

# The Creemore ECHO

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## ANTI-WIND LAWSUIT DISMISSED... FOR NOW

**Judge reserves plaintiffs' rights to sue wpd Canada once wind project is approved by MOE**

by Brad Holden

Local opponents to the proposed Fairview Wind Farm will not be able to go ahead with a lawsuit against wpd Canada and the landowners who would host the turbines, at least until the project is actually granted approval.

That was the decision of Superior Court Madam Justice **S.E. Healey** on Monday, after a preliminary hearing which saw counsel for wpd Canada, Beattie Brothers Farms Limited and Ed Beattie & Sons Limited request that the judge decide whether the claims of the defendants gave rise to

a genuine issue requiring a trial.

Two actions were dealt with at the prehearing, one brought by **Sylvia Wiggins** and 15 neighbouring landowners against wpd and Beattie Brothers Farms Limited, which aims to host turbines on Fairgrounds Road north of County Road 91, and one brought by **Mary Skelton** and four neighbouring landowners against wpd and Ed Beattie & Son Limited, which owns land south of County Road 91 where turbines are proposed to be sited.

The Wiggins claim was seeking \$11.8 million in compensatory damages for negligence, nuisance, trespass and strict liability, as well as an injunction against any construction of turbines; the Skelton claim was seeking damages of \$4.8 million for the same four reasons.

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**June Robinson, Jennifer Ferguson-Meijs and Tom Macham**, members of the New Lowell United Church fundraising committee.

## Big plans for New Lowell United Church

by Brad Holden

With the province's 2025 accessibility deadline for public buildings in mind, members of the New Lowell United Church are fundraising to put a large addition on the front of their 103-year-old building.

The plans call for just over 1,000 square feet of new space, which would include a new foyer/meeting room, an accessible washroom and a lift that would service both the sanctuary and the meeting area in the basement.

The decision to go ahead with the project did not come without a fair amount of soul-searching. The work started with a visioning committee that met for two years, discussing the importance of the church to its community and brainstorming what needed to be done to make the building accessible.

"It became clear very quickly that putting a simple ramp on the side of the building was not going

(See "New Lowell" on page 8)



**THE END OF AN ERA** Monday's Clearview Council meeting began with a ceremony in honour of retiring Township clerk **Bob Campbell**, who was employed by the Townships of Clearview and Nottawasaga for 48 years. Members of Council and staff addressed Campbell personally, complimenting him on his work ethic and his vast knowledge of the local area. "You've had a tremendous career, Bob, and exhibited tremendous dedication," said Councillor **Shawn Davidson**.

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Friday, April 26

- **Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Come enjoy some homemade soup.
- **Collingwood & Creemore Speaker Series.** Featuring **Kathryn Colantonio** at Blue Mountain Foundation of the Arts, 163 Hurontario Street, Collingwood from 7 to 9:30 pm. www.inspirationconvention.ca for details and to RSVP.

### Friday, April 26 to Saturday, May 4

- **Tipling Stage Company** presents Norm Foster's heartfelt and humorous comedy set amidst family dysfunction *Drinking Alone* at the Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne. Tickets \$15 available at Shelburne Town Hall or online www.tiplingstagecompany.com or by phoning 519-925-2600. Shows on April 26, 27, May 3 and 4 at 8 pm, April 28 at 2 pm.

### Saturday, April 27

- **26th Annual Fisherman's Breakfast and Bake Sale** at Dunedin Village Hall from 7 to 10:30 am. The event has been marking the opening of fishing season for 26 years, and attracts hundreds for its great home cooked breakfast and spectacular baked goods.

- **AWARE Simcoe's Celebrate the Niagara Escarpment Public Meeting** from 9:30 am to noon at The Leisure Time Club of Collingwood, 100 Minnesota St., Collingwood. www.aware-simcoe.ca.
- **Turkey Shoot** at Manito Shrine Club 2265 Fairgrounds Rd. at 10 am. For more information call 705-445-7460.
- **Curiosity House is having a darci-que event** at 11 am. 178 Mill Street 705-466-3400.
- **Join Sue A. Miller for the Opening of "Familiar Shorelines"** from noon to 4 pm at the Double Door Studios & Gallery, 4004 Horseshoe Valley Rd. W, Anten Mills. Show runs to May 12. www.ddsag.com www.sueamillerart.com
- **Free Chi Kung for Fibromyalgia Workshop** from 3 to 4 pm at Mountain Fitness, First St. & Hurontario, Collingwood. Pre-register please. Contact Jim Richardson: 705-445-2613 or jrsoma@rogers.com.
- **Centennial United Church's Annual Fish Fry** from 4:30 to 7 pm at Centennial United Church, Stayner. (corner of William & Oak St.) Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$6, under 6 free. Entertainment while you wait! Delicious fish fillets cooked by Tom Howell right at the Church. Homemade pie! A fundraiser to aid the Church's work.

- **South Simcoe Arts Council** presents "Wetlands and Waterways" at the Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St W, Alliston from 5 to 8 pm featuring new paintings by **Peter Adams**, with photography by **Diana Harding-Tucker** and sculpture by **Lora Childs**. For more information call Peter at 466-6640 or www.peteradamsart.com.

### Sunday, April 28

- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Creemore Legion Breakfast** from 8:30 to 11 am. A Belgian waffle with fruit, syrup & whipped cream or two eggs any way you want, bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, juice, coffee or tea all for \$5.
- **Camping Sunday** at 10:15 am at New Lowell United Church. Celebrating Camp Simpresca. No services at Avening or St. John's on this day.
- **Curiosity House** presents "Books & Brunch" with **Kelley Armstrong**, author of *The Rising* and the *Women of the Outerworld* series. Tickets are \$25 available at the bookstore or call 705-466-3400.
- **Mission Night at Creemore Baptist Church.** 5 pm Potluck; 6 – 6:30 pm Meet & Greet; 6:30 pm Presentation & Slides. All welcome.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, April 29

- **Beginners Tai Chi Classes** on Mondays & Thursdays from 10 to 11:15 am. Starts today. Outdoors (weather permitting) at Central Park, Collingwood. \$10 per class or 5 for \$40. Pre-register please before your first class. Contact Jim Richardson: 705-445-2613 or jrsoma@rogers.com

### Tuesday, April 30

- **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, May 1

- **Two Guest Artists in May** at The Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario St., Collingwood. Lynn Christine Kelly of Toronto (oil and sculpture) and Leslie Sorochan of Woodstock (Oil pastel). www.bmfa.ca
- **The Mad and Noisy Quilters of Creemore** invite you to their **Annual Tea Party**. This year's tea will be held at the Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington St. W. Doors open at 7 pm. Show starts at 7:30 pm. \$5 at the door. Please come and enjoy this year's guest speaker **Lynn Mokriy** and her trunk show "The Four Seasons of Quilts". Homemade desserts and tea will be served. All welcome.

