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## GREAT ZUKES!



Hundreds showed up Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Millbrook Farmers' Market's 150th Annual Zucchini Festival to float their zucchini boats down Baxter Creek, listen to the music of "Carried Away" and enjoy the puppet show "Jack and the Zucchini Stalk" performed by Pam Allen of Millbrook. And the Friends of the Library Auction, held at the Festival, exceeded organisers' expectations, raising money to buy books.

Among the winners (too numerous to list completely) were Christopher Power for Best Boat Design, John Ireland for Best Design Over-All (adult), Cleo Carpenter for Best Made-at-Market Design, Pam Allen for the Weirdest Zucchini and Steve and Sue Guthrie for their Houdini Zucchini in the Look-a-Like Contest. The Biggest Zucchini weighed in at over 25 lbs. (Christine Tuters of Garden Hill) and the award for the Best Zucchini Dish (in both Sweet and Most Original categories) went to Linda Parnell for her Zucchini Truffle. The champion Zucchini Toss was made by Jared Rabb at 11.7 metres.

Many thanks to all the people who made this possible; the volunteers, the vendors at The Millbrook Farmers' Market, the businesses who donated items to the auction and Millbrook-Cavan-North Monaghan Recreation for their financial contribution.

## Millbrook renamed Sandy Bottom

By Michele Curran

Council has considered Trinity and Trillium as new names for the municipality in the past. And now Millbrook will be renamed Sandy Bottom — if only for a day.

On September 23, Millbrook's alter ego, Sandy Bottom, will emerge as a backdrop for the opening scene of a Showtime movie-of-the-week, "Sandy Bottom Orchestra."

Be forewarned, though, making a movie isn't always a quiet venture. Beginning in the early hours of September 23 around 7 a.m., Millbrook residents may wake up to the sound of a helicopter flying low through the main street, in

order to capture footage needed to create various scenes. Both OPP and fire officials will be on hand to direct traffic.

Filming will continue the entire day as main street masquerades as Sandy Bottom, Wisconsin, during a long Labour Day weekend. The Pro Hardware Store and Millbrook and District Community Access Program office will both be used, the first as a five and dime store and the latter as a bakery.

The movie revolves around an "eccentric musical family struggling to belong in a small town in Wisconsin." The mother is a classical pianist who leaves her dream behind in the city to pursue her husband's wish

to make go of a dairy farm along with their daughter.

Unfortunately, attempts by each family member to become part of the community only exacerbate the growing feelings of alienation and isolation between mother, father and daughter and the community they are trying so hard to embrace. By the end of the film, the family discovers not only do they belong to each other, but to the community.

When searching for a site, Millbrook was chosen not only for its logistics, but because the director, Bradley Wigor liked the appearance of the village. Wigor was also taken by the rolling terrain of the area, and more importantly, the isolation of the village, which fits in perfectly with the theme of the movie. Starring in the film is Glenne Headley of Mr. Holland's Opus, E.R., Mortal Thoughts fame.

Honoured first with the distinction of being the best town in Canada for history buffs, and now chosen as the back drop for a motion picture, what's next for what is increasingly emerging as the cultural center of the Kawarthas? ♣

## Rebuilding community spirit in Cedar Valley

By Michele Curran

A community-built Cedar Valley park, recently dismantled by the parks and recreation department, may be revived for community use.

On August 5, municipal Parks, Recreation and Facilities personnel dismantled the play structure at Cedar Valley Park. They cited both safety issues and the fact that the equipment did not meet the current Canadian Standards Association Standard (CSA). The department also expressed concern about liability issues involving the municipality, in the possibility of a child being injured.

Unfortunately, the dismantling took place quickly and without any prior notification to residents who donated both their time and money to create the park back in 1995.

Delegate Beverly Hilditch, spokesperson for Cedar Valley residents

arrived at the September 7 Council meeting wanting an explanation for the dismantling of the park equipment. Rick McGee, Parks and Recreation manager, publicly apologized to the residents. He added that although there had been a letter of explanation printed regarding the dismantling, for some unclear reason it was never circulated to those concerned about the park.

"Our first priority was safety, and then liability," McGee told the group.

He also explained how certified playground inspector Jason Gibbard found deficiencies in the existing play structures, first in October of 1998 and then in July 1999; when the issue was revisited. These deficiencies, together with a letter from a Cedar Valley resident who brought up safety issues, galvanized the department to move quickly.

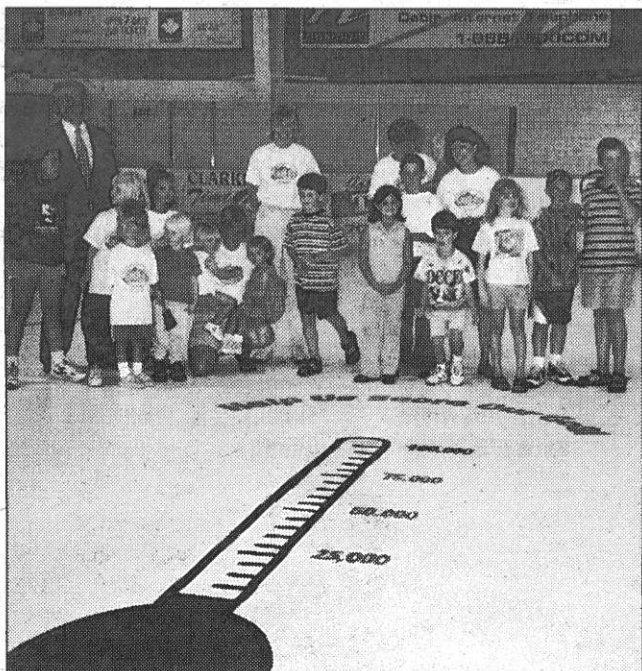
However, the lack of

notification about the dismantling boiled down to an issue of respect for local residents. Hilditch asserted, "We should have received a letter explaining the problems before the playground equipment came down."

Council agreed with Hilditch, and the Reeve suggested the Parks and Recreation manager develop a plan for a future park in Cedar Valley, and then present it to interested residents. Council also passed a motion which would give the group an additional \$5,000 from recreation coffers to buy CSA-approved equipment.

During a telephone conversation following the meeting, Hilditch said she was pleased with the Reeve's suggestion, and subsequent Council approval for the \$5,000.

"When you put your heart and soul into a project for a whole year and then it is taken away, it is devastating." ♣



Old Millbrook School Family Centre needs help to raise the temperature on their fundraising thermometer at the Arena!

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# Concern raised over changes to municipal government structures

By Michele Curran and Kathy Miller

Recent boundary problems between the municipalities of Lakefield, Smith-Ennismore and Douro-Dummer are already having a trickle-down effect on Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council.

During the September 7 Council meeting, Reeve Neal Cathcart asked councillors, "Are we in a position to proceed with choosing a planner to create a new official plan? If you think Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan will be a township in the year 2001, then we should go ahead."

Councillor Alex Ruth asked why Council should spend money on creating a plan — considering the possibility that Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan may cease to exist, with serious discussion across Peterborough County regarding a single-tier regional government.

Despite these concerns, Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell still felt Council should proceed with an official plan. "We lose our identity if we don't go ahead with an official plan." A decision was made to deal with proposals tendered by three planning firms to create a new official plan at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The boundary dispute, which may result in the present two-tier government being replaced by a single-tier, has its roots in the amalgamation process of 1997. County Chief Administrative Officer Joe

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Tiernay explained that during this time, Lakefield chose to opt out of the amalgamation process that halved the number of municipalities by 9. It was not that Lakefield was against the amalgamation, but they did request County Council to look at boundary adjustment proposals in the future.

At the beginning of this year, a strategic meeting was held with Asphodel-Norwood, Lakefield, Smith-Ennismore and Douro-Dummer to discuss boundary concerns. County Warden Elizabeth Tanner and Tiernay were also in attendance to address these concerns. Lakefield proposed annexation of a larger portion of Smith-Ennismore and a smaller portion of Douro-Dummer to offset the high taxes levied in the village.

Unfortunately, residents of the proposed areas of annexation would experience a substantial tax increase. Smith-Ennismore reeve Burritt Mann said Lakefield is looking to annex land that includes 219 residential homes, 23 commercial properties and 12 farms. Mann added that one of the residential homes is currently assessed at an annual municipal tax rate of \$1,124.96 — under the Lakefield annexation, the rate would increase by

\$2,633.47. Therefore, the annexation idea was rejected, and amalgamation was then proposed as a viable solution to the problem, with September 1 being the deadline for this process.

On August 27, County Council passed an imposed amalgamation of Lakefield with Smith-Ennismore and a small part of Douro-Dummer. Asphodel-Norwood and Douro-Dummer have, at this time, decided to maintain the status quo, citing good working relations as the main reason.

*[One proposal has] the nine municipalities of Peterborough County [divided into]: Cavanbrook, Norlock, Kawartha Lakes and North Burleigh.*

Tiernay is in the process of developing a restructuring proposal that only needs two out of the three municipalities' approval, which will then go on to County Council and finally to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Once the proposal reaches the provincial level, the Ministry can still decide to send in a commissioner to

review the case.

