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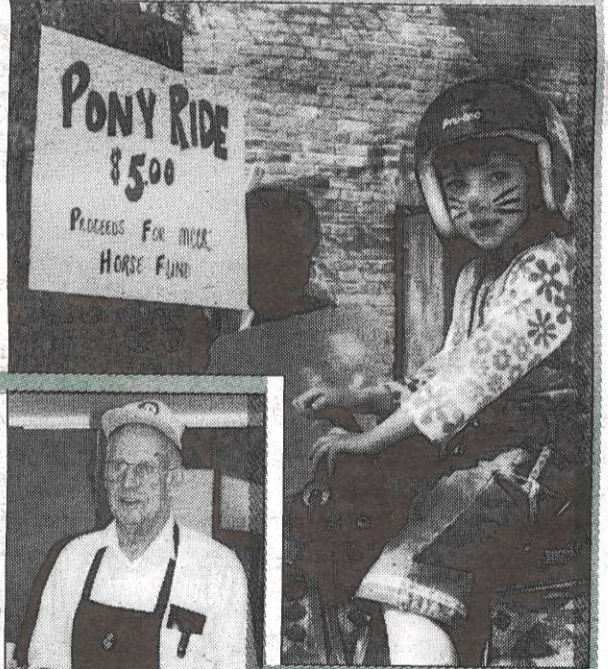
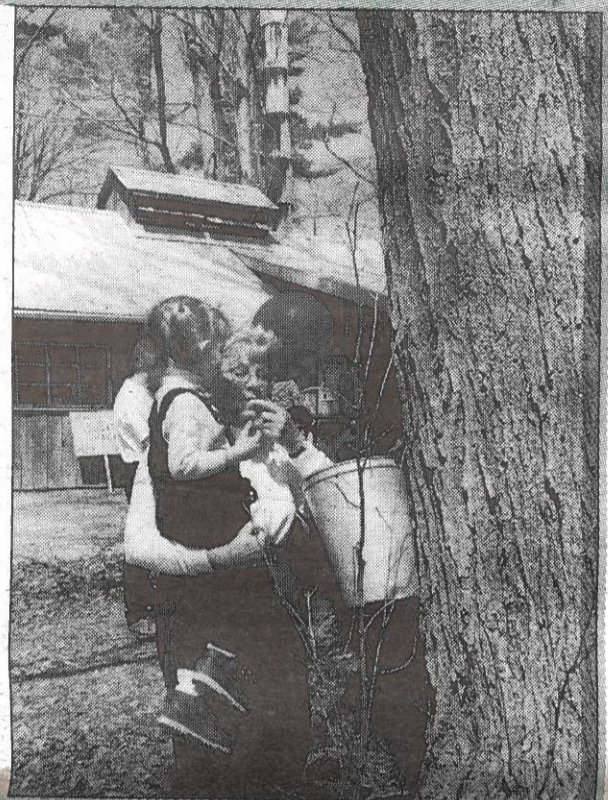
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## MAPLEFEST 2000 PIX



## Earth Day dedication to Harry Williams

*By Celia Hunter*  
 The community is remembering one of its own, who knew the earth and many of its mysteries, on Earth Day. On Saturday, April 22 from 3-4 pm, as part of the festivities planned in celebration of Earth Day, the all-purpose room at the Old Millbrook School will be officially designated "The Harry Williams Community Room", in memory of the noted naturalist and teacher who died this past January. The dedication of the main floor space in Harry's memory will be part of a program that also features entertainment by a terrific line-up of artists, including Washboard Hank, and the sharing of an enormous Earth Day cake. Earth Day celebrations, which were first organized

locally in 1990, included direction and participation from Harry Williams right from the beginning. Harry led walks along the trails on Medd's Mountain, helped plan where trees should be planted and which species, and shared his knowledge with anyone who wanted to know more. It is therefore particularly fitting that the dedication of the community room in his memory should take place on Earth Day. For 29 of the 49 years that Harry Williams lived in Millbrook, he taught high school at what is now the Old Millbrook School. A naturalist with a vast store of knowledge, his work beyond the classroom earned him national and international recognition and an honorary doctorate from Trent University. Harry contributed not only to his field of study, but also to

the community. He served on the committee formed to save the school for community use after it was closed. He also served on Millbrook Council,

Millbrook PUC, the Library Board, as an advisor to MACAC, and on several high school/community initiatives and committees. ♣

### Earth Day family fun

Join neighbours to celebrate Earth Day this Saturday, April 22! What about building a nesting box, or "wanging some wellies" (throwing some rubber boots) in the annual Welly Wanging Contest? Why not help plant some trees and shrubs, or assist with building a boardwalk? In other words, a fun and interactive day is planned for folk of all ages and stages, with outdoor activities to be held at the Medd's Mountain Park, next to the Millbrook Pond. This portion of a birthday party for the Earth will take place between 10 am and 3 pm. At 3 pm, celebrations move to the Old Millbrook School, with cake and entertainment by Washboard Hank. In memory of Harry Williams, a well-respected scientist and member of this community, the multi-purpose room will be officially designated in his name (see story this page). It's a long weekend — bring visiting relatives and friends, and share with them the beauty this community has to offer! ♣

## New municipal website meets mixed reactions

*By Michele Curran*  
 The unveiling of an updated version of the municipal website met with mixed reactions from Council ranging from "we have arrived" to "this is not what I anticipated." Bob Clark, owner of Knowledge Development Centres Inc., along with colleague Karen Copson, donated time, expertise and money (totalling around \$5,000) to update the Municipality's website. The last time the website had been updated was in April of 1999, and according to Clark an outdated website is a deterrent to people revisiting the site. "You have eight seconds to captivate an audience or they move on," he said. Clark told Council at the April 3 presentation, "You are only limited by your imagination and you

can have what you want on the website." Both Councillors Brian Fallis and Tom Jones congratulated the team on their work. Fallis said, "I think it is great. The information is readily accessible, and it suits our purposes. One thing I would like to see is a map (on the site)." However, Reeve Neal Cathcart found the website wanting in many areas and said, "I would like to see the site reflect a little broader scope of the municipality." Cathcart would also like an emphasis put on economic development, medical services and other amenities for businesses and people thinking about moving into the area. The Reeve thought the Council's monthly minutes (a suggested addition to the web site) would

not be of any interest to the Toronto market. Although Clark agreed on the economic growth and development focus, he did remind the Reeve "the minutes are not to entertain people in Toronto, but to give information to local constituents. More and more people are using the Internet for local information." Councillor Alex Ruth questioned why the Legion, Maple Creek Ranch, and the Lions Club were not mentioned. (They are included, but were not brought up on the screen during the demonstration.) Clark replied, "We built you a framework (on what we were given to work with) and it can be altered to meet your needs." After the presentation Council did not pass a motion to either accept or reject the updated version,

much to the disappointment of Clark. "I volunteered to work on this project, because I live in the community (and I wanted to do something for the community)," said Clark. At press time, Council has yet to make a decision regarding the website. ♣

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# No site plan but horses will run

By Michele Curran

Reconstruction on the 5/8-horse racetrack is allowed to proceed at Kawartha Downs, despite Council not receiving a site plan from racing facility.

Approval was given at the April 3 Council meeting following a lengthy discussion on the ramifications of allowing the track to be built without a site plan.

Doug Hie, one of the directors of the Ontario Harness Horsemen's Association, was in attendance seeking conformation on a rumoured stop order on the re-working of the horse track. Reeve Neal Cathcart,

at first turned the question over to CAO Gail Empey, who said the Chief Building Inspector Doug Campbell had told her landfill could not be moved on or onto the site.

Cathcart then repeated a conversation he had with Dan Cherkas, General Manager of Kawartha Downs on Friday, who reported Campbell had been in that morning and had told Cherkas "construction went as far as it could proceed without site plan approval, and so all work had to cease. No material [was] to be brought on site."

Councillor Brian Fallis said the Ontario Racing

Commission had asked Kawartha Downs to make the track safer. Architectural plans for the site were to be ready by April 1.

Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell said, "I support the horsemen, yet, on the weekend, I received calls from concerned ratepayers. This sets a very dangerous precedence when things are being done without a site plan."

Hie wanted to know why no one was at Council from Kawartha Downs.

"If a site plan is needed, why aren't they here? I thought with management changes things would fall in line, but that is not the case. If a site plan is needed, that is what Council should get."

Councillor Tom Jones said, "We aren't helping the horsemen if we are waiting for a site plan to be signed, sealed and delivered." Squirrell said, "I will not allow anybody to start something without a site plan. I can't have Jones sit here and suggest the work go ahead without a site plan agreement."

The Reeve said, "This is a little different—it is not a new venture." Squirrell replied, "We are breaking policy." Cathcart said, "We need some latitude to put some fill in, given everything is at a standstill."

Squirrell said Kawartha Downs has had a lot of time to keep the horsemen happy, and they have let them down time and time again. The Reeve said a delay would stall the racing season by 6 weeks minimum.

Hie agreed, "The longer it takes the track to get started, the longer it takes to open." The horsemen are hoping to begin the racing season May 7.

He added his organization has asked Dan Coon, a

well-known racecourse designer, to come in and build the racetrack. "He has built racetracks all over the world, (and) will only put things in that don't affect the integrity of the structure... On behalf of the horsemen, we would like this (site plan approval) to go through, but we know you have your own rules. I am tired of apologizing for Kawartha Downs," said Hie.

Fallis explained to Hie, "The reason changes were made was because of safety concerns. The Municipality

has an interest in plans brought forth to bring safety to the track. The track last year wasn't safe for drivers. If we approve a site plan that is not safe, we are liable. We have to be very careful."