### Friday, May 3 to Saturday, May 4

- **Mount Forest Spring Quilt Show** at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, 850 Princess Street. Fully accessible. Friday 10 am to 6 pm. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. Admission \$5, children under 12 free.

### Saturday, May 4

- **The Creemore Skating Club** is hosting their **Annual Scrap Metal Day & Bottle Drive**. Please place your scrap metal, appliances, BBQs, pots and pans, electronics or other metal items, as well as liquor and beer bottles by the curb at 8 am. Special pickups will be made in New Lowell, Glencairn, Dunedin, Lisle and areas outside of Creemore if you call Julie Bigham 705-424-0626 or jrbigham30@hotmail.com to arrange a special pickup.
- **Charity Breakfast & Book Launch** at JACS Health Foods, Main Street, Stayner. Mum's Original is sponsoring a charity sidewalk breakfast from 9:30 to 11 am. All Breakfast proceeds will go to the Stayner Foodbank. Also the Ontario launch of Ann Barnes' new book *EAT SUPER, BE SUPER!*. Ann will be here for a book signing from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. www.eatsuperbesuper.com.
- **2nd Annual Stayner Kinsmen Duck Race** at Kinsmen Park, Stayner. New for the 2013 event is a Corporate Duck Race at 1 pm, Main Race to follow, Stayner Lions Club Car Show from 9 am to 4 pm and a Scavenger Hunt downtown from 10 am to 1 pm. Kinsmen BBQ starting at noon. Tickets are \$5/Duck, and \$25/Duck for the corporate race. You can purchase a duck at Stayner Home Hardware, call 705-428-5998 or email Dean at info@pyroworld.ca. Proceeds going to local community projects.

- **Dunedin Knox Presbyterian Church** presents a joyful evening in Dunedin featuring the music of **The Aldcorn Family** beginning at 7:30 pm. Good will offering.

### Sunday, May 5

- **The Avening Hall** is hosting a **Community Potluck Brunch** 11 am. All those interested in the future of the Avening Community Centre are invited to share ideas and a meal together. Those living north of the Hall please bring main dishes, those living south please bring desserts. BYO plates and cutlery. Come see what fundraising efforts and restoration ideas we have in the works! Donations welcome. For info contact monicaenorris@gmail.com.
- Family and friends are invited to attend a **Bridal Shower for Kaitlyn Montgomery MacDonald** at St. John's United Church Hall, Creemore from 2 to 4 pm. Please come and celebrate her upcoming marriage to Tyler Barrette.

### Friday, May 10

- **The Creemore & Collingwood Speaker Series** returns to Creemore from 7 to 9:30 pm at the Mad & Noisy Gallery, 154 Mill St., Creemore. An evening of connection, conversation & inspiration showcasing **darci-que**, an artist, author and single mom, she is out to make the world a better place. Admission is by donation. RSVP at www.inspirationconvention.ca
- **The Collingwood Agricultural Society is hosting a Trivia Night.** \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7 pm, first round of Trivia starts at 7:30 pm. Bring your own snacks. At the GNE Fairgrounds, 2220 Fairgrounds Rd. North. For more information, find us on Facebook or www.greatnorthernex.com.

### Saturday, May 11

- **29th Annual Ramp Romp** at the Singhampton Community Centre from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Join hundreds of people and thousands of wild leeks for dinner in celebration of spring. Funds raised are donated to worthy causes in the village. 705-444-0557. Check Singhampton Fire Hall Sign for more information.

### Saturday, May 25

- **New Lowell Central Public School Scrap Metal Drive.** Drop off your scrap between the hours of 7:30 am to 12:30 pm at the school, 5197 Cty Rd. 9 or we have volunteers that will come to pick it up. Please call Helena at 705-424-6488 for more information.
- **Dunedin Plant & Garage Sale** from 8 am to 2 pm at the Dunedin Hall. Annuals, perennials, veggies, herbs. Garden décor from various vendors. Ultimate gardeners gift basket draw. Youth group bake sale. Proceeds to Dunedin Hall upgrades. For info & table rentals call 705-466-3690. For plant donations: 8892 Cty Rd 9: anytime & Garage sale items: May 24, 6-8 pm at the hall.

### Saturday, June 1

- **New Lowell United Church presents Canadian Grand Champion Elvis Tribute Artist Anthony Von** at the New Lowell Legion. A great night of entertainment! Refreshments available at the bar. Light lunch included. Advance Tickets \$35 per person. Contact: Jen 705-424-8687. For more information www.newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com. Proceeds go to the Accessibility for All Building Fund

### Saturday, June 15

- **Singhampton School Reunion.** For further information email singhamptonschoolreunion@gmail.com.

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# Wind action dismissed due to lack of approval

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For the purpose of the pre-hearing, counsel for wpd Canada invited the court to take the plaintiff's evidence as proven, and no counter evidence was brought forth by the wind company or the host landowners. This was hailed as a minor victory in a statement released by wpd Canada lawyer **Eric Gillespie** after the decision, though wpd spokesperson **Kevin Surette** disagreed.

"This was just the first stage in the proceedings," said Surette. "Had the judge found that a trial was necessary, we would have obviously countered with our own evidence."

Counsel for the plaintiffs put three experts on the stand – real estate appraiser **Ben Lansink**, who testified that the plaintiffs' properties are likely presently devalued by between 22 to 50 per cent or more, based on the proposed wind farm; **Dr. Robert McMurtry**, who noted a high probability that the turbines will produce some combination of audible noise, low frequency noise, infrasound, visual impact and shadow flicker, and that these elements will likely cause such things as sleep disturbance, annoyance, headache, tinnitus, ear pressure, dizziness, vertigo, nausea, visual blurring, tachycardia, irritability, problems with concentration and memory, and panic episodes; and acoustician **Richard James**, who gave his professional opinion that there is a "very strong probability, almost amounting to a mathematical certainty," that the project will exceed the Ministry of Environment thresholds of 40 decibels for wind turbine noise.

