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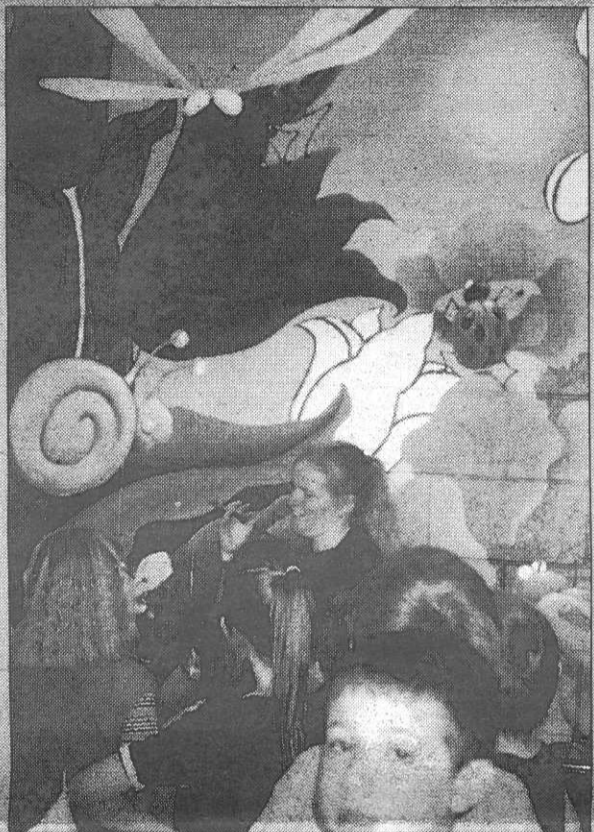
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CELEBRATING LIFE IN CAVAN, MILLBROOK AND NORTH MONAGHAN

## WALL OF COLOUR



Local artist Esperança Melo answers questions from a group of curious students at Millbrook South Cavan Public School about her mural. The mural, a school initiative undertaken during Education Week as a millennial project, was painted by Ms. Melo and partner Millbrook illustrator Bill Slavin.

## Commission to advise Council on noise issues

By Michele Curran

Council has been given the checkered flag by the municipality-appointed facilitator Ross Raymond to proceed with the creation of a commission to look into noise emanating from the two area car racetracks, Peterborough Speedway and Kawartha Downs Raceway.

Mr. Raymond met earlier with the operators of both tracks to determine the feasibility of creating a commission in the first place, and at the May 1 Council meeting, a motion was passed to advertise for one representative from Millbrook, Cavan, North Monaghan, Otonabee-South Monaghan Township, and Emily and Smith Townships (one

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between the two municipalities). The committee is also to include a racecar driver. Chief Building Inspector Doug Campbell offered to approach someone from the driving association "who would be most adversely affected by more rules" to act as the latter commission member.

In a preliminary report to Council, Raymond said there were three issues in

question. The first deals with whether exhaust mufflers are a viable means to prevent excess noise. The second deals with the use of a decibel meter to monitor noise levels, and the consequent cost of enforcement to the municipality, and the third task of the commission is to reach an agreement between the two tracks (located 2.5 kilometers apart) on the maximum hours of operation.

Raymond feels the latter two issues can be resolved, but felt the question of mufflers will have to be researched further as there "is a difference of opinion between the two track operators to the feasibility of such a mandated requirement." The commission facilitator then requested a copy of a

muffler study done at the nearby Mosport facility, as well as two noise studies completed a few years ago both by both the municipality and Kawartha Downs.

Councillor Brian Fallis said he believed it would be appropriate for both the facilitator and the commission to look at the two studies. Reeve Neal Cathcart disagreed said he felt only the facilitator should have access to these studies.

On the heels of Raymond's written report, Dan Cherkas, interim manager of Kawartha Downs had sent a letter to Council stating, "It was our understanding that both facilities would be required to use the special muffler for the 2000 racing season."

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## Municipality wins big at KD slots

By Melanie Anderson

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan is \$778,880 richer, with more money to come — approximately 2.5 million dollars in total per year.

On April 28th Reeve Neal Cathcart received a cheque of \$778,880 on behalf of the municipality from Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, Ron Barbaro. Also on hand at Kawartha Downs was the Honourable Chris Hodgson, MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock.

The cheque is the municipality's share of the slot revenue generated by Kawartha Racetrack Slots (KRS) in its first four months. Further payments will be made on a quarterly

basis. The Kawartha Downs gaming facility is the sixth racetrack slot operation in Ontario, all of which are owned and operated by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation. Each municipality hosting such an operation receives 5% of the gross slot machine revenue for the first 450 machines, and 2% for all machines beyond that number.

The rest of the slot revenue goes to a variety of recipients. 20% is split between race tracks and horsemen's associations to support this industry in Ontario. Two percent, with a guarantee of \$10 million annually, is used for "problem gambling" prevention, treatment, and education. The remainder is used for various government pro-

grams like health care.

Placing slot machines at racetracks in Ontario is, in part, an effort to ensure the continuing viability of racing in the province. Horse-racing is Ontario's third largest agricultural industry, and a major part of the provincial gaming sector. Money brought in by slot machines goes towards improving facilities, increasing purses, more race days with more higher quality horses, and more employment.

Since opening in November of 1999 the Kawartha Raceway Slots, housing 375 slot machines in 10,000 square feet, have attracted more than 280,000 visitors. Other racetrack slots include Woodbine Racetrack (Toronto) with 1700 slots which opened in March of this year, and Windsor with 712 slots, which is the oldest racetrack slots operation in the province, having opened in December of 1998.

Reeve Cathcart said "We were confident KRS would have a positive impact on the Township," and that the

"results have far exceeded our expectations."

Mr. Barbaro indicated "job creation has been one of the greatest benefits" of the slots operation, with 165 new jobs created — 85 of which are now filled by people from the Peterborough area.

Council is planning to "use our share of slot rev-

enues to benefit the entire community," according to the Reeve. Seventy-five percent of the money will be put to use on area roads. The remainder will be put to use paying the library levy, and go towards community charity funding among other things. \$80 000 will be used for a lift for the Old

Millbrook School, to make it more accessible.

Mr. Barbaro said that "this initial cheque is evidence of the Province's commitment to maximizing the benefits of the program to host communities." However the township has been warned to spend the money carefully, since the cheques may not keep coming forever. ♣



911 / Civic Addressing Numbers coming to Millbrook  
The C-M-NM Fire Department hosted an open house Wednesday, May 10 to introduce the proposed signage to be used to identify all homes and businesses in the village. The numbers on the sample signs, pictured above temporarily attached to a wall, measure 4" in height and are designed to bring the village in line with County standards.

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# See the world from 1000 feet (and climbing)

By Raphael Thierrin

Have you ever wondered what your farm looks like from 1,000 feet in the air?

You and your family can see for yourselves on Tuesday, June 13th at the Peterborough Air Show. This show, to be held at the Peterborough Airport, has been one year in the planning, according to Special Events Coordinator Ron Reid.

The show's timing coincides with Air Force Week, which celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the local Air Force & Air Cadets Association. Three thousand RCAF veterans will be in the area for the week's celebrations. The sheer number of expected participants in the Air Show has helped to push it to the "A" list for such shows, and to attract such precision flight teams as the Snowbirds.

Participants are invited to arrive as early as noon, to visit ground displays and be entertained by helicopter or vintage aircraft rides. If you have no ambitions to be whisked off the ground, you will be able to wander around an assortment of flying machines: home built airplanes, ultra-light vehicles, and even a gyrocopter. You will be able to see a helicopter up close, and imagine what it might be like to be in one.

The Air Show itself starts at 6 pm with the Sky Hawks and the Canadian Military Parachute Jumpers, who will practise target jumps. Then the Snowbirds will arrive and demonstrate their superlative and

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colourful skills across the sky. The whole show lasts two and a half hours, and features numerous acts including Oscar Bosch's gliding aerobatics, World War I Biplanes, and the Pitts Special. Hold on to

your stomach as you watch Mr. Pitts do loops and rolls in his small propeller biplane. Remember, you are safe on the ground!

Because the Air Show is held within Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township, Council allocated \$400 to help with the show's general costs. Potholes on the airport road will likely be filled with gravel and calcium ahead of schedule, to ensure that participants have a smooth ride on their way to the show.

Ron Reid stresses this is a family event and that no alcohol will be sold on the premises. Costs are \$10 per carload. Aircraft or helicopter rides are extra, and the companies offering these are commercially insured, assures Mr. Reid.

On land or in the air, you are bound to find full entertainment value at the show — phone Ron at 745-7147 for details. ♣

# Boardwalk & wildflowers coming to Valley Trails

The Millbrook Valley Trails (MVT) wants you! They are inviting you to get involved in any or all of the projects scheduled for this spring and summer.

Ranging from building boardwalks to planting prairie grasses, activities are scheduled each Saturday morning at 10 am from now right through to September. The Scouts and other groups who are interested in working on the Trails do have projects set for weekday nights.

People working on any part of the project are to bring their own work gloves and other protective gear as needed. It is also recommended that you call and confirm activities and meeting places ahead of time, just in case the details change, or the schedule has to be altered for some reason.