Bartlett said, "The Racing Commission won't let us race until they deem it safe."

Ruth asked Hie, "If the track isn't built, where are you going to race?"

The councillor then added, "It is a matter of common sense, a little leniency. We have to deviate and let them put a little

land fill in, otherwise we are going around in circles."

Squirrell said, "I will support the motion but I'm not happy with Kawartha Downs," adding, "We are stomping over a commission hearing that says Kawartha Downs has to comply." Jones said, "We have the power to be mean spirited or flexible if we want to be. We have been flexible at least in a dozen projects, and get the documents done later after it is built."

Fallis said Campbell has yet to be given the drawings

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Artist's conception of ramp looking east down Millbrook's King Street.

## Wheelchair access coming to pharmacy

By Michele Curran

Wheelchair accessibility to the Millbrook Pharmacy will soon become a reality, as Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council has approved

owner David Tong's plans for the building of a ramp on King Street.

At the April 10 planning meeting, Tong, accompanied by local resident Jill Stocker, requested permission for installation of a wheelchair accessible ramp. Stocker's husband, general contractor Karl Klarer, was in attendance to answer any technical questions regarding the ramp.

Stocker handed Council members a conceptual drawing by landscape architect Brian Basterfield to give an idea of how the ramp would be integrated into the streetscape.

While looking at the illustration, Reeve Neal Cathcart expressed his opposition to the request, and wanted to know why Tong couldn't put the ramp inside his store. Tong replied, "There would be a structural problem with doing this. It would block the two sides of the store and severely curtail retail space."

Councillor Brian Bartlett asked why the back entrance couldn't be used instead. Stocker replied that this would fly in the face of the Ontario Human Rights Code which states, "every person has the right to equal treatment with

respect to services, goods and facilities without discrimination because of... handicap."

Councillor Tom Jones asked why a lift couldn't be installed inside the store.

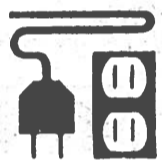
Mr. Tong replied, "A lift is extremely expensive, and it is just another mechanical impediment that a disabled person has to face." Jones commented a ramp would give the skateboarders in town a new place to skate.

Mr. Tong told Council he would be looking after the cost of the concrete and steel ramp. Tong added, "I have lived in this community for 20 years, and offered the services of the post office and the Motor Vehicle Licensing Bureau, while not making any money off either because I wanted to give back to the community."

Impressed with the drawing, Councillor Brian Fallis made the motion of support, as "it is very important for the community." Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell and Councillors Jones and Cutmore also supported the motion, although Jones said, "I think a lift would have been the best option."

See Michele Curran's Accessibility article next issue.

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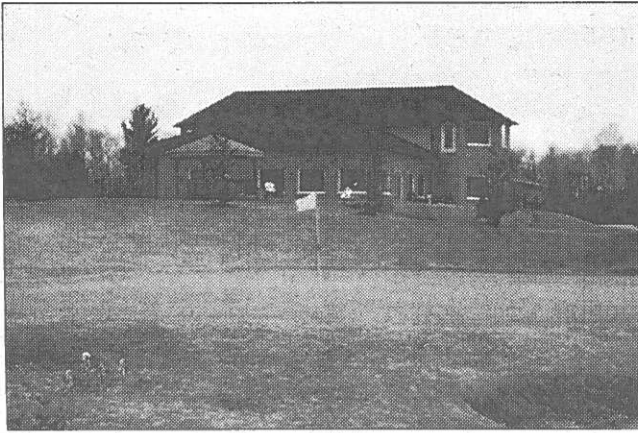
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# Keystone Links: year-round golf

By Melanie Anderson

If you are into playing golf, you've probably heard of Keystone Links Golf and Country Club. But if you are really, really into golf, you've been playing there already this year — since January.

Having been around for three full seasons, Keystone Links has what it takes "to become one of the premier golf courses in the area," according to Kelly Mills, the club's golf pro. Approximately three years ago he visited Keystone and "only saw positive things." Mills decided to get involved partly because "it's nice to walk in when a course is new" — getting in on the ground floor gave him the

opportunity for more input into the operations and programming of the golf club. Mills has been at Keystone for two seasons now, but he has been a professional golfer for ten years.

During the summer, Keystone Links employs 18 to 20 people full time.

Over the next three years, if everything goes as planned, that number should grow to between 50 and 100 full time employees each summer. During the winter the number of employees decreases to approximately ten, including staff to look after the beautiful, modern banquet facilities. Although this venue is already an excellent choice for parties, con-

ferences and weddings, there are plans to expand in the near future. A state-of-the-art indoor golf centre was completed this January, offering serious golfers year-round access to the sport.

In addition to the indoor golf centre, plans have been laid for a "development centre for kids, with their own clubhouse with computer access, a TV and VCR, and their own lounge," according to Mills. (The youngsters will be monitored by an adult staff member.) Two junior holes will also set up on the golf course. The aim of the youth programme is to cater to local kids who enjoy golf, to get them "into the pro junior camp, instead of only coming around every couple of weeks."

A particular challenge for Keystone has been a problem keeping water on the course. As the club is situated on a sand base, Mills says water runs off instead of staying where it is needed on the green. To solve this problem, he says a new well has been tapped this year, in addition to the current water system. The new pump will deliver water from tee to green, making sure that all of the grass gets as much water as it needs. Mills predicts that with the "new system, the course will really mature this year."

One of the drawing points of Keystone Links is

the "laid back atmosphere" that generally doesn't come to mind when thinking of most golf clubs. The positive atmosphere is contributed to by members and other patrons who help out at the course, volunteering for a variety of tasks when needed. This friendly, helpful behavior "says a lot about the community" Keystone is proud to be a part of, Mills says.

Keystone Links is located at RR#5, Peterborough, just off the Clifford Line (access is just north of the #115/28 junction, on the east side). Call 876-8061 for information, to join, or enjoy golf close to home! ♣

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## Horses

Continued from previous page from Coon. "Campbell looks after municipal interests, hopefully, and Mr. Coon looks after the interests of whoever is paying him. I don't think it is appropriate to go forward, and we should wait until the planning meeting next week. I don't have any faith in Kawartha Downs."

Ruth then made a motion permitting Kawartha Downs to proceed with fill on the existing track for the improvements to be identified on the site plan. It was passed with Fallis being the lone dissenter.

In a later interview, Doug Hie reiterated the horsemen have been left in the dark regarding construction, and wasn't sure if the track could be finished on time. "We were left hanging. We thought we had good relations with Kawartha Downs, as they signed a contract with us for five years — and so we were a little surprised at the turn of events." However, Hie is positive about the race season, citing 50 to possibly 55 racing days and the increase in the racing purse from \$22,000 to \$80,000.

Cherkas, in a recent

telephone conversation, explained a miscommunication was the reason why no one was at Council from Kawartha Downs.

"I was told information presented at Council was only to be an update." Cherkas remains optimistic "all will be resolved." ♣

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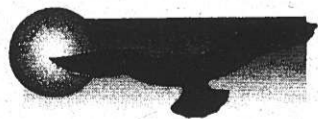
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**EDITORIAL**

**Medieval times re-enacted at Council**

It seems the Divine Right of Kings has found a new century through the actions of our Reeve and other members of municipal Council.

Feudal government has become the favoured model in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan. Various members of our Council appear convinced that the best form of government is one that is non-consultative, secretive, and supercedes legislation designed to protect people and the environment.

For example, our Reeve has decided he can make decisions and act without consulting Council on planning and human resources matters. As is noted in a letter to the editor on this page, an operational agreement with Kawartha Downs was signed by the Reeve earlier this year without the apparent knowledge of either municipal legal counsel or other councillors. This flies in the face of the Municipal Act, which states such matters are for the whole Council to consider.

In reference to human resources matters, sources in the community have stated they believe the Reeve has verbally abused members of municipal staff without just cause. Even if the Reeve does have a justifiable reason for being disappointed with a staff member, he needs to follow proper human resources protocol, and speak calmly with the person(s) in question about his concerns. If the situation is particularly serious, he must consult a human resources committee to decide what course of action is most appropriate. He is not the boss — the entire Council, *on the behalf of the ratepayers*, needs to deal with human resources issues in a professional and sensitive manner. Clearly, there is no human resources committee of any effect to deal with staff issues when such abuse is allowed to take place.

Thank goodness we do have capable, creative municipal staff to run the show, at least whenever not interfered with unduly by inexperienced or ignorant despots. Without their expertise, chaos would surely follow.

The tag-team effort that exists between the Reeve and certain members of Council has sparked the general belief of numerous informed observers that their manoeuvres are pre-planned in private prior to full Council meetings. There is nothing wrong with mere discussions between councillors, but the feudal atmosphere within our municipal government has stoked the widespread belief among observers that the results of public Council meetings have been privately pre-determined.

Elections are coming up soon — and while some members of Council are doing their best to maintain a democratic process, others should not be re-elected to continue this farce. ♣



**Reeve has no business signing legal documents without counsel**

I have been attending three Council meetings a month since 1997. In this length of time, I have only been absent from five meetings. I can say that I have seen a lot of personalities unfold in the Council chambers of Cavan, Millbrook and North Monaghan — some good, and others with attitudes, making decisions based on their own personal gratification.

It is understandable that we are not all going to agree on everything, and this is what makes it interesting at CMNM Council meetings. However, we the ratepayers have elected people who should be working together in making decisions, along with Robert Pakenham, the solicitor for the municipality. What I have witnessed in my years of attending Council meetings is that not all our representatives are being made aware of decisions that concern our municipality.