The judge did seem to give some weight to the evidence regarding

property devaluation, noting that "in this case the court accepts that the plaintiffs have suffered, and are currently suffering, losses culminating in diminished property values."

After hearing all of the evidence, however, Madam Justice Healey ruled that all claims in each action should be dismissed, primarily because the project has not yet been approved by the Ministry of Environment, and therefore it is impossible to know exactly what the final project design might look like, and if any of the effects referred to in the plaintiffs' evidence will in fact occur.

The judge did, however, note that her decision was made without prejudice to the plaintiffs' right to commence "an action for identical or similar relief when and if the Fairview Wind Project receives the necessary approvals to be constructed."

That caveat is being celebrated by Gillespie and the plaintiffs, who say it paves the way for lawsuits across Ontario wherever wind farm proposals have been approved.

"There are many people who have been waiting to see how the courts would respond to these types of claims, said Gillespie. "It now seems clear that as soon as a project is approved residents can start a claim. This appears to be a major step forward for people with concerns about industrial wind projects across Ontario."

While Surette, the wpd Canada spokesperson, labeled Monday's decision a "decisive victory," he did agree that the potential for future lawsuits remains.

"Certainly, the decision did leave the door open for them to bring action forth at a different stage," he said.



**A YOUNG ORATOR** NCPS Grade 8 student **Obi Page** placed first in the Grade 6-8 division at the Lions Club's regional effective speaking competition in Innisfil last weekend. He'll compete again at the district level in Midland this weekend, and if successful there will move on to the Ontario/Quebec finals on the first weekend of May. Obi's speech is about "Ideas," and how one good one can change the world.

## Burns suffered at golf course

**Roy Emerton** was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital on Monday afternoon after suffering severe burns attempting to put out a grass fire while working at Mad River Golf Club.

Clearview Fire Chief **Bob McKean** said members of his department were called to the golf course at 1 pm to assist Emergency Medical Services with the injury.

The grass fire began as an intentional brush fire. Mad River personnel had extinguished the fire before the Fire Department arrived on the scene.

Emerton was transported to the General & Marine Hospital by ambulance and then airlifted to Toronto.

The incident is being investigated by the Ontario Fire Marshall and the Ontario Ministry of Labour.

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## EDITORIAL An odd spring!

"Enough is enough." You could almost see that thought etched in the faces of everyone you ran into on Wednesday, as the day's late April rain suddenly turned into blowing snow in the afternoon. It's been a trying month-and-a-half of cool spring, tacked onto a long and grey winter, and people are desperate – desperate! – for some warm weather.

Well, folks, it looks like it's going to arrive this weekend. And why wouldn't it finally show up on the day that, to some in the area, signals an end to cold weather more than any other. Because Saturday, of course, is the day of the Dunedin Fisherman's Breakfast, an event that practically overflows with good vibes and the promise of many warm months ahead. We strongly recommend a visit to the Dunedin Hall for a hearty breakfast Saturday, and make sure you get there early enough to take advantage of the always great bake table.

Once you're full-up with eggs and bacon, how's this for a suggestion for the rest of the day. Why not head up to Blue Mountain and strap on the skis? If you're still on the fence as to the state of this wretched spring, ask yourself this: when was the last time you could open the fishing season in the morning and put in some turns at Blue in the afternoon? Sounds like a once-in-a-lifetime chance!

## THE WAY WE WERE



We're afraid we have to eat crow on this one – when this photo appeared in last week's *The Way We Were* section, we erroneously identified these gentlemen as belonging to the Creemore Lions Club in 1972. Had we taken a moment to realize they are wearing blazers with crests and medals attached, we would have correctly told you they were members of the Creemore *Legion*, not the Lions Club. Our apologies. Once again, in back are Rolf Getz, Ernie Roberts, Don Carruthers and Grant Robb. In front are George Ransier, Jim Miller, Cecil Stamp, Howard Hanson and Les Wilson.

## LETTER

# Wind turbines affect our health as well as our pocketbook

Dear Editor:

John Wiggins' letter in last week's *Echo* is an excellent and succinct explanation of the ruinous economic consequences of our provincial Green Energy Act. Save your copy of his letter – it will help you understand those ever larger hydro bills that we all will be receiving as the years go by.

His letter effectively neutralizes the NIMBY brush that many green energy advocates paint those of us concerned about unfettered wind energy development. Whether you have an industrial wind turbine (IWT) 550 metres (the current residential setback in Ontario), two kilometres (the emerging residential setback in other jurisdictions), 10 kilometres, or 100 kilometres from your home, I hope you realize that you are experiencing the very negative financial impact of the Green Energy Act. The reality, like it or not, is that we all are in this mess together.

The Green Energy Act has not only created the ruinous Feed in Tariff (FIT) system (and the resultant contraction of Ontario's manufacturing base) as related by John, but also dictated

inadequate regulations regarding the siting of wind turbines (i.e. Ontario's inadequate residential setback of 550 metres), and in a truly undemocratic and insulting fashion, removed the ability of local governments to have any input about the location of wind farms.

John detailed some of the economic consequences of the Green Energy Act implementation. As a physician, I am most concerned about the adverse health consequences of living close to IWT's.

People living in close proximity (i.e. the mandated 550-metre residential setback) of IWTs have become ill. Homes have been abandoned as the residents find them uninhabitable. Why?

It could be the consequence of being exposed to infrasound (i.e. energy from sound waves of a frequency below the human range of hearing). Infrasound waves are known to shake structures (i.e. homes) and to upset biological rhythms.

Fact – the federal government is concerned enough that a health study on the impact of IWTs is currently underway with a scheduled completion date of 2014. Fact – a second larger, well-designed

study of infrasound levels produced by IWTs is scheduled next month in Kincardine (the first in 2009, although smaller, was positive). Has the provincial government's awareness of possible adverse health realities associated with IWTs altered the vetting process for new wind farm construction? No!

In light of the probable adverse health aspects of IWTs that I am confident will be verified by these two studies, it is truly scandalous that our provincial government has not yet declared a moratorium on new wind farm construction.

