

CREEMORE SPRINGS SET TO GO ON EXPANSION



Creemore Springs vice president and brewmaster **Gordon Fuller** and project and facilities manager **Geoff Davies** proudly show off the building permit for the brewery’s expansion, set to begin on February 19.

by Brad Holden

Eight years after Creemore Springs started planning internally for an expansion, the brewery is ready to begin construction.

Cowden Woods, the Barrie-based builders selected by the brewery to complete the work, is scheduled to begin staging on site the week of February 11. Construction is set to begin on February 19, and a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday, February 22.

Creemore Springs vice president and brewmaster **Gordon Fuller** and project and facilities manager **Geoff Davies** are pleased to be getting things underway so early in 2013, given all of the hurdles of the past few months. An application for an Environmental Compliance Approval for the expanded operation was submitted last October, with the Ministry of Environment predicting a turnaround time of three to eight months. That approval arrived on January 17, just three months after it was applied for. In the meantime, a final site plan was passed by the Liaison Committee and on January 23, a teleconference was held with the Ontario Municipal Board, resulting in a go-ahead order and a statement that the OMB member was “impressed with the atmosphere of the meeting.” Final site plan approval and a building permit came from Township this past Monday, and a pre-construction meeting was held with the Liaison

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Budget to go to public with 4% increase

by Brad Holden

Clearview Council will present a draft budget to the public on February 11, looking for feedback on a potential 9.53 per cent increase in the Township levy and an overall property tax increase of 4.02 per cent.

Those numbers stand after a third budget workshop on Monday, held theoretically so members of Council could whittle the increase down, but which instead saw more money added to the budget than taken away.

The meeting began with Treasurer **Edward Henley** pitching a 3.45 per cent overall tax increase, comprised of a 0.15 per cent OPP increase, a 0.61 per cent Simcoe County increase, a zero per cent School Board increase and an 8.1 per cent Township increase. To achieve that number, staff had made \$352,000 worth of cuts to the budget’s first iteration,

including a \$75,000 reduction in the transfer to the Township’s working reserve, a \$50,000 reduction in the transfer to the library reserve and deferrals of several projects, including improvements to Gowan Park (\$30,000), upgrades at Avening Hall (\$40,000), resurfacing of the tennis courts in Stayner’s Ives Park (\$30,000) and installing new fire protection measures at the Dunedin Hall (\$15,000).

Council made only two more deductions over the course of Monday’s workshop, changing the amount budgeted for the Economic Development Committee branding project from \$59,000 to \$50,000 and spreading an upgrade to the Township’s municipal management software over two years, reducing this year’s cost from \$16,500 to \$8,250.

Then, reflecting on the fact that the Township’s

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MAY THE BEST SNOWMAN WIN The BIA’s annual Big Heart Festival, taking place from February 16 to 18, will feature a snowman contest this year. For more information, see page 8.







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This Weekend

Thursday, January 31 to Sunday, February 3

- **Sunnidale Winterama.** The theme this year is “Under the Big Top”. See www.clearview.ca for details.

Saturday, February 2

- **Groundhog Day!** Will winter be over in 6 weeks?
- **Curiosity House Art Show Opening** from 5 to 7 pm. *Farm Friends.* Selected works by a variety of artists that highlight our farmyard treasures. 178 Mill Street. 705-466-3400.

Sunday, February 3

- **Church Services** on page 5.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 4

- **Walking Indoors at Creemore Legion** begins today at 10 am. Walk all winter long on Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone welcome.
- **Collingwood and District Historical Society’s Meeting** at 7 pm at the Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St., Collingwood. “The History of Collingwood’s Black Community” with Jane Cooper Wilson speaker at the Meeting begins Admission CDHS membership or \$3.

Monday, February 4 & Wednesday, February 6

- **Taoist Tai Chi Beginner Classes** start up at the Station on the Green Monday afternoons, January 28, 1-3, or Wednesday evenings, January 30th, 6:30 - 8:30. For more information, call Laura at 466-5011.

Tuesday, February 5

- **Creemore Adult Skating** Tuesdays through the winter from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Creemore Arena. Good friends, good ice, good music. For more information call Helen 705-445-3635 or Lynn 705-466-2477.
- **Public Meeting concerning Arbour Farms Application** at Mulmur Township Building from 4 to 7 pm.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

- **Winter Yoga with Katie Hamilton** for beginners and intermediates. To register call 705-994-3445 or email katielaurahamilton@gmail.com.

Thursday, February 7

- **Today is your deadline to order your Valentine’s Take-out Dinner order.** See details on February 14.
- **Canadian Blood Services’ Blood Donor Clinic** at Angus Recreation Centre in Angus from 4 to 8 pm. Call 888 2 DONATE or www.blood.ca to book your appointment.
- **Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction** at Stayner Collegiate Cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. A fundraiser for **CyberGnomes Team 2013 Robotics Team**. Silent Auction includes 2 sets of 4 tickets to the February 16 Barrie Colts game and 2 xbox Kinects and

more. Adults \$10, students 5 to 12 \$5, under 5 with an adult free. Tickets available at *Creemore Echo*.

Saturday, February 9

- **A Day of Scrapping** at New Lowell United Church from 10 am to 8 pm. Bring your ideas, kits, paper, etc. Treats, lunch & dinner & card making workshop provided. \$40. Contact Tammy at 705-424-5252 or sheldonandtammysamuels@yahoo.com to register by February 6. Hosted by New Lowell Guides and United Church.
- **Come & Go Tea to celebrate Warren Gale’s 90th Birthday** at Creemore Legion from 2 to 4 pm. No gifts please, but you can bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.
- **Stayner Lions Club Ham & Bean Supper** at Centennial United Church, 234 William St. Stayner. Serving from 4:30 to 7 pm. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free. Takeout available. Proceeds to Camp Huronda, a camping experience for diabetic children.

