

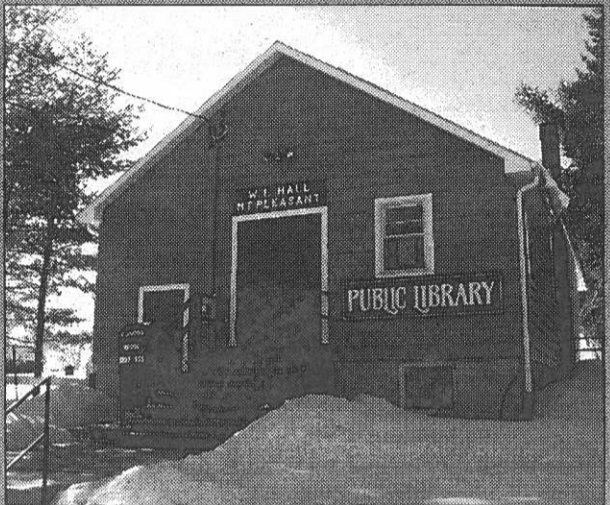
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## Say goodbye, say hello



The Mount Pleasant Library (above) is moving to the former North Monaghan municipal office on Davis Road, offering better facilities and a more central location for northern township residents.

## Mt. Pleasant Library moves March 2nd

It's the end of an era for the Mount Pleasant Library.

The library will move from the Mount Pleasant location to the former North Monaghan municipal building on Davis Road by March 2. Although the friendly, community focus will remain the same, the name will change to the Bruce Johnston Branch Library.

Opened in November 1976, with 800 books and a card table for the circulation desk, the Mount Pleasant Library's site was provided by the Women's Institute. The first librarian was Edna Visee, a Mount Pleasant resident.; Bonnie Bullock took over from Edna in June 1986.

The library soon took over time and space from Women's Institute's activities, and is now open 16 hours a week, with over 7,000 books, magazines, videos, books on tape and computers for referencing. It has also been the site for Millbrook and District Community Access Programme's internet service. Most of the library's shelving is portable, and can be wheeled to the side for W.I. or community use.

As approximately 400 families now use the library, there's always demand for more services and books. For every new book acquired,

one had to be discarded due to space restrictions! The 50% larger space at the new facility will provide lots of room for growth and a range of library-related activities. Librarian Bonnie Bullock says most users are enthusiastic about the move. "When people realized it's not far off the beaten track from Peterborough, they thought it was a good idea. Those within walking distance with children are the most disappointed."

Although the library's new digs will be much appreciated by patrons, it's with some sadness that the library leaves the Women's Institute premises. Bonnie says the W.I. has been "really gracious and helpful" over the years. "The rent is low, but really, this has been a public service the Women's Institute has provided for the community."

Furthering this community spirit, volunteers are offering time and energy to help with the move. Bonnie has really appreciated the hard work of volunteers Bill Steed and Jim Byer, who are currently making permanent shelving for children's books. Mr. Byer has altered the old desk used by municipal staff at the entry of the new site for circulation use.

Services and hours will remain the same at the new location. ♣

## Schickedanz: OMB threats



Developer Bruno Schickedanz's representative Greg Defreitas (front) listens to ratepayers during February 8 public meeting.

By Michele Curran

By threatening to take Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council to the Ontario Municipal Board over the Baxter Creek Estates development, developer Bruno Schickedanz's representative Greg Defreitas has further raised the ire of Millbrook and area residents.

Councillor Brian Fallis chaired the February 8 consultation with concerned residents, in order for Council to address ratepayers' questions and concerns regarding the Baxter Creek Estates plan of development. These questions were to be answered at press time, and Council will have voted whether or not to approve a re-zoning to

allow the subdivision to proceed on Feb. 15.

At the opening of the meeting, Fallis asked if there was anybody who would speak in defense of the developer and the current plan of subdivision. Defreitas told the 40 people in attendance the developer has spent a significant amount of money hiring consultants to meet conditions set by both Otonabee Regional Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources prior to Council's approval of the plan of subdivision. The revision of the latest plan of development was to address environmental concerns.

The majority of the ratepayers present were unsympathetic to the developer's plight, and took issue with Defreitas' threat. Grace Glass said it was "a scary thing when a developer starts to make threats."

Catriona Sinclair added, "If Schickedanz has to beg, he is not on solid ground."

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## New allegations of Council misconduct

By Michele Curran

In the midst of the current legal battle between Council and Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrel over alleged Elections Act misconduct, there are new allegations the Reeve and Councillor Alex Ruth contravened the Act.

At the Feb. 1 meeting, ratepayer Ken Greenberg asked Council to investigate whether Cathcart and Ruth were guilty of contraventions to the Municipal Elections Act. According to his investigations, Greenberg alleges Ruth and Cathcart did not open a bank account, and registered incorrect financial statements — apparent contraventions of the Municipal Elections Act.

In his presentation to Council, Greenberg asked Mr. Ruth if he had opened a bank account. When he did not respond, Greenberg surmised, "It would seem... Alex Ruth, by his own admission, in response to

questions by delegate Dan Smith on November 2, 1998, did not open an account..."

*When Greenberg asked if the surplus was more or less than \$500, the Reeve said, "It was less than \$10."*

Greenberg also challenged the Reeve's financial statement of January 29, 1998. "The statement contains what appears to be inaccurate and/or missing information." Drawing from the Reeve's financial statement, Greenberg noted the Reeve indicated he had a surplus, but that he did not fill in the exact amount of the surplus. When Greenberg asked the Reeve directly about this discrepancy, the Reeve replied he had many accounts and didn't know what the sur-

plus was. When asked if the surplus was more or less than \$500, the Reeve said, "It was less than \$10."

Greenberg then explained, "Even if the contribution came from the candidate's own pocket, it must be listed on the financial statement."

The Reeve told Greenberg it was too late to lay these charges, as the cut-off date was last February. Greenberg replied the Reeve was in error, and said the "Act does not specify any time limitations regarding when the alleged violation was committed, or when the allegations are brought forward."

Greenberg concluded, "I have cause to believe that Mr. Ruth and Mr. Cathcart may have violated the Elections Act and I formally request this council, at a minimum, investigate further to determine the facts in this matter." He also wanted all financial records made public so that

he could inspect them.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Brian Fallis put forth a motion asking the Clerk to review Greenberg's allegations of falsified bank accounts, surpluses and corrupt practices and to report back to Council. Councillor Gerry Downer seconded the motion. ♣

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# Jury still out on downloading

By Michele Curran

Policing, land ambulances, the control of noise pollution, and welfare services are but a few of the services that are now the responsibility of municipal governments.

The jury is still out as to whether or not downloading will have a positive outcome for residents in this area.

Over recent months, the provincial government has mandated — or is in the process of mandating — the transfer of several services to municipalities. The province says the realignment will make government less complicated, through a reduction in the overlapping and duplication of services, while offsetting the cost of removing some of the residential education taxes.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs spokesperson Linda Johnstone said the reasoning behind the transfer was so "the level of government that funds the service also operates the service." The province is hoping to complete the realignment of services, such as land ambulance, policing, welfare, and social and health services, by the year 2000.

Local Conservative MPP Gary Stewart expressed delight with his government's realignment of services. He conceded there may be some grumbling at the local level, due to an additional workload being placed on Peterborough County and municipalities. He believes

an effort from these levels of government will benefit the taxpayer in the end, by creating a more streamlined system.

When asked about how these changes will affect local taxpayers, he said there should be no effect — at least, no negative effects. He explained that in order for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan to achieve revenue neutrality (which refers to no additional costs for services previously provided by the province), the province has asked the municipality to find a saving of 1.7%, which is less than \$100,000. To assist municipalities with shortfalls, the province has set up the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF), as well as one-time only funds to offset the cost of the transfer.

Since many of these funds and grants were available only on a one-time basis, municipalities may be forced to look for savings in other ways in order to remain revenue neutral. One possibility posited by opponents to the downloading is that municipalities may have to cut the level of service or raise taxes. The result is that revenue neutrality is widely viewed as a potentially contentious issue. Municipal Affairs minister Ernie Eves, while attending a conference last year, denied saying there would be revenue neutrality in every municipality in Ontario.

Joe Tierney, Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Peterborough, views the restructuring of such services as land ambulances as more of an administrative headache than a funding issue. He said the level of service would remain the same. In 1998, the County paid \$2,814,000 for land ambulances, with each municipality contributing their share to the cost of this service. This year, the County hopes to reduce the cost by finding efficiencies in the new system.

*The recent realignment of services is only adding fuel to a potentially explosive situation in the municipality.*

Another service transferred to the municipalities was policing. OPP Inspector Jack Watkins expects to stay within his budget of approximately \$800,063 plus salaries, while providing the same level of service people of the area have come to expect. He proudly points out, "In all the history of the OPP, (we) have never been over budget."

Revenue recovery from traffic tickets, the future gaming operation at Kawartha Downs and the acquisition of any grants to offset policing will flow back to the municipality, said Watkins.

Yet not everyone is happy with the transfer of services. Councillor Gerry Downer said, "It was dumped on us." He feels the province dictated rather than negotiated the terms and did not give the municipalities a lot of choice in the matter. He would like the opportunity for clarification and verification of the 1.7% saving, which he says

is a provincial figure.

When asked about the recent downloading of services, Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell said the "only good thing about this government is its consistency in its approach. We were confused and frightened by the amount of downloading last year, and we are even more confused this year with its methodology as to how all of this downloading is revenue neutral. Furthermore, where we will find the money for all of the downloaded provincial responsibilities? We know where the money will come from—there is only one taxpayer." Furthermore, he added, "with all the recent downloading, the government is clearly getting out of politics and so people should ask themselves - what is the new role of the government?"

The recent realignment of services may be adding fuel to a potentially explosive situation in the municipality. To date, the total amount of tax arrears is close to \$1.3 million, possibly representing a tax-tired public who is unable or unwilling to pay their taxes. "What we might be seeing right now is a silent tax revolt, but the downside to

that is the people who are paying their taxes are subsidizing the ones that are not, and in essence, are affecting our service delivery," Squirrell said. He hopes in recovering these costs the municipality won't have to "get into the real estate business," as he feels repossession of properties is not the answer.

