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## Council gambles on gambling

By Katherine Luchuk

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council has approved a casino for Kawartha Downs, despite calls for public consultation from some of its members.

A motion made by Councillor Brian Fallis to hold a referendum to get public input on gambling and charity casinos in the municipality was defeated in a 4-3 vote. A subsequent motion to recognize a charity casino "in a place of entertainment" was carried. Deferred from the May 4 council meeting, the item called Kawartha Downs was included under General Business in the agenda for the May 19 Committee of Whole council meeting.

As discussion ensued, Councillor Fallis made the motion that the Township hold a referendum in order to obtain public comment with regard to gambling and charity casinos in the municipality, seconded by Councillor

Gerald Downer. Reeve Neal Cathcart requested a recorded vote: Reeve Cathcart, Councillors Alex Ruth, Dean Cutmore, and Tom Jones voted nay, and Councillors Fallis and Downer, and Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell voted yea. The motion was therefore defeated 4-3.

The following motion to approve the casino for Kawartha Downs was moved by Councillor Jones, and seconded by Reeve Cathcart: *That council recognizes a charity casino, including slot machines and or video lottery terminals as a permitted use contained within "a place of entertainment" as found in the comprehensive restricted area zoning by-law of the Township.* Councillors Jones, Ruth and Cutmore, and Reeve Cathcart voted in favour of the casino, with Deputy-Reeve Squirrell and Councillors Downer and Fallis opposed, therefore approving the motion.

Following the meeting, Councillor Jones explained to *The Gazette* that he made the motion based on information provided by advisors which states Kawartha Downs is zoned for charity casino use. When asked about the benefits of a charity casino in this Township, he named three: financial benefit, not only accrued by the municipality, but also by the charities involved; employment opportunities; and that extra funds generated at the casino will pay for the OPP officers stationed at the racetrack (as explained by Inspector John Watkins at the May 19 meeting).

The downside of a charity casino, Councillor Jones said, "is the problem of gambling addictions.... but it's not up to the municipality to regulate gambling".

Preceding the vote to permit a charity casino operation, Councillor Fallis expressed great concern that Council was making

an important decision on a controversial issue without public comment. He suggested the referendum be held in regard to gambling to understand public opinion, before allowing a casino at any location in the Township. "It's not in the public's best interest if we let it go without public input," Councillor Fallis explained, "slot machines are one thing, casino gambling is another issue." A referendum would cost the municipality \$12,000 and the overall process would take 2-3 months, according to CAO Gail Empey.

In the discussion about the casino, Reeve Cathcart expressed that he was anxious to move ahead with the item, "I guaranteed [a] Mr. Devlin that I'd put it on the table tonight."

Fraserville resident Joanne Rowland, in attendance at the meeting, was surprised when the charity casino issue came up. She told *The Gazette* that "the agenda didn't specify what was going to be brought up, it was vague.... people need to be more aware....

Council should say things for what they are".

In a delegation to Council at the March 16 Committee of Whole Council meeting, Floyd Howlett, representing the Peterborough Coalition for

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Well-known local dog Jake, owned by Millbrook barber Joseph Longo, placed 3rd & 6th in two days of Field Dog tests.

### Jake points the way

The Ontario All Pointing Field Dog Club recently held its spring field test at the Huntkind Game Reserve. On Saturday, May 23th, the Field Dog Junior Test was won by Rozsa (Handler M. Kelly), the Field Dog Test was won by Nicoli (Handler J. O'Connor) with a perfect score, and the Field Dog Excellent Test was won by Perdy (Handler J. Wolak). On Sunday, May 24th, the Field Dog Junior Test was won by Bella (Handler M. O'Grady), the Field Dog Test was won a second time by Nicoli (Handler J. O'Connor), and the Field Dog Excellent Test was won by Callie (Handler U. Pennacchietti).

## No Dombind this summer

By Katherine Luchuk

Dombind will not be used on Township roads this summer, due to a 60 percent cut in the cost of calcium chloride.

The reduced cost of calcium chloride means the Township will not need to augment its use with controversial Dombind. Roads Superintendent Rod Marshall told the May 19 Committee of the Whole meeting calcium chloride will only cost \$30,000 this year. This amount represents a reduction in cost from the original estimate of \$70,000.

The allure of Dombind is that it is provided free of cost to Ontario townships,

to be used as a dust suppressant and road binder. It is a concentrated by-product of the pulping process at Norampac's pulp and paper mill in Trenton, Ontario. Concerns have arisen around the alleged effects of Dombind contaminants on aquatic life, wildlife, and human health when applied to rural roads.

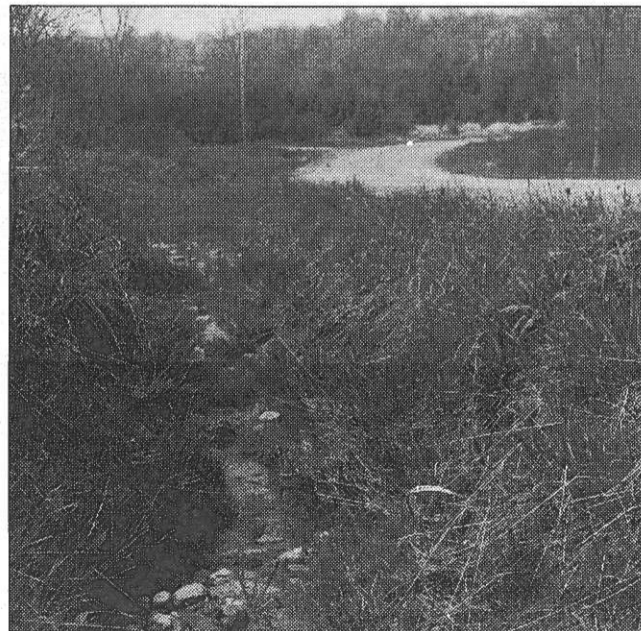
Joanne Rowland of Cavan/Millbrook Environmental Watch told *The Gazette* that she is thrilled with the announcement that Dombind will not be used in the Township this summer. However, she "won't breathe a sigh of relief until Dombind is not

granted another term approval this year."

The Ministry of the Environment and Energy gave Norampac a 5-year approval in 1993 to apply and test Dombind as a "product dust suppressant" on Ontario's rural roads. Approaching the end of the term, it is unknown whether or not the contract will be renewed.

According to World Wildlife Federation Representative Maureen Reilly, calcium chloride as a dust suppressant is significantly less toxic than Dombind, and is a reasonable alternative.

Given the cutbacks at the Ministry level, MOEE has had to give up much of its regulatory function, and many community groups have decided to take up that role. Grace Glass, representing Cavan/Millbrook Environmental Watch,



Controversy over the proximity of Dombind spraying to many water courses and wells has been set aside until next year.

spoke about the negative effects of Dombind at the May 4 Regular Council meeting. In response to the announcement that Dombind would not be used this year, she told *The Gazette* that "the interest shown by the pub-

lic has helped [contribute to Council's decision], mainly the response of people contacting the Road Superintendent."

Ms. Glass summed up, "It is citizen responsibility that makes a healthy township." ♣

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Trish Boyd-Reininger and her son Kyle.

# Trish Boyd-Reininger



By Debbie Clifford

Hillary Clinton's statement "It takes a village to raise a child", would certainly find a resounding echo in the volunteer work of Trish Boyd-Reininger. She has dedicated most of her life to the cause of nurturing children, and teaching other parents skills that equip them to deal wisely with the many challenges of parenting.

At the tender age of eleven, Trish found herself turning down babysitting jobs due to mushrooming demand for her services. Even then, her warm and personal touch with children was evident. From there, she was sought out as a nanny and at the age of 25, decided to return to school to receive her Early Childhood Education Certificate. After working a year at Sunshine Child Care in Scarborough, her

first son, Adam, was born and Trish decided to stay at home to raise him.

Trish moved to Millbrook with her husband Rick when Adam was 18 months old. Her volunteer activities with children began when she pitched in to help with the Peterborough Enrichment Centre's Mobile Outreach. Trish's attitude in response to "if you see a job that needs doing, just do it," has had her involved with every aspect of the Enrichment Centre's activities, from setting up play areas, preparing arts and crafts, making play dough, wiping noses, telling stories, and singing action songs.

For the past three years, Trish has played a crucial role with the Millbrook Play School, arriving at 8:30 each Thursday morning in order to creatively arrange the toys in a way that stirs a child's imagination. It's a blur of activity with play dough, paints, crafts, glue, books, puzzles, and last but certainly not least, the brewing of the necessary caffeine to bring

the moms (and the odd dad!) to life. After all, the objective of this place is to bring the parent and child together in active and stimulating play.

The set-up complete, Trish swings into action as the room begins to fill with children and parents. The average number of children on a Thursday morning is

about 45, although there have been as many as 57 contained in the room on the lower floor of the Millbrook Christian Assembly church. There is rarely a quiet moment as each child is warmly greeted and intensely listened to by Trish.

Her greatest joy, though, is that familiar favourite of children, Circle Time. This is the time immediately after Snack Time (a close runner up in popularity!). At this point, Trish reads stories and sings action songs to the great delight of many eager faces. Of course, they all have some important comment that must be made and responded to by Trish. As she patiently listens and speaks to them, a personal touch is injected that assures each child of his or her great importance.

When you consider that the Play School meets not once, but twice each week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), Trish's deep commitment to children is evident. There's a depth of caring that motivates this dedicated volunteer to demonstrate the same gentle calm manner and respect for each individual child, week after week after week...

According to the founder of the Millbrook Play Group,

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The Play School is not the only happy recipient of Trish's gift with children. She has continued to work with the Peterborough Enrichment Centre in a teaching capacity, leading parents in courses designed to develop communication skills to foster close child-parent relationships. Trish loves leading these courses for two reasons: it reaffirms that parents are not alone in their struggles, and that they can learn new skills to help them raise emotionally healthy children; and it gets her out of the house once a week, which makes her emotionally happy!

Trish is about to embark on new challenges. This past week was her final official week as a volunteer with the Play School. Her two sons, Adam and Kyle, have moved past the preschool age and Trish plans to carefully map out a strategy for taking them through the next stage of healthy growth. She feels there is a great need for activities involving the 6 to 12 year olds in the community, and the current situation with teens in the Village of Millbrook is also a place where great effort needs to be made.

"As a community, we need to pool our resources and expertise in order to plan for our future, because our children are our future. If there are solutions to be found for unhappy children, it is the responsibility of the parents to find them," Trish said. She has many ideas brewing to address these issues, and plans to spend more volunteer hours working hard to implement them. The children haven't seen the last of her, and neither they nor Trish would have it any other way!

Trish Boyd-Reininger is a regular columnist in *The Gazette* — in her non-existent spare time! — and lives in the Village of Millbrook.

## Millbrook and District Food Share needs your help!

Millbrook and District Food Share needs your help to gather up food and supplies in time for its opening, Tuesday, June 9.