Monday, February 11

- **Clearview Township’s Council Meeting** at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers. **Budget Public Meeting** starts at 7:15 pm. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, February 12

- **Pancake Supper** at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, 22 Caroline Street West, from 5 to 7 pm. Come and enjoy some pancakes, sausages, dessert and beverage. Adults \$8, children (under 12) \$4, pre-schoolers free.
- **Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras.** Whatever the name, it is all about pancakes, sausages, syrup, and homemade pie. From 5 to 7 pm at the Olde School House in Duntroon. Come and enjoy a traditional pancake supper. Family of 4: \$20., adult \$6, student \$4, pre-school free. Proceeds to “The Door” Youth Centre in Stayner. Phone 705-445-4199 or 519-922-2033. Presented by St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Singhampton, Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon and Christ Church, Batteaux.

Wednesday, February 13

- **Stayner Heritage Society in celebration of Black History Month** is proud to announce that **Janie Cooper-Wilson** will talk about her new book, *Echoes in the Hills: My Eighteen Month Search for John Brown’s Legacy* at Centennial United Church (corner of William & Oak) at 3 pm. (Storm date is February 20). Everyone is welcome.
- **Avening Hall Annual Meeting** at 7 pm. Let’s talk about the future of our hall.

Thursday, February 14

- **Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary Annual Valentine’s Take-out.** Lasagna, Caesar salad, cheese cake, rolls and butter. Cost of \$12. Please call before February 7 to get your name on the list. 705-466-2202 or 705-466-2432. Remember this is take-out only.

Friday, February 15

- **Brereton Field Naturalists** will host a talk by Alex Mills about his project using geolocators to track the movements of Whip-poor-wills. Starts at 7:30 pm at the North West Barrie United Church. \$5 charge to non-members. Go to www.breretonfieldnaturalists.org for more information.

Saturday, February 16 to Monday, February 18

- **Creemore’s Big Heart Festival.** Build a snowman and win - judging on Sunday. Family Skate with free hot chocolate (provided by Creemore Springs) at Station on the Green Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. Hosted by Creemore BIA.

Saturday, February 16

- **Big Heart Story Hour** at Curiosity House at 1 pm.
- **Nottawasaga Junior Farmers 4th Annual Snow Volleyball Tournament** at Duntroon Hall. \$100 per team (6-10 players, minimum of two males and two females on the court at all times), food and beverages for sale during the day. Dance following the tournament as well.)Contact Melissa Ferguson for more information or to enter 705-331-7554 or sasaferg@hotmail.com.

Saturday, February 16 & Sunday, February 17

- **Artist Sue Miller and her Expressive Painting Workshop** at Honeywood Schoolhouse from 10 am to 5 pm. Rediscover the joy of being creative; for beginners as well as painters who wish to reignite their practice. \$170 plus materials, includes a hot lunch both days. Call Martha Bull at 416-546-2555 or martbull@ca.inter.net or www.mytimewatercolour.com to register.

Saturday, March 2

- **Save the Date! Avening Hall Euchre Tournament.** Doors open at 7pm cards start at 8pm. For those new to euchre or needing a refresher we will have a little learning session starting at 7pm. \$10 per person. Bring a snack to share. For more information contact Carol Rowbotham (705) 466-3024.



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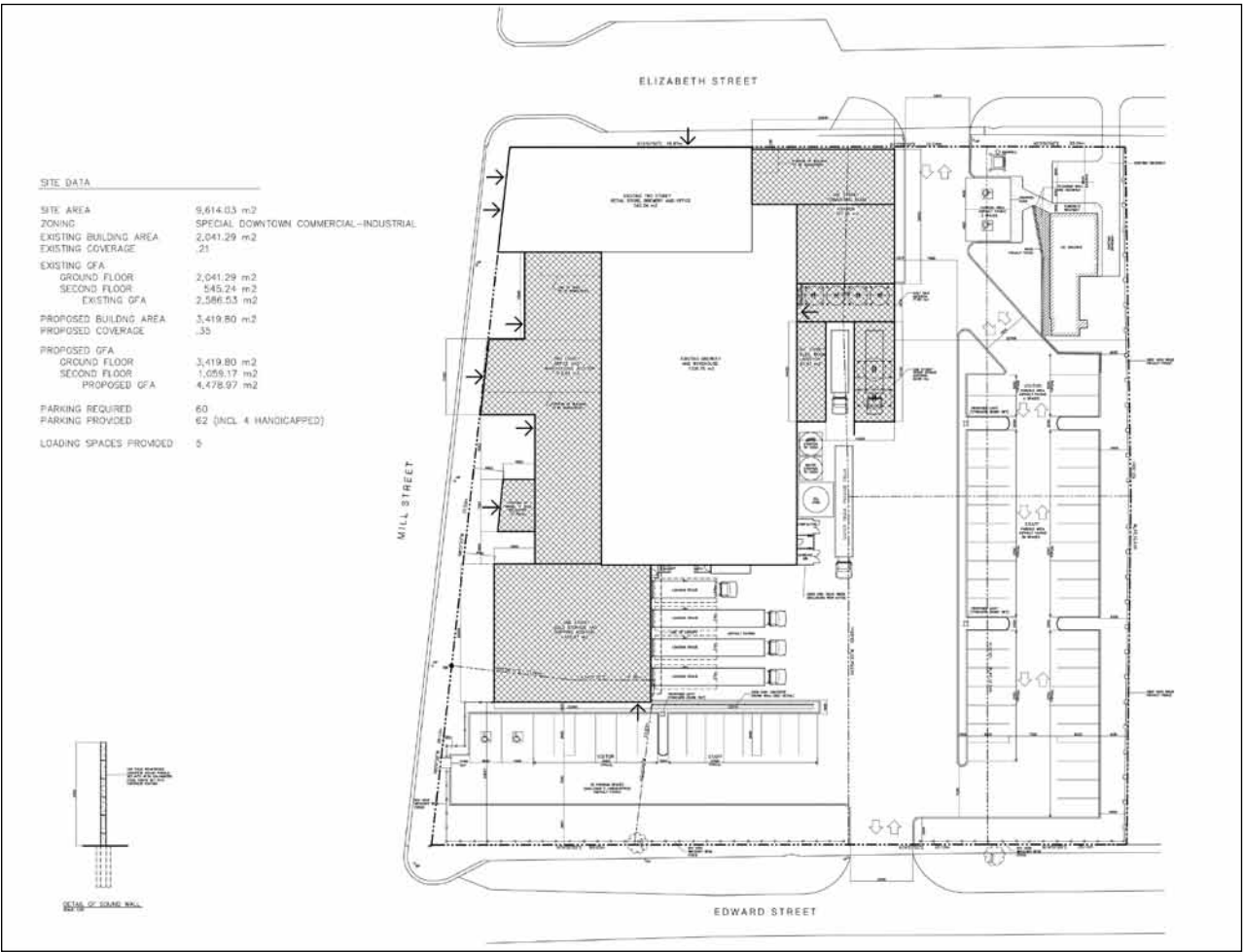
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The final site plan for the Creemore Springs expansion, set to begin on February 19.