At the Committee of the Whole on January 17,

2000, I noted again that the Deputy-Reeve, some councillors and Mr. Pakenham were caught by surprise by a (legal) paper that had been signed by the Reeve. In open discussion at this meeting with Mr. Pakenham, Councillor Tom Jones made mention of the operational agreement that had been signed in regard to Kawartha Downs.

Mr. Pakenham's reply to Councillor Jones was that no, an operational agreement had not been signed. To the surprise of the Deputy-Reeve, some councillors and ratepayers, as well as municipal legal counsel, Reeve Cathcart admitted that yes, he had signed the operational agreement. A ratepayer in attendance passed a copy of his signed document to Mr. Pakenham.

I have some questions about all of this:

1. Did Mr. Pakenham get caught by surprise? YES.
2. Did Mr. Pakenham know this important piece of paper had been signed by the Reeve? NO.
3. Were the Deputy-Reeve and some councillors surprised? YES.
4. How could or would a document of such importance in the planning process have bypassed the lawyer's desk?
5. What kind of teamwork is NOT happening among our representatives for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, and the solicitor?

6. Was the solicitor impressed with this surprise? I would think not.

Now that it is widely known that the Reeve signed the operational agreement without all the work completed at Kawartha Downs, it would

make you want to question other actions of the Reeve.

In closing, if you read a recent press release dated Feb. 16, 2000, Reeve Cathcart ended his letter by saying "We are a municipality envied by all." (Ed. note — we did not receive this

**Calling all elders to get fit!**

*Madam Editor:*

Congratulations on your new Physical Fitness endeavours! You are setting a good example for all your readers and certainly have motivated the writer to make a similar effort.

I have no expectations of the results you will doubtless achieve but at the least I shall be making an effort to improve the current situation. I do this through the Senior Fitness Classes held each Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30 to 11.15 a.m. at the Old Millbrook School which I have attended to, these many moons until last autumn. I persuaded myself, after having missed a few classes for health (or lack of it) reasons, to continue to be absent — one can always find a reason — until very recently. One should make time for ones self before any other commitments, however pressing, as well we all know. When I read your reports, that truth came back to me; after even one class of these low impact stretching exercises, I came down the hill to home, knowing I felt better for the less than an hour slot out of my day.

Now, if you can just persuade others, age fifty and up, to join the excellent instructors for the lowly sum of \$2.50 per session, it that would be a real accomplishment. The Parks and Recreation Department sponsor these classes which we are so fortunate to have right here in Millbrook; I think it a great pity that more men and women do not take advantage of them. No special clothing — no spandex! — is required; merely the motivation to do one's body a big favour. I confess I do not like exercising beyond a fast game of tiddly-winks once a year, but I KNOW how much I benefit from these sessions. Classes will continue through May after School Break and information can be obtained by calling Lynda Cross at 799-6690.

I do hope between your reports and this letter we will shortly see an increased participation; if that happens I shall write you another letter to show how your efforts have been like the pebble cast into the pool. The best of luck to you.

— Mary Sutherland Millbrook, Ontario

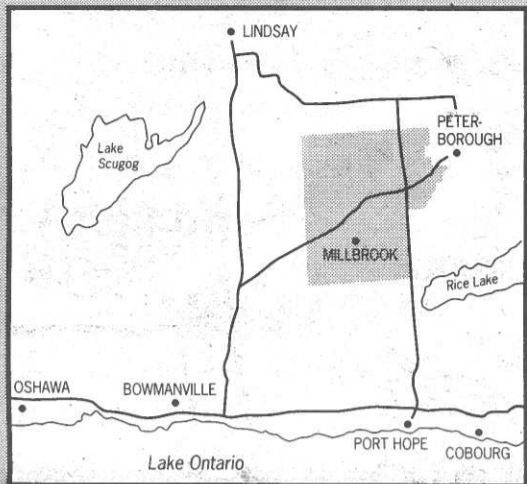
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RANDOM SAMPLING

## Desensitization is our problem

By Margaret Monis

I heard the strangest story a few weeks ago. It seems that a woman somewhere in the States recently spent the better part of an afternoon walking around completely oblivious to the fact that a rather large knife was embedded between her shoulder blades.

The CBC news aired footage taken by the security cameras in this woman's local grocery store which showed her calmly perusing its aisles. There she is, first looking for her favourite brand of cookies, then later putting back a package of frozen peas she seems to find too expensive. Lastly you see her deliberately placing the contents of her cart on the conveyor at the check out, while the clerk, in an equally unhurried fashion, methodically runs her purchases through the scanner. No screams, no pointing fingers, no expressions of concern or horror cross the check-out girl's face. All you can do is watch incredulously as the young woman mouths, "Have a nice day.", to which the impassive customer responds with a weak smile.

What is happening here?! The knife lodged at the base of this woman's neck was sufficiently long that its handle stuck up a full few inches above the crown of her head, and yet despite being out in public for a substantial stretch of time, not a single person saw fit to help her, let alone mention the fact that she had been stabbed. (Why this woman did not feel any pain is quite another matter, and one which I will not get into here as it simply surpasses my understanding.) I think this story perfectly exemplifies a growing reality in our culture — that people will gladly watch anything, and yet are highly selective

about what they choose to see.

Television these days is absolutely overflowing with shocking and disturbing images and ideas. Ratings suggest that a huge North American audience revels daily in the painfully personal and embarrassing confessions of the sad, attention hungry individuals who crowd daytime talk shows, and that they can't get enough of watching highspeed, potentially fatal, police chases.

Millions of people were riveted to their screens earlier this month, ogling several pathetic young women who chose to prostitute themselves on national television in a bid to be chosen like chattel by a rich man. There is simply nothing which cannot, or should not, be watched.

*[A woman] recently spent the better part of an afternoon walking around [with a knife]... embedded between her shoulder blades.*

You would think that a populace which nightly watches people's guts strewn about the room on "Trauma: Life in the E.R." might have a good idea of how to help a hapless woman on the street who has been stabbed. But no. I'm afraid that all this electronic exposure to real-life humiliation and pain and blood has only served to desensitize people. The average viewer has become inured to actual human suffering. It is also the case in the States, although I'm pretty sure we are catching up to them in this regard, that the best-intentioned interventions often end with someone, if not everyone, being sued. Why get involved and run the risk of losing time and money when it is so much easier to simply look the other way? "Hey, it's not my problem!"

When I first heard about the woman with the knife in her back, I couldn't help but laugh — her story is so absurd that I think this is a natural first reaction. But on reflection, I've come to realize that hers is not so much a humorous tale as a cautionary one. We are all of us, each and every one, responsible for looking at, and more importantly, seeing our fellow man.

"Hey, it is your problem!" ♣

press release — an oversight by the Reeve?)

One would wonder who would envy this municipality when our elected representatives do not know what the Reeve is doing.

— Terry & Pauline Plumbé  
Cavan, Ontario

## Sensitivity training needed for Reeve

I wish to comment on the process by which our Reeve deals with legitimate concerns from his constituents.

At the planning committee meeting on March 13, 2000, the issue of Kawartha Downs modifying their horse racing track (as indicated through the press reports) was raised. It seemed to be the consensus of Council that ALL residents and businesses within this municipality should be treated in a fair and equitable fashion. As it is a requirement to obtain building or other permits for major modifications, constructions or alterations to property or structures, I believe Council indicated

that the process should be applied equally and that Kawartha Downs specifically should ensure that the appropriate paperwork is in place before commencing with changes.

During the week of March 13 - 17, there was work undertaken on the horse track at Kawartha Downs, and as a concerned constituent, I brought this issue to the attention of three members of Council by telephone. I contacted Dean Cutmore, Tom Jones and Neal Cathcart (Reeve), and left messages at each residence. I received immediate responses from Dean Cutmore and Tom Jones, both of whom were most congenial in listening to my concerns, offering suggestions to allay my trepidation — for which I was most appreciative.

The Reeve, however, did not respond until late in the evening, two days later — although it was gratifying that the leader of this Council at least took the time to call. The content of his call was, however, less than satisfying as he basically indicated that "it was not the duty of the Reeve or any member of Council

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to police Kawartha Downs," and that I "should direct my comments to the Chief Building Inspector, Doug Campbell, or the Chief Administrative Officer, Gail Empey."

Let's get serious Mr. Reeve! I had already contacted the CBO and the CAO prior to my call to the members of Council, but as a courtesy to our elected officials I felt it appropriate to let them know what concerns are being realized by their constituents (employers). Although I am convinced that this municipality has an extremely capable and efficient CAO (Gail

Empey), who does an excellent job for the taxpayers when allowed to do her job unfettered, I am very concerned that this Reeve does not in my opinion feel accountable to the taxpayers of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan — this is wrong, both morally and ethically. Perhaps some sensitivity training might be the answer here. Given that the Reeve generally sets the tone for the Council under his/her direction, and seeing what I have over the past number of months, I no longer wonder why there is such perceived negativity within Council, and better understand why there seems to be a huge veil of secrecy surrounding Council's activities.

We do have some very good people on this Council who, when focused on the interests of their electorate, do a reasonably good job and with elections not far off, I would hope that despite (in my opinion) questionable leadership, they persevere and do what the majority of their ratepayers request of them.

— R.W. (Bob) Clark  
Larmer Line, Cavan Ward



COSMIC COMICS

## The sky is falling!

By Crystal Eves

As you may have heard already, there will be an alignment of planets happening in May. The media have been gleefully reporting it, and frankly, this is bothersome to us astrologers. Every time there is a newscast, we get a barrage of phone calls from individuals worried about the possible implications of such an event.

