

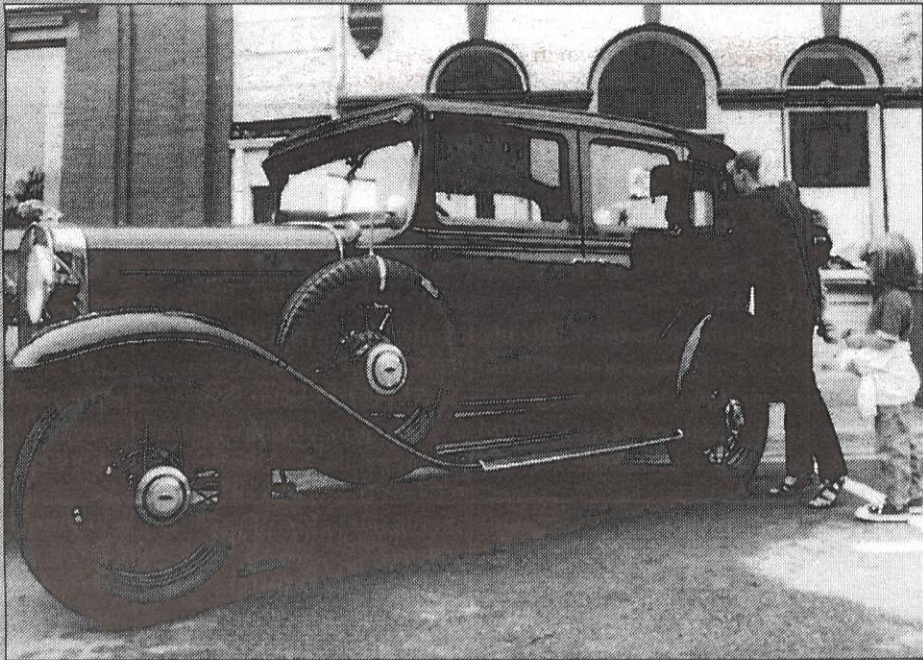
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PETALS & POLISH



Despite on-and-off rain, car enthusiasts took over the whole of downtown Millbrook with a solid display of their prized vehicles at the annual Petals & Polish event on Sunday, July 9th.

Schickedanz fails "New Urbanism" argument

By Michele Curran

A request to construct homes closer to the street in the proposed Baxter Creek subdivision in Millbrook has been rejected by Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council.

Developer Bruno Schickedanz told Council at the July 3 meeting his request was in keeping with "new urbanism" (the trend toward smaller yard frontage, bringing homeowners closer to the street). Specifically, he asked Council to permit a minor variance in the subdivision plan fitted with the municipality, reducing the front yards of some lots from 9 meters to 6 meters.

The reason for the request, according to Municipal Planner Karen Ellis, is the model homes do not fit on the original plan.

Long-time opponents of this controversial development were unanimous in expressing their concern and suspicion that what Schickedanz was asking for was something more than a minor variance.

Millbrook resident Bill Slavin asked, "Is that what

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he is actually proposing to do? (This) will change the nature of the homes in the township." Roly Hurley, also of Millbrook, commented, "I don't think this is a minor variance. (I think) the owners of the property are trying to make it more lucrative by asking for a variance."

Ellis assured the crowd, "The number of lots will not change—there will be no intensification." Spokesperson for the developer Greg Defreitas explained the reason for the variance was so they could build a substantial variety of homes.

Councillor Brian Fallis said, "When the zoning by-law amendment was passed

a year ago, they could have asked for the changes then. I do not support it." Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell agreed, "I am not concerned if the homes fit on the lot or not. I am concerned this is not a minor variance. It is a major variance and so, I will not support it."

Councillor Tom Jones, who moved for acceptance, commented on the uphill battle the developer has faced through the years. "Flooding issues are happening now, and he hasn't even started working on it. The developer has tried to cooperate (by assisting in dealing with flood issues) and is even willing to deed some of his land to the municipality for part of a trail."

Unmoved by these acts, Slavin retorted, "Before, when Council did try and take some lots of flood land, the developer was going to sue — and now he comes here looking for favours?"

When the motion was struck down, Councillor Jones warned, "The developer could become mean-spirited and put up box bungalows, sell them, and get out of town." ♣

Hog farm remains under scrutiny by neighbours

By Michele Curran

A Cavan Ward ratepayer has demanded Council establish restrictions on agricultural waste management and fertilizing practices in the municipality.

