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News and views in and around Creemore

## COUNCIL VOTES NOT TO SAVE BRIDGE

By Kristi Green

Amid a chorus of boos from the public gallery at Council's Monday night meeting, Clearview Township voted – for the second time – not to save the 100-year-old Collingwood Street bridge.

The vote was 5 to 3 not to direct Clearview Staff (in consultation with the County of Simcoe) to review the request to make the bridge a culturally significant heritage property. Deputy Mayor **Alicia Savage** and Councillors **Thom Paterson** and **Shawn Davidson** voted against replacing the single-lane steel truss bridge with a two-lane concrete structure.

Although the bridge falls under the jurisdiction of Simcoe County, according to the provincial *Heritage Act*, Clearview Township could have designated it a heritage site. However, it voted not to do so on Monday, October 21 without hearing a planned presentation from a community group trying to save the bridge.

"It's unbelievable," said **Barry Burton**, who made the presentation at this week's meeting urging Council to change its mind and give the bridge a heritage designation. "I'm disappointed," said Burton after the vote. "But the committee is going to meet and we're going to figure out our next plan of attack."

About 65 members of the public attended Monday's meeting to show their support. During Burton's presentation, one supporter held up a "Save our bridge" sign.

"What is so aggravating about this whole thing," said **Christine Boake**, "is that they passed this before even seeing the presentation."

Earlier, Boake had told Council, "This was your opportunity to show County and the community and prove that you care. You have the power to do it and the support of the people, as well."

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Brian Davies Photo

**IT'S ON! – Hazel Dempsey, 5**, lights up the Christmas Tree outside Station on the Green at Creemore's annual Christmas Tree Lighting event. Hazel was awarded the honour of flicking the "on" switch after winning the Crazy Hat contest with the botanical creation that her brother, **Miles**, designed. More pictures at [www.thecreemoreecho.com](http://www.thecreemoreecho.com).

## Wind farm opponents dismayed

By Kristi Green

Opponents to a proposed wind farm near Stayner expressed dismay this week at news the province has accepted as complete wpd Fairview Wind Inc.'s application.

In an email sent to members of Preserve Clearview, a community group opposing the wind farm, **Chuck Magwood**, who owns a property near the site, wrote, "We had hoped that this application would be sent back to the applicant as incomplete and not in compliance with the Regulations of Ontario. It should have been, as it is a grossly flawed application."

Acceptance of the application means

the Ministry of the Environment will now begin its review. The public has 60 days (until Saturday, February 1) to comment on the application.

"History [shows] they will approve it," stated Magwood. "We're on the on-ramp for turbine approval."

However, he and his group are not giving up the fight.

"Clearview is not a willing host for this project," he said, citing safety concerns about the proposed location of the wind farm near the Collingwood Airport and the project's adverse effect on property values as two reasons why. "We encourage the

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## This Weekend

### Friday, December 13

- Today is the final day for dropping off your financial, food and gift donations for the **Salvation Army Hope Acres Food and Toy Drive** to *The Creemore Echo*. Any late donations of food will be sent to the Stayner food bank.
- **Friday Night Supper at the Creemore Legion** from 5 to 6:45 pm featuring soup, tourtière (French meat pie), French fries, vegetables, bread pudding w/vanilla sauce, buns/butter, coffee/tea. Adults \$13, seniors \$12. PLEASE CALL AHEAD. 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432 to RSVP.
- **New Lowell United Church Movie Night** featuring *The Polar Bear Express* at 7 pm. \$5 gets you the movie, juice or water and popcorn.

### Saturday, December 14

- **The Creemore Skating Club is having a Pancake Breakfast** from 9 to 11:30 am at the Creemore Arena Community Hall. \$5 per person or a family of 5 for \$20. Come support the Creemore Skating Club and have breakfast with us. Breakfast includes: pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and tea.
- **A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol** at Collingwood's Trinity United Church at 7 pm to raise funds for **My Friend's House**, Collingwood's shelter for victims of domestic violence. Special guests include The Beach FM morning show host, Mariane McLeod, the Honourable Madam Justice Margaret Eberhard, the Alleluia Ringers Handbell Choir and the Trinity Chorus. Tickets are \$15 general admission and can be purchased from the Trinity United Church office (705-445-3901). Non-perishable food items will also be collected at the door for the Trinity Food Bank. For further information or reservations, visit [www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com](http://www.collingwoodchristmascarol.com).

- **"The Winter Rose"** at 7:30 pm at St. John's United Church presented by **Creemore Pastoral Charge Senior Choir** featuring guest choir, **The Creemore Community Youth Choir**. Glenn Keefe is conductor. Carlee Gowan on piano. Free will offering. We invite you to come and enjoy the sounds of the season.

### Sunday, December 15

- **Church Services** are on page 5.
- **Badjeros United Church** is having a **Joint Service & Sunday School Concert** at 10 am.
- **St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton, Christmas Carol Concert Service** at 11:30 am.
- **Gift Of Music Concert** at St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm featuring **The Divas**. \$15 for this concert available at Curiosity House, *The Creemore Echo* or at door.

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday December 21

- **Creemore Christmas Carol Sing-a-long** at Station on the Green from 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments follow.

### Sunday December 22

- Today is the **last Sunday Service at Avening United Church** until April 6.