What does this mean for me? People want to know. If they've reported it on the news, it must be bad. Should we form a cult and kill ourselves, or buy Microsoft now that the tech industry has taken a hit? So many questions, so little time!

My thoughts are: this astrological event, like other alignments and interesting celestial phenomena that have occurred in the last ten years will pass without any major global catastrophe.

Remember when the asteroids were bombarding Jupiter a few years back? Many people thought that was the "big sign" too, and we're still here. I recall that year — people were forever telling of their visions of red skies and severe conse-

quences. People were gravely concerned and rumours were spreading fast.

One woman told me that she was advised in a psychic reading to sell her house because it was too close to water, and when the imminent floodwaters rose, it would go under. (It never did.)

When ancient types of omens, such as an alignment like this one arrive, it is amazing how many of us revert back to our basic fear mode. Things can get exaggerated, and before you know it, you're looking upward, hoping Zeus doesn't zap you with a lightning bolt.

This does not mean that as an astrologer I think this event is unimportant, but certainly it is no

cause for hysteria, or for that matter, even alarm.

My expectations are this: Leos, Scorpios, and Aquarians will likely have a more difficult time in May, simply due to the fact that the planets are all grouping in Taurus, which isn't a complementary sign. Taureans might have an intense month, but not necessarily a bad one. Virgos and Capricorns are most likely to succeed at this time, and the other signs might not even notice this period as special in any way.

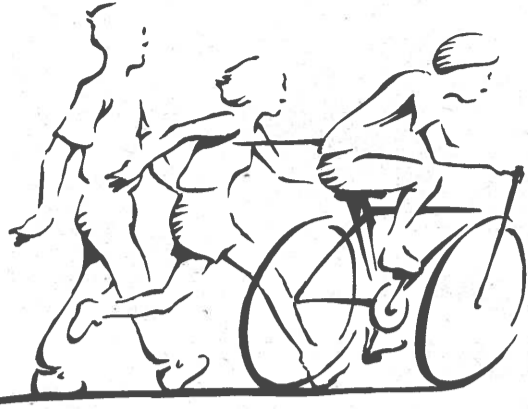
If you've purchased a gas mask I'm sorry to disappoint you, but the upside is this — with the way the kids are dressing these days, it might come into fashion soon! ♣

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As was mentioned in our previous issues, we want YOU to think about participating in the Gazette Challenge 2000 on May 27 (between 1 and 4 pm). In this community-wide fitness challenge, there are three different routes and a variety

of competitive and non-competitive fitness challenges/ races to consider, and there's bound to be one you'd enjoy!

The three routes and events include:

1. The approximately five-mile, country block route south of Millbrook – this route is for fit runners and walkers of all ages. Runners compete in a race, and will be timed – to not only compete with others, but to challenge their best time for this distance. Walkers take as long as they need to complete the race, within a two-hour time frame, in a non-com-

petitive challenge on the same route.

2. A shorter route within Millbrook, approximately 1.5 miles, for those who require a shorter distance (including parents with children in strollers, younger families, and anyone else who would not be able to complete the longer challenge route). This is non-competitive.

3. An approximately five mile route north of the village for cyclists – cyclists can compete with each other and/or to improve on their personal best, or can complete the route in as much time as is needed within a two-hour time period.

All routes will be supervised by race marshalls, the police and fire department. All fitness challenges begin and end at the Old Millbrook School, where there will be a variety of activities and displays for the entire family, as well as refreshments for sale!

Pick one! And grab your pledge sheet from this edition of The Gazette – it's one of the important flyers inserted in these pages! Photocopy it as needed, to obtain as many pledges as possible for the cause – The Old Millbrook School Family Centre. Once renovations can be completed at the Old Millbrook School, the Family Centre will offer a much-needed and innovative range of programming and services for families, children and youth of all ages. YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING 932-7088 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE – LEAVE YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND THE ROUTE/EVENT YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN. Additional pledge sheets can be obtained from the Millbrook Community Centre and the Municipal Office during business hours, and from (insert businesses here) or by calling 932-7088.

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## Volunteers Needed For Gazette Challenge 2000 Sat. May 27, 1 – 4 pm — Old Millbrook School/Millbrook WE NEED YOU!!!

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2. Planning the day's events
3. Race day activities/programming (at the Old Millbrook School)
4. Logistics

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Next volunteers meeting: Wed. Apr. 26, 7:30 pm @ Old Millbrook School

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If you're not up to the challenge, or would prefer to cheer others on, or have some time before race day, WE NEED YOU AS A VOLUNTEER!! Help us

plan this event, by coming out to THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING on Wed. Apr. 26, 7:30 pm at the Old Millbrook School. Approximately 25–30 volunteers are needed on race day for a mere afternoon to assist a small committee with race marshalling (monitoring racers/participants at various checkpoints along the three routes), refreshments and other ser-

vices for participants at the Old Millbrook School.

This month, we'd like to challenge the young people of the community, and elder members as well! Why not get a group together from your Guide or Scout group, from the Millbrook Manor, your class or bridge club? Bring some friends out – we need your help to raise as much money as possible for OMSFC! ♣

## Part Four: Building a stronger editor

By Deborah Luchuk

Stress never killed anyone, but not dealing with it certainly could!

At least, that's what I learned this month in my fitness regime. Nothing quite like dealing with bookkeeping, editing, marking, various student issues, and finishing a book to seize up everything muscular and ligamentary in the body.

To be honest, it has been tough staying on a program of exercise this month. Even if I scheduled it into my daytimer, I could always find at least five other things that needed doing to cause me to mentally delete this time out. I managed to do some stretching, although not as much as Kimberley would like to see me doing – stretching, particularly after a hot bath, is quite relaxing, and warming up the tense areas beforehand means less likelihood of injury. And man, you could bounce pennies off my back and lower body at times this month.

Strength training I managed to fit in at least twice a week – which Kimberley said was okay when we met early in March, but not what I had hoped for. I am working on fitting in another two strength training sessions

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per week, and should have more time to play with once Trent and SSFC are finished for the term (and my marking is finished!).

The cardio work has also been tough to fit in, but with the spectre of The Challenge coming up in May, I have forced myself to get out there for a walk or walk-run at least three times a week. I did have a schedule to work up to for running the race comfortably by May 27, but that has not worked out so well. I hope to, as I mentioned above, have time to really work on this at least five days a week – paying attention of course, to my body, in order to avoid stress injuries from too much too soon. Hopefully, I haven't lost too much ground, and will be able to run the five-mile route successfully, without needing the local paramedics that will be on stand-by at the finish line!

It's also been heartening to see so many others out there walking or running in the last few weeks, and many have said they are training for the Challenge. Another observation – I think I know, at least in a small way, what it must be like for pregnant women who constantly have their bellies touched by complete strangers! It's been interesting – many women have said “Hey, you're looking like you've lost weight!” or “You really don't need to lose any more!” – while shyly patting or pinching me at the waist. The affirmation has been wonderful, and I guess the body contact is to be expected when one writes about her fitness regime! It's equally fascinating how much we women tend to focus on weight, as opposed to healthy appearance or “glow”.

By the way, despite my gloom at not having the time to really exercise as much as I would like, what I am doing is still paying off. At my latest measuring and weigh-in on Apr. 14, Kimberley noted I have lost a few more pounds – almost 10 in total since January – and that I have lost another half an inch off the bust, some more off the upper arms, and another inch off the waist. While weight loss was not really one of my goals, it is still gratifying to see results, and to find my newly liberated spring wardrobe is loose-fitting.

We now have warmer weather to help us all get out there and get at it! See you at the Challenge! ♣

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It's hard to believe it's been two years already! Time has flown by here at *The Green Hills Gazette*, what with so many issues in municipal governance, a rich cultural life, and so many milestones and events in between in the life of the community. Whew! this community in all its busyness and rich tapestry of life sure does keep us hopping!

There's quite a few of us involved in this newspaper, many of us volunteers — and while we know many of you, you might not know who we are. It's high time we introduced ourselves.

**Margaret Monis** is a mom of two, and has a master's degree in library science. She lends her intelligent, witty insight on a cornucopia of themes and issues to us in the form of Random Sampling. Currently, she is completing a Bachelor of Education in Ottawa — and we look forward to her return to the community in the next couple of weeks!

**Jill Williams**, our Common Ground gardening columnist, is an avid, experienced gardener and herbalist who has put her talent to good use in gardens close to home and in England. She also runs her own company, Foxglove Botanicals, producing beautifully-scented natural soaps, creams and cosmetics.

**George Luchuk**, our Outdoors with George writer is, you guessed it — managing editor Deborah Luchuk's father. He is a millwright, and works for General Motors in Oshawa. In his spare time, he is either dreaming of, planning for, or away on hunting, fishing and camping trips. He enjoys sharing his stories and thoughts all things "outdoors" with *Gazette* readers.

**Trish Boyd-Reininger**, our very wise and down-to-earth Creative Parenting columnist, is an ECE graduate and mom of two boys and a step-daughter. Trish has lent her considerable talents with children to many organizations, including the Millbrook Play School, the Peterborough Family Enrichment Centre, and municipal recreation initiatives. She also works at the Village Food



# The Green Hills Gazette

## The Gazette team on our 2nd Anniversary

Emporium and at the LCBO in Millbrook!