Fortunately, this year the municipality is in relatively good fiscal shape, owing to past reserves. It found the required 1.7% savings and achieved revenue neutrality by combining this surplus with the CRF and provincial grants such as the Special

Transition Fund. Squirrell hopes the municipality will be able to avoid future tax increases, and achieve revenue neutrality by finding efficiencies within the system, while still providing the best service possible. "You can't do more for less, it's impossible," he said. "We will have to redefine the service level, and may even have to partner up with other municipalities to share services."

He added, "Bigger is not better in the larger picture, and in the long run, it is more costly. We have survived the storm, but it is the aftermath we have to watch out for." ♣



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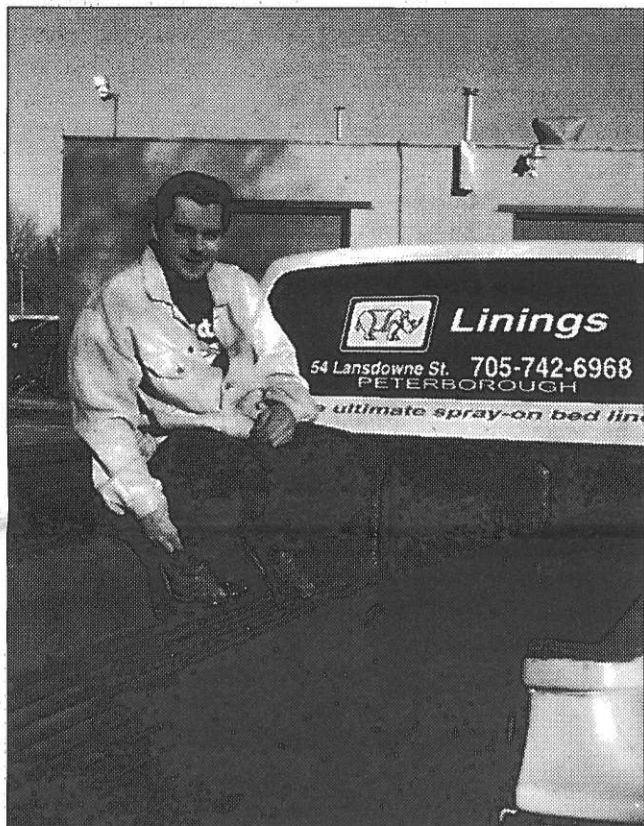
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## BUSINESS PROFILE



Anthony Calabrese with the innovative Rhino spray-on liner.

### A new technology for rural life: Rhino Truck Linings and Accessories

By Carol Vanecko

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"People are amazed at the amount of punishment Rhino Linings can take," he continued, explaining that they consist of a layer of 100% solvent-free

polyurethane sprayed on the contour of the truck bed. "Rhino bonds permanently to virtually any surface (steel, wood, aluminum, concrete, fibreglass), forming a protective cushion between cargo and truck bed. Furthermore, it molds around fifth-wheel hitches, tie-downs and utility boxes. "It's tough, durable, scratch and skid-resistant, maintenance-free and environmentally friendly - perfect for farmers transporting fertilizers, chemicals, animals, and so on."

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### Gemini: Hear Ye, Hear Ye

By Crystal Eyes

They say that Geminis have very acute senses. They say this because it is true, and you can say it too if you want. Go ahead, say it, they won't mind. You can even say it softly, they'll still hear you.

*One Gemini I know claims he can hear his father's plastic heart valves working.*

Most Geminis are quite proud of their heightened perception, especially their hearing.

Some even brag about it. One Gemini fellow I know claims he can hear wrist watches ticking from across a room. He says he can also hear his father's plastic heart valves working. I think he fashions himself a kind of superhero in this regard, but perhaps it is the cape with the big ear on it that gives me that impression.

One woman I know has difficulty going to the movies because of her Gemini daughter's hearing. Apparently, she was happily enjoying a film when her daughter pointed out the sound of all the patrons munching their popcorn. Try to block that noise out once you notice it!

Another Gemini's visual discrimination was so well developed that she too has trouble watching films. The problem was capped teeth. Once she learned to identify the fake teeth on actors it became so distracting that she would miss dialogue by thinking

"What ridiculous teeth! How could anyone think they were real looking when I can pick them out so easily?" (A Taurus would never notice caps. "Caps? I didn't even notice he had teeth! Who was that anyway?")

This Gemini's only recourse was to divert her attention away from the caps by listening to popcorn being eaten, but then she started looking around at all the people in the audience and found that more interesting than the movie. She has since stopped going to theatres altogether, opting instead to become a peeping Tom. ♣

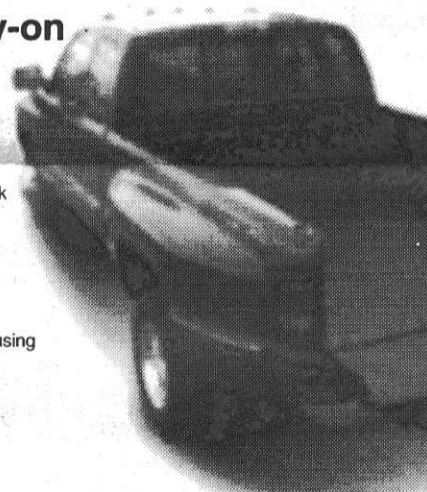
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The Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan

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Those applying must be capable of functioning collectively as part of a group, and working under adverse work and weather conditions, as outlined by the Municipal Fire Department Hiring Policy.

Applications, together with the job description and conditions of employment may be picked up at either of the following places:

1. Millbrook Fire Station, 52 King Street East, Millbrook, Ontario, Tel: 932-2765, or:
2. C.M.N.M. Municipal Office, 1 King Street East, Millbrook, Ontario, Tel: 932-2929, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Completed applications are to be returned to the Municipal Office, located at 1 King St. East, Millbrook, Ontario, clearly marked "Part-Time Firefighter Position" before 12 noon, Friday, February 26, 1999.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, and will be used to determine suitability for these positions.

We thank those persons who apply, but advise that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

## NOTICE

Corporation of the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan

### Residents of the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan:

The Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan is currently reviewing the home occupation and home industry provisions contained within the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-laws for the Municipality. The purpose of the review is to develop new policies and/or revise the existing policies to accommodate current trends in the development of home based businesses.

Home occupations and home industries are generally small businesses carried on within a residence or accessory building on a residential or rural lot. Currently, in the Township, restrictions are placed on the type of use permitted, the number of employees permitted, the floor space that may be used, signage, outside storage and parking.

To ensure that the home occupation and home industry provisions are current and meet the needs of community members, Council is seeking input from Township residents, ratepayers, business owners, and local interest groups. Written suggestions about necessary home occupation and home industry zoning by-law regulations will be accepted by the Township until March 5, 1999 at the Municipal Office in Millbrook. In addition, an informal open house will be held at the Municipal Office on March 8, 1999 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm to provide an opportunity for members of the community ask questions about current home occupation/industry regulations, and to provide suggestions as to how home occupations/industries should be regulated.

Once all comments and suggestions have been reviewed and considered, new home occupation/industry regulations will be drafted and a further public consultation will be scheduled.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Will Council bow to Schickedanz threats?**

**S**ticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me... or threats. In fact, by threatening Council and Millbrook residents with an Ontario Municipal Board hearing over the Baxter Creek Estates debacle, developer Bruno Schickedanz has further reinforced the community's resolve to see them at the OMB. Why is Council even entertaining cooperation with a developer that has consistently tried, in the words of one resident, to weasel out of various studies and testing that would ensure a good development?

Yes, Mr. Schickedanz has had his development on the table for over ten years. What a pity. Perhaps someone should have gotten the message long ago, either the developer himself or previous Councils, that in the midst of all these delays lies a truth — most of this land is not appropriate for sustainable, socially-responsible and environmentally sound development. When something has been hashed over this long, it would seem that many people, including some councillors, have had doubts about the feasibility of such a project.

Many of the residents present at the public meeting (which was farcical — there were no answers given or explanations offered in lay terms!) would agree with me that they are not opposed to good development. Quality homes, built solidly for the long-term satisfaction of homeowners, on carefully considered, environmentally sound land are still possible on portions of the parcel owned by Mr. Schickedanz. However, why is Council considering the development plan, which includes possible destruction of a trout stream and draining of sensitive wetlands — while a few steps up the road working to preserve the Baxter Creek wetlands adjacent to Medd's Mountain and provide a venue for environmental education?

And then there's the social cost. Work must be done with any developer, in partnership with the community, to ensure the social integration of any new subdivision — why not include walking trails, green spaces through the environmentally sensitive areas that could be used by the entire community, and foster relations between newcomers and longer-time residents? When we're (and I say "we're", because the decision is not Council's to make arbitrarily!) considering the sudden enlargement of the village population by as much as 20%, much listening and discussion must be held between the developer, Council and residents. Any good developer, and there are some good ones out there, would be happy to work with the existing community to create something wonderful.

By the time this editorial hits the mailbox, Council will have voted on whether or not to proceed with the current plan of subdivision, or go to the OMB. Council needs to consider carefully the wishes of the over 400 people who signed a petition against the current plan of subdivision before it acts. The decision may well display for the public whether or not this municipal government truly represents their constituency. ♣



**Unclaimed campaign expenses?**

Dear Ms. Empey (CEO and Council Members,

Further to my delegation Feb. 1, 1999, at council, and to my letter to the township on the same day regarding possible violations of the Municipal Elections Act by Reeve Cathcart and Councillor Ruth, I wish to point out other violations, namely:

1) Mr. Ruth printed and distributed a promotional flyer during his campaign (copy attached). Whether or not Mr. Ruth paid for this, or someone else did, the value of the flyer, actual or "in kind", should have been recorded as a contribution (Section 66(3) and 69(1)(d) of the Elections Act). Mr. Ruth's financial statement, however, does not list any contributions.