Brewery expansion gets go-ahead

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Committee on Tuesday to determine things like haul routes and hours of construction operation.

It's been determined that work will take place between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm on weekdays, with limited activity on Saturdays, and that trucks will access the site using County Road 9, Mary Street and Elizabeth Street. For safety reasons, the entire area of construction will be fenced.

From February until the end of May, work will be concentrated on the back of the brewery, where a number of new fermentation cellars are being added along with several other pieces of large infrastructure. Site work on the property – the “key sensitivity,” according to Davies, as it will involve major digging and earth-moving – will take place from May until the end of July, and the construction of the new warehouse on the south end of the building is scheduled for July to October. Ideally, landscaping will be completed in September, the best time for establishing new plants and trees.

The expansion's second phase, which will see

new office space and a new facade built on the front of the building, will enter the detailed design phase by the end of this year, with construction scheduled for late 2014 and early 2015.

If all goes well, the brewery will have its extra capacity online by May of this year. The move to 24-hour brewing will wait for the granting of a revised water-taking permit, which is still in the application phase. When all is said and done, the brewery will be able to complete 55 brews per week, up from the 27 it currently achieves.

The Liaison Committee, which includes Fuller, Davies and OMB appellants **Paul Vorstermans** and **Austin** and **Christine Boake**, as well as Councillor **Thom Paterson** and BIA president **Corey Finkelstein**, will take on a communications role with the village once construction begins. Watch the pages of the *Echo* for more on how that will work.

“All in all, I think this is a real success story for the community,” said Davies, who has been working extensively with brewery neighbours since starting with the company last year.

Clearview to present public with a 4% tax increase

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reserves are getting low in the face of several large expenditures on the horizon, Council agreed to add \$150,000 in savings to the budget. New reserves dedicated to community hall upgrades and library expansion will receive \$50,000 each, and the bridge reconstruction reserve, which was scheduled to receive \$250,000 this year, will instead receive \$300,000.

Council also added \$10,000 to the budget to partner with Collingwood and Wasaga Beach on a pilot transportation project that could eventually result in bus service to Stayner.

In addition to the aforementioned decisions, Monday's meeting also included a lengthy discussion about the philosophy of municipal budgeting, with Councillor **Thom Paterson** pushing hard for Council to take a look at the possibility of service cuts to bring the municipal levy increase down. But he couldn't sway his colleagues in that direction.

“It doesn't make sense for Council to get into the kind of detail needed to analyze the entire budget line by line,” said Councillor **Brent Preston**. “If we want service cuts, it would be better just to ask staff for a percentage decrease across the board. What's more concerning for me is the constant deferring and underfunding. What we need is a fiscally responsible budget – and that could mean service cuts but it could also mean higher taxes and putting more money in reserves.”

With the 4.02 per cent overall increase, the average home in Clearview Township (currently assessed at \$250,750) would pay \$2,854.02 in taxes, an increase of \$110.34 over 2012. Of that amount, \$1,208.74 would go to the Township, \$312.77 to the OPP, \$778.36 to Simcoe County and \$554.16 to the School Boards.

Every \$100,000 added to the Clearview Township budget increases the Township levy by one per cent.

The next step in the 2013 Clearview budget process is a public meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 11 at 7:15 pm in the Council Chambers. Following that, Council will meet for one more workshop on Monday, March 4 to make any final changes to the budget. It's anticipated the budget will then be passed on Monday, March 25.

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LETTER

Some thoughts on the teachers' dispute

Dear Editor:

Right out of the gate I would like to say I respect and support anyone that can find the mojo to work in the present classroom culture. I think we have stacked the deck against teachers by believing our precious little genetic gifts to humanity can show up with an attitude, a cell phone, and their homework incomplete and pass from grade to grade.