### Wednesday, December 25

- **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner** at Station on the Green. Social hour with the Wipper family & vocalist Ken Robertson at 4:30 pm, dinner to begin at 6 pm. All are welcome but registration is needed by December 23. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable item for the Hope Acres Food Bank. Deliver to shut-ins available. Call Diane at 705-466-3126 or [diane.9lives@yahoo.ca](mailto:diane.9lives@yahoo.ca) to RSVP, for more information or to volunteer. Contributions can be made to TD Canada Trust 0330 5202657.

### Monday, December 30

- **Creemore Centric**. Completed pieces must be in the gallery by today. 12" x 12" canvas and birch boards are available at the Mad and Noisy Gallery for \$20 plus HST, which is also the entry fee. The opening reception is on January 4, 2014 and the silent auction runs until February 1. A final live auction will take place that day from 2 to 3 pm.



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The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation donated goalie nets to the North Dufferin Community Centre at the opening game of the Tournament held in Honeywood on November 22 & 23. Chester Tupling, Shannon Tupling, Heather Hayes (Honeywood Recreation Board), Andrew Gallagher (Employee of North Dufferin Community Centre), Hudson and Myah Tupling.

**We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of those who participated in the third annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament. We had another successful year, with eight teams participating.**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time preparing and organizing the tournament, score/time keeping, refereeing, bartending, and preparing and serving meals throughout the tournament.

Your hard work, dedication, and support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to those who generously donated silent auction items, monetary donations, and those who showed their support by coming out to watch some hockey games.

The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation was established to encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament will go towards recreation activities and community projects and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate.

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# COUNTY TO REPLACE BRIDGE IN 2016

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“Council made a decision on October 21,” said Mayor **Ken Ferguson**. “We’ve been working on this for two years. We’ve had public meetings and listened to difference of opinion. I thought [Simcoe County’s proposal to replace the bridge] was a reasonably good solution that represented both sides.”

Mayor Ferguson stuck to the Simcoe County report that recommended the bridge be rebuilt to address safety concerns. “I think what the County has come up with is the right thing.”

Burton began his presentation by introducing members of his committee who have professional, international experience in bridge building including urban designer, **John Hillier**, and structural engineer, **John Boote**.

He then set out to debunk some myths about the Collingwood Street bridge saying steel bridges do not require more maintenance than concrete bridges; single-lane bridges are permitted by the Ministry of Transportation; and the Collingwood Street bridge meets heritage requirements.

Showing photographs of the more than 250 people who came to celebrate the bridge’s 100th birthday last June 29, Burton said the movement to save the bridge had “huge public support,” which included original builder J.J. Dumond’s grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Burton also presented letters of support from the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, Creemore Area Residents’ Association (CARA), MPP **Jim Wilson** and MP **Kellie Leitch**.

His presentation was followed by comments from a number of community members who spoke in favour of giving the bridge a heritage designation.

**John Wiggins** implored the Council members to “look with their conscience and their hearts, because governance is both of those things.”

**Greg Young** of CARA said the bridge’s “single lane causes us to slow down and appreciate Creemore

and the community and reflect on the role it plays.”

In a poetic treatise, **Chris Raible** asked the Councillors “not to rush or be ‘mad’,” referring to the Mad River, named for its fast-rushing waters, he explained. “Pause a little longer, explore some of the issues... so that everyone here fully understands. Lots of people haven’t discussed the bridge for two years; even you are still learning.”

The Township’s *Procedural By-law* prohibits Council from reconsidering a topic it has already made a decision about, unless the majority of Council members vote to reconsider the topic. The motion to reconsider the October 21 decision was made by Councillor Paterson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Savage, and accepted.

Councillor Paterson urged his fellow Council members not to rush into a decision. “There is reason to consider what this committee is doing. Don’t jump into a final decision without taking into account their points and going back to the County, if necessary.”

But in the end, Council decided not to go that route. Councillor Paterson’s motion to consider the residents’ desire to preserve the bridge, the bridge’s 100-year history, the Ministry’s acknowledgement of the

merits of its conservation, Clearview’s new heritage conversation project and that the deficiencies can be addressed under Ministry of Transportation guidelines, did not pass.

“The discussion leading up to the vote demonstrated a clear need on the part of Council to better understand the heritage conservation process and the facts of the local committee’s proposal,” Councillor Paterson wrote in a follow-up email to the *Echo*. “It will take the open and innovative participation of all parties to see this project through to full restoration of the bridge. That Council decided on Monday night not to engage with their residents only strengthens public resolve to see the Collingwood Street Bridge restored.”

“This is a perfect example of how Council doesn’t listen to the public,” said Burton. “It’s not rocket science: spend a million, save a million, make the residents of Creemore happy and save a bridge.”



**Barry Burton**



**FUNDRAISER FOR TANYA PRENTICE** – Linda Prentice holds up a photo of her son and daughter-in-law, **Tanya Prentice**, who has been fighting cancer of the appendix for the last two years. To raise funds for Tanya’s family, she is helping to organize a night of dinner and dancing, silent auction and draws on Saturday, January 11 at the Creemore Legion Hall. If you have an object to donate to the silent auction, call Linda at 705-466-2009.

## LETTER

## Keep off the roof

On Monday, December 2, at approximately 4:45 pm and on Wednesday, December 4 at approximately 1 am, a group of three teenagers was seen on the roof of the Legion at 27 Wellington Street West in the Village of Creemore. Police reports were filed.

