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Millbrook Legion honours those who serve

by Maureen Wideman

It was an evening of recognition--to honour those who have given years of service to the Royal Canadian Legion and their community. It was also an evening of big cheques.

Almost 100 people attended the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 402 annual honours and awards banquet on Sept. 22. Along with service and special merit awards, life memberships were awarded to Dorothy Slack and Vera Carr for their many years of dedication and voluntary services.

Reeve Mary Sutherland was on hand, and as Chair of the Medical Centre Lift Committee, gratefully accepted the Legion's final installment of their \$5,000 donation. Mary went on to point out that although the Legion had pledged a gift of \$5,000, members had participated in other fund raising events which totalled an additional \$2,700.

Ladies Auxilliary President Anne Trick presented Legion President Joe McGrail with a cheque of \$5,000 on behalf of the work done by the ladies auxilliary.

Those receiving awards were:

Five Year Ordinary-Lawrence Bowers, Joan Abbott, William Brooks. Five Year Associate-Cody Baker, Fred Baker, Mary Baker, Kelly Baker, Peter Brackett, M. Smelt, Greg Brown, Jacque Brown. Ten Year Ordinary-Don Armstrong, V. MacNaughton, Bill Bennett, R. Neal. Ten Year Associate-N. Albin, T. Classen, Olive Collins, E. Dufty, Jeannette McGrail, Victor Norman, Wayne Sargent, Brian Slack. Fifteen Year Ordinary-Robert Irwin, R. Woodhouse. Fifteen Year Associate-Al Brackett, S. Carney, S. Fair, S. Ferguson, H. Gagnon, Bill Leeson, P. Robbins. Twenty Year Ordinary-E. Martin, S. McClure. Twenty Year Associate-C. Crosswell, T. DeMille, E. Farrow, Ross Ricketts, Mazel Spencer, Larry Wetherup. Twenty-five Year Ordinary-M. Cruse, John Dike, Gord Harding, S. Warren. Thirty Year Ordinary-Morris Bradley, D. Keenan. Thirty-five Year Ordinary-Steve Boynton. Forty Year Ordinary-Bette Warnke. Forty-five Year Ordinary-H. Darroch, J. McMaster, Doug Smelt, Bert Wilson.



From left, President Joe McGrail, life members Dorothy Slack and Vera Carr and awards presenter Lloyd Slack all of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 402.

Past President Medal & Bar-Albert McKellar, Dan Maebrae, Don Corfe, Dew. Past Officer Bar-Keith Morden. William Currier, Rex Park, Steve Boynton, Jeannette McGrail, Toni Greene, Don Armstrong, Bob Carney. MacDonal. Poppy Bar-Keith Morden. Certificate of Merit-Mona Morden. Certificates of Appreciation-James

Former Millbrook Reeve Retires

by Maureen Wideman

It won't be easy to retire for Gerry Todd, known throughout the community as Todd the Tractor Trader. Forty-four years ago, Gerry and his wife Doreene moved to Millbrook to open G.E. Todd Farm Equipment located on King St. in Millbrook. Gerry's son Cody Todd will take over operations of the store.

"Even though I'm retired," said Gerry, "I'll still walk in the front door and out the back door."

Gerry was employed in research engineering for Massey Harris in Toronto, formerly Massey Ferguson. He was approached by the company to open up a store in the Cavan area, and they sent Gerry and his wife north to check it out.

"In those days there was no #401. We came down Hwy. #2 to Hwy. #35 and when you went past Orono, all there was was Christmas trees right up past Millbrook. I thought this was no place for me and went back to Toronto. But the company came back and asked me to look again. This time I went through Welcome and up that way and I must say, it looked altogether different."

With a small baby in tow, the Todds established their farm machinery business and everything went very well. The business was successful and the Todds had six more children. All their children but two worked in the business. Sadly, wife Doreene passed on several years ago. The family continues to grow; Gerry boasts he has 15 grandchildren.

Gerry is a collector of antique tractors and plans to spend some of his retirement searching for a number of tractors he would like to add to his collection. Arnold Pitt was one of the company executives who convinced Gerry to move north. Arnold also designed a series of tractors for Massey Harris including the Pony, Pacer, Colt and Mustang. Gerry would like to have these four tractors, particularly the Pacer. The pride and joy of



Businessman and former Reeve Gerry Todd

his collection is a Massey Harris with a four-wheel drive.

A barbecue was held for Gerry at the Millbrook Fairgrounds last Sunday and was well attended by friends and relatives.

Gerry enjoyed a successful business and would like to thank his customers for their patronage. The business is evolving and now includes snow machines and 4-wheelers. We're sure Gerry will still be around for a good while yet, contributing his expertise and swapping a few old stories with his customers.

Save The Cavan Wetland

Concerned citizens urged to speak up

The selection process for the County landfill site continues to stall at the end of Level 3, with three sites including the one in the north end of Cavan Township targeted for further consideration.

Throughout the summer, delegations from each of the sites, which are all on farmland and close to conservation areas and/or water courses, have made presentations to the Waste Management Steering Committee and County and City Councils.

The Otonabee Region Conservation Authority also made strong and clear recommendations against the use of the three sites for landfilling purposes. However, despite the fact that Durham Region felt it was within its power to abandon the process midway and consider alternatives, those involved in the Peterborough County search have not changed course.

"The fight is still on," states John Hay of the Committee to Save the Cavan Wetlands. "We are continuing to attend meetings and we are monitoring the process."

The Committee, along with delegations from the other two sites, have urged the Steering Committee to abandon the search process which they say is flawed.

Hay suggests that citizens opposed to the possibility of a mega-dump being located on farmland and close to a Class 1, provincially-significant wetland, should voice their concerns through letters to the Waste Management Steering Committee, The Peterborough Examiner and other media.

Woodward's Garage moves to new space on King Street

Dan Woodward began repairing cars in Millbrook for Bill Clarke in about 1979; seven years ago he started his own business, and now he is building his own garage.

The new building on King Street East is beside Todd's Farm Equipment, and is being constructed by Hubble Construction. At more than 3,000 square feet, it will have four bays and is scheduled to open in mid October. In the meantime, Dan will remain open until the new building is ready.

Dan stresses that even though the garage will be brand new, the phone number, staff and the same great service his customers have come to count on will remain the same.

Millbrook Scout Troop may fold if no leaders volunteer to help

The First Millbrook Scout Troop is about to fold, according to Mel Neal, Chair of the Millbrook Scouting Committee. The Scouts will disband for lack of leaders within the

next month unless volunteers come forward.

To give potential volunteers a chance to consider, a District Service Team from Peterborough will come out to run the troop for a month.

Scout leaders must be 21 years of age. Scouts meet on Tuesday evenings at the Millbrook South Cavan School in Millbrook, 6:30 to 8:30. Please call Mel Neal, 932-3129 for information.

Community Choir is on the look-out for men with voices

In the case of Joyful Noise, the Millbrook-based community choir for youth, the cup indeed runneth over! Registration

for the choir has been overwhelming, prompting Choir Director Ruth Warburton to suggest that anyone who has a child

interested in joining should call and have the child's name added to a waiting list.

Both choirs are now in rehearsal for a number of appearances booked through the fall. More male voices are still needed to balance the harmonies of the adult choir which meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 at St. Andrew's United Church.

Cavan loses McDonald

by Maureen Wideman

When one thinks of softball in Cavan, you immediately think of Dale McDonald. Dale has been involved in both coaching and running minor softball in Cavan for the last 10 years, but the time has come for him to unplug the answering machine and to file the team lists. Dale is moving on to other things.