In May and June the following Saturday activities are scheduled:

May 20- build boardwalk to the Old Millbrook School - meet at School, 10 a.m.

May 27- plant native wildflowers and wildlife attracting plants - meet at

Millpond, 10 a.m.

June 10- replace boardwalk on underpass trail - meet at Millpond, 10 a.m.

June 17- build boardwalks along Baxter Creek Trail

Additional work will include putting signs up throughout the trail system, and planting prairie tallgrass — dates to be announced. A rain date for any of the activities is set for June 24.

Aside from the hands-on type work, suggestions and submissions are needed for the Commemorative Trees project, but particularly formal submissions. While 14 suggestions have been put forward by the MVT Steering Committee and the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society, only one formal submission has been made. Ken Greenberg's submission regarding Sam Wilmot the Crown Surveyor who divided both Cavan Township in 1817 and Monaghan Township in 1818 into lots and concessions for settlement has already been approved.

The 14 other suggestions include Harry Williams, a local naturalist, biologist and

teacher; Patrick Maguire, a prominent Roman Catholic in Protestant Cavan Township; and Margaret Armstrong, who served as the librarian in Millbrook for 50 years.

If you wish to make a submission about other historically-significant people or events, it should be no longer than 400 words, and include your name and contact information, the reason why this person or event should be commemorated. If you wish, make a suggestion in regard to the type of tree, and where the tree and plaque should be placed.

If you would like to volunteer in any way for the Millbrook Valley Trails project, submit a name or event for the Commemorative Trees projects, or confirm related activities or meeting places for trails projects, contact Ben de Waal at 932-2929. Commemorative Trees submissions should be forwarded to the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, P.O. Box 189, 1 King Street East, Millbrook, L0A 1G0. ♣

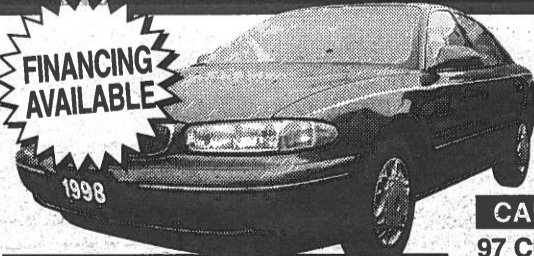
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**BUSINESS PROFILE**

# \$1 million possible for rural Data Services Improvement Plan

By Marilyn Burns

In 1886, the town of Smith Falls had a big decision to make: whether or not to spend \$25,000 to lay down an infrastructure so that the railroad would go through the town. On that fateful day, a forward-looking council voted "yes".

And, unbelievable as it may sound, by 1902 payroll from the railway in Smith Falls alone was \$1.2 million.

Now, if we replace the date with the year 2000, the town with Millbrook, translate the dollar values (imagine!), and replace the word railway with technological infrastructure, we've got DSIP: the Data Services Improvement Plan. And it could be the infrastructure that makes or breaks rural communities in the future.

During the week of May 1st, two free seminars were held in Lindsay and Peterborough by the Ministry of Energy, Science & Technology, the Ontario Rural Council, Ontario Telecommunications Association, Regional Networks for Ontario and

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other partners like Millbrook's own Nexicom.

Through a series of day-long talks and break-out sessions, the team of telecommunications specialists explained how DSIP will "connect rural Ontario" to the future. In the end, selected communities will be approved for a grant of \$1 million to lay down an infrastructure that could lead to advanced applications such as telehealth and distance education.

In real terms, DSIP wants to ensure that every rural community south of Parry Sound has equal

access to the same basic connectivity as urban centres at competitive prices. Should a community like CMNM receive the DSIP grant, the railway analogy could very well apply leading to economic prosperity.

So you're asking: How would this affect me in my community? Ultra high speed Internet access and improved bandwidth could lead to mind-boggling futuristic applications. For instance, if you're in need of an examination by a medical specialist in Toronto or Vancouver, the local clinic might facilitate a virtual examination over high speed teleconferencing technology so that you need only walk down the street.

You might attend a university lecture from the

Millbrook Library. Or advanced Geographic Information Systems could help in identifying cancer-causing elements in your environment.

In fact, the applications for such technology are people-driven and the more needs presented, the more businesses will become a part of the environment to respond to them. Health care, schools, government and municipal offices, larger businesses and industry will be the primary providers of the services.

Will CMNM and Peterborough County be next? A letter of intent has been sent to the Government of Ontario, after which community involvement will create the momentum required to move ahead. ♣



## Carew's Do's: Transform & pamper

Heather Martignetti loves helping people look their very best.

"I love "doing over" people who haven't been to a hairdresser in a year and a half, and see the transformation!"

Heather is the owner of Carew's Dos, a new hair-dressing salon in the heart of downtown Millbrook.

She and Katie Griffin are involved in transformations minor and major through haircutting/styling, a full range of colouring, highlights, foils, perms, manicures and facial waxing.

"We love doing updos...

but most people really want something easy-care, something they can do themselves," Heather said. She's had 23 years to work her magic on heads of all ages and stages, and has worked in the area for four years (including at Griffin's in Millbrook).

Carew's Dos opened May 1, and there's been a steady stream of business ever since, including a lot of drop-in customers.

"Katie was closing her store, and I decided to do this (open the salon). My clientele is here, and there seems to be a need for what we offer. I just loved this building, and was thinking about setting something up here before I went to work at Griffin's."

In the future, Heather figures there is probably room for expansion of the business to include another stylist or two — to keep up with the demand from a significant amount of walk-in traffic she didn't get elsewhere. "We want people to come in and feel pampered, and we may add some spa services."

Millbrook's newest entre-

preneur says "there's a lot of potential in Millbrook, especially for a business like this. Anyone interested in starting their own business should "jump in with both feet."

Carew's Dos is open six days a week, and Heather said she and Katie book their hours around customers' needs. Both prefer pre-booked appointments. ♣

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— Deborah Luchuk, Editor

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**EDITORIAL**

**Jackpot!!**

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan has hit the jackpot. And it appears it will also be many non-profit organizations' lucky day as well.

While there are many justifiable concerns about slot machine and gaming operations, such as the fate of those addicted to gambling, many are saying the cheque for \$778,880 cut by the Ontario Lottery Corporation to the municipality puts a more positive spin on something we have to live with. We have an opportunity to financially support so many positive initiatives that contribute to the life and well-being of this community.

That being said, municipal council has an awesome responsibility now to see that these funds (up to 2.5 million per year) are spent carefully and wisely. Of course, we will all rejoice when some of this money is spent on improvements to the many potholed and hazardous roads throughout the township, and there will be, no doubt, many other infrastructural costs that could be met by this latest infusion of cash. And of course, some should be set aside for a rainy day.

Last month we ran a municipal ad asking community groups to apply for funding — the deadline is May 31, by the way — and thus far, we have heard of many groups who are applying for financial assistance for a variety of terrific initiatives, from family and parenting resources, to the provision of food for those unable to provide for themselves; to library resources and the arts. The money earmarked for special grants at this point in time is \$40,000, and in addition to the grants for various community groups, we hope a significant chunk of this money will go into supporting and expanding programming our very committed and enthusiastic Recreation Department is providing.

Our community has an opportunity to turn around what may be perceived as a negative into something glowingly positive for many in this municipality. We hope Council, and any selection committee reviewing applications will set just and equitable criteria to give all applicants a fair chance of receiving at least a little funding (a little, when matched with other fundraising initiatives, goes a long way!).

By supporting community groups, Council improves life at its most effective and fundamental level — the grassroots. Helping citizens help themselves is a sustainable approach to community development and well-being. We look forward to the outcome of the review process of community applications, and wish Council and/or a selection committee the best of luck in this critical endeavour. Hopefully Council will put more than \$40,000 aside next time around -- out of \$778,000, this is really a very small sum, and will probably only provide a few thousand to each group applying.

On a related note, we wanted to share with our readers our kudos for two members of Council who have been positively and actively involved in two wonderful community initiatives.

Councillor Alex Ruth has been an integral part of the practical work being done in the Millbrook Valley Trails Project, lending his significant experience with construction and building to the Trails Committee. (We saw him out there on a rainy Earth Day hammering in nails on a boardwalk, and know he has done a lot more behind the scenes.) Councillor Brian Fallis has also given a great deal of time to the trails project, particularly from the organizational end of things, and has been lending much energy to the Cavan-Millbrook Historical Society's Oral History Project.

Well done — keep up the good work, and continue to set an example for other councillors! ♣



**Council should support local papers**

At the Council meeting Monday, May 1, it was decided that a committee would be formed to come to some kind of an agreement for noise emissions from car race tracks.

Mr. Ross Raymond, a facilitator/mediator, has experience working on noise problems. He has been hired at ratepayers' expense to help with a compromise. There will be one person representing each of the following municipalities: Emily and Smith (together), South Monaghan, North Monaghan, and Cavan. It was decided by Council to advertise for volunteers through the *Peterborough Examiner* and *Peterborough This Week*.