Anne Marie Scheuneman brought her demands to the table at the July 3 Council meeting. She said she is tired of what she calls "Council's cavalier and noncommittal attitude" toward her concerns about the environmental impact of a large hog farm on the Tapley 1/4 Line.

Prior to Scheuneman's

presentation, Acting Reeve Brian Squirrell told a crowd of over 70 people the County of Peterborough will establish strict nutrient management guidelines by the end of the month. "It has to be enforceable, so County will work hard to make this happen — and there will be public consultation," he promised. (In less than eight weeks, the County will learn if the province has given them the authority to pass a by-law governing the spread of manure, as well as a nutrient management by-law.)

However, others on

Council were less prepared to wait for the County to act. Councillor Brian Fallis said, "We need to pass an interim control bylaw that would give us time to work out problems."

Scheuneman then proceeded with her list of demands, which included interim bylaws restricting intensive farming operations, the banning of open-air lagoons and spray field systems for getting rid of hog waste, and the re-evaluation of bio-solids as an alternative fertilizer.

She also took by-law

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Committee waffles on noise controls

By Michele Curran

Developing noise and licensing bylaws is proving to be a Herculean task for noise committee stakeholders.

Although the committee's mandate is the study of all noise issues, it was evident during the June 28 meeting the most contentious issue is still Kawartha Downs Raceway and Peterborough Speedway.

When the noise committee was first struck, there surfaced two firmly entrenched camps, with one wanting mufflers and the other wanting other forms of noise controls such as decibel readings. It appears the facilitator Ross Raymond had joined forces with the first camp.

Raymond was adamant the noise committee should endorse the use of mufflers at both racetracks on an interim basis. He seemed

quite agitated when stakeholder Bob Clark tried to explain mufflers are a mandatory component of the operational agreement at Kawartha Downs, and that Peterborough Speedway is not governed by the same agreement.

The situation did not improve when Raymond appeared not to know the difference between an operational agreement and a municipal bylaw. This did not sit well with some committee members, who were adamant Raymond's "reasonable request" of using mufflers at both racetracks is not a viable solution.

In a letter to Council, Raymond explained he was surprised at the strong opposition to mufflers. "Apparently, the fact the muffler is not useable for certain types of vehicles suggested to some members

that the measure should not be employed," added Raymond.

Waffling on the muffler recommendation was Kawartha Downs' representative Brian Bassett who first stated, "Mufflers cut noise by 40 percent." Toward the end of the meeting, however, he changed his mind. "Mufflers don't work."

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Oddfellows donate \$5000 to OMSFC

The Old Millbrook School Family Centre is \$5,000 closer to achieving its fundraising goal of \$100,000.

The generous donation was made by the Millbrook Oddfellows Lodge, and was announced at Canada Day celebrations. According to spokesperson Angela Penello, \$33,000 has been raised thus far. Renovations should begin in September, and the Centre should be up and running by winter 2001.

Anyone interested in helping OMSFC meet their goal can participate in the Buy a Brick campaign. With a \$100 donation, a brick with an engraved plaque will be included in the reception area wall at the Centre — message or name to be engraved of your choice.

Road repair list

At long last, several of CMNM's potholed and hazardous roads are slated for repair and/or resurfacing.

In 2000, the following are slated for road improvement (in various sections; contact the municipality for details):

Deyell Line, Ava Cr., Carveth Drive, Fallis Line, Syer Line, Sharpe Line, Wilson Line, Bee Dr., Cora Drive, Sowden Lane, Tapley 1/4 Line, Larmer Line W., Hayes Line W., Hutchinson Dr., Hutchinson Dr., Morton Line W., Zion Line E., Edgewood Park, Brown Line.

An extensive list (too lengthy to list here) of roads projects are slated for 2001.

Turtles to get crossing signs

By Michele Curran

Turtles' often perilous treks from pond to nesting grounds have just become a little less dangerous, thanks to a concerned group of local schoolchildren.

Calling themselves the Rollin' Acres Animal Rescue Club, Cameron (5) and Christian (4) Hiltz, Kate (4) and Will (6) Taylor, together with Dr. Kristy Hiltz and Jan Rowland appeared at the July 3 Council meeting to ask permission to erect turtle crossing signs at various locations in the municipality.

