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# MOE IMPOSES CONDITIONS ON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

by Brad Holden

The Ministry of the Environment has turned down a request by local residents for a more thorough Environmental Assessment of Simcoe County's plans to replace the aging Collingwood Street bridge. But the decision did not come without some recognition of the bridge's historical and cultural value, imposing six conditions on the County as it goes ahead with its work and, as a result, providing the local committee that's been working to save the bridge with some encouragement that it should continue its efforts.

"We're looking at this as a small victory," said **Barry Burton**, who heads up the Committee to Save the Collingwood Street Bridge. His group, formed nearly two years ago when word first came out that (See "Bridge" on page 3)



**YEAR OF THE GNOME** Clearview Township's Cybergnomes Robotics Team 2013 competed in its first competition of the year last weekend and won a special award for engineering. For a full story, see page 16. From left to right above are **lan Jones**, **Connor Watt**, **Riley Kramers**, **Taylor Jacksch**, **Jacob Lawson**, **Judah Page**, **Ian Lowe**, **Kalvin Dewey**, **Rhiannon Brooks** and (sitting) **Patrick Belford**.



Bryan Davies Photo

**TEN YEARS** Zinnia and Cypress were among many who visited Affairs Bakery last Saturday to help the restaurant celebrate its 10th anniversary. For more pictures, see pages 6 and 7.

#### **ECHO** Briefs

#### **Pharmacy Raffle Winners**

The Creemore Village Pharmacy announced the winners this week of its recent raffle, with \$564 in proceeds going to the Creemore Medical Centre Expansion. **Bonnie O'Halloran** was the first name drawn, and she picked the homemade quilt that was donated by **Mary Patton Mountford** of Creemore. Her ticket was drawn by Mary's daughter **Linda Dunstan**. The second name drawn was that of **Marilyn Knutson**, who won a hand-crafted oak table made by Creemore resident **Lorne Cleary** (who drew the ticket as well).

#### Bantam Reps in OMHA Finals

The Creemore Bantam Rep Valley Hawks will take on Zurich in the OMHA 'D' Finals beginning Saturday, March 16 in Zurich. Games will follow in Creemore at 4 pm on Sunday, March 17; in Zurich at 4 pm on Saturday, March 23; in Creemore at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 27; in Zurich at 4 pm on Saturday, March 30; and in Creemore at 7 pm on Monday, April 1. There will be a special opening ceremony before this Sunday's game in Creemore.



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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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#### This Weekend

#### Friday, March 15

• New Lowell Legion is hosting a St. Patty's Event. Irish stew for \$3, re-fill is free! Green Beer and karaoke. Hope to see you there.

#### Saturday, March 16

- Turkey Shoot at New Lowell Legion.
- Irish Coffee Party at All Saints Anglican Church, Elgin Street, Collingwood from 10 am to noon. \$5 admission. Enjoy an Irish coffee & musical entertainment.
- Easter Cantata "Praise the God of Resurrection" at Dunedin Knox Presbyterian at 2 pm.
- Buck & Doe for Katlyn Montgomery and Tyler Barrette at the Duntroon Hall. Tickets available. Bus departing Creemore Arena at 8:30 pm and Stayner St. Patty's at 9 pm.

#### Sunday, March 17

- Happy St. Patrick's Day today.
- Church Services on page 5.
- St. Patrick's Day Party at Terra Nova Pub. Free Steamwhistle "Boot" glass with purchase.
- Gospel Bluegrass Concert at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church at 1:30 pm with Rescue Junction. Freewill offering. 3521 Cty Rd 124, just south of Nottawa. Call 705-444-6823 or www. emmanuelpresbyterian.ca for more details.
- Easter Cantata "Praise the God of Resurrection" presented by Knox Presbyterian Church Choir & Friends at 2:30 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mansfield. Refreshments to follow the performance. A freewill offering to further the work of the choir will be taken.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Monday, March 18

- Clearview Township's Special Council Meeting from 7 to 9 pm at the Council Chambers discussing the future of our community halls. Everyone welcome. Tuesday, March 19
- 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!

#### Wednesday, March 20

- First Creemore Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be going door to door for their annual chocolate Easter bunny fundraiser this evening. The cost per bunny will be \$4, thank you in advance for your support!
- 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

- Toonie Lunch at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Come enjoy some homemade soup.
- Speaker Series. An evening of connection, conversation and inspiration! Come hear Creemoreite John Millar in conversation with Melanie Case of Rogers TV, speak about taking a risk in 2009, leaving his job and its regular paycheck to follow his heart. Hear about the challenges that this soft-spoken but determined man encountered and what motivated him to persevere. His choice changed the course of his life, and continues to change the live of many others around the globe. From 7 to 9:30 pm at the Mad & Noisy Gallery, 154 Mill St, Creemore. By donation. www.inspirationconvention. ca 532-7375 to RSVP.
- New Lowell United Church's First Movie Night! Come see *The Lorax*. \$5 includes movie, drink and popcorn. Movie starts at 7 pm.

#### Saturday, March 23

• AWARE Simcoe's Public Meeting with guest speaker Carl Cosack of NDACT discusses their vision of a sustainable future for Simcoe County from 9:30 am to noon St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford. A summary is posted on the group's website at http://www.aware-simcoe.ca/aware/aboutus/3525-vision.html and copies of the draft vision can be obtained by emailing aware-simcoe@gmail.com. Carpooling is available for people coming from the north of the county.

- Health & Leisure Showcase experience what Clearview has to offer. Visit Stayner Community Centre from 10 am to 3 pm at 269 Regina Street. Demos, exhibitors, giveaways, registrations. See ad on page 10. www.clearview.ca
- Clearview Soccer Registration all day at the Health & Leisure Show at the Stayner Community Centre. See ad below.

#### Sunday, March 24

- Creemore Legion Breakfast from 8:30 to 11 am. A Belgian waffle with fruit, syrup & whipped cream or two eggs any way you want, bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee or tea all for \$5
- Creemore Skating Club Carnival at 2 pm at Creemore Arena. This year the theme is "Blast From The Past" Featuring popular and our favourite songs from 50's, 60's, 70's 80's and 90's. Adults \$8, Seniors \$5, Students \$2, children under 6: free. Thursday, March 28
- Spring Beef Supper The "Pie's the Limit" at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton. From 4:30 to 7:00 pm in Singhampton at the church on the corner of Hwy 124. Adults \$15, under 12 \$8, under 6 free. All welcome. There will be pie and cake! Contact: Wilma 705-445-4199 or Peggy 519-922-2033.
- Clearview Soccer Registration from 6 to 8 pm at the Creemore Arena, Stayner Arena & New Lowell Fire Hall. See ad below.