Dale never planned to get into coaching but when his oldest daughter was signed up for tee-ball, Dale unknowingly, got signed up as their coach--and he's been coaching ever since. He began coaching Tracy and when Tracy got old enough that she didn't want her dad hanging around, Dale moved on to coach daughter Leanne's team. The youngest, Ashleigh also played ball for a few years.

In 1990, he joined the Recreation Committee in Cavan. The Recreation Coordinator at the time was Celia Hunter and she needed volunteers to help run minor softball. Dale volunteered.

"Celia was a big help to me. She did all the administrative stuff," said Dale. "Then the new council came in and that was the end of the help. I was on my own for the next four years. My wife Jennifer became my assistant helping with team lists and making phone calls."

Dale has seen the league grow from nine teams in 1991 to 13 teams this last summer involving 182 kids. It is a job that requires coordinating--making sure each team has equipment that is not broken, assembling teams where most of the kids get along with each other, getting the ball parks in shape, and getting umpires to the games. This past year, Dale handed the Umpire-In-Chief's job to 16-year-old Gord Minnie.

"Gord was just great. That was a lot of responsibility to hand to a 16-year-old, but he did the job so well, it was something I didn't have to worry about at all," said Dale.

Getting sponsors is always a challenge, but Dale manages every year to get a sponsor for every team.

"Sponsors are important because the money they pay goes to the team sweaters. If we didn't have sponsors we



Dale McDonald

wouldn't be able to have a banquet at the end of the year and give each kid a small trophy," he said.

"I always enjoyed it, especially coaching the little kids," said Dale. "At the beginning of the year half your team has never played ball before and you wonder if this group is ever going to catch a ball or win a game. But, by the end of the year, when that kid does the one thing you've been trying to teach them all season, they look at you and they are just beaming, it makes it all worthwhile." This past year was a year of training for Melody McDonald who will be taking over for Dale in the spring.

But Dale is not giving up coaching. His oldest daughter Tracy now plays for the Peterborough Thunders and he has put his name forward to be their assistant coach.

"After five years of running the league, it is time for some new blood to come on board with new ideas. I want to see the league continue to grow and prosper and it is time to get new people running it."

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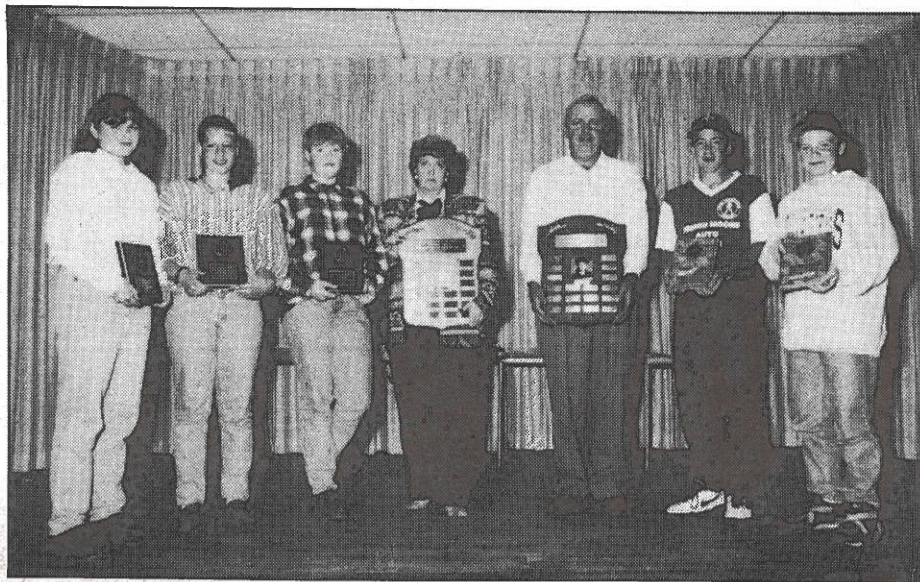
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School Board invites public to evening forum on variety of today's education issues

Let's Get Together for Kids is the name of the Community Forum being organized by the Peterborough County Board of Education for parents, educators, health care professionals, Community School Associations and

other interested individuals on the evening of October 17. The forum takes place at Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School. Participants can register to attend workshops on a variety of subjects such as **What Do Employers**

Want from Graduates?; Assessment and Evaluation, The Perils of Puberty, and TV Ontario, The Common Curriculum and Integrating Technology. For information, call the PCBE's Communications Office, 743-7431.



The Douglas A. McCamus Memorial Award is presented to the most sportsman-like player in Cavan's PeeWee Boys and Girls Divisions. From left are Lori Cripps, Laurie Mitchell, Tracy McKellar, Mary-Ellen McCamus, Rob McCamus, Wayne Minnie and Allen Winslow.

Libraries Log On

The Bailieboro, Millbrook and Mount Pleasant Libraries are celebrating Library Week, October 16 to 21 with the slogan: "Log-on Ontario - count on your local library for access to information".

The three libraries now have access to the provincial data base through INFO (Information Ontario). All patrons will now have equal access to in-

formation. Library terminals also contain information on each library's holdings including books, videos, books on tape and reference material.

Library Week is also Amnesty Week, with no fines charge for overdue magazines and books. Videos are not included in the amnesty. This is the week to make sure that all library

materials are found and taken back.

Bailieboro Public Library is holding a raffle for a number of specially donated prizes. Tickets are \$1 each.

Support your library fundraiser by returning your pop cans of pennies. This project is going well in Bailieboro with almost \$100 collected to date.

Home and School brings back Safe Arrival check

The Millbrook/South Cavan Home and School Association will be holding their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 26. The meeting will be held in the main school library at 7 pm and

will last approximately an hour. All parents are urged to attend, and any ideas, suggestions or concerns are welcome. We are also hoping to have elections at this time to form the committee for

the coming year.

The Safe Arrival Program that started last year will once again be in place early in October once all the permission forms have been filled out. The number to call is 932-SAFE.

Volunteers climb the ladder of success at Millbrook's Mill

by Mary Sutherland

The man at the top of the ladder acknowledged ground level plaudits with a wave of his paint brush. "In a small community like ours, with its small tax base, when something needs to be done we can either pay for it through taxes or we can volunteer."

Right on, Steve Paul!

Then he went right on working alongside the Deputy Reeve, Dean Cutmore, Steve Worr and Larry Wideman. Dean is heading up these volunteers who also include Ian Hickson. The Village Council had contracted with Ian to repair and stain the verandah; then he volunteered to paint the trim once the staining is completed.

More volunteers are needed--even a few hours will be of great assistance. We know there are willing hands not only in the Village but in the Township as well.

Some years ago a volunteer committee worked very hard to save the mill from demolition; many of its members lived in the Township. The mill, which gave our Village its name, and the adjacent pond, represent the heartbeat of Millbrook; moreover it is the only survivor of the nine mills which once hummed and

throbbed and buzzed in the Village. In short, it is a local treasure.

Many hands do make light work--more are needed before winter sets in. Calls from volunteers will be happily received by the Deputy Reeve at 932-2756, the Reeve at 932-2950 or at the Village office at 932-2780.

Youth Group meets Fridays

The Millbrook Youth Group is an organization which provides the youth of our community with an alternative to the Friday night blahs!

Every Friday night the group gives the youth access to a gym and sporting equipment as well as a place to meet and be with friends. This all takes place at the Millbrook Public School at 47 Tupper Street. As well as the regular activities the group also holds sporting events with special groups such as the Millbrook OPP and

occasionally organizes dances at the Millbrook Arena.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and close at 10:30 p.m. Admission is one loonie and pop may also be purchased on the premises.