Rowland said the situation has become dire and

presented the following facts to Council:

1. There are nine species of turtles in Canada, eight of which live in Ontario — and of those eight, four are in rapid decline and four are close to being put on wildlife reserves.
2. Of the 16-20 eggs laid, only 3 to 4 survive.
3. Most hatchlings and juveniles die within the first year.
4. Reproduction occurs when a female is nine years old, and a male is six years old.
4. Turtles have long-term memories, returning to the same sites each year.

Waffles

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When stakeholder Ray Mann asked Peterborough Speedway owner Jean Paul Josiasse for his opinion on noise controls, Josiasse replied, "I am not sure. I am not a noise expert, and I don't have enough information to make a decision."

After a lengthy debate on mufflers, the committee spent the remainder of the allotted time convincing Raymond the decibel readings would be the more appropriate route to take.

Bassett, who opposed the taking of decibel readings, explained there were far too many variables, such as cloud cover, sun and the cars themselves that can interfere with the taking of an accurate reading.

"You better make sure the number is mighty big, because we aren't going to send 500 people home if it is cloudy," warned Bassett.

Eventually, the committee agreed to ask Council for permission to hire an independent noise consultant. In a letter to

Council, on behalf of the stakeholders, Raymond requested that the Township undertake some independent tests (at each raceway) and assist in setting an initial maximum level of audible sound expressed in decibels for particular hours of the day."

He also added similar measures were followed in Clarington Township and that these are not actively enforced.

At the July 3 meeting, Council granted the noise commission's request. Members of the noise committee and some Council members will be attending the taking of decibel readings at both racetracks.

Although the commission is requesting an independent study be done, Raymond has suggested the names of two consultants who have worked on this issue before, J.E. Coulter Associates for Kawartha Downs and Valcoustics Canada on behalf of the Municipality.

At press time, the decision by CAO Gail Empey had yet to be made. ♣

5. Not long ago, the ratio of females to males was 1:1 — now it is 1:5.
6. Turtles have no way of hearing danger—they go by vibration.
7. Turtle shells are not strong, and crack easily.

"Turtle crossing signs have met with much success in Hamilton and Cranbrook, British Columbia," added Rowland. Veterinarian Dr. Hiltz told Council the campaign to save the turtles is "children driven," as it is the children who will become the "stewards of the environment," therefore, "It is our responsibility as members of the community to back them in this campaign."

She added when she heard her sons Cameron and Christian say, "We have to help them. We have to stop them. We have to tell them," Dr. Hiltz knew public education would be a necessary component in saving the turtles.

To assist the youngsters in their campaign to buy crossing signs, Brian Fallis made a motion offering both a donation of \$500.00, and the assistance of the roads department in the placement of signs—it was passed unanimously.

Donations can be made at the Millbrook Toronto Dominion Bank to Save the Turtles Fund Account number 3434. ♣

Hog Farm

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enforcement officer Doug Campbell to task for ignoring residents' concerns. She said his response to her queries was "there are other people ahead of you who take priority." "We are tired of being brushed off, and have no intentions of going away," she told Council members.

Squirrell said, "I am on your side." Fallis agreed with Squirrell but added, "Municipalities are not allowed to stop intensive farming." Councillor Tom Jones said the issue of containment facilities is not illegal at this time, and that a by-law will not prevent someone with a Ministry of Environment certificate of approval from putting sludge on their property.

In order to obtain informed responses for Scheuneman's questions, Jones said, "I have written to MPPs Chris Hodgson and Gary Stewart, and will be a delegate at County Council."

As Hugh Allin, owner of the controversial farm, was not on hand to answer why water samples had not been taken from his farm, Squirrell promised the crowd, "I will get an injunc-

tion and bring him back to Council to see why he hasn't fulfilled his promises."

Squirrell continued to rant about the "rogue" farmer, prompting Millbrook resident Bob Clark to say Squirrell was persecuting Allin and suggested "due process can take care of this issue." Squirrell retorted, "I am proud to lead a charge against an individual who is ruining wells."

In a unanimous recorded vote, Council passed an interim waste control by-law.

Millbrook resident Jamee Chatten commented, "There seems to be no guidelines regarding the combination of human waste and manure — this is being spread on the top of a hill, and so it has nowhere to go but down... A lot of our lives and our children's lives have been put into [jeopardy on] our property. We need to protect our family, health, and property... It takes someone to lead the way — not reacting after the fact. We are acting now before being contaminated," she added.