2) Furthermore, if the promotional material is classified as an expense, then it would appear that Mr. Ruth may be in violation of Section 69(1)(c) which states that "all payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts." Mr. Ruth did not, by his own admission on Nov. 2, 1998, open a campaign account.

3) In the Peterborough Examiner on Feb. 2, 1999, reporter Stephanie Wolfe wrote "Ruth denied allegations by Greenberg that he didn't open a bank account as required under the Act." Mr. Ruth did not deny my allegation during my delegation: therefore, if Wolfe's report is accurate, he must have done so afterward.

In any case, at the council meeting Nov. 2, 1998, at which I was present, I clearly, distinctly, unequivocally heard Ruth, in answer to a question by delegate Dan Smith, say that he did not open an account, that he did not need to, because he had received no contributions. Indeed, I keenly recall their raised voices in disagreement. It is etched into my memory. For verification, I suggest you contact other persons present (I can provide you some names) and the media reps who were present.

Furthermore, I suggest you ask Mr. Ruth for documentation and proof that he opened an account. If Mr. Ruth responds that he destroyed the proof, he may be guilty under Section 88(4) for destroying financial records.

In a separate matter, the same Examiner article reads: "Cathcart told the Examiner he doesn't have to declare personal contributions."

To this I reply that Mr. Cathcart should read Section 70(3) entitled "Contributions - who may contribute." Article 4 states: "Subject to subsection (5), the candidate and his or her spouse."

Lastly, on Feb. 1, 1999, prior to the council meeting, I phoned Linda Johnstone, municipal advisor at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. I asked her, among other things, if money paid to oneself for campaign expenses constitutes a contribution. Her answer was indisputably "yes."

So yes, under the Elections Act, money from a candidate's own pocket is deemed a contribution. What, I ask, could be clearer?

Ken Greenberg

**Correction**

The Green Hills Gazette regrets any confusion caused by a misleading phrase in the Jan. 21 edition's "You don't have to be rich to be an investor" article on pg. 12.

Contrary to our statement that an RESP is similar to an RRSP in that it can be used as a tax deduction, it was brought to our attention the RESP grows tax-free like an RRSP, and the growth is taxed in the hands of the student when it is withdrawn. Neither Greg Shaw, or Rick Teather made this statement — it was our own mistake. This just points to the fact that we all need professional advice when we make our financial and tax decisions!

While we're at it, we misspelled Rick Teather's name — it's Teather, not Tether!

We're working to eliminate gremlins that get into our copy, and thanks, reader, for pointing these out.

— Ed.

**Speaking for bears**

I wish all the people who support the Spring Bear Hunt had less power than they have. Hunters have the power to call the slaughter "traditional," call their critics clowns, and to only look at the monetary gains of the hunt.

Well, this "tradition" has encouraged hunters to become so cruel and reckless that they are now indifferent to the animal suffering they are causing by shooting female bears and orphaning cubs. I am thankful that groups such as IFAW exist. Hunters have huge lobbies and money, and lots of clout, and most things go their way.

We need someone to speak up on behalf of animals for a change.

T.I. Klemm

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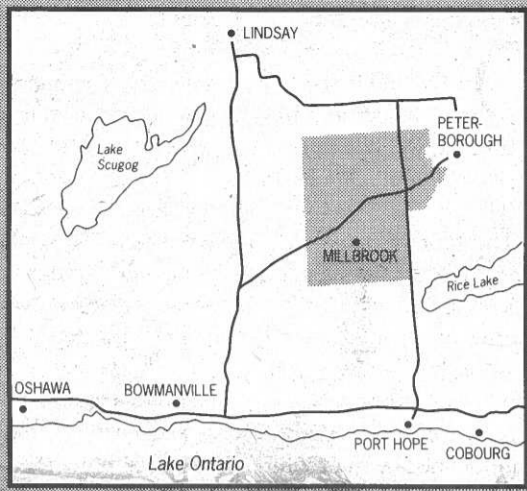
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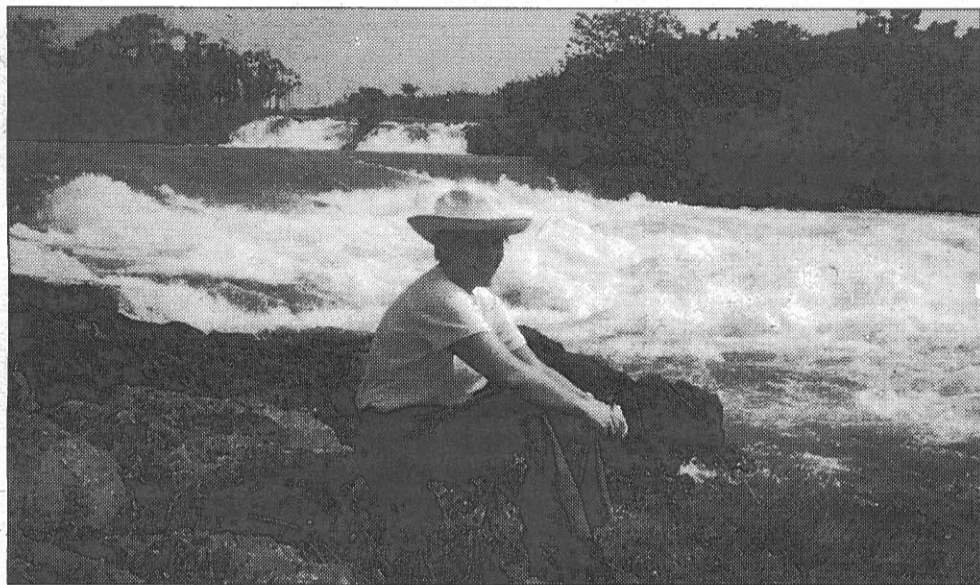
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Editor Deb Luchuk on the banks of the Nile's source at Jinja, Uganda.

# Source of the Nile

## Part II of last issue's African Journey

By Deborah Luchuk

Later in the day, we visited the Uganda Council of Churches offices, and three projects funded by the Diocese, including the Bamaana Club, Lubya - a tailoring collective producing school uniforms, shirts and dresses; Bukedde Tukole Women's Group, Kasubi - a 30-member collective involved in retail and tailoring trade; and the Grace and Gloria collective at Mukono, who produced beautiful woven cloth for kikoyi (a traditional women's garment), bedcovers and table coverings.

On Day Four, we were off to the Greek Orthodox Church at Namungoona, another suburb of Kampala. We were graciously treated to a tea, as we heard greetings from the Orthodox Women and various priests. An on-site girls school gave quite an entertaining presentation of dance and song - my pictures will never be able to capture the vibrancy of these young people.

It was quite moving to see various projects of the Orthodox women, including a hostel/conference centre they have built, with bricks made by their own hands! in the space of less than six months. These women are hopeful that the centre will

be a revenue-generating project, to allow them to assist other women in their quest for self-sustaining enterprises. Once again, we were greeted by over 25 little ones at a day care.

Then it was off to the source of the Nile, at Jinja. We had a wonderful picnic by the water, and marvelled at the falls, where Livingston had once been.

The last day in Uganda was a time for packing, for shopping, and for celebration with ecumenical friends at the Catholic Friendship Centre. I was sorry to say goodbye to some new young friends, who had visited and asked me for my "seasoned" boyfriend advice (I guess I was the older sister they never had! and it seems young women everywhere have similar problems with the opposite sex!).

We shared a dinner seated on mats on the floor, Ugandan-style, and ate with our fingers. A shower was a great treat before heading off to bed, in preparation for an early start to Entebbe for the flight many of us were taking to Zimbabwe. The power had gone out, a fairly frequent occurrence, but gas lanterns lent a rather romantic, "Out of Africa" kind of feel to the evening!

Our wait enroute in

Nairobi was a few hours, but seemed short because we had so much to talk about - being a woman is a pretty similar experience around the world.

We were greeted by a large contingent of people, with signs and banners and little notes made by local school children. There was even a billboard sign on the way out of the airport, welcoming the World Council of Churches... we were a rather punchy, giddy bunch at passport control, and probably overwhelmed the officials with our exuberance!

Once again, the welcome was gracious, and no effort was spared to see that we were comfortable at the Belvedere Teachers' College. Our digs were typical residence-style rooms, and many of us shared with someone else... and there were heavenly hot showers in a common showering room (some complained about the lack of privacy, I, however, revelled in getting myself thoroughly soaked!).

The conference itself was a whirlwind of worship, Bible study, discussion sessions, and presentations on a variety of topics - such as violence against women and children, the effects of economic restructuring, young women's issues, and racism.

We were challenged to consider the road ahead for women in the 21st century.

We got a gander at a draft document to be presented to the World Council of Churches Assembly in the days following the Decade Festival, and discussed our concerns about various clauses and phrases in the document.

There was consensus that the document was not strongly worded enough, in terms of asking the WCC member churches to ACT and not just "be in solidarity with" women in the next decade. We were, however, quite

divided as a community of women on the wording and implications of a paragraph on sexuality. Many African women were concerned about the inclusion of a line on "sexuality in all its diversity," as they said homosexuality had no validity in their culture or churches - they were not prepared to address this issue as their denominations had not yet discussed it. Lesbian, and many other women were concerned about the phrasing, as they felt it needed to be strengthened to address issues of violence and discrimination against gay and lesbian people in the churches.

It looked like, by our last day together, that we would not come to any kind of consensus on this problematic aspect of the document. As we reached a standstill, those most concerned about the statements on sexuality were asked to meet outside during a tea break to come up with terminology and phrases that would be satisfactory to all. There was real pain, some shouting, but after a mere hour, the group returned with something they could all live with. It's amazing what we can do when we reach out to each other in love and try to understand what others are saying...

The violence against women day was difficult for many of us to go through, and there were many tears as a few women spoke of their experiences of violence and abuse within the church and in society.

We heard each others' stories, we danced, we cried, we laughed great, deep belly laughs, and forged a sense of community. We put into motion a document that is demanding action on the part of the churches to address issues of political, economic and social injustice that not only injure women, but by hurting one segment of society, create a dysfunctional human family. We learned to make the best of long line-ups for food and tea, and when to take care of ourselves and run away for some pizza with new friends...