At the September 1 County Council meeting, County voted to receive a letter from the Lakefield municipality for information only. The municipality had sent a letter to the provincial commissioner requesting review of the proposal. While the request for a commissioner to deal with the issue has been made to the Ministry, Lakefield reeve Bob Hasling is still hoping for a local solution. "Peterborough County, in the next month or two, could still get their act together to come up with a local solution. I think Peterborough County could be restructured to save all ratepayers more money." His first preference would be to see the Village of Lakefield annex part of Douro-Dummer and Smith-Ennismore, but Hasling said "there are other alternatives that could be looked at."

Lakefield's decision to involve a commissioner, has already set warning bells ringing throughout the County. Even municipal officials of the councils in question express trepidation at having a commissioner, "an outsider", making decisions that could dramatically affect local government.

Their concerns are not unfounded. An example of a situation where a commissioner was called in to resolve a similar conflict involved the County of Kent and the City of Chatham. In this case, when boundary problems arose, the commissioner vetoed proposals of annexation and amalgamation and instead chose a single-tier government (to date, there has been no appointment of a commissioner to look into Lakefield's concerns). Some of the residents in the Kent and Chatham region welcomed the concept of a single-tier government as a cost-saving measure, but others living in smaller, more rural centers were left wondering if their concerns would be heard in a new "mega-structure".

Back in Peterborough County, The Mobility Awareness Group (MAG) sees restructuring as a cost saving measure, to the tune of 3 million dollars. MAG has sent a proposal to Municipal Affairs minister Steve Gilchrist that would see the nine municipalities of Peterborough County merged into four administrative regions:

Cavanbrook, Norlock, Kawartha Lakes and North Burleigh. The City of Peterborough, while remaining a separate political entity, would work with the four surrounding towns on mutual services. ♣

## Bank St. controversy bursts into flames

The Cavan-Millbrook fire department reacted quickly to a reported blaze September 7 on Bank Street.

The trouble was, firefighters didn't know on which Bank Street the fire was located.

Two fire trucks were deployed, one to Bank Street North and the other to Bank Street South. It was subsequently discovered the fire was on Bank Street South, on the property of Eleanor Duthie. Duthie actively opposed a proposed name change for Bank St. South last spring, when some of her neighbours raised concerns about the confusion between the two streets.

The division of fire-fighting resources that evening has Bank St. South resident Ken Greenberg steamed. In a telephone call to The Gazette, Mr. Greenberg applauded the response of the fire department, while asserting the time has come for a name change for his street. "Fortunately, it wasn't a serious fire, and no one was hurt." But next time, he said, residents on either Bank Street may not be so lucky.

Mr. Greenberg and other neighbours petitioned Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council last spring for the name change. Council agreed in principle to the change, but pulled back from its endorsement in the face of opposition from Ms. Duthie

and other residents of the village.

Millbrook fire chief Nels Edgerton is waiting patiently for the municipality to "hook up" its 9-1-1 emergency system, so that he no longer has to send out two fire trucks as he did in the recent Bank Street debacle.

The problem, Edgerton said, is that when people call in a fire they don't always say if they're at Bank Street North or South. It's the same situation with King Street East and King Street West. "It does create a bit of a problem if we don't know where we're going," the fire chief said, but so far it seems to have presented more of an annoyance than a major inconvenience. Edgerton said the situation gets dicier when it's a medical call, but added he feels it shouldn't be a problem "as long as you tell us if you're east or west (or north or south)."

Fortunately, as it stands, Edgerton says it doesn't really cost all that much extra to send two trucks to opposing ends of the street to answer a call when the exact address isn't clear.

Once the 9-1-1 system is hooked up electronically, though, Edgerton says that problem will disappear, as a correct address will automatically come up on a screen used by the emergency dispatcher. The fire department has been told the system will be up and running in November. ♣

## Verdict on Deputy-Reeve a waiting game

By Michele Curran

A verdict in the trial of Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell has been delayed once again, due to scheduling difficulties.

The trial covered a two-day period, on May 29 and June 4. Owing to scheduling conflicts for both lawyers and Justice of the Peace Joan Glover, the case could not be concluded. It was put over to September 2, but once again there was a

problem with schedules of legal counsel and Justice Glover. The verdict is expected to be handed down on September 21, 1999.

As reported in *The Gazette* last November, charges against Squirrell stem from alleged contraventions of the 1997 Municipal Elections Act. He had allegedly failed to open one or more accounts at a financial institution for the purpose of an election campaign; failed to make all

payments from the campaign public account; accepted campaign contributions of money in excess of \$25; filed a false or incorrect financial statement in form; and failed to deposit all campaign contributions of money into a campaign account.

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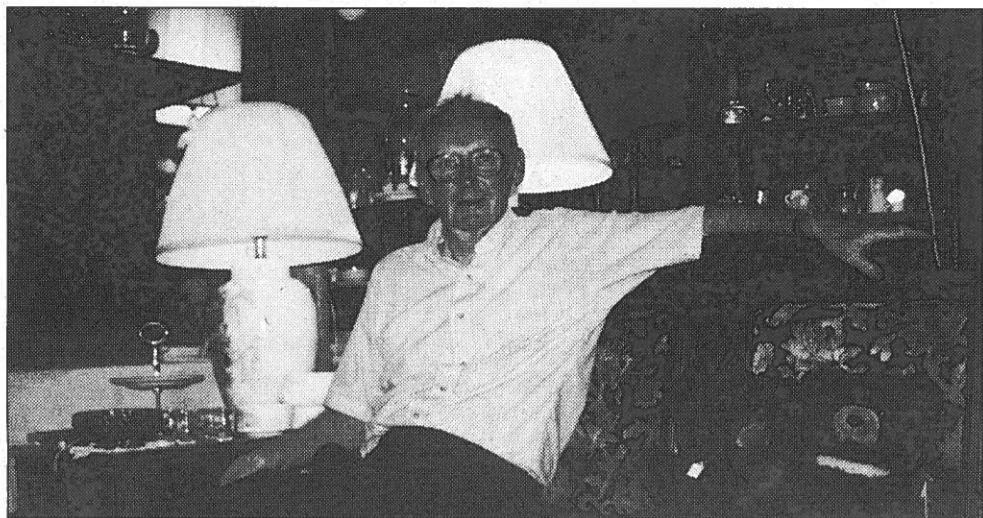
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**BUSINESS PROFILE**



Purveyors of a rich past, Wes Eardley (above) and his wife Dot share of a love of antiques, books with the public.

## Treasures & memories to be found in Cavan

By Kathryn Miller

At the heart of Cavan village, there's treasure to be found.

Just west of the four corners on Highway 7a), there's a pretty house with some rather nice knick-knacks on the front lawn — and tucked behind the house is a tiny little barn stuffed full of treasures and memories of days gone by.

If you have a love for antiques, The Little Barn is a "must-visit". Owned and operated by Dot and Wes Eardley for the past 27 years, the antiques and collectibles business features a wide variety of the rare, the quirky and one-of-a-kind.

The couple said they'd been looking around for the ideal location to open an antique shop for several years, and had even considered locations as far away as the east coast of Canada — but it was the beauty of Cavan, and the nearness of relatives that finally decided the location just over a quarter of a century ago. Wes says their house and the little barn out back came on the market one day, "and we bought it the next. We fell in love with it. We loved the house, its simplicity, and its age. And we loved the barn!" The Eardleys opened for business about six months after they moved in. Wes says they had "a few antiques and some crafts. And we soon found out the thing that was going to make it for us was the antiques."

The Little Barn is little indeed. The original structure is over 100 years old, and from the size of it, seems to have been built for one or two horses or perhaps a few small farm animals. A room has since been added to the structure, to house more antiques for sale, and it is packed from floor to ceiling with everything from furniture and old books, to glassware, jewellery and keepsakes.

But it's not just the merchandise that enthralls the visitor in this shop. A big part of the experience is the atmosphere — the smell of the place tugs at the senses, and an indescribable feeling of events and times gone by. One wonders what this little place might have been like when it was first built. Old faded photographs of people in outfits long outdated raise the questions "what were they thinking when these pictures were taken? what were their lives like?"

All around the tiny barn is the evidence of lives lived. For Dot, part of the fun of running the shop is being able to research pieces she finds. She loves checking an item for a name or a marking, and looking it up in her extensive library to learn more about it. Dot said she's even done research for cus-

tomers who bring in pieces they are curious about. Her advice to anyone who is not sure if they have something of value is "Don't throw anything away! Let us do that for you. I've heard so many horror stories of people throwing things away that they thought were worthless." The Eardleys get most of their antiques from private sales, usually estates of people who have passed away or are moving into retirement homes.

The couple said they have no plans to retire. "Why should we retire? As long as we're happy..." Dot said.

