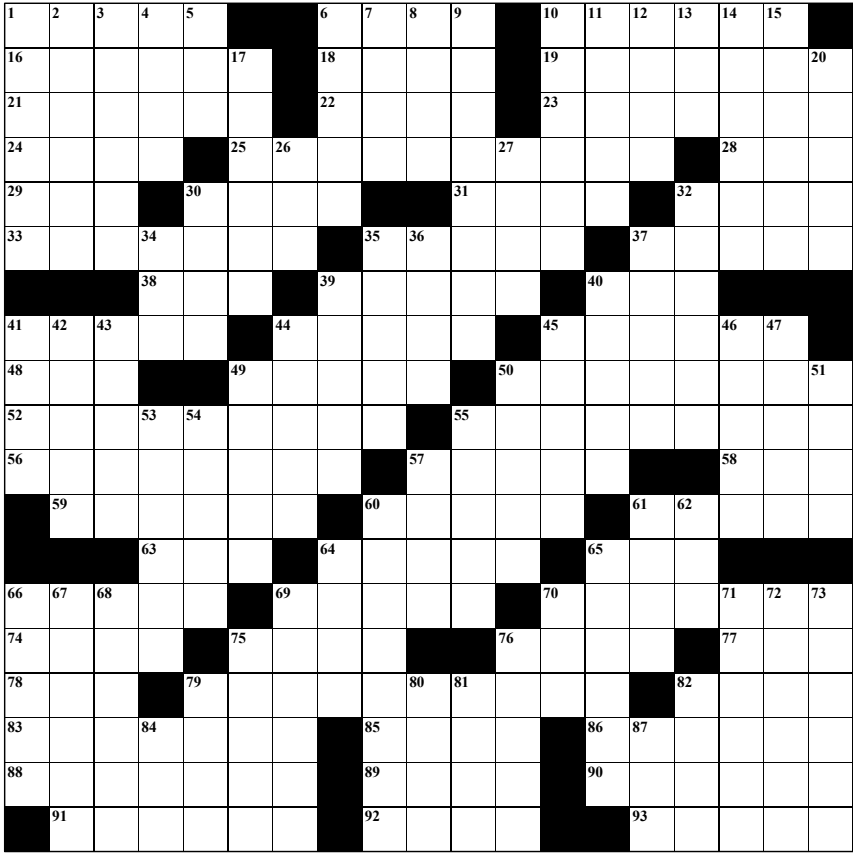
Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

Brian's Canadian Crossword

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- #0217
- ACROSS
- 1 Black Label server
 - 6 Scheme
 - 10 ___ Inspection (HGTV)
 - 16 Cabinet minister Caplan
 - 18 Bubbly Nestle bar
 - 19 Retired professors
 - 21 Heavy hammer
 - 22 Hang one's lip
 - 23 Big Ben's birth name
 - 24 Heroes
 - 25 Great Blackhawks centre (2)
 - 28 Witch
 - 29 Afore
 - 30 Ground-up grain
 - 31 Former car features
 - 32 Royal power over Canadian legislation
 - 33 Night Gallery host
 - 35 Flashy jewellery, slangily
 - 37 Bottom-of-the-barrel
 - 38 Thanksgiving Day mth
 - 39 The Canadian, in the world of horses
 - 40 ___ Rider (War)
 - 41 Declare
 - 44 A dozen dozen
 - 45 Like an oath
 - 48 Producer Burns (The Civil War)
 - 49 The Wailin' Jennys and The
- Wilkinsons, e.g.
- 50 Norm, Cliff et al.
 - 52 ___, ___ & Be Merry! (Canadian cookbook)
 - 55 Casey and Finnegan's friend (2)
 - 56 Twisting and turning
 - 57 Serta competitor
 - 58 Geological time span
 - 59 Hightails it
 - 60 Arbuckle of silent films
 - 61 Argentinian president Juan
- 88 Administer an oath at Rideau Hall (2)
- 89 Magnifying glass, e.g.
- 90 Part of USSR
- 91 Most sensible
- 92 Precipice
- 93 Stones drummer

- DOWN
- 1 Hoarders' accumulations
 - 2 Mystique
 - 3 Type of teen fever?
 - 4 Comes to a close
 - 5 Captain's record
 - 6 From the pontiff
 - 7 Bolshevik revolutionary Trotsky
 - 8 Jack-in-the-pulpit
 - 9 Conveys information to
 - 10 Shaping with an axe
 - 11 Overlooks
 - 12 Lengthy Siberian river
 - 13 Feminine honorific
 - 14 Doesn't matter which one
 - 15 Summer ermines
 - 17 Feel bitterness toward
 - 20 Gold brick
 - 26 Telephone game?
 - 27 Good-hearted
 - 30 Lab subjects
 - 32 Wheel Of Fortune purchases
 - 34 Parking place
 - 35 Trout type
 - 36 Reduced by
 - 37 Author of The Right Stuff
 - 39 Sell for
 - 40 Truck with no sides
 - 41 Distort
 - 42 Rips
 - 43 Shenanigan
 - 44 Happy faces
 - 45 In a woeful way
 - 46 Penny pincher
 - 47 Surgery starter
 - 49 Country music singer Travis
- 50 Whippersnappers
- 51 Bridge unit
- 53 Building floor
- 54 Time of a military attack



- (hyph.)
- 55 Doled out
 - 57 Marquis de ___ (French aristocrat)
 - 60 Strong
 - 61 U.S. president between Tyler and Taylor
 - 62 Tarzan creator, briefly
 - 64 Champagne stopper
 - 65 Breakthrough accomplishments
 - 66 Cat weapons
 - 67 Extends a subscription
 - 68 Thousand Islands bridge (2)
 - 69 Vezina Trophy winner
- Bernie ___
- 70 Big scorer on the team
 - 71 Draw forth
 - 72 Business, slangily
 - 73 Public Internet posts
 - 75 Mantle teammate
 - 76 Telegraph pioneer Samuel
- 79 Skin (an apple)
- 80 Impoverishment
- 81 Performed an aria
- 82 Aria performer
- 84 Autograph seeker
- 87 In what way?

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We, the family of the late Margaret Rainbird, wish to extend our sincerest thanks to our friends, extended family, and community for the kindness, condolences and overwhelming support you have given us. We are incredibly grateful for each of you.
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SOCCER RAFFLE WINNER Ted Stableforth and Tony Fry of Ray’s Place drew the winner last weekend of a raffle held in conjunction with the youth centre to raise funds to help send three Creemore boys – **Tristan Stableforth, Dylan Durham and Jacob Shaw** – to Italy to play in a soccer tournament with their Wasaga Beach rep team. The winner of the raffle, which raised over \$3,000 for the boys’ trip, was **Laurie Condren** of Penetanguishene. Laurie wins two Platinum NHL tickets to see Toronto versus Boston on March 23, 2013 (a prize worth \$452)

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