Jones said, "My concerns are your concerns." Scheunemen commented, "Sadly, if it wasn't for Walkerton this wouldn't be happening." ♣

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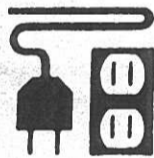
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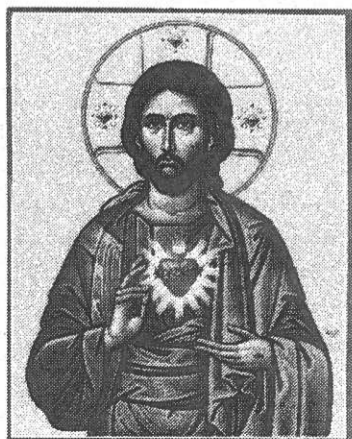
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Senior of the Year Mary Sutherland relaxes in her cozy study.

The indefatigable Mary Sutherland

By Deborah Luchuk

World traveller, entrepreneur, journalist, mother, reeve, president of the historical society, board member, political campaign manager, garden-er extraordinaire...

These are but a few of the many hats Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan's Senior of the Year has worn in her lifetime, and Mary Sutherland has worn them with wisdom, a sense of humour, and a practical attitude.

Mary was presented with the award at a recent Council meeting, and told the packed house, "I was brought up to believe you

pay rent for the land on which you stand in this life." Another of her philosophies would be "life is too short." What a life she has had, and how fortunate we are to have this powerhouse of a woman in our midst!

Ms. Sutherland was born in Toronto and raised in Aurora. She attended the University of Toronto, and worked as a service rep for Bell Telephone in her early career. Following an amazing post-war trip to Britain (for all of \$800!) on an unconverted troop ship, she worked with the United Nations Association, and went to Geneva in 1950 as the Canadian rep to the 5th plenary of that organization.

She joined the staff of the provincial Progressive Conservative party upon return, and was executive director of the Young PCs until being whisked away to federal headquarters to manage a number of election campaigns. "I did a lot of travelling, and at one time, I thought I could write a book on hotels!" One of the campaigns she managed was for Roy Thomson, who offered her a job with the Scotsman newspaper group in Britain — she took him up on the offer and worked as a journalist there for a time. It was then she began to focus her interests on 18-19th century English porcelain, developing a love affair with antiques that would later blossom into a full-fledged business.

While in England, Mary met her husband, and returned to Canada to start a family; she continued her journalism career as a stringer for the Toronto Telegram. She had done a show for BBC on antiques while in Britain, and then began to write about them for the Telegram and lecturing in Toronto upon return to Canada. "Then I started doing tours in search of antiques, and this coalesced into Mary Sutherland Productions," a company which offered antique tours around the world, and shows. (One of Mary's two sons and his wife continue the business.)

Travel in search of antiques and tours led to travels as far south as the Antipodes and Fiji, and as far north as Faroe Island, and Shetland and Orkney Islands. "We did the unusual — one time we chartered

two barges on the Thames in tandem, from Oxford to Windsor."

So how did this busy woman come to Millbrook, after seeing the bright lights and cosmopolitan lifestyle of Europe and beyond?

"I was down visiting Rhea Rowland, who was one of my students. I had taken a few days off from the business... and when she went into town to do some errands, I went into a real estate agent. I had no idea what I was looking for; I said a duplex, for my old age. Then they said a house would be on the market in a few days, and it was this one. I brought my (ex) husband and a friend out to see it, and my son thought I was impetuous. In fact, the boys had (a bet) that I wouldn't stay six months!"


That was 15 years ago, and Mary's sons surely lost their wager... to the benefit of this community. In a few years, Mary was elected Reeve of Millbrook, and was the last before amalgamation in 1998. She is currently the president of the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society, is on the board of the Old Millbrook School Family Centre, and belongs to St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook. Most recently, Mary has taken a keen interest in promoting the Historical Society, and particularly establishing a gift shop at the society's new storefront centre that will attract visitors. She has also been asked by municipal Recreation Director Rick McGee to assist in a new initiative to promote tourism in the area, and has recently been involved with the

Millbrook Valley Trails project, providing advice on historical names for trees at the pond area.

Mary says seniors have a lot to offer the community; younger people have only to benefit from elders' experience and skills. "I'm never

bored or lonely... I think it's up to retired people to have a reason to get up in the morning, and volunteer work could be a part of that."

Congratulations, Mary, and thanks for all you've given us, your neighbours and friends! ♣



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Pause in casino plans at Kawartha Downs

By Michele Curran

In a June 19 news release, Management Board Chair Chris Hodgson announced the government's plan for a three-year pause in the expansion of new charity casinos, new commercial casinos and charity casinos at racetracks in the province.