The Little Barn is open seven days a week. Dot says hours are usually 10 am - 4 pm, but she says if you're coming from a distance, it might be best to call ahead first. The number is (705) 944-5653. ♣

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Millbrook resident Esther Giroux likes to pamper herself now and then, and she says she gets just what she's looking for at Freda Burke's Aesthetic Services, one of The Green Hills Gazette's advertisers.

Giroux moved to Millbrook from Toronto two years ago. She says she discovered Burke's business through a feature story and ad carried in The Gazette last year, and was thrilled she could visit an aesthetic salon without having to travel to Peterborough or back to Toronto.

Freda Burke's Aesthetic Services provides customers with several ways to spoil themselves, including manicures, pedicures, facials and ear candling. Giroux is partial to pedicures, and really benefits from ear candling. "It's great if you have sinus problems. I sometimes feel like I'm on a plane, my ears (can get) all blocked up. It (ear candling) makes me feel better."

Giroux has also had a facial, but it's the whole

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**EDITORIAL**

**Writing on the wall**

The leaves are turning colours, as children return to school with a mixture of excitement and trepidation over what the coming year will bring.

I can't help but be excited along with them, for I, too, was able to return to school last week — Millbrook Public School.

Actually, it's not called Millbrook Public School any more. It's now known widely as the Old Millbrook School. It didn't seem so old when I attended grades one to three there. In fact, it seemed to hum with a timeless, youthful energy, created by all the generations of children who had studied and played there. (The memory of nearly every kid who passed through its doors is still tangible in the scratched-on names on the school's outside walls — I think my eight-year-old print can still be seen on the east wall near the doors!)

I remember my first day of school (grade one) in November 1972. As the new kid on the block, it was a scary thing. However, the teachers there seemed really quite caring, and the Smith girls, particularly Denise, took me under their wing and made sure the other kids didn't pick on me until I assimilated. What an awesome, immense building the school seemed in those days!

And then, when my brother and I had passed through its sunny classrooms to higher grades at South Cavan P.S. and Millbrook High School, my sister attended. However, she was not to complete grade three there, as in its infinite wisdom the school board decided to close the school — fire hazard, they said. I was there as Marshall Fallis, legendary farmer on the 6th Line, blocked off the driveway at the school with a very large combine as a message to the board of ed to back off in its attempts to close the school. There was quite a crowd there to reinforce the point that many felt the school was quite sound, and an integral part of our community.

Members of the community swung into action, and formed a committee called Friends of the Millbrook School. Without their efforts, the school would have passed out of the community's hands. It was turned over to the then-Municipality of the Village of Millbrook, and was sadly underutilized and somewhat neglected. It cost an arm and a leg to heat, and did not make up for its expense in rentals. I was horrified to hear the grand old dame of golden brick discussed as a white elephant by community and council members prior to and during amalgamation discussions, and hoped the new council wouldn't sell the historic building.

Thankfully, once again, community members and a recreation department with vision saw the beauty hiding beneath the sad disrepair, and the potential for a community centre. Now the school is alive with life, and young (and older) voices can be heard in the halls and rooms once more. Thank you to the many community members, municipal councillors and staff who have preserved the school and rejuvenated it for such marvellous uses today.

And the place even still smells the same... once again, I am nostalgically carried back to that first day of school in Millbrook. ♣

**Congrats, Nexicom**

Walking daily down the main street of Millbrook, I can't help but notice the beautiful and attractive facelift Nexicom is giving its buildings. This town should be proud of the fact that we have such a good model of corporate citizenship in our midst; one who supports local endeavours such as the 4th Line Theatre and the public internet access office, while continuing to keep its headquarters here, even as it expands, providing skilled employment opportunities.

Keep up the good work, Nexicom.

Bill Slavin,  
Millbrook

**Columnists on holiday**

You may have wondered about, and missed some of the columns we usually run each month.

Like our readership, we need a break from time to time. So that's what some of our contributors have done — taken a month or two off to explore the world, soak up rays, move house, or just hang out with family and friends without the stress of deadlines.

Outdoors with George will be back in October, as will Common Ground (gardening), God Talk and Hash and Beans (cooking). And of course, you can continue to look forward to Cosmic



Our regular cartoonist has recently returned from holidays and is feeling too blissed out to be satirical. He will doubtlessly be back to his former nasty self by next issue.

SUE DYMENT

Comics, Creative Parenting, The Education File and Random Sampling... and a few MORE in the months to come!

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By the way, all of our columnists welcome your letters or questions. Send them c/o The Green Hills Gazette, and we'll pass them on! ♣

**Of danger and irony**

Once again, our fire department is to be commended for their quick response to a reported fire on my road, Bank St. South. However, because of the on-going confusion caused by Millbrook having two Bank Streets (North and South), the fire department prudently dispatched equipment to both of these unconnected roads. By no fault of their own, it meant that not all of the department's resources were actually at the correct location.

The problems associated with having two similarly named streets in our small village have long been known, and include perplexed drivers, lost courier parcels, misdirected mail, frustrated contractors, annoyed visitors and misdelivered building supplies. Last year, Consumers Gas showed up at my door in response to a homeowner reporting a smell of natural gas. The leak, though, was on the other Bank Street.

In recognition of these problems, and especially over concern regarding emergency services i.e. fire, police and ambulance, a neighbour and I appealed to Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council last year to change our street name. Council saw the wisdom of our request and agreed.

Unfortunately, a new, part-time resident on our street from Toronto, Eleanor Duthie, objected vehemently and actively fought to retain the status quo. Council, overwhelmed with more pressing issues of amalgamation and restructuring, reluctantly recanted and left Millbrook with two Bank Streets.

Given this latest example of how villagers' safety may be compromised by the existing, risky situation, it is imperative that Council revisit the issue. To do nothing is to invite disaster.

As a suggestion, I offer the new name of "Armstrong Road", in honour of five of Cavan's earliest pioneer families. Coincidentally, in 1861, it was an Armstrong who owned the entire 100 acres over which both Bank Streets presently cross. Lastly, another Armstrong, John, was a local builder of great repute and several heritage-designated houses in Millbrook are accredited to him.

Oh, and in case anyone is wondering, the recent fire was not serious, and it happened on Ms. Duthie's property.

Ken Greenberg  
8 Bank St. South,  
Millbrook, Ontario

**Where is our park?**

Residents of a small community called Cedar Valley Pulled together to build a park.  
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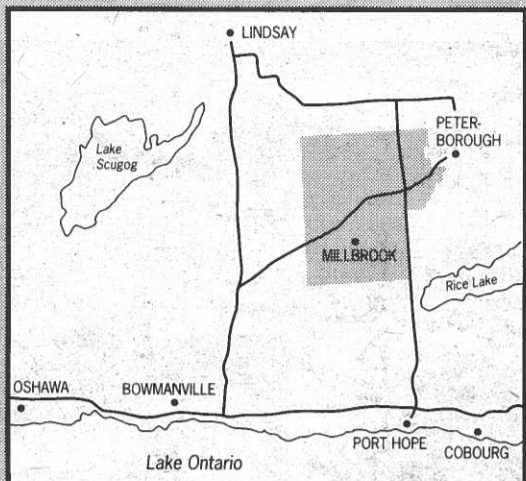
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## A tale of two movies

By Margaret Monis

Here I am again, with two films playing out against each other in my mind. Both are period pieces set in England in the late 1500's, and both feature fine performances and wonderful scripts. I am speaking of course of "Elizabeth" and "Shakespeare in Love", two hot properties which figured prominently at this year's Academy Awards.

Let's begin with "Shakespeare in Love". This film is brilliantly written (one would expect no less from Tom Stoppard, whose "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" is one of the cleverest and most literary plays written in the past 50 years). The plot revolves around a young Shakespeare as he struggles to meet his contractual obligation to a theatre owner — who is himself being pressured by a thuggish backer. The Bard finally hits on the idea of writing a love story and casts a young nobleman (who is actually a woman in disguise) as the lead in his new play. He soon discovers this young actor's secret, falls madly in love with her, and bases the play he then writes, "Romeo and Juliet", on the love affair which follows. Joseph Fiennes, who's looks alone are worth the price of admission, gives a wonderful performance here as an incipient genius whose talent is unleashed by the power of love, and Gwyneth Paltrow does a serviceable, if not Oscar-worthy job, as his beleaguered lover.

If you want to see the performance which should have won for Best Actress this year, then do rent "Elizabeth". Cate Blanchett, in the title role, brings warmth and incredible depth to her portrayal of an historical figure who is too often dismissed as a frigid virago. "Elizabeth" deals with the earliest days of the Virgin Queen's rule, and lays out in plausible yet heartbreaking detail how a spirited and politically naive young woman was transformed into a staid and savvy ruler by the harsh realities of courtly life. Blanchett is ably supported by a stable of fine actors in this film; Joseph Fiennes as Dudley, the young Elizabeth's fiercest love and greatest disappointment; Sir Richard Attenborough as Cecil, a well-meaning yet essentially outdated advisor; and Geoffrey Rush as Walsingham, a deceptively ferocious courtier who proves to be the Queen's staunchest ally.