It is always difficult to discern the truth when there is a battle of political bodies like a union and a government party. The rhetoric and the propaganda always cloud the facts, yet we can appreciate both sides of this story, because each of us is on both sides of this battle. I spent 16 years in school and my children have collectively spent 28 years in school. We're power users. Not so much with the police and other medical and social services – at least not 44 years worth. But each of us is a taxpayer too. We see a public sector that has longer vacations than we do and we smell blood. So that's probably why the "infliction" started with teachers rights.

I don't believe that the government has the right to suspend anyone's right to collectively bargain, but to ensure that fair market bargaining actually happens, the following stipulations should be met:

1. Most government agencies have a mandate to get three competitive proposals from vendors. There should be two or three teachers' unions bidding with the government on renewal of contracts to supply their services. Teachers – pick one union, join it, and then hope your contract sales team keeps you employed. That is my reality on every service contract I bid on to supply services to the federal and provincial governments. How would you like to be in that situation every year?

2. Unions must not be a closed shop. Teachers that don't want to collectively bargain can submit their individual package for consideration in competition to the union without fear of repercussion from union members.

3. The government must consider best value offered and not just select contract offerings with the lowest price. (I don't want the cheapest teachers. I want the hardworking ones.)

And that is what I would do if elected benevolent dictator of Canada.

Murray Lackie, Creemore

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THE WAY WE WERE



This late 1950s class picture from Duntroon Public School was brought in by **Ted Wilson**. Back row: Jo Ann Swain, John Varty, Bill Swain, Doug Jarman, Wally Downer, Mac MacDonald, Don Wagner, Norm Wagner, Isabel Fisher, Mrs. June Hartley. Middle row: Carolyn Ferguson, Sandra Osburn, Carol Goerk, Joan Swalm, Ida Rawn, Marjorie Jarman, Louise MacNicol, Marion Leach. Front row: John Rawn, Phil Osburn, Ted Wilson, Allan James, Ken Bell, Bob Seale, Roger Wiggins.

LETTER

No media coverage of Toronto wind rally

Dear Editor:

Opponents of the Green Energy Act from rural Ontario, joined by concerned citizens from Toronto, rallied on Saturday at Allan Gardens and marched to Maple Leaf Gardens, site of the Ontario Liberal Convention. Unfortunately, in typical fashion, the majority of Toronto media had little or no coverage of rural Ontario's plight and focused their reports on the teachers' march to the convention and the cancellation of the Gas Plants in Toronto. I do commend and thank the many teachers who did carry signs protesting what the Green (or "Greed") Energy Act has done to rural Ontario.

How do we make urban Ontario understand that the Green Energy Act does affect them? The more Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs) that are erected in rural Ontario, the higher their hydro bills will climb. Paying hydro bills in Ontario has and will become increasingly difficult for our residents to afford. Hydro is expected to climb an additional 46 per cent in the next four years, largely due to the Green Energy Act. According to a recent news article, the average price of wholesale electricity in New York State last year was the lowest recorded since the advent of a competitive power market 12 years ago; cheap imports of hydro from Ontario were relevant in this record as well as low natural gas pricing.

We are losing jobs by the thousands to our neighbours to the south due to our increasing hydro bills. The jobs promised by the Ontario Liberal government are few and far between. Our government has done a good job of convincing the urban population that Industrial Wind Turbines are needed to replace coal fired hydro generation. But wind generation needs backup. The

power from wind turbines cannot be stored and produces hydro only when the wind blows at certain speeds and they need constant backup power.

Forget about escaping to the "beautiful" Ontario countryside. The Liberal government's plan is to erect thousands upon thousands of Industrial Wind Turbines, even on crown land, the Niagara Escarpment, the Oak Ridge Moraine and in our Provincial Parks.

The blades and several other components are not recyclable. Therefore, in 15 to 20 years our landfills will be full of parts from IWTs. This is definitely not green!

The bald eagle is listed as a species of special concern. This month a bald eagle's nest was removed and the tree that held the nest was cut down to erect an Industrial Wind Turbine. The MNR is supposed to be protecting nature, not issuing permits to destroy their habitat.

The 550-metre setback that our government has designated as a safe distance from homes is not the best in North America, which they have led us to believe. There are much larger distances set by other provinces and states in North America. Ontario residents are becoming ill from the effects of IWTs and our government is very aware of this but the complaints have been buried.

Industrial Wind Turbines have pitted neighbour against neighbour and relative against relative in rural Ontario, and to what end? Communities have been torn apart because of Industrial Wind Turbines.

Please educate yourself and your urban friends on the effects of IWTs. Visit www.Ontario-Wind-Resistance.org.

Jan Minduik, Singhampton

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Creemore Big Heart Seniors

There were 40 members present, and I announced **Warren Gale's** upcoming 90th birthday Come and Go Tea at the Legion on February 9, 2013. No gifts please, but a box will be available for donations to the Clearview Food Bank if anyone so desires. We then enjoyed a cute joke from **Barb Pilon**.

Today was our election of officers day and **Bob Veale**, our president, thanked everyone for their help in the past, but announced that he was stepping down from the position after having held the job for the last six or seven years. **Ray Leighton** thanked Bob for all the work he had done for the Club over the past years.

Bob asked **Kevin Keogh** to handle the election of officers. Kevin, being quite well versed in conducting an election, handled this one in a very professional manner.

Ray Leighton and **Dave Smith** were both nominated for president, but Dave declined, so Ray is our new President by acclamation – a position which he agreed to hold for one year. Dave Smith became our new Vice-President by acclamation, **Irma Flack** remains Treasurer and **Sylvia Gale** is Secretary – both by acclamation. **Barb Cudmore** did not stand for re-election

SENIORS



Sylvia
GALE

as Assistant, but I am sure she will give a hand any time she is needed, as she always has in the past. **Pat Winger** also declined to stand for this position. **Barb Pilon**, our “candy gal,” is a volunteer position, and we are all hoping she will carry on “sweetening” us up.