**Wm S Crysdale M.D., Melancthon**

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# Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were about 30 of us out for our 12-noon potluck extravaganza, which just seems to keep getting better. There was a nice assortment of everything from homemade pies and tarts, cakes, squares and buns to all manner of good things in bowls and casseroles and pans. So, after **Bob Veale** gave the blessing, we all tucked in and enjoyed ourselves.

The clean-up crew soon had everything ship-shape and the tables set up for cards. We were pleased to see **Lois Walker**, **Ruby Klinck** and **Joan Monaghan** all nicely tanned and back with us from the sunny south. We had heard from Joan and Ruby a time or two or three, as these gals, bless their hearts, check in on the “old folks at home” over the winter (by phone), and it sure is nice to hear their cheery voices – even when we hear that it is 79 degrees and sunny where they are, and it’s 18 below and storming where we are standing. And, my threats that there will be a snowball stored in my freezer with their name on it, just so they don’t forget what winter is like, seems to get forgotten somewhere along the way.

There were several announcements about upcoming events, such as our bus trip to Rama on Tuesday, May 7. This trip is still only \$5, but may be the last trip at that price. Anyone interested in travelling with us would be welcome. We have folks of all ages on the bus – but you do have to be 19 years old or more. Just call me at 705-466-5732.

SENIORS



Sylvia  
GALE

Then, Singhampton is again having their yearly Ramp Romp, a delightful meal with all sorts of food including, of course, ramps. These wild leeks grow in the bush in certain areas, and there is a ton of work getting them ready for a meal. First they have

to be dug out of the ground (I once found them in sandy ground where they could be pulled up – but only once). Then they have to have the “dead” leaves pulled off the plant, and the roots cut off and usually some of the green leaves also cut as most folks don’t eat that part. Then they all have to be washed clean, ready to be boiled in huge pots. And we are not talking a couple of six-quart baskets here! It takes a dedicated army of workers to have successful results on this undertaking, and Singhampton seems to be able to pull it off every year. This year the Ramp Romp is on Saturday, May 11 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Singhampton Community Centre.

Also coming up are the Fisherman’s Breakfasts at Dunedin Hall and also at Rob Roy United Church. Both are being held on Saturday, April 27. These are good, solid breakfasts, and there is a bake sale at Dunedin and a yard sale at Rob Roy. And the Creemore Legion has their monthly breakfast from 8:30 to 11 am on Sunday, April 28. This is a good breakfast with choices from bacon and eggs to waffles with syrup and whipped cream, all for \$5. You know, if a person worked this just right, they might just

figure out a way to manage without much effort and ambition on their part, and still enjoy “home cooked” meals!

Anyway, back at Seniors, the 50/50 draws went to **Phyllis Seed**, **Bob McNicol**, **Peter Gubbels**, **George Blakney**, **Pat Broad**, **Marcie Cameron**, **Lucy Young**, **Leona Hartling** and **Marg Ferguson**. During the draws, we noticed that someone had lost their ticket, so I handed my ticket to **Irma Flack** to give to the gal that was hunting for hers. The next thing I knew, **Joan Monaghan** had handed me one of her tickets (she had bought two) so I would still have a chance at the draw. Thank you, Joan, that was a lovely thing you did!

Moon shots were played by **Leona Hartling**, **Art Bishop**, **George Blakney**, **Marg Ferguson**, **Jim Rigney**, **Ruth Lougheed**, **Roy Veinot**, **Janice Stephens** and **Brian McGill**. Jim won the Sidewinders loot, and Brian won the travelling prize.

High scorers were **Mike Smith** 344 (Wow, nice score. And Mike won in this category last week also!), **Russ**

**Miller** 295, **Art Bishop** 295 and **Alma Seifert** 281. **Pat Winger** beat us all out for low with her score of 86. This is not Pat’s usual score. I’m just glad it wasn’t me with low score!

A Happy Birthday was wished for **Effie Taylor** and **Eileen Giffen**. These two gals have to share the 16th of April as they were born on the same day. The 15th of April was my dad’s birthday (Bill Jordan), and my grandmother on mother’s side (Mary Bousfield Jack Murray) was born on April 14. This caused my mother some consternation, since she never could keep straight just which day was Dad’s birthday and which was Granny Murray’s.

I’d also like to send our former neighbour **Marion Gordon** a happy belated birthday greeting, with wishes for many more.

Son **Terry Grant** (Mantracker) was given the honour of being awarded the position of Chief Scout for Scouts Canada. This position has, in the past, always been held by the Governor General of Canada, who now will become the “Patron Scout.”



**BRAINIACS** The Duntroon Know-It-All Ball was a hard-fought battle last Saturday, with this team – known as “Five Years After” and winners of the event in three of the past five years – claiming victory. From left to right are **Jamila Monahan**, **Steve Bridson**, **John Bogoslawski**, **Mandy Bridson-Clarke**, **Andrew Monahan**, **Trina Berlo**, **Brad Holden** and **Bill Hewitt**. Retaining the individual “Big Brain” title that he has won in each of the past four years was the obviously too-smart-for-his-own-good **Jeff Watchorn** (below).

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# Needles gets serious about the farming life



Dan Needles in the Theatre Orangeville workshop.

by Brad Holden

Throughout **Dan Needles'** series of *Wingfield Farm* plays, it's always been obvious that the Nottawa playwright feels a deep connection to the agricultural land on which his plays are set.

But Walt Wingfield, the character, is a newcomer to farming, like Needles himself a transplant from the city who views the locals with a slight remove. Whatever amount of warm feelings Wingfield has for his adopted lifestyle, he views it with a fair amount of humour, and the audience joins him in a good-natured ribbing of whatever characters and circumstances he comes across.

Needles' latest play, *The Team On The Hill*, is an entirely different thing. For starters, the play – which will have its world premiere on Thursday, May 9 at Theatre Orangeville – is a drama. Or more accurately, “a drama with comedic moments,” says Needles, who realizes he might be asking his audience to suspend their disbelief that he can actually write something without a wry punchline every few moments.

But *The Team On The Hill* is more poignant than that. It's the story of a family struggling to decide the future of the land that has always sustained them. A son returns from agricultural school at the University of Guelph, eager to take over the family farm with his girlfriend at his side. His father has different ideas. With the price of cattle so low that “you spend a year putting feed through a calf only to

give it away,” he's decided it's time to sell the farm to a developer. Meanwhile, his father – the son's grandfather – leans on the antique-plow-turned-flowerpot in the yard, believing he's working the land as his mind floats back and forth between reality and a place where he hears “the old voices.”