Please gather up any or all of the food and personal items needed by the food bank in a box in your home, and/or deposit these items into boxes located in a variety of businesses, clubs and churches in our area. Check with your church, club or organization about collecting food and other needed items.

Patience on the part of donors is appreciated — as volunteers work on the logistics of collecting food from businesses, clubs and churches, there may be a few glitches to work out. Anyone willing to have a box in their business or organization's headquarters (who hasn't already volunteered to do so) is encouraged to leave a message at 932-7046 as soon as possible.

Apart from standard food and personal items, Food Share still needs the following to start up:

- fridge
- filing cabinet
- office chair
- help to pick up freezers and fridges
- office supplies, including paper, file folders, pens, pencils, paper clips, etc.
- plastic gloves
- plastic shopping bags
- cardboard boxes
- small bags of flour, skim milk
- feminine hygiene products, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant and other personal hygiene products
- diapers and formula (desperately needed!)
- household cleaning products, such as dishwashing soap
- coffee, tea, canned or bottled juice for client reception area

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| Oak Roll-Top Desk (damaged)       | Set of 2 Arm Chairs - Painted White                    |
| Metal Desk                        | 2 Wooden Window Boxes/Planters                         |
| Large Iron Safe - Black (movable) |  |
| Small Table - Painted White       |  |

These items can be viewed at 199 County Road 28, Bailieboro, during regular Library hours. Please contact Mrs. Vilda Nurse at (705) 939-6510 to make appointment to view. All bids, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Office Furnishings", must reach the undersigned no later than 12 noon on Friday, June 12, 1998.

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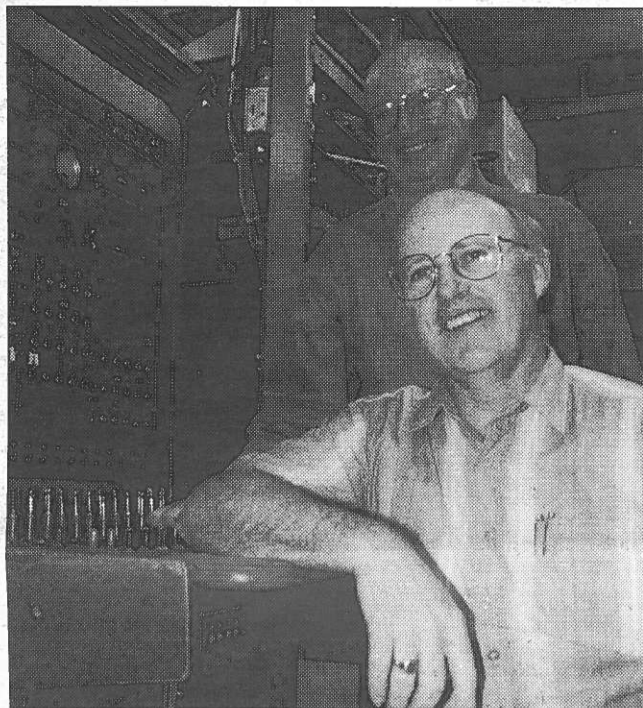
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## BUSINESS PROFILE



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Brothers John (top) and Paul Downs of Nexicom

### Nexicom heading for ringing success

By Debbie Clifford

In the rapidly changing world of technology, John and Paul Downs of Nexicom are not proponents of the "wait and see" mentality.

A success story in the making, they are on the move literally as they work 13 hour days, driving massive distances each week to cover their ever-widening customer base. Local residents would best identify them under the various banners of Durham Telephones Limited, Docon Telephone Supply Ltd., Otonabee Telephones Ltd., and Kawartha.Net/Peterboro.Net.

Recently, John and Paul decided to bring together all of their communications companies under the name of Nexicom. The name is taken from two words: nexus, meaning connection, link or a connected series, and communication. The new name, Nexicom, conveys the vision of the company, as it strives to provide people with the best integrated communication systems available.

Most recently, the company has negotiated an agreement with Shaw Communications to purchase the cable service. Pending final approval with the government regulatory commission, the potential to provide cable service to Millbrook, Lakefield, Bridgenorth, Bancroft, Barry's Bay and Whitney is

now within Nexicom's reach. Nexicom could also be the first-ever provider of cable service in the Village of Keene, if the application is approved. They were the first company in Canada to offer what is now standard issue in most businesses: voice mail.

Nexicom originated in 1942 when John and Paul's father, E.T. Downs, and his business partner H.A. Coon, purchased a telephone supply company from a local doctor by the name of Henry Turner. The new name, Docon Telephone Limited, was formed by combining the "Do" in Downs, and the "con", in Coon. The two men continued business from the same location as Dr. Turner, in what used to be an old hotel at 5 King Street in Millbrook. The current business is still at the same address.

John and Paul both joined the company after the death of their father. John was the first one to take hold of the reins. He had worked for several years with Northern Telecom, and has an engineering background. Three years later, Paul was persuaded to join him, leaving the education field where he was a high school principal. The two brothers work well together, as each have their own areas of expertise. John thrives on the more technical challenges, while Paul

handles administration and keeps abreast of current happenings within the independent telephone association.

The Downs brothers find it immensely satisfying working within a field that is constantly evolving. Each day brings new challenges and opportunities for creative solutions. Searching out the best and most cost effective solutions takes a lot of time, but both find it exciting to do so. Staying competitive, and on top of recent technological advances, is a requirement for a small, independent communications company. John and Paul plan not only to survive in the shadow of a huge giant, Bell Canada, but to thrive in the face of overwhelming odds. Their objective: to be the biggest and best within the Peterborough and Lindsay area. Their focus: to provide more services in the most efficient manner to all their customers.

Several exciting developments are part of Nexicom's current business plans. Applications have been made to the regulatory body, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, to enable Nexicom to offer alternative long-distance service providers. If approved, access to these providers will enable customers to subscribe to long-distance packages of their choice. Nexicom has

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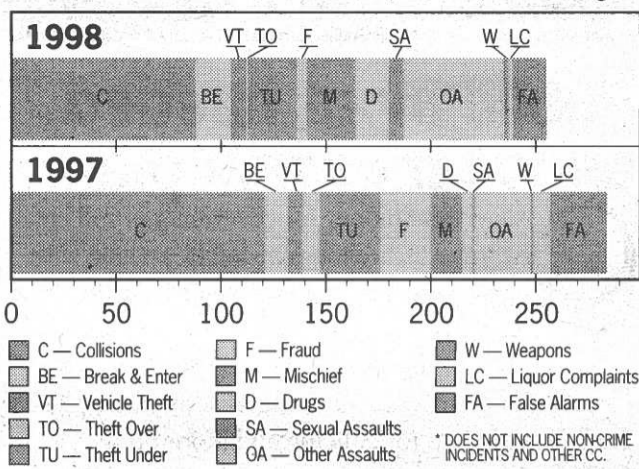
already installed the necessary software to provide this service pending the final approval by CRTC.

In addition to this application for long-distance variety, they have applied to have the mileage charges that the rural areas are paying discontinued. This would allow rural residents, to pay the same rate as people "in town". There is also an initiative underway which would allow certain areas now considered long-distance, such as a call from Millbrook to Bethany, to be classified as a local call. All of these applications are part of Nexicom's commitment to provide the best service to their customers.

Although both brothers live in the Toronto area, they feel the lifestyle offered in this area is a tremendous incentive to other businesses that might be looking for a home base. The natural beauty, close proximity to Toronto, the availability of highly skilled people, and cultural talent are all drawing cards to ensure the economic security of the region. John and Paul both serve on the board of the 4th Line Theatre, and Paul is also involved in the current economic development initiative sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Paul and John are excited to work in the communications industry, and feel that with lots of hard work and determined effort, anyone with a dream can "go for it"! It's important to be adaptive and flexible, they agree, for business success. If one idea doesn't work, try another. Today, the key to success rests in staying on top of current information. Obviously, working in the information industry helps these brothers do just that! ♣

### Crime Incidents: Cavan, Millbrook, North Monaghan



## Crime drops!

By Katherine Luchuk

A cost recovery programme, officers assigned to each local public school, and in peripheral areas are a few of the projects being considered and worked on by the local policing service in 1998.

The new inspector for policing services, twenty-seven year OPP veteran John Watkins, shared a summary of 1997 and 1998 incident statistics for the Township, an explanation of the new county-wide policing structure, and initiatives for the local policing service, at the Committee of Whole Council Meeting, May 19.

"Overall, we are experiencing a downward trend in reported incidents", Inspector Watkins explained. Referring to the Township's monthly Statistics Report for incidents reported between January and April in 1998, figures demonstrate this decrease, particularly in the occurrences of fraud, theft, liquor complaints, false alarms, and road collisions, as compared with 1997 figures. The 1997 road collision figure includes provincial highways while the 1998 figure does not, which partially explains the decrease. Commenting on the upward trend of assaults

in 1998, Inspector Watkins attributed the rise to more occurrences at the Millbrook Correctional Centre. In 1997, the total number of reported incidents was 583 and in 1998, 577.

"Our aim is to continue to work with local groups to identify problem areas", Inspector Watkins began. "We'd like to put one officer in each public school... to get to know the children... and we plan to increase our involvement with Crestwood and Norwood High School." He explained that the local policing service would also like to help find alternative activities for youth in the community.

An increased patrol in Millbrook's periphery is also part of the plan for 1998. So far, "there has been more patrol in the village... but there will be substantially more patrol in outside areas." As part of the new OPP structure, the County will be divided into 3 zones. Constituting 1 zone, this Township will have access to 8 Officers at any given time, Watkins said.

"We hope to run this operation as a business... we'll try to keep costs down but not at the expense of safety", Inspector Watkins assured. He outlined plans for a reasonable cost recovery system, including charges for repeat offences such as noise violation and false alarms.

Councillor Tom Jones asked Inspector Watkins to explain the local policing service's responsibility to the Millbrook Correctional Centre in light of the recent riot. He explained that "such an incident is in full control of the correctional centre until we are asked to take over... the cost assigned to the municipality for such a situation is only for the officers called in who are on duty at that time."

The charity casino proposal for Kawartha Downs has been factored into the 1998 budget. "There will be additional officers at the site, but not at a cost to the ratepayer... the government will cover the cost with money from the casino table." ♣

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**EDITORIAL**

**Public input needed on local casino plan**

Casinos raise money for governments and charities, and create jobs needed by an area with chronically high unemployment. At the same time, casinos encourage those with gambling addictions to literally gamble their lives away. Inevitably, there is also an increase in criminal activity, despite the best-laid plans for policing and monitoring.

The cost in human misery, not to mention additional costs to the taxpayer in policing and road repairs (due to increased traffic on roads to and from a casino) are worthy of consideration when a community decides whether or not to allow a gaming establishment in their area. Does a municipal council have the right to make this difficult decision on its own, without public consultation?