"Taxpayers want us to proceed in a cautious and controlled manner, and that's exactly what we're doing by implementing this pause," said Hodgson.

This means there will be no table games at Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation slot facilities at race tracks; no video lottery terminals in neighbourhood bars and restaurants; and no new commercial or charity

casinos in a new host community beyond existing commitments.

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council had earlier passed a motion to include a question on the ballot regarding casinos, but Councillor Tom Jones rescinded this motion in light of the new information.

Any plans for a casino at Kawartha Downs will have to wait until the 2003 elections before any decision can be made. Kawartha Downs opened its gaming building in November 1999, and has 375 slot machines and employs approximately 150 people. Since the end of March, the slot machine operation has brought in four million dollars. ♣

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EDITORIAL

The crime of complacency

Once again, at a youthful 133, Canada has been voted the number one place to live in the world by the United Nations.

However, I believe we have become somewhat smug in our acceptance of this designation. While we are indeed, better off than millions of people who live in squalid poverty in "developing" countries, thousands of people continue to go without food, housing, and other essentials. (Thousands may sound like only a few, but consider how many people there are in this great country.)

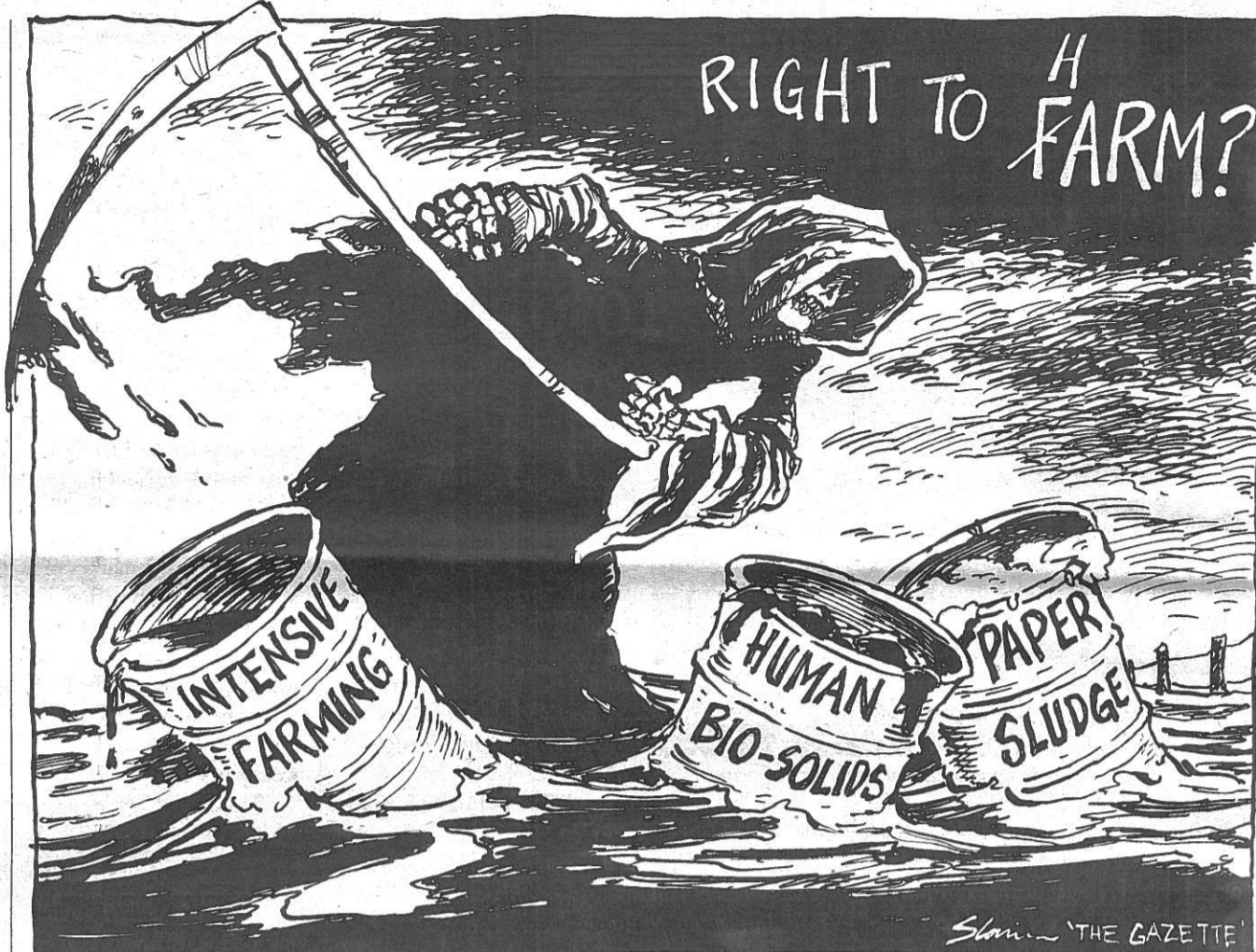
Going beyond the smug attitude, there is a disturbing move in society to an old-style, conservative attitude toward poverty and social services/programming. It is sickening to hear some say they are tired of paying so much tax, and that they are voting for a political party that has made a career out of increasing the misery of the poor and otherwise disenfranchised. It is even more unbelievable to hear these same "God-fearing" types say they just can't believe there are hungry children, or families on the street — "why is that?"