#### Saturday, April 20 & Sunday, April 21

• Home & Garden Show at Creemore Arena, 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. 100+ exhibitors, latest in home decor, fresh garden displays, children's activities, door prizes. www. getgrowinggardenshows.ca 1-877-848-5831 for details.







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## Bridge committee will seek heritage designation from Clearview

(Continued from page 1)

Simcoe County was planning on taking down the one-lane steel-truss bridge, which turns 100 this year, and replacing it with a two-lane concrete structure, is made up of several local people with vast professional experience in the field of bridge-building. They estimate that restoring the bridge, while replacing the existing surface with a self-supporting isotropic deck that would include a single sidewalk on the west side, would cost the County just under \$1 million and not require any significant maintenance for at least 75 years. On the other hand, the County plans to build a new, two-lane concrete bridge with two sidewalks for a cost of \$1.5 million.

Burton's group submitted a Part II order request – essentially asking for a more thorough Environmental Assessment – to the Ministry of the Environment last fall after the County's initial Environmental Assessment included a heritage report that concluded that the bridge meets all the provincial criteria to be designated as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under the Ontario Heritage Act. Such a designation must be made via the passing of a bylaw by the local municipality, however, something Clearview Township had not done at the time of the Environmental Assessment.

That rendered the heritage point moot with the Ministry, and for various other reasons – mostly to do with existing sight-line problems when approaching the bridge from the north and when turning left onto the bridge from Edward Street – it turned down the Part II request.

It did, however, note that "there are concerns with respect to the project which do warrant measures to be taken to better preserve the cultural heritage value associated with the existing bridge structure." Those measures, imposed as conditions upon the County, include 1) that the County shall ensure that a person with experience in documenting heritage bridges documents the existing Collingwood Street Bridge in order to provide a historic record, inform the design of the new bridge, and provide further information to guide commemoration efforts; 2) that the County shall ensure that the design for the new bridge includes components that commemorate the existing bridge; 3) that the County shall make a reasonable effort to include the existing bridge trusses in the design of the new bridge; 4) that in designing and constructing the new bridge, the County shall consider existing heritage conservation guiding principles and best practices; 5) that the County shall ensure that any work related to the disassembly of the existing structure, conservation of existing components, and reinstallation of those components be undertaken by a qualified person; and 6) that the County hold at least one public meeting to inform the public of its proposed design, at least 60 days prior to the start of construction activities.

While some might be happy with the old trusses on a new, two-lane bridge, Burton and his group of bridge enthusiasts see that as a band-aid solution, and now plan to approach Clearview Council and request that it officially designate the bridge as a cultural heritage landmark. Though the bridge is owned by Simcoe County because it once spanned the border between two municipalities – the former





The Collingwood Street Bridge

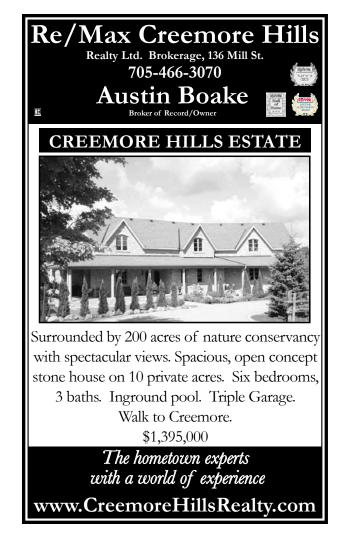
Town of Creemore and Township of Nottawasaga – historic and cultural designation under the Ontario Heritage Act is always done by the lowertier municipality. Should Clearview Council pass a bylaw giving the bridge official designation, Burton's committee would then hope to work with Clearview Council to reach an agreement with the County to preserve and restore the bridge in place for continued use.

Ward 4 Councillor **Thom Paterson**, who sits on Burton's committee and hopes to shepherd a motion through Council in the near future, said his argument will focus on the fact that designation is supported by two things – the County's heritage report, which clearly stated that "the preferred alternative is to rehabilitate the existing structure and retain it in its historic location for continued use," and the recent decision of the Ministry of Environment, which, while stopping short of ordering the restoration of the bridge, did recognize the heritage value of the structure.

Burton and Paterson are also encouraged by the Township Planning Department's ongoing Heritage Conservation Project, which Council approved in principle in January. Spurred on by a desire to preserve the Township's "heritage landscapes" in the face of encroaching wind power developments, the project also intends to assemble a list of Clearview's natural, built and cultural heritage features and develop a policy framework that would preserve such things. While the project is still in its infancy - the Planning Department is in the process of organizing a public meeting on the subject as a first step – in Paterson's mind it signals a growing awareness of the need to look after the Township's cultural and historic features. While any political move to save the Collingwood Street bridge will have to happen on a faster timeline than the establishment of the Heritage Conservation Project – the County currently has the bridge's replacement slated for 2014 - Paterson noted that the two initiatives could complement each other.

As for Burton, who can see the bridge from his living room window, he's still trying to figure out why the County is so set on tearing down something that drew him to town in the first place. "To me, it's a no-brainer," he said. "To save a significant piece of history and do it for less money than it would cost to replace it – it seems like such an obvious thing to do."





# OPINION & Feedback

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#### THE WAY WE WERE

This week's view into the past was brought in by **Jim McFarlane** and features some of his ancestors delivering logs to the train station in Stayner in about 1925. The logs were cut off the Blueberry Hills, west of Klondike Park in today's Wasaga Beach. They were drawn nine or ten miles to Stayner for loading and transport by rail. The teams in the picture are standing on Huron Street facing south, in front of the old bell tower and the library. In the background on the right is the old Turner Arena, which was located north of Main Street and west of McDermid Motors and was condemned and torn down around 1940. The store on the extreme left is the old Gartland Building, later operated by F.T. Hill & Co. The store to the right was a grocery store, and today is the site of Coffee Culture. On the front team is Fred Cook; on the second is Harry Lush and his dog; on the third is Lewis Cook (standing beside his horse); on the fourth is Bill Fisher; on the fifth is Charlie Armstrong; on the sixth is Ray Speers; and on the seventh is George Allen. Standing in the foreground is Dick Cook, boss of the operation. Fred Cook was the last one living of this group, passing away in the late 1980s. George Allen is the grandfather and Dick Cook is the great uncle of Jim McFarlane.



#### **LETTER**

# A list of complaints about the Clearview Township budget

Dear Editor:

Well it was another sad day for Clearview taxpayers at the fourth and final budget session of Council and staff... notice the absence of taxpayers having a voice.