At the May 19 meeting, our Council decided to approve a casino at Kawartha Downs without public consultation (the vote was 4-3). However, in communities elsewhere that have considered the casino issue, local governments have been careful to hear the opinions and concerns of residents before making any decision. The final decisions made by those councils were not always popular, but at least the ratepayer was heard.

Isn't it interesting how quickly some of our representatives forget their responsibility to be accountable to their constituents, once in power? In matters that could seriously harm the health and well-being of community members, shouldn't ratepayers be consulted? Isn't it ironic that a council so supportive of a food bank in our community also be supports a venture that will create more poverty in households with gambling addicts?

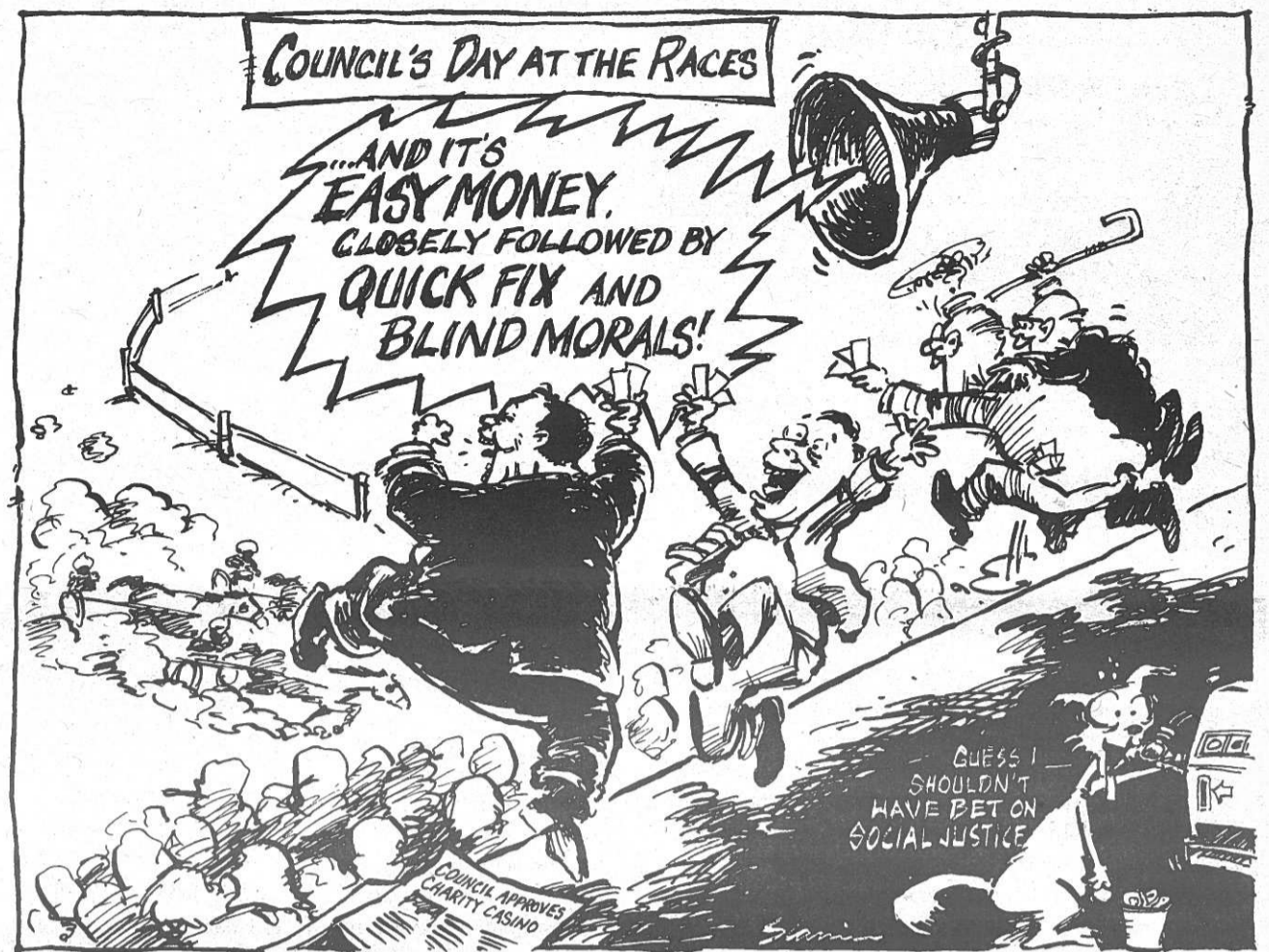
The argument is, of course, that some of the money raised by the gaming operation can be used for counselling gambling addicts. But why set the scene for addiction in the first place? And some will insist it is the individual's responsibility to get help for such psychological and emotional problems. Are we a community of individualists, where we ignore the crises of our neighbours, or are we a community where the pain of some members hurts us all?

Clearly, with all the calls received by Millbrook and District Food Share with offers of funding, supplies and volunteer time, the community is saying we DO care about our neighbours... We should also be concerned about causes that force our fellow citizens to use food banks. A gambling addiction is a sickness that causes families to lose homes, livelihood and quality of life to gambling. Hopefully, a food bank will no longer be necessary in our community if we can address the causes of poverty as concerned neighbours.

There are many other ways we can work on sustainable job creation and economic development. Why choose something that will alter the very soul of our community and destroy lives? Rather than taking a quick bandaid approach to our economic crises, let's help our Council, Chambers of Commerce, and other business organizations to plan for sustainable development that creates a better quality of life for all citizens. Share your ideas with Council's Economic Development Committee, the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Improvement Association.

It's time residents made their views known to Council about the proposed casino at Kawartha Downs, or anywhere else in the Township. Write a letter, make a presentation at a council meeting, call a councillor or two. And in the meantime, Council needs to think long and hard about who it is accountable to — the taxpayers and residents, or to business interests.... and their own lust for power.

Given the current state of affairs with allegations about secret meetings, and the rising ire of township residents upset by the activities of Council, it would



behoove Council members to think long and hard about why they are in government, and whose interests they represent...

On a related note, Reeve Neal Cathcart has declined participation in the "Council Profile". The Reeve told us he should have been the first one interviewed in our series, and that it was now too late.

**Thanks for your support & enthusiasm!**

The staff at *The Gazette* is thrilled that you have enjoyed our previous efforts, and more importantly, the dedicated efforts of the many volunteers who write for us! Many of you have asked how you can help us to grow, and to cover more news and interesting features. Some of you wonder how we manage to send this newspaper to you for FREE every first and third Thursday.

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We have also heard from readers that they would like to subscribe regardless of the fact that they already get the paper for free. Hey, every bit helps

**Correction**

We regret any confusion created by an error in the article, "Architectural Heritage Expands Domain" of the May 7 edition of *The Green Hills Gazette*.

The article implies that Millbrook Architectural Advisory Committee chairperson Jackie Tinson, and the MACAC group would be opening the 4th Line Anglican Chapel for Canada Day. In fact, Ms. Tinson hoped to get permission from the Anglican Parish of Cavan to open this historic church, but did not yet have approval to do so from Rev. Susan Sheen or parish administration. Thanks to Jackie Tinson for alerting us about the error.

when starting up a new community effort! And therefore, we are always appreciative of your donation, and the support implied!

Keep those story ideas coming in! We are gratified to share in the life of our community, and appreciate the opportunity to get to know new and "old" neighbours better. Love to write? Got a question for one of our fine columnists? Call *The Gazette*, write, fax, or e-mail us with your queries and comments, and we'll pass them on to the right people!

**Support the Millbrook Fair!**

We are quite impressed with the dedicated efforts of a small group of volunteers who are working to bring the community the 149th Millbrook Fair. Like all non-profit groups, the Millbrook Agricultural Society needs the support of the community to continue to offer this time-honoured event. Admission to the Fair will help to cover the costs of a wide variety of programming and events at this year's fair, and may help toward fundraising for next year's big event, celebrations for the 150th Anniversary Fair. Other events held recently, and those planned for the coming year, will help to raise funds for this extra-special milestone in the life of our community.

Set a date to meet your neighbours at the Fair, and reap the benefits of all the hard work which provides entertainment for the young and the young-at-heart... and know that you are helping to keep a tradition alive! ♣

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## COUNCIL PROFILE

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GUEST EDITORIAL

## Skateboarders given a bad rap

By Georgia Fisher

Most of us know that skateboarding is illegal in Peterborough, and although opinions vary, most people agree that skateboarders should at least have some place to legally skateboard.

A few weeks ago, my friend Joleen Edmundson and I visited the police station in Peterborough to research for the 'zine [magazine] we are publishing. This 'zine ("Young and Critical", a recent, locally published magazine, written mostly by teenagers) already had a lot of information in defense of skateboarders. We hoped to get some arguments on the cops' side, as well as a copy of the bylaw to give the article another slant. We had already interviewed the mayor, Sylvia Sutherland, who was partially in support of skateboarders. She had suggested we go to the police station for more information.

Nothing came from it. The man at the front desk obviously had no respect for a project such as ours, and

told us that all of the police were busy. He didn't offer us another time when somebody would be available, only suggested that we set something up with our school. This would be inconvenient, since we go to two different schools (James Strath and Lakefield), and we were hoping to get it together to meet our publication deadline. (Anyway, it isn't a school project.)

He gave a brief, contradicting explanation of the reasons behind the bylaw, explaining that skateboarding was technically illegal everywhere, but allowed in Cray Park as long as skateboarders stayed in control and didn't go around ramming into people. I guess Cray Park must offer magical protection properties, since he told us that avoiding accidents was virtually impossible anywhere else.

When asked for a copy of the bylaw, he looked down as if it might be on the floor under his desk, and told us he couldn't find it. Considering that the police station's job is to release such information, we were very disappointed with the response. If you ever need this sort of information, I wouldn't expect the police to be of much help. Maybe this guy had some sort of stereotypical problem with youth, skateboarding or youth involved in creative projects outside of school. What does that say for the stereotypical view of a friendly, helpful police officer? ♣



COUNCIL IN BRIEF

## Council minutes in Brief

Council in Brief is a condensed version of draft minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting. There may be revisions and changes to the minutes. For your own copy of the approved minutes, contact the Township office at 932-2929.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The members in attendance were: Reeve Neal Cathcart (8:03p.m.), Deputy- Reeve Brian Squirrell, Councillors Dean Cutmore, Gerald Downer, Brian Fallis, Tom Jones, Alex Ruth and staff Rick McGee (Recreation Director), Glen Adamson (Transfer Station), Nelson Edgerton (Fire Chief), Rod Marshall (Acting Road Superintendent), Hazel Armstrong (Treasurer), Doug Campbell (By-law), Josef Jandrisits (Building), and Gail Empey, C.A.O.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy-Reeve Squirrell. He advised Council members to disclose any pecuniary interest. Deputy-Reeve Squirrell declared conflict regarding Item #12 on the May 4, 1998 minutes.

Additions to the agenda included:

1. Councillor Cutmore - BIA report
2. Delegation-Daniel Smith re: paper sludge
3. Delegation-Dennis Mullin re: court order
4. Letter-Harry Poch-Millbrook Landfill
5. Letter-Peterborough Community Police Service Administration.