Why would Council not also support our own local papers in the municipality? Would it be that these local papers are closer to the truth than our politicians from Cavan-Millbrook-

North Monaghan would want anyone to believe?

It was amusing when Reeve Cathcart said it should be mentioned by the person submitting their name to mention how long they had lived in the municipality. Councillor Brian Fallis felt this should not hold any merit.

It would not take too much scratching of your head to figure that as long as you paid your taxes to one of these municipalities that you would qualify. We will trust that people who have been active and who have had input to the noise problem will be recognized when forming this committee.

Residents of this community appreciate the *Green Hills Gazette* reporting. By your paper giving complete coverage, ratepayers are educated.

— Pauline Plumbe  
Cavan, Ontario

**Fire alarm reminds our community**

Have you heard the fire alarm recently?

As a wife of one of the members of the Fire Department, I really miss that sound. It serves as a reminder to our community that these men are going out to their second job. If I have gone into the village on an errand, that sound sends me home to relieve my husband of tending our children. Without that alarm ringing that would mean one man is delayed in responding to that call. I'm sure we all know what seconds, let alone minutes, mean in the fire, medical or accident.

I believe someone should have asked around before making such a judgement call.

— Denise Armstrong  
1095 Zion Line, Cavan Ward

**Correction...oops!**

Go figure...Deb made a few mistakes in her profiles about *Gazette* staff written in last month's anniversary issue.

*Mea culpa*, says Deb (B.A. C'dn Studies/History).

Raphaël Thierrin had his name misspelled. He has a Master of Library Science and Master of Environmental Design.

Michele Curran has a B.A. (English, minor in Classics) and a diploma in Fine Arts.

Melodie McCullough has a journalism degree from Carleton University.

Louise Chatterton a B.A.(English).

Connie Danielsen a M. Sc. in agriculture and economics.

Katherine Luchuk a B.A. (Politics, minor in Religion).

Ted Dymont dropped out of grade 12 to pursue a career in Information Technology.

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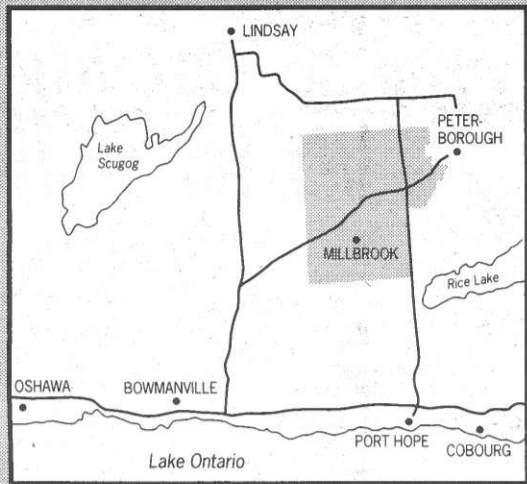
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**RANDOM SAMPLING**

**How low  
will they  
go?**

By Margaret Monis

Game shows were very popular when I was a kid. There was "The Dating Game", "The Price is Right", and "Let's Make a Deal", to name but a few. In the past couple years, this sort of entertainment has made a real resurgence, and there are once again a plethora of game shows on the air.

Maybe I'm dating myself by saying this, but does anyone remember "The Gong Show"? The ultimate in bad taste and humiliation, this show had contestants perform in front of a panel of three minor luminaries (usually TV has-beens who couldn't get work elsewhere), and this august assemblage had it in their discretion to either watch contestants perform their respective acts to their completion, or to abruptly and unceremoniously end them by whacking an oversized gong - hence the name of the show. The creator of this tacky and embarrassing little gem was Chuck Barris, and I remember seeing him interviewed on "60 Minutes" at the height of his show's fame.

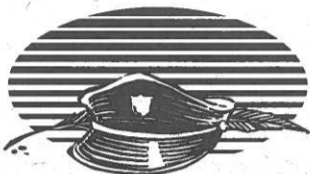
The interviewer asked Barris how he had come up with the rather outlandish idea for "The Gong Show", and he explained that it had sprung from a hypothetical question which had long interested him; namely, "How low will people go for the sake of a buck?"

I don't know if Chuck Barris is still around, but surly his question is. A few weeks ago, I watched a small portion of a show

called "Greed". This nasty piece of work has contestants playing together as a team with the understanding that at any time, they can individually or in small groups turn on each other for the sake of gaining more money for themselves. Yes Chuck, they will go that low!

Last night I watched the hit game show "Who wants to be a Millionaire?". In this particular installment, celebrities were playing with the aim of donating their winnings to a charity of their choice - a noble gesture indeed. I have no problem with the premise of this game, but I was rather appalled by the blithe ignorance demonstrated by many of these celebrity players. For example, not only did Rosie O'Donnell have no idea that the Falkland Islands were located off Argentina and owned by Great Britain (hey Rosie, where were you during the Falkland's War?), but she also unabashedly announced that she had no idea where Argentina was. When asked for whom Beethoven had written his third symphony, she reasoned that it wasn't Mozart because she had seen "Amadeus" and there had been no mention of this in the movie - not surprising considering that Mozart died years before Beethoven wrote any of his symphonies. Another contestant seemed unclear on which animals Pavlov used in his experiments ("I'm pretty sure it wasn't chickens"), and couldn't decide which action-movie actor is also known as 'Muscles from Brussels' ("I can probably rule out Cho Lin Fat").

The several game shows I recently watched left me with the disturbing feeling that general, geographical and historical knowledge, not to mention common sense and decency, are largely things of the past. All the shows, that is, except one - thank goodness for 'Jeopardy'.



**DEEP BLUE INK**

**If they  
don't fit...**

By Dean Vincent

First off, a perceptive quote from Martin Amis' novel *Time's Arrow*, in which all action is presented in reverse, like watching a film running backwards:

*Is it just me, or is this a weird way to carry on? All life, for instance, all sustenance, all meaning (and a good deal of money) issues from a single household appliance: the toilet handle. At the end of the day, before my coffee, in I go. And there it is already: that humiliating warm smell. I lower my pants and make with the magic handle. Suddenly it's all there,*

complete with toilet paper, which you can use and then deftly wind back the roll. Later, you pull up your pants and wait for the pain to go away... no wonder we cry when we do it... I don't know, but it seems to me like a hell of a way to live.

When persons are arrested and lodged in a holding cell for any period of time, they must endure a process, generally known (oddly enough) as 'processing.' Perhaps the kindly Corrections Officers (CO's) have other terms for it, but I've no knowledge of same. 'Processing' is a law enforcement standard operating procedure undertaken to ensure that the client is not carrying on his person any thing untoward into the cell (we'll use the masculine here, as 97% of those incarcerated in Canada in 1999 were men - Correctional Service of Canada). Such unwanted items would be tsk-tsk substances, weapons, or signed copies of *Jackrabbit Parole*.

Our intrepid clients have, over time, discovered and perfected ways of hiding their not-so-'personal effects.' One thinks of *Pulp Fiction's* Christopher Walken and his account of the concealment of a wrist watch; of *Papillon*, a prison movie, and the hiding place for illicit items that is confirmed over and over; and, from more recent cinema, the so-called 'ass map' discovered by Gulf War soldiers in *Three Kings*. From these examples we may deduce Adage Number One of prisoner concealment: "For it to come, it hides in the bum." So clients must be stripped bare and probed: all cavities, crooks and nannies.

Professor Ronald Carter, in his 1998 textbook *Vocabulary*, writes: "From the few examples of polysemy (the existence of several meanings in a single word) already examined, it is clear that there are not always direct and unproblematic equivalences between words and meanings." I must agree with Professor Carter, especially in light of the following theatre of the absurd that

happened in a modern Ontario prison.

Imagine, if you will, a grown man standing with his pants dropped, facing the curmudgeonly ol' CO. The search seems to be complete, and nothing has been found. "Pick 'em up" the CO says bluntly. Hesitation follows. "Pick 'em up!" is repeated emphatically. During the ordeal of being searched, clients have been known to assert their dignity or manliness in strange ways. The client cups his scrotum and gingerly lifts it to expose the line of his inner thighs. No contraband, yet the CO does not seem convinced.

"Pick 'em up!" The tender appendages are pulled higher, with renewed vigor, with Mel Gibson's *Braveheart* defiance. Clean. Again, the instruction is given: "pick 'em up!" The client is by now thinking, "I can do anything you need me to, fool, and well, for I am a person of toughness and will be regarded as such!" The CO, realizing what is transpiring, recognizing the client's testicular verve, clarifies his meaning... "I mean your pants. Pick 'em up!"



**COSMIC COMICS**

**Scorpio  
can learn  
from  
Taurus**

By Crystal Eyes

There has been a lot of astrological action happening in Taurus lately, and many Taureans have been wondering what it means for them. With all due respect I say, forget Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 20) - what about you are a Scorpio, chances are pretty good that

you've been feeling unbalanced lately, perhaps even ungrounded, and if this is so, there may be something that you can learn from your Taurus counterpart. To deal with Taurean times, a Scorpio must learn to act like a Taurus.