Clearly we weren't given much consideration in reducing costs in these difficult economic times. A recent Toronto Star had Finance Minister Flaherty telling us to "expect belt tightening due to the unexpectedly weak economy." Last year Councillors Preston and Paterson asked for a line-by-line review of the Clearview budget. This year only Councillor Paterson was making that request, which also was a common request from the February 11 meeting when the public had its one and only chance to be heard. Councillor Preston did say at the final workshop that the 7.73 per cent increase that staff was now proposing was "a big increase" and that Council "needed to address looming expenses to avoid pain," but he did not proceed to do so.

Council appears to have difficulty in recognizing that taxpayers' wallets are not bottomless or infinite and do not think that the operations of the Township should be run as a business, not the bottomless money pit that they envision is continuing with no problem.

Not that all of Council thinks this way. Councillor Paterson repeatedly pointed out that costs must be cut in a matter that is serious and sufficient, to bring costs down in both the short and long term for the Clearview taxpayer. But unfortunately, the vast majority of Thom's requests for reviews fell on deaf ears and there was a lack of fiscal responsibility on the part of most of his colleagues.

Administration costs in Clearview have risen over 7 per cent for the last eight years, while the Clearview taxpayers, made up largely of seniors and those employed in the service sector, have enjoyed increases in the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security of under 2 per cent. In addition, those employed in the service sector have the challenges of seasonal employment, giving Clearview one of the highest percentages of those using food banks as well as having difficulty in affordable housing. Despite this, the hiring binge continued in this year's budget with the recommendation to hire an assistant for the Fire Department to collect long overdue receivables and process paperwork.

Maintenance costs are higher than expected from the new Emergency Hub, which carries a 40-year debt to you and me and obviously our grandchildren and great grandkids. A pay equity study is to be completed with no comparison to similar positions in the private sector, allowing public position jobs to enjoy 30 per cent higher income with another 30 per cent extra cost for pensions and benefits.

Council feels it can communicate best with us through TV monitors in the arenas, libraries and the administration centre... and for the 95 per cent of us that are left, we can read inaccurate Council and Economic Development Committee minutes on the

Township web site if we have high speed Internet to enable the downloading.

Branding did get a reduction, with its cost of \$50,000 now spread over two years. The Mayor said that Council has to look at the bigger picture in hooking up with the County branding exercise – so why then do we need Clearview branding? Many ratepayers have said Clearview already has a brand – closed for business, too expensive and difficult to build in or start a business. Council and the Economic Development Committee should be investigating these major issues before throwing taxpayer money away. And yet, so far there is no indication of what taxpayers will be getting in a branding exercise or that there will be any discussion with the business community on what it would like to see early in the program.

Accounting professionals at the public budget meeting outlined that Clearview was in financial distress and would be "finished" in 7 to 10 years. They have also volunteered to be on a Committee of Council to overlook costs and provide planning insight as many municipalities do, yet nothing has been heard on this subject from the Mayor or staff. Communication is not a strong point with these folks, to put it mildly.

It would appear the next plaque to be placed by this Council should read: "Most of the people listed below had the chance to save Clearview, but didn't. So much for leadership!"

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 48 of us out for cards today, and Irma Flack read out cards received from the Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School music program, St. John's United Church, the Salvation Army (Hope Acres) and the G&M Hospital

thanking us for our yearly donations. We then had a cute joke read out by **Evelyn Warden**, and one told by **Warren Gale**, which we all enjoyed.

The 50/50 draws were won by Janie Long (yes, the real Janie Long), followed by Tom Sharpe (2), Jean Lune, Toosje Vasvari, Evelyn Warden and Oh! Me! Barb Cudmore.

Moon shots were played by Marg Hope, Sylvia Gale, Phyllis Seed, Dave Smith, Marj Thomson, Audrey Tidd, Norma Johnston, Isabelle Stinson and Russ Miller. Isabelle and Russ got their moon shots in the last hands of their games, so they shared the prize money. Dave won the Sidewinders loot.

High scorers were Janice Stephens 273, Mary Gilchrest 260, Marg Hope 258, and Tom Sharpe and Peter Gubbels tied at 255. Low was Betty Sharpe with 62.

In the Mea Culpa department, this last couple of weeks I have royally outdone myself at making goofs. For instance, we have a **Janie Long** and an **Elsie Longson** that both belong to Seniors. A couple of weeks ago I guess I was sharing the wealth as I wrote in the *Echo* the first name



of one gal, and the last name of the other gal as the winner. It really was Elsie Longson who won a draw. Then last week there was a Leona Hutchings who popped up as a draw winner. This should have read Leona Hartling. Sorry to all you gals. But

the real kicker was when I wrote that the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on Highway 124 was having a dinner on March 17. This is not so. What they are having is a gospel bluegrass band, the Rescue Junction, at 1:30 pm. This has all the makings of a wonderful afternoon of footstomping music. Attendance will be a free-will offering. And my sincere apologies to the ladies of the Emmanuel church who saw in the paper that they were – suddenly – on deck to have a big meal ready on short notice! The only defence that I can possibly muster is that I heard the words "gathering" and "church" and so just assumed that food had to be in the works somewhere!

Lots of folks around the area would have enjoyed the "Way We Were" picture of Mt. Zion School in last week's *Echo*. This would be for several reasons – such as the fact that a lot of the kids in the picture married and settled down in the Creemore area. Also, because of the fact that, some years after this picture was taken, the kids going on to high school would have attended the Creemore Continuation School (now the "old" school), before we

were bussed to Collingwood. At the Creemore School, everyone knew everyone else. Not so once we got to Collingwood. You never got to know everyone there. Then also, a lot of the kids in the picture came from families whose roots sink deep in this area. In some cases, the same families are still on the original farms – the Millsaps and the Flacks, for instance. And, sadly, some of those in the school photo are no longer with us. Considering that this photo is 60 some years old, it still means they passed away too soon.

Another item in the Echo that I really enjoyed was the Avening Community Centre Board's letter to Stuart McLean. As a lot of you will already know, Stuart McLean is from "Down East" (Nova Scotia, I believe) and he wrote several books, one of which spawned the name for the Vinyl Cafe, a very enjoyable CBC program. And yes, I think he is the perfect person to understand the sense of community one feels when they join with friends, neighbours, and new friends, where no one has to be anything but just themselves. Every little hamlet needs just such a place, to keep the "population" a "community."

Dave Smith informed us that Bingo will be starting up at the Creemore Legion on the first Thursday in April. This endeavour needs everyone who enjoys Bingo to get out and support it as the Legion just cannot afford to run the game at a loss. This is also one of the few things in town that older folks can get to, and both younger and older folks can enjoy it.