We were indeed most welcome: welcome to visit, to share, and to grow! ♣



RANDOM SAMPLING

## Preachers, mystics, and the movies

By Margaret Monis

Sometimes things or experiences which at first glance seem completely dissimilar end

up resonating with each other in my mind, quite despite, or perhaps because of, their many differences. A case in point is the way in which two films, namely Kundun, which deals with the early life and eventual exile of the Dalai Lama, and The Apostle, which concerns a southern evangelical preacher, continually pop up in tandem in my thoughts. They just make more sense to my way of thinking when juxtaposed, than they do when looked on as separate works of art, regardless of their unrelatedness.

The camera work in Kundun, for example, has a dreamy, surreal quality to it. Martin Scorsese turns in his best work to date here with his breathtaking direction, imbuing this film with a free-floating, other-worldly feel. Robert Duvall's direction in The Apostle, on the other hand, is much more mainstream and grounded. The camera is always level with the action - no crane shots, nothing fancy. And while it might be easy to assume that Scorsese has more finesse with the camera simply because he has had much more experience behind it, I think its actually the case that these two men chose their vastly different directorial approaches aptly, with their own films in mind.

Duvall is right to keep things plain and simple in The Apostle. The title

character is a God fearing man, firmly rooted in the real world because of his many weaknesses yet constantly looking to Heaven for strength and guidance. (At one point in the film he puts an impossibly large upward-pointing arrow on the top of his humble clapboard church, a clever visual metaphor which beautifully illustrates this point.) What better way to view the life of a fundamental preacher than straight on? The world explored in Kundun are much more ephemeral and spirit based than this however, and it therefore makes sense that many of Scorsese's shots seem to float and hover.

The music in these movies is completely different as well, yet both scores are perfectly suited to their respective films. The Apostle is filled with gospel music - sometimes rejoicing, sometimes mournful, always familiar. In other words, much like the life of a devout Christian when viewed by jaded Western eyes. Philip Glass's hauntingly mystical pieces in Kundun on the other hand, prove suitably unfamiliar to our ears, and are easily as compelling and exotic as the camera work and subject matter of this film. And whereas you recognize several of the actors in The Apostle, every single player in Kundun is unfamiliar, again mirroring the known vs. unknown qualities of these two films.

The Apostle is like those men you see on TV Sunday morning, healing people by shouting at them and selling indulgences, yet his story is touchingly human and interesting enough to make it worth seeing. Kundun deals with things way beyond common knowledge in our culture, still it is sufficiently engrossing and enlightening to appeal to a Western audience. I highly recommend both these films, for their similarities and for their differences. ♣

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# Fair 150th Anniversary launched with a splash

By Melanie Anderson

The Millbrook Agricultural Society, aka the Fair Board, launched the 150th anniversary year of the Millbrook Fair with a splash January 13.

Along with the excellent roast beef dinner and desserts, there were a number of interesting speakers and presentations. Fair Ambassador Tracy MacDonald shared her experiences since being awarded her title, and a few of her future plans. Robert Winslow, founder of the 4th Line Theatre, and guest speaker for the meeting, shared with the gathering some of the

interesting facts, anecdotes and stories he has discovered in research into the history of fairs. This research is to be used in dramatic productions for both Heritage Day in June and "Fair Play", the play planned as one of the productions on the 4th Line's summer theatre line-up for August.

A number of presentations were made following the speakers. A Life Membership in the Fair Board was awarded to Julie Saunders, and accepted on her behalf by Janice Saunders. A \$1,000 cheque was presented to Bob Hall for the Fair Board by the local chapter of the

Oddfellows. In recognition of ongoing hard work to promote and organize events for the 150th celebrations, roses were given to Holly Hall.

The Fair this year (June 11th, 12th, and 13th) is expected to be among the best ever, containing the widest variety of activities and events in recent memory. Among the innovations planned this year is a shuttle bus to take people to and from parking lots and the fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed! Anyone interested in lending a hand to make the 150th Millbrook Fair a huge success can contact Holly Hall at 932-2245. ♣

# Down memory lane

Submitted by Holly Hall

Dolls and toys, well-loved and more recent additions to the toy box, will be on display in Millbrook, April 10 and 11.

The 150th Anniversary Committee of the Millbrook Agricultural Society are planning a Toy and Doll Show for these dates, including rare antiques and favourites (personal or otherwise) loaned by the young and young-at-heart.

The committee appreciates the permission of Council to use the Council Chambers for this event, located in the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township Hall. Doll collectors we speak with have fantastic treasures. Mrs. Ellis sold bisque china dolls in her antique store on Millbrook's main street. The Peterborough Centennial Museum has Dionne Quintuplet, Shirley Temple and Timothy Eaton dolls. We stand in awe of these collections.

We are looking for toys from new and long-time residents that have special memories for you. Please call Linda at 932-5412 or 932-2245 if you have a buggy, high chair, a sleigh, a doll table and chair, a wagon, a doll bed that Grandpa or Great-Grandpa made for you. Did you spend hours with a puppet, marionette, jack-in-the-box, a top, big blocks that he or Grandma made for you? Are there wind-up toys in your attic?

Just think of all the dinky toys you must have purchased - or hot wheels - or construction toys for that sandbox. The jack-in-the-box from other years still has its counterpart. The tea sets and dolly dishes, and even cooking sets for the little lady of the house likely are on a shelf until the next generation of little ladies will appreciate them. My own children liked hand-held games, for those long

trips to hockey games in the back seat of the car. These games have progressed to computer chip versions, and now virtual pets.

The evolution of stuffed toys from "Pooh Bear" original types, to Barney with his computer disk that can be programmed to perform songs or ask questions is amazing. Probably that first pair of bob skates or tricycle or pedal car hold memories of special times too.

We hope this event can be an interchange of memories that rural or urban, young or old, can share. We

hope it testifies to the creativity and ingenuity of our local area. We hope it will reflect the 150 years of our Fair handicraft traditions - and if not, that it will bring a twinkle to the eye, joy to the heart and pleasure to Maplefest "goers".

Help us create some magic, and recapture childhood's memories, past and more present-day. Call 932-5412 or 932-2245 and get us started on our hunt for borrowed toy and doll treasures for our show, or for more information on how to loan a toy of special interest.

See you on April 10 and 11 at the Council Chambers! ♣



COMMON GROUND

By Jill Williams

I have just finished the last of my seed orders on this very cold February day. I'm not really such a keener that I want to have everything organized while the ground is still frozen solid. It's just that by this time of year, friends usually want to borrow catalogues so I try to have my orders together. I should add that I borrow catalogues from other people, too, so maybe I shouldn't say I've finished quite yet.

I did finally order a shadecloth to protect my lettuce and greens from hot summer sun. I've been meaning to get one for years, but past catalogues sold shadecloths for commercial growers that would have covered my whole garden ten times over. Now someone has realized at last that home gardeners might want something smaller.

## Garden Planning 101

I don't think I've gone too crazy on the mail orders this year. Every year there seems to be more choice in seeds of all sorts at the grocery store or hardware store. So I try to buy the basics locally and save the mail order for things I can't buy around here.

Check out the Canada Blooms Flower and Garden Show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Another option for seed buying is to check out the Canada Blooms Flower and Garden Show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre March 10 - 14. I was very impressed last year with their selection of seeds, plants, summer bulbs, books, tools and lots of other interesting garden related stuff. And there are spectacular display gardens

as well as demonstrations and talks by gardening experts.

Looking down the list, I see several talks that look interesting: Plant Hunting in China and Tibet and Mystery of Meconopsis (Himalayan blue poppy). There are also lots of talks about garden basics: building a perennial border, herb gardening, container gardening and native plants.

If you want something more cutting edge or trendy, you can check out Balancing your Garden with Feng Shui or New Perennials for the New Millennium (I'll give that last one a miss. I will scream if I hear one more thing about the millennium! I refuse to let it into my garden.)

There's a complete schedule of Canada Blooms events in the February/March issue of Canadian Gardening magazine. Keep it in mind in case you need a breath of spring before the real thing arrives. See you there! ♣

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# The ABCs of being a municipal councillor

By Lori Cripps

Having endless energy, a thick skin and a commitment to the community are all essential qualities to be a municipal councillor. From there, there's lots of hard work and a major learning curve to stay on top of all aspects of municipal administration!

Running for municipal office, and sitting on council may seem glamorous to some. While holding public office is, by its nature, high profile, it is also an awesome responsibility for very little pay — around \$7000 per year! Despite their impact on our lives, few of us really understand what a councillor does.

In the cause of civic education, we decided to get in touch with one of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan's councillors and find out more about the ups and downs, and activities of a municipal politician.

Tom Jones, Cavan Ward councillor, agreed to share aspects of his work on Council. Tom is one of seven members of Council, including the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and four other coun-

cillors, two of which represent Millbrook and North Monaghan wards.

In general, the responsibilities of a councillor include attending and participating in all Council and Council committee meetings, attending County Council on behalf of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, seeing that expectations of the community are met, responding to press inquiries, and representing the municipality at community events. Doesn't sound like much stated like this - but it's the details in between that require dedication. It's often a Herculean task considering councillors often maintain a full-time job in addition to municipal responsibilities.

Every three years a municipal election is held to form a council. In this election, all ratepayers over the age of 18 have the opportunity to vote — but unfortunately, only 30% of the people eligible actually cast their ballots. Any community member is eligible to run for office, provided they are a resident in the municipality, a non-resident owner or tenant of land separately assessed or the spouse of a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the Municipality. Candidates must be Canadian citizens. They must also be 18 years or older, and not disqualified from holding office under any act.

But most importantly, Tom Jones says a potential

candidate must have the desire to participate in local government, and be prepared to work hard.

Councillor Jones attests to the time involved in doing the job justice - he often spends in excess of 20 hours per week on municipal business. He also feels that to be effective, additional time must be dedicated to knowing the issues in other jurisdictions, and the impact they may have on local decisions.

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As the representative of Cavan Ward, Tom's specific portfolio of municipal work includes attending Council meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month, planning committee, the Library Board, and the Economic Development Committee. Every councillor is appointed by the Reeve to a variety of council committees, where a lot of the prep work is done to deal with everything from clearing snow from township roads, to planning sustainable economic development for a ward, to deciding who to hire for a municipal planner position.