The 50/50 draws went to **George Blakney**, **Marg Hennessy**, **Alma Seifert**, **Beulah Dunn**, **Bob Veale** and **Kevin Keogh**.

Moon shots were played by **Effie Taylor**, **Evelyn Warden**, **Marj Thomson**, **Wilma Zeggil** (2), **Eileen Giffen**, **Pat Winger**, **Mike Smith** and **John Van Voorst**. John won the travelling prize, and there was no Sidewinder winner.

High scorers were **Elsie Longson** 262, **Jean Lune** 258, **Mary Gilchrest** 250 and **May Johnston** 248. Low was **Bob Veale** with 44.

We have had three of the grandkids from Alberta here this past week. They (**Cleve**, his wife **Heather** and **Curtis Kidd**) have been here to settle the estate of their father, the late Cleve Kidd Sr. We really enjoyed having them even though they were pretty busy and we didn't have a lot of lazing around visiting time. But hey, we were supremely happy to enjoy

whatever time they could spend with us. And Heather, bless her heart, was a huge help when she cleaned the fridge. She emptied it out, turfed out outdated salad dressings, etc, that were enjoying quality retirement time in there. She then scrubbed all the shelves and drawers, and put only the up-to-date things back in. This was a huge help to me, because bending down to the bottom of the fridge leaves me very short of oxygen. And, I find that because it is so difficult to do, one doesn't get to the apples and oranges that have mysteriously managed to get way back in where they can stay hidden, until one day you notice that the fridge smells as if you have apple wine in there – and you know darned well that you don't. Then it gets to be imperative that one evicts all the things that have overstayed their welcome. Which Heather did, very efficiently. Thanks, Kiddo.

Meanwhile, back in Alberta **Curtis' son Colby**, who is three years old (nearly four), when asked by his mom (also a **Heather**, but nick-named **Jake**) what he would like for breakfast, said he wanted flamingos. This kind of stopped Jake for a minute, and then she realized

that he possibly meant mangoes. When Jake posted his strange breakfast food request on Facebook, the comments, I'm told, were pretty funny. Such replies as “Guess you would have to marinate those long bony legs quite a while!” and “Might want to use a crock pot and watch for the plastic melting.”

Our neighbourhood would all, I'm sure, like to thank a great neighbour, **Mark Cailles** who, a week or so ago after that heavy fall of snow, just appeared with the skid steer and cleaned out the entrance to all our driveways where the plow had piled the snow pretty high. This let us all get out, and was very much appreciated.

I missed mentioning a whole whack of folks who had birthdays in January, such as **Irma Flack**, **Ray Leighton**, **Kevin Keogh**, **Jim Ferguson**, **Russ Wilkinson**, et al. Hope you folks all had a happy birthday. We would also like to send a “hope you are feeling better” out to **Mary Dolomont**, Warren's sister, who had a bout of pneumonia recently. Mary is a couple of years older than Warren, and she lives in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. She also gets the *Creemore Echo*, so will see our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery.

LETTER

An open letter to wpd

Dear Editor:

An open letter to wpd Canada:
Tell your jokes to other folks!

We know that the only job you posted last week in your full page ad that will be a permanent, albeit seasonal job is snow clearing for the farmland-destructive new roadways to your wind turbines.

We also know that most of the farmers across Ontario that signed contracts promised that they would be responsible for clearing snow.

So why are you pretending that you are paying for snow blowing? The only thing you are blowing is more hot air.

I find your legal waiver, “Inclusion on the distribution list does not necessarily indicate participation in the project,” very telling of your intentions.

May we remind you that you are an absent company trying to sway local opinion to buff up your tarnished image as an insensitive bunch of railroaders?

It is an insult to our local intelligence to think that a developer with an incomplete application, facing both lawsuits and opposition, can turn the

public opinion train around with this cheap-trick offer of short-term jobs for a non-existent project.

Why not just set up a fruit stand in Stayner and hand out dollar bills for a kiss?

Please stop playing these games while the real people have to live with the sight of For Sale signs turning yellow and curling at the corners with old age.

Melodie Burkett, Fairgrounds Road

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Last Saturday’s gala at the Mad & Noisy Gallery served a double function – on the one hand, it was a final celebration of this year’s CreemoreCentric show. On the other, it was a party to welcome new gallery owners **Lyne** and **Rick Burek**.



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Taking the reins on a bright future

by Brad Holden

This area boasts some amazing young people, doing some amazing things, some of them in fields we never even knew existed. **Darby Mailhot**, a 17-year-old Mulmur resident, is a fine example.

Mailhot is currently ranked seventh in the world in her age group in the sport of reining, a relatively under-the-radar equestrian discipline that can most easily be described as the Western version of dressage.

The best way to see what Mailhot is capable of is to check out a video of one of her competitions online. There are several on Youtube and we'll have one posted with this article on thecreemoreecho.com. A holdover from cowboy days when riders needed to be agile on their horses while keeping their hands mostly free to tend to other duties, reining is done with just one hand on the reins and features several high-speed precision manoeuvres, spins and sliding stops.

Growing up surrounded by horses – her parents **Mike** and **Dana Mailhot** run Club Amarillo, a rehabilitation facility for thoroughbred race horses just outside Terra Nova – Darby first competed in pony clubs at the age of four. She focused on English equestrian riding until she was 11, when by chance she joined her parents on a trip to a Shelburne-area trainer who was going to work on one of the horses in their care. That's where she first heard about the sport of reining, and before long she was shopping for a cowboy hat and spurs.