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Both "Elizabeth" and "Shakespeare in Love" feature wonderful sets, breathtaking costumes, and present fully realized visions of life in 16th century England. The thing I liked best about these films however, and what I find most heartening about their broad appeal, is that they are both very finely scripted. After years and years of badly written blockbusters clogging up theatres and the popular imagination, these two movies have finally broken the mould and proven that considered dialogue can be just as engrossing and exciting as blowing things, and people, up. Let's hope the trend continues! ♣



### THE EDUCATION FILE

By Peter Ford

Education is process. Coping successfully with life each day is product.

Many sources explain how events are mirrors: what we see in others is really what we are - what we admire (or dislike) mirrors admirable aspects of self. When we dress in the morning, we check the mirror. Life events are mirrors, too.

So what's this got to do with 'education'? If 'education' means the education system (or 'edmachine'), maybe not much. But if 'education' means learning to cope with life, the 'world as mirror' idea becomes an important central concept.

If we learn what we do, then we learn to cope by doing it - coping. Each

## Big Edmachine turned on and running

day's events are our lessons. Life's testing is real testing, our natural way of testing ourselves. Real evaluation is self-evaluation. Natural testing occurs when we deal with difficulties, and learn from solving them.

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It's September. The big edmachine is turned on and running. Our youth enter the factory daily, and emerge each day as the edmachine's 'product'.

What they learned depends on what they did all day.

Edmachine employees design classroom spaces to help control what people 'do' there, then they design examination questions (quality control) TO TEST THEIR PRODUCT - TO DISCOVER IF THE EDMACHINE IS DOING WHAT ITS CREATORS WANT IT TO DO. It's interesting that the principle applies to the system just as it does to individual people.

The important test is always the self-test. So edmachine employees design factories, cut inventory, cut finances, test and re-test their product for quality control, and publicly laud their success. The system designs itself, tests itself, juggles its statistics (which can be manipulated to prove almost anything) and prides itself on its great product. Is there a problem here?

The edmachine's expressed objective is to produce 'better students'. What does that mean? My deep suspicions suggest that 'better students' are those who have learned to be obedient, to jump on command, to happily

cooperate with authorities, to enjoy life as the system dictates it.

If the edmachine factory changed focus to encourage students to be creative thinkers, people adept at coping with life's tests, then daily lessons on the factory floor would focus on coping, using daily events as they occur as lessons. Unfortunately for system authorities, student progress in such a factory can't be tested with 'standardized' tests. Learning is individual. Factory floor managers (teachers) would become facilitators whose priorities encourage individual creativity and coping skills. Their challenge: create exciting lessons that suit the needs of individual students, using the winds of each moment's events to energize the pulse and rhythm of each day.

It's only an opinion, of course, but I believe we're at a watershed point in the evolution of the how, what, when, where and why of our politically controlled edmachine.

Will we, the product of the system as it has evolved to date, tolerate what it's about to become as politicians further cut budgets and tighten controls? Or will we - adult voters, who have also learned hard lessons from life's mirror-events and natural self-testing, decide that the edmachine has outlived its time — and accept responsibility for encouraging our children in the directions of their hearts? Will we help our children to learn to use life's events as coping lessons, to understand that people both self-test and self-learn? Self-learning is process and NOT product, and people learn by what they do. Can we now help our youth by practicing (and enjoying) projects that encourage creative thinking — until they become creative thinkers and thoughtful voters? ♣

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# Old Millbrook School bursting with new life

By Kathryn Miller

The Old Millbrook School has had new life breathed into it, and will soon house a new venture to help local families.

The Old Millbrook School Family Centre is scheduled to open in the fall of 2000. A news release from the Centre states, "The doors of the Old Millbrook School will once again open for the benefit of the area's children — renewing, in part, the school's mandate of 1890."

Built in the late 1800's, the school has been the subject of some heated debate over the years between those who wanted to "unload it", and those who cherished it and wanted it saved and maintained at all costs. As a building including a continuation (high school), and then as housing an elementary school, Millbrook School played an integral role in the childhood years of several generations in this area. MPS stopped functioning as a school nearly

two decades ago, but since has housed community activities, fitness classes, and a few small businesses.

In 1998, a plan was drawn up for redevelopment of the building, keeping as much of the historical structure as possible intact. Newly renovated and beautifully restored, the school now houses the Millbrook Public Library, Millbrook and District Food Share, a photography studio, and many community groups and activities.



Room to browse in the stacks is one of the delights patrons discover at the new Millbrook Library.

## Old halls to echo with children's laughter — once again!

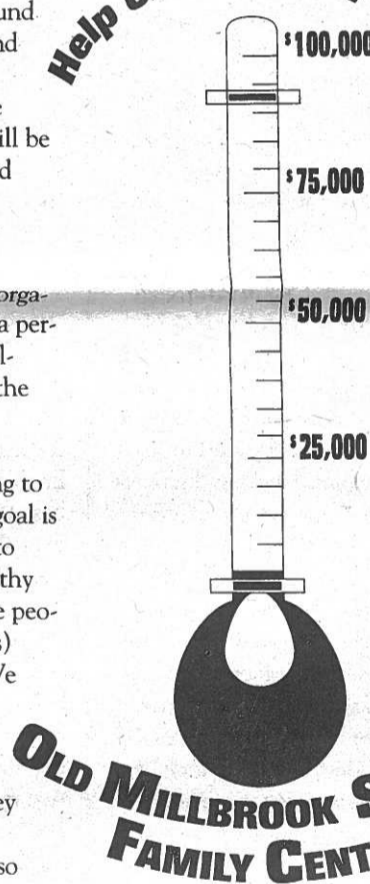
According to Penello, the Centre's goal is to work with families to help build strong, healthy relationships, "to make people aware of (problems) before they happen. We want to train people (in) preventative measures," to stop family crises before they start.

The Old Millbrook School Family Centre will round out the recreational and educational offerings of the school, with the many activities that will be offered for children and their families.

Family Centre spokesperson Angela Penello said this new organization will provide "a permanent facility for children's programmes in the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan." According to Penello, the Centre's goal is to work with families to help build strong, healthy relationships, "to make people aware of (problems) before they happen. We want to train people (in) preventative measures," to stop family crises before they start.

The Centre will also house the Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School, moving the group from the Cavan Community Hall. Other

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licensed before and after school programme for 6 - 12 year olds; courses focusing on the care and well-being of children; day camps for school-age children; and a meeting place for various groups and organizations.

Penello said the Family Centre was created in response to local demand for more children's programmes "in our own immediate area." The Centre's goal is to raise \$100,000 to complete renovations at the Old Millbrook School, "creating a safe, clean, inviting area."

One fundraising event planned is a silent auction and dinner, slated for November 20 at the Millbrook

Community Centre. Penello said she's "really excited" about the auction, and added, "We've already had a lot of donations, including sports memorabilia." Tickets will cost approximately \$25 per person.

programs and activities that may be offered by the centre in the future include a

## Library opens doors of sunny new location

"We had people from Ontario Library Services look over that facility several years ago," said Greenberg, "and they estimated we needed three times the space we had. But what I'm tickled about more than anything is that we have a washroom!"

The other beneficiary of the beautifully improved school building is the Millbrook Public Library, which has operated out of its new location since August 1. A grand opening is planned for October.

Assistant librarian Judy Greenberg said library personnel are just thrilled with their new digs. Up until now, the library was housed in a small room on King Street that had been willed for use as a library by Dr. Turner, who passed away in 1984. The one-room space had been used as part of a hospital the physician had operated at 34 King Street.

"We had people from Ontario Library Services look over that facility several years ago," said Greenberg, "and they estimated we needed three times the space we had." Now that the library is in the Old School, Greenberg said there's

finally "the correct footage for the number of people who use the library."

But it's something much more basic that's really put a smile on Greenberg's face. "What I'm tickled about more than anything is that we have a washroom!" There were no "facilities" at the previous library location.

The beautiful, light-coloured wood fixtures, the tables and chairs were lovingly created by master woodworker John Ireland, a Cavan Ward resident. Bathed in light from the big windows, the reader has a cozy spot to ponder the wonders of the world in the pages of a fascinating book or periodical.

Children have not been forgotten in the floor plan. There's a scaled-down version of the satiny wood chairs and tables in another sunny corner, located near the children's section.

Another major improvement to the library is that it is wheelchair accessible. As the library has only been open a month, Judy said there are many ideas being discussed for future programmes and services. For instance, additional computers and Internet access are planned for the library,

including printers. This will be an invaluable asset to the job seeker who wants to create or update a resume, or search the Web for a dream career.

Fundraising by the Friends of the Millbrook Library is ongoing (including the auction at the Zucchini Festival), and of course, donations are always welcome to assist in purchasing new equipment and books.

The change of venue has also boosted use of the library. Greenberg said in the last month she alone has signed up 50 new patrons.

If the library needs anything now, it's volunteers. No experience is necessary, and she says anyone interested will be trained.