We have our first bus for this season slated to go to Rama on Tuesday, April 2. We need 40 passengers (minimum) to make this work and keep our costs at \$5 per person. Rama is changing the rules somewhat, and I will have a better explanation for you in a week or so. But so far, the "status quo" holds good, as long as we get enough passengers to keep the costs down. Anyone interested in travelling with us to Rama can give **Sylvia Gale** a call at 705-466-5732 to get in on the fun. We meet at the Legion and leave Creemore at 8:30 am with pick-ups in New Lowell and Angus. We depart Rama at 3 pm and should be home by 4:30 pm. The cost, at present, is still \$5.

Bless Alexander Graham Bell for inventing the telephone and making it work by March 10, 1876. It sure beats the heck out of smoke signals!

# LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Sunday, March 17

#### CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday Services:
Avening 9 am;
New Lowell 10:15 am;
St. John's Creemore 11:30 am. with coffee & conversation at 11 am
Next week is Palm Sunday: regular services

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#### Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

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All are welcome

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#### <u>Easter Cantata</u> "Praise the God of Resurrection"

Saturday, March 16:

Dunedin Presbyterian 2 pm Sunday, March 17:

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#### **Junior Curlers finish season**

The Creemore Curling Club hosted after-school curling again this year, and was pleased to see 26 junior curlers taking part.

After two weeks of instruction, the curlers were divided into six teams. For the last three weeks they competed for the Lions Club Trophy. This trophy was first donated in 1972. The first winners were Jane Ney, Karen Weatherall and Donald Gordon.

It was used again for a few years in the 1980s, with winners such as Bryan Henderson, Rolf Meeser and Susan Crawford. Then in the 1990s with Jennifer Hensel, Chris, Andrew and Brent Millsap. So the club was glad to bring it back in the 2010s.

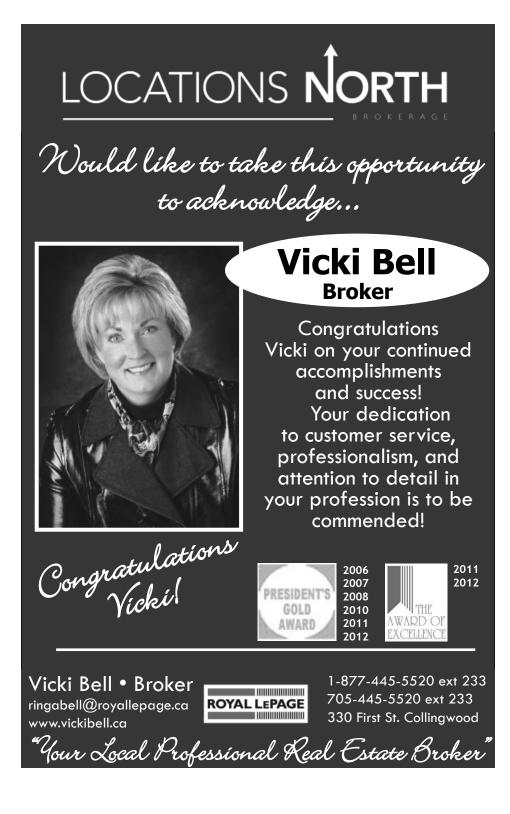
Thanks should be given to club members **David Millsap**, **Rick Kelly**, **Russell Flack**, **Betty McLeod** and **Joyce Millsap** for their guidance and help over these weeks.

This year there were two teams tied for first. So the co-winners are the team of **Zack Johnston**, **Abby Underhill** and **Natalie Hepburn** (at left in the picture at right) and the team of **Tate Millsap**, **Joshua Hockley**, **Gabi Millsap** and **Deacon Gunn** (at right).

The entire after-school group is pictured at right. Back row: **David Millsap**, Tate Millsap, Jonny Greer, Jacob Underhill, Zack Johnston, Mackenzie Wilson, Natalie Hepburn, Deacon Gunn, Joshua Hockley, Hailey Sacerty, Brayden Hill and Rick Kelly. Middle row: Russell Flack, Ashley Dunn, Samantha Falls, Gabi Millsap, Xander Watt, Anthony Flack and Jack Millsap. Front row: Abby Underhill, Gavin Gaudreault, Ben Taylor, Hayden Verstegen and Jordan Carruthers.









#### **MEDICAL CENTRE DONATION BIII** Ives (left) and President Shawn Davidson (right) of the Stayner Lions Club presented Wendy Schellenberg of the Creemore Medical Centre Services Board with a cheque this week, for the club's donation of \$1,000 to the expansion project for the Creemore Medical Centre. The funds represent part of the proceeds from the club's annual Mustang Convertible Draw.





**HELPING THE DOOR** The Door in Stayner has helped more than 300 youth in this area since it opened in August 2009. Their drop-in centre is located across from Reinhart's where they provide after school and Friday evening programs designed for specific needs. The mission of the Door is to help youth find a sense of community and positive activities and outlets for their time and energy. All of these objectives were fulfilled when youth from the Door helped the Anglican churches of Singhampton, Duntroon and Batteaux with their Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 12. Last Friday evening, **Peggy Hutchison** from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Singhampton (left) delivered a cheque for \$750 to help The Door with its activities. Accepting the cheque was Door director Jennifer Gerrior and three patrons of the drop-in centre.





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#### Here's to 10 years, Norma!

More than 200 people came out to Affairs Bakery last Saturday to celebrate the restaurant's first decade of operations. Guests were treated to a special birthday cupcake, as well as the usual service-with-a-smile they're accustomed to receiving at Affairs.









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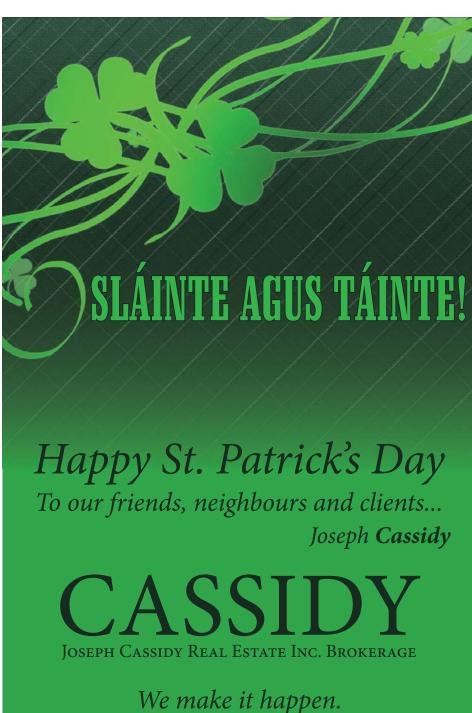






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CHRISTIE'S

CHESTNUT PARK...