These individuals were observed piling snow on the roof with a shovel, and were seen to have a snowboard. We can only surmise they were planning to snowboard off the roof. This is a new roof membrane, just installed in the last six months, and it is easily damaged.

The individuals were told to get down and leave the property immediately, which they did by way of vehicles, so they are old enough to have known better and to not be doing such things on private property.

These individuals are hereby given notice that they are not to be on the roof of the Legion, and if they are, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and liable for damages.

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## THE WAY WE WERE



In light of our recent Santa Claus Parade last Saturday, **Helen Blackburn** brought in this picture of the Skating Club's float in 2000. Standing behind the float are **Myrtle Carruthers, Jane Timmons, Kay Newell** and **Keith Rowbotham**.

## EDITORIAL

### More than just a bridge

Sometimes a thing isn't just a thing.

Take Christmas presents, for instance.

When my six-year-old son emerged from the top-secret Kids' Shopping Room at NCPS' Breakfast with Santa event last Saturday, he was beaming. In his hands were two beautifully wrapped presents: one for his Dad and one for me.

Earlier, he and his friends had disappeared through the gym change room door festooned with one sign (No adults allowed!), their hands stuffed with toonies for shopping.

Every year, the school collects "garage sale"-type items for students to purchase for their parents for Christmas. Older students take charge of the wrapping. When I took an illicit peak inside (I was looking for my daughter, I swear), I saw an efficient, excitable affair.

As soon as we got home, my son plunked the presents down in front of us, urging us to open them with glee. He could hardly contain himself. He said he couldn't wait until Christmas. He was giggling and excited, and he was so very proud of what he had done.

Now, I like a present as much as the next person, but in that moment I knew that this wasn't about presents at all.

Kind of like a bridge.

A bridge is a structure that is built to carry people over things like water, which they might have trouble getting through. Bridges are common. They exist all over the world. Some of them are even in Creemore.

One such bridge hangs over the Mad River connecting Creemore to the Clearview hills. Named after the street it spans, the Collingwood Street bridge has been a hot topic in the village these days. The bridge has been slated for replacement after the Township Council voted to accept Simcoe County's designs from a new one earlier this fall.

The thing is, there are a number of people in the area for whom that bridge is about more than bolts and trusses, anchors and beams. For those people – many of whom were in the public gallery at Monday night's Council meeting in Stayner, and some of whom got up to speak – that bridge is about more than just a bridge.

What I heard from those people that night was the meaning that the bridge held for them. The bridge links Collingwood Street and it links a people to their past. As Thom Paterson put it in his motion to preserve the bridge, it is an enduring reminder of the industry, labour and progressive nature of the people who came before us to this place. It is a symbol of the identity of Creemore, and of the people who are living

in it. Replacing the bridge means breaking that link, disrespecting the past, and losing a piece of identity. None of these things should ever be "taken down" (intended pun) lightly.

As for our Christmas presents from my son, my husband received a fantastic 80s mug that said "Loon Magic" on the side (I couldn't have done better) and I got a pair of bright, dangly earrings with a lot of beads on them. Like a lot of beads,

I couldn't have asked for more.

**Kristi Green**

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### LETTER

### Parade peaks and valleys

The 2013 Creemore Christmas Parade was a great success. I was fortunate to be asked by past organizer John Blohm to organize and manage the parade through the Creemore BIA. He handed me a well-oiled machine that included detailed notes on how to run the parade, and a budget raised from donations last year. It was my job really not to screw things up!

No Finkelstein in my family has ever put on a Christmas, so naturally I put a call out for volunteers and many answered. [A big thank you our dedicated volunteers, especially to Laurie Wilson, BIA Treasurer and Fred Mills, The Creemore Echo. Without their help – especially Fred's leadership – this parade would not have happened.] We really only had two rules to follow at the parade this year: have fun and make sure participants don't throw candy at the kids from their floats. All the volunteers were made aware of these rules and so were the participants who registered.

It was amazing to see community spirit in full swing with many folks working really hard to make fun and interesting floats. I got a chance to see the parade as it reached Mill and Caroline Streets, and I was dismayed by what I saw.

Dr. **Kellie Leitch** had somehow ended up leading the parade (an alternate float had been designated to do that) in a yellow convertible and was throwing candy canes at people. My first concern was for the safety of the children, so I stepped towards her to politely request that she stop. I believe that handing out candy rather than throwing it from

vehicles is pretty standard practice in most parades these days. There's a very real possibility that one of the young participants may be hit by a moving float trying to pick up candy off the street. To my surprise, she was hostile towards me and seemed very unimpressed by my request. She proceeded to hold up the procession so that she could, in her words, "Give every child in attendance a candy cane," and later asked me if I was the police. Perhaps she did not realize that she was holding up hundreds of people who were participating in the event along with the many spectators waiting in the cold to see the parade further down Mill Street.

As our federal representative and leader in the community, I would expect Dr. Kellie Leitch to set an example for others to follow. Our own Clearview Township Councillors did a great job of walking in the parade and handing out candy to the excited children waiting for Santa, giving the Councillors a wonderful opportunity to speak to and make a lasting impression on the spectators.

A lot of hard work by many dedicated people goes into making the Creemore parade such a success year after year. I hope we can continue this tradition. We will not be welcoming Dr. Kellie Leitch back for the 2014 parade. She is however, welcome to drop by anytime to pick up the candy canes that she littered the streets of Creemore with on Saturday.