One way to do this is to take care of your daily affairs. Taureans know that certain daily obligations must be met (calls returned, reports completed, teeth brushed) in return for certain benefits (not being fired, paycheque each week, no cavities). It seems simple, primary even, but with the hectic pace of life, these tasks can get put off, or worse, left behind. We can say to ourselves that we'll catch up later, but Taurus knows that things must be done when they must, the

same way that a farmer knows he can't plant in the winter and expect a crop.

If you've been feeling stressed, Scorpio, ask yourself if you've been neglecting any of your duties. Plunging into your responsibilities is the best way to satisfy the requirements of this spring, and will likely take away much of the emotional stress you're feeling. It may also prevent you from making such mistakes as calling up your ex-girlfriend. (You know, she was wrong for you anyway. She was smirking when she read you were getting hit with a sledge hammer.)

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## Neighborhood Watch plus police equals less crime

"It is never ever the same when someone kicks in your door."

Following a break-in, homeowners generally feel violated and vulnerable. "You never really want to live there again [and you] never feel safe again," said Detective Sergeant Al Collicutt of the Kawartha OPP detachment, speaking to the Community Policing Committee meeting on April 26.

Officer Lorne Thompson said the meeting was for general information about setting up neighborhood watches in the area. Similar meetings will be held on days and times still to be announced over the next few months, and neighborhoods wanting to start such a program can obtain more specific information through meetings set up in homes.

Collicutt also talked about the OPP "street team" he is a part of, which deals solely with property crimes like break-ins and stolen vehicles. *This team has been implemented due to the fact that "cops on the street don't have time to deal with property crimes anymore... [because if they were to try] they would become slaves to the telephone."*

One of the major sources of information this team has to work with comes from neighborhood watches. With ten or 15 people in a neighbourhood keeping an eye on what's going on around them, when something suspicious happens, the authorities are contacted quickly. The watch knows what people and cars belong in the area, and the regular activ-

ities of neighbours.

Aside from citing the benefits of an observant and involved neighborhood, Collicutt told the audience that "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." In other words, if residents would like additional security in their neighbourhood, such as a street team, calls to the municipal council, and MPPs or MPs would be effective. It was also pointed out that police and the street team rely heavily on information from the public and Crimestoppers. If people don't call in when they see something suspicious or clearly criminal, then police won't know about the situation or be able to do anything about it.

Neighborhood Watch originated in urban areas, where the facilitator would be dubbed a "block leader;" in rural areas this leadership structure has to be adjusted somewhat. Once a number of people in an area decide that they want to form a Watch, and have all the necessary information, they have to pick an area leader. The leader talks with the police regularly, organizes people and meetings, and is the person to contact when anyone sees something weird that doesn't need to be immediately phoned into police. When calling police, it is a good idea to let them know you are part of a Neighborhood Watch, and to have a description of the vehicles involved and their license plate numbers.

To have a Watch set up in your area, keep an eye open for the general information meetings which will be advertised ahead of time. ♣

## Part 5: Building a stronger editor Making friends with body and mind

By Deborah Luchuk

Although I started this fitness improvement gig with a primary focus on health and stress management, I have to admit — it's great being able to wear slightly tummy-baring, low-rise pants!

I have made friends with the ubiquitous "poochy-belly" that many women have, now that it's in better condition. In fact, I am downright thrilled with the results thus far, and believe me, I am not killing myself out there on the highways and byways of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan. (Although I did manage to do the Challenge running route (5 miles) in 55 minutes, with only a little walking, a couple of weeks ago!)

This past week has been a bit of a low period, having been laid low by one heck of a summer cold and unable to breathe, much less exercise. A bit of low-intensity walking down to the post office or elsewhere in the village has been about it. However, the week started out really well, with the results of my fitness test.

My trainer, Kimberley Sheppard of Within Reach, put me through my paces, testing cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, core strength, upper body strength, blood pressure, and body mass index, and taking measurements. She also asked about my quality of life thus far (we do this every month and note the changes).

The good news is that there was improvement, or substantial improvement in all areas of fitness. My BMI is now suitable for my height (this is generally the fat to muscle ratio); I have lost eight pounds since January;

my aerobic capacity has gone from average to above average (even with the beginning of a cold); and lo and behold — my upper body strength has gone from below average to above average!! (Wow, it's amazing how quickly arms and upper body can tone up with weights two to three times a week!) Core strength (sit-ups) is still at the excellent level. I still have to work on flexibility, something that tends to suffer under stress and with too much sitting at a computer, but there was still improvement in this area — from poor to needs improvement.

As mentioned before, I have lost inches in all areas, and took off even more on my legs and arms at this last measuring.

What's more exciting, though, is that incredible feeling of mastery, of a certain control over my own body and the increased ability to lift heavier/more awkward objects. I have more stamina, and I think this really rather modest increase in exercise has helped me with handling the stress of multiple projects and contracts simultaneously. I sleep better, and I am positive I am metabolizing food better — getting more of the nutrients I need out of them.

Setting out on a fitness plan needn't be onerous, exhausting, or stressful — and the rewards are not just physical. Probably the best reward of all is the feeling of "yes, I CAN!" replacing "I just can't!" in response to challenges in all parts of my life.

And yes, it is nice to make friends with my belly, and for that matter, upper arms again...sleeveless tops, anyone? ♣

## Irish delegation to sign Charter of Friendship

By Melodie McCullough

A delegation from County Monaghan, Ireland, is set to revisit this area during the last week of June.

Delegations from the Irish county visited "namesakes" Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan and Otonabee-South Monaghan, as well as the City of Peterborough and other areas of the County in July 1998. This time around, delegation members Willie McKenna (County Chairman), Joe Gavin (County Manager), Brendan Hughes (Lord Mayor, Monaghan), and Seymour Crawford (MP, Irish Parliament) will be signing a Charter of Friendship with the City of Peterborough.

When *The Gazette* spoke with Willie McKenna recently, he said the delegation hopes to visit the namesake municipalities again and meet with their Councils. These municipalities are of particular interest to the Monaghan delegation, as many of the founding families in this area were from Monaghan, including the decedents of John Deyell, first settler at Millbrook.

Although the Co. Monaghan delegation has not been formally in touch with Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council, Clerk Gail Empey was recently instructed to obtain information about the visit, with the hope that something can be arranged, said Councillor Brian Fallis.

Deputy-Reeve Jim Wood, of Otonabee-South Monaghan Township, said he hopes members of his Council will meet with the delegation. He said he has fond memories of the previous visit by the Irish group to South Monaghan in the summer of 1998, and hopes to be able to personally greet the visitors again this time.

There was some discussion about the County initiating a twinning, including CMNM and Otonabee-

South Monaghan, but so far there has been no word as to whether this is still a possibility.

Peterborough Mayor Sylvia Sutherland is looking forward to the City forming a "Charter of Friendship" with County Monaghan during the city's Irish Week June 24 to July 1.

While the group is in Peterborough, a special council meeting will be held to set up the Charter of Friendship, followed by a reception.

"It's more or less like a twinning arrangement, but a little less formal," said the mayor. "It's an expression of friendship between our two communities. Hopefully, that will lead to economic activities and cultural exchanges."

The Peterborough Irish Canadian Club will also have an integral role to play in the Co. Monaghan delegation's visit and celebrations this June. The club celebrates twenty-five years this year. As part of their mission to promote Irish culture, Club president Brenda McGuinness said they invited the Monaghan delegation to come to the area in 1998.

The invitation coincided with other celebrations, including the launching of a book on South Monaghan's history, and a reception facilitated by Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council. Once the delegation arrived "they were surprised by the familiar Irish names in the area, like Cavan and Monaghan." The Irish Club has formed a partnership with Peterborough's Festival of Lights, because this year Irish Week (the last week of June) is both part of the Irish Club's 25th Anniversary and the City's millennium celebrations. The Festival of Lights has arranged for three major Irish music concerts for the week (see related story this issue), as well as a variety of other events. ♣

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## Turning the Township to yellow gold

**D**affy Down Dilly has come up to town, in a yellow petticoat and a green gown — spring has begun.

Spring has surely begun for all those who last autumn planted daffodil bulbs earlier purchased in aid of the Old Millbrook School Family Centre. We waited hopefully through winter, and now rejoice in the clumps of large, bright yellow King Alfred Daffodils which bring such refreshing vivacity to the beauty of spring, not only in the municipality, but well beyond.

It is a beauty which will replicate itself for many years to come as the current plantings naturalize vigorously, one of the endearing traits of daffodils. Another is that they require so little of any gardener; a little bone meal will go a long way in keeping them healthy. Top the dead blooms and let the leaves die down naturally to give their nutrients to the bulbs for the next season's show. That's all there is to it. So little work for such glorious rewards.

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September planting time, when orders can be picked up at Calhoun's IGA, will be here sooner than we like to think, and July 1st even sooner.

Helping the OMSFC fundraising in this way has the happy secondary effect of turning our Township to yellow gold with King Alfred daffodils - such a bonus! ♣

## Genetically Modified crops scrutinized

By Peggy Immel and Raphaël Thierrin

**G**enetically modified food is not a dead issue, according to the 130 participants at an April 25 debate at the Peterborough Public Library.