# Remembering Dr. Graham

It hardly seems possible that Dr. Graham died 58 years ago on March 22, 1955. Dr. James Roland Harold (J.R.H.) Graham, M.D.C.M., was a much-respected presence in the village of Creemore, both as a medical man and a community leader. He came

to Creemore in 1926 and first served as an assistant for Dr. W.D. Smith. Their office was in a building on the northeast corner of Nelson and Mill Streets. When I knew him he and his wife and sons lived in the fine brick home on the southeast corner of County Road 9 and Collingwood Streets. Here Mrs. Graham had flourishing gardens.

Dr. Graham practised in the days of house calls and was known to personally transport seriously ill patients to Collingwood Hospital in his car. When roads made automobile travel for house calls impossible, he made his rounds the hard way with horse and buggy or cutter. (Do people these days know what a cutter is?)

The following is his obituary, taken from a *Creemore Star* soon after his death.

"Dr. J.R.H. Graham, 55, Creemore's colourful medical doctor for 29 years, died suddenly on Monday night, March 22, while attending a meeting of the Collingwood District Collegiate Institute Board. His death occurred in



the board room of the school just after the adjournment of a long and strenuous session. A coronary thrombosis, of which he had suffered previous attacks, was the ultimate cause of his death. Dr. Graham was Creemore's representative on the District High School Board.

"Dr. Graham had been more or less inactive for the past two years as a result of a similar seizure. However, he had an optimistic viewpoint and was anticipating an early return to activity in his profession. His sudden death, while not a surprise, was a distinct shock to his wide circle of friends.

"He was born at Kingston in 1900 and came to Creemore in 1926 following his graduation in Medicine at Queen's University. He embarked on his medical career as an assistant to the late Dr. W.D. Smith. Later a partnership was formed which was continued until 1939 when Dr. Smith retired. Dr. Graham took over alone and had a very large practice in Creemore and surrounding area.

"He was a top-ranking citizen and was ever a leading figure in every worthwhile activity in the village. He was particularly interested in educational affairs and served as chairman of the Creemore School Board for nearly 20 years. In 1951 he was appointed to represent Creemore



Dr. J.R.H. Graham, with Mildred Walker and Marion Priddle, in a file photo from the *Creemore Star*.

on the District High School Board of which he was chairman in 1953. He was associated with the United Church and was widely known in Masonic circles in which fraternity he attained the highest recognition when he was honoured with the coveted 33rd degree at a convocation held at Calgary in 1947.

"Dr. Graham was a lover of all kinds of sports. In his college days he played on some prominent hockey, football and baseball teams. In Creemore he was active in the lawn bowling and curling clubs and gave liberal support to the hockey and baseball clubs.

"He is now survived by his wife, the former Joy White of Creemore, and one son, Jack, who is studying medicine at Queen's University. He is also survived by two sisters at Ottawa and a brother in Toronto. His eldest son, Robert, was accidently drowned three years ago.

"The funeral service under the auspices of his Masonic brethren will be held at the United Church, Creemore, Thursday, March 24 at 3 pm. Interment will be made at Creemore Cemetery."





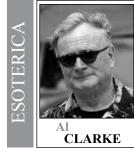
# Thoughts from below the border

Brad and the gang at the *Echo* decided, in their wisdom, to embed me in America for a month at my expense to report back my thoughts to Creemorites. There are probably no two cultures in the world as similar and at the same time fundamentally different as Canada and the United States. I believe it has much to do with our significantly different underlying philosophical origins – the United States's "Life, Liberty and the

Pursuit of Happiness" versus Canada's "Peace, Order and Good Government."

As we approached the US border, Jacquie reminded me that these are controversial and troubled times. We were to be guests in a foreign land, she said, and presented me with a list of topics I was not allowed to discuss with the natives: politics, health care, the war in Afghanistan or Iraq, Obama or Hilary, the list went on. Regardless, it didn't prevent me from making the following observations in relative silence.

Complain about Canadian banks if you must, but I sure missed them while I was away. In Sarasota I dropped by a local bank to use the ATM that was embedded in the front façade; after some difficulty I went inside for help and was told that the ATM didn't belong to the bank. I would have to contact the owner, whose number, while supposed to be on the ATM, was nowhere to be found. Many American ATMs are owned and operated by private companies. They don't work as well and they charge higher fees. Not once in four weeks did I come across a Visa processor that had the more secure encrypted chip technology that is now commonplace in Ontario, nor a gas station that could accept a Canadian Visa card. Out for coffee with friends in South Carolina, I was asked why Canadian banks had weathered the crisis so much better than US banks. I thought for a bit and responded that in Canada, we try to only lend



They thought that was a good, albeit novel, approach.

A great many people in America wear

A great many people in America wear religion on their sleeve, while in Canada it's more of a private matter. When it comes to church attendance, in the US it's 42 per cent and climbing and in Canada it's 22 per cent and declining. One evening in South Carolina on the way to dinner, we counted 21 churches

money to people we believe will pay us back.

during the 30-minute drive. When you hand your cash to the tollbooth attendant on the New York State Thruway, she says thanks and "God Bless." It's very common to see huge billboards with Christian messages, Jesus fish on cars, or hilltops where someone has erected the crosses of Calvary. More than once while discussing some issue like housing prices, jobs or the economy, I got the fatalistic response that "God has a plan." Really, if God has a plan to deal with the US deficit, now would be a good time to reveal it.

We both found the food in Florida to be great but the overriding impression I was left with was of large portion sizes and waste. Disturbingly, 40 per cent of all food in the US goes to waste. It is often served on platters, not plates, and the portions are obscene. As a result the high levels of obesity are noticeable even to the casual observer. In 2000, about 1 in 25 Americans had diabetes but by 2050 – in one generation – that number is expected to grow to epidemic levels of between 1 in three to five. I ordered a regular drink at a fast-food outlet and was presented with a cup I conservatively estimated held a quantity equal to 2.5 times the size of my bladder. When I questioned if that was a regular size, I was shown the large which was really, really large. I am 100 per cent behind Mayor Bloomberg's efforts in New York City to ban super-sized sodas, which unbelievably, though predictably, were thwarted by the New York Supreme

Court this week moments before coming into effect. I am not sure if Canada is much better, and we also need to make some changes, soon.

The soda fight leads me to the biggest fundamental difference between Canada and the US. In the US individual rights trump all others, while in Canada the collective good usually prevails. There the most heard mantra is "the government's not going to tell me what to do." In Florida people ride motorcycles with no helmets. While this is not good for people in general or their health care system, it's ideal if you are on the waiting list for an organ transplant. In Florida they resist mandating low-flush toilets and other water conservation measures, despite the fact that the state has a continual potable water shortage. Many healthy Americans don't want to pay into medical insurance believing they are not responsible for the care of a sick neighbour, sort of like believing that only those who are going to have a car accident should buy car insurance. Finally, there's gun ownership. Without exaggeration, the US is a land where not a small number of citizens actually believe that a person with a criminal record or mental health issues should be able to buy an assault weapon, after having a fight with his spouse, without any impediments. They have trouble understanding why in Canada you can't get a gun permit without signed permission from your spouse, and I would caution you as to the futility of trying to explain Canadian provincial equalization payments to anyone south of the border.