A significant responsibility of any municipal official or elected representative is responding to electoral concerns. Ratepayers, otherwise known as residents, can call any member of council to voice their concerns about a wide variety of issues. From the input of residents and municipal staff, and careful study of what's happening in other counties or municipalities dealing with similar situations, as well as the Municipal Act, councillors make what they hope are the most appropriate decisions for the operation of the Municipality.

Jones says the most challenging part of his job is "acknowledging that the individual authority is very limited or non-existent... you are one member of the body corporate with one vote; therefore, you have to learn to persuade your fellow council members to support your ideas".

However onerous the work may be, the rewards are worthwhile and priceless. Councillor Jones says he takes pride in doing his best in a position that benefits the community and "enhances the quality of life for our residents and visitors." Taking a leap into the great unknown on some issues has facilitated significant personal growth — Tom says he has been forced to move from a "safety zone" and form opinions on various issues.

Jones says anyone interested in "tossing their name into the hat for the next election" should attend Council meetings regularly, to better understand how Council operates and for background on the issues of the municipality. Speaking with present and past councillors will help potential municipal councillors to assess the full picture of municipal political life. Rallying the support of community members is critical to success, and to staying on top of the concerns, hopes and dreams of residents. ♣



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

## "Weathering" the new millenium

By George Luchuk

I don't believe most people, and especially the outdoors types, worry too much about the Y2K problem. After all, cyberspace and the internet have their origins and solutions in the human brain. Somehow or another, the year 2000 will arrive and life will go on. As one noteworthy native remarked many years ago, "Tomorrow the sun will rise and the rivers will flow."

But mention the weather, and now we've got something real to worry about. Rumour has it that our most renowned weather prognosticator, Wiarton Willie, did not die of natural causes. A secret autopsy report, leaked to this columnist, states that one albino woodchuck known affectionately as Willie, died of strangulation. The army has been invited to do a thorough investigation. Apparently, some early reports on this despicable homicide have led the investigative team to Toronto. A Mr. Melvin Lastman is being sought for questioning.

Poor Willie is gone, but we've got some real heavyweights taking his place. In trying to predict our weather into the distant future, the modern researcher is drilling holes in the ocean floor and the Greenland ice cap. They're analysing tree rings, rocks, soil, and the CO2 levels in our atmosphere. Yes, the weather is the major preoccupation of our modern times.

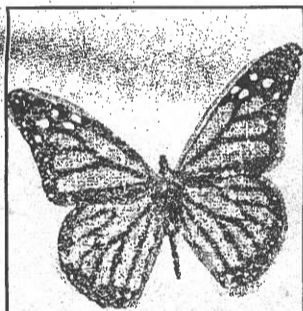
Are we to believe then that the Earth is in fact

going to experience much warmer winters, with a resultant melting of the ice caps and world-wide flooding? Or, as I'm inclined to believe, that we are experiencing the early signs of a new ice age?

Nineteenth century physicist John Tyndall explained that the ice ages of the past were not caused by global cooling, but by global warming. The ice age snow and ice could have come from only one source — the oceans. As the oceans heated up, the rate of evaporation increased substantially. When warm humid ocean air encountered cold air over a land mass at higher altitudes or latitudes during the polar winter, the unusually large amount of water vapour in the warm air was converted into a corresponding large amount of snow. The residual snow from each season accumulated and became compacted to form a glacier. The whole process is similar to what we used to experience with our old refrigerators that didn't have the frost-free feature.

So now, as we all move into a new millenium, keep in mind you read it here first! Have a nice day!

And Willie... may you rest in peace! ♣



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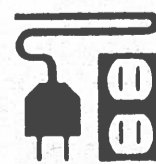
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GOD TALK

## Prayer opens up possibilities

**Q** Does God really hear prayers? Lately, I am praying about all sorts of difficulties, my job, my relationship with my husband, and financial stress, but there seems to be no resolution to any of these problems. What's up?

**A** Yes, God hears all of our prayers, but it seems to me what you are really asking is this: does God answer our prayers and then help us?

All of us are looking for some solution to a difficulty or problem that we may be encountering, but prayer isn't the answer to our problem, it's what connects us to the solution. Think of prayer as a phone cable: the cable connects us to the one we want to talk to. Once we are connected, we are then able to talk about anything and everything. Prayer connects us to God, but like any phone call, it is never meant to be a one-way conversation.

Through prayer, we connect with God in the hope that we will be heard and helped, but we must then also be willing to listen and respond. Simply put, this is how any relationship operates - when one shares with

another, the relationship becomes a friendship which allows us to draw strength and hope. In prayer then, to the degree that I allow myself to be open and to listen to God, will determine how open and honest I will be in dealing with the situation that I find myself in. God will and does respond to us, but the responsibility falls to us whether we want to accept the direction or advice that God gives us.

Somewhere along the line, we picked up the idea that if we live a good life, do all the right things, never really hurt or harm anyone, then we should get through life unscathed. Or, that when I pray, God will magically solve all my problems, relieve me of my pain, anguish, anxiety or whatever is troubling me and basically set the world aright for me because I asked.

*Prayer doesn't cushion us from the pain of the world, it enables us to face it.*

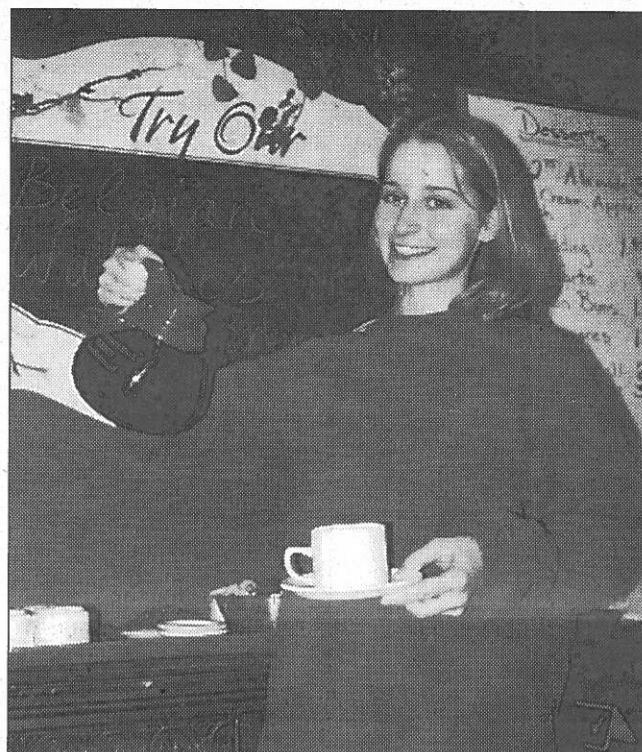
Well, it doesn't work like that. Prayer doesn't cushion us from the pain and trauma of the world, it enables us to face it. The moment we allow ourselves to do this, we begin to realize and hopefully understand what the root causes of this pain and suffering were, and then what I may or may not be able to do about it. Prayer calls us to be honest with ourselves and others - and that means things will always have to change. Change rarely comes without conflict.

Assuming then that we have taken the time to pray, and we have listened to God, which leads us to do something as a result of the prayer, we logically expect immediate results. Again, it doesn't quite work that way. It is not that God takes some perverse delight in seeing us sweating it out, but rather, God is further attempting to help us realize what the root issue is. God's time frame is based on truth and healing, our time frame often is based upon safety and self-interest. God's apparent "non-help" to our prayer is his way of saying, "ask the deeper question that you're afraid to face, and there is your answer."

Whether it is your job, a relationship, or finances, there is always an answer to one's question, always a response to one's prayer. What experience has taught me is this, at the very moment I pray I have opened up myself to God, and at that moment, all that God is has been freely given to me. God's answer will never be as you or I could have possibly imagined, but it will always be what we need.

If we enter into prayer with this in mind, we may come out of it knowing that all will be well. ♣

*This month's God Talk reply was contributed by Rev. Susan Sheen, of the Anglican Parish of Cavan, and Rev. Paul Hogan, of the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette. Send your life/spirituality question to God Talk c/o The Green Hills Gazette. You need not supply name or address.*



Sara Ritzie serving up smiles at the Village Food Emporium.

## Making a difference down in Jamaica

By Lori Cripps

Sara Ritzie is going to take advantage of the sun and coat-free living in Jamaica this March.

However, she won't be spending her time at Club Med, lazing around pool-side or at the beach. Instead, this senior high school student will do her very best to help create a better life for the impoverished people of Jamaica.

Sara is travelling to the capital city of Kingston with the Jamaican Self-Help Programme. The Peterborough-based international development organization is organizing the opportunity for students to spend approximately a week and a half (Sara will be there from March 11th

to 20th) working in a poorer community in a way that will benefit their lives. Since 1981, Jamaican Self-Help has organized programmes to work in partnership with poor communities in Jamaica, while giving local youth the educational and personal growth experience of a lifetime.

This year, 24 grade 12 and OAC students from St. Peter's Catholic High School in Peterborough will be participating. The group will work at their assigned volunteer positions from 9 to 3 each day, and in the evenings will have the opportunity to sightsee, participate in activities and experience the diverse culture.

The part-time waitress at the Village Food

Emporium in Millbrook will be spending her time at the Riverton City Clinic and Basic School. She is particularly excited about the opportunity to work in the clinic, as she is considering a career as a doctor in the future. The medical clinic and the school for young children are built on an old landfill site, and are located in an impoverished and under-developed area.

The group of 24 were chosen from 60 possible applicants, and have met regularly to discuss the types of situations they will be faced with, the culture they will experience, and concerns regarding safety.

Although she knows what she will be able to give to the people she will be working with is obviously limited, Sara hopes that just being a volunteer and helping to work for a common cause will be of benefit to the people. While this experience will be beneficial to others, she is looking forward to the personal growth offered by the programme. The trip is a great opportunity to see and experience another culture and way of life, and will open her eyes, creating more awareness of world issues.