The newly renovated library will be celebrating its Grand Opening, Saturday, October 2 at 2 pm, 105 years almost to the day since the first Millbrook Library opened. Festivities will include speeches, music and lots of goodies, as well as an opportunity to purchase a leaf on the Friends of the Library's Book Tree and put a new book of your selection on the shelves.



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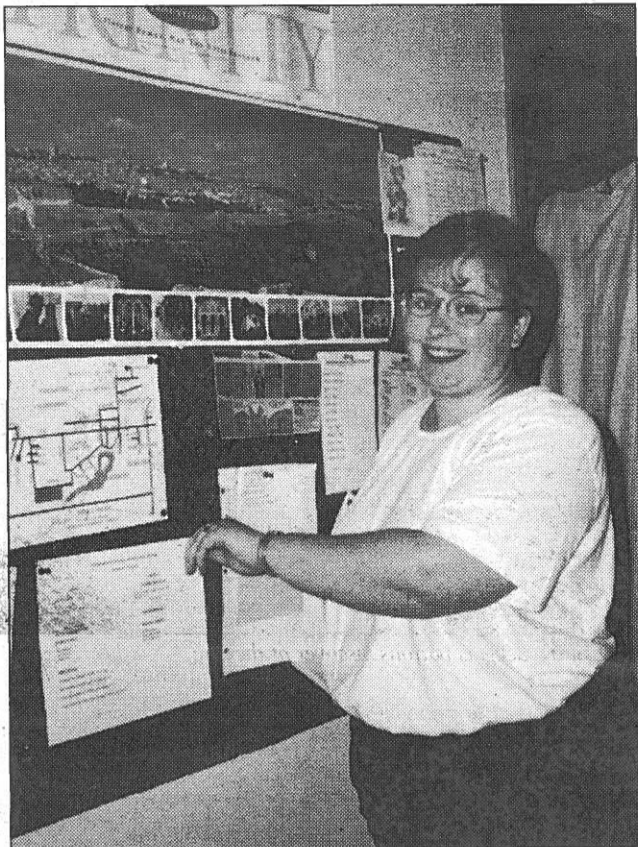
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Rev. Naomi Miller hard at work in the parish office in Millbrook.

## New curate welcomed by Bailieboro

By Deborah Luchuk

Naomi Miller had lived in Bailieboro for three days - and in that time, met more people than she had ever met in her apartment building in Toronto.

The new curate for the Anglican Parish of Cavan and Manvers was thrilled to find her new neighbours so welcoming and hospitable upon moving to the village July 27. But then, she really didn't expect things to be any different, as she had been raised in a small community herself - in Warkworth. The people coming by with corn on the cob, fresh veggies and baked goods are making her first few weeks in the village feel just like home.

Rev. Miller was ordained a deacon in May, having graduated from the University of Toronto's Trinity College with a

Master of Divinity. She is married to Tim Miller, who has given up a job in Toronto to move with his wife to her new parish (as we go to press, he just land-

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ed a position at Trent University). Their family has been recently added to, with the arrival of Xander, a tiny tabby kitten.

So just what brings a nice Warkworth girl to Bailieboro? Naomi felt "the call" to ministry when she was an undergraduate in microbiology at the University of Guelph.

"I was wondering what lab to choose, when I decided I wanted to work with people (instead of microbes). What could I do that would allow me to live in small communities, and do the kind of work I wanted to do?" She decided to enter the ministry upon graduation, and determined that rural ministry was what she really wanted to do.

The timing was impeccable, as upon graduation, Naomi had to be placed in a parish, and Bishop Blackwell decided he was interested in training people for rural ministry as curates. "I knew I was going to have to put in time," Naomi said, "and fortunately, I didn't get placed in the city." The Parish of Cavan-Manvers was selected, and Canon (Rev.) Susan Sheen has been "an excellent teacher" in the curate's first parish work.

Rev. Sheen had one week to introduce Naomi to the parish before setting off on holidays - in other words, she (Naomi) hit the ground running. "I prayed no one would die while she was away!" Her first month might have been entitled "Two Weddings and Two Funerals." In addition to assisting with these services, Naomi helped out with two Vacation Bible Schools,

preached few times, assisted at Eucharist, and did a little visiting.

Naomi is looking forward to getting to know her neighbours, and hopes to add a dog to her family in order to get out for more walks in the neighbourhood. A big part of her work in months to come will be youth ministry, and she's looking forward to meeting some of the young people in the parish and the broader community. A joint youth group with the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More is also planned for this fall. Rounding out Naomi's youth ministry will be volunteer work as a Brownie leader in Millbrook.

"And I'm hoping to find someone to help me figure out needlecraft - I have a lot of respect for those who are involved in quilting and other needlecraft," Naomi said, in reference to what she will do with her free time. She and Tim also would appreciate some advice on the best locations to paddle a canoe in the area, as both are avid canoeists.

If you are that wizard with a needle, avid canoeist, or just want to wish the young couple well, call the Parish of Cavan-Manvers at 932-2233. ♣



## Smooch, Smooch, Capricorns

By Crystal Eves

We should all be nicer to Capricorns (December 23-January 20). Yeah, I know, I say this after having recently advised you to go hunt down an arthritic Capricorn and tease him. But really, I'm having pangs of sympathy (and getting bags of hate mail) for having done so, and thought I might rectify the situation by generating some compassion for the winter-born, which shouldn't be difficult given their plight.

*Well for starters, they've got to go through life with that ridiculous astrological symbol. What is that anyway? A goat-fish?*

Plight, you say. What possible problems could these highly successful and effective people have? Well for starters, they've got to go through life with that ridiculous astrological symbol. What is that anyway? A goat-fish? It has the head of a goat and the tail of a fish. Who ever heard of such a thing? No wonder Capricorns are most likely to disbelieve astrology. If someone told me that in their system of categorization I was represented by some freaky mer-goat creature, I'd tell them they were full of crap too.

It was probably in an effort to win over the reluctant Capricorns that astrology started eliminating the fish tail and calling their symbol simply 'mountain goat' but really this was not much of an improvement. I don't know about you, but I have yet to meet a person who

would be flattered to be called 'goat.' Think about it. "You're looking mighty goatish today." Smack. "Hey Billy come back... I was just trying to compliment your new hair do." (Bleatin' ingrate.)

So this symbol thing is a lot to deal with but that's not all the Cappies must face. They are also regularly accused of being cynical. But I say who can blame them. Their birthdays fall right around the holidays and for their entire lives, while the rest of us get showered with attention and presents on our special day, Capricorns have received holiday gifts and are told, "oh yeah, this is for your birthday too." Their special dinner is often comprised of left-over turkey sandwiches and a half-eaten pumpkin pie with a candle in it. I'd be a little bitter too.

And if being an uncelebrated goat were not enough, Capricorns are often grossly misunderstood when they pitch in to help. Cappies are not afraid to jump in and get the job done. They plan things out, make lists and schedules, delegate and before you know it, the task is completed. You'd think people would be so thankful they would throw a parade but NO. Instead, the poor goat people get complained about behind their back. (It's behind their back because they are often the boss.)

People say things like, "What nerve she has, telling us what to do!" and "Can you believe how he just came in here and took over? Who does he think he is?". Of course, they never say these things when Capricorn has just cleaned the toilets or paid the bills, mutiny only occurs when the completed task seems semi-pleasant like planning a party or decorating the house.

So as you can see, Capricorns have many difficulties, and are deserving of our sympathy if not love - and besides that, if we don't kiss up to them, they'll probably fire us. ♣

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# A brief history of the Millbrook Agricultural Society

**Submitted by Holly Hall**  
 In 1833, the first promoters of the Millbrook Fair petitioned for permission to exchange, show and sell goods, livestock and agricultural products three times a year. Newspapers document revisions to this in 1836, 1838, and 1841 and give regular accounts from October 28, 1848 to the present.

By our 100th anniversary in 1949, we had survived rain-outs, wartime restrictions, the withdrawal of rail services, and substituted the odd fair with area horse shows. The Society still operated with full membership meetings. It had restructured to only a Spring Fair in 1942. School children attended this half-day event, and the community enjoyed an evening dance. Prize money paid in 1854 was 19 pounds, 12 shillings and 6 pence — in 1949,

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it was \$1436. By 1998, it was \$18,673.30.

During the past fifty years, the Society has continued to adapt to its members and community's needs. Women and men now serve as executive directors, directors and associate directors. Together, they improved our class D fair to a three-day class B fair. Many events and entertainment features celebrate 20 years this year. We proudly showcase your best in friendly competition. In

the fair's proceedings this past June, we invited area seniors to enjoy our tenth anniversary Children's Day educational displays and demonstrations — part of our mandate to educate, be a service to the community, and enrich our rural lifestyle. As the children expressed it, we are "Reflecting our Past - Inspiring our Future". The Millbrook Agricultural Society exemplifies a stabilizing spirit in our community, dedicated to maintaining our agricultural roots.