The parade committee welcomes your feedback so that we can make next year's parade even better. Send an email to [bia@ourcreemore.com](mailto:bia@ourcreemore.com).

**Corey Finkelstein**, Creemore



**AWARD-WINING BUDGET** – (Left to right) Clearview's Deputy Treasurer **Kelly McDonald**, Director of Finance/Treasurer, **Edward Henley**, and Mayor **Ken Ferguson** hold the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's certificate of recognition for budget preparation. The GFOA awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Finance Department in October for meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

### LETTER

### The cost of wind power

Thank you, Connie Roberts, for putting a voice to the rather obscure Dufferin Wind Power Inc. (DWPI), in your Letter to the Editor last week, regarding my letter of the previous week. I welcome your response to the matter of my "serious errors."

Firstly: Thank you for clarifying that the Community Liaison Committee was a requirement of the Ministry of the Environment's approval process, not something DWPI thought up. Considering that the agenda of DWPI is to put up wind turbines, DWPI is only required to go through the exercise – not pay any attention to, if the consensus is negative.

Secondly: You note that you have "guaranteed decommissioning of the project with a security." How much? In 20 years, with inflation, will it be enough? Each turbine will cost approximately \$3 million and be expected to return approximately \$7 million, and today's decommissioning cost is approximately \$1 million x 49 turbines = \$49 million. DWPI will have a healthy return on investment. Investors will have many ways to duck out the door on decommissioning. I only hope the Township isn't left waving your guarantee in the air as you disappear.

Thirdly: My letter commented on a "30 m diameter concrete base." The concrete base comprises 18.5 m diameter x 3.5 m "foundation" and a 22.5 m diameter x 1.5 m "crane pad,"

both of which you have to dispose of, rebar and all.

Lastly: Your argument about water levels simply doesn't hold water. Ontario Hydro has no significant water starvation winter or summer. As for the adequacy of wind, you didn't challenge my assertion that wind turbines only work, on average, 28% of the time, and 85% of the time when not needed. When the wind don't blow, the turbines don't go! The sad truth is that their power output is nevertheless prioritized. Ergo, the consumer pays 11.5¢ per kwh, while hydro is 4.5¢ per kwh, nuclear 6.5¢ per kwh. Ontario shuts down hydro and sometimes nuclear to accommodate wind. We buy wind at 11.5¢ and sell it to the U.S. for \$2.8¢ kwh! To date, a loss of over \$3 billion and growing fast.

Perhaps you'd be so kind as to tell this audience what their plight is in 20 years when turbines wear out, there is no more government subsidy and wind generation has disappeared. What is our infrastructure for supplying electricity? Ontario will have blown over \$60 billion for what? DWPI and all the other wind companies will have a glass of champagne and pat each other on the back, while Ontario's consumers are left with the bill. If we spent the same amount on nuclear, we'd have a reliable source of clean energy for the next several generations.

**John Wiggins**, Collingwood

### LETTER

### No place for bio sludge

Re: "NVCA warns about wetland health" (Friday, November 29 edition). The NVCA gave the ground water quality of the Mad River subwatershed a rating of "very good" without apparently collecting any data on which to base this assessment.

No mention was made of the practice of injecting bio sludge from sewage waste treatment facilities into farm lands as "fertilizer" as a possible source of contamination. I live adjacent to a very large property that was recently "treated" by this method of disposing of human and industrial waste. The location is on the flood plain of the river and is very close to many wells in daily use.

I am very skeptical of government

claims that this is a safe practice. Spring runoff and water percolation has to affect water quality of local wells, as well as the overall quality of the Mad River and Nottawasaga River basin water flows.

Until a full study that is independent of all contributing parties involved in this practice is undertaken, I feel the "very good" designation is highly questionable.

I would ask that the NVCA's 2014 – 2018 strategic plan emphasizing the importance of protecting human life and property be broadened to include the protection of all life from unnatural hazards such as the use of bio sludge as fertilizer.

**David Wilson**, Creemore

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# New Collingwood hospice gaining ground

By Kara McIntosh

Construction of a new \$3.6 million residential hospice is well underway in downtown Collingwood.

Hospice Georgian Triangle (HGT)'s Campbell House will provide six palliative care beds in a non-institutional setting for both patients requiring end of life care, and their families.

Campbell House is named in honour of the Donald and Audrey Campbell Family Foundation. Donald and Audrey Campbell were long-time Collingwood residents who established the foundation to support different charities.

Located on Erie Street (behind Sunset Manor), the hospice is situated behind Sunset Manor long-term care home and close to the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. Construction began in August of this year and it is expected that the facility will open its doors in August 2014.

The need for a residential hospice in this area where the population of over 65 year olds is double the provincial average is staggering. Campbell House has been a long-term dream of HGT, which began to explore opportunities for building the facility in 2007.

"Campbell House will give people in our community a place to die with dignity in a comfortable home-like setting with their loved ones surrounding them," said **Bruce West**, Chair and CEO of HGT.

Patients will be looked after by professional nursing staff. HGT's 200 volunteers will support both patients and family members by taking care of what West calls the "front of the house" areas such as reception, common living areas and the gardens, as well as providing their existing outreach programs.

Since 1987, HGT has been providing outreach services and programs for people facing terminal illness. They will continue to run their home and hospital visiting and bereavement support programs out of Campbell House once the facility is open next



Campbell House in construction

summer, but they are expecting to become busier.