Years ago I read the book *Fire and Ice* by Michael Adams, a scientific exploration of our differences. The statistic I found most revealing was that Americans believe over 90 per cent of Canadians would immigrate to the US if they could, while in reality less than 10 per cent of Canadians actually have any desire to do so. I can unequivocally report back to Creemore that we clearly don't have a shared view of the Promised Land.

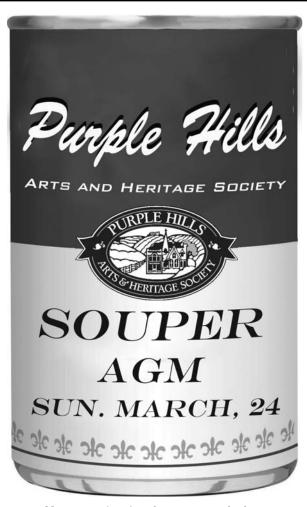


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If you have an interest in the arts or heritage in this community please consider becoming a member. For more info check out

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#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

#### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Township of Clearview is seeking a volunteer to sit on its Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Council term (until 2014). As a member of the Committee, you will act in an advisory capacity to Council on issues related to parks, recreation and culture.

All persons appointed to the Advisory Committee must reside, own or rent property within Clearview Township, be a Canadian citizen and over the age of 18.

Interested persons are invited to send their resumes to the undersigned no later than Friday, April 12th, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

Stephen Sage, CRS-S
General Manager Transportation and Recreation
Township of Clearview
217 Gideon St
PO Box 200
Stayner ON
LOM 1S0
(705) 428-6230 ext. 228
ssage@clearview.ca

#### TENDER

#### The Township of Clearview will be receiving Tenders/Quotes for:

1 – New 2013 Tandem Truck – Tender No. 2013-01
1 – New 2013 ½ Ton Pick-up Service Truck - Tender No. 2013-02
Hot Mix Paving – Tender No. 2013-03
'A' Gravel – Tender No. 2013-06
Maintenance Gravel – Tender No. 2013-07
Dust Suppressant – Tender No. 2013-08

Tender forms are available at the Township Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. during business hours. Sealed tenders clearly marked with **Tender #2013-??** in envelopes and on forms supplied by Clearview Township will be received by the Clearview Public Works Department.

Tenders for the above will be accepted by the undersigned until: Thursday, March 28, 2013 @ 1:00 pm
Tenders will be opened Thursday, March 28, 2013 @ 1:15 pm

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted

Submit Tenders to:

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NDBL Awards

A North Dufferin Baseball League awards ceremony was held in Lisle last Sunday, recognizing team and player achievements for the 2012 season.

In the junior division, Logan Karse of Barrie won four awards including best batter, best on base percentage, most runs scored and most valuable player. Midland's Mike Kazienko was named most sportsmanlike player while teammate Eddie Cruise and Creemore's Dyer Boyne tied for the most home runs. Nick Boyd of Orillia was the top pitcher.

The senior division winners included Midland's **Jason Seeler** as best batter, Michael Gemmiti of Bolton Dodgers with the best on base percentage, and **Donovon Winch** of Clearview with the most runs scored. Best pitcher was Creemore's Brad Grieveson with teammate Todd Gowan named most valuable player and home run champ. The most sportsmanlike player was Aurora's Rob Wilson while Todd Patton of New Lowell was named best catcher. Patton also won the inaugural presentation of the Bud Anderson Memorial Award for senior division coach of the year.

The Aurora Jays and Creemore Braves juniors were acknowledged for their Ontario championships in the Senior 'A' and Junior 'C' playoffs respectively.

Dan Gowan of Creemore was honoured with a President's Award during the ceremony. The award recognizes outstanding service to baseball in the area and to the league. He has been an active player for over 30 years with Creemore teams and has served as league treasurer for 28 consecutive years.

Gowan was the seventh person to receive the award since it was created in 1984. Past recipients include Roy



**Dan Gowan** (right) was presented a President's Award from NDBL president **Mike Wallace**. The award recognizes Gowan's long and faithful service to the league.

Tipling (1984), Bob Doner (1985), Bud Anderson (1987), Bob Patton (1988), Tom Anderson (2008), and Paul Carruthers (2009).

Following the awards, the league held its annual general meeting with some notable changes for the upcoming season.

The junior division has expanded to eight teams with the addition of Stayner and Alliston. The Richmond Hill juniors opted not to return this year.

The senior division will include 14 teams with the loss of the Orangeville team but the addition of a new team from Nobleton.

The 2013 executive and officers include president Rob Wilson, vice president Sean Hayward, past president Mike Wallace, secretary Scott Anderson, treasurer Dan Gowan, statistician Peter Kinghan, and York-Simcoe representative Vance White.

The league will meet April 3 to approve the schedule with opening day on May 4.



#### SEASONAL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Township of Mulmur will accept letters of application until Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 2:00 pm for one (1) seasonal student labourer position for public works, parks, cemetery maintenance and related duties.

This position will be approximately 40 hours per week and the rate of pay is \$13 per hour. The work period will be from April 30<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Legislated benefits will be in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*. There is no benefit package associated with this position. Completion of Grade 12 or equivalent, current valid class "G" driver's license and your own CSA approves safety footwear are required for this position.

Please note that since this position is part of the Government's Canada Summer Jobs Program, applicants must be registered as full-time students in the 2013/2014 school year to be eligible for employment.

Resumes will be accepted via email, fax and in person.

For further information, please contact the undersigned.

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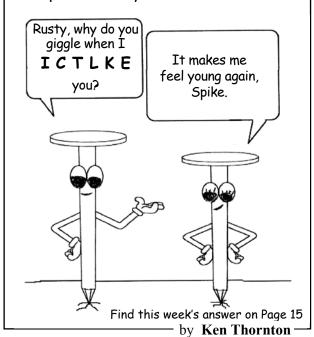
# FUN& Games

Sudoku Barbara Simpson

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#### Spike & Rusty Word Scramble \_





#### The AVRIDGE FARM









#### **FRED'S FUNNIES**

A ventriloquist is telling Irish jokes in Davy Byrne's pub on Grafton Street, in Dublin, when O'Leary, an irate Irishman, stands up shouting, "You're making out we're all dumb and stupid. I oughtta punch you in the nose."