For Needles, the play is a chance to meditate on those old voices – the “farmer thinking” that he feels needs to play a larger part in public life today.

“Productivity, tolerance, courage, the willingness to throw everything you have into the soil with no guarantee that anything is coming back to you,” he said. “Those are admirable traits.”

The original script for *The Team On The Hill* was written 20 years ago, but Needles put it away in a drawer. “I don't think I'd been a father long enough,” he said, nor had he fully realized what it was about farming that so attracted him.

Since then, he's read a lot by American writer **Wendell Berry**, whose thinking now is reflected in the themes of the play. “He writes that affectation for the land is what gives us a sense of place,” said Needles. “It's what determines how the land will be treated. And with farm families, the land is loved like a member of the family. They're attached to it on so many different levels.”

The play runs from May 9 to May 26 at Theatre Orangeville. For tickets, call 1-800-424-1295 or visit [theatreorangeville.ca](http://theatreorangeville.ca).

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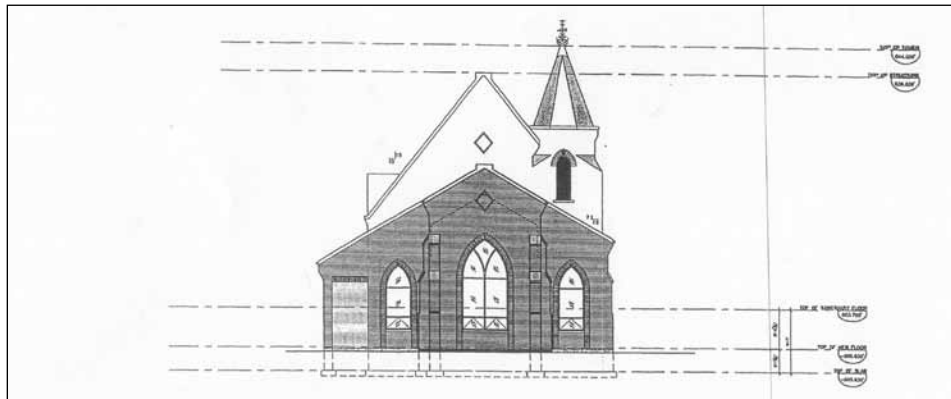


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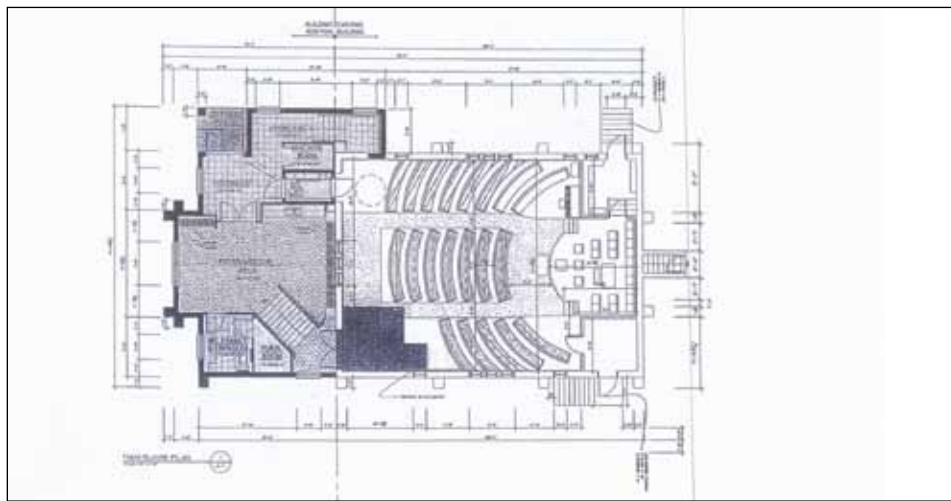




# New Lowell United plans accessible addition



The New Lowell United Church's plans from the exterior (above) and on the interior (below).



(Continued from page 1)

to work," said **Jennifer Ferguson-Meijis**, who currently sits on the church's fundraising committee. The church's main floor sits so high off the ground, she said, that a ramp would have to zig and zag for hundreds of feet to reach the front door. In addition, the church's only two bathrooms are in the basement, and are far too small to allow wheelchair access. The steep stairs that lead up to the sanctuary have also long been a problem for pallbearers at funerals.

"We've had people who have been members of this church for 90 years, and their funerals have had to be held elsewhere," said **June Robinson**, another member of the fundraising committee. The same goes for baptisms and weddings, whenever guests are unable to climb the necessary stairs.

Deciding that the church is the very heart of the greater New Lowell community – "it's a place of worship on Sundays and a community gathering place the rest of the week," said Robinson – the committee eventually decided to go ahead with the expansion.

A building committee was struck, and esteemed church renovation company Hawkey Church Management was retained for the design-build. The resulting plans were warmly received by the congregation, primarily because the exterior of the addition retains much of the character of the 1910 church. One interesting feature is that the large

stained glass window on the front of the old structure would become an interior window between the sanctuary and the new foyer.

Importantly, the planned elevator is also big enough to transport pallbearers and coffins.

The church's fundraising committee is now actively raising money for the addition, which they hope to see completed within three years. The total pricetag is a big one – the quote came in at \$350,000 not including blueprints, municipal fees and sitework on the parking lot – but the committee has already raised \$121,000 and hopes that the community will see fit to keep giving.

"This church deserves a lot of credit for taking on a task like this," said Robinson. "We're really trying to be proactive about this – we want to make this building an accessible place for the whole community to use."

The committee has a whole bunch of events planned for the remainder of the year, including movie nights (*The Life of Pi* is showing at 7 pm on Friday, April 26), a yard sale and heritage tea on May 25 and several concerts to be held at the New Lowell Legion (which is generously waiving its rental fees for the church's events). For more information on events or to donate, visit <http://newlowellunitedchurch.weebly.com> or call **Jen** at (705)424-8687 or **Marilyn** at (705)424-1034.