Locally, we know there are many families out there who don't have sufficient food to feed themselves, and several who lack any kind of stable housing situation. Rather than blame these people for their misery, a few wonderful people got together and started the Millbrook and District Food Share, a food bank. Food banks are not the solution, but do provide immediate help for those in need... and not just at Christmas or Thanksgiving — the hungry are still with us throughout the summer! (Donations are down in the summertime — next time you go shopping, pick up an extra bag of food for the food bank — call 932-7066 to arrange for drop-off or pick-up. PLEASE don't bring old food from your shelves that no one else will eat — and please check the expiry date on all packages and cans; just because folks are in need of help doesn't mean they will eat food with bugs in it!)

The Food Bank is testament to the good hearts and intentions of many in our community. But I'm afraid the vast majority really doesn't give a damn — if the problem is not in their house or literally on their doorstep, then it's someone else's problem. This attitude has led to endorsement, either passive (through ignorant support of political parties who have torn to shreds our "social safety net") or active, of policies that ignore or further exacerbate poverty.

In one respect, we have been lulled into a sense of well-being by many governments of all political parties which have spent money on our "safety net" without grassroots involvement; we've been disenfranchised from the good we can do for everyone in our society, and therefore, do not see our individual role in creating healthy, inclusive communities where children do not go hungry. In the process, we've acquired a less than helpful attitude toward others: "If the children are going hungry, why aren't their parents feeding them? It's their parents' fault."

We've got a great country, it's true. But we can't rest on our laurels and continue to slide into such dangerous lassitude or active spurning of our role in care and support of neighbours in our community. Perhaps now would be a good time for governments, armed with our hard-earned tax dollars, to work with communities at the grassroots level to determine where social assistance could be most effectively allocated. Bluntly put, ruminating about how "those" people are responsible for their own misfortune is not going to improve — or *maintain* — this great country. It's time we grew up and took responsibility for the legacy our forebears have entrusted us with — a hard-working country that cares and shares. ♦



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We live in a special community!

I am a middle-aged woman. That, in itself, can make one a bit jaded about life... and the political climate in our province at the moment can add to one's tendency to shake the head in disgust.

However, we have recently experienced an event which demonstrated the generosity of the community. My youngest daughter, Tara, decided that she would apply for *Up With People* [see article, page 6]; my husband and I have worked with her all year to try to raise the large amount of money this adventure requires.

Our neighbour and friend, Sue Stewart, suggested about a

month ago that she would like to help Tara raise some money. She discussed the idea of having a brunch at her house. She thought she would invite our neighbours, and the "Breakfast Club" from Millbrook. It was a wet Sunday, typical of many we've had this spring. But that did not stop the large group from the community, or Sue's husband and children, from eagerly participating. Much to our amazement and delight, the turnout was impressive, as was the array of food.

This group of wonderful people raised \$200 for Tara's trip! No one could convince me now that we don't live in a pretty special community. Tara, Jim and I want to say thank you to all of you for your time and effort!! Tara has promised to write to you through *The Gazette*, and let you know how

the adventure is going.

—Emi and Jim Embrey
Cavan, Ontario

What a swell party that was...

What a swell party that was, and what a wonderful ten years of making music with a great group of people. My heartfelt thanks to all connected with the Community Choir over the years, and especially to the members of the choir for organizing such a wonderful and surprising send-off. Special thanks to Bill (Pleues) for his support and quirky sense of humour, to Jovanna (Soligo) for the wonderful remembrances, and to Walter (Dyer) for his kind words.