This hard-working young woman is currently involved in fundraising for the trip, and is very appreciative of the community's generous support thus far. Anyone who would like to contribute to her costs, which are over \$1500, can make a donation at the Village Food Emporium in Millbrook. ♣



HASH N' BEANS

## A lucky shamrock meal

By Arden Myers

I was asked to do something for St. Patrick's Day for this column, and I scrambled to find something relevant. Well, all I remember is drinking a lot of flat green draft.

But the editor liked this story. When I was young, I had the chance to work in one of our fine correctional facilities. Because of what I had done when I was "green" (ie. young), I was not a high risk offender, so I was allowed to work in the kitchen. One St. Patrick's Day I thought all the

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"guests" would like shamrock green cookies. Well, I think the warden was English, and thought that maybe I was taking my stay a little too lightly. As there was no potato famine at the facility, I was demoted to Bud the Spud for another week.

Here's a recipe that combines some Irish flavours and ingredients, with a twist. Irish streams feature some wonderful salmon, and of course, the spud is quintessentially Irish.

### Caramelized Salmon with Dill Potato Salad

1/4 cup chopped dill  
1 tsp. chopped garlic  
1/3 cup chopped red onion  
1/3 cup chopped celery  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
salt and pepper to taste

2 lbs. small red potatoes, boiled and salted (fork tender)  
4 salmon fillets  
1 cup of sugar  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
fresh dill

In large mixing bowl, add mayo, dill, garlic, onion and celery. Mix well with potatoes, being careful not to break the spuds. Re-season to taste and chill.

Season each salmon. (I like the skin on) with salt, pepper and sugar mixed. Shake off excess. Sauté salmon in oil (some of this can be butter) at med-high for 2 - 3 minutes a side, so the sugar caramelizes.

Serve with wilted spinach, mushroom, bacon and balsamic vinegar salad. It's just as good as it sounds! ♣

## Threats

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Fallis assured the crowd all questions would be reviewed and given consideration by Council before the Feb. 15 meeting. Planner Roger Saunders began the meeting by explaining the revisions made to the draft plan of subdivision. In one resident's view, there was not much difference between the 1996 plan and this latest draft. George Raab opposed the development because he alleged proper water mapping had never been completed, and that the developer has never met the original conditions stipulated before proceeding with development. He questioned the suitability of developing land which, in his opinion, would damage a beautiful environmental area.

Developer Mario Veltri was upset over the lack of sewer allotments. He explained since he paid taxes, owned land, provid-

ed jobs, and built 95% of the new homes in the area; the allotments should be divided among taxpayers, "big and small" and not tied up in the Schickedanz development. While referring to the project as "the non-development development for the amount of time it has sat idle," Bill Slavin also conceded its inevitability. He suggested it would be "advantageous to both the township and the developer to put in hiking or bike paths, connecting the town with the development." Other residents raised concerns about the impact of 80 new families in the village, flooding, and

the assertion the development may not be in the best interest of the community.

Defreitas took issue with Veltri and told him, "we gave up 50 sewer allotments and they went to [you]." (Thirty-four of these allotments were given to Veltri, and 16 went to other residents.)

"Schickedanz is not a bully, because he could have taken council to the OMB two years ago and didn't," Defreitas said. He implored council "to do what's right."

Ignoring Defreitas' plea, Raab said the developer will be held accountable and in the end, "(he) may have to pay our costs." ♣



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## SPORTS AND RECREATION

# Bobcats and Stunners vie for playoff standings

The Atom Millbrook Stone Cold Stunners ended regular season play with a narrow victory 1 - 0 over Omeme Jan. 17. The lone Millbrook goal was scored by Kyle Golloher, with an assist by Branden Bigelow.

At the Peterborough Liftlock Tournament the following weekend, the Stone Cold Stunners ended their play after three games. Game one versus Warsaw was a 1 - 1 tie, with the lone goal scored by Eric Sorenson.

Andrew Noonan played an excellent game in net. In game two, Millbrook was dumped 7 - 3 by St. Anne's. Millbrook's goal scorers were Branden Bigelow with 2 and Emily Guthrie with 1; assists by Candice Richards, Mark McQuarrie and Kyle Golloher.

Game three was lost to St. John's, 2 - 0.

In Peewee action, the Millbrook Bobcats lost an exhibition game with Peterborough's St. Andrew's team. Goals were scored by Bryan

Dafoe, with assist by Aislin Doidge-Flynn, and Scott Van Schyndel, assisted by Andrew Couch.

On Jan. 24, the Stone Cold Stunners defeated the Millbrook Chaos team 2 - 0 in the first playoff game of the season. Goals for the

Stunners were scored by Mark McQuarrie with assist by James Golloher on one of these. Derek Wideman recorded his first-ever shut-out with his fine showing in goal.

In Bobcats action on the 24th, Millbrook shut out Keene 4 - 2 in the first playoff game. Goals were scored by Scott Van Schyndel, assisted by Andrew Couch; Mike Fair, assisted by Andrew Toms; Nick Heersink, assisted by Andrew Couch; and Scott Van Schyndel, assisted by Andrew Couch.

The Bobcats lost their second playoff game to the Millbrook Gators, the Gators taking it 4 - 1. The lone goal for the Bobcats was scored by Stephanie Wideman, with assists by Aislin Doidge-Flynn and Andrew Jackson; the Gators scorers were Brad Wheeler, assisted by Ben Knechtel; Ben Knechtel with Derek Hodgson; Brad Wheeler; and Nick Lupton.

On Jan. 31, the Bobcats were defeated by Millbrook #3, 4 - 1. Goals for the Bobcats were scored by Dustin Mayhew, with assists by Scott Van Schyndel and Andrew Couch. Millbrook #3's goal scorers were Todd Povey, with assist by Matt Donnolly; Matt Donnolly, assisted by Sarah MacGregor and Todd Povey; Matt Donnolly, assisted by Todd Povey and Greg Lunn; and Greg Lunn, assisted by Sarah MacGregor.

Millbrook Stone Cold Stunners lost out to Douro, 3 - 1, on Jan. 31, with the lone goal scored by Branden Bigelow.



A "dog-powered roller coaster ride" - the most fun on a sled!

# Dashing through the snow in a (many-dogs) open sleigh!

By Melanie Anderson

Looking for something to break the monotony of indoor winter activities? Ever fancied yourself as the hero or heroine in an Arctic or wilderness adventure?

What about dog-sledding? Flying across the snow, the wind in your face, fresh air...

Tony and Heather Kenny, who own and operate Rainbow Cottages Resort near Bailieboro, could probably help you out with this fantasy. Have dogs... have sleds... will travel! They have 14 Siberian and Alaskan Huskies (as well as seven adorable puppies!), several sleds, and the experience necessary to take you for the ride of your life!

In 1995, the opportunity arose for the Kennys to buy a sled and seven dogs from a man who was being transferred to the southern states - not exactly a prime location for dog-sledding. Tony had always wanted to try his hand at sledding, so he bought the dogs and the sled and started learning.

Through trial and error, and with the help of a good how-to book, he got the hang of it, and the dogs soon realized who was boss - but at the beginning, Tony's new huskies thought they were in charge. Soon after learning the basics he decided it would be fun to take the dogs out for a run down to Rice Lake with his son. This trip would require running along the road.

Somehow, with the help of a snow drift, the dogs separated Tony and his son from the sled and took off. So they walked home. And not long after that the dogs showed up in their own backfield, along the trail that they normally took. Days later they heard the story of a neighboring farmer, who walked into his house to announce to his wife that in all his sixty-odd years of farming in the area he had never seen what he saw that morning. He had seen somebody dogsled down the road. His wife thought he was nuts.

Since then, the Silver Lady Dog Sled Team business has come into being. School classes take advantage of the opportunity, and students ride six at a time with an adult or two on the extra large sled

Tony built for the purpose. Other customers have included tourists visiting Canada - for example, an English family visiting people in Ontario over Christmas vacation one year. The father had promised that they would go dogsledding while they were in Canada, but once they got here they found that finding someone to take them sledding was more difficult than they expected. Finally they got in touch with Heather and Tony, and arranged to go out on what turned out to be the coldest day that year. It was so cold that their camcorder would not work. Despite that glitch, the whole family had a really positive, truly Canadian, experience.

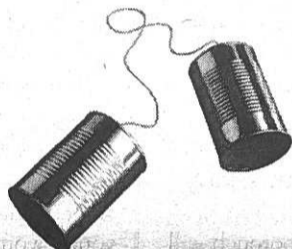
Since the sledding season lasts only from around Christmas to March, and the dogs have to be looked after year round, Silver Lady Dog Sled Team is more of an enjoyable hobby for the Kennys than a business based on profit. But the money it brings in does pay for the huge amounts of special food required to keep the dogs as energetic as they are.

And believe me, these dogs have energy! The very thought that they may get to go for a run had all fourteen of them barking up a storm. And the speed at which we traveled with six dogs pulling the sled was breathtaking, like a dog-powered roller coaster up and down hills, shooting around corners - the most fun you can have on a sled.