The sponsors of the forum, the University Women's Club of Peterborough and the Kawartha Forum on Genetically Modified (GM) Foods, were pleased with the attendance. Guest panelists included Bob Bedgood, president of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario; Peter Leahy, an organic grain farmer from Douro; and Peter Andree, Ph.D. Environmental Studies, York University.

Mr. Andree said that "using the science of biotechnology, one can format unlimited gene trades, with possible undesirable results."

Mr. Bedgood said that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency tests GM crops used as animal feed, and the agency has found that there is "no difference in cattle fed GM feed and non-GM feed." He then indicated that the

*Mr. Leahy said the label "GMO-Free" is now more important to consumers than "Certified Organic."*

development of new pharmaceuticals using GM technology had great potential. But Mr. Leahy said "GM technology has a lot of unanswered questions, especially when crossing species," and he questioned the use, benefits and validity of GMO research to date. By following the methods of organic farming, rotation, and covercrops, the sustainable aspect of the soil is emphasized, he said.

Forty-three varieties of GM crops are now approved in Canada, according to public information from government websites. GM crops include canola, soybeans, corn and potatoes. Sixty-five percent of processed food now on the market may contain modified traits. Mr. Andree said "there is evidence that biotechnology is helpful for oil spill and PCB cleanup."

## Gardening offers simple joys to its many enthusiasts

By Melodie McCullough

**T**he popularity of gardening is growing by leaps and bounds, as people of all ages discover simple joys found in the beauty of a hollyhock, the taste of a freshly-picked tomato, or the feel of warm earth and hot sunshine on a spring day.

"People are getting into gardening more than ever," said Wendy Olsen, president of the local Garden Club. "Perennial gardening is a really big thing."

A visit to any local gardening centre will provide ideas to both the newly-interested or long-time experts. For example, at Johnston's Greenhouse and Garden Centre in Peterborough's south end, there are lots of new hybrids out this year, especially suited to hanging baskets. There's a new trailing portulaca and a new two-tone verbena, said Mary Coles, garden centre manager.

A lot of people prefer planters rather than bedding plants, she said, and in Toronto, the trend is to have huge changeable planters to display in front of your home. In the spring they might contain pansies, in the summer some other flower, and in the autumn ornamental cabbage or fall mums.

If you're interested in growing vegetables, local organic gardener Dean Spence recommends starting out on a small scale with one or two beds, and then expanding to whatever size you like.

"It's very easy," said Mr. Spence, who has been gardening for pleasure for 15 years (he moved to Ava Crescent, southeast of

Millbrook, from Courtice five years ago). "Just put in one or two different things. Keep it small and simple as can be, a few tomato plants, or a couple of perennial herbs."

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Mr. Spence also enjoys sharing heritage vegetable seeds through the "Seeds of Diversity Canada" program. He offers his heritage tomato and bean seeds to gardeners across Canada for the price of postage, through the program's seed listings.

If you are already a gardener, and would like to share your hobby with others, or if you're just starting out in the field (so to speak) and are looking for tips, the Millbrook and District Garden Club welcomes everyone to its monthly meetings — held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm, at St. Thomas' Anglican Church on Centre Street in Millbrook. In July and August, the group meets at members' homes to view their gardens and enjoy a drink of lemonade and a nice chat.

"It's a nice way to put some time in," said Mr. Spence, when asked why he enjoys his garden so much. "There's just nothing like going out to your own garden and picking something fresh. You know exactly how it was grown, and it tastes better than anything you'll get anywhere." ♣

Mr. Bedgood listed other positive applications of biotechnology, such as yield potential, feed conversion, drought tolerance, less tillage, and less use of fossil-fuels.

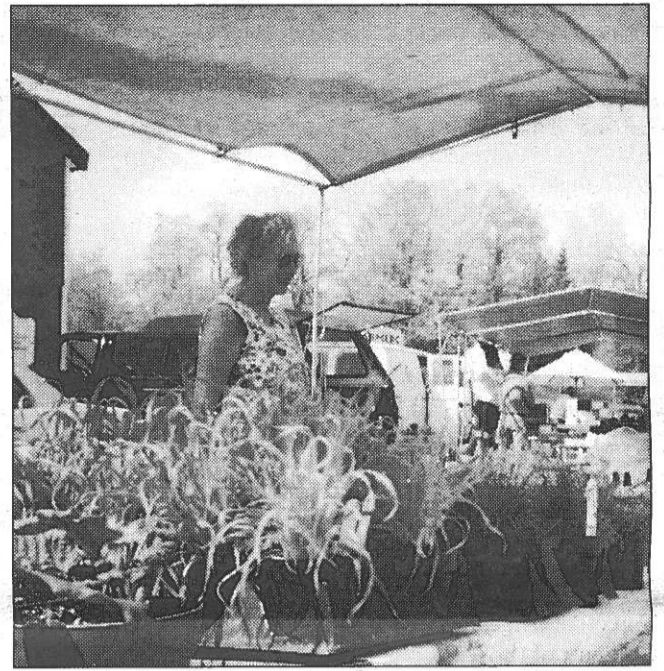
MP Peter Adams also made brief remarks, advising "to use caution" when interpreting the vast science of biotechnology, noting there are concerns — despite the fact that the large multinational companies involved create economic benefits in Canada.

Mr. Leahy said the label "GMO-Free" is now more important to consumers than "Certified Organic." He added "we would be fur-

ther ahead if government funding was put toward research of organic technology instead of being put to biotechnology and GMOs."

Audience members said farmers are in the middle of the issue, yet have no control over it. Environmental contamination and possible health impacts from GM crops were also emphasized.

The next Kawartha Forum on GM Foods is scheduled to be held in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township on Monday, June 12. Consult the forum's website at [www.ecobio.com/kf](http://www.ecobio.com/kf), or call Peggy Immel at 939-2288 for more information. ♣



Marion Olan of Cedar Valley Road looks after her stall on opening day at the Millbrook Farmers' Market. The Market is held every Sunday morning until 2 pm by the Mill Pond in Millbrook.

## Millbrook Farmers' Market opens early

**T**he Millbrook Farmers' Market has become as certain a sign of the beginning of the summer as any, and summer has come early this year to the township. The market has opened early to give patrons a chance to fill their gardens with the beautiful annuals, and herbs on offer, and support local growers with their dollars at the same time.

On offer this year, along

with the wonderful baked goods and local crafts, are local apples, cheese, farm fresh eggs and a huge selection of gladioli corms in every colour imaginable!

Events planned throughout the summer start with an outdoor community pancake breakfast (May 28), courtesy of the Men's Sunday Night Hockey League, and build toward September's Annual Zucchini Festival. ♣

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# Accessibility — seeing the other side of the door

By Michele Curran

In a township profusely dotted with historic buildings and homes (so much so as to be named the "best place for history buffs in Canada" by Canadian Living Magazine), it is hard to believe the few historic (public) sites are not easily accessible for people with disabilities.

It was only last year, after Rick McGee, director of CMNM Parks and Recreation, spent many hours ensuring safety and authenticity issues were addressed, that a ramp with a railing was installed at the entrance of the Library at the Old Millbrook School. Unfortunately, the same access is not available at the Municipal Hall in Millbrook.

The lack of accessibility may change, however, if the

Ontarians With Disabilities Act is approved by mid-fall 2001. The act will have an impact on municipal government, and according to City of Peterborough planner Kevin Duguay, "will likely encompass barrier-free access for all disabilities." Recently, Duguay suggested CMNM Council take the initiative and start to put something together before change is forced upon them.

How will Council find a solution to the accessibility issue — while balancing the concerns and issues of both historical purists and disabled individuals wanting access to the building? Historical purists take issue with making changes to a building, arguing that disabled access additions, such as ramps, affect the integrity of a historically-designat-

ed site. Others argue if one can't access the history, then what good is it?

Cavan resident Susan Spenceley, an acclaimed local artist, understands both sides of the question, because she is disabled and lives in a century-old church building.

*"I love history, and I don't want to see history destroyed.*

*What I would like to see is adaptable space."*

"A disability is very personal — what is good for me, may not be good for a person with a wheelchair," she said. Commenting on making the municipal hall more accessible, Spenceley said, "I love history, and I don't want to see history destroyed... What I would like to see is adaptable space. I don't like seeing something so structured that it is only usable for one thing — make it adaptable so it could be accessible if the necessity is there."

Some, both at Council and in the community at large, have said they feel there are not enough disabled people requiring access to warrant the expense and labour of adding ramps and other devices. However, Spenceley believes there is a broad enough population base to be spending money on disabled access. "If individual citizens and businesses became more aware of accessibility problems, the community could move more quickly towards creative solutions," she said.

Peterborough resident John MacDonald, who is also disabled, said society should remember, "What is accessible for the disabled is amendable for able bodied people (for example, parents with strollers)." When asked to respond to the history versus accessibility issue, MacDonald mentioned a recent visit to another community dense with historic buildings and homes — Williamsburg, Virginia. He said he thoroughly enjoyed his visit there, owing to clearly marked building entranceways, and staff who were friendly, courteous and knowledgeable in dealing with people with disabilities. On a visit to one historic building, MacDonald said it wasn't possible for him to access the second floor in a wheelchair — in order for him to do so, a

staff member armed with books took him on a virtual guided tour of the upstairs floor, page by page. "I probably had more fun than my wife," said MacDonald.