"I got hooked fast," she says now. She spent the first few years competing at quarter horse competitions around Ontario, and in both 2010 and 2011, despite training her horse herself and having no coach, she accumulated enough winnings to rank 11th in the world.

With those results in her pocket, she and her parents decided to up the ante in 2012, trailering down to several prestigious events in the eastern and southern United States, where people have definitely heard of the sport. Competing in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Oklahoma and Kentucky, Mailhot finished the season ranked seventh, with several newspaper articles describing her as one of the sport's "hot young riders."

This year will be different for Mailhot, for a couple of reasons. Firstly, she'll have a coach for the first time, based out of Massachusetts, where she and her gelding Chrome Wonder will likely spend most of the summer. And secondly, she's graduating from Centre Dufferin District High School in June, and what lies ahead is quite exciting. Over the next several weeks, Darby and her mom will travel to five different American universities, all of whom are interested in offering the young horsewoman a scholarship to study and compete on their campuses. So whether she's at Delaware State, the University of South Dakota, Texas A&M, the University of Oklahoma or Kansas State, Darby will be riding on a new stage come September.

All in all, quite an accomplishment, although you'll be hardpressed to get Darby to admit it.


"I try to stay humble, especially in this sport," she said. "One day you could be in first, and the next day you could be in last, you always have to remember that."



Mulmur resident **Darby Mailhot** with Chrome Wonder, the quarter horse gelding she has ridden to great heights in the sport of reining. Below is a photo of the pair in action.



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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

Description of Lands:

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Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,460.56

Roll No. 43 29 010 003 43905 0000; PIN 58240-0203(LT); Part Lot 32 Concession 3 Nottawasaga being Part 304, Plan R706; Clearview. File No. 11-06
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,920.44

Roll No. 43 29 010 010 17801 0000; FIRSTLY: PIN 58228-0185(LT) Part E1/2 Lot 15 Concession 9 Nottawasaga as in OS64359 E of Forced Road; S/T execution 98-02107, if enforceable; Clearview; SECONDLY: PIN 58228-0184(LT) Part E1/2 Lot 15 Concession 9 Nottawasaga as in OS64359 W of Forced Road; S/T execution 98-02107, if enforceable; Clearview. File No. 11-09
Minimum Tender Amount: \$43,197.83

Roll No. 43 29 020 001 23203 0000; 306 Thomas St Unit 3, Stayner; PIN 59088-0003(LT); Unit 3, Level 1, Simcoe Condominium Plan No. 88; Part Blocks L & M Plan 68, Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Plan 51R18167, more fully described in Schedule 'A' of Declaration LT137701, S/T easement in gross as in SC734369; Stayner. File No. 11-14
Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,922.43

Roll No. 43 29 020 003 13900 0000; 7415 Highway 26, Stayner; PIN 58239-0225(LT); Part Lot 1 W/S Concession Line Plan 103 Nottawasaga as in RO1403495; Clearview. File No. 11-16
Minimum Tender Amount: \$46,441.58

Roll No. 43 29 040 002 01501 0000; 2916 3/4 Sd Rd Sunnidale, New Lowell; PIN 58215-0047(LT); Part S1/2 Lot 3 Concession 4 Sunnidale; Part Lot 3 Concession 3 Sunnidale as in RO1212773; Clearview. File No. 11-21
Minimum Tender Amount: \$23,728.92

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

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Big Heart Festival will feature snowman contest

by Brad Holden

The Creemore BIA is preparing for its annual Big Heart Festival on the Family Day Weekend, February 16 to 18.

In the run-up to the weekend, starting next week, people will be able to buy raffle tickets at participating BIA businesses. The grand prize, which has been made possible by donations from BIA businesses and will be drawn on the festival weekend, will include a night's stay at an area bed & breakfast, a meal for two at a participating restaurant of the winner's choice, and some "Creemore Cash" to spend at a downtown business.

For the first time this year, the BIA will also host a Creemore-wide snowman contest, with judging to take place on Sunday, February 17.

"This is an opportunity for the whole village to get involved with the family-fun theme of the festival," said **Wendy Schellenberg** of the Creemore Comforts Bed & Breakfast, one of the event's organizers. She stressed that, should the snow not cooperate in time for the contest, snowmen can be made with any number of other materials – styrofoam, boxes, sheets, anything at all. The winner of the snowman contest will be provided with some "Creemore Cash."

Also taking place on the weekend will be a children's book reading at Curiosity House Books (at 1 pm on Saturday, February 16) and a Family Skate on the Station on the Green ice rink (from 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, February 17, with free hot chocolate provided by Creemore Springs Brewery).

Township to build trail through "Bear Alley"

Clearview Council approved a plan at its Monday meeting to erect gates on either end of the stretch of Nottawasaga 6/7 Sideroad between Airport Road and Centreline Road.

The stretch of unmaintained road, known as "Bear Alley," has traditionally suffered damage from truck traffic and been the site of

illegal dumping.

Clearview Township recently received a permit from Simcoe County to build a pedestrian trail through the managed forest that exists on either side of the road, and has received funding from the federal government that will cover the trail construction this year.