**Crystal Eves**, our Cosmic Comics columnist, is a professional, practicing astrologer. By combining a background of study and interest in psychology with astrology, her witty prognostications and descriptions of the personalities of signs ring true with many people. Crystal is a mom of two little guys, and offers astrological counselling and chart creation services. She has recently gone back to university to complete a degree.

**Dean Vincent**, our newest columnist, has written his first piece of what we hope will be many on his life as a cop. Naturally, he has had many years "on the beat" in various capacities — and he has a love and appreciation for arts, culture and literature. We hope you enjoy his column in this issue!

**Margaret Sanderson**, our star advertising sales representative, assists local businesses with their marketing through print advertising in *The Gazette*. A business veteran, Margaret is an integral part of the team at John Tinney Motors, working alongside her father and brother Richard. She makes us all tired with what she does in her non-existent spare time — volunteering for committees and causes as diverse as municipal recreation, The Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Association for Community Living, as well as recently organizing enjoyable singles' dances at Keystone Links.

**Michele Curran**, our enthusiastic municipal affairs reporter, does double-duty as an advertising sales

representative. She wears two hats with aplomb and a great sense of humour. Michele has a degree in journalism, and spent many years of her life pre-CMNM in Calgary and on the West Coast. She also runs her own cleaning business, and has recently shared her business acumen with the *Gazette* as our advertising manager.

**Raphael Thierren**, reporter and advertising sales representative, runs his own business, Ecobio Communications, and specializes in translation services and Web page design. In his non-existent spare time, he takes writing courses, follows agricultural issues and does volunteer duty as the editor of the Green Party's newsletter.

**Melodie McCullough**, our newest reporter, has a degree in Journalism from Carleton University. In addition to her recent gig with *The Gazette*, this busy mom has lent her considerable writing talents to writing columns for *The Peterborough Examiner*. We look forward to more from Melodie in the future!

**Melanie Anderson**, reporter, is a first-year Trent University student, and has been with us since her stint as one of our co-op students in the fall of 1998. She has a deep interest in the outdoors, outdoor education, and is looking forward to her annual stint working at a summer camp in July and August!

**Deborah Luchuk, B.A.**, Managing Editor, does her level best to keep the whole enterprise together, supervising editorial, production, circulation, and advertising sales aspects of *The Gazette*. She has been an editor and writer for over 15 years, and has her own editorial consulting business. She also teaches at Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

**Louise Chatterton-Luchuk** (what is it with these Luchuks anyway?!), Deb's sister-in-law, assists with the mammoth task of copy editing — fine-tooth-combing copy for grammar and spelling errors. She is a mom of two, and has worked for Elderhostel Canada.

**Katherine Luchuk**, occasional-writer/editorial assistant/production assistant has been here from the beginning, and started out as our municipal affairs reporter. She is currently Communications Manager for Eldertreks, an adventure travel company for people over 50, based in Toronto.

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COMMON GROUND

## Veggies for a beautiful, eclectic garden

By Jill Williams

Here we are in the midst of another April, the tail end of winter melting into early spring.

As I write this, I'm looking out on the second snowfall in two days, and wondering when winter will finally let go. It doesn't help that a friend in England wrote me recently about "much cherry blossom" looking glorious in his garden. He went on to describe all the spring bulbs and the profusion of salad greens already being harvested in his vegetable garden.

If it's not the English being annoying about their early spring, then it's friends from B.C. I have to remind myself that we will have a warmer, sunnier summer (when it actually does get here) than they will. I remember seeing a B.C. garden half-covered with black plastic in a pathetic attempt to retain enough heat to

grow melons. It is true that they can grow kale all winter, but would anyone really want that much kale? I prefer our hot summers, and all of the warm weather crops we can grow so easily. Come to think of it, I'm sure soon we'll all be complaining about the heat and the bugs (remember them?).

One good thing about the coolness of early spring is that it makes bulbs last longer. My snowdrops and crocuses lasted for weeks this year. Every year in late spring, when tulips and daffodils finally appear, I always want them to last longer than they do. The heat of the sun seems to finish them off too quickly.

Early spring is a good time to plan gardening projects for the summer. One of the trendy things I've seen this year popping up in gardening magazines is the French potager. That's a fancy way of saying vegetable garden, usually with rectangular raised beds, arranged in a symmetrical pattern. Beds are filled with compost and rich soil so that lots of vegetables can be planted close together for a lush, full look. Some potagers contain formal features like urns, obelisks and espaliered fruit trees.

Potagers can be very attractive, with contrasting colours and textures of foliage. Traditional vegetables like beets, carrots, pole beans and swiss chard look great planted intensively.

You can add colour with radicchio or any of the red lettuce varieties. Herbs like bronze fennel, purple basil and borage also add colour when planted among green vegetables. Don't forget a few flowers like nasturtiums for edging. These look great spilling over the edges of fennel beds.

I'm not sure I'm up to building a proper, formal potager this year, but I would like to try some raised beds. I've already bought seeds for oakleaf lettuce, arugula and a variety of other greens. Pole beans, scarlet runner beans and morning glories will provide height and contrast. I found a variety of morning glory called Flying Saucers with blue and white striped flowers, a change from the standard Heavenly Blue. I also like the small, multi-coloured morning glories in the vegetable garden, either on bean poles or on a fence, and they bloom a little earlier than Heavenly Blue.

I think I'll write back to my English friend and tell him about all the wonderful things I have planned for my summer garden. Not only all the greens and vegetables, but the clay pots which will overflow with multi-coloured annuals, zucchini 'til you drop, and the melons which are the reward at the end of a long, hot summer. Looking out at the melting April snow, I can see it all... ♣



CREATIVE PARENTING

## Children never too old for safety

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

I am going to take a break from sibling rivalry this month (I wish I could!) and touch on the ever-important issue of safety.

When our children are infants, we watch over them closely, making sure they have all the necessities of life — warmth, love, nutrition and the protection of an adult. As an infant grows, the necessities are basically the same, but the level of protection becomes more intense. We must be more aware of safety issues as the child begins to explore his or her ever growing limits.

When an infant first rolls over, that's a milestone, not only for the child but also in terms of parental protection. The child can now travel off the bed, off the change table, and toward other potentially dangerous situations. Another milestone in a child's development is the ability to creep and crawl. Now not only can they travel, but they can do so quite quickly. Before

you know it, they're at the top of the stairs, in front of a wall socket, or sorting through the trash to see what's interesting enough to eat!

Then they become toddlers, and the race is on! The crib does not keep them contained any longer, and shelves and fences become ladders for exploration and freedom. Once this stage begins, we, as parents, painstakingly teach our children the perils of the outside world. "Don't run up to a strange dog, only eat what mommy gives you to eat, wall sockets are dangerous, and WATCH THE ROAD!! Hold mom's hand and look both ways!"

These instructions are repeated numerous times throughout our children's lives. As they get older, the warnings begin to change: "Don't climb too high, keep your laces tied so you don't trip, wear your helmet, do your coat up, put a hat on, don't eat too much candy." However, one warning never changes: "WATCH THE ROAD, LOOK BOTH WAYS!"

Then our children become young teens, teens, and young adults. We remind them about homework and curfews, expectations of them pertaining to chores and house rules, and the worry about safety lessens slightly. But should it?

Over the March Break this year, a childhood friend of mine came face-to-face with the most terrible situation a parent must

deal with: the death of a child. Her daughter had surpassed the perils of her ever-growing freedom thus far. She listened to her parents, and dealt with their expectations of her. She argued with them in respect to some of the rules and limits, but knew what was safe or unsafe, and could be trusted. But she was carried away with the excitement of the moment, and youthful, care-free ways interfered with judgment of safety — and she wasn't careful enough.

On March 15, she didn't look both (all) ways before crossing the road, and was hit and killed by a passing car. Cora was 14.

When are we, as parents, able to stop warning our children about dangerous situations? I've come to the conclusion the answer is NEVER. There is always the need to remind our children about safety. As they grow, the issues change. It's no longer "You should do up your coat and put a hat on" — it's "wear your seat belt, and don't drive too fast." But as long as children are busy learning and outgrowing their rules and limits, we must never forget that we are their protectors, their eyes and ears, per se. We must never take this responsibility lightly, and they are never too old for us to remind them that we love them and to "watch the road." ♣

*I never thought that you should be rewarded for the greatest privilege of life.*

— May Popper Coker, 1958 Mother of the Year.



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

## Gun control thin edge of wedge

By George Luchuk

Probably one of the most frustrating discussions any avid hunter or gun collector can have these days (you guessed it) is when someone starts the debate about gun registration.

Everyone, and I mean, everyone, including even the least attentive to the issues are in agreement. Gun registration will achieve none of the targeted rationales proposed by the federal government. Most of the provinces, including Ontario, but especially Alberta, are in fundamental agreement that this proposed law now being judged by the Supreme Court of Canada is a travesty — against all common sense.

Will this law prevent criminals from owning guns? Of course not! Will this law make our society any more civilized? Of course not! Will this law reduce the suicide rate? It might, but how do you stop someone bent on killing him or herself? What about tall buildings and bridges? Should we start restricting those who may be prone to suicide from accessing them? One could go on in this vein, but I'm really trying hard not to go on a rant here with this issue —

after all, we are a civilized society, aren't we?

On any given week of the year, I don't think I watch more than three or four hours of television. I don't even watch those fishing shows! However, after having major surgery on January 27 I was laid up on doctor's orders for eight weeks. What's a person to do after reading everything in sight, including a rather thick novel by Farley Mowat "The Farfarers" (incidentally, I would

heartily recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good historical adventure)? I even got to like some of the commercials, especially the one for E-Trade, where a poor guy is weather-bound in a log cabin, and only has his Internet access and a bunch of stuffed, talking animal trophies for company. Boy, am I able to identify with him!