"Once we are in Campbell House and have a physical presence there, we know that the demands for our outreach programs, the home visiting care and bereavement care, will grow exponentially and we are prepared to handle that," says West.

The \$3.6 million capital budget for constructing Campbell House includes the cost of land, site preparation and all start-up costs, such as furnishing and equipping the building for patient care. Every penny of the money raised has come from the community – from private, individual and local business donations and community fundraising events such as the Hike for Hospice.

West cannot stress enough how much this project has been needed and driven by the community. "This is a community-driven project as evidenced by the

excess of \$3.1 million that we have been able to raise exclusively through the community."

Once the facility is built, the region's Local Health Integration Network, an arm of the Ontario Government, will cover the costs associated with the professional nursing care at Campbell House. Responsibility for the occupancy and administration costs, however, rests with HGT and the community.

West acknowledged that the last mile of fundraising is always the most difficult. To push them through the final stages of building, HGT has published a Wish List Gift Registry on its website, [www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com](http://www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com). With a few clicks of the mouse, individuals can make a donation to cover the costs of specific furniture or equipment that will provide comfort and care to Campbell House patients and their families.

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Chuck Magwood protesting the wind farm, summer 2012

## Township concerned wind application incomplete

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public to keep faith. We may have lost a small battle, but we believe we will win. This is one of the most beautiful areas and it will not be tarnished by 500-foot steel wind turbines.”

**Michael Wynia**, Director of Community Planning and Development for Clearview, also expressed concern about the progress the application has made in spite of the Township’s concerns that it was not complete and that a required municipal consultation had not been performed.

In recent letters to the Ministry, Wynia outlined numerous attempts to contact the Ministry, with no response.

“In my prior correspondence,” he wrote, “I noted that the municipality was not even in a position to complete the mandatory municipal consultation form due to technical errors in that form.”

However, **Kristina Rudzki**, Senior Project Evaluator on the Renewable Energy Team at the Ministry, defended the Ministry’s decision saying wpd Fairview Wind Inc.’s application was accepted because it met all Ministry requirements.

**Kevin Surette**, Manager of Communications at wpd, told the *Echo* that his company has requested meetings with the Township but that this meeting hasn’t happened yet. “We are looking to sit down with them and address their concerns,” he said.

Surette said his company received feedback from the public at the two Ministry-required open houses it held since first announcing the project in spring 2010. “A summary of these issues is in the application to the Ministry of the Environment,” he said. “All the required information has been submitted and [the Ministry] can now move to the technical phase. Municipal consultation is part of that.”

Despite these assurances, Magwood says the outlook for proponents is not good. “Projects like this one are on some kind of treadmill heading to final approval.”

He said that Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne’s**

recent promise not to build projects in municipalities that don’t want them looks like lip service now. He suspects this promise only applies to new projects and that the Fairview wind farm has been caught in the pipeline since its application was first filed with the Ministry in August 2012.

Magwood claims that like Wynia, his requests for information from the Ministry have not been answered. “We have been frustrated for months to get information from the Ministry and the Ontario Power Association,” Magwood said. “We are worried about our ability to compete in an uneven playing field.”

The Ministry’s Rudzki said, “It’s important to note that when an application is deemed complete, it marks the beginning of the six-month formal review period. Deeming an application complete does not mean the Ministry has approved the proposal.” And Surette points out that citizens can still submit comments to the Ministry.

Still, Magwood is concerned that the Ministry’s request for feedback comes at a time when the public could be too busy to give the issue the proper attention. “We almost lose half of the 60-day period due to Christmas and the time of year,” he said.

But Rudzki said, “The Ministry was aware that the public consultation period would fall over the holiday season, which is why the comment period was extended from the standard 30 days to 60 days.”

The Ministry of the Environment is accepting comments about this project until February 1, 2014. Individuals can send feedback to Kristina Rudzki, Senior Project Evaluator, Ministry of the Environment, Operations Division, Environmental Approvals Branch, 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1L5. Or, they can call 1-800-461-6290 (toll-free).

Once the Ministry has considered the comments, it will make a decision to accept or reject the application, or to send it back to wpd for more information.

## Big Heart Seniors

Hi folks! Although I was not able to be at cards this week because of my daughter’s broken arm and shattered shoulder, my dear sister, **Marcia Cameron**, took the minutes for me. Thank you for that, Marc.

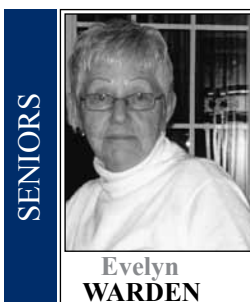
There were 10 full tables and the prizes were won by **Earl Bentley** 317, **Marg Hope** 283, **Bob McNicol** 281 and **Barb Cudmore** 276, and the low prize went to **Effie Taylor** 78.

The 50/50 draws were won by **Martin Verstraten**, **Leona Hartling**, **Bob Veal**, **Barb Cudmore**, **John Van Voorst**, **George Blakney** and **Barb Pilon**.

There were nine Moon Shots played by **Dave Smith** (who won the Sidewinder’s Prize), **Marg Hope**, **Barb Pilon**, **Warren Gale**, **Bert Douglas**, **Bob McNicol**, **Marj Douglas** and **Leona Hartling**, and the Travel Prize was won by **Bob Veale**. A reminder that membership dues are due by Thursday, December 19, 2013.