Rather than settle in to watch another weekend of terrible television re-runs and B movies, get together with a few of your friends and do something that you will not forget. You won't be sorry, and just for a moment, you can be the fearless explorer of your dreams! ♣

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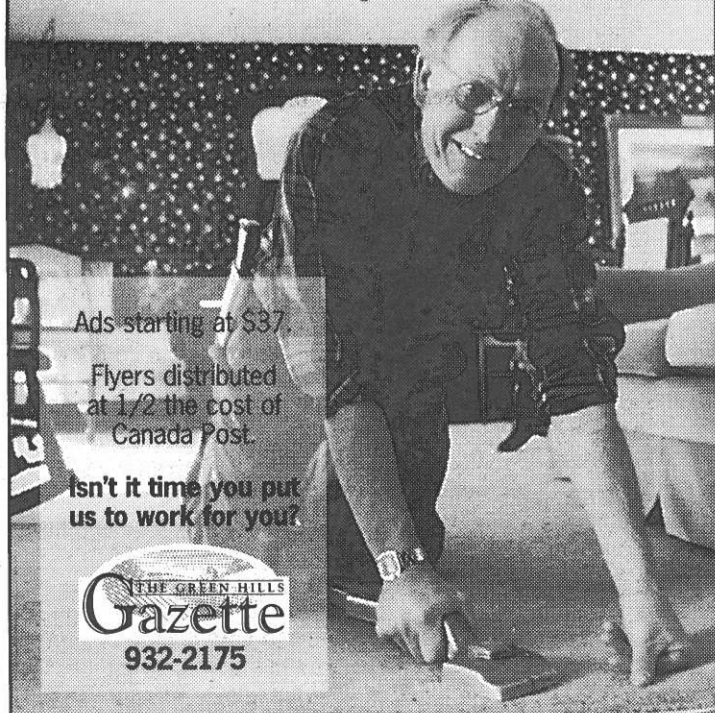
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## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

# Reel to reel with Media dell Arte

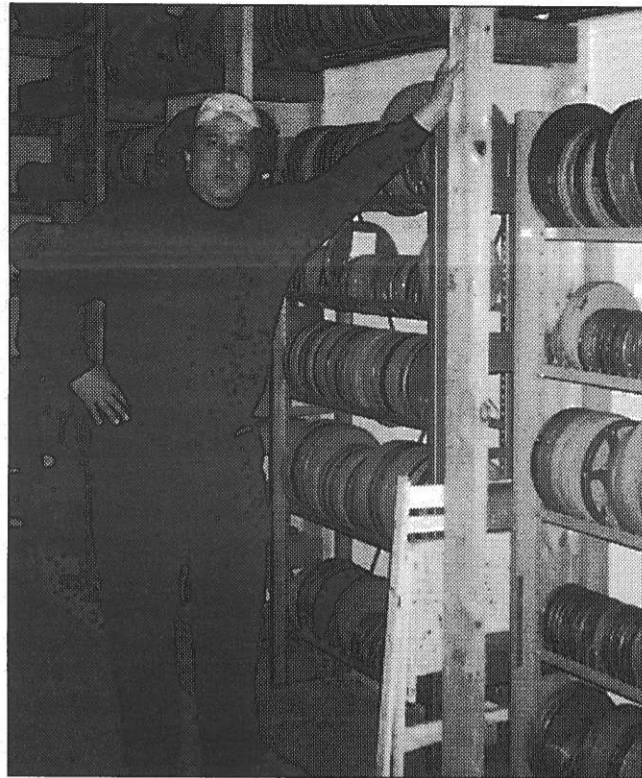
By Sue Guthrie

Take one high school History, English, Drama teacher, local musician, clown and mask-maker. Mix with 2,800 (8mm) films, 1,500 (35mm) film strips, projectors, a collection of Audubon records and the odd Dukane Flip Top. Stir. And like magic you have Media dell Arte.

It also makes Dan Fewings the ultimate cultural recycler. Fewings is excited by the notion that the Media dell Arte film collection is comprised of non-computer technology. This eclectic collection, including National Film Board material that the board of education was going to dump at the landfill site, can now fill hours and hours of entertainment time and fuel the creative spirit.

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Fewings says this material is a valuable resource, because it documents the societal myths that were perpetuated at the time the material was used. Such filmstrips were used in schools as resource-based information. The collection covers the years from the late 1940's through the mid 1980's. Just add an audience for complete eclectic



Dan Fewings with a few of his films. Dan will be presenting a four-part film series, entitled "Forward into the Past", at the Millbrook Gallery, beginning February 19.

entertainment! And as the creative head of this enterprise, Dan Fewings says he has "a hobby for life". Not only has he indulged his love of audiovisual media, he has organized it to feed his artistic talents - the Reel to Reel series is truly an artistic opportunity he has been waiting for his whole life. Thus far, he has watched the films, with his guitar at the ready for the inspiration to write songs for accompaniment. He has had response from musical groups to use the material in video production, and plans to combine the films with mask-making production and performance. His ultimate goal is to do openings at restaurants with performance pieces.

The public can enjoy the treasures from this mod-

ern-day Aladdin's cave.

Order a catalogue and rent your own selection from the collection with the projector and screen. Or to get a taste of the cornucopia of cultural delights come on out to the Media dell Arte production of "Forward into the Past". This is a four-part film series, suitable for an adult audience.

The series takes place at The Millbrook Gallery for four Friday evenings, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21. The first of Fewings' film favorites include "Stringbean", "Blake", "Stonecarvers" and "Glass."

Film interludes will be filled with mask performances using masks that Fewings made famous at the former Luna's Galleria. The fun begins at 7:30. ♣

# Giving a hoot at the Old Millbrook School

By Sue Guthrie

Take a cold, dark winter night, combine it with local musical talent and residents looking for a good time, and you've got a home-grown cultural event with vitality.

The Give a Hoot Cafe, a Saturday night tradition since 1993, continued to entertain and banish the winter blues in January with the unique musical stylings of local talent during Open Stage and Main Stage acts. The cancellation of the booked act for the event meant "Hooters" were treated to an eclectic mix of folk, country, soul and blues music provided by a variety of groups and individuals.

Curtis Driedger performed as his alter ego "Enrique Roy Claveer." Always an audience favorite, Curtis shared his multiple talents as a song stylist, accomplished pianist and entertainment showman. His other musical incarnations include Y2 Cajun (fiddle, guitar, bass, percussion), Messy Farquasons, and The Cone Stokers (country). With much panache and hair flying, he wowed the audience with unique arrangements of a selection of songs ranging from "Frankie and Johnny", "Peterborough Gals Won't You Come Out Tonight," "I Hear Hawaii Calling" and a song about a hog-eating death "Hogs Eat 'Im". Curtis so loves performing live that he has no intention to record a CD, so every performance at the coffee house is a memorable one!

The Open Stage included the acoustic, soul and blues music of Serena Ryder, and Canadian Heritage Waterway music with accordion, fiddle, guitar and penny whistle performed by the four-member group Freshwater Trade. They are currently recording a CD, after being together for two years. Nancy Robinson, well known to coffee house audiences, performed her new material. She is currently in the process of preparing a demo cassette with another "Give A Hoot" alumni, pianist and guitarist George Bertok.

Violins, fiddle, cello, mandolin and guitar combined with the audience pleasing vocals of the group "Carried Away" enthralled

during the Main Stage part of the evening. They perform acoustic music that draws on traditional Folk, Blue Grass and contemporary singer/songwriter material. Sue Newman, Rob Fortin, Jim Gleason and John Hoffman have been performing together for one and a half years together. They have all been in a variety of different bands over the years.

John Hoffman described the group's repertoire as "a variety of country music, we just keep changing the country" — including Canada, Ireland, and Appalachian America. January's selections included the soul inspiring "New Medicino", Stan Rogers' "Beaufort Sea," "Roosevelt Hotel" and the spiritual "Let the Mystery Be".

Concertgoers from Millbrook, Peterborough, Port Hope, Cobourg and Lindsay have provided a loyal following for this musical venue since it began in August of 1993. The coffee house has been steadily growing in popularity among audiences and musicians since its inception.

It all began as a fundraising activity initiated by the Millbrook-Cavan Environmental Watch group. A creative and hard-working volunteer committee used the profits of the first coffee house to assist individuals who were challenging a Ontario Municipal Board hearing on a wetland development issue. Since then, coffee house proceeds have been donated to individuals who had legal fees due to their protest and arrest in the Clayoquot Sound issue, and other community-to-community support of such issues and disaster relief efforts as Temagami, Red River Relief and Hurricane Mitch Relief. The coffee

house has always supported Millbrook Earth Day. The committee sees the coffee house as part of a "whole community of events" in the Millbrook area. The "Give A Hoot" name of the coffee house, thought up by ever-creative Cavan ward resident Harold Glass sums up the committee's motivations and goals.

The Open Stage an important part of the evening for the promotion of burgeoning local talent, and is for all ages, talents and types of music. It is so popular now that musicians have to the Hoot early in order to get on the bill. Some even bring their own promotional packages to audition for a place!

Musicians find this family-oriented venue has a terrific ambiance and great audiences. John Hoffman, of "Carried Away" says it is "the best place in the world to play. One of the best places to listen to music.

This atmosphere affects the performers positively and results in a better quality performance." Bob Bossin said "I loved playing the coffee house, it was like coming home." Nancy Robinson, the Main Stage entertainer for the very first coffee house says she "enjoys the variety of musicians and types of music, it is affordable entertainment, the professionalism of local talent, the fact that it provides a showcase for local talent, the atmosphere of the venue and the fact that the musicians are appreciated by the audience." Curtis Driedger thinks the coffee house is "a great place to try out material, and the responsive audiences can't be beat!"

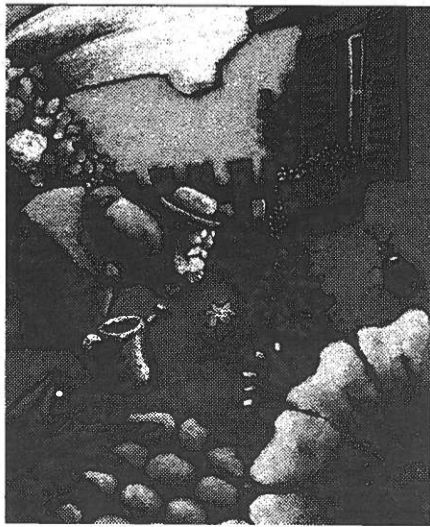
Upcoming "Give A Hoot" coffee houses will feature Juno award nominees "Heartbreak Hill" on February 27 and "Greg Keelor" on March 27. ♣



Freshwater Trade performs at the Give-a-Hoot, just one of the many musical acts at last month's coffee house.

## PERMANENT GREEN

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## Community Events

### 25th Anniversary Celebrations Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School

At Cavan Community Hall, Highway 7A) September 1999  
The School is looking for volunteers, alumni and parents (past and future) to help plan an open house picnic in August or September. Call 944-8996.

### Grand Opening - New Baileboro Public Library

At the Library, Baileboro Sat. Feb. 20, 2 pm  
Come and see the new and improved library facility - everyone welcome!