While the young people set the pace for the evening by choosing activities the group requires volunteers to open and close the school as well as take admission and sell pop. As a volunteer you would be asked to help out one Friday each month. If you find yourself in a jam and

unable to make it to your scheduled night you can trade nights with another volunteer or make use of the stand-by support volunteers.

Having a volunteer staff is the only way this program can work to serve the young people of our community.

If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer or about the program itself please contact Kirk Losell at 932-2193. Opening night is scheduled for October 13. All those 13 years of age and above are welcome.

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Use it or lose it

In Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four, control by the state was absolute. The silent majority had got exactly what it had coming to it. No say.

It is after all such an effort to have to speak out responsibly about something you care about. First of all, you have to take the time to figure out why 'the other guy' even thinks the way he or she does. How could someone believe so profoundly in something that as far as you're concerned is so completely wrong? Then you have to sit down and decide how you can effectively present your side of the story and convince the ones out in left field that you are right. To do that, you have to sort out all the reasons why what you think is right. That's just the homework.

Then you have to get out and do something about it - go to a meeting or call someone up on the phone, or write a letter. This on top of everything else there is to do, like work for a living, look after the kids, get the chores done, the house clean, the yard work finished. When is there time?

There just doesn't seem to be enough time. So the public meetings are held and nobody's there. The deadlines for public response come and go, and no one speaks up. The silent majority stays silent, and the decisions are made without them. How long will it be before the public input step just gets skipped?

There are no shortage of issues in which to get involved. The waste management debate is crucial. The future of health care will affect every one of us. And right here, right now, we are being asked to consider the impact on our community and ourselves of the proposal to amalgamate school boards. We are being asked for our opinion. We are being invited into the process.

Those who pay taxes to the public school system - and that means most of us - should sit up and take notice. Take the time to read the Interim Report from the Ontario School Board Reduction Task Force. Copies are available from schools board offices and libraries. Ask yourself questions and look for answers. Do the homework! Then, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, make sure you pass them along.

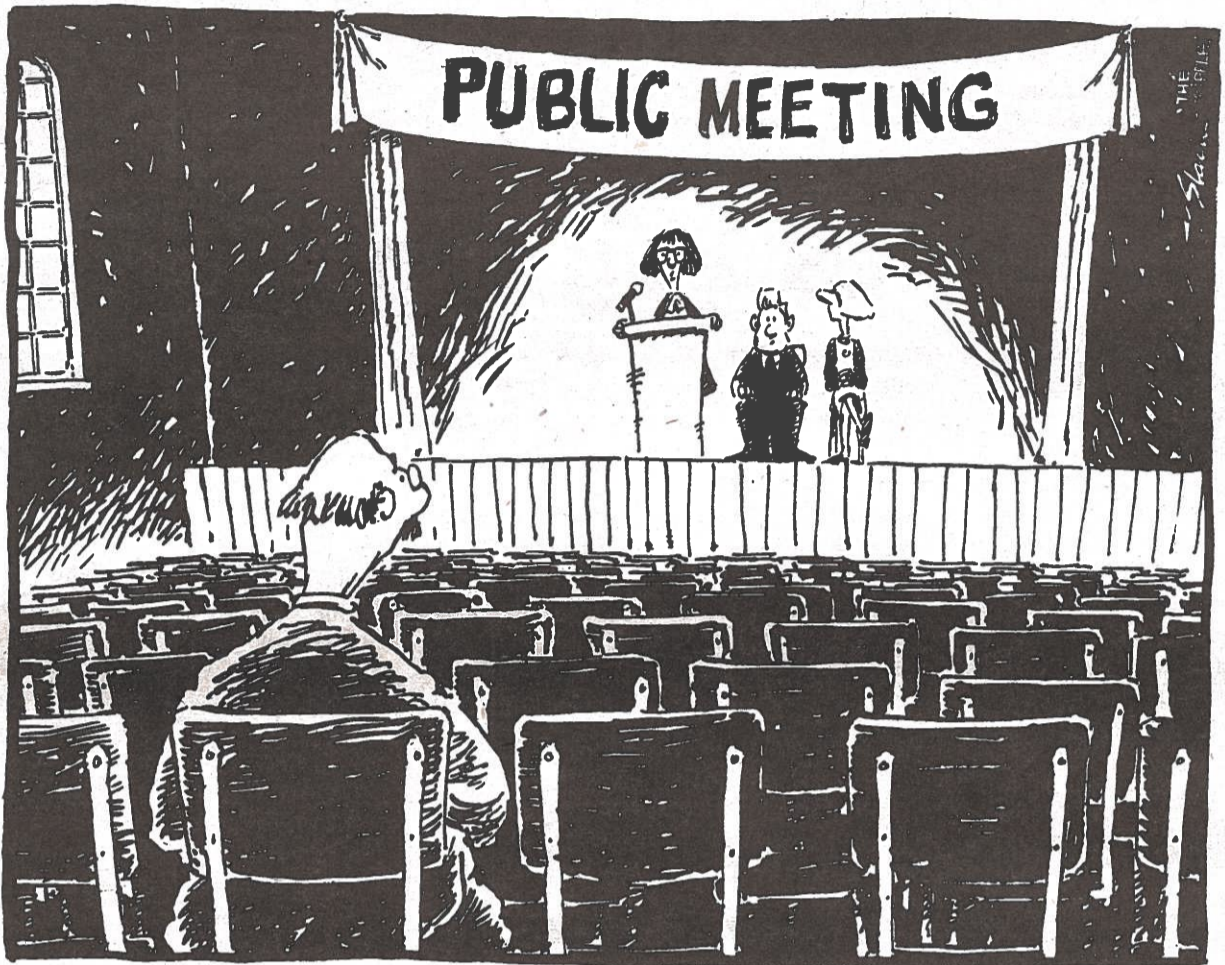
Yes, it seems easier to just let someone else do it. But what if that someone else doesn't think the same way you do? How can you be sure you'll be heard if you don't say it yourself? We are privileged in this country to be included in the process. And with that privilege comes responsibility. You have been invited to comment. Take time to do it before the invitations just stop coming.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School Board asks for public input

The Ontario School Board Reduction Task Force was established in February 1995 with a mandate to reduce the number of school boards by 40 to 50 per cent. On September 6, 1995 the Task Force released an Interim Report proposing the creation of a mega board through the amalgamation of the four public boards serving Haliburton, Northumberland and Clarington, Peterborough and Victoria. The report does not recommend the amalgamation of public and separate school boards.

The Chairs and Directors of the four boards have met to discuss how we may assist citizens to become more informed about amalgamation issues.



The four boards strongly support the best use of dollars for classrooms and for student learning, but are left with many questions from this Interim Report.

The report offers no data to support that the amalgamation will reduce the cost of operating school systems, while at the same time provide a wider range of educational opportunities and resources. Indeed, the Task Force indicates there will be changes in local taxation in some communities by 20 per cent or more, but there are no figures to review.

The four boards will continue to coordinate efforts to provide information so parents and ratepayers in our communities can truly assess whether amalgamation is something the government should consider. In each jurisdiction we need to determine the implications of this proposal and whether it will put at risk education services or increase costs to ratepayers.

Change to school board organization is a community issue involving students, parents, and ratepayers. The four school board Chairpersons who have signed this letter strongly believe the community must consider the report's recommendations and respond.

Copies are available through public libraries, schools and school board offices. Copies have also been sent to parents through children enrolled in schools. If you need further information about the report, or would like to express your views on it, we would encourage you to call your trustee, MPP or Board of Education office.