In view of the dates that this will be public, I would like to wish all Big Heart Seniors members, their family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. All the luck in 2014! I am sure that I can speak for all in the Club that wish the same.

Remember: Treasure your friends, they are the most valuable antiques you will ever have!



Evelyn  
WARDEN

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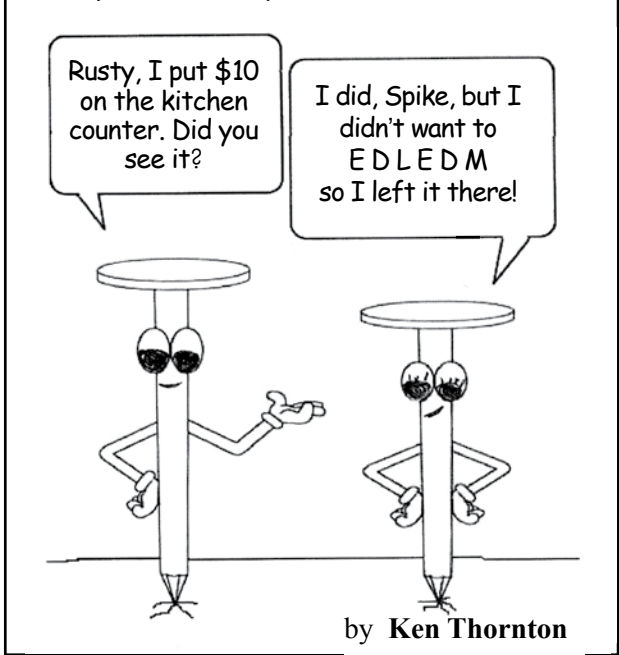
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## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds Page

## Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



by Ken Thornton

Find this week's answer in Classifieds

## CREEMORE WEEKEND WEATHER

### Friday, December 13

Few flurries  
High -10 Low -14 Winds N 20 km/h  
POP 60%

### Saturday, December 14

Scattered flurries  
High -11 Low -14 Winds E 20 km/h  
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## Canadian Criss Cross

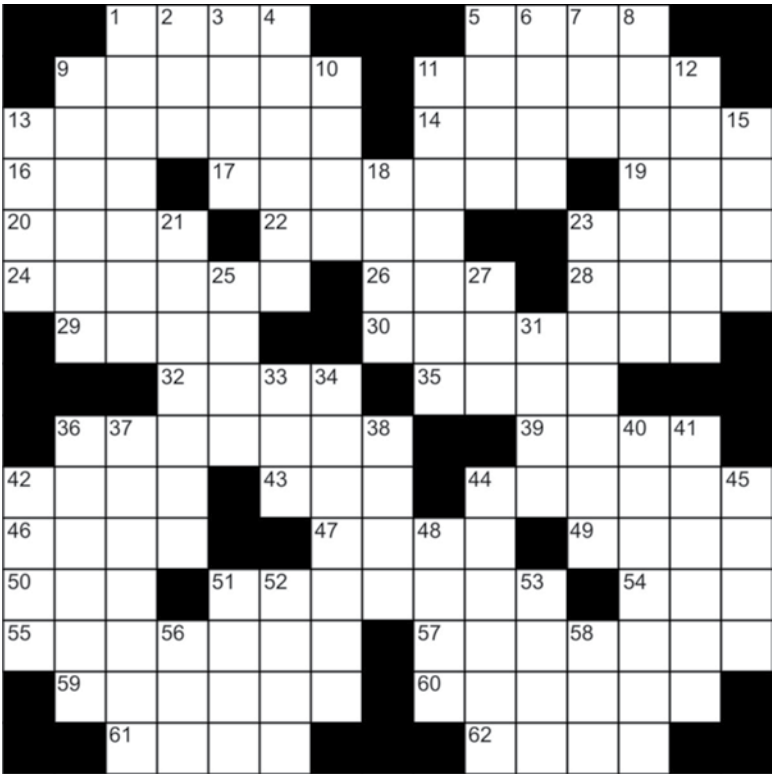
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### ACROSS

- Deal with problems
- Overflow
- Canadian Football Hall of Fame player and coach for the Argonauts
- Outward contours
- Arrange for the marriage of
- Childish outburst of rage
- Individual
- Smallest unit of speech
- For shame!
- Monetary unit of Malta
- Pitcher with a wide mouth
- Attractive
- One who makes suits to measure
- Be ill
- Frenzied
- Distance jumped
- Mixture of lime, sand, and water
- One of a pair
- Make up the final version of a film
- Car radiator need
- Dalai \_\_\_\_
- Dull heavy sound
- Quid \_\_\_\_ quo
- Gripping tool
- Angry unpleasant feeling
- Not tricked by
- Shoestring
- Long-eared animal
- Live without the customary comforts
- That female
- Rubber garment
- Asthmatic's need
- Plundering
- Under the influence of drugs
- Pull suddenly
- Soapy water

### DOWN

- Exclusive group
- Canadian who played for the Bruins
- A book used by an actor, perhaps
- One or the other of two
- Pillow cover
- Bowling alley
- Make a selection
- Women use it to smell nice
- Suitable for servants
- Point out
- Germ-free
- A man who woos a woman
- Roll of wallpaper
- Easily imposed on
- Lowest level of high tide
- Served with ice cream
- Bulrush
- Iridescent gemstone
- Young man
- Threshold
- Hidden microphone
- Travelling
- Drink after a drink
- Be at a party longer than pleases the hostess
- Chinese guild
- Rubeola
- Like an angry cat's back
- Become soft after being frozen
- Units of weight for diamonds
- Prophet
- The one here
- Make bankrupt
- Sound made by a pig
- You, in the Bible
- Mineral spring
- As well as



December 6 Answer



# A curious introduction to the “Black Christ”

My Dad disliked the abbreviation “Xmas.” He would always remark that it wasn’t right to take the “Christ” out of Christmas. Even today, when I see the abbreviated form, it offends me.