Are you interested in getting involved with the Millbrook Agricultural Society as a volunteer? It's a great way to meet neighbours, and bring the community together once a year at the Millbrook Fair. There's a wide variety of engaging activities to assist with! Call Holly Hall at 932-2245 for more information. Help plan the first fair of the new millennium!! ♣



## CREATIVE PARENTING

**By Trish Boyd-Reininger**  
 The last day of fishing at the cottage was a rainy one, but fish they did. Too wet for a bonfire, but a natural shower while you swim in a beautiful lake is an awesome thing.

My brother weathered the storm under a golf umbrella, and barbecued some delicious morsels. Mom and I did the rest indoors: Three soggy fishermen arrived just in time, with stories of the ones that got away, and the ones they let go.

After a wonderful family meal, we locked the doors and said our good-byes until Thanksgiving, when we will close the cottage for the winter. There was talk of school the next day as we savoured some cones at our favourite ice cream shop.

Home and ready for bed, the routine began... feelings of nervousness and excitement, mixed with groans of realization that summer days of freedom and late nights of fun have come to an end.

Now here it is, September 7, laundry is humming away, the vacuum is out and dishes are in the sink, waiting to be done. It's 9 am, my tea is hot and the house is quiet. It's the first day back to school — whew. The peace in the house gives me time to reflect on the months that whizzed by. It's hard to

# A new season is just beginning...

believe that fall is near, and winter is... well, let's not talk about winter just yet! The weather today is very much like a fall day, compared to the weather a few days ago.

*There they stood — Adam, Kyle and three other neighbourhood children, underneath a patio umbrella (carried across by my neighbours) waiting for the bus.*

There they stood — Adam, Kyle and three other neighbourhood children, underneath a patio umbrella (carried across by my neighbours) waiting for the bus. They all climbed aboard, waved out the windows, and were gone in a twinkling. It's always a little sad for me waving goodbye to them, wondering if they'll be alright. Will there be friends from last year in their classes, do they have enough to eat and drink? Will they have enough time to eat their lunch (THAT'S ANOTHER STORY!), will they be safe?... are they happy?

Now that the boys are growing up, it's not bumps and bruises that make them sad — it's situations, words and feelings of inadequacy. This is much, much harder to deal with as a child, and equally dif-

ficult to deal with as a parent. One, they don't tell us everything anymore, and two, we're not with them all the time to protect them and understand what they're going through. After a busy day at school, a simple greeting of "Hi! Glad you're home," or "I missed you today" seems to work best. They've answered questions all day, so even a question like "How was your day?" or "What did you do all day?" is bound to get answers like "Fine" or "Nothing". I find waiting until they unwind and unpack (their lunchboxes) gives them a chance to offer information, and before you know it, you're talking about all kinds of things that happened during their day.

It's times like these that keep the lines of communication open. Really listening, and working on eye contact lets them know that you are hearing them, and that what they are saying is important. If we as parents can offer this kind of attention, we will model important listening skills... and hopefully continue to communicate effectively and meaningfully when they're teenagers.

Wishful thinking? I'll let you know in three years! ♣

*"Dear Mother: I'm all right. Stop worrying about me"*  
 — Papyrus letter of a 17-year-old Egyptian girl, circa 2000 BC, (Metropolitan Museum of Art)

# Breakfast Club serving up this fall

**Submitted by Shelley Storage**

As the 1999/2000 school year begins, we settle back into the routine of early morning hustle and bustle, long bus rides — and often running out the door without breakfast.

Student nourishment programs are essential, for many reasons. A study in 1994 indicated that 50% of Canadian children arrived at school without a complete breakfast, while 5 to 10% had no breakfast at all. An incomplete or missed breakfast can be due to poverty, or because parents must leave early for work (and are unable to supervise the morning meal).

Children may have had no appetite for breakfast prior to a long bus ride, yet find their stomach grumbling by the time they get to school.

Thankfully, student nourishment programs are working! Students attend because Breakfast Clubs are open to anyone, resulting in a welcoming, as opposed to stigmatizing atmosphere. Teachers report improved behaviour, attitude, alertness, attention span and learning ability.

The Breakfast Club at Millbrook Public School will run again this school year on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:30 to 8:45 am. Foods served at the Club include cereal, bagels,


cream cheese, muffins, fruit and juice.

*If you can donate half an hour of your time one morning a week, we would love to hear from you.*

As with any program, we rely on parent and community volunteers to prepare, serve and clean-up at the Club. We are always looking for volunteers, and if you can donate half an hour of your time one morning a week, we would love to hear from you. Our Club is also in search of a co-ordinator. The co-ordinator is responsible for volunteer scheduling and

ensuring food is at the school on the mornings of the Breakfast Club. This position can be shared by one, two and even three people, and requires approximately 1 - 2 hours of time per week.

For more information about the Breakfast Club, and the role of co-ordinator, please contact Shelley at 932-2599. ♣



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Held Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:15 - 10:15 am; seniors' classes Tues./Thurs. 10:30 - 11:15 am. For info, call Lynda Cross at (705) 799-6690.

### Red Cross Emergency First Aid

Basic Rescuer CPR Course  
At the Old Millbrook School  
Sat. Oct. 2  
Call 932-2911 for details.

### Volleyball

At the Millbrook School Gymnasium  
10-week program, \$25, please enter through back door of gym. For info, call Yvonne at 932-2067.

### Line Dancing for Beginners

At the Community Centre, Millbrook  
Classes Tuesdays, 7 - 9 pm, Sept. 21 start  
Registration Sept. 21, 6:30 - 7 pm, classes run to Nov. 23, \$40. For info, call

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### Cavan Scouting

At the Cavan Community Hall, Hwy. #7a  
Beavers and Cubs meet weekly. For more info, call Vic McIntyre, 932-3124.

### Millbrook Scouting

At the Lions Den, south of Millbrook  
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers meet regularly. For more info, call Joanne Armstrong at 932-5462. Late registrations welcome!

### Springville Scouting

Scouting groups meet regularly in Springville. For more information, call Libby Todd, 939-2084.

### Girl Guides

At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook, and Cavan Community Hall  
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### Kids in the Hall

At the Cavan Community Hall  
Fridays, 7 - 10, starts Oct. 15

Activities for youth include The Creative Corner (crafts and cooking) - ages 9 - 16; Sports Central - ages 10 - 16. Admission \$1 per night plus a mandatory donation to the Food Bank. For info, call Darlene Hannam (944-5414) or Bill Flick at (705) 277-1269.

### Judo

At the Millbrook Community Centre  
Mon., Wed., Fri.  
Ages 6 - 11, 6-7 pm  
Ages 12 + up, 7:30 - 9 pm  
Registration prior to classes  
Wed. Sept. 15, Fri. Sept. 17. For info, call Jim Rowland (748-5482) or Maureen McElwain (932-2911).

### Millbrook and District Figure Skating Club

At the Millbrook Arena  
Starting Tues. Oct. 5.  
Call Lois Grieger for details, 932-2167. Programs include Beginners' Skate, Canskate, Energize Yourself on Ice, Senior Skate.

### Millbrook and District Minor Hockey

At the Millbrook Arena  
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### Peterborough Curling Club

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### Garden Club

At St. Thomas' Anglican

Church, Millbrook  
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Sat.	Sept. 4	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	TH, CH, VM & Autographs
Sun.	Sept. 5	3:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	<b>FLEXNOR TRUCKING / A.L.S.T.A.R. LM SERIES, SKOAL INC. TH40, CH40 INVITATIONAL</b>
Sat.	Sept. 11	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	TH, CH, LM, LADIES RACE
Sun.	Sept. 18	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	TH, CH, LM, LADIES RACE
Sat.	Sept. 25	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	TH, CH, TQ MIDGETS
Sat.	Oct. 2	5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	TH, CH, LM, Fan Appreciation Night
<b>7TH ANNUAL AUTUMN COLOURS CLASSIC</b>				
Sat.	Oct. 9	3:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Qualifying - TH, CH, MODS, LM
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## ARTS & CULTURE



Local band Quarterline taking a break at the Community Picnic.

### Local groups poised for musical success

By **Kathryne Miller**

There's great music being made in "them thar hills". Local band Quarterline has just come out with its first CD, and it has been declared one of the top five Canadian releases of the summer by CanadianMusic.Com on the Internet.

Quarterline is made up of Tony Redmond, John Miller, Brian Todd, Peter Burke, Jennifer Richards and Ro MacEachern. They're a busy band, this year having played, among other venues, the Millbrook Fair and the Children's Wish Charity Pig Roast in Millbrook. They also performed at the Tweed Music Festival.