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All letters must bear the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the writer.

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Vote of thanks to fire department

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Millbrook and Cavan Fire Department and also to the Omemee Fire Department for responding so quickly to the grass fire on

the Jones Quarter Line on Friday, August 18, 1995.

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Tour opens more than studio doors

Area residents as well as visitors have a rare treat in store this weekend as artists open their doors and invite the public in. Almost half the artists on this year's tour, are from the Millbrook-Cavan area. The free self-directed tour runs on Saturday September 30 and Sunday, October 1, 10 am to 5 pm.

In the southern part of Cavan Township the studios of Jane Wilson (2nd Line), John Ireland and Barb Walker (4th Line), Emma Hesse (Hwy 28 at County Road 28) and Bill Rowland (Cedar Valley Road) are open for the tour. Lyn and Bruce Lepper and George Raab are all located in the village of Millbrook. In Mount Pleasant George Stewart and Jo-Ellen Brydon will demonstrate their work, while just north on Emily's 2nd Line, Anne Young has a studio.

The tour is a feast for the curious and the student; the variety includes work in porcelain, clay, wood, stoneware, oils, watercolours, printmaking, quiltmaking and tapestry. Each artist is on hand to demonstrate techniques and answer questions. A self-directed tour could start in the Mount Pleasant area, move down to Cedar Valley Road and over to Highway 28, and arrive in Millbrook in time for a late lunch. A visit to the Millbrook Gallery could begin an afternoon spent at the Millbrook studios and those to the south. A feast indeed!

Gallery plans major show

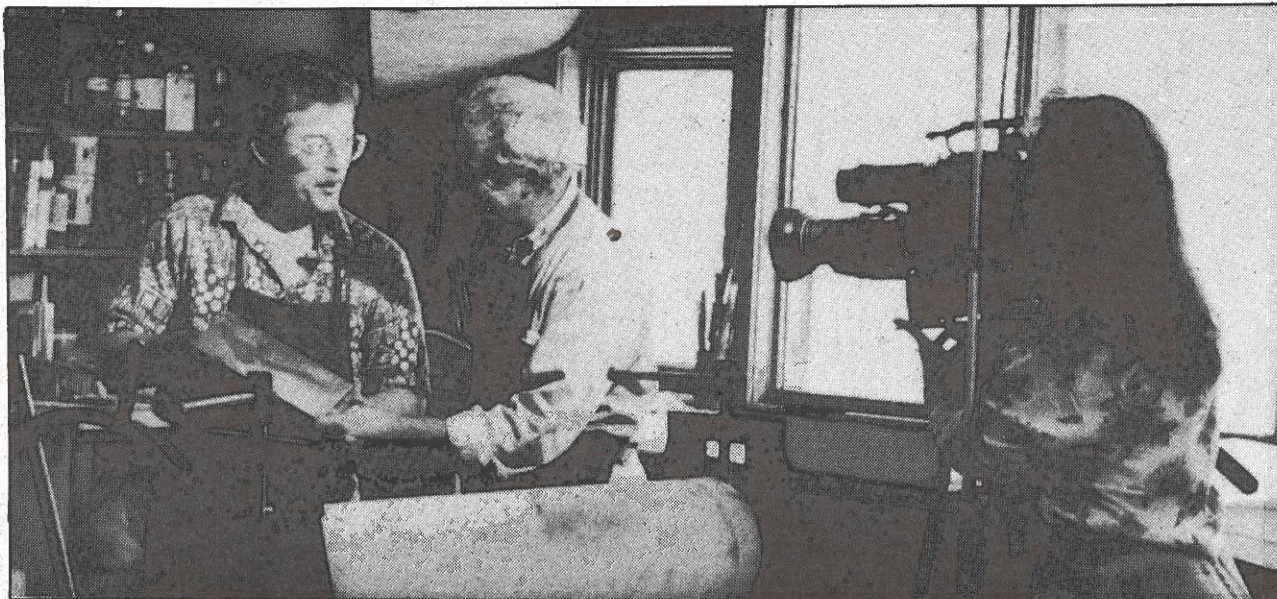
The Millbrook Gallery will be presenting its first major show, New Works by Gallery Artists, beginning on October 14. The opening reception will be from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, October 14, and the show will run through the

remainder of the month of October. All are invited to come and view the new work which will be on display for the first time, as well as other work previously shown. Help the Millbrook Gallery celebrate our rich artistic resource here in the village.

Two local artists take top awards

Two Millbrook area artists took top awards at a recent exhibition in Stouffville, Ontario. Potter Bill Rowland and weaver Barbara Walker won two of five awards presented at the show, jointly sponsored by the Latcham Gallery of Stouffville and the Ontario Crafts Council. Submis-

sions for the juried show were gathered from all over the Central Ontario region. The pieces will remain on display at the Latcham Gallery for the next six weeks and then move to the Ontario Crafts Council gallery at 35 McCaul Street, in Toronto, where they will be exhibited throughout November.



Michael Dumas, George Raab and PBS producer/director Tracy Dufflo in Raab's studio in Millbrook.

PBS Comes To Town Raab and Dumas team up to etch some winners

by Maureen Wideman

Last week, Millbrook was the location which brought a local artist, a wildlife artist and a New York film crew together.

The PBS film crew was in the village to tape part of a documentary they are preparing on Canadian wildlife artist Michael Dumas. Michael has been learning the art of etching under the eye of Millbrook artist George Raab. Etching is a new element of Michael's career which includes drawings and paintings of wildlife subjects.

WNPE TV in Watertown, New York, is doing a series of documentaries on the life and work of Michael Dumas who will be their featured artist at their 14th Annual Art Auction to support public television. The first segment will appear on television on October 14 and will be able to be seen by viewers in the eastern part of Ontario.

Michael became a student of George Raab's after he won the Habitat Canada competition in 1990 with his painting *Spring Mist* which featured wood ducks. The competition entailed he produce the painting in limited edition reproductions, as a stamp which would be used to validate hunting and fishing licences, and have the image produced on gold medallions. But as something new, they decided to produce *Spring Mist* as an etching and George became involved to teach Michael the process.

"I worked with a needle and drew the image into the plate, but it was backwards for me. Every mark you

make on the plate comes out white, so in effect, you are creating a negative," said Michael.

From that point, Michael has created a number of sketches in different styles, but feels he still has a lot to learn. "There are several different effects and methods. I am still just becoming familiar with all the possibilities. Right now it is just trial and error and getting guidance from George in the process."

"Working with George has been great," said Michael. "But you never know what's going to happen. There was one time I was mucking out horse stalls after a session."

Michael's work has been getting international attention. Two weeks ago he returned from a show in Japan where most of his work was sold out. The highlight was one painting that was 30 inches square which sold for \$150,000 Canadian. In December, he will be one of five Canadian wildlife artists chosen for exhibition in two Japanese cities.

"I always hoped and dreamed of doing something I enjoyed for a living," said Michael. "I didn't anticipate the extent that has actually happened. My career is actually taking on a life of its own."

Next month the Royal Canadian Mint is releasing a series of four platinum coins in a collectors set featuring Michael's work on the theme of the Canadian lynx. The coins will sell for approximately \$2,000.