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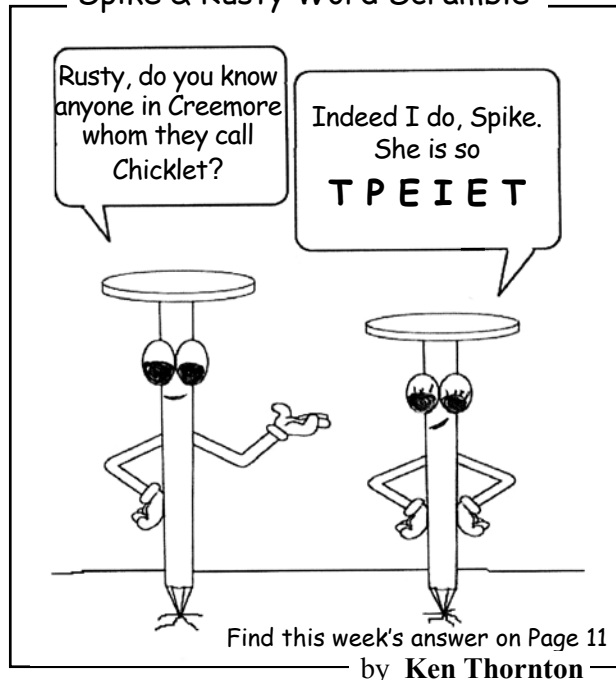
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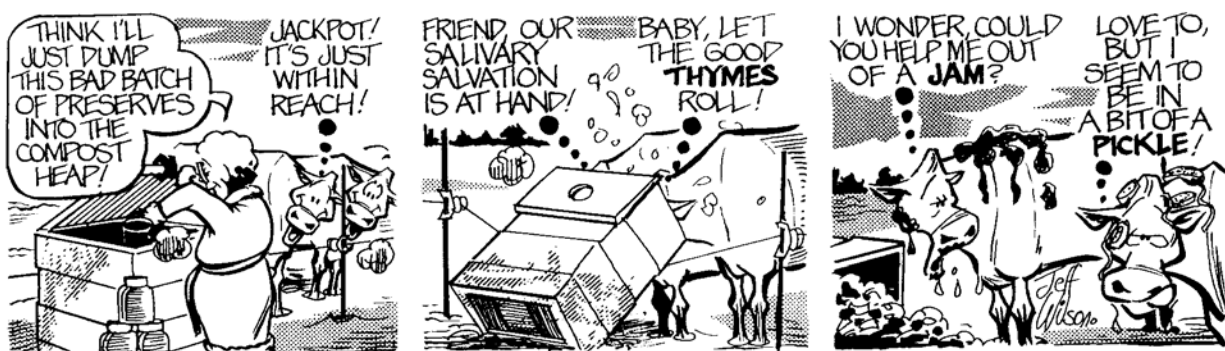


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## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble

by **Ken Thornton**

## by JEFF WILSON



# Brian's Canadian Crossword

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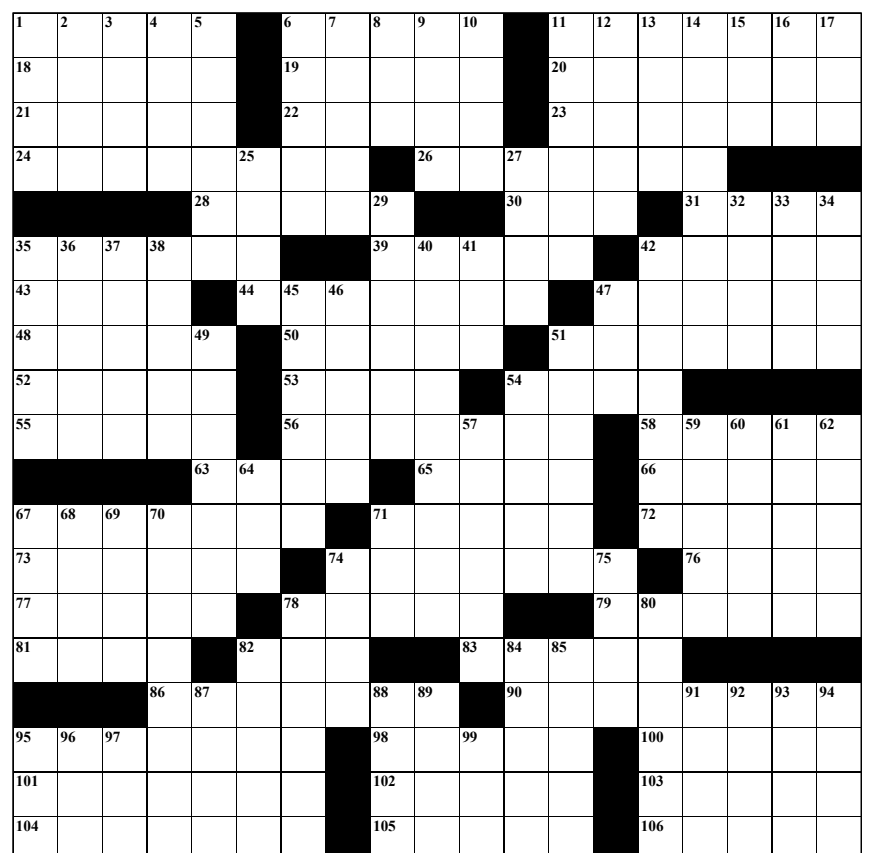
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- 1 Instrument sometimes played  
by Will Millar
- 6 Beach place
- 11 Great Lakes canal
- 18 Encore!
- 19 Squawked
- 20 Occupation of Canada's Neil  
J. Armstrong
- 21 Construct
- 22 Toronto singer Taylor  
(Indiana Wants Me)
- 23 Smooth
- 24 Told off (2)
- 26 Purplish red
- 28 Fixed chicken
- 30 Ord's kangaroo, e.g.
- 31 HST, e.g.
- 35 Like bad Canadian beer
- 39 Fess up to
- 42 Hitchcock role in Hitchcock  
films
- 43 Part of CWAC
- 44 VO Whisky producer
- 47 Belt
- 48 Story with a moral
- 50 Wizardry
- 51 British lot (2)
- 52 High School Musical star  
Zac \_\_\_\_
- 53 Type of high school

- 54 Coffin cover  
55 Prepare for the anthem  
56 Tyke  
58 Maury alternative  
63 City on the Rhone  
65 Genuine  
66 Cheek makeup  
67 Alberta's third most  
populous city (2)  
71 Big name in networking  
72 Shawinigan sweetener  
73 Category of clues  
74 Readies in advance  
76 Cleared (a puck)  
77 British blokes  
78 British rap star  
79 Puts forward  
81 Jellystone bear  
82 Lament  
83 Martin Sheen's first first  
name  
86 Twelve o'clock  
90 CBC journalist Sasa \_\_\_\_  
95 Adds on  
98 Mr. Atkinson  
100 Casa material  
101 Board member  
102 Overcooks  
103 Cab computer  
104 Rainy season  
105 Popular landscaping plant  
106 Angel hair, e.g.