I love you all and will miss you terribly.

—Ruth Warburton
Choir Leader,
The (Millbrook)
Community Choir,
Peterborough, Ontario

on. I believe that they will cut services and build up a large bureaucracy in the process.

2. Too many changes! Boundary changes, electoral district changes, restructuring. The confusion is not good. It is time for stability.

3. Whose idea is it anyway? If we looked hard enough, we would probably see that this concept is the brainchild of a bureaucrat. Bureaucrats are similar to dictators. We must preserve our democracy.

4. Loss of volunteerism. Regardless of arguments to the contrary, there will be a loss of community spirit. We will be like a big city. People will not feel the same sense of belonging to a community. Many people have moved from cities to get that feeling of involvement.

5. We are an aging population. This area is a centre for retirees. At a time when people need more and more services, we will be facing cutbacks and efficiencies. This is the wrong approach.

6. Erosion of Voter Power. This probably one of the key issues. At the present time there is ample opportunity for voters to get their message to Council, either in person or by written letter. Voters can make it hot for their representatives and be very effective (I remember only too well!). This is a good thing, and is probably one of the reasons politicians are in favour of single-tier government. Don't let them do it!

7. Contracting out. More than likely, under single-tier government there will be contracting of services. How we will get better service for the same money or less is beyond me. People will be making a profit for this service. Something must suffer under this option.

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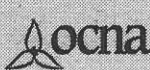
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Say no to single-tier

Congratulations, councillors, on doing a superb job running our municipality. Keep up the good work!

Following are my comments about single-tier government. I am very much opposed for the following reasons:

1. We won't save money! Don't buy the argument that there will be cost savings and efficiencies. They will try to save money by cutting services. These services are usually provided by the front line people that we have come to depend

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8. Answering machines. Under a large operation, there will be answering machines. Pick a number and wait.

9. Turmoil. I predict under single-tier government the initial stages would result in many types of turmoil. Job losses for people the this country great.

I don't believe the rumours that we will lose grants if we don't change. Who said this, anyway?

Finally, I would like Council to consider putting this question (about single-tier government) on the ballot in the next election. This question is just as important or more. We won't need a new name under single-tier government. We will probably lose the power to stop a casino.

—Victor A. Norman
Fraserville, Ontario

What part of "no" don't you understand?

I was greatly disappointed with the first meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee on Noise and Licensing for CMNM held June 7. Council has appointed Ross Raymond, a facilitator for this committee.

Only two people on the committee had copies of the by-laws to be dealt with at the first meeting. Why weren't there copies for each committee member? Mr. Raymond felt that by the second meeting of the committee June 21, a revised draft of the noise by-law could be drawn up and presented to Council. How — when committee members were not given any information to study?

The committee had requested copies of the Coulter Engineering report, and the peer review done at Kawartha Downs Speedway. This request was rejected strongly by Reeve Neal Cathcart and some members of Council. Council was informed these studies are public information, and a couple of copies had been made available through the MOE. A motion was made and passed to release these documents to the committee; Reeve Cathcart voted no.

At the second meeting on June 28, the committee was to discuss the by-laws. Facilitator Raymond is not willing to disclose who his contacts are for advice — who have told him mufflers would cut down noise. The committee agrees — however, the majority of the committee would like decibel readings done at each

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track, to determine what to do next.

The facilitator feels because Kawartha Downs Raceway has mufflers in place Peterborough Speedway should do the same. One committee member tried to explain (twice) to Mr. Raymond the Kawartha Downs operational agreement included a clause that mufflers would be installed on all cars. Mr. Raymond asserted mufflers should be compulsory at both race-tracks. It was evident he did not want to acknowledge the difference between the operational agreement and the noise by-laws.

The committee unanimously agreed to ask Council to have an accredited engineer take decibel readings at both racetracks, with and without mufflers on cars.

I feel \$500.00 a meeting with this facilitator is a waste of money. I believe he has talked with the reeve, as Mr. Cathcart mentioned recently Mr. Raymond felt the muffler requirement should be relaxed at Kawartha Downs.

I wonder how thorough the testing will be...

— Pauline Plumbe
Cavan, Ontario

Greatest Show on Earth

The Greatest Show on Earth!

Well, not really, but it certainly is a performance that one gets at Council meetings these days. With an election on the near horizon, the ruffled plumage and irreverent chatter is beginning to show — but not on a bird as you might expect, I refer to a Squirrel.