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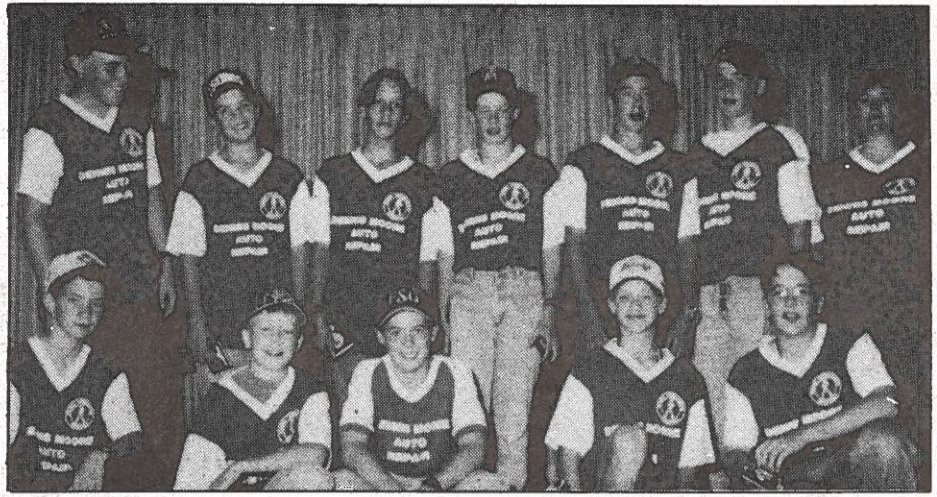
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Pee wee Boys #1 - Named Most Sportsman-like Team - Dennis Moore Auto Repairs
 Front row: Grant Gillespie, Jordan Brown, Greg Wilson, John Costello, Joel Roos. Back row: Bob McBain, Peter Thomas, Patrick Fuellbeck, Trevor Lomax, Wayne Minnie, Jason Wannamaker, Carol Thomas. Absent: David Tung.



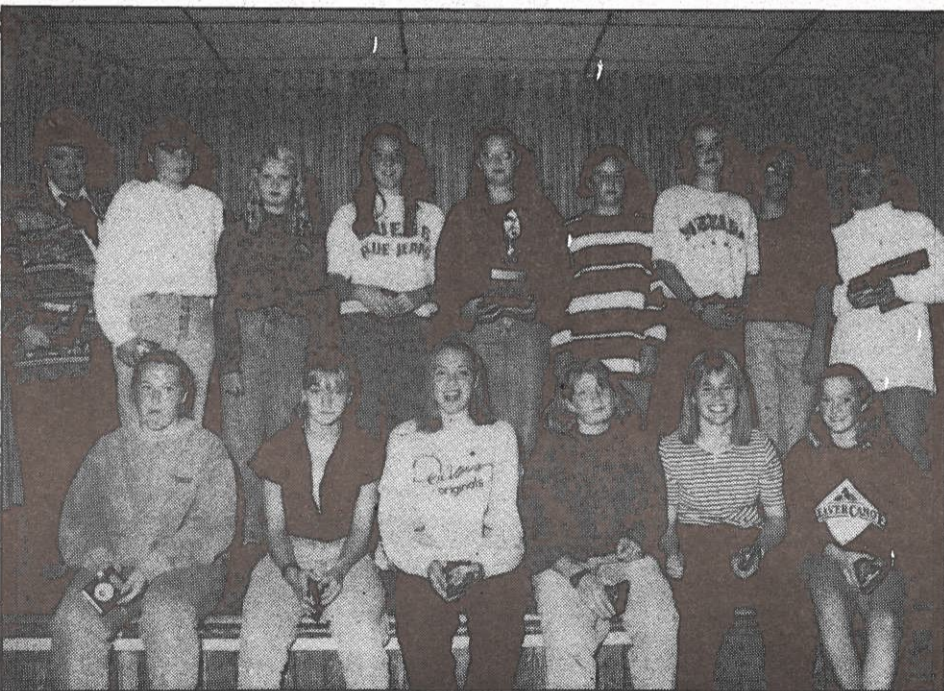
Pee wee Boys #2 - 1995 League Champions - Norman's Thunder Bats
 Front row: Ian Deemert, Allen Winslow, Mike Passey, Philip Lake, Shawn Markow, Chris McGuinness. Back row: Jimmy Larmer, Phil Winslow, Michael Deemert, Jeff Macdonald, Steve Van Die, Jon Winslow, Charlie Palmer, Pete McGuinness, Robbie Cripps.



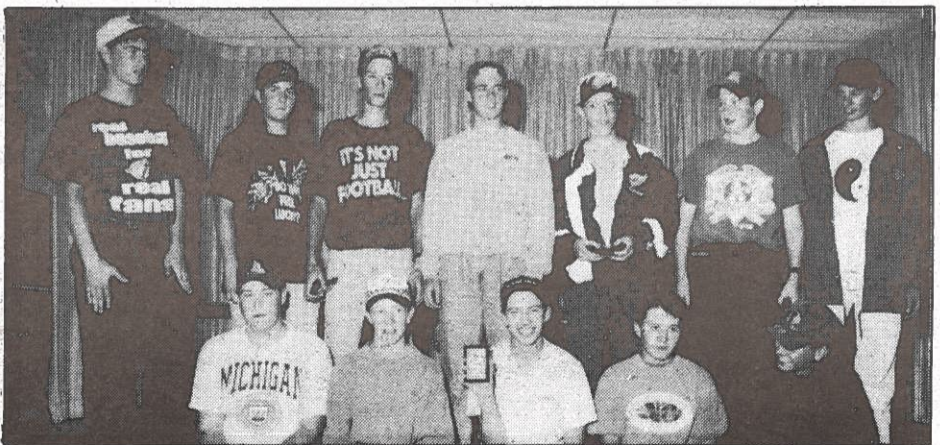
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 Front row: Melissa Grant, Melissa Blakely, Sara Soligo, Leanne McDonald, Victoria Maystruk, Ashley Aimers, Candace Hogg. Back row: Dan Maystruk, Laurie Mitchell, Lee-Anne Hogendoorn, Beth Denning, Lisa Hachey, Varlerie Todd, Ashleigh McDonald, Dale McDonald. Absent: Brooke Turney, Lesley Robbins.



Bantam Girls Team #3 - Investors Group
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Bantam Girls Team #2 - League's Most Sportsman-like Team - Cavan Royals
 Front row: Nicole McMahon, Ann Baker, Quinn Podaima, Amy Brige, Janet Heeringa, Courney McGuinness. Back row: Mary Ellen McCamus, Lori Cripps, Lisa Munro, Miranda Tenney, Jennifer Vos, Casey Burfield, Kelly Butler, Kim Van Die, Karen Butler. Absent: Chantal Skelton, Emily Winslow, Kim Dolson.