"I'm sorry sir, I..."

"Not you," says O'Leary, "I'm talking to that little fella on your knee."

## Brian's Canadian Crossword

#### #218 by Brian Paquin © 2013

#### #0218

#### ACROSS

- 1 Bays at the moon
- 6 Haney's partner in trivia 12 Painters' protection
- 18 Come to terms
- 19 Coin worth 21 shillings 20 Protected from a disease
- 21 Uninspired
- 22 Trial lawyer, for one
- 23 PHD, e.g. 24 Departs on the Pacific Grace **(2)**
- 26 Saw off logs
- 28 Lorne's role on Bonanza
- 29 1972 album by Anne Murray
- 31 Banquet salutes
- 34 Rideau Canal city founded in 1826
- 38 Solemnly promises
- 41 Remembrance Day circles
- 44 Zager's musical partner (In The Year 2525)
- 45 Public enemy 47 Outline (2)

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Solved

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- 48 Campground shelter
- 49 Parliamentary meetings 51 Explorer Kelsey (first European to see the
- prairies) 52 In a distrusting way
- E L I N O R A E R O E M E R I T I
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- 54 Polynesian Island nation
- 56 Hot time in La Tuque
- 57 Looking sickly
- 60 Actor Power (Prince Of Foxes)
- 62 Computer memory type
- 65 Jobs of computers
- 67 Pickering's province 71 Canada Revenue Agency
- offender
- 73 Giving cash back
- 76 Barrick's business 77 Ground up (grain)
- 79 St. John's East or Halifax
- West, e.g. 80 Scarlett O'Hara, for one
- 81 CC-150 \_\_\_ (Canadian military plane)
- 83 Nursery powder84 Mother with a Nobel Peace
- Prize
- 85 Priced to move (2)
- 87 Mammoth teeth 89 Untried
- 91 Oops! (2)
- 94 Option for troubled youth **(2)**
- 99 Receptive of (2)
- 102 Related to the eye
- 104 Back tooth
- \_\_ one's laurels
- 106 Very decorative
  - - 37 Ready to serve (2)

    - Finch

    - 43 Eye ailment
    - 46 Go green
    - \_\_ May You Run (Neil

    - 62 Constable John Constable's

- 107 Sufficient
- 110 Offensive

- 2 Fairy-tale fiend
- 4 Sure, why not?
- 6 Not you \_
- 7 Blue Tail Fly singer (2)
- 9 Obligation
- 10 High-schooler
- 12 One way to nitch
- 13 Montreal Mrs. 14 Online chat initialism
- 15 Paving piece
- 16 Trick joint 17 As \_\_\_ on TV
- 25 Pin-up actress Sheridan
- 30 Years and years
- 34 Phi \_ Kappa
- 35 Jacques-\_\_\_ Cousteau
- 36 Scuba component
- 39 Not yet!
- 40 Nickname of Jean Louise

- 50 South Pacific skirt
- Young)
- 59 Accounting entry
- 61 Raring to go
- org. 63 Cleveland's state

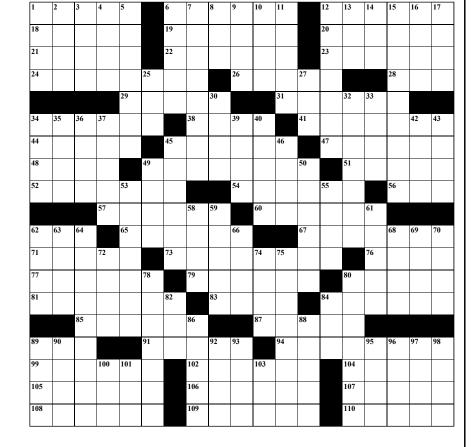
- 108 Type of actor
- 109 12" bass, e.g.

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Things thrown on the ice in
- 3 Habeas Corpus, e.g.
- 5 Can't quite decide
- 8 Like Bertha?
- 11 Fortune-teller's card

- 27 Argument
- 32 Lloyd Bridges TV show (2) 33 Finish line marker

- 42 In pain
- 45 Less aggressive
- 49 Go away!
- 53 Homesteaders
- 58 At any time
- 82 Sneaky 84 Fight finish
- 64 Least aggressive
- 66 Not a thing 68 Polonius or Ophelia, e.g.
- 69 Social problems
- 70 Greek theatres 72 Astronaut Shepard
- 74 Pinball infraction 75 Sit on (eggs) 78 Black \_\_\_ (Canadian cheese
- maker) 80 Ring bearer (2)
- 86 Digital publication 88 More irritated
  - 89 Standard 90 Olympic blade
  - 92 Section of land 93 Slope of sand
  - 95 Unconscious state 96 Skier's mecca
  - 97 Soda fountain treat 98 Salmon, to a bear
  - 100 Ultimate degree
  - 101 \_ much! 103 Indy unit



# Thinking globally, and locally, about the status of women

Hello Creemore!

I have just returned from the 57th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York City over the past two weeks. I went as one of about a dozen representatives of The Voice of Women for Peace (VOW-Canada) from across our country, from Halifax to Nelson, British Columbia. And I was one of upwards of 10,000 women from around the globe who showed up to participate.

I went out of curiosity, and with a professional interest in working with women who are choosing to take a stand for peace in the world. I return home inspired, connected and shocked.

As with every year, there was a theme. This year's theme was The Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence against Women and Girls.

It has been inspiring to meet with so many passionate women, with such a commitment both to women's security and to our desired collective contribution to society on social and political fronts.

And it has also been disheartening to learn about so many harsh realities. Besides the seemingly endless stories of seemingly endless ways that women experience violence around the world, both within and outside of our homes, there were also some big picture realities that have stunned, saddened and angered me. Of the many, here are a few:

- UN Security Council Resolution 1325, passed unanimously in 2000, commits to, among other things, having women be present at the tables where decisions about war and peace are discussed and decided, nationally and internationally. It has, for all intents and purposes, hardly been implemented at all in the 13 years since it was agreed to. Canada's progress on this is no exception.
- There is fierce debate among women about whether to hold a 5th UN World Conference for

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Shelley Hannah at the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Women. The 4th, and last, was held in 1995, in Beijing. Many recommendations made then still have not been implemented, 18 years later! A central part of the debate has been fear that a 5th World Conference could see those recommendations revisited and put any progress that was made then at risk of being lost because of the prevailing conservatism that currently exists in so many parts of the world.

• International peacekeeping troops have been

and undoubtedly still are at the centre of the trafficking and use of sex slaves – young girls aged 11 and up – in countries where they have been hired to maintain peace and protect the safety of those in the area. The shocking documentary Whistleblower (which I will look to access and show locally) exposes the depth and breadth of the involvement of UN players in this violence-infused underbelly economy. It also informs us that UN employees (including those "hired hands" from third party "private security companies" acting as international peacekeeping troops) have diplomatic immunity from any legal recourse!