### Delegations included:

- Inspector John E. Watkins of Kawartha Detachment O.P.P. discussed policing services in the Township (See story this issue).
- Daniel Smith, Lot 10, Concession 6, was present to discuss paper sludge. Mr. Smith enquired if a meeting took place between M.O.E.E. and Kawartha Downs, allowing paper sludge to be dumped, and if so, was the Reeve or anyone else from Council in attendance and was anyone aware of such a meeting. Mr. Smith also enquired if the Reeve or anyone else has taken part in secret meetings, and if so, were they paid. Mr. Smith also requested that there be accountability for all Reeve's activities, i.e., a report at the Committee of the Whole.
- Reeve Cathcart arrived at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Smith enquired whether sludge has been tested. He is concerned with contamination of land and water and opposes product being placed on lands.

### Council, Committee and Staff Reports:

- A verbal report from Rick McGee, re: Parks, Recreation and Recreation Facilities. Mr. McGee presented a report outlining grass cutting costs of \$12,762.57 for 1997. Proposed 1998 budget is \$16,000. Recreation Committee reviewed 1997 costs and recommended that the matter of a full-time person for grass cutting and other recreational and facility duties be referred to the Committee of Whole for reconsideration.
- Council to take the matter under advisement. Mr. McGee to provide savings if roads department not responsible for grass cutting. Council to be provided with outline of Parks Supervisor's position and financial understanding of the proposal.
- Moved by Cathcart, seconded by Cutmore, that Rick McGee be asked to contact Peterborough Baseball Association re: relocation of baseball field from Fisher Gauge to Centennial Peace Park (N. Monaghan). Carried.
- Glen Adamson, from the Transfer Station reported on difficulties being encountered with the County and cardboard pick-up from the

Transfer Station. Various council members will meet with the relevant people to discuss the cardboard problem; the parking lot at the Transfer Station will be treated with calcium chloride; Mr. Adamson is authorized to contact M.O.E.E. to obtain letter of understanding re new internal road at the Transfer Station; that the road be constructed in conjunction with the Roads Department.

- Written report from the Treasurer, re revenues and expenditures. Surplus at end of April is \$318,729.76. Approximately 1.1 million is invested and a return of \$25,000 is expected on these investments. Collection letter realized \$112,000 in taxes.
- Accounts payable in the amount of \$205,895.32 for the month of April were approved.
- Dennis Mullin, of North Monaghan ward, discussed a court order requiring him to comply in all respects with home occupation provisions of North Monaghan comprehensive zoning by-law. Mr. Campbell, By-law Enforcement Officer, reviewed restrictions on home occupation. One of original complainants has moved from area. Action was taken as a result of written complaint. Property is presently close to compliance.
- Council approved a 30 day hold on motion for contempt at the court subject to compliance by Mr. Mullin. Mr. Mullin was requested to submit rezoning application within thirty days.

### General Business:

- A resolution by Council for the Province of Ontario to accept responsibility for its management of municipal tax policy.

### Council and Committee Staff Reports:

- Rod Marshall, Roads Department. Council accepted lowest quotations as recommended by Mr. Marshall on calcium, winter sand, crushed gravel, culverts and surface treatment. (For details on dust suppression, and calcium chloride use on roads, see story this issue.)
- Cavan Ward Building (Inspector) Josef Jandrisits reported on building activity in April 1998. Reeve Cathcart

reported on floor problems at Lions Den. Total expenditure is expected to be \$17,000. Council approved a \$10,000 donation for the work based on the building report of the Inspector and engineered stamped drawings.

- Nelson Edgerton, Fire Chief, was in attendance regarding the budget. Fire Chairman Fallis advised that \$20,000 has been trimmed from the Fire Department budget. The Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services will be invoiced for fire costs incurred during recent incident at the Millbrook Correctional Centre.

### Minutes included:

- Written report on paper sludge by-law from the Clerk. The paper sludge issue is tabled until a "notice of motion" hearing scheduled June 11, 1998, and Township of Hope's sewage sludge by-law issues and Minutes of Settlement are resolved.
- Economic Development Committee Minutes. A committee is to be struck for re-naming the municipality and a strategic visioning process is to be considered.

### Further General Business:

- Discussion and resolution allowing a charity casino at Kawartha Downs (see story this issue).

### Correspondence for action:

- A letter to be sent to Grace Glass, Cavan Township, acknowledging Dombind will not be used and noting that economics figured in Council's decision (See story this issue for details).
- Endorsement of a County of Peterborough resolution regarding delaying implementation of the new Municipal Act.
- Letter from Harry Poch re: landfill be deferred until budget meeting of May 25th.
- A closed session occurred near the end of the meeting. Deputy-Reeve Squirrell departed from the Council chambers. Following the closed session, it was carried that W.J. Wilkinson of Wilkinson and Company be appointed to carry out compliance audit as requested as soon as possible and that C.A.O. be authorized to provide any information that is required. ♣

## DEADLINES

The deadline for all written materials for the next issue is June 8. Please mail, fax or e-mail your community calendar events, notices, press releases, letters to the editor, etc. by this date. If you have a story or lead to share with us, please call us in the week prior to the deadline so that we can do our very best to follow up!

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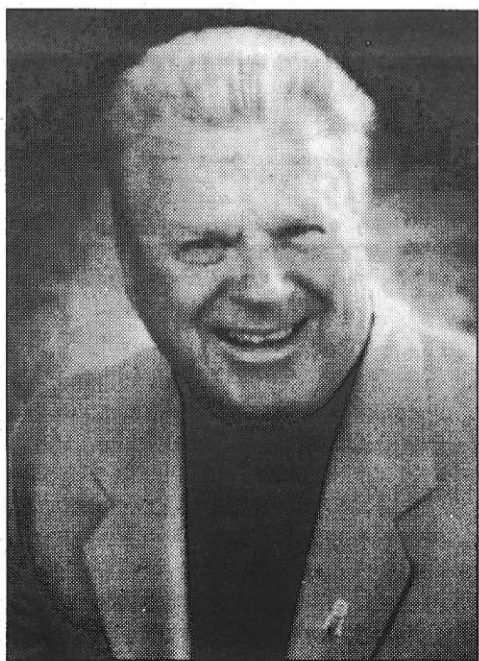
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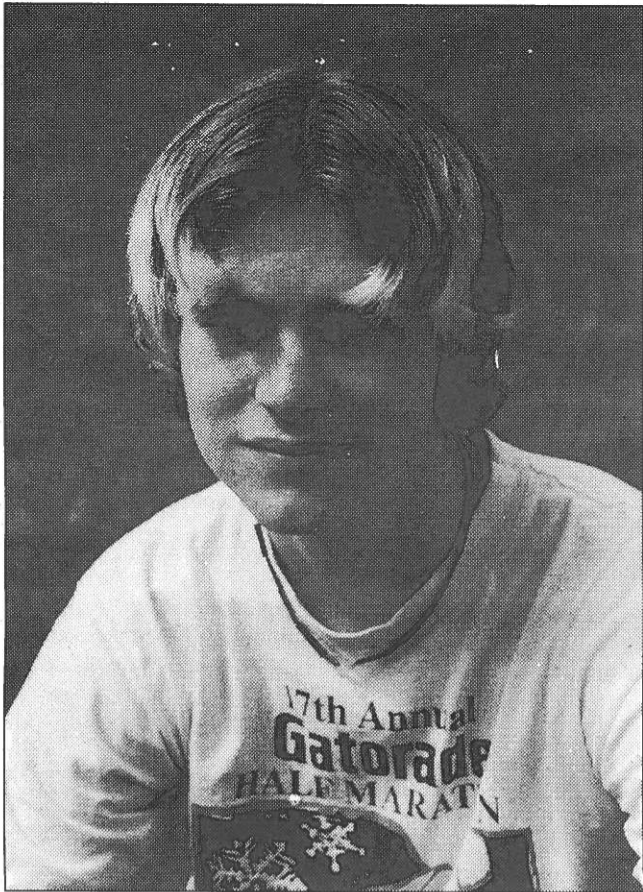
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Guyana bound, Millbrook resident, Stuart Paul.

# Guyana bound, to make a difference

By Stuart Paul

**B**ack in 1993, I went on a Scouting exchange to Mexico. This was undoubtedly the greatest three weeks of my life. We got a taste of Mexico City, Acapulco, and many historical sites such as the Aztec pyramids. But along with all of the fascinating sights, the poverty we witnessed had a great impact on me and the way that I look at our world. I believe that this was one of the most important factors which influenced my decision to apply to Youth Challenge International (YCI)

With eight more months before starting a new adventure in Guyana, I'm going to spend many hours preparing fund-raisers to reach my required goal of \$4000 to participate in the three month program. A

portion of this money is for funding future programs and assuring the continuation of the YCI organization, and the rest goes to my personal living and travel expenses. Youth Challenge International is a non-profit organization that combines community development, health work and environmental research into projects conducted by independent teams. YCI aims for positive development in the host communities by utilization of human resources, and works to provide a growth experience for all participants.

After YCI accepted me, I was really ecstatic, but at the same time was worried, because I didn't know how to go about raising all of the money required. I began by selling Colorado blue spruce trees, a great way to start off my fundraising

campaign. I also began to send letters to different groups stating what I was doing and asked them if they would be willing to help me out. So far I have been sponsored by the Jamaica Self Help organization who donated \$500 to my cause. This is more than I ever expected and I am very grateful to them. Right now I'm thinking of putting together a bridge tournament in Millbrook, possibly at the Legion, and on the Millbrook Fair weekend, I'm going to be holding a massive yard sale at 18 Anne Street (my house). So far I've been receiving neat old stuff from friends and family and if anybody else has garage sale goods that they wouldn't mind donating, that would be really appreciated. I can be contacted at 932-2097 and would be happy to pick it up anytime. I have many more fundraising ideas, but I think I should concentrate on these for the next little while because if I don't, I may get confused and end up having a bridge sale and a garage tournament!

I'd like to thank *The Gazette* for giving me the chance to publish these little blurbs. It's really a great way for me to communicate with people in our area, which is one of the components of the YCI program. I not only have to aid in the development of villages in Guyana, but I also have to give back to my community. This is done for example, by writing articles for *The Gazette* from my placement. When I return, I also look forward to giving presentations to schools, churches, and organizations such as Scouts. If I am able to not only aid the people in Guyana, but also inform and expand the knowledge of people in our area (especially the younger generation), and actually influence the way that they interpret international concerns, that would be a great accomplishment in itself. ♣



## HEALTH & WELL BEING

### Stress a pain in the gut

**Q.** I have recently been told I have irritable bowel syndrome. I suffer with terrible abdominal pain, gas, and difficult bowel movements. I am wondering what I can do holistically to support my body's healing process.