Bantam Boys Team #1 - Olan Greenhouse
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By Evelyn Raab



Lurkey's Tale - A True Story

How we ended up with Lurkey is unimportant. Although I am, as you are by now aware, crazy for chickens, turkeys never appealed to me very much. First of all, they look *really* weird. All those globby, hangy bits - bleah! And, of course, they're stupid. In fact, I had been told that they're *so* stupid that when it rains you have to get them into the barn or else they will stare up at the sky and drown. I knew all that. But, nevertheless, Lurkey, a Bourbon Red turkey hen, came to live with us. She seemed to fit in well enough with our other assorted fowl, caused no particular problems, and was reasonably attractive, considering, so I didn't pay much attention to her, really. Except that, in the spring, Lurkey constructed herself a nest and began to lay eggs. This behaviour distressed me. Being a mother myself, I recognized the forces of nature that were at work here, and so I set about to find Lurkey a mate. Enter Lurch. He was big. And, as it turned out, bad. And, depending on your point of view, ugly. However, Lurkey was infatuated, and a torrid relationship ensued. Lurch, in the meantime, terrorized everyone. He attacked my children, he chased my elderly mother down the driveway, he went next door and threatened the neighbour's two year old. Unfortunately, what we didn't know at the time was that he was also brutalizing poor Lurkey. Now, far be it from me to cast aspersions, and perhaps it *was* done during the heat of passion, but Lurch, it seems, was an abusive husband. He had to go. Lurch was promptly crated and sent to auction where he fetched thirty dollars. Meanwhile, Lurkey was in bad shape. My friend Debbie, usually unfazed by animal injuries no matter how disgusting, was not at all optimistic about Lurkey's chances for survival. "Oh, gross! I can see her insides!", Debbie announced bluntly, during the examination. Nevertheless, we decided to give it a try because, as Debbie put it, "this was a clear case of domestic violence, and we women have a responsibility to support one other." She began to sew. And sew. And sew. The surgery took nearly two hours, during which time George sat at the kitchen table holding Lurkey, and I ransacked the bathroom cupboard for medical supplies. Despite our efforts, the prognosis was grim. Lurkey was dressed in a stretchy bodysuit to cover the wounds, confined to a cage, and left in George's studio to recover from the operation. We didn't think she'd make it through the night. But she did. And, miraculously, the next night, and the next. *Lurkey was going to live.* During the month that followed, Debbie came three times a week to change Lurkey's dressings and administer strange homeopathic remedies. It was truly a heroic effort. Naturally, we developed quite a relationship with this bird, and speaking for myself, a deep respect for her remarkable ability to overcome physical pain and emo-

tional trauma. This bird is certainly a true survivor.

Now, what I had failed to mention was that before Lurch was sent packing, Lurkey had produced a small clutch of fertile eggs. These were given to an enthusiastic banty hen who, four weeks later, hatched herself two baby turkeys - the offspring of the ill-fated union of Lurkey and Lurch. Almost simultaneously, Lurkey was released from confinement and went in search of her long-lost eggs. Of course, they were no longer there. But, conveniently, our peahen, Betty, had recently laid some eggs and so I snatched these, and gave them to Lurkey, who was delighted to have something to sit on. Four weeks later, Lurkey became the proud mother of three baby peacocks. She has proved to be an exemplary parent - gentle, attentive, devoted - truly, this is a bird who has triumphed over adversity. As for her own biological children, they roam the yard in search of their identity. I believe that, in time, they will come to terms with their true heritage, and that Lurkey, in her wisdom, will accept them as friends, at the very least.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am filled with doubt. Not that Lurkey *herself* would be in any danger, but now I look at *all* turkeys differently. They are *not* stupid. They are *not* ugly. They do *not* drown in the rain. I think, perhaps, for Thanksgiving dinner we'll have moussaka. *Vegetarian moussaka.*

Thanksgiving Moussaka

This recipe contains no actual moose. Or turkey either, for that matter.

First:

4 eggplants
1/4 cup olive oil
2 cups crumbled feta cheese

Then the custard:

1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
1-1/2 cups milk
1 tsp. salt
Nutmeg and pepper

4 eggs
2 cups ricotta cheese

And finally, the sauce:

3 onions, chopped
2 zucchini, diced
1 red or green pepper, diced
4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 tsp. oregano
3/4 tsp. cinnamon
salt and pepper
1 (19 oz.) can tomatoes, drained and chopped
1 (5-1/2 oz.) can tomato paste

◆ Without peeling them, slice the eggplants into 1/2 inch thick slices and salt the slices on both sides. Stand them upright (as much as possible) in a colander and allow the liquid to drain for about 30 minutes or so. Rinse with water, and pat dry. In batches, brush the eggplant slices with the olive oil and broil, in a single layer, on a baking sheet until lightly browned, turning them once. Set aside.

◆ Meanwhile, make the custard. In a saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour and cook for a couple of minutes. Stir in the milk, and cook until smooth and thickened. Remove from heat and stir in the salt, some nutmeg and pepper, the eggs, and the ricotta. Set this aside too.

◆ Now, make the tomato sauce. In a skillet, cook the chopped onions, zucchini, pepper, and garlic with a little olive oil until softened. Stir in the oregano, cinnamon, salt and pepper and cook for a minute or so. Add the tomatoes and the tomato paste and simmer this together for about 10 minutes.

◆ OK, now put it all together. Spread half the tomato sauce in a large lasagna pan, and top with half of the eggplant. Sprinkle with half of the feta cheese, then spread on the rest of the tomato sauce. Layer on the rest of the eggplant, top this with all of the custard, and sprinkle with the rest of the feta cheese.

◆ Bake at 350° for about 1 hour, until the top is browned and set. Let it stand for about 15 minutes before trying to cut into squares.

- ◆ This makes about 10 servings.
- ◆ Turkeys everywhere thank you.

CORRECTION

Boy, am I embarrassed. Just as I was about to complain bitterly about the fact that last month's Stone Soup had become somewhat scrambled in the paste-up, I received a phone call from an alert reader who was trying to actually produce the granola bars from my recipe. She noted that although I mentioned corn syrup in the directions for the recipe, I never listed the amount with the ingredients. OK, OK, I made a mistake. And so, for all the rest of you who tried to make the granola bars, and failed, miserably, because of my omission, I apologise. It's 1/4 cup of corn syrup. But, I don't suppose you'll ever trust me again. And, frankly, I wouldn't blame you.

Evelyn Raab is a food writer, graphic artist and teacher. She has lived in Millbrook for 14 years with her artist husband, two sons, and sundry fowl including Lurkey.

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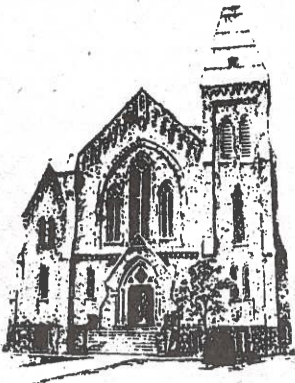
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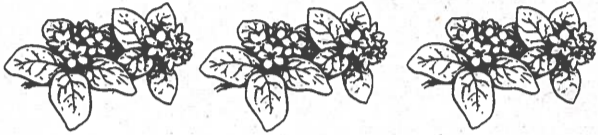
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St. Andrew's Celebrates Anniversary mid October



St. Andrew's United Church celebrates its 113th year on October 15 with a service at 7 pm. Retired Anglican minister, the Rev. Canon Walter Dyer, will be the special guest speaker. Joyful Noise and the Community Choir will also be on hand to help celebrate.

The cornerstone of St. Andrew's was laid on July 1, 1881. Just over 15 months later, on October 22, 1882, the Millbrook Methodist Church was opened. It was recognised at that time to be the largest between Toronto and Montreal.



Homecoming Celebration at St. Thomas' Church

St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Millbrook is holding a Homecoming Service on October 1 in celebration of its 110th Anniversary. Guest speaker for this special event will be Philip Winslow.

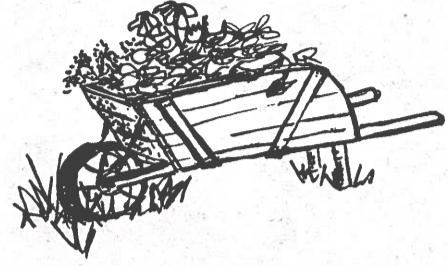
Artist Bruce Lepper wins awards with-songbirds

Millbrook artist Bruce Lepper was a winner at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Festival in September with three awards including Best In Show Overall.