What's happening this February

IN THE GALLERY THIS MONTH:
FARM FRIENDS - Opening reception this Saturday, February 2, 5 to 7pm

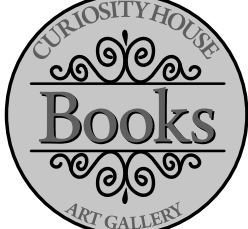
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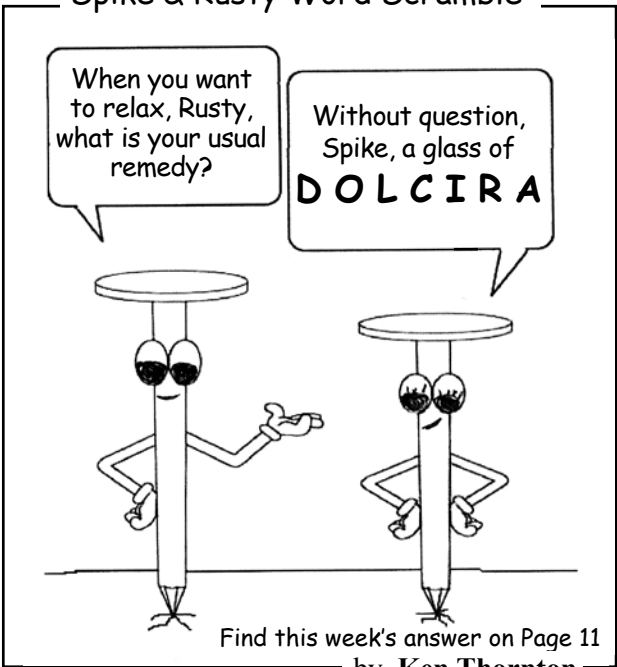
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Page 11

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



CREEMORE Weekend Weather

Friday, February 1
Scattered flurries
High -10 Low -11 Winds NW 25 km/h
POP 40%

Saturday, February 2
Scattered flurries
High -8 Low -10 Winds SW 20 km/h
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Sunday, February 3
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#0212

1 Haven't Met You Yet singer
6 Catwoman portrayer Newmar
11 Experience the roses
16 Put something on Youtube
18 Ghostly apparition
20 Gumption
21 The home of Mona Lisa
22 Guidance
23 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
24 Bobby Orr's problem joint
25 Pretty good grade (hyph.)
27 Far ends of the bell curve
29 ___ History Month (February)
31 Pursue a celebrity
32 Most agile
35 C.D. ___ Institute, Toronto
37 Desisted
42 Unpolished
43 The Barber of Seville
45 Reason ___
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47 Additions to news stories
49 Smitten
50 Carew of baseball
51 Main courses
53 Large lake in Northern Ontario
55 Part of a drum set
56 Potvin of hockey