**DOWN**

- 1 \_\_\_\_ bonus
- 2 Shivering fit
- 3 Polish location
- 4 Halifax singer-songwriter  
Barber
- 5 Next up (2)
- 6 Abandon
- 7 Was obliged (2)
- 8 Be obliged
- 9 500 sheets of paper
- 10 Teacher Krabappel
- 11 Greet from a distance (2)
- 12 Discus throw, e.g.
- 13 Melody
- 14 Novelty item containing  
blobs of wax (2)
- 15 Had lunch
- 16 \_\_\_\_ again!
- 17 Like some provinces in the  
1920s
- 25 Remembrance and  
Thanksgiving, e.g.
- 27 Sullen
- 29 Badgered
- 32 Actress Watson (My Week  
With Marilyn)
- 33 Go off course
- 34 Egg centre
- 35 Vaults
- 36 Hockeyville competition  
sponsor
- 37 Eclipse shadow
- 38 Parachute fabric
- 40 Hung on the line (2)
- 41 Fleetwood \_\_\_\_
- 42 Stone throwers
- 45 Caveat \_\_\_\_
- 46 Toronto journalist Saltzman
- 47 Buddy
- 49 Interminable
- 51 Place to avoid picking  
lemons? (2)
- 54 Type of Nobel prize
- 57 Inferior
- 59 Rebel Riel
- 60 Actress Susan \_\_\_\_ (All My  
Children)
- 61 Wading bird
- 62 Requires
- 64 \_\_\_\_ dear!



- 67 Daring  
68 Resound  
69 Move along slowly  
70 Inanity  
71 GST collector  
74 Made an emotional appeal  
75 Blemish  
78 Lab burner  
80 Highway feature (2)  
82 Calgary Stampede event  
84 Separate  
85 Brainy bunch

- 87 Wise about  
88 Memorial \_\_\_\_, Ottawa  
89 BC's \_\_ National Park  
91 Thought  
92 Collapsible beds  
93 Yeah, sure! (2)  
94 Brampton actor Michael \_\_\_\_  
(Juno)  
95 Cash dispenser  
96 Big leaguer  
97 Groaner  
99 Isn't now

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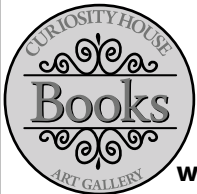


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com,\$15 plus hst for 25 words or less

## BRIDAL SHOWER

Family and friends are invited to attend a **Bridal Shower for Kaitlyn Montgomery MacDonald** at St. John’s United Church Hall, Creemore on Sunday, May 5 from 2 to 4 pm. Please come and celebrate her upcoming marriage to Tyler Barrette.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to Phil Stevenson on becoming a Canadian!** Welcome!  
the staff at *Creemore Echo*

## FOR SALE

Square **HAY** bales for sale. Please call 705-441-5315.

**HAY** for sale. 4 x 5 big round bales stored inside. Good horse hay. Call Earl Hawkins of Mansfield at 519-925-5927.

**MOVING SALE:** Saturday, April 27 from 9 am to 4 pm at **72 & 74 Caroline Street West.**

**HAY** for sale – Small squares and 4x5’ rounds of horse hay. We deliver 4x5’ rounds, 18 per truck load; small squares 272 per truck load. Call Norm Stonehedge Farms 705-466-2607.

**HOUSE MOVING SALE** on Saturday, May 4 at Honeywood East. 706169 Cty Rd 21 at 8 am. Everything has to go!! 22 years of worth of stuff, furnishings, etc.

## RENTALS

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

Newly decorated large upper **APARTMENT**. Outside balcony. Available June 1 at 149 Mill Street. Call 705-466-3635.

## DINING

**Friday Night Dinners at Affairs.** Dine in or take out. Open until 7 pm. Pasta combo or fish&chips. 705-466-5621.

## WANTED

**HEMLOCK TREES** wanted – I’m looking for 4-6 hemlocks 8-10 feet high – I will dig. Will pay up to \$50 each depending on size & condition. Please reply to kmcpheie@cogeco.ca

## SERVICES

**COLLEGE PRO PAINTERS.** Call now to set up your free estimate. Call Nathan Fuller at 705-441-6939.

A reliable established complete **HOUSECLEANING / KEEPING** service offered in the Creemore area. References available. Free estimates. Call Lesley at 705-424-2810 (home) or cell 705-627-8095.

**SPARKLING CLEAN HOUSE CLEANING.** I guarantee it. Renovations & moving cleaning. Staging cleaning also available. Please call Sue at 519-923-6376.

## REAL ESTATE

**Needed immediately bungalows to sell! In the Creemore and Stayner area!** Call today for details. Visit [www.clearviewlistings.com](http://www.clearviewlistings.com) **Joseph Talbot**, ABR®, ASA, SRES®, AGA, **Sales Representative, RE/MAX Clearview Inc., Brokerage.** Office: 705-428-4500 Direct Line/Text: 705-733-5821 [jtalbott@remax.net](mailto:jtalbott@remax.net) “Ordinary Joe, Extraordinary Service” Proud supporter of Children’s Miracle Network (Sick Kids)

## ART CLASSES

**May 3 – Expressive Painting with Sue Miller** from 10 am to 4 pm in Creemore. Fee: \$90 + materials.

**Thursdays, May 9 to June 13 – Painting Fundamentals with Sue Miller - Intermediate Level (Oil or Acrylic)** from 10 am to 1 pm, Creemore. Fee: \$200 + materials.

**May 26 & June 15 – English Garden Expressive Painting Retreat with Sue Miller & Candice Bist** from 10 am to 5 pm near Mansfield. Fee: \$185 per person, all inclusive.