Lepper's Evening Grosbeak, an intricate work in wood, brass, epoxy and paint, came in first in the Song Bird Competition, with his Barn Swallow winning second place. Both birds will be on display during the Kawartha Studio Tour.

Lepper's work will also be featured at the Hunter Street West Gallery in Peterborough in October. The show, entitled Explorations of a Natural World Carvings and Drawings, will begin October 15 with an artist's reception, 1 - 5 pm. The show continues until November 4.

October's Garden



by Anne Powell

Fall is a great time to be outdoors. I find that my garden crew (sister from Montreal, friend from Toronto, and partner) do their best work this month as long as I keep them supplied with plenty of good food and wine.

Early October is not too late to plant deciduous shrubs and trees. Their roots get a good start before the ground freezes, and they aren't stressed by the hot weather. Some nurseries have good sales now, so take advantage and start digging.

Make the planting hole twice the diameter of the root ball or container and about the same depth. Fill the hole with water and allow it to drain. Add some compost or peat moss to the soil you will be putting back, and be sure to loosen the soil around the sides and bottom of the hole, especially in clay soil. Plant so that the stem is buried to the same level as before, and build up the soil around the plant to make a shallow trough to hold water. Finally, mulch around the tree or shrub with wood chips, leaving a small space near the trunk (to prevent mice from nesting in there and feeding on your bark).

Keep the plant well watered until the ground freezes to help it through the tough winter. The first two years are critical, so be generous with the water during dry weather.

Those of you who have had the misfortune to dig a garden where grass is growing will appreciate the "no dig" garden project which is perfect for October. Cover the whole area of the planned new garden with newspaper about six pages thick right over the grass. (This isn't easy on a windy day.) Cover the newspaper with organic material such as shredded leaves, compost, rotted manure, and some topsoil to hold it all down. By next spring, the grass and newspaper should have decomposed and voilà! - a rich garden bed full of worms and ready for planting.

Anne Powell is an obsessive gardener living in Cavan. She gets her seed money through her job as Professor of Accounting at Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Tourism Survey comes up with ideas for ways to improve

by Maureen Wideman

The results are in from the tourism survey done in Millbrook over the month of August. Thirty groups of tourists, representing more than 30 hours of surveying time, were interviewed at different locations around the village. Some of the trends demonstrated that most visitors to the village were from Ontario, most had been here many times before and were here visiting friends and/or relatives.

Some of the results showed that 87 per cent of the tourists were from Ontario and the rest were international visitors. Of those from Ontario, 87 per cent were from the area from Toronto to Cobourg. A majority of those interviewed were in the 50 to 64 age group and most travelled as couples.

By far the mode of transportation used to get to the village was by car at 70 per cent. Thirteen per cent came by bicycle stating that Millbrook was exactly 50 kilometres from Oshawa and made for a scenic bicycle tour. Others complained that the bus to Millbrook stopped at the Hwy. #115 and County Road 10 making it difficult to take a bus to the village.

Fifty-three per cent stated that Millbrook was not the main destination of their trip that day, but made it a stop as part of a day touring other towns in the Kawarthas. Seventy-three per cent were only going to be in town for less than one day, ranging from 15 minutes to five hours. If they were staying overnight, most were staying with friends and relatives.

Clearly 87 per cent of the tourists had spent money in the village with 57 per cent at the IGA, liquor store or convenience stores. Twenty-seven per cent spent money in restaurants, the rest spent their money throughout the village.

When asked about what it was they liked most about the village, the small town atmosphere was mentioned 19 times, scenery was mentioned 13 times and historic architecture was mentioned 12 times.

When asked if there was anything they didn't like about the village, 63 per cent said there was nothing they didn't like. Others mentioned the lack of tourist

shopping, the small town atmosphere and the lack of recreational facilities like a swimming pool.

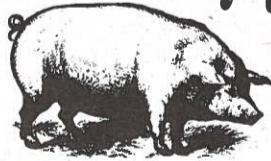
Most of the people who visited the village came with a specific purpose such as going to the grocery store, liquor store or the convenience stores. Thirty per cent strolled along King Street, 27 per cent went to the restaurants, 13 per cent visited the art gallery and 13 per cent came to see the historic homes.

When asked if they had any suggestions on how Millbrook could better meet their tourist needs, the answers were varied. Most felt more information about the village was needed such as better signage, a map to tell people where things are and something to explain the significance of the village's history and buildings. They wanted to see more shopping, a bus that came into town, and more information about what one could do in town. Others were distressed to see the empty stores.

It is interesting to note that only 23 per cent of the tourists surveyed were new to Millbrook. It is obvious there is a potential to attract new people to the village if it was worked in conjunction with other towns in the area.

The survey was done as part of a research thesis on heritage tourism in small towns. The survey was done on a small scale and results may vary throughout the year.

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Farr's poem soon in print

She's only a semi-finalist in a poetry competition, but Millbrook's Ruth Farr already feels like a winner.

Earlier this year, Ruth responded to an advertisement for a poetry contest by the National Library of Poetry in the United States. The ad stated that there was a potential to win \$1,000 for first prize. The top 70 poems would be compiled in a book and those not making it into the book would receive constructive criticism about his or her work.

"I read the ad and felt what have I got to lose, so I submitted two poems--one in my name, the other in my daughter's," said Ruth.

Both poems made it to the semi-finals and will be



printed in a poetry book, *The Path Not Taken*, next year. Ruth's poem is entitled *Cry*:

*I cry for my enemies
As there are many
I cry for love when
I see the Morning Doves
I cry when I see a new
Baby born
I cry as they grow
As they know where
their
Destiny is going*

*I cry at their wedding
For the happiness it
brings
I cry when the sting of
Death crosses their path
for
The first time
I cry for myself when I
sit alone
I cry until Eternal peace
Descends upon me*

Ruth just began writing poetry recently and has found it to be something she really enjoys. She even sent a poem to the mother of murder victim Leslie Mahaffy.

"I wrote a little poem and I hope she finds some comfort in it," said Ruth.

Ruth plans to continue writing her poetry as she finds it is a good way to pass the time and it makes her feel good.

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Millbrook Play School
Tots & Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
9:30-11:30 a.m.

WED. 27

Open Darts
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.

Euchre
Millbrook Legion
1:30 p.m. \$1.

Take-A-Break
St. Thomas' Anglican Church
Centre St. Millbrook
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Games, cards, conversation
all welcome

THURSDAY 28

Bingo
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre

FRIDAY 29

6 p.m.
Kereoke
Millbrook Legion
8:30

SATURDAY 30

Garden Club Plant Sale
Bring perennials, indoor plants, seeds, bulbs, herbs etc.
deliver plants 9:30
sale at 10:30 NO EARLY BIRDS

Bus trip to St. Jacob's
leaves Bethany 8 a.m.
returns 8p.m.
call 277-3452 for info.
Sponsored by St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bethany

North Cavan Fall Festival
North Cavan School
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kawartha Studio Tour
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Peterborough area artists
open their studios

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 1

Kawartha Studio Tour
10 a.m. -5p.m.
Peterborough area artist
open their studios

TUESDAY 3

Farm Comes to Town
Open House
Morrow Bldg. Peterborough
6-8 p.m.

Millbrook Play School
Tots & Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 4

Take-a-Break
games, cards, conversation
St. Thomas' Church
Centre St. Millbrook
9:30-11:30 a.m.
all welcome

Open Darts
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.

Euchre
Millbrook Legion
1:30 p.m. \$1.

Kawartha Woodturners Guild
meets at St. Peter's S.S.
7 p.m. 749-2459

THURSDAY 5

Millbrook Play School
Tots & Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
\$2. morn \$110. month
9:30-11:30

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre
6 p.m.