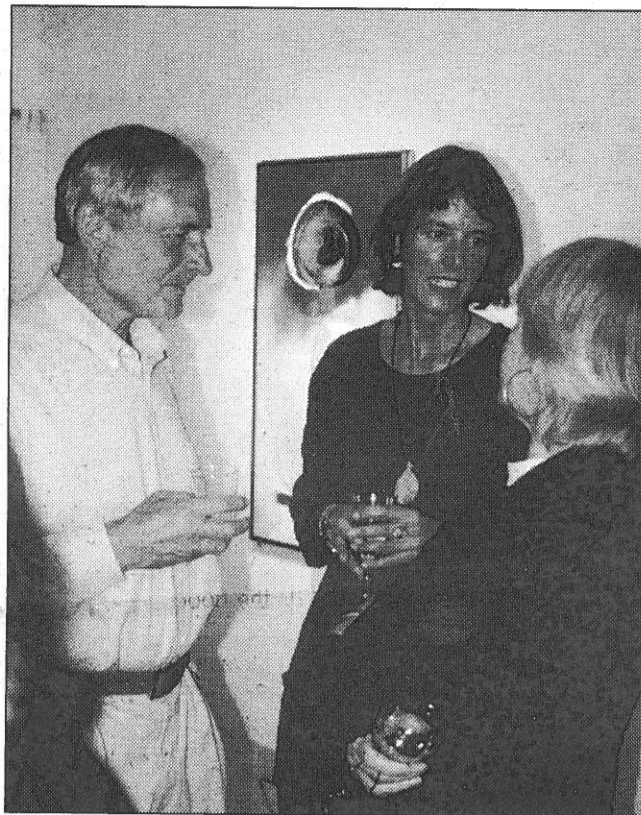
Their first self-titled CD was independently produced, and saturated with rich harmonies and strong lead vocals from Redmond. Richards provides harmony with a crystalline, and just plain pretty vocal quality that leaves a listener wanting to hear her featured on a song or two.

There are a lot of musical flavours here, touching on blues, country and rock, and one of the charms of the CD is that it is not over-produced. Redmond is the writer and arranger of all the tunes, which feature several ballads — but the band seems to really jump on the up-tempo "Good Ol' Days."

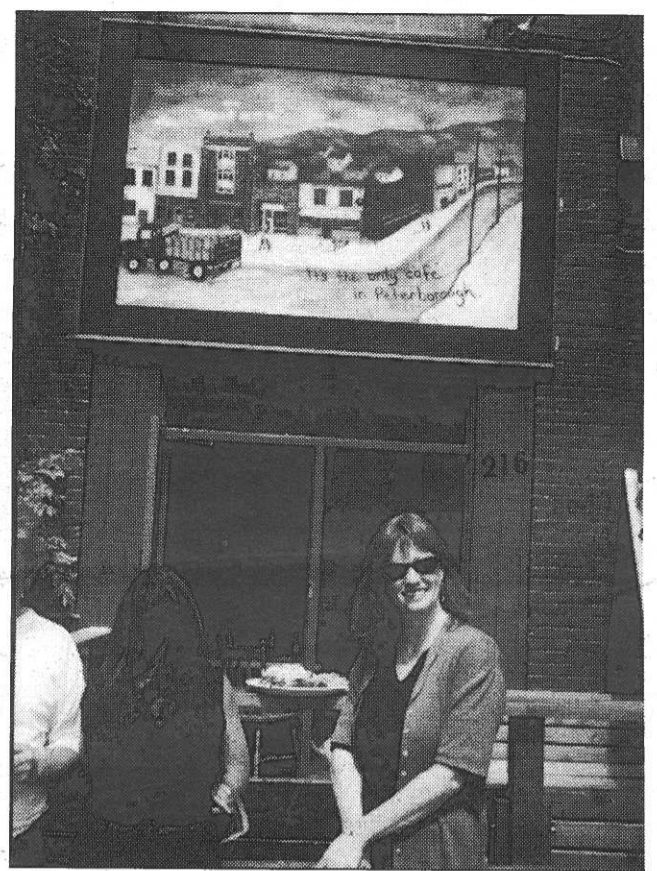
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This is the kind of CD that begs to be played on a hot, Indian summer day with a frosty drink close at hand. While lacking the polish of more established bands, Quarterline seems primed with potential.

Quarterline's CD is currently being sold at several businesses in Millbrook and Peterborough, and Redmond says it has been getting some play on Trent Radio. ♣



Alice Teichert (middle) at her September 10th opening reception. The evening viewing of her Fluid Abstract Paintings exhibit at the Millbrook Gallery attracted many art-lovers from as far away as Toronto and even Waterloo.



Millbrook Gallery artist and Mount Pleasant resident JoEllen Brydon stands in front of her new work "It's the Only Cafe In Peterborough" on the day of its installation at the Only Cafe. The work was commissioned by the owners in place of a sign.

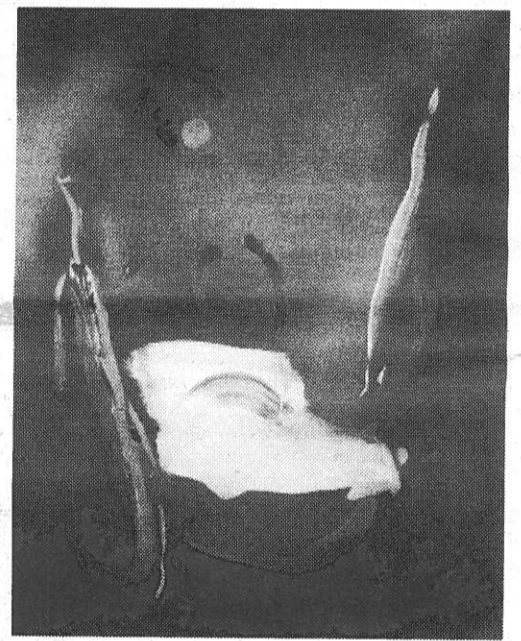
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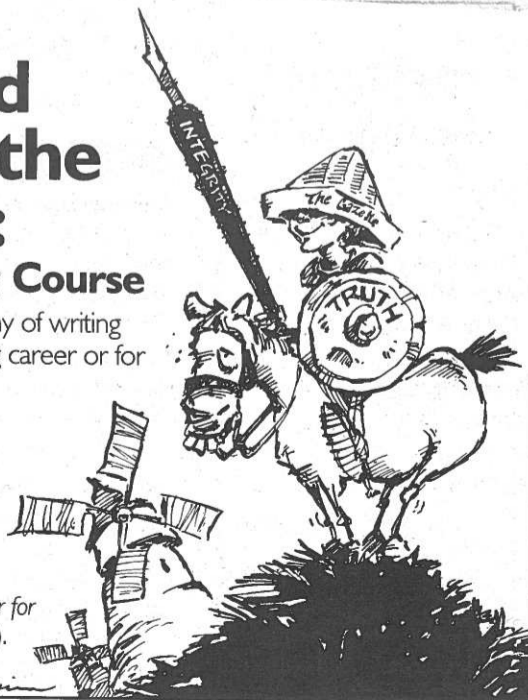
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**Millbrook-Cavan Historical Society**  
Special speaker Ken Armstrong  
At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook  
Sept. 15, 7:30 pm  
Ken Armstrong will speak on the Famine in Ireland, and Irish immigrants to

who came to Canada through Grosse Isle. Free admission, open to all interested! Call Eileen at 944-5739 for info.

**Downtown Peterborough Jazz Festival**  
At Charlotte Mews, and downtown Peterborough  
Sept. 17 - 18, 7 - 11 pm  
Fri., 2 - 10 pm Sat.  
Enjoy cool blues and jazz at the Jazz Restaurant  
Tour on 17th, and annual jazz festival on 18th. Call (705) 748-4774 for info.

**Applefest**  
At Lang Pioneer Village, Keene  
Sept. 19  
Celebrate the apple harvest, demonstrations of apple pressing (cider), freshly baked apple pies or fritters for sale, horse and wagon tours, MORE! (705) 295-6694 for info.

**Militaria Show and Sale**  
At the Peterborough Armouries  
Sept. 25, 9 am - 4 pm

**25th Anniversary - Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School**  
At Cavan Community Hall  
Sept. 25, 11 am - 3 pm  
Activities for the whole

family, free admission. Call 932-2472 for info.

**Grand Opening - Millbrook Library**  
At the Old Millbrook School  
Oct. 2, 2 pm  
The Grand Opening coincides with Millbrook Library's 105th birthday. Refreshments will be served.

**Celebrate '99**  
At Showplace Peterborough  
Sat. Oct. 2  
3rd anniversary gala, evening with comic Lorne Elliot, reception with food prepared by local chefs, art show and sale with original works and limited edition prints by four local artists. Tickets \$75 with \$25 tax receipt. Call 742-7469 for details/tickets.

**Matchmaker's Ball**  
At the Evinrude Centre,

Monaghan Rd., Peterborough  
Oct. 8, 8 pm  
A singles' dance for all ages - come and find your perfect match. With Freddy Coupland Variety Band. Tickets at door \$20. For info, call 745-6495.

**Family Movie Night**  
At the Community Centre, Millbrook  
Mon. Oct. 11, 7 pm  
"The Iron Giant" will play. For more info, call 932-2911. Admission \$2.50 at the door.