One organization which addresses accessibility issues is the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The Foundation is committed to designing accessibility features to ensure the integrity of historic buildings. Wayne Buhl, staff architect, admits the issue of structural integrity is always a challenge, but his organization tries to find ways around this by raising the grade around the entrance, and installing ramps, rails, and porches, while adhering to 18th century forms philosophy. "We would not put a modern-looking ramp against an historic building," said Buhl.

In some situations, history is brought out to visitors by way of presentations. "We want to be able to show what is on the other side of the door to a person who can't access that door." Buhl said they have an advisory committee which includes people who are history advocates with disabilities — and the result is innovative solutions to the accessibility question.

If Council is going to appease both groups, it has the opportunity to find innovative solutions through working with disabled residents, and organizations such as the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, or a Canadian equivalent. In doing so, they could lead the way by making the Municipal Hall, a designated historical site, accessible to all members of the community — setting an example for other organizations with historic buildings and accessibility problems. ♣



CREATIVE PARENTING

## Reinforcing family ties

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

Well, I hope you and yours had a safe and happy Easter. We spent Good Friday quietly, one of our treasured times when we all have the whole day at home together. Lazing about snacking and enjoying each other, it was a good Friday and dinner, I might add, was excellent.

Saturday was time for dad and the guys, while I had jobs to attend to. I was home in plenty of time for tucking in and goodnight kisses — lucky mom!

Sunday morning didn't come too early, about 8 am, and Rick and I got to be a part of the "hunt" as Adam and Kyle patiently waited for us to get up and put the kettle on. The hunt lasted half the time it took for that poor bunny to hide all those eggs!

A new spring outfit was something we received as children — and our children have been handed down the same tradition. The reasons for a new outfit are two-fold. The first is representative of spring, something fresh and new like the changes in the world around us. The second is so they are wearing something fresh and new for Easter Sunday at Oma's house.

Dinner, as usual, was delicious. Chicken, pork roast, roasted potatoes, corn, carrots, green salad, cucumber salad, bread (brot), and the forever

favourite soup were served. All this was followed by strong coffee, homemade marble cake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream, and individual cheesecakes (my contribution). Our patient little ones, our two boys and my brother-in-law's two ate up and waited for the hunt to find their Easter baskets. This was a milestone for our nephew Byron (4), who had to be convinced several times that he, in fact, was old enough to wait and socialize while we were all finished eating. Recognizing his success and giving ample praise helped to reinforce this situation.

It was a warm and beautiful day. The children played outside most of the afternoon, zipping in to grab a drink or another chocolate. They are growing up. I watch and listen and I see them becoming masters of their physical selves. I hear them problem solve. I watch them share. I am made aware of a growing bond between them, the bond of being family — a tradition I feel is the most important one to pass down.

Who other than family are more important? Good friends and social circles are important, yes, but in my eyes, family is the most important. To me, family is a necessity. Spending holidays and occasions together helps to cement these bonds, and keep the doors open for this closeness to always be there.

Remember, hold your children whenever you can, be aware of how lucky we are to have them, and keep reminding them of the challenges in front of them. Show them the importance of family, and tell them just how much you love them.

Now I want to extend a thank you to everyone in the community who has extended a helping hand or donations to a family dealing with difficult times.

Lucy and Barry Danford's youngest daughter fell 15 feet from a hayloft while helping with chores. Their daughter is on the mend after a stay in the hospital in Kingston, and is now recovering at home. Although their daughter's future health condition will have to be closely monitored, probably with more trips to Kingston for specialists, they are amazed at how resilient she is! Thank you everyone for caring and sharing your resources, both monetary and personal! ♣

**Just remember to keep your eyes on the road, it will lead you where you need to go.**

— Anonymous

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Sharing Easter bounty: Emma (5) (with sister Laura (2)) decided to share chocolate and goodies left by a generous Easter Bunny (and grandma) with children using the Millbrook and District Food Share. "At Christmas, we give toys. If we do that at Christmas, why not at Easter? Some children may not have gotten some (candy)."

# Entertainment of all kinds close to home

**By Melodie McCullough**  
**E**very Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm, from June 24 to August 30, the Peterborough Summer Festival of Lights presents free musical performances by top-name acts at Del Cray Park by Little Lake.

This year, the first three performances are part of the Irish Heritage activities taking place in Peterborough that week.

On June 24 Frank Patterson and the Peterborough Symphony present Irish Ballads; on June 28, Deirdre Reilly presents an Irish Cabaret; and the Irish Descendants finish the series July 1.

For the rest of the summer there's a mix of rock 'n roll, Celtic, country, folk, swing, bluegrass, and R&B. Here's a sampling: Barrage (Celtic fiddle), July 12; Big Sugar

(rock), July 22; The Jim Cuddy Band (rock/country), Aug. 9; and local legend Ronnie Hawkins Aug. 26.

All shows are followed by illuminated boat shows and firework displays. For information call 742-2201.

If you're interested in theatre, New Stages Peterborough presents its fourth season of summer theatre with music, comedy and mystery featured in three plays, all at Showplace. The first is "The World Goes Round", July 6 to 8 and July 11 to 15. This musical is filled with smash hits from Cabaret, Chicago, New York New York, Kiss of the Spider Woman and many more. Next is the comedy "Wingfield Unbound", the sequel to the Wingfield Trilogy starring Rod Beattie, July 18 to July 22. Finally from Aug. 3 to Aug. 5 and Aug. 8 to Aug. 12, is "Walking on Water", a murder mystery set in the historic days of Peterborough's Water Street., by Dave Carley. Call Showplace Box Office at 742-7469 for tickets.

Over in Lindsay, at the historic Academy Theatre, the Kawartha Lakes Summer Playhouse presents four plays this year featuring lots of comedy and lots of music. "Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii", a Canadian farce, runs from June 29 to July 8; "Suds", a musical soap opera of the '60s, runs from July 13 to July 22; "Into the Woods", a brilliant musical masterpiece, runs from July 27 to Aug. 5; and finally "Stepping Out", a delightful comedy about people in a seedy dance studio, is from Aug. 10 to 19. For tickets call 324-9111.

Other theatre productions in Lindsay include the R.S.V.P. presentation of "Romeo and Juliet" at Old Mill Park during the Lindsay River Festival July 27 to 30. This four-day festival is packed with other activities, as well, such as Art in the Park, Classic Car Show, Classic Boat Show, Truck and Van Show, street closure of Kent Street with arts and crafts vendors, street dance, video dance, live entertainment, duck derby, mid-way and much more.

For information, call 324-6171. ♣

# New vegetarian cookbook by Millbrook resident

**By Melodie McCullough**

**A**re you an aspiring vegetarian? Have you secretly thought of reducing the amount of meat you eat, but never knew just where or how to start? Or maybe your teenager has just announced she's turning vegetarian, and you're desperate for help?

Millbrook resident Evelyn Raab's latest cookbook may be your perfect answer. "The Clueless Vegetarian", published this month by Key Porter Books, provides down-to-earth advice, along with approximately 150 recipes, for all types of vegetarians.

"It's for anyone who's just beginning, and also for the part-time vegetarian or someone who's cooking for a vegetarian," said Evelyn, in a recent interview.

Although not vegetarian themselves, the Raab family enjoys "a little of everything," including many vegetarian meals, she said.

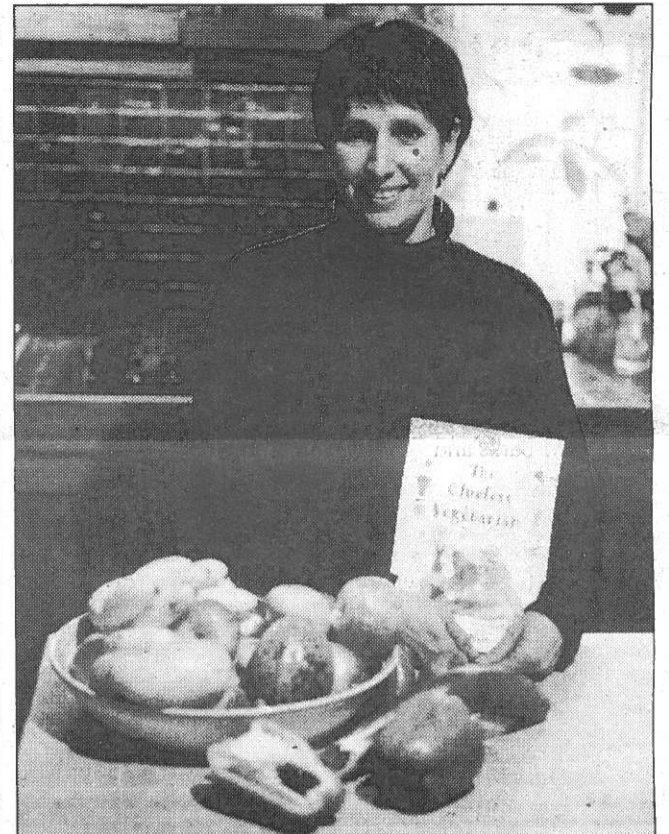
The recipes, gathered from friends and the Internet, and interspersed with old-time favourites of her own, are divided into easy-to-follow sections such as snacks, soups, salads and dressings, eggs and pancakes, main dishes and even some decadent desserts. They use readily available ingredients and are explained in plain language (with lots of humour on the side).