#### Ask a Chiropractor/Naturopath...

**A.** Irritable Bowel Syndrome, or IBS, is a common adult condition of the bowel or large intestine having one or several causes, which may not be clear cut.

It is characterized by improper functioning of the bowel with resultant symptoms such as abdominal pain with bloating due to increased gas, and constipation or diarrhea. Bowel movements can give relief from the discomfort, and may have mucus accompanying them. The causes may be related to food, the bowel flora, or psychological stresses.

This syndrome needs to be differentiated from other similar conditions like Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) which can be either Crohn's Disease or ulcerative colitis and other large intestine conditions.

Treatment of IBS generally involves increasing fiber intake in the form of vegetables, fruit, brans (excluding wheat bran due to its relationship with common wheat allergies), legumes/beans and whole grains such as oats, barley, rye and buckwheat.

Allergies or sensitivities to certain foods may also be causative in IBS. This can be due to weak digestion. Digestive enzymes can help to digest food more thoroughly to decrease the large food particles absorbed by the body that may be reacted to. Food allergy testing can identify those foods which may not be helped by using digestive enzymes.

Improper digestive function may also be related to the presence of abnormal bowel bacteria ratios or to the presence of an opportunistic organism like candida yeast. This situation can occur after illness, as a result of poor eating habits, or from using antibiotics or the birth control pill.

Using "active/living culture" yogurt or kefir can help restore the normal healthy

bowel bacteria levels which in turn will help prevent undesirable organisms from taking over. Specific supplements to kill the candida may also be used.

In my experience, bowel syndromes are often related to unexpressed anger or anxiety and fear. These effects are mediated through the autonomic nervous system which controls digestive function. Strong emotion felt or suppressed will affect how this part of the nervous system functions. How the nervous system controls digestion will then be affected. Bad feelings can result in bad functioning. Self-awareness of what is going on inside a person is essential for dealing with this. Behavioral change work may be necessary to help bring stresses to awareness and then to deal with changing the person's response to the stress.

Dr. Martin Kura, D.C., N.D.

#### Ask a Chiropractor/Naturopath...

**A.** Irritable bowel syndrome is a condition in which the large intestine, or colon, fails to operate normally. It is a functional disorder, since there is no evidence of structural damage to the intestine. Symptoms include pain, constipation, diarrhea, gas, nausea, anorexia, and anxiety and depression. The cause is unknown, but food allergies, excess dietary fats, and stress seem to be implicated in IBS.

Treatments aim to reduce the irritation to the digestive system, and therefore rely heavily on dietary changes, herbal remedies and stress reduction.

Dietary and nutritional healing: The usual treatment for the healing of IBS is increased fibre intake. To avoid food sensitivities, fibres from a source other than grains are recommended, such as vegetables, fruits, oat bran, guar gum, psyllium, and legumes, such as beans or peas. Nuts, seeds, and fruits with small seeds should be avoided, as should alcohol, caffeine, and spices. Supplemental healing should include zinc, vitamin A, and evening primrose oil.

Herbal medicine: Enteric-coated peppermint oil is used in Europe to treat IBS. Without enteric-coating, the peppermint oil is absorbed into the upper digestive tract, often causing heartburn and esophageal reflux (stomach acid regurgitating into the esophagus). Ginger has a long history of uses in the relieving of digestion complaints. Try using ginger in food preparation, or simply create tea out of ginger root. Herbs such as

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chamomile, valerian, rosemary, and lemon balm have antispasmodic effects in the intestines. Mixtures of tinctures of bayberry, gentian, peppermint, and wild yam in equal parts, one teaspoon three times a day, as well as warm drinks of chamomile or lemon balm are recommended.

Stress has been noted to contribute to digestive tract disorders. Try some kind of mild physical activity, ie. walking, swimming. Not only will physical activity reduce levels of stress, but it will also increase your total overall wellbeing.

Dr. Keith Thomson, D.C., N.D., Thomson Family Chiropractic

#### Ask a Registered Massage Therapist...

**A.** Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), is characterized by the formation of ulcerative lesions on the walls of the colon, with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) at the mild end of the spectrum, and Crohn's Disease at the more severe end. These conditions rarely heal completely, but have been noted to go through periods of remission and flare-up, the latter often brought on by periods of stress.

Many sufferers have found that a diet low in grains and flour products (especially wheat) to be very helpful in reducing the severity of IBS. Others have turned to psychotherapy for help, in the realization that unresolved issues can "eat away" at us if we don't address them.

Bodywork can also be helpful, with the focus being on relaxation and stress reduction. In the context of a whole body massage, abdominal massage should be gentle and soothing, but not be done at all during a flare-up. Instead, techniques that bring healing energy to the abdominal area can be attempted; including Therapeutic Touch, Reiki and Craniosacral Therapy. These modalities can be combined with guided visualization and breathing techniques to enhance the healing process.

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The Millbrook Fair Midway

# Demolition derby highlights 149th year of the Millbrook Fair!

Celebrating the past and present, and looking to the future, The 149th Millbrook Fair is sure to delight, inform and entertain new and long-time residents.

As an event that has brought residents and visitors together for decades, the Fair is a great place for those new to the area to meet their neighbours. Like weddings and funerals, the Fair is one of those few occasions where busy people, agriculturally based or not, can enjoy some time together with friends or family.

While still keeping up tradition in many of the events and competitions, the Fair also offers a wide variety of activities to appeal to young and old that are not specifically agricultural in nature. The tried and true favourites that are a part of this year's fair include the truck and tractor pull, the parade, an open horse show, classic farm tractor registration, a

poultry show, and the tasty, tempting, prize winning baking auction. Of interest to children, in particular, are the midway rides, a farm animal display, the school exhibits, the Kids Korner, the Children's Sheep Show, the Pet Show, the Youth Horse Show, and the opportunity to participate in the Homecraft competitions.

Making a comeback this year is the much-enjoyed Demolition Derby. After a hiatus of over eight years, the Derby is slated for 3 p.m. on Sunday. This event will be run for the first time ever by Agricultural Society members themselves, thanks to the hard work of Gerry McHattie and Dan Fair. The beer tent will be run in cooperation with the Millbrook Legion, and will feature the music of a variety of bands.

The Fair Ambassador (winner's name unavailable at press time), will preside over the Fair parade and a

variety of activities. He or she will represent the area at the Canadian National Exhibition, and other events in the area throughout the coming year.

Special edition mugs and fridge magnets will be sold with the Anniversary Fair logo, to raise funds for the celebrations next year. The logo has been designed by Ted Dymant, of Altermedia, a graphic design company based in Millbrook (and designer of *The Gazette!*). Many events are planned for the coming year to raise awareness and funds for this major event in the life of the community—probably one of the most delicious ways to help out is to buy some "right from scratch" cookies at the cookie table at this year's fair.

The Millbrook Fair runs from June 12-14, from Friday at 5 p.m., to late Sunday afternoon. Tickets can be purchased at the gate, and the price reflects costs of providing enter-

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tainment and programming for the Fair.

For more information on the various competitions and contests at the Fair, call Diane Armstrong, 745-5687 for a copy of the Millbrook Fair booklet, or for the Homecraft Prize List.

## Millbrook Fair Schedule of Events

### Friday, June 12:

- 7:30 p.m.: Truck and Tractor Pull

### Saturday, June 13:

- 9:30 a.m.: Parade Registration
- 10:00 a.m.: Open Horse Show
- 4-H Beef Show
- Beef Cattle Show
- 11:00 a.m.: Kids Korner
- Draft and Pony Halter Classes
- Parade

- 12 noon sharp: Official Opening of the Fair
- Introduction of the 1998 Fair Ambassador
- 12:30 p.m.: Children's Sheep Show
- 1:00 p.m.: Roadsters, Hackneys, Shetlands and Saddle Horses
- Heavy Horse Hitches
- 4:00 p.m.: Pony Pull
- 7:00 p.m.: Truck and Tractor Pull

### Sunday, June 14:

- 10:00 a.m.: Hunter Show
- Classic Farm Tractor Registration
- 11:00 a.m.: Poultry Show
- Kids Korner
- Horse Pull
- 11:30 a.m.: Pet Show Registration

- 12 noon: Goat Show
- Judging of Classic Farm Tractors
- Youth Horse Show
- 1:00 p.m.: Bandstand-on-the-Green Entertainment
- 2:00 p.m.: Prize-winning Baking Auction
- 3:00 p.m.: Demolition Derby

The Poultry Show will be on display all Sunday afternoon. The Fairground buildings will be open all weekend with exhibits and displays, including school exhibits, Ladies Division, Baking, Needlecraft, Flowers, Handicrafts, Snapshots, Women's Institute displays, and 4-H Club exhibits. The midway and farm animal display are also available all weekend. ♣



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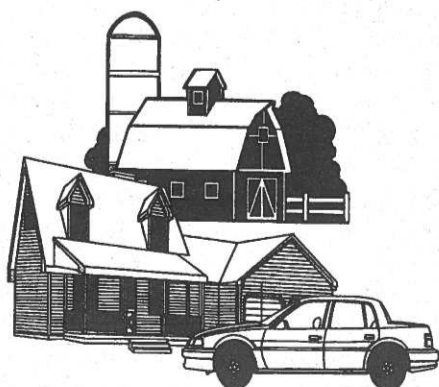
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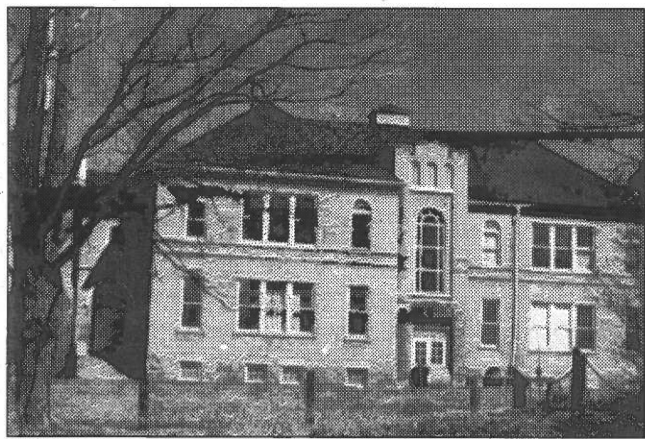


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The Old Millbrook School, Dufferin St.

## Old School is #1 choice for new Library

The Millbrook Library may move to the Old Millbrook School, pending Council approval and further planning.

According to the results of a survey printed in *The Gazette*, and circulated at the Millbrook Library, the Old School was mentioned most frequently as a possible site for an expanded library operation. Considering this feedback, and the costs and feasibility of a variety of locations (including the Presbyterian church, the former Millbrook Municipal Office, and the Mill), the Library Search Committee will suggest the Old School for the library's new location.

According to a submission by Marilyn Burns, of the Library Relocation Committee, "it was felt that the existing structure, already under some renovation due to its use as a recreation centre, would accommodate a lot of the needs as listed by [librarian] Margot Loucks and the users. There was also a consensus among the search committee that the library would serve the community well — and possibly draw in more users — when housed under the same roof as other activities [and groups] at the Old School, such as the food bank, the Library Boutique, and recreation programs."