**Drawings, Collages and Sculptures by Grace Glass**  
At the Millbrook Art Gallery  
Opens Fri. Oct. 15  
Halloween Party  
At Millbrook Community Centre  
10:30 am start  
Morning of games, crafts and spooky stories for preschoolers.

## 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.

**Baillieboro Library Boutique** Tues noon-3:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Proceeds to the Baillieboro 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., 3 pm-6 pm

**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 toonie.

**Committee of Whole Council Meeting** Third Monday of each month at 7:30p.m.

**MADCAP** Millbrook - Mon. - Fri. 10 am - 6 pm

**Millbrook Cavan-Historical Society** Every third Wed. at St. Thomas Anglican Church Hall, Millbrook.

**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

**Fraserville LOL Dance** Second Sat. monthly, 9 pm. Featuring Harold Davidson Country.

**Garden Club** at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Millbrook. First Wed. of each month, except Jan. - Feb. Call 932-2028 for details.

**Euchre in Springville** at Springville United Church. Every second week, 8 pm, \$1 per evening. Call Jim Payne for info, 745-6088.

**Bingo** at the Millbrook Legion, every Thurs., 7:30 pm. For info, call 932-2837.

**Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School** at Cavan Community Hall for children 2 - 5. Call Carrie Wilkinson 932-2472 for details.

**Public Skating** at the Millbrook Arena, starts Oct. 1, Mon. 3:30 - 4:20 pm, Thurs. 3:30 - 4:20 pm, Sun. 1 - 2:20 pm. Sunday \$2, admission free Mon. - Thurs. Call 932-2911 for details.

**Parent-Preschool Skating** at the Millbrook Arena. Starts Oct. 1, Wed. 1 - 3 pm, Fri. 10 am - noon. Free admission. Call 932-2911 for details.

**Senior Skating** at the Millbrook Arena. Mon. 1 - 3 pm; Tues./Thurs. 10 am - noon. \$2 each, bring your favourite music.

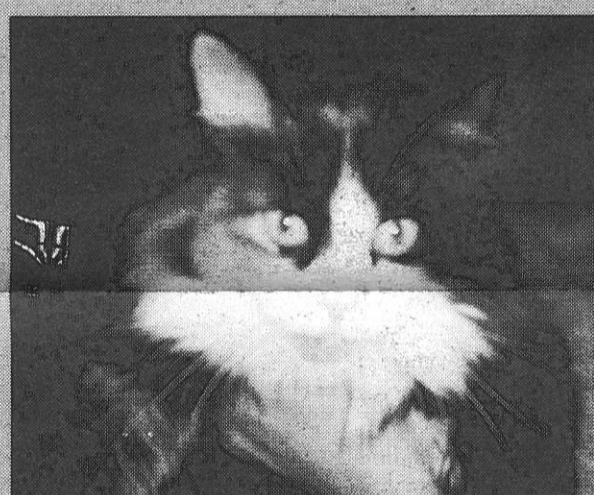
**Senior Puck and Stick** at the Millbrook Arena Mon./Fri. 10 am - noon Call 932-2911 for info.

**Ladies' Friday Afternoon Hockey** at the Millbrook Arena. Fri. 1 - 2 pm. Call Laurie Blimke for info, 932-3041.

**Shuffleboard** at the Community Centre Thurs., 1:30 pm. For info, call Elsie Rennie, 932-3733.

**Diabetes Support Group** 2nd Wed. at Canadian Diabetes Association, 249 Rink St. Peterborough 10 am - noon or 7 - 9 pm Call 742-2733 for info.

**Grief Recovery Group** at Hospice Peterborough, 250 Sherbrooke St., #6 Mon. 1:30 - 3:30 pm Thurs. 4 - 6 pm. Call 742-4042 for info



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# Take a weekend away in fall colours in a "home away from home"

By Kathryn Miller  
 "Frodo was now safe in the Last Homely House east of the Sea. That house was, as Bilbo had long ago reported, 'a perfect house, whether like food or sleep or story-telling or singing, or just sitting and thinking best, or a pleasant mixture of them all.' Merely to be there was a cure for weariness, fear and sadness."  
 — J.R.R. Tolkien, *Lord of the Rings*

There are hotels and motels with beds to rest weary heads, but where does the traveller turn when they want that extra "cure for weariness", a place more like a home away from home? What about some place cozy to retreat from the challenges of modern life? Well, according to five area business women, people needing a respite or resting place on their journey turn to a bed and breakfast.

Anne Hildreth is the owner and proprietor of the Westmacott House B and B on King Street in Millbrook. Hildreth says, "I don't find this work at all. I love meeting people, old and young, and families. I like to make people feel comfortable and happy."

This is a sentiment echoed by all the B and B owners featured in this story. They aren't just offering beds, they're offering a home away from home. "I like to give people a home-like feeling," says Hildreth. "If they want a cookie and glass of milk before they go



Tranquility B & B

*What about some place cozy to retreat from the challenges of modern life? Well, according to five area businesswomen, people needing a respite or resting place on their journey turn to a bed and breakfast.*

to bed" they'll get it. They'll also get, if they so choose, a full, traditional breakfast in the morning.

Hildreth describes her Bed and Breakfast as friendly, informal, spacious, bright and sunny. Located at 60 King Street West, Westmacott House has two rooms to let in the summer and one in winter. The single room starts at \$50 a night, while the double one starts at \$60. Currently, the rooms are let on weekends only, but Hildreth says she'll be running the B and B full-time by next summer.

Another B and B offering that homey touch is Tranquillity Bed and Breakfast. This gorgeous 1850 Georgian-style stone home is located at 1364 Third Line Road, just off the Old Stoney Lake Road near the Warsaw Caves. The owners are Maureen and Bruce Carson, but again, it is the woman in this family who runs this particular show.

Tranquillity has three bedrooms, as well as a main floor suite which features a Jacuzzi for two, a wood-burning fireplace and a comfy queen bed. Prices range from \$70 to \$140 per night.

Tranquillity also features 55 acres of land that includes two miles of walking trails and cross country skiing. This B and B offers a generous breakfast featuring a couple of Carson's own specialties, such as stuffed French toast and omelettes. When the weather is nice, guests like to eat on the lawn.

"I've had so many people here for their first time at a bed and breakfast, and they say they'd never go back to a hotel or motel," says Carson. "I try to make guests feel as comfortable as possible."

Of course, there are those who prefer to stay at a B and B even while on business trips, and Angel's Rest at 565 River Road South in Peterborough caters to these and other "upscale clientele". This is a place described by its owner/operator Judi Dusto as a "luxury waterfront" establishment. It offers fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs with

long or short term corporate rentals.

Dusto describes her Jacuzzi suites as "among the finest in Canada. She says her establishment is not really geared toward families, but more toward those in higher income ranges who want privacy and some pampering.

Angel's Rest accommodations range in price from \$75 to \$200 a night. Room names alone carry a sort of ethereal quality; the Secret Garden suite, the Peaceful Waters suite and the Cherubs' Hideaway suite. Dusto says "each suite is fully equipped for an amazing private and upscale experience." Her B and B doesn't tend toward a gathering of guests for the morning meal, but she does say that opening a fridge in a suite is "like an extravaganza. Food is an art here." Dusto says the Angel's Rest ambience is "peace and tranquility."

At the corner of Hwy. #28 and Carmel Line in Bailieboro stands Barbara's Bed and Breakfast. The home has had a long-standing history of hospitality to travellers — it had been run as a hotel in the 1800's. These days it is run on a smaller, more personal scale by Barbara Ramsey. Ramsey says she and her husband came upon the house two years ago, and they "fell in love with it."

Barbara's B and B includes three rooms for guests; a large room with a queen size bed, and two double rooms. These range in price from \$50 - \$60 a night. Ramsey also says she loves to lay out a "good

hardy breakfast" for her guests. Her specialty is Belgian waffles, served with real whipped cream, on Sunday mornings.

Ramsey says she loves the B and B lifestyle, especially meeting new people. "That's really fun. I want them to feel at home."

Maple Field and Stream Bed and Breakfast takes advantage of the beautiful, pastoral country scenery just east of Millbrook (531 Hutchinson Drive). Run by Sandra and Steve Lakatos, Maple Field and Stream is a home that the

Lakatos family built in the mid-1980's. This large home is situated on property that includes a large maple tree lot, many fields and five streams — hence the very apt name for this cozy B and B.

Once their children left home, Sandra says their home was "basically large and empty." She said the bedrooms her children had used each had their own ensuite bathrooms, and the more she and her husband thought about it, the more they realized how easy it would be to turn it into a bed and breakfast.

"I love it," says Sandra. "People who come to B and Bs are just the best.

They come for something a hotel or motel can't provide. It's more personal." And Lakatos encourages that personal feeling by telling her guests "This is your home away from home, use it and enjoy it."

Rooms at Maple Field and Stream range from \$90 - \$115 per night, and are smoke-free. A "full country breakfast" is provided — Lakatos says "it's just huge!"

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