### Opening of Bruce Johnston Library

Davis Rd., N. Monaghan Ward Opens March 2  
The Mt. Pleasant library is moving to the former North Monaghan municipal building, on Davis Road. Hours remain the same.

### Open House/Information Gathering

At CMNM Municipal Office Mar. 8, 5:30 - 7 pm  
Opportunity for community members to ask questions about current home occupation/industry regulations in the Municipality. (See ad this issue.)

### Mardi Gras Gala

At Charlotte Square 160 Charlotte Street, Peterborough, 2nd Floor Sat. Feb. 27, 6:30 pm  
Hospice Peterborough's 1999 Gala includes gourmet dinner by Parkhill Cafe, festivities and silent auction. Tickets \$75, for more information, call 742-4042.

## Music

### Christine Graves CD Release Party "Facing Me"

Fri. Feb. 19 9:30 p.m.  
The Gordon Best Theatre 876-8884

### Moira Cameron: Yellowknife Musician & Storyteller

Fri. Feb. 19 10 p.m. \$5.00  
Cosmic Charlie's Hunter St. Ptbo.

### Peterborough Singers Present "Italian Songs & Arias"

With Pamela Birrel & Christine Van Der Bank Sat. Feb. 27 7:30 p.m.  
Murray St. Baptist Church  
For Tickets: Contact Pammett's Flowers, 204 Charlotte St. Ptbo.

### Heartbreak Hill

Give A Hoot Cafe Old Millbrook School Sat. Feb. 27, 8 pm  
Juno award nominees bring bluegrass to the Old School.

### Folk Under The Clock at Market Hall

Oscar Lopez (with Trio, Latin guitar) Saturday Feb. 20 8 p.m.  
Nomos (from County Cork, Ireland) Thursday March 11 8 p.m.  
The Paperboys (traditional fiddle, accordion, flute, mandolin, banjo) Saturday April 17 8 p.m.  
All three shows season's pass \$45.00, students \$35.00 regular tickets \$16.00 advance, \$18.00 the door.  
Contact: 743-3372

### The Peterborough Symphony: Luck of the Irish Concert (Mike O'Brien)

Sat. Feb. 20 8:00 p.m.  
Showplace Peterborough

290 George St. Contact: 742-7469

### Aengus Finnan

At Firehall Theatre, Cobourg Sat. Feb. 27, 8 pm  
Tickets at Furby House Books, Port Hope, or call (905) 510-9331.

### New Stages Peterborough: Old Voices & New Friends '99

Patricia Hamilton & Steve Ross and guests from Shaw & Stratford At Showplace, Ptbo. Sun. Feb. 28 7:30 p.m.  
Fundraising Benefit Concert for Peterborough's Professional Summer Stock Company  
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### Number One World

At Cj's Bar and Grill, Millbrook Sat. Mar. 13, evening  
Musical entertainment provided by Number One World. For more info, call 932-5155.

## Books

### Peterborough Public Library Author Series

On Not Writing Literary Biography With author Michael Millgate Thurs. Feb. 18 7:30 p.m.

## Drama

### American Buffalo - David Mamet

The Gordon Best Theatre, Peterborough Feb. 22, 23, 24, 8p.m.  
Tickets \$5.00

### Peterborough Theatre Guild's "Macbeth"

The Guildhall, Rogers St., Peterborough Fri. Feb. 26-Sat. March 13

## Arts

### Permanent Green Towards Spring

at the Millbrook Gallery Feb. 12 to April 4  
Works for and inspired by the garden. For more information phone 932-5482

### Peterborough Mural Committee

Are you an artist, co-ordinator, or have other skills you would like to contribute to the mural project?  
Contact: Ray McGregor 743-0317 or the Ptbo. DBIA office 748-4774

### Art Gallery of Peterborough Indoor Garage Sale

Crescent St., Ptbo. Sat. Feb. 20

## Craft

### Unraveling: The Secret Stories of Cloth (Textiles)

From the Toronto Textile Museum & The Peterborough Weavers and Spinners Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives 300 Hunter St. East, Peterborough To Sat. Mar. 7 743-5180

### Traditional French-Canadian Style Wooden Chair Workshop

Canadian Canoe Museum 910 Monaghan Rd., Ptbo. Sat. Feb. 27 & Sun. Feb. 28  
For workshop prices, registration call 748-9153

### Northumberland Woodcarvers' 14th Annual Show

Alnwick Community Centre, Roseneath Sat. Feb. 27 9 a.m.-5p.m. (705)653-2155

### Crafting/Quilting Workshops

At From My Sewing Basket, Millbrook  
Basic Quilting - Mar. 3, 6:30 - 9 pm  
Chairpads - Mar. 6, 10 am - 4 pm  
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Bear Club - Mar. 15, 29, 6:30 - 9 pm  
Log Cabin Applique Wall Hanging - Mar. 10, 10 am - 12:30 pm  
Basic Sewing Club - Mar. 16, 6:30 - 9 pm  
Easter Wabbit - Mar. 10, 6:30 - 9 pm  
For more details, costs, registration, call 932-2700.

## On-Going Events

### Regular Council Meeting

First Monday of each month at 7:30p.m.

### Millbrook Playschool

Every Tues. and Thurs. (except third Tues.) at Millbrook Christian Assembly, call Wilma at 932-5547 for more info.

### New to You Used clothing on sale at the

Millbrook Community Care office, Mon-Fri 11 am-noon, Sat 10 am-noon.

### Shuffleboard

Every Thurs. at the arena, 1:30 pm.

### Bingo

Every Thurs. at the Legion at 7:45 pm.

### Baileboro Library Boutique

Tues noon-3:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Proceeds to the Baileboro Library.

### Municipal Planning Mtg.

Second Mon. of the month, at 7 pm

### Creative Card Making

Every Mon. at the Community Care Office from 9:30-11:30 am

### Bridge

Every Mon. at the Millbrook Legion at 1 pm

### Millbrook and District Food Share

at the Old Millbrook School, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tues., 2 pm-7 pm.

### Cavan Nursery School

Tues., Wed 9 to noon at Cavan Community Centre. Info: Christina Shantz

### Euchre

Every Wednesday at the Legion at 1:30 pm

### Millbrook Green Exchange

Every second Sat. at the Municipal yard in Millbrook. Take or give

what you like for a loonie.

### Committee of Whole Council Meeting

Third Monday of each month at 7:30p.m.

### MADCAP Millbrook

Mon. to Thurs. 12am to 8pm, Fri. & Sat. 10am to 5pm Mt. Pleasant - library hrs.

### Millbrook Cavan-Historical Society

Every third Wed. at St. Thomas' Anglican Church Hall, Millbrook.

### Public Skating

Mon., Sun. 3:30 - 4:20 pm, at Millbrook Arena

### Seniors' Skating

Mon. and Tues. 1 - 3 pm, at Millbrook Arena

### Seniors' Puck and Stick

Mon., 10 am - noon, at Millbrook Arena

### Joyful Noise Junior Choir

Tues., 6:30 pm, at St. Andrew's United Church, Millbrook

### Kids in the Hall Youth Group

Fri., 7 - 10 pm, at the Cavan Hall. Ages 15 and under, \$1 per participant plus a donation to Foodshare. For more information, call 944-5414 or 277-1269

### Parents'/Preschooler Skating

Fri., 10 am - noon, at Millbrook Arena

### Ladies' Hockey

Fri., 1 - 2 pm, at Millbrook Arena

### Fraserville LOL Dance

Second Sat. monthly, 9 pm. Featuring Harold Davidson Country. Admission \$6, bring a lunch. For more information, call Roy Best at 799 - 6482.

### International Films In Peterborough

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# Money Matters

## Estate planning for farmers

By Bob MacLeod

Estate planning for farm owners, and all business owners, is an important issue. Many people recognize this, but put off actually dealing with it. Left too long, this can limit your options and cause significant tax and family problems down the road. Let's look at a typical example.

Consider a couple aged 55 with three children and a family farm. They want their children to share equally in their estate. Their farm is valued at \$250,000 and they have other assets such as investments and RRSPs worth \$150,000. So their total estate is \$400,000.

Ideally, they want each child to inherit a third of this, and they want to pay as little tax as possible in the process.

Typical of many farm owners, most their wealth is tied up in the farm. Often only one of the children has any interest in continuing the business. Herein lies the problem. If the farm is left to the one interested child, and the rest of the estate is shared equally, the new farm owner inherits \$250,000 while the other two children only receive about \$75,000 each. Moreover, the farm ownership transfers tax free, but estate taxes could be payable on other assets, fur-

ther reducing the share inherited by the other two. So how can you equalize your estate in a situation like this?

You could, of course, provide for shared ownership of the farm, or arrange for a mortgage to be placed on it to produce cash for the other two children. But shared ownership can create problems. What happens if the owners disagree? Or if one wants to sell? Placing a mortgage on the farm can put a real burden on the new owner, and perhaps jeopardize the continued success of the operation.

Suppose you create additional wealth so each child inherits an equal portion of the estate, with one receiving the farm. In our example, you need another \$350,000 so each child inherits \$250,000. Saving this takes a long time, and can create additional tax liabilities. An option is to

purchase joint-last death life insurance to provide the cash needed. This is one of the most popular uses of life insurance today, and it's very affordable. In our example, a \$350,000 policy would cost about \$200 per month. This strategy is very tax-efficient because the money is paid tax-free outside the estate. The policy could be fully funded using only a portion of the income earned from other investments with no reduction in disposable income. Final result? Your estate is equalized, at minimal tax and without potential family problems.

There are other options for farm or business owners. Usually choices decline or become more expensive the longer you wait. The key is to decide what you want and then plan your estate as early as possible. If you would like more information about the choices available, I would be happy

to provide it. Professional advice to determine your best options is highly recommended.

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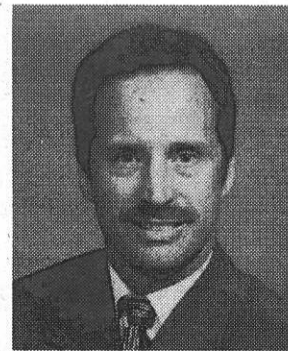
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