I grew up in Kingston where we went to the local United Church. We were Presbyterian but there wasn’t a Presbyterian Church nearby, and, as you know, the United Church are accepting of just about everyone – even Presbyterians who are too lazy or thrifty to drive across town!

Every kid I knew went to church every Sunday, because if you wanted to play hockey – and we all did – the only league was “The Church Athletic League,” and if you didn’t go to church you couldn’t play. So we all went. I attended “religiously” till I failed to make the cut at the Juvenile hockey level. I must have felt it was a divine sign; if God wasn’t going to help me get to the NHL, then I wasn’t going to attend church any more.

I can’t say I really thought much about religion after that till I was much older. I was probably over 30 before it dawned on me that Christ was a Jew. I can’t remember the moment of that revelation, but I can remember the moment when I first realized that he probably wasn’t blonde-haired and blue-eyed.

A number of years ago, I was in a cab in New York City on a very hot 30-plus degree summer day, headed over to Brooks Brothers between meetings. We were in gridlock and the cab’s air conditioning wasn’t working. I could see by the paraphernalia on the dashboard and the red, yellow and green wool toque on the driver’s head that the driver was of the Rastafarian persuasion.

I figured that if he had wanted to keep his religion private, he wouldn’t have festooned his workplace as such. So, with time to pass, I initiated a religious discussion about what Rastafarians believe, as I had no

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Al  
CLARKE

idea. Over the years, I have learned some strange and interesting things from cab drivers but this time, things took an unexpected turn.

He began with, “So man, you know what colour Christ was?” And then he hesitated. On cue, I suggested, “Caucasian.” “You think white like you, man,” he responded. I could see where this was headed and realized that Sunday School in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, hadn’t equipped me for this kind of exchange.

The cab driver explained to me how he and a great percentage of the world outside of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, sees things. It turned out his father, who was also a Rasta Man, had gone to greet Haile Selassie, the Ethiopian Emperor known to Rastafarians as “The Lion of Judah,” in April 1966 when he visited Jamaica.

They believe Selassie was the last living descendent of Christ. During a visit to King Solomon in the Bible, Sheba, the very beautiful and wealthy Ethiopian Queen, conceived a child and returned to Ethiopia (1 Kings 10:1-13). Salassie is believed to have descended from that child and since King Solomon’s father is King David, Salassie and Christ share the same lineage.

The cab driver continued with a series of questions: If Christ were a Middle-Eastern Jew, would he have had blonde hair and blue eyes? Did you know that the Bible says that God is black (Jeremiah 8:21), and that Martin Luther King was a proponent of the “Black Christ”?

I was not sure what to think; he was asking questions I had never really thought about. I eventually found my intellectual footing and began to ask some counter questions. I was thinking the whole Black Christ thing must have been covered that day I missed Sunday school.

We finally arrived at my destination, and by then I was so hot I had lost all energy for further discussion of religion, instead focusing on the air

conditioning awaiting me at Brooks Brothers.

I hadn’t given this conversation a second thought until Easter 2008, when I visited the Cathedral of Santo Domingo in Cusco, Peru, home of the “Black Christ.” Once a year, to commemorate the 1650 earthquake during Holy Week, they parade the Black Christ through the streets.

The story goes that the church ordered from Rome a carved white marble statue of Christ for the Cathedral, but when it arrived, at over 11,000 feet high, it was too heavy and difficult to move to Cusco. So the effort was abandoned at a lower altitude, where a church was built around it. To appease the priests, the local people carved a Christ out of indigenous black wood; it’s known as the “Senor de los Tremblores” or “Lord of the Earthquakes.” He is the Patron Saint of Cusco, protecting it from earthquakes. Locals who are dark-skinned descendants of the Inca strongly identify with him and love him passionately.

None of this really indicates that Christ was a man of colour; the Queen of Sheba is a branch line – not direct. Jeremiah 8:21 refers to the Lord’s state of mind as being “sad” or “black” – not his skin colour. The Martin Luther King connection is a political interpretation, not a literal one, and the Synoptic Gospels give no description of Christ’s actual appearance.

The Black Christ is, I believe, best explained by the overriding reality that people everywhere traditionally see God as their own likeness. I know and understand the psychology behind this. And there are numerous references to Black Christ and Black Madonnas around the world.

I am not a religious scholar. But I can’t help thinking that Omar Sharif should have played Christ in the movies instead of a Charleton Heston type.

Regardless of how you see Christ, here’s hoping you have an unabbreviated Merry Christmas!

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## CHRISTMAS

**34th Annual Christmas Draw.** Grand prize is a suite of stainless steel kitchen appliances. Draw on Monday, December 23 live on 95.1 The Peak FM starting at 9 am. **All proceeds to support the New Age of Care Campaign for the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation.** Tickets \$2 on sale at *The Creemore Echo*. [www.cgmhf.com](http://www.cgmhf.com).