The guy in the commercial realizes something different is going on, and gleans some insight from his discovery. In a similar way, I was transfixed by a live broadcast on the so-called democracy channel, C-Pac, televising the arguments for and against gun registration. What an august group! Everyone dressed for the occasion and all totally engrossed in legal point making. A tempest in a teapot! One should reflect here on the fact that all our Supreme Court judges are appointed by politicians. It's supposed to be an arms length relationship — no political influence (do you believe that?).

All of a sudden I realized something — gun registration, per se, is a red herring! This issue is really about

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social engineering. Somewhere, at some time, a bunch of Mensa types (smarter than most of us) got together, probably at the CD Howe Institute and decided that Canada should be free of all guns, especially those guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens like you and I. But how do you achieve this Shangri-La goal without causing some serious political retributions? As any good general will tell you, before he enters a con-

flict he must first identify the adversary. He cannot get too much information.

Knowledge is power. Force everyone to register their firearms. Mark my word, as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow and the rivers will flow, gun registration will be passed into law. Then, my friends, the process of completely analyzing us begins, and it's only the first step. Just look at Australia — law-makers there are miles ahead of us. All guns except bolt-action rifles are completely banned. I'm not telling you to not register your firearms, because that would be against the law. However, beware — everything that you reveal about yourself could someday be used against you.

We are civilized, aren't we? ♣

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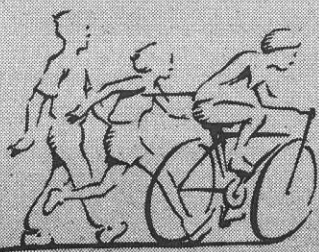
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Wed. Apr. 26, 7:30 pm @ Old Millbrook School

## Gazette Team

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**Ted Dyment** is a graphic designer with over 16 years experience in the trade. When not lending his considerable creative talent to *The Gazette* as a volunteer, he designs computer databases that make life easier and more organized for a variety of businesses. In some respects, Ted is God, because he co-ordinates all things to do with production, designs ads and tends to our computer systems. Ted owns his own company, AlterMedia.

**Bill Slavin** is another volunteer without whom we could not produce the paper — he puts in hours and hours each month to lay out the pages you read. Bill is a well-known and respected children's book illustrator, author and artist. His books are for sale in the Millbrook Gallery, where he is a member of the artists' collective. His gentle humour and commitment are respected by everyone at *The Gazette*, and are particularly appreciated by Deb during production week! Bill also produces our monthly editorial cartoon.

**Connie Danielsen** is

our energetic circulation staffperson. She is mom of one, and married to Peter Kennedy. Together, they operate Kennedy's Sugar Bush and Maple Syrup Supplies, as well as a farm. Connie has a degree in agricultural business management, and puts this to good use as a member of the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce, as well as on maple syrup producers' committees.

**Joe Weissman**, a professional illustrator, offers his talents to illustrate the Outdoors with George column and occasionally elsewhere in the paper or within advertising where a graphic may be needed. Joe's work has featured prominently in *Maclean's*, *The Globe and Mail*, and other national publications. He is another passionate gardener, along with his wife Muriel, and is a member of the Millbrook and District Garden Club — when not off cycling around the highways and by-ways of the region or beyond, or fishing in some quiet stream!

It's nice to meet you! We look forward to working with you, and on your behalf in the community to collect and share news, views and stories in the coming year! Thanks for your continued support and encouragement! ♣

Please welcome our newest Columnist:

DEEP BLUE INK

## What Cops Are, Cannot! (A "Beat" Poem)

By Dean Richard Vincent

**M**aternal. Fraternal. Fair, machiavelian; fat, muscle-bound; mundane, fabulous. Foot-sore and cranky. Canada's cops are all races of the spectrum, every gender, achieved after being suppressed for so, so long by the Anglo-Saxon diaspora.

The mix, however eclectic, is bound by an intangible deep-blue super-glue! For example, morality is sine qua non, faith not discouraged, save Satanism, which is discouraged. If a cop is in trouble somewhere, and it wasn't an unethical, immoral or illegal act, ninety-six percent of all cops are empathetic. The other four were out of country and did not hear about it. Troops in the legions of Law Enforcement are *dizygotic*: children derived from the same father and mother via thousands of separately fertilized eggs. For example, *dizygotic* would be considered pretentious, useless, an esoteric lexicon suited for a sophist legal system, all lawyers, and wannabe mavens. So what is a cop's language?

Cops generally do not write for the purpose of art. At work, reports are the backbone of official communication and as such, must adhere to pre-set guidelines! There are few Frosts and St. Vincent Millays on the beat. Disparage them not! When seduced by a muse, and alone, cops will generally use their hands: not to meld clay, hold a brush or scribble. Lathe, chisel and Dremel are exceedingly more popular. And if there is a muse of hunting and fishing, cops have tapped her.

Regardless, I have seen paintings, poetry and prose produced by cops. Not just suspect drawings, but "art" whatever you think that is. The year 2000 Bruce Denniston Foundation's charity calendar (cancer/leukemia) features art completely produced by cops. Cop Art! Excellent idea, and so unusually radical. The thirteen examples all evoke a cop's vision not of the world they know, but the place they wish to escape to. Realism without the reality. A pond and mountain range, as opposed

to prison cells. High irony. A cop finds it difficult to challenge his or her ingrained world view. How can he or she? It is a question of the will to get out of bed and go to work. 'Work' is not augmented by reading Anne Sexton. Especially a cop's work. It could be.

Most cops do not like to give speeches, but I know one, for example, whom I consider to be a minor expert on gardening. He articulates his knowledge with confidence and competence. This is where we find the true CopArt, in the medium of oral storytelling, vocal literature, and journalistic rhetoric. Accounts of things that have happened to them on the job or at home. War stories at the Legion on a Friday night. This is one of the reasons why cops rarely associate with "civilians" outside of work: the stories are either too grotesque or ridiculous for public consumption.

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There really is nothing like a group of cops sitting around telling stories to spark incredulity and uproarious laughter. I have heard quite a few stories in my fourteen years as an officer, and have a couple myself. In the upcoming months I will, in as discreetly and lively a way as possible (nothing embarrassing for anyone, cop, lawyer or civilian) relate some of this oral poetry. You will hear, for starters, such emotional opposites as how my own father was beaten almost to death in Saskatchewan, and the hilarious meaning of "Pick 'Em Up!"

We may now, and must, add "fabulator" to "foot-sore" and "fabulous". ♣

## Big-top stops in Millbrook

By Melodie McCullough

The Starr Brothers Circus, featuring clowns, trampolines, trapeze artists, and more — 13 to 16 acts in all — will set up its tent at the Millbrook Fairgrounds Thursday, May 4 for two performances, the first at 4 pm and the second at 7 pm.

"It's aimed at the kids. They're the ones they're trying to attract," said Hugh Hoard, first vice-president of the Millbrook and District Lions Club, which is sponsoring the show. "The first mandate is to provide some entertainment for Millbrook and see if the circus is something the children would enjoy."

The event will also act as a fund-raiser, with proceeds being split between the Lions Club and the Millbrook Agricultural Society, he said.

Since the idea of a circus featuring lots of "big, wild animals" is out of favour now with many people, due to concerns about animal welfare, the Starr Brothers Circus emphasizes entertainment acts rather than animal acts, said Mr. Hoard.

There will be ponies, how-

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ever. The show will last over one and a half hours.

Area schools will be provided with information about the circus, also. There will be a colouring contest with details given to the schools beforehand. If schools are interested in seeing how the tent is put up, they can arrange for students to be on hand for the tent-raising, said Mr. Hoard.

Tickets for children are free, and for adults \$10 in advance and \$16 the day of the circus. They are available from Lions Club members and Millbrook merchants.

The Starr Brothers Circus originates in Texas and Florida. Last year it performed throughout Western Canada and this year has moved into Central Canada. ♣

## Science videos Help local students obtain science studies resources!

Cavan and Millbrook schools are collecting UPC (bar code) labels from Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers, any kind of Campbell's Soup, and V-8 Splash drinks in order to purchase an entire set of Bill Nye, "The Science Guy" videos. The critically-acclaimed educational videos will be shared between the schools.

The next time you buy these products, carefully clip the UPC labels, or the entire label, and put them in a drop box at Calhoun's IGA, Millbrook, or give them to students to take to any of the Cavan or Millbrook schools.

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## Easter Celebrations

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9:15 a.m. .... St. Paul's, Bethany

9:30 a.m. .... Christ Church, Bailieboro

9:30 a.m. .... St. John's, Ida

11:00 a.m. .... St. Thomas, Millbrook

11:00 a.m. .... Trinity Church, The Marsh

11:15 a.m. .... Christ Church, Omeme

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Sunday,  
April 23

## ARTS & CULTURE



# Voices in Bloom sprouts tuneful success

By *Melanie Anderson*

An incredible musical evening was held a few weeks ago, with four amazing choirs, several soloists, and a choral duet. Entitled *Voices in Bloom*, the concert was held at All Saints' Anglican Church in Peterborough on March 25th. All proceeds from the evening benefitted the Old Millbrook School Family Centre (OMSFC).