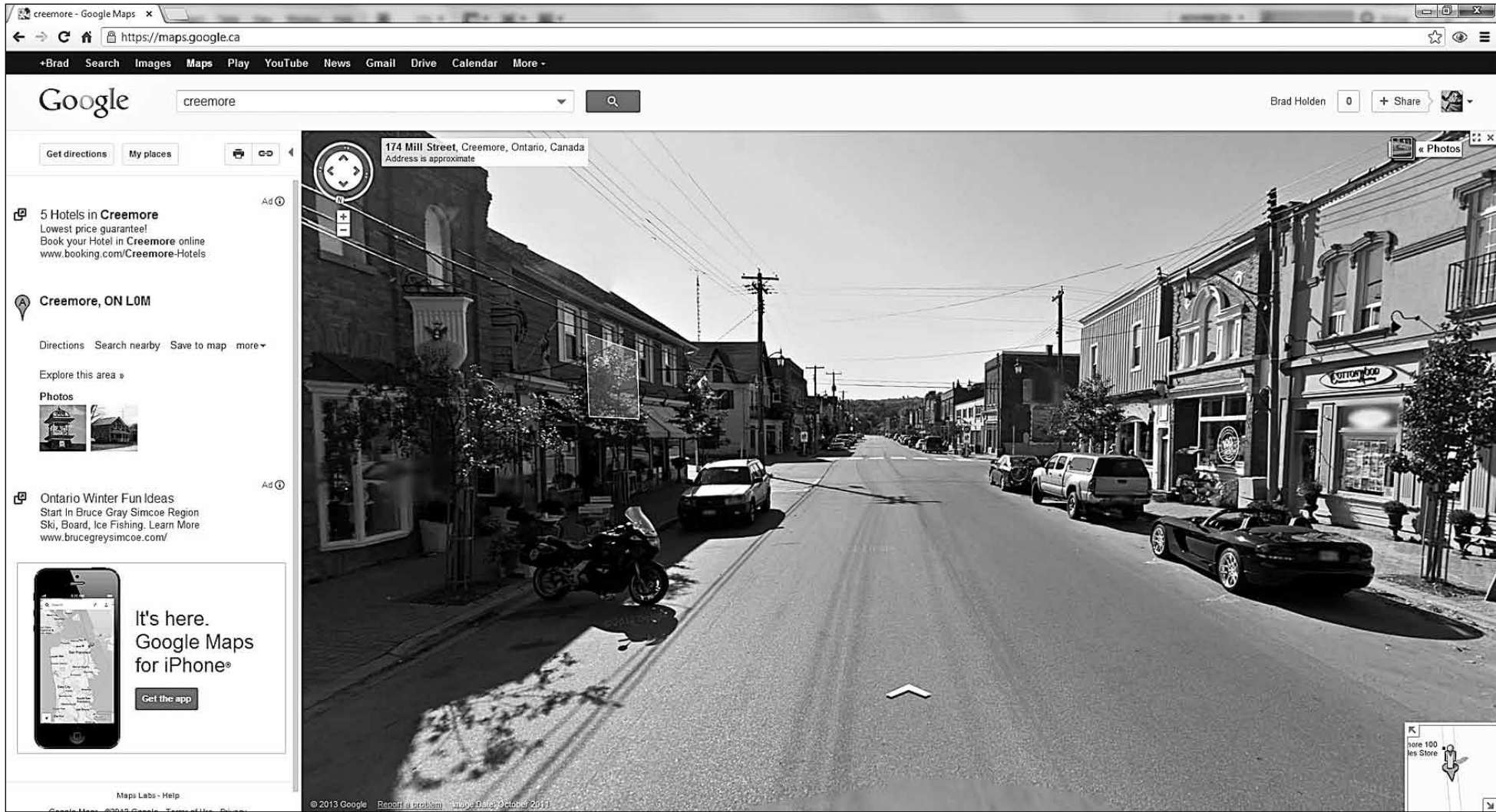
DOWN

1 High percentage (of)
2 Informed about (2)
3 Down in the dumps
4 Sweetheart
5 Talent for music
6 Cross the road illegally (2)
7 Language of Pakistan
8 Privies
9 Junior's son
10 And the rest (2)
11 Put on a smug smile
12 Have a long face
13 Annual physical
14 Holder of clothes or series of clothes
15 Grazing places
17 Dishonour
19 Six prefix
26 %
28 RN specialty
30 Diminishes
31 Cotton balls
32 Operation souvenir
33 Crazy Love group
34 Police invasion
35 Thick skin
36 Fancy moulding
38 Financial backing
39 Just for men
40 Therefore
41 Actor Jones (The Love Bug)
43 Let go
44 Cantankerous
47 Hudson or Davis, e.g.
48 Name names
52 Catch a criminal
54 Spotted horse
55 Wetlands grass
56 Take a shot
57 Prefix meaning 'both'
58 Butler partner
59 Void partner
60 Raptor's nest
61 Snare
62 Youths
63 Reverse
64 Hoedown place
65 Canadian Open Tennis surface, once
68 Reporters' reporters

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God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.
Laurine Whitley, Carol, Jim, and
Glenna & families

DEATH NOTICE

NORRIS, Betty of Avening passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in her 85th year. Betty was the beloved wife of Harold and loving mother of Kathleen (Eric) Kaufman, David (Elizabeth) Norris and Timothy (Patti) Norris. Forever cherished grandmother of Monica, Gillian, Keira, Spencer and the late Christopher. She is predeceased by 2 brothers, Carl and Howard, and 3 sisters, Elsie, Violet and Irene. Visitation was held on Monday, January 28, 2013 at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel. Funeral service took place at Avening United Church on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations to Avening United Church or the Avening Hall would be appreciated by the family.

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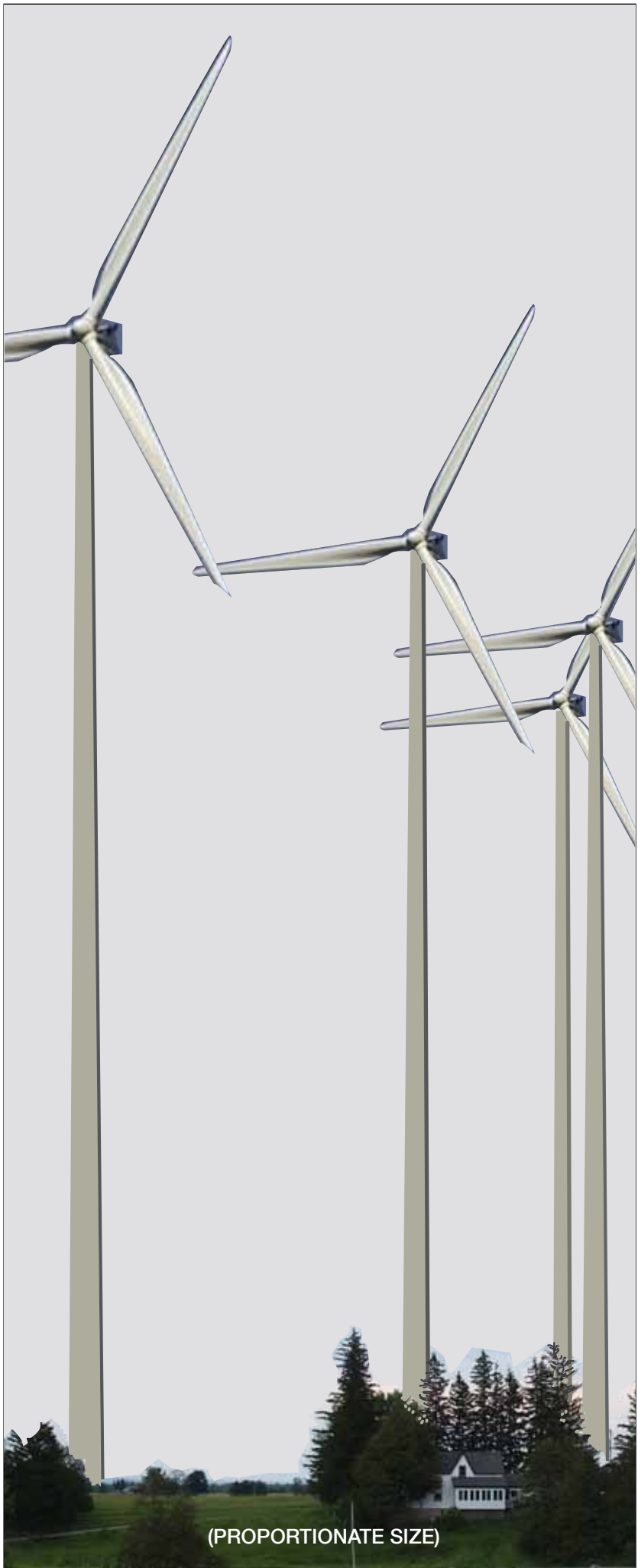
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