Especially helpful are the pages on the "extra" information, such as the vegetarian food guide, nutritional needs, how to eat out, and split cooking - that is, when half you family can't stand the sight of meat and the other half wants burgers and hotdogs every other night.

For those who have absolutely no idea where to start, the section, "Essential Supplies for the Vegetarian Kitchen," is great. Evelyn's own favourites in the book are the Roasted Tomato Fettuccine and the Sweet Potato and Pinto Bean Chili.

"I'm totally nuts for anything that's really simple, using fresh, straight-forward ingredients," she said.

The idea for the book developed from her first cookbook, published two years ago, "Clueless in the Kitchen, A Cookbook for Teens," which had a section on vegetarianism. She knew she could expand that into a full cookbook and proposed the idea to



Millbrook resident and cookbook author Evelyn Raab poses in her home "test kitchen" with her latest offering, "The Clueless Vegetarian", published by Key Porter Books.

her editor last summer, who immediately liked the idea.

All recipes were tested and tried on her family of two teenage boys and husband George, a local artist.

Evelyn, 49, is originally from New York, but has lived in Millbrook for the past 19 years. She has a fine arts degree and worked for several years as a graphic artist, before falling "by accident" into her writing career. It began with a fun cooking column in The Millbrook Highlighter.

While writing that, a

friend, who had just become editor of Today's Parent magazine, asked her to do a "Cooking with Kids" column for the magazine.

She has been doing that now for 12 years, and for her next project, hopes to compile some of those columns in a cookbook.

"The Clueless Vegetarian, A Cookbook for the Aspiring Vegetarian," is available at all major bookstores, as well as the Millbrook Gallery and Village Bulk Food in Millbrook. The book costs \$22.95. ♣

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## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

# Historical Society opens new premises in Millbrook

Since February 2nd, when the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society took possession of the premises at 24 King Street East to create its own Heritage Centre, there has been non-stop activity amongst the membership.

First there was the business of the physical move itself — from the basement of St. Thomas' Anglican Church to the new premises, which had been cleaned and re-painted by one of the members. All of the artifacts were unpacked, sorted and prepared for initial display, and over the following days various items

which had been temporarily stored in other venues were gathered together.

Very soon after preparations were begun for a window display to complement Maplefest; that excellent display was made possible in part by the generosity of several non-members who, on hearing of the project, volunteered a number of interesting items. According to the Guest Book, nearly 100 people visited the Heritage Centre on Maplefest Saturday, and a fair number again on Sunday.

The Official Opening on April 29th was well attended, with a number of

dignitaries present. MP John O'Reilly, in conjunction with Reeve Neal Cathcart, made a surprise presentation of the beautifully framed proposal of twinning between County Cavan, Ireland and this municipality. On behalf of the MCHS Mr. O'Reilly had presented a copy of *This Green and Pleasant Land*, Chronicles of Cavan Township to the Historical Society in County Cavan. There followed an interesting exchange of correspondence between one of its members, Mr. Leslie McKeough and the MCHS Interim President Mary

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Sutherland, which included photos, books and newspaper articles. It is the intention of the MCHS to have a 'County Cavan Ireland' display in the Centre ready when the Irish delegation visits later this year. It is also the intention to have the Canadian flag which Mr. O'Reilly presented flying from the Centre front very shortly.

Some members of the founding Executive which first met on November 24, 1978, were present and included Phil and Margo Loucks, Doris Ingham, Canon Walter Dyer, Kay Fallis and Alex Ruth, together with all Township Councillors (with the exception of Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirell, who had earlier telephoned his regrets).

Eric Stevens, youngest grandson of Dorothy and Don Stevens, made a presentation of a wool wreath worked by his great, great aunt, on behalf of his grandparents, the first shadow box wreath acquired by the Society. Later, Doris Ingham, representing those who are Society stewards of the local heritage, and Erik Stevens, representing the



Millbrook guitarist Michael Monis joins drummer David Monis and bass guitarist Kevin Cooke (both from Toronto) to warm up a May evening in downtown Millbrook. The Millbrook Gallery hosted the event, where the talented trio charmed a full room with their modern and classical jazz stylings.

## What's in a Word: the Narrative Art of Michael Poulton

The upcoming show "What's in a Word: the Narrative Art of Michael Poulton", opening Friday, May 26, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at The Millbrook Gallery, features paintings, copper repoussé and collage work by the award-winning artist.

Included in the show is the copper repoussé work, "Reason and Passion" which recently won the prestigious American Niche Award for narrative art, and the collage work on the bicameral brain, "All States are Full of Noise", which was featured in *The Sciences*, the *Journal of the New Academy of Science*. Also featured in the show will be the mammoth painting in five parts, "I Still Remember the Delicate Touch of Buoyant Air Under Out-Stretched Wings", and a new series of

his popular copper repoussé miniatures.

Words have always played a part in Michael Poulton's artwork. Originally it was solely in the titles, such as a sky painting "Even the Lowest trees Have Tops", but over time words have crept into the works, and sometimes taken over completely.

"Cryptic and enigmatic" might best describe Poulton's artwork. The textual elements are clues to the work's meaning. Even if you are not a cultural detective, these beautiful works are richly interesting and often display a playful sense of humour; a "must see" for anyone that thinks art is more than just a pretty picture.

Michael Poulton's show at the Millbrook Gallery runs from May 26 through to July 2.

### Millbrook artist wins big at international competition

In other art news, Millbrook artist Bruce Lepper recently returned home from the prestigious Ward World Championship Wildfowl Competition in Ocean City, Maryland, after having once more won a flurry of international awards for his beautiful bird sculptures. Bruce, one of North America's leading bird sculptors, garnered third best in the World Miniature category for his Eastern Meadowlark, Best in Show at the Master level for his miniature Baltimore Oriole and second and third at the Master level Songbird category for his Rose-Breasted Grosbeak and Red-Headed Woodpecker respectively. Bruce's beautiful award-winning work will be featured in the next exhibition at the Millbrook Gallery. ♣

## Millbrook Fair just around corner

By Melanie Anderson

Candy floss, caramel apples, a parade, animal shows, agricultural exhibits and contests and rides enough to make you green (save the candy for AFTER the rides!). The 151st Millbrook Fair is only a few weeks away.

The Fair will span Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, June 9th to 11th, and will include all of the events (agricultural competitions, crafts and schools displays, petting zoo, and more!) enjoyed in previous years, building on the success of last year's 150th Anniversary Fair.

The judging of Fair Ambassador contestants will be held on June 9 at 6 pm. This is the second part of the competition, with the first

taking place on June 4. This year the contestants (male and female) will be speaking about their perspective on the growth of the Fair in the next 50 years, and how they see themselves involved in that process.

Parade registration is at 9:30 Saturday, with the official opening of the Fair at noon — including the introduction of the 2000 Fair Ambassador. In addition to all of the other displays, contests and activities, throughout the day Saturday will be horse, cattle, and pony events, with an evening truck and tractor pull.

Sunday kicks off at 10 am with the hunter show and classic farm tractor registration. Later on there are poultry, pet and youth horse shows, along with a goat dis-

play and the judging of the classic farm tractors. At 1 pm will be Bandstand on the Green Entertainment, with the band Quarterline, the Hometown Fiddlers and step dancing performed by Cassandra and Allison Olan. The prize-winning baking is to be auctioned off at 2 pm. The Demolition Derby will begin at 3, and includes heats, mini-cars and a feature for full-size cars.

However, to put all of this great entertainment on means a lot of expense... One really fun way to help out and get in a fun Saturday with friends is to participate in the Millbrook Fair Mixed 3-Pitch Tournament. Call Denise Lunn at 932-2060 regarding the ball tournament or the Fair Ambassador contest. ♣

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**CJ's Golf Tourney**  
Sat. May 20  
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10 am. Call 932-5155 or  
932-2353 for info/  
registration.

**Mixed Three-Pitch  
Tournament**  
Sat. May 20  
\$200 per team, proceeds  
to the Millbrook  
Agricultural Society. Call  
Denise to register or for  
info, 932-2000.

**Open House**  
At Royal Canadian Legion,  
Br. 402  
Mon. May 22, noon - 5pm  
See ad on page 2.

**What's in a Word: The  
Narrative Art of Michael  
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At the Millbrook Gallery  
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The newest exhibition at  
the Millbrook Gallery, open-  
ing May 27 and running  
until July 2, features the  
narrative work of Michael  
Poulton. For more info

phone 932-5487 or visit  
website at [www.millbrook-gallery.com](http://www.millbrook-gallery.com).