Brilliant performances included several songs each from the Kawartha Treble Troupe, the Peterborough Children's Chorus — Junior and Senior Choirs, and the PCVS Ladies Choir. Solos were performed by Melissa Azore, a PCVS student (who will be spending next year in Toronto promoting her CD); Leah Gordon, another PCVS student who plans to go to U of T next year for vocal music; and Jaclyn Cunningham, a grade nine student and one of the original members of Kawartha Treble Troupe. These solo performances were remarkable, and as a grand finale, the four choirs combined their 120 voices for a beau-

tiful rendition of *God Bless the Master* by Vaughan Williams.

Hosted by Linda Farr and Graham Hart of CHEX TV, the show went off without a hitch. In addition to the musical performances, information was presented about the OMSFC, the choirs, and soloists. "Thank you" were sincerely expressed to the hard working individuals who voluntarily organized the event. The Old Millbrook School Family Centre Committee would like to thank Armstrong's Florist, Millbrook (for boutonnières); the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (for the purchase of 12 tickets to the concert, donated to seniors from the Millbrook Manor and community volunteers); John Volcunburg (who donated and drove the free bus for seniors and others attending the concert from Millbrook); Bear Essentials, Millbrook (for acting as the Millbrook ticket outlet); and Harper's Printing (for donation of the printing service for the concert programmes).

The OMSFC will pro-

vide a location for the Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School and the Millbrook Playgroup, and offer a variety of after-school and parenting programs to the community. There are a number of fundraising campaigns currently underway with a target of \$100,000. January 2001 is the goal for both fundraising and renovations to be complete.

Upcoming fundraising events for the OMSFC include a Daffodil Campaign (launched at *Voices in Bloom*), The Gazette Challenge 2000 on May 27, a Strawberry Social on June 25 at Herrington House (17 King St. West) from 12 noon – 4 pm, and a Roast Beef BBQ on July 1st from 3–6 pm at the Millbrook Arena. In the ongoing "Buy a Brick" fundraising programme, community members are encouraged to buy a brick with a minimum \$100 donation – these bricks will be used to create a commemorative wall at the entrance of the Centre, and a plaque on each brick will be inscribed with whatever name the donor wishes. ♣

# Municipal logo contest

If this community could be summed up in a picture, what would it look like?

The Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan would really appreciate the answer to this question — and are inviting all members of the community to submit a logo design that they feel reflects our area.

The municipality is also looking for any suggestions

for a catchy slogan that would "say it all" about this community. Submissions for either must be submitted on no larger than an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of paper, and a full name, address and phone number must be written on the back.

The winning logo will be announced at Canada Day celebrations, along with prizes awarded for the winning submissions.

Entries can be dropped off at the Millbrook Community Centre, the Township Office (or drop box after hours), the Millbrook Branch or Bruce Johnston Branch Library (or drop box after hours). Submissions can also be mailed to Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department, 4 Needler's Lane, Millbrook, Ont. L0A 1G0, or faxed to 932-3458.

Any questions about the Millennium Logo Contest can be directed to the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department at 932-2911. ♣



# Sweet sounds of spring at Showstoppers Concert

By *Jovanna Soligo*

Ah, spring! Tulips and daffodils are in bloom, and birds sing sweetly in the trees...

However, it's not just the local birds that will thrill and entertain us with their song. Some of the sweetest spring sounds to be heard in our community will emanate from St. Andrew's United Church

on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13, as the Millbrook Community Choir performs in the annual Showstoppers Concert. This not-to-be-missed musical event begins at 7:30 pm on both evenings.

The audience will be treated to a medley from "South Pacific" (complete with costume!) and a selec-

tion of favourites, some old and some new. Joining the Community Choir will be Joyful Noise Youth Choir, featuring selections from "The Sound of Music", along with guest soloist Leona Rekker and MC David Franco (from CFMX — Classical radio station).

This event is sure to delight both young and old, and in the past has played to a capacity crowd! Tickets can be purchased from choir members or at the door for a mere \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students. ♣

# Libraries need your input

The Millbrook and Bruce Johnston (North Monaghan) Libraries need everyone in our readership to respond to the yellow insert you will find this edition of *The Green Hills Gazette*, in order to plan for future library programming and resources.

Regardless of whether you are using the libraries now, your input will help the Library Board to plan

for programmes, resources, books and other services for residents of all ages — in particular, if you don't go to either library, the Board would like to know why, so they can offer more of what you want or need out of a library.

No postage required! Simply drop off the completed form when you are doing your shopping at the Mt. Pleasant Convenience Store, or

Pinto's Market, drop it off at one of the libraries or the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Municipal Office, or even drop it into the library drop boxes located outside of the libraries after business hours.

Today's libraries are not just about books — they're about community resources, Internet training and use, and a wide range of educational and entertaining programming for people of all ages. If you haven't visited a library recently, why not drop by — and prepare to be dazzled by all that you see or learn about! ♣



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# Community Calendar Tear out this page and post!

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## Earth Day Celebrations

At Medd's Mountain Park, and Old Millbrook School, Millbrook  
Sat. Apr. 22,  
10 am - 2 pm  
Interactive tree planting, games, boardwalk building, musical entertainment... and more! See article this issue for details.

## Annual Lions' Fishing Derby

At the Millbrook Pond  
Sat. Apr. 29, all day  
Fishpersons of all ages and stages welcome to try their luck! Many prizes and

fun for whole family, refreshments.

## Five and Alive

At the Millbrook Gallery  
Apr. 7 - May 21  
The Millbrook Gallery Collective presents a variety of works from members, celebrating their fifth anniversary.

## Spring Rummage/Bake Sale

At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Centre St., Millbrook  
Sat. Apr. 29, 9 am-noon  
Free admission, pick up

some new-to-you clothes for spring and stock up on baked goodies!

## Community Workshop/Info Session — DSIP

At Brealey Campus, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Ptbo.  
Thurs. May 4,  
10 am-4 pm  
The Data Services Improvement Program community workshop, to discuss connecting rural communities to new or improved high-speed data and Internet services. Free, please register by

calling Sue at 745-5434.

## Starr Brothers Circus

At the Millbrook Fairgrounds  
Thurs. May 4, 5 and 7 pm performances  
For tickets, call 944-8877, or 944-5478

## Feelings in Fabric

At the Canadian Canoe Museum, 910 Monaghan Rd., Ptbo.  
Sat. May 6, Sun. May 7  
10 am - 5 pm  
\$4 admission charge. Sponsored by Kawartha Quiltmakers Guild.

## Perennial Plant Sale

At 15 Sunset Place, Keene (nr. Northshore Public School)  
Sat. May 13, 8 am-7 pm  
Over 1000 perennial plants and shrubs; seeds, garden related products for sale; all proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Children.

## Millbrook Fair Ambassador Registration

Register by May 15  
All young people, male and female, ages 17-25 welcome to participate. Call Denise at 932-2060 to register for more info.

## Mixed 3-Pitch Tournament

May 20  
\$200 per team, proceeds to the Millbrook Agricultural Society. Call Denise at 932 2060 for more details/registration

## The Gazette Challenge 2000

In and around Millbrook  
Sat. May 27, rainedate May 28, 1 - 4 pm  
Join neighbours and friends in a fitness challenge of walking, running, cycling on 5 mile or 1.5 mile (walking only) routes around Millbrook. Fundraiser for the Old Millbrook School Family Centre; participants pick up pledge sheets at businesses in Millbrook (including the Community Centre, Municipal Office) OR FIND A PLEDGE SHEET IN THIS PAPER! (copy as needed). Participants must register by calling OMSFC at 932-7088, leaving name, phone number and race registering for. For more info, see this edition, or call OMSFC.

## Volunteer Recognition Day

At Millbrook Community Centre  
Sun. May 28, 2-4 pm  
CMNM Parks, Recreation and Facilities Dep't invites everyone to help to thank and recognize volunteers in the community. Light snack to be served; please RSVP by calling 932-2911.

## ON-GOING EVENTS

**Regular Council Meeting** First Monday of each month at 7:30p.m.

**Millbrook Playschool** Every Tues. & Thurs. (except 3rd Tues.). Millbrook Christian Assembly, call Wilma at 932-5547.

**New to You Used clothing** on sale at the Millbrook Community Care office, Mon-Fri 11 am-noon, Sat 10 am-noon.

**Baileboro Library Boutique** 199 County Rd. 28. Tues noon-4:00 pm, Thurs. noon-4:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Proceeds to the Baileboro Library.

**Municipal Planning Mtg.** Second Mon. of the month, at 7pm.

**Creative Card Making** Every Mon. at the Community Care Office from 9:30-11:30am.

**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 loonie.

**Committee of Whole Council Meeting** Third Monday monthly. 7:30pm.

**MADCAP Millbrook** — Same hours as library.

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

**Millbrook Community Choir** Every Tues., 7:30-9:30 pm at St. Andrews UNited Church, Millbrook For info call 745-2623

**Joyful Noise Junior Choir** Tues., 6:30 pm, at St. Andrew's United Church, Millbrook

**Kids in the Hall** at the Cavan Community Hall, Hwy# 7(a), Cavan Fridays 7-9 pm Sports, crafts, cooking for ages 9-16. Admission \$1 plus mandatory donation to the Food Bank. To April 14.

**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.

**Euchre in Springville** at Springville United Church. Every 2nd wk, 8 pm, \$1. Call Jim Payne at 745-6088.

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

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

**Public Skating** at the Millbrook Arena, starts Oct 1, Mon. 3:30-4:20pm, Thurs. 3:30-4:20pm, 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.