I have not yet decided just how all of this information will influence decisions and choices I will make. What is for certain is that my worldview has been altered.

At the very least, some of what I now know I need to share widely. It needs exposure. Because what I also know is that when more people know about such transgressions of human dignity, the more likely we are to correct things and hold individuals accountable.

And what I know is that this information is not separate from the news that I heard on the radio today that every year My Friend's House, a shelter for survivors of domestic abuse here in our own local neighbourhood, serves 600 women and children

What I hold out for is that, individually and collectively, we will choose to take a stand for respectful relations that uphold the dignity and security of all. What I hold out for is that we will choose to step in and interrupt, rather than turn a blind eye to beliefs and behaviours that violate these basic human rights.

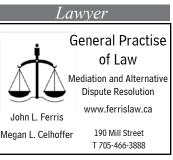
I welcome further dialogue and action with others – men, women, boys and girls. We truly are in this boat together.

**Shelley Hannah** 

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Buck & Doe for Katlyn Montgomery and Tyler Barrette at the Duntroon Hall on Saturday, March 16. Tickets available. Bus departing Creemore Arena at 8:30 pm and Stayner St. Patty's at 9 pm.

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#### **EASTER ECHO DEADLINE**

Creemore Echo will be publishing on Thursday, March 28 due to Good Friday – please submit your Calendars and Classified / Advertising by Monday, March 25 at 5 pm.

#### **BINGO**

BINGO! Manito Shrine Club, 2265 Fairgrounds Rd. Every Wednesday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, first game starts at 6:45 pm. Everyone welcome.

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.

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#### THANK YOU

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#### IN MEMORIAM

JORDAN, Katherine (Kate) – December 31st, 1911 to March 10, 2004

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Always loved, always remembered by the Jordan family.

#### **DEATH NOTICE**

BROWN, Gary William Thomas -Retired Teacher, Base Borden – Passed away at home on Monday, March 11, 2013 in his 73<sup>rd</sup> year. Beloved husband of Ruth. Dear father of Steven (Pattie), Valerie and Kristen (Jeff). Proud Poppa of Daniel, Dexter, Elizabeth and Katherine. Brother of Glenda and Gloria. Predeceased by brotherin-law Bill. Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm on Friday, March 15 in the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, 244 Victoria St. E., Alliston. The funeral service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 11 am. Interment Mansfield Presbyterian Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations to the Mansfield Presbyterian Church would be appreciated. www.thomasfuneralhome. ca 705-435-5101

#### **DEATH NOTICE**

ODOR, Margaret passed away peacefully at Bay Haven Senior Care Community, Collingwood, on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in her 89th year. Marg, beloved wife of the late Leslie (1985). Loving mother of Suzanne Westrop and the late Leslie Edward (2012) and daughter-in-law Ann. Dear grandmother of Kathleen, Kari, Darren and great-grandmother of Abbigail, Quinton and Cameron. Loving sister of Mary and the late Helen and Irene. A funeral service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, on Friday, March 15, 2013 at 11 am. Spring interment at First Presbyterian Cemetery. Donations made to First Presbyterian Church would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Chatterson Funeral Home. www. chattersonfuneralhome.com

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# Cybergnomes finish 4th, win engineering award

2013 has been dubbed "The Year of the Gnome" by Clearview Township's Cybergnomes Robotics Team 2013, the only Robotics Team in Simcoe County.

This past weekend (March 7, 8 and 9) saw the Cybergnomes compete in their first of three robotics competitions this year. The event, held at Oshawa's University of Ontario Institute of Technology, played host to teams from across North America.

The weekend got off to a shaky start when the team's 117-pound robot fell from the eight-foot tower it was trying to climb. Undeterred, the team pressed on, making modifications over the next few matches. Focus, hard work and perseverance paid off and the Cybergnomes brought the stadium to its feet as they completed the day's

first climb to the top of the tower in their fifth match.

By the end of the day, the Cybergnomes had achieved the highest number of climb points of any team on the field, won the Delphi Excellence in Engineering Award and captained their alliance of three teams to a top-four finish, ultimately getting knocked out in the semi-finals by an alliance of two former world champion teams.

The team is working hard over March break adjusting strategy, practicing driving and tweaking designs to be ready for their next match in Boston, Massachussets on March 21, 22 and 23. After that, the Cybergnomes compete in Mississauga from March 28 to 20. The games can be viewed live on the Internet at www.watchfirstnow.com.



The Cybergnomes in action.

Just click on "Live" and choose the regional event you want to watch. Matches are broadcast Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am until 5 pm EST. The finals are broadcast Saturday from

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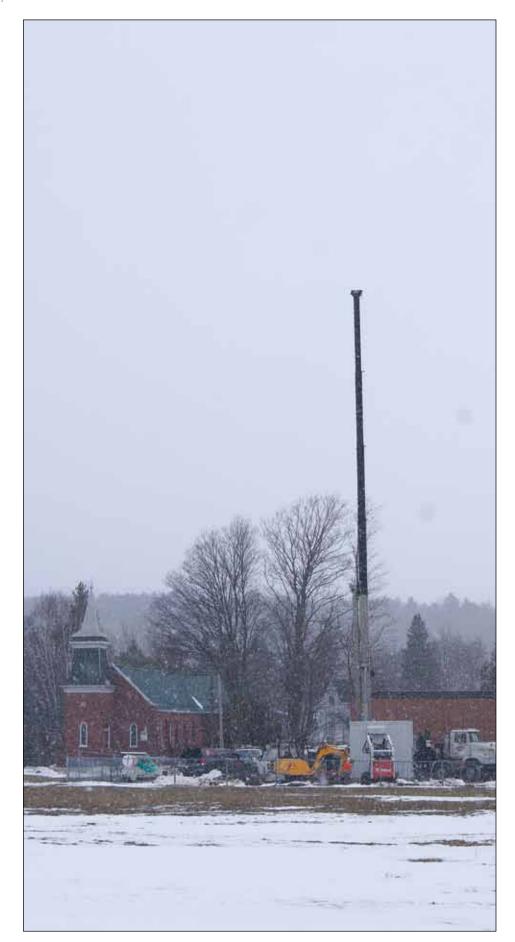
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**NEW BELL TOWER** The folks from Bell Mobility were in town this week, erecting a 49-foot telecommunications tower on their property on Wellington Street West that will, at long last, bring good cell reception to Creemore for Bell customers. The tower was approved by Council last fall, and does not exceed the 15-metre height restriction in the Clearview Township zoning bylaw.