**The Gazette  
Challenge 2000**  
Sat. May 27, 1 - 4 pm  
See story on page 12.

**Annual Garage Sale**  
235 Bellevue Street (cor.  
Benson/Bellevue), Ptbo.  
Sat. May 27, 8 am - noon  
Sale of a variety of items;  
benefits Alzheimer Society.  
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**Volunteer  
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At the Millbrook  
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Sun. May 28, 2 - 4 pm  
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of volunteers to the life of  
the community (see ad this  
issue). Call 932-2911 for  
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**Outdoor Pancake  
Breakfast**  
At the Millbrook Farmers'  
Market  
Sun., May 28, 9 - 11 am  
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**7th Annual Olde Tyme  
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**Millbrook Fair**  
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**Municipal Planning  
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**Bridge** Every Mon. at the  
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**Millbrook and District  
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**Millbrook Green  
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Choir** Every Tues., 7:30 -  
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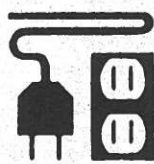
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displayed on a community plaque.

Anyone who wishes to say a few words about volunteers in  
our community is strongly welcomed to do so!

Light snacks served.

Please contact us at the  
Millbrook Community Centre at 932-2911.

# Single tier government: Part 2 Who wants it and why?

By Melodie McCullough

In the last issue of *The Gazette* we looked at the possibility of further restructuring of municipalities in Peterborough County, and specifically at issues surrounding the possible formation of a single-tier county government. This month we talk to area politicians and residents who favour one large single-tier municipality serving the entire the county. Next month, politicians from Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan explain why they oppose it.

For many residents of Peterborough County, a single level of municipal government throughout the county, known as 'single-tier,' is the solution needed for a system they see as expensive, inefficient and burdened with bureaucracy.

Yet, for others, the thought of one large municipality serving every corner of the county means only one thing: the loss of a local voice for decisions regarding their township and community.

"I am not in favour of single-tier government," said Brian Squirrell, deputy-reeve of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) Township, in a recent interview. "The people's voice gets lost. You're just non-existent as a ratepayer. I'm not saying it's not going to come, but I'll fight it all the way."

Proponents of both sides present worthy arguments, but, as can be seen, it's an issue that evokes strong emotions. It has also hit close to home with the recent announcement that Victoria County, which neighbours Peterborough County to the west, will have a single-tier government next January, including the Town of Lindsay.

Provincially-appointed restructuring commissioner Harry Kitchen chose the single-tier route because he sees it as a way to reduce the number of municipalities and elected politicians, and that means cutting expenses and the overlap and duplication of services. He has estimated it will save Victoria County taxpayers \$3.3 million in two years.

At present there is a two-tier system of government in Peterborough County. The upper-tier

(County Council) consists of reeves and deputy-reeves from each of the nine townships (excluding the City of Peterborough). The townships have their own lower-tier councils of elected representatives and they also have their own administrative offices, employees, and numerous local boards that oversee the operation of such things as parks, arenas, libraries, economic development, planning, fire departments and policing. Opponents say this is "too much and too many."

*"Our economy is changing. I think one-tier government will be more able to adapt to the changes in the world and benefit from them."*

— Lakefield Reeve, Bob Helsing

"Everybody's going to be well-represented by a single-tier government," said Doug Percy, reeve of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood, the municipality with the smallest assessment in the county. "There's a lot of money to be saved by going down this road. As an economic tool it would be better."

He said he favours a single-tier scenario because the county could easily save money by centralizing tax billing and waste management, for example, and, at the same time, provide services more efficiently with one tax rate for the entire county.

He also fears that if the county does not move ahead on its own to restructure the way it wants, then the province will step in and force it to amalgamate with the City of Peterborough.

Mr. Percy has an ally in Bob Helsing, reeve of the Village of Lakefield, who sees single-tier government as a means to strengthen the county both economically and in its position with the City of Peterborough.

"Our economy is changing. I think one-tier government will be more able to adapt to the changes in the world and benefit from them," he said. "And we will be able to speak with a single voice with regards to

any future changes in relation to the city."

Mr. Helsing also believes there are too many elected officials representing ratepayers. For example, in Lakefield there are five for a population of 2,400. "That's okay, but is it realistic? I think fewer elected representatives could serve them just as well."

And there is better use for administrative staff, he said. "Do you really need two people doing the job of one?" This doesn't necessarily mean the loss of jobs, either, because staff could be better-utilized in areas such as economic development, he said.

Neither does he accept the argument that a community's identity is lost with the introduction of larger-scale government. "Personally, I don't think a community is just a municipal office, a community is the people. It's you and me who really decide what our community is going to be."

Other citizens see the value of single-tier, too. Just last month, the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township Ratepayers' Association, in the eastern part of the county, urged county councillors to consider single-tier, saying it would reduce the size of government and save ratepayers' tax dollars.

"We can't understand why Peterborough County is against further amalgamation," said Mary McNaul, president of the group.

The Peterborough Real Estate Board has also come out in favour of it, mostly for its cost-saving benefits, but also for the consolidation of official plans and bylaws. "People would understand more clearly how processes would take place for severances and buying property," said Barb Jinkerson, chair of the political action committee and director on the Real Estate Board.

Perhaps Gary Stewart, MPP for the riding of Peterborough, sums up the argument best for those in favour of single-tier. "In all levels of government, there's a degree of turf protection. We've got to co-operate and work together. The bottom line is the taxpayer. If we can save him money, why would we not?"

But back in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, the idea that single-tier government will actually save money is a point Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell doesn't accept. He is not alone. In *The Gazette* next month, Mr. Squirrell and others speak in depth about their strong opposition to single-tier government and why. ♣

# Challenge yourself & help a great cause!

Are you ready? The Gazette Challenge 2000, a fundraiser fitness event for the Old Millbrook School Family Centre, is coming up quickly — Sat. May 27 — and we hope to see YOU there!

The Challenge, organized by the OMSFC committee and The Green Hills Gazette, will be held from 1 - 4 pm, and features four fitness challenges/competitions for everyone — regardless of age, ability or fitness level. All fitness challenges/races begin and end at the Old Millbrook School.

Enjoy walking? There's two walking events to choose from — a more strenuous five-mile country route south of Millbrook, or a shorter circuit of 1.5 miles through the village. Both are non-competitive, designed to fit in with personal fitness goals.

Is running more your speed? A competitive, five-mile country route road race might be just the ticket — this race will award first, second, third prizes, and your time will be recorded as you cross the finish line. Why not challenge your personal best time?

For cycling enthusiasts, there are two options on a similar country route north of Millbrook — a competitive race, or a cycling challenge (non-competitive). Competitors will be awarded first, second, third prizes.

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## The Gazette Challenge 2000: Saturday, May 27

up between 1 and 3 pm, with awards being given out at 3 pm. For those not involved in a competitive race, there's fun awards to compete for — such as best costume, oldest/youngest participant, wackiest hairdo, largest family group, team spirit award, best decorated bike, and most outrageous race wear. Everyone who participates will be entered into a grand prize draw for a fabulous mystery prize, as well as other terrific items.

Pre-registration is preferred: call OMSFC at 932-7088, leave your name, number and brief message about which race/challenge you want to participate in. Pledge forms can be picked up at the Millbrook Community Centre or the CMNM Municipal Office, or by calling OMSFC at the number noted above. A minimum pledge of \$5 is mandatory to participate in any of the events, along with non-perishable food items for Millbrook/District Food Share. Get a Gazette Challenge 2000 race shirt for \$100 or more in pledges! (They'll also be for sale at the "race central".)

At the Old School, there will be plenty of fun for the whole family to enjoy, with children's activities, displays, food and refreshments, a dunk tank, race t-shirts (for sale)...and more! So even if you can't muster up the energy to take part, come on out and cheer on friends and family, and enjoy this time with neighbours in your community!

Call 932-7088 for more info — and we'll see you at the Challenge! ♣

## Noise

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Cherkas hoped Council would come up with a "fair resolution to the problem, which would allow both facilities to operate on a level playing field. We find the current situation discriminatory, without foundation, and are asking that the situation be rectified to be completely equitable to both parties."

As the muffler component was part of the signed operational agreement for Kawartha Downs, Fallis suggested a response to Cherkas should state the operational agreement has been signed and is particular to his facility. Reeve Cathcart said he had spoken earlier in the day with Raymond about Cherkas' request, and that the commission facilitator suggested relaxing the muffler condition until the committee comes to an agreement."

Councillor Tom Jones agreed with Fallis and said, "Whatever happens in the committee will determine if mufflers are needed for everybody."

The selection of representatives from each area is to be made at the May 15 Committee of the Whole Meeting. ♣

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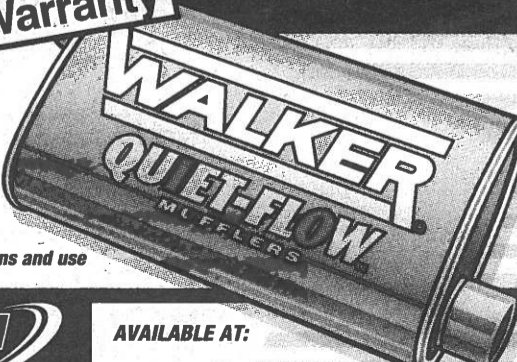
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