**Saturday Night Skating** At Millbrook Arena, 8-9:30 pm, \$3 admission

**Friday Night Youth Skating** 9:30-11 pm, \$5 admission. Music by DJ Vince Steenburg, pizza available.

**Senior Puck and Stick** at the Millbrook Arena Mon./Wed. 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. 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. 1:30-3:30pm, Thurs. 4-6pm. Call 742-4042.

**The Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce** at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook. 2nd Wed. monthly, 7:30 pm. For info, call 932-7007.

**Toastmasters** at Mapleridge Plaza Seniors' Rec. Centre 2nd, 4th Tues. monthly, 7am. Call Tom 944-4012.

## In Memoriam

### Eva Howson

July 11, 1912 - March 3, 2000

Millbrook resident Eva Howson passed away on March 3, 2000, at the age of 87.

Eva was born July 11, 1912 on a farm eight miles north of Denholm, Saskatchewan, 12 miles east of North Battleford. She attended Forest Hill P.S., a two and a half mile walk, wagon or ~~outter ride~~ from her home. The Howson family moved to Cavan in the spring of 1923, to what was then known as the Howson farm on the 10th Line.

In 1925, the family moved to Millbrook, and as a teenager, Eva sometimes worked downtown in businesses such as Sayles ~~Rokov~~, where she worked behind the counter. In 1929, she got a job at Gen Electric, Peterborough, where she worked the blueprint department. She boarded in East City with the Romes. She took ill around this time, and had to come home to recuperate. Eva spent several months of 1930 in bed until she recovered.

In the spring of 1933, Eva began work at the telephone office in Millbrook, and was employed there until the spring of 1942, when she joined the Women's Division of the Air Force. She was stationed at several bases, including Ottawa and Dafoe, Saskatchewan.

Following service during wartime, Eva took at course at Macdonald College (now part of McGill University), at St. Anne de Bellevue (Montreal), Quebec in occupational therapy. Her skills in this area were later applied in work for the Workmans' Compensation Board, Malton. When the

Toronto airport expanded, the WCB moved to a new location and Eva quit.

After some time in Millbrook, Eva went back to Toronto, where she taught occupational therapy in various hospitals and seniors' residences.

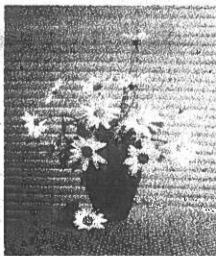
In 1968, she came back to Millbrook to look after her mother. However, her wanderlust never really diminished, as Eva took several trips with the WD-RCAF to reunions in Vancouver, Winnipeg and elsewhere. The last one she attended several years ago was in New Zealand and Australia — unfortunately, she fell on the floor while at a museum on her first day in New Zealand, and broke her hip. A convalescence of a month followed in a hospital there, and she never did get to see Australia. She also went to England and Scotland in the late 1970s to visit friends and family.

Life was full in Millbrook — Eva was active in volunteer work with Thomas Anglican Church, assisting with rummage sales and chancel guild duties, and gave unstintingly to neighbours in need. She often nursed people in the village who were in ill health, including a stint looking after Jessie King, her neighbour. Eva's shortbread and other delicacies, including many a thoughtful casserole delivered to a home full of ill neighbours, will be missed! Her garden was a reflection of her avid interest in horticulture, and many a bunch of rhubarb or beautiful flowers found their way to neighbours' tables. Perhaps the best garden she ever planted was the children of the neighbourhood, who were much loved and supported by Eva in her active years in Millbrook.

Although she had strong opinions, and never hesitated to voice them, she is missed by neighbours and family for her solid strength, sincere interest and caring.



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**By Melodie McCullough**  
Is "bigger" better? Would a single level of government throughout Peterborough County save ratepayers in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan a lot of money and improve services? Or would it mean decisions about local libraries, parkland, arenas, community centres, or economic development would be made by politicians far-removed from the ebb and flow of township life? Would the loss of a township's "identity" be the price paid in the quest for "cost-efficiency"?

The debate rages on. The idea of a "single-tier" government for all municipalities in the county is a complicated and contentious issue that refuses to go away.

It may be on the back burner for now, following a recent decision by the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to turn down a

request by the Village of Lakefield for a restructuring commission in the county. But most local politicians feel the idea will resurface during the next municipal term following this November's elections, driven mainly by the provincial government under Mike Harris, whose direction has been towards larger municipalities.

"It (the province) says, basically, bigger is better," said Elizabeth Tanner, Warden of Peterborough County, in a recent interview. "That's been their philosophy, and they are in favour of county restructuring."

Mrs. Tanner said she can see the pros and cons on both sides of the debate. Part of the problem, she explained, is that "single-tier" can take different shapes, and representation in a new government can be organized in a variety of bureaucratic structures.

At present, there is a two-tier system of govern-

# Single Tier Government: Part 1

## Is "bigger" better? A look at single tier County Government and what it means for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan.

ment, and it's been that way for 150 years. There are nine townships in the county, each with their own "lower-tier" council made up of elected representatives who make decisions on local issues. The "upper-tier" government (County Council) consists of Reeves and deputy-Reeves from each township who meet regularly to work through issues of concern to the whole county.

Under restructuring, the county could end up with only one government, and all local councils could be

dissolved. Or the county might be divided geographically into four large blocks of north, south, east and west municipalities with no upper government at all. Another possibility is that the city of Peterborough, now a separate municipality within the county, could join with the county to form a single regional government.

There is also uncertainty about how local townships would be represented in any new county government system.

"That's probably why there's so much concern," said Mrs. Tanner, "because you don't know how local representatives would be elected — by wards, or by population. There could be many scenarios."

If the county were to be divided into geographical wards, not necessarily based on present municipal boundaries, with councillors elected from these regions, "then you lose the concept of representation based on population," she said.

Right now the warden of the county is selected by county councillors, and not elected by the general populace. That might, or might not, change, also.

Mrs. Tanner explained that, historically, the local municipalities were the "first line" of government. With the growth of railways in the 1800's, the local councils soon realized they were faced with an issue that did not fit into local parameters. That's when a county council was formed, with a mandate to look at

cross-border issues, which now includes such services as roads and recycling.

But the county's responsibilities have grown beyond cross-border issues, toward a desire, based on co-operation, to spread costs equally for such common concerns as social services, said the warden.

With the passage in 1996 of Bill 26, the Savings and Restructuring Act, by the Harris government, local townships were pushed to amalgamate with their neighbours. Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan formed in 1998, and, as other townships also joined together, the former 18 municipalities in the county dropped to nine. That number will further decrease to eight next January, when the Village of Lakefield joins with Smith-Ennismore Township.

For the moment, the possibility of single-tier government has been shelved. The majority of county council was not in favour of it, said Mrs. Tanner, and chose to come up with a local solution to amalgamation rather than support Lakefield's bid to have a commission come to the county and make recommendations. Those recommendations could have very well led to single-tier government.

"There was not a willingness of the majority of the county council to go to a one-tier system," said the warden. "At this point today, there is no talk of one-tier government in Peterborough County."

But that could easily change, as there are some politicians in the county who view single-tier as the way of the future. "I think that eventually it's going to happen," said Bob Helsing, reeve of the Village of Lakefield. "The realities for municipalities have changed dramatically with downloading from the province... It's a combination of, yes, there could be savings in money, but also there is the possibility of enhancing services, and to me they go hand in hand," said Mr. Helsing.

There are three ways that a single-tier system could emerge in Peterborough County, according to Larry Clay, a director in the Municipal Support Services Branch of

the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in Toronto. One or more municipalities could once again request a commission to look at county restructuring, he said, and it might then recommend single-tier. Another possibility is that the "triple majority" — the majority of municipalities, the majority of electors, and the majority of county councillors — could vote to go the single-tier route. The "remotest possibility", said Mr. Clay, but one that could happen, is that a special advisor could be appointed by the province and then recommend a single-tier government structure.

(In the past there was also a provision that if 75 people signed a petition asking for a restructuring commission, it could be granted, but this provision will probably be removed soon, he said, due to some concerns by the Minister.)

Mr. Clay said the provincial government sees many benefits to single-tier county government. It would harmonize services and mean fewer government structures, and "fewer layers of bureaucracies". Some people also think it strengthens a county's ability to market itself in economic terms, he said.

"We want strong local governments that can deliver services effectively, at low cost to taxpayers. Sometimes that might involve a single-tier system."

For Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, however, the view of municipal Council is that single-tier is not in the best interests of the community. It has gone on record this term as opposing any change, said Councillor Tom Jones.

But he said local council must see the writing on the wall, and prepare itself and be proactive, in case change is forced upon the township.

"It's my opinion that prior to the next provincial election there will have to be voluntary or involuntary restructuring adjustments. You can't stick your head in the ground and say it's not there. You may need strategic planning to position yourself in the event that someone makes the decision for you."

In the May issue of *The Gazette* we will continue our look at the issues related to single-tier government in Peterborough County, and specifically what it might mean for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township. We'll speak to local councillors who explain why they oppose it, and we'll speak to others who sing its praises. ♣

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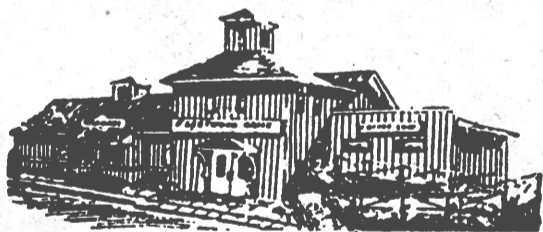
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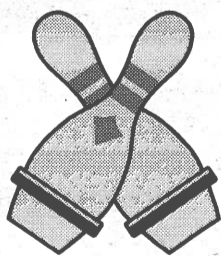
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