During last night's Council meeting (July 3), I could finally take no more and questioned our Deputy-Reeve on statements that I believed were borderline defamation of character of a certain farmer operating within the municipality.

I must admit that even I was shocked when the response from our Acting Reeve was along the lines of "I have insurance for that stuff, and I will defame anyone if it makes my point." It is indeed interesting to watch the characters play out, and having been at virtually every Council meeting since January of this year I have seen much. When Mr. Squirrell was being persecuted (I guess I mean prosecuted) for minor irregularities in election practices there was a core group (myself included) that rallied to his side. Mr. Squirrell was very upset that unsubstantiated things were being said about him, often behind his back.

How then, Mr. Squirrell, can you turn around and do something similar to another person?

One month ago he performed as if he were leading the Crusades when addressing the Tapley 1/4 Line and vicinity residents' serious concerns about their water quality. I am pleased he and some other members of Council are prepared to take action on an issue that concerns us all, but the Deputy-Reeve looked as if he were filming a Rambo movie with his ranting.

In addition, I am concerned Mr. Squirrell seems to have countered his own position in May this year of "not tolerating any more concessions to Kawartha Downs." At that meeting, he did, in fact, turn around and bring forward a motion to Council to allow K.D. to proceed with modifications to the horse track. He argued they should proceed, even though they had not acquired all of the approvals necessary. There is a big mud pit now next to County Road 28 that we cannot help but notice as we travel by.

Interestingly enough, there were television cameras at both of these meetings, and it almost seemed like our Deputy-Reeve was appealing for votes in what appeared to be a most desperate manner. Too bad that this man seems more interested in the "big issue" for exposure to the press, and is willing to forget the folks who supported him during the darker days.

A fickle politician generally lives a short political life. Something all politicians should think about with elections only four and a half months away.

—Bob Clark
Cavan Ward



RANDOM SAMPLING

The Graduate

By Margaret Monis

I have graduated four times in my life.

The first, from eighth grade, I missed due to illness. My mother had bought me a dress for the occasion that was so old-fashioned that it could safely be called a frock. High-yoked, so as to accentuate my doggedly flat chest, it was made of a blue and white striped material which made me look like a candystriper who had accidentally bleached her uniform. As hopelessly sucky as the dress was, the sandals she had purchased to go with it were even worse; blindingly white and virtually flat, they would surely scream out to all their cool high-heeled and platformed counterparts at the party that I was a hopeless Momma's girl.

I tried several times to tell my mother how mortifying this outfit was, but she was so pleased with it that I simply couldn't. I was fully prepared to go to the ceremony and bear the pitying looks of my classmates for her sake until my Dad, on seeing me in the dress for the first time, had his say: "Yep — you've definitely got the Cameron ass" (Cameron being my mother's maiden name). Hearing this immediately made my stomach ache, a condition that lasted until the day after graduation.

I didn't go to my high school graduation because I

was so sick of school by then that I couldn't be bothered, and I skipped my convocation from U. of T. because I was traveling overseas. With all these missed opportunities in mind, I decided to attend the ceremony this past month marking my graduation from the Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa.

The venue was lovely (the grand theatre at the National Art Centre), and the process itself was quite interesting. First, all the graduates were fitted out in stifflingly hot black robes with sky blue ribbons around the back (every faculty has its own colour — pale blue for education, yellow for science, etc.). We were then all herded into numbered chutes, like rodeo animals. I stood there in line, sweltering in the crush of people, envisioning myself and my compatriots bolting at the sound of a buzzer, black robes flapping crazily behind, only to be caught, thrown down and bound about the arms and legs by whooping faculty members. Yeehaw — now that's a graduation!

What actually followed was much more sedate. We all paraded into the theatre and took our places in the plush velvet seats. The organist was initially playing something soothing by Anon. (one of my favourite composers), then switched to Handel as everyone stood while the faculty took the stage. Then came the talking: first in French, then in English, the speeches seemed endless. When my name was called, I strode up the ramp and headed across the stage to shake hands with the Chancellor. Halfway there, however, I paused to look out at the audience. This was my first and last time on the main stage of the N.A.C.; my first and last time to be acknowledged and applauded for my academic achievements. I wanted to stop and take it in, to fully internalize that I was the person up there, and that I was right where I deserved to be. My time at the faculty was difficult and exhausting, but the weight of that year was