Bingo
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.
Millbrook Legion

FRIDAY 6

Omeme Curling Club
Registration, wine & Cheeze
7-9 p.m.
799-7156

Family Enrichment Centre
Mobile Outreach
Cavan Community Hall
10 a.m. - noon

SATURDAY 7

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Comm. Centre
10 a.m.

TUESDAY 10

Millbrook Play School
Tots and Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
9:30-11:30 a.m.
\$2. wk. \$10. month

WED. 11

Open Darts
Millbrook Legion
8 p.m. \$2.00

Euchre
Millbrook Legion
1:30 \$1.00
7:30 p.m.
Millbrook Legion

Take-A-Break
Games, cards, conversation
St. Thomas' Church
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Centre St. Millbrook
all welcome

THURSDAY 12

Euchre
Millbrook Legion
1:30 \$1.00

Millbrook Play School
Tots & Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
\$2. morn \$10. month
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre
6 p.m.

Bingo
Millbrook Legion
1:30 p.m. \$1.00

SATURDAY 14

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Comm. Centre
10 a.m.

St. Thomas' Christmas Bazaar
11a.m.-3p.m.
Centre St. Millbrook

TUESDAY 17

Peterborough Family Enrichment Centre
Mobile Outreach
St. Thomas' Church

Centre Street Millbrook
10 a.m. -noon

Community Partnerships:
Parents, Educators, Health care professionals seek Community dialogue.
Registration deadline Oct. 5
call 743-7431

WED. 18

Take-A-Break
Games, cards, conversation
St. Thomas' Church
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Centre St. Millbrook
all welcome

Open Darts
Millbrook Legion
8 p.m. \$2.

Euchre
Millbrook Legion

THURS. 19

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre
6 p.m.

Millbrook Play School
Tots & caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Bingo
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 21

Turkey Dinner
Janetville Community Centre
sittings at 5 & 6 p.m.
Adults \$10.
10 yrs and under \$6.
advance tickets \$2. off
for info call 277-3452

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre
10 a.m.

TUESDAY 24

Millbrook Play School
Tots and caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
9:30-11:30 a.m.
\$2/week \$10/month

WED. 25

Take-A-Break
games, cards, conversation
St. Thomas' Church
Centre St. Millbrook
9:30-11:30 a.m.
all welcome

Open Darts
Millbrook Legion
8 p.m. \$2.

Euchre
Millbrook Legion
1:30 p.m. \$1.

THURS. 26

Bingo
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre

Millbrook Play School
Tots & Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
\$2. morn \$110. month
9:30-11:30

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community Centre
6 p.m.

Bingo
Millbrook Legion
7:30 p.m.
Millbrook Legion

SATURDAY 28

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community centre

Pontypool Shotokan Karate Club
Pontypool Community centre
10 a.m.

TUESDAY 31

HALLOWEEN

Millbrook Play School
Tots & Caregivers
Millbrook Christian Assembly
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
\$2./visit \$10./mo.

The Ripple invites submissions to the Community Calendar from area non-profit organizations. Other groups are invited to place an ad in the Classified Section under the Coming Events heading.

Drop your calendar listing or classified ad information, with payment, to the Ripple box at Knit 1 Purl 1 on King Street in Millbrook.

GREENSPACE

By Richard Miller

The Trouble with Trash

Illegal dumping argues case for curbside pick-up

I received a telephone call today from Bill Flewelling, President of the Ratepayers group in Cavan, who wanted me to know that one of his neighbours had earlier spotted three men with a trailer-load of garbage at the Transfer Station (which was not open), and one of them was seen to crawl under the gate, while his friends threw the garbage over. Unfortunately, the neighbour didn't have a pencil and paper, and now couldn't remember the license number. By the time I could get to the station they were gone of course, and their garbage blended in with what was already there. This is just another example of illegal dumping in Cavan which we can do nothing about because we have no evidence.

The Township recently installed new fencing at the Transfer Station specifically to stop people using the station after hours. But who thought that people

would be so desperate to dispose of their trash (and have other people pay for it) that they would crawl under a gate? To what extent should we go to keep out illegal trash? We could install 15-foot high fencing (and a better gate). We could mount video cameras, or hire guards round the clock. We could make the Transfer Station into a fortress, but at what cost? And would it be worth it?

I have no idea how much illegal garbage we are paying for, but when you consider the above incident, and guess that it happens once a week, then add in the several piles of tires recently picked up by the Roads crew, it is far more than we need or want. I estimate the total at 10 percent, which represents at least \$15,000 a year. The only way to find out for sure how much illegal garbage is being paid for by Cavan ratepayers is by conducting a study and actually

weighing the trash as it is being illegally disposed. We could hire someone, get a weigh scale and a clipboard, waiting at the Transfer Station around the clock for a month at least, weighing garbage and asking questions.

Fat chance!

If we could catch more of these dumpers and fine them heavily, we might recover our extra disposal costs; then we wouldn't have to worry about it. We all could become more vigilant, making sure we carry a pencil and paper at all times, or better yet, a camera. Or, we could eliminate garbage from our way of life, which would also solve the problem but isn't any more likely to happen. Or we could eliminate garbage from the Transfer Station itself, by going to a curbside collection system throughout the Township.

Teacher's Legacy;

Staff and students build a Butterfly Garden

The playground at South Cavan School in Millbrook has taken on a new look and purpose this year, in the form of a butterfly garden and it seems to meet the approval of Tyler Jessup and several of his friends.

Gord Henderson drew upon his fondness for the out-of-doors and initiated the idea of a butterfly garden, as a way of enhancing the school's natural surroundings and at the same time inviting wildlife. With the help of teacher (now acting Vice Principal) Janice Deacon, the two researched the project and introduced it to the students.

The garden, nestled among a small grove of cedar trees planted a number of years ago by Nellie and Harry Rekker is about 25 feet in diameter and presents itself in the shape of a butterfly. There is a picnic table along side and a plaque that reads Henderson's Garden; a dedication to Mr. Henderson for the contribution he made to the school during the years he taught there before he retired last June.

The butterflies will soon take flight for their journey toward a warmer home, but the students of South Cavan plan on building bird houses for those feathered friends that stay with us for winter.

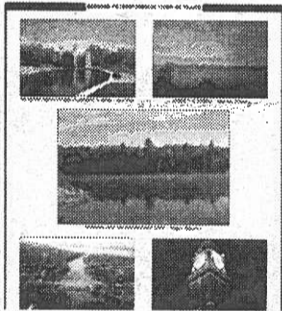
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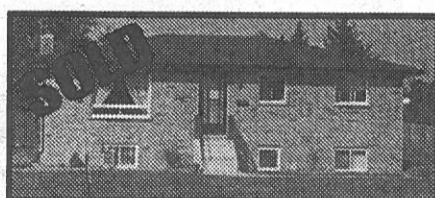
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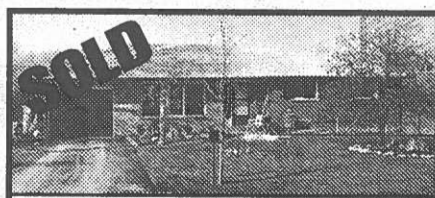
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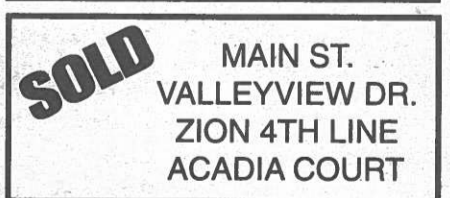
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