If you still have the **FLOAT NUMBERS** from the Creemore Santa Claus Parade please drop off at the *Echo*. Thank you.

**Wish your friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas** in our Friday, December 20 issue for only \$5 plus hst. Contact *Creemore Echo* by Tuesday, December 17 at 5 pm. 705-466-9906 [info@creemore.com](mailto:info@creemore.com) or fax us at 705-466-9908.

**The organizers of the Community Christmas Dinner are looking for: VOLUNTEERS** Dec 24 & 25 to help set up, decorate hall & tree, prep vegetables, serve buffet meal, clean-up, and pack decorations & equipment for storage. This is a fun way for students to earn community service credits. **HOME BAKERS** to contribute a plate of their festive squares or cookies. Please contact Diane at 705-466-3126 or email her at [diane.9lives@yahoo.ca](mailto:diane.9lives@yahoo.ca)

## LOST / FOUND

**LOST – Pink dog collar and paw prints and an invisible fence receiver.** Lost near Gowan Park. Help us keep our best friend safe at home. Call 705-466-3822 or drop off at *Echo*.

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## THANK YOU

What a special community! Our special thanks to all for your concern and efforts to find our missing dogs. Our AWOL Airedale Terriers returned after 27 hours in the woods. Weary but happy to be home. From Creemore to Dunedin to Glen Huron and all places in between we praise the sympathetic big heart of our community. Actions speak. Bless you all.  
**Ross and Robin Robinson**

Thank you to **Linda Cockton** for the wonderful and most delicious chocolate cake. You really out did yourself again. Brad sorry you weren’t here to help us finish it (as if we needed help!) Thank you Linda again. Fred and the *Echo* gang

Thank you to **Fran & Paul Breithaupt** for the Christmas cookies. Merry Christmas to you! The staff at *The Creemore Echo*

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## DRIVER WANTED

Looking for a **DRIVER** to deliver newspapers. 7 days a week early mornings in town of Collingwood. Please contact 1-877-899-0683.

## DAYCARE


**Building Blocks Home Daycare,** full or part-time care, before or after school. Now booking for Spring 2014. Please call for availability and to book a play date at 705-466-6355.

## SERVICES

**FRANCY CARE.** Respite, senior sitting, pet sitting, house sitting and many more services available. Just give me a call at 705-466-5868.

## DEATH NOTICE

**FACHNIE, Shirley** passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 8, 2013 in her 73<sup>rd</sup> year. Beloved wife of Dave and loving mother of Jeffrey (Catherine), Jarrod (Mary), Jillanne (Dave) Dickenson and Jed (Coralee); predeceased by twin sons Jason & Joel. Forever cherished grandmother of Emily, Allison, Jessica, Dale, Deanna, Staci, Emma, Bailey Anne, Jacklyn, Josie, Molly and Andie and great grandmother of Brenden. Shirley will be missed by her brothers Allen (Marg), Dalton (the late Lois), Arnold (Inger), Frank (Nellie) and sisters-in-law Sandy and Patricia; predeceased by brothers Walter and Gordon. Visitation will be held from 2-4 & 7-9 pm on Thursday, December 12 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. Funeral service will take place at 1 pm on Friday, December 13, 2013 at St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Creemore. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle would be appreciated. Friends may visit Shirley’s online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com)



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**HEAR THESE DIVAS** – The final of four "Gift of Music" concerts happens this Sunday, December 15. Come to St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 pm to hear the Divas perform. Pictured (left to right): **Blair Salter**, pianist; **Stephanie Tritchew**, mezzo soprano; **Caitlin Wood**, soprano; and **Jamillynn Gubbe**, soprano.

The divas will cap off a quartet of concerts that featured guitar, tenors and cello this fall.

Tickets are \$15 at Curiosity House Books, *The Creemore Echo* or at the door.



**DUFFERIN WIND POWER**



## Community Liaison Committee

### *We're Listening!*

Dufferin Wind Power Inc. is making long-term investments in Ontario's green energy future and is seeking your participation. DWPI received Renewable Energy Approval from the Ministry of the Environment on June 10, 2013 for its wind power project in Dufferin County. The project will generate 91.4 megawatts of wind power, enough to power between 22,500 and 30,000 households per year. This notice is the first step in establishing a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) to provide a venue for meaningful and ongoing discussion between the project team and community members.

### *How are we listening?*

Dillon Consulting is creating this Community Liaison Committee in Dufferin County to discuss the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Dufferin Wind Farm.

This will be an opportunity for approximately 20 selected CLC members to:

- Exchange information
- Listen to community suggestions to minimize impacts; and
- Assist with identifying and resolving community concerns

The CLC will seek representation from Dufferin County residents & landowners, agricultural & business communities, aboriginal communities, municipalities, government agencies, local organizations, and special interest groups.

### *Become a member of the CLC*

Interested in representing your community and discussing the Dufferin Wind Farm? CLC members will be responsible for attending a minimum of four (4) meetings over a two-year period. Meetings will take place on a weekday evening for approximately two to three hours each. Membership selection will be based on balanced representation from the various groups listed above.

### *Apply Today!*

An application form is available at the DWPI project office and on the project website: [www.dufferinwindpower.ca/community](http://www.dufferinwindpower.ca/community). If you are interested in volunteering for the CLC please apply in writing by December 15, 2013 using the following contact information:

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