An overwhelming 98% of survey respondents said they felt the library would be enhanced by a larger space. Just over half of the respondents visit the library once a week or more, and another 28% visit twice a month. Users responded eloquently to a question about the importance of the library to the community, for example: "Libraries are changing by leaps and bounds....it's very important that we have more space, to stay up to code with other libraries. If we don't, we will be left behind, and

possibly lose our library. We have many people counting on us for this to happen."

Others simply stated the facts, in answer to the need for a new venue: "Library facilities are sadly overdue for renovations: washroom facilities, room to browse freely without bumping into others." Respondents almost unanimously stated they would like to see a greater variety of books, and 65% said they would attend readings, children's times, workshops or special interest sessions if they were

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held in a comfortable space in the library.

Users would like to see a number of suggestions implemented in a new library space. Among the most prominent ideas listed for "new facilities" were: computers/the Internet, a washroom, study and work areas, a storytelling area, community bulletin board, display area for new materials, and a place to sit and read. Other suggestions included a puppet show area, space for workshops, fax service, a greater variety of movies, more audio/large print books, and a resource centre.

Many responding to the survey stated their interest in volunteering, or just helping out occasionally as a "Friend of the Library". The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is June 3, 7:30 p.m., at the Old Millbrook School. For more information, call Susan Dixon at 932-3344. ♣



COMMON GROUND

## Preventing Garden Gaps

By Jill Williams

In the best of all possible worlds, perennials in the border spread out healthy new growth at just the right moment to hide the fading brown foliage of various bulbs. Anyone who has been to Patrick Lima and John Scanlan's garden, Larkwhistle, in the Bruce Peninsula, will know what I mean about how this inter-planting can work to great effect.

Sometimes, though, even the best planned gardens are left with gaps after the daffodils disappear. I'd like to offer some suggestions about self-seeding annuals to fill up those spaces, and any other corners that might need a little something.

The most obvious advantage of self-seeding annuals is that you only buy the plants or seeds once. After that, they come up every year on their

own and nothing more than a little thinning is necessary. It's very important to learn what the seedlings of various annuals look like. Otherwise, you may weed them out in the spring, and have to start all over again. So watch carefully what develops from your seeds, and you will be able to recognize the same seedlings again next year.

Last spring I planted California poppy plants among the fading crocuses in my garden. I let several go to seed in August and now there are lots of seedlings where the original plants were, and few elsewhere. Don't be too much of a keener about deadheading every single one of your annuals. If you do too good a job, your plants won't set seeds to produce new plants for the following year.

Here are a few of my favourite self-seeding annuals. They are all easy to grow, beautiful to look at, and don't require much care once established.

Calendula: As well as being a well-known medicinal herb, Calendula is a pretty orange or yellow flower on compact plants.

Cosmos: I once met someone from South Africa who told me that Cosmos is that country's most popular weed, and that if you couldn't grow it, then you couldn't

grow anything! Cosmos grows 3 to 4 feet high, and has pink, purple or white flowers with attractive foliage.

Plains coreopsis: Very pretty yellow daisy flowers, flecked with brown, and delicate, feathery foliage, 3 ft. high.

Larkspur: Flowers come in many colours and look like the perennial Delphinium, 2 - 4 ft. high, depending on the variety.

Love-in-a-mist: Pretty, unusual flowers in pink, white, or blue set in finely cut foliage, seed pods are good for dried flower arrangements, 8 inches high.

Poppies: California poppies (not really poppies, but I'll put them in that group anyway), corn poppies, Shirley poppies, opium poppies. Poppies come in many colours and flower types—from single crepe paper-like Shirley poppies, to very durable, peony-flowered opium poppies. Heights depend on variety.

Sunflower: Many years ago, I planted a multibranching sunflower called Colour Fashion at the edge of my vegetable garden. It flowered in beautiful combinations of bronze and yellow, and has returned every year since then. There are lots of colours and sizes, from dwarf to Mammoth Russian. ♣



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

By George Luchuk

Back in 1991, my son Greg and I thought that we should really have a crack at some muskie fishing in the Kawarthas. After all, the area is famous for this species.

Now, normally, I'm a trout fisherman who just loves going up north as soon as the ice goes out in early May, but that winter being later than usual, I didn't relish the thought of camping in the snow.

We checked the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations and decided that we'd try for muskie on June 10.

However, all of our fishing equipment was geared to catching smaller fish, so we had to exchange our 6 pound line with 20 pound test. Boy, did we ever have to purchase a lot of bigger lures!

We consulted with some old muskie fishermen and I think we ended up getting every imaginable type of lure: we had Rapellas, Mepps, artificial frogs, muskats, and deer hair. You name it, we had it.... or so we thought. What hap-



## Muskie Feathers?

pened to us on that fateful day in June became a truly enlightening experience.

We chose Pigeon Lake as our destination, and set out with the canoe on top of my station wagon. The weather seemed just right—overcast with no wind and the weatherman said there was only a ten percent chance of rain. We launched the canoe at Gannons Narrows and soon reached our chosen lake. Our lines were in the water by 7 a.m.

I soon realized there's more to muskie fishing than casting out the lure and retrieving it—this had to be some smart fish! I think we tried our luck all over that lake and not even a nibble—until about 5pm. At that time we were fishing in a nice, quiet, marshy bay. There seemed to be a lot of birds flying around, including geese and ducks, so I thought this could also be a good muskie area.

It was Greg who noticed it first: a splash about 100 feet away in the middle of a family of baby ducks bobbing on the water. You guessed it—muskie!! And probably a very large one. We paddled to the area and tried most of our lures but to no avail. That fish was on a regular diet of duck!

We weren't far from a tourist lodge, so thinking quickly, we paddled over to their store and purchased a child's rubber duck, rigged

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The Muskie was hooked.  
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up some hooks on it, and raced back to that muskie. It only took one cast and.... WHAM! The Muskie was hooked. What a monster, at least four feet in length!

We didn't want to waste any time so we paddled back to the lodge hoping to have this magnificent fish photographed and weighed. When we finally put the fish on the scale, you can imagine our surprise when it weighed in at only five pounds. "It must be a fault with the scales," we immediately thought. Greg suggested "why don't we clean the fish out; now that we have the photographs?" Guess what! That great and magnificent muskie was full of feathers!

We sure learned a lot that year about muskie fishing and I can now say that Greg and I are truly enlightened fishermen. It is sincerely hoped that through this true recounting, you are a little more enlightened too! ♣



CREATIVE PARENTING

## Play Patterns

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

When your little one first arrives, he sleeps and nurses, cries and burps. Suddenly, the first smile lights up his and anyone else's face that happens to be in sight.

Tiny fingers, tiny toes, tiny ears, tiny nose, BIG smile. It never ceases to amaze me just how big these baby smiles are... from ear to ear comes to mind. All of a sudden, a favourite toy, a mobile, or a simple game of peek-a-boo brings this lovely reaction again and again. Your baby is starting to play!

Once a baby is sitting up, aided or unaided, in a chair or on the floor, he will start to pick up and explore whatever is within grasp. Looking at, banging, tasting and throwing are all ways a baby will interact with an object. Once a child is sitting and crawling, he will move from place to place, spending a small amount of time in each area. It's the moving, the newness of being able to "check things out", that this age group is most interested in. For the most part, the child is playing alone at this stage, known as "solitary play".

The age of "babyproofing" begins and lasts until your child can understand the concept of "danger" and "not for touching", sometime between the ages of two and four, and depending on the child. Finally, the toddler appears. He toddles for approximately two weeks, and then he's off and running. I

watched a show recently on TV Ontario addressing parenting issues, and different age groups and their activities. The mother of a toddler was having a cup of tea with a friend, while her son crawled, walked and ran about the cafe they were in (THAT's another issue!). Anyway, in the time it took to have their tea, approximately half an hour, this child had travelled a quarter of a mile! This is the busiest time of all!

If the child isn't running carefree through the parking lot, he is protectively playing with his things. Toddlers are at the stage in play known as "parallel play". They will play beside another child, sometimes with similar toys, but will not play with the other child. This is the age group where confrontation is most likely to occur. Ownership is all important and whose it is, or who had it first, is not important. The

Toddler's Creed says it better than I can:

*If I want it,  
it's mine.*

*If I give it to you and change  
my mind later,  
it's mine.*

*If I can take it away from you,  
it's mine.*

*If I had it a little while ago,  
it's mine.*

*If it's mine,  
it will never belong to  
anyone else,  
no matter what.*

*If we are building  
something together,  
all the pieces are mine.*

*If it looks just like mine,  
it is mine.*

The next stage of play is known as "associative play". This type of play usually consists of playing together, but without a common goal in mind. Playing house can consist of 2 mothers, one baby and three dads, and painting a mural together rarely has a theme. However, children are starting to play together, starting to listen to each other, and beginning to share. A word about sharing: I read somewhere that a child cannot understand the concept of sharing until he is in his third or fourth year. "Sharing" to a younger

child means relinquishing ownership. Hence the Toddler's Creed!

The last stage of play is known as "co-operative play", and is usually seen in the four to five year old group. By this age, children will group together, role play, and work toward a common goal. The concept of "dangerous" and "not for touching", and sharing well or the concept of sharing, is understood. It's the relinquishing of ownership that's the hard part!

These stages of play, and the age groups of the children, are not etched in stone. Many young children, with the positive influence of playmates and siblings, can accept the idea of sharing and co-operative play, and many older children find solitary play both enjoyable and educational. Solitary play can be very sophisticated, and the child involved may discover things not noticed with the business of other children around. Stages of play can be combined, and interacted with at many different times in a child's, teen's or adult's life. While playing, children make choices and decisions for themselves, take control, successfully

follow through on "plans", and make rules. They are able to find limitless ways of exploring and experimenting, and they can ever-so-slightly alter the game, to include something a little more challenging.

Success is important to a child's self-esteem, confidence, and willingness to try new things. Hmmmm, maybe we could learn something here about setting attainable goals?

*"My mother loved children-  
she would have given anything  
if I had been one."*

— Groucho Marx

*"All that I am or hope to be, I  
owe to my angel mother."*

— Abraham Lincoln

If any one is interested in writing a letter to oppose the September 1, 1998 starting date for school, the following are the names and addresses to contact with your concerns:

- Beth Selby - Area Superintendent 1-800-263-7890 Ext. 241
- Dick Moloney-Director of Education

Both of these people can be written to at: District School Board #14, 934 D'Arcy St. North, Box 470, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4L2. ♣



COSMIC COMICS

## Happy Birthday Gemini!

By Crystal Eyes

Noticed any festivities lately? I'm sure you have. For one thing, the summer weather has hit, and people are in a great mood. Secondly, Geminis (May 21-June 21) are in their birthday season, and if there is a sign that knows how to celebrate, it's Gemini!