Book your spot for one of the classes by calling 705-466-3411 (res), 705-727-6161 (cell) or [sue\\_miller@rogers.com](mailto:sue_miller@rogers.com) [www.sueamillerart.com](http://www.sueamillerart.com)

## THANK YOU

**GADWAY** – The Family of Paul Morrison Gadway would like to thank all our family and friends for their donations, food, phone calls, and support in our loss of Paul. We would especially like to thank Rev. Darren May for his ministry, and Catherine Walker and Sara-Dale Hartshorn at Chatterson Funeral Home, for their musical tributes. Sincerely Ruth and family

**The family of Vera Pettigrew** would like to thank you for your condolences, sympathy cards and kindness. Special thanks to the staff at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and Leisureworld Creedan Valley Nursing Home. It is of great comfort to know that you are thinking of us as we grieve Mum’s death. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Joan, Bill, Adam, Amy, Ryan and Shannon

Thank you to everyone last week when the tree fell during that storm on Thursday evening. We can’t believe how everything got done within 24 hours... and we had our hydro back and the tree gone by Friday night! Thanks to Cheryl & Ken Robertson for calling Bob Ransier for us and thanks to Bob Ransier for the quick response. Thanks to Bob, Stewey & Garth for all your hard work with the chain saws, rakes and equipment! Thanks to Michael Rigney and crew for coming so quickly and doing a great job of repairing our electricity problems. Thanks to Marg Palujanskas for the food & thanks to Tony Palujanskas for coming out immediately with his chain saw to help with the tree removal until Bob arrived. Thank you to Fred Mills for picking up all the slack at *Creemore Echo* and taking care of everything for me while I was busy with this. Thanks for all the words of concern and offers of help from our friends, neighbours and family. We really appreciate everything, **John & Georgi Denison**

## IN MEMORIAM

**ANDERSON** – In Loving Memory of our son Chris Anderson who passed away April 28, 2012.

Chris is gone but not forgotten  
And as dawns our first year  
In lonely hours of thinking  
Thoughts of him are always near  
Many think the wound is healed  
But little do they know the sorrow  
That lies in the heart concealed.  
Forever loved and dearly missed,  
Mom and Dad XO

**ANDERSON** – In loving memory of our brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Chris Anderson who passed away April 28, 2012.

Chris, it’s been a very tough year without you. We miss your voice, the time we would spend together, your hugs and your laughter.

We were fortunate to have been able to make some absolutely wonderful memories in your short life, for that we are all very grateful. So, when we think about all of the memories that help to get us through each day, we think of this song that we used to sing as kids on the farm.

“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,  
You make me happy when skies are grey,  
You’ll never know dear how much I love you,  
Please don’t take my sunshine away.”

You are our sunshine and even though the skies are grey you are always with us, every thought of every day.

Forever loved and dearly missed.  
Bob and Vicki, Ben and Stacey and Emma, Alyson and Scott and Zoey and Ruby XO

## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Stayner Chamber of Commerce’s 2nd Art in the Park** is open to artists from our region & beyond. Saturday, July 20 from 10 am to 4 pm at Station Park, Stayner. Applications available through Linke’s Local Arts, 7293 Hwy 26 (Main Street) Stayner. For more information contact Frieda at 705-428-5870.

## FARM MANAGER WANTED

**FARM MANAGER** for a small family farm in Mulmur. Separate 3 bedroom house. Experience and interest in working with sheep. Ideal for younger farm couple w/some off-farm income. Start Fall 2013. Please reply in writing to “Farm Job” c/o *Creemore Echo*, 3 Caroline St. W. Box 1219, Creemore, L0M 1G0, fax 705-466-9906 or [info@creemore.com](mailto:info@creemore.com).

## Spike & Rusty: PETITE

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## MULMUR RESIDENTS

**WE DO ADDRESS LABELS!** If you need to do Address Labels for your new Mulmur address just give us a call and we can help you! *Creemore Echo* 705-466-9906

## RECIPES

**Hummingbird Montessori is creating a recipe book as a fundraiser for playground equipment and a field trip.** We are looking for businesses to sponsor us for \$10 a page. Businesses will get a listing in our cookbook with their name, address, brief description and website/phone number. We’d really appreciate your support! Please contact [hummingbirdmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:hummingbirdmontessori@gmail.com) if you would like to advertise or purchase recipe books. Thanks!

## LOST

**LOST KEYS** on a metal deer cutout. Drop off at *Creemore Echo* if found.

## HELP WANTED

**Flat bed delivery truck driver and yard work help wanted at building and farm supply division.** Part time – may be full time. Regular license ok and must be fit for lifting. Resumes may be faxed, mailed, emailed or dropped off at Hamilton Bros. Attn. Fred, 2047 Glen Huron Road, Glen Huron ON L0M 1L0. Phone 705-466-2244, fax 705-466-2122 email [hamiltonbros@ultrafastwireless.com](mailto:hamiltonbros@ultrafastwireless.com)



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**at Station on the Green Starting April 30**

Tuesdays: 9 -10:30 am **Intermediate**

10:45 am - noon **Beginner**

Thursdays: 9 -10:30 am **Intermediate**

10:45 am - noon **Gentle**

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Call Catherine Randall  
at 705-466-3533 or email  
[cathcreemore@yahoo.ca](mailto:cathcreemore@yahoo.ca)

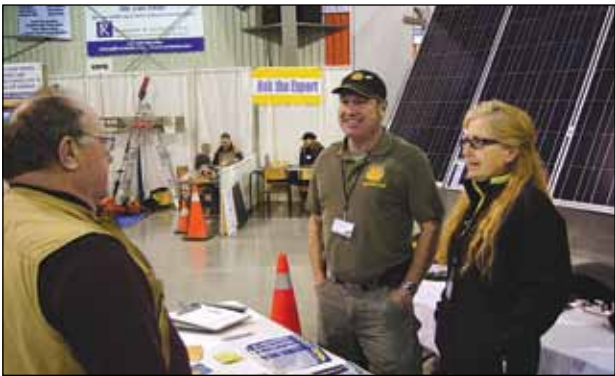




**DOING THEIR PART** Students at the Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School’s primary site posed for this group picture on Monday after walking around town and cleaning up litter to commemorate Earth Day.



**SPRING WAS IN THE AIR** The Creemore Arena was a happening place last weekend, with dozens of exhibitors on hand to show off their seasonal services and products during the annual Get Growing Home and Garden Show. The Tree Society of Creemore also conducted its annual fundraising silent auction during the show (above).





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