Gemini is the first social sign of the zodiac. Geminis love chit chat, bright colours, and events that involve the community. At no time is this more

evident than on their birthday, or more accurately called their birthmonth. Geminis have a knack for dragging their birthday out as long as possible.

Now it could be that they simply have so many friends that it takes a long time to see everyone. Gemini is one of the most popular signs around, but I suspect that their long and highly celebrated birthdays have more to do with Gemini's communication skills than anything else.

It boils down to this: while the rest of us wait around silently, hoping that people will acknowledge our special day, Geminis are on the computer printing up maps to their big birthday bash — the one they are throwing for themselves!

I have witnessed this first hand with my best friend who is a Gemini. Several weeks before her birthday, the word goes out. She starts dropping

humorous hints for the people around her and soon everyone is aware not only that her birthday is approaching, but exactly what she'd like to do to celebrate.

It's quite funny, but of course, wit is a Gemini trait. You'll comment that she looks nice and she replies, "Oh are you just saying that because my birthday is twelve days away?" She'll be at a store when the clerk returns her change, she'll turn to her hubby and say, "It's so nice to get good service when your birthday is less than a week away."

As the day draws near, she answers the phone "Soon-to-be-birthday girl here" and ever present on her head is a brightly decorated party hat. We all get a chuckle and frankly speaking, it works. In fact, I'd love to tell you more about it, but I have a party to attend! ♣

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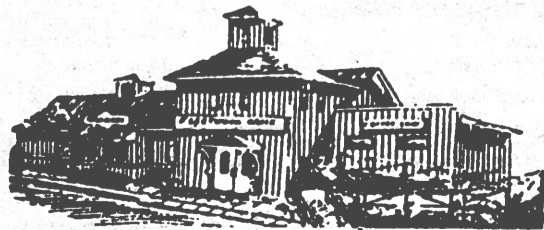


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## SPORTS



Mike Heeringa of Fraserville prepares for his next Ontario Cup Circuit race.

# Biker seeks all-terrain glory



Barry Larock

Steering his way through the bush, 15-year-old Mike Heeringa loves to ride his mountain bike. Last year, the native of Fraserville traded in his motorcross bike for a Specialized Rock Hopper and a chance at all-terrain glory.

"A few of my friends were getting into it, so I decided to as well," noted Heeringa recently.

"I've taken it a little more seriously this year, and I've really tried to train hard and prepare for some upcoming races. I would love to at least crack the top five on a couple of the circuits, which is really difficult, in hopes of at least securing a couple of sponsors."

Although Heeringa admits that securing a sponsor would be his ultimate goal, he is also involved in the sport for other, less commercial, reasons.

"Ontario has some of the best trails in the country, and it really is an amazing sport to get into," he added.

"Every turn is technical and every ride is challenging. Just imagine a heavily wooded area, tight trees all around, and a mountain bike whipping through the trails as fast as you can peddle. I also really like the competitive nature of the sport, because it's constantly pushing myself as well as the other riders to do the best we possibly can."

The next race on Heeringa's agenda is an Ontario Cup Circuit race set for June 14 at the Skyloft Resort near Uxbridge. The Ontario Cup Circuit is a high end competitive cham-

pionship circuit in the province and Heeringa confesses he'll be up against some stiff competition.

"I placed seventh in my last race, a Giant 5 Race in Bethany, because I needed to push myself a little harder and I just couldn't find the energy," Heeringa explained, who idolizes Canadian Olympic Silver medalist Allison Sydor and 'Specialized' bikes-sponsored rider Ned Overend.

"This one won't be any easier either. There are a lot of strong racers at this level but I think I'm ready. My goal is to crack the top five finishers, and that will be an accomplishment based on the fact that this will be my first attempt at the Ontario Cup Circuit."

In addition to Heeringa, there are two other notable mountain bike racers in the Millbrook area. Kevin Calhoun is currently ranked ninth in Ontario for his age and skill class, while Mitch Conrad is just a rookie on the cross country mountain bike circuit, learning all that he can about the sport and its racers. ♣

## "Squirt" Softball

By Gord Page

On Wednesday, May 20, Millbrook Squirts defeated Janetville 31-11 in the Pontypool and District Softball League. Millbrook scored 7 runs in each of the first 4 innings. Chris Bush and J.J. Powell each hit 2 home runs and Scott Page, Matt O'Brien, Evan Mathews, and Chris Schier all hit 1. Schier, Bush, Powell, and Page also hit doubles. Millbrook got solid pitching from Chris Bush, Robert Scheuneman, Andrew Welk, and Chris Schier.

On Monday, May 25, Millbrook Squirts defeated Cavan "2", 21-11. Millbrook's top run producers were Ronnie Lunn, Matt Dunphy, and Andrew Welk all with 3. The top Sluggers, with 1 home run each, were Matt O'Brien, Chris Schier, Evan Mathews, and Stephanie Wideman. Scott Page had a triple and Schier had a double. Pitching for the winners were Welk, Chris Bush, and J.J. Powell. Chris Schier made a great defensive play at 3rd base for an out, and Andrew

Noonan and Scott Page made nice catches in the field.

On Wednesday, May 27, Millbrook Squirts defeated South Monaghan "2", 31-8. Millbrook's top run producers were Stephanie Wideman, Chris Schier, J.J. Powell, and Matt Dunphy, all with 4 runs each. Homeruns went to Schier, Wideman, Andrew Welk, and Evan Mathews with a Grand Slam. Triples to Powell, Welk, and Chris Bush with 2. Millbrook got outstanding pitching from Welk, Bush, and Powell. Welk made an outstanding catch in deep centre field, and Mathews ended the game with an unassisted double play on first. ♣

## "Mite" Softball

By Gord Page

On Tuesday, May 19, Millbrook Mites "1", defeated Bethany 19-2 in the Pontypool and district Softball League. Millbrook got strong pitching from Brandon Bigelow, Matt Musclow, Tim Page, and Lindsay O'Brien. Millbrook's top run producers were Mike Musclow, Ethan Musclow, Katie Bates, Kyle Withers, Lindsay O'Brien, and Tyler

O'Brien, all with 2 runs each. The top hitters were Bigelow with 2 doubles, Page, and Matt Musclow, each with 1. The defensive play of the game was an unassisted double play at 2nd base by Katie Bates.

On Thursday, May 21, Millbrook "1" Mites defeated Pontypool 16-2. Millbrook's top run producers were Jessica Posavad, Katie Bates, and Brandon Bigelow, with 2 each. Tim Page and Bigelow were the top hitters each hitting doubles. For the second game in a row, Millbrook got solid pitching from Matt Musclow, Lindsay O'Brien, Page, and Bigelow.

On Tuesday, May 26, Millbrook Mites "1" defeated South Monaghan 18-11. Millbrook's top run producers were Tim Page with 3, Mitchell Howden, Ethan Musclow, Willie Blair, and Matt Musclow, all with 2. Kyle Withers and Matt Musclow were the big hitters, both hitting triples. Millbrook got great pitching from Matt Musclow, Tim Page, Kyle Withers, and Brandon Bigelow. Page made an unassisted double play at first base. Kyle Withers made the catch of the game in deep centre field, and threw to first for a double play. ♣

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MADCAP (Millbrook & District Community Access Program) is a new federally funded program with the goal to train as many people as are interested in the use of the Internet and to give our municipality a presence on the Information Highway through a specially designed Web page.

The new site is set to open on July 1 and there is still lots to get accomplished. If you would like to help with this important project, please call Margot Loucks, Millbrook Public Library, (705) 932-2919.

### Peterborough Ecology Park Call for Volunteers!

Assisting with compost sales: Tues. 1-5, Thurs. 1-5 & 6-8, Sun. 1-4 at the park located in Beavermead Park near the PUC. Ask for Sylvia Miedinger or Doug Rooksby. Volunteer Drop in Day, Wed. 10a.m.-5p.m. at the park. A variety of tasks will be available.

### Baileboro Library Boutique

To work one day a month, on Tuesdays from noon to 3pm or Saturdays 10am to 1pm. Work includes sorting, sizing and displaying items and making the Boutique attractive. For more details, call the Baileboro Library at 939-6510.

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# Kawartha Summer Camp

By Barry Larock

Do you have plans for your children this summer? Well if not, Mike O'Neill would like to help out.

O'Neill is the owner of Recreation Planners Group, who, in cooperation with the Millbrook, Cavan and North Monaghan Recreation Committee, will offer an eight-week Kawartha Summer Kids Camp from July 6 to Aug. 28 at the Millbrook Community Centre. The program will run each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at a cost of \$50.00 per week,

or \$18.00 per day per child. A prepaid price of \$360.00 will cover the cost of the entire eight week program.

"I've been following the recreation committee meetings and I can really see a need for this type of programming in the community," said O'Neill, a resident of Millbrook.

"Our goal is to keep the children active and happy, with a variety of outdoor and indoor activities planned, as well as theme days and special activities such as a tour of the fire station, Kennedy Sugar Bush and fishing at the Millbrook pond. It really should be a lot of fun for everyone."

According to O'Neill, the Kawartha Summer Kids Camp is an excellent opportunity to enhance a child's personal growth and development through par-

ticipation in exciting recreation and leisure activities.

O'Neill is a student of the Sir Sandford Fleming College Recreation and Leisure Services Program, and plans to hire additional staff for the camp, including Early Childhood Education specialists and other recreation specialists from the Fleming program. Volunteers are also required to assist with the camp.

"Things are really going well with this program, with registration to begin June 1 and run through to June 26," noted O'Neill.

"There's only enough space for some 40 campers on a first come first served basis, so I advise people to register early."

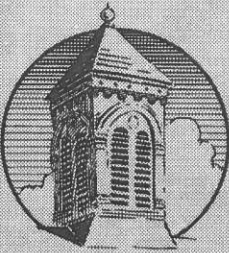
For more information or to register after June 1 for this program, contact the Recreation Planners Group at 932-2019. ♣

# Community Calendar

Tear out this page and post!

KEEP THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE OR WALL FOR QUICK REFERENCE TO UPCOMING EVENTS. IF YOU KNOW OF A COMMUNITY EVENT THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT CALENDAR, PLEASE FAX THE INFORMATION TO (705) 932-4041, OR CALL (705) 932-5402, OR MAIL IT TO THE GAZETTE, 69 KING STREET EAST, MILLBROOK, ONTARIO, L0A 1G0.

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

**Millbrook Playschool**  
 Held every Tuesday and Thursday (except third Tuesday) at Millbrook Christian Assembly, 9:30a.m.-11:30 a.m., \$2/visit or \$10/month, call Wilma at 932-5547 for more info.

**New to You**  
 Used clothing on sale at the Millbrook Community Care office, Mon-Fri 11:00a.m.-noon, Sat 10:00a.m.-noon.  
**Shuffleboard**  
 Every Thursday at the arena at 1:30PM.

**Bingo**  
 Every Thursday at the Millbrook Legion at 7:45PM.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

**Canadian Olde Tyme Fiddle & Step Dance Contest**  
 at the Douro Community Centre, Hwy 134 East of Peterborough. Info: Michael LeMoire at (705) 652-7776.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**Cullen Gardens & Miniature Village Bus Tour**  
 Depart Millbrook arena 10:00a.m. and return 5:00p.m. Tickets are \$25/PP, \$40/Couple. Special price for kids under 12 and Seniors. For tickets call (705) 932-2019.

**Canadian Fiddle & Step Dance Contest**  
 See June 5 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.  
**Millbrook Library Boutique**  
 At the Old Millbrook School. Used clothing and accessories. Wed 12:30-2:30PM, Sat 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

**Baillieboro Library Boutique**  
 Tues noon-3:00p.m., Sat 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Proceeds to the Baillieboro Library.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**Bewdley Farmers Market**  
 every Sunday until Oct.11. Hwy. 28 next to the Olco gas station. 9:00-2:00p.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

**Deadline for Written Submissions to The Gazette**  
 For June 18 issue

**Planning Meeting**  
 in Council chambers at 7:00p.m.

**Creative Card Making**  
 Every Monday at the Community Care Office from 9:30-11:30a.m. Call 932-2011.

**Bridge**  
 Every Monday at the Millbrook Legion at 1:00p.m.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

**Millbrook and District Food Share opens its doors**  
 from 2p.m.-7p.m., at the Old Millbrook School, Dufferin St., every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tues.

**Taoist Tai Chi Class**  
 at the Old School beginning at 7:30p.m.. Info: Steve Guthrie at 748-4900.

**Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School**  
 Tuesdays at Cavan Community Centre. Info: Pam Hartwick 277-1938.

**Millbrook Playschool**  
 See June 4 for details.

**Baillieboro Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting**  
 at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook. 7:00p.m..

**Lunch out w. Community Care**  
 Call 932-2011 for more info.

**Euchre**  
 Every Wednesday at the Millbrook Legion at 1:30p.m..

The Recreation Planners Group is asking for donations of new and used toys and play equipment for the upcoming Kawartha Summer Kids Camp to be offered in the Municipality of Millbrook, Cavan, and South Monaghan. Also the RPG would highly appreciate monetary donations for the purchase of recreational play gear. Please call (705) 932-2019 for more information.

**Millbrook Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.  
**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**Ad Deadline for The Gazette**  
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**Millbrook Playschool**  
 See June 4 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.  
**Shuffleboard**  
 See June 4 for details.

**Bingo**  
 See June 4 for details.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

**Millbrook Fair**  
 See page 7 for schedule.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

**Millbrook Fair**  
 See page 7 for schedule.

**Green Exchange**  
 at the Municipal yard in Millbrook. Take or give what you like for a loonie (no clothes please).

**Millbrook Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**Baillieboro Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**Millbrook Fair**  
 See page 7 for schedule.

**Bewdley Farmers Market**  
 See June 7 for details.

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

**Committee of Whole Council Meeting**  
 in Council chambers at 7:30p.m.

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**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

**Seniors' Picnic**  
 lunch and entertainment at Cavan Maple Leaf Park, from 12:00-2:30p.m.. Tickets are \$3.00/person, available at the Community Care Office, 12 King St., Millbrook. Call 932-2011 if you need a ride.

**Millbrook & District Food Share**  
 See June 9 for details.

**Taoist Tai Chi Class**  
 See June 9 for details.

**Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School**  
 See June 9 for details

**Baillieboro Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

**Historical Society Meeting**  
 at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St., Millbrook. Begins at 7:30p.m.

**Blood Pressure Clinics**  
 10:30-11:30a.m.at the Millbrook Manor. 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Millbrook Legion.

**Millbrook Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**Euchre**  
 See June 10 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

**Millbrook Playschool**  
 See June 4 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

**Shuffleboard**  
 See June 4 for details.

**Bingo**  
 See June 4 for details.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

**Dance at Millbrook Legion**  
 Organized by the North Cavan School Council to raise money for new playground equipment 9p.m.-1a.m.. Admission is \$5.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20

**Millbrook Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**Baillieboro Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

**FATHERS' DAY! Memorial Service**  
 St. Paul's Cemetery - 4th Line, Cavan at 3:00p.m.. Lead by Rev. Susan Sheen.

**Service of Rededication**  
 St. John's, Ida at 4:00p.m.. All welcome.

**Bewdley Farmers Market**  
 See June 7 for details.

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

**Deadline for Written Submissions to The Gazette**  
 For July 2 issue

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**Millbrook & Dist. Food Share**  
 See June 9 for details.

**Taoist Tai Chi Class**  
 See June 9 for details

**Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School**  
 See June 9 for details

**Millbrook Playschool**  
 See June 4 for details.

**Baillieboro Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**Millbrook Library Boutique**  
 See June 6 for details.

**New to You**  
 See June 4 for details.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25


**Ad Deadline for The Gazette**  
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**Millbrook Playschool**  
 See June 4 for details.

**New to You**  
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**Shuffleboard**  
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**Bingo**  
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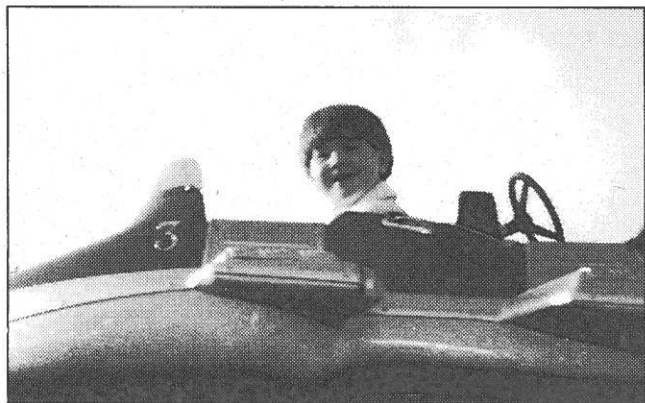
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## Centre Island adventure for whole family

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

As summer holidays quickly approach, once again we ask the question: "What am I going to do with the children again this year?"

A day trip can be fun, inexpensive and educational, with a little thought and some preparation. A favourite family tradition in our home is a trip to Toronto Centre Island. I always pack a picnic lunch, complete with drinks, snacks, table cloth (beach towel) and a wet facecloth (or wetnaps).

We start off driving to Pickering GO station. For one adult and three children (ages 5-11), the cost is \$21.50, round trip (\$8.60 adult, \$4.30 child under 12). The train starts at 6:06 a.m., and stops at midnight, arriving and departing in 1 hour intervals between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.. We leave the car for the day for free, and it's off to Union Station!

The train takes about 40 minutes to reach Toronto, so cards, books, a map of the city and "I spy" help to pass the time more quickly.

Once at Union Station, we take the R.T. (Underground Rapid Transit) and the Spadina streetcar one block south to Queen's Quay (pronounced "key"). The cost of T.T.C. is \$2 per adult, and 50 cents for

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children under 12. Student fare is full price unless a valid student card is shown. On Sundays and holidays, a family day pass is available. For two adults and four children, the cost of the pass is \$6.50.

At Queen's Quay, we cross Front Street with the lights, and on the southeast corner, you will see the Toronto Island Ferry Dock entrance. With a two minute walk, you're at the ferry docks. The cost of the round trip fares are \$4 per adult, \$2 for seniors and teens between 15 and 19 (again, a student card is necessary), and \$1 for children under 15. So for us, it costs \$7.

Leaving the Toronto mainland, and watching the skyline growing smaller (if that's possible!) is still an awesome sight. The CN Tower, the Skydome, and the old and beautiful Royal York Hotel are just a few of

the landmarks that you'll leave behind.

The ferry ride takes about 20 minutes. The upper deck is open, the wind is in your face and hair, the waves rising and falling as the ferry pushes its way through. The lower deck is closed (glassed in), so if the weather is less than perfect, or the children are nervous, you have the option to go "below decks". A word of warning: there are no lifejackets offered to young passengers, so, if in doubt, bring some of your own. (There are large lockers you can use for \$1 that will hold most/all of your extras once at Centreville).

When the ferry docks, inevitably a family of ducks paddle out of the way, and with just inches to spare, miraculously escape unharmed. The ferry loads and unloads from both ends, so if you walk the length of the ferry when you first board, you'll be at the front of the line to get off.

There is lots of room for strollers and bicycles, so come prepared! Roller blades or roller skates are not permitted in the waiting area or on board, but once you're on the Island, paved trails are at your disposal. Maps and information centres are easy to see, and easy to read. Washrooms are usually clean, and well stocked. There are playgrounds and picnic areas, and more Canada geese than you can shake a stick at, which might toddle over if children entice them with leftover sandwich crusts (seagulls, too!).

After lunch, a trip to the bathroom and off to Centreville. First thing we do is get a locker to put away all the things you no longer need. For \$55, a family of four can ride all the rides, all day. There is a water log ride, ferris wheel, roller coaster, bumper cars, antique cars on tracks which the older child must operate, fire engines complete with bells for the younger child, paddle boat

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swans, and the spookiest haunted house ride ever! It really is quite scary. My youngest wasn't quite comfortable, even last year, and he was five!! So discuss this ride with your children first.

All the games are \$1, and the staff try and "help" the youngest children to succeed in winning. Snow cones, candy floss, ice cream, Belgian waffles (mmmmm!!), pizza and nachos are just a few of the treats available. There is a gift shop and a midway all included in the "old town" atmosphere. The lockers are close to the wading pool, which is free to use, and has two lifeguards posted on duty. This is our last stop before heading home.

The total cost for a family of four, including all transportation, rides and locker, is \$94.50 for the day. My children each bring \$10 of their own money to play the games, and I buy the extra treats (which can be

the most expensive purchases of all).

When the dust settles and all is said and done, we have happy, tired, wind-blown children, sleeping or chatting on the way home. We have a tired but satisfied mom, who even after splurging and spending \$10 on each child and herself for treats (oh, those Belgian waffles!), has spent only \$133.50 for a whole day of fun and adventure.

For times of arrival and departure, here are the necessary numbers to plan your itinerary:

- GO station  
1-416-869-3200
- T.T.C. 1-416-393-4636
- Toronto Centre Island  
1-416-392-8193 ♣

*We hope to provide you with more wonderful ideas for cheap and cheerful trips and activities with your children throughout the summer. Stay tuned for details in coming issues!*

## Casino

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Social Justice and Archie McKay, the Executive Director of the Family Counselling service, requested that Council "reject charity casinos and VLTs for the township and avert the dire consequences which would ensue from their acceptance."

Rev. Howlett explained "as you are well aware, in the recent municipal elections, Peterborough, along with twenty-nine other municipalities in special referenda, turned down the acceptance of casinos 2 to 1." Quoting David Tsubouchi, the Minister for Consumer and Commercial Affairs, in a letter to *The Peterborough Examiner*, he said, "let me be clear. Local municipal councils will determine whether their individual communities will actually host these clubs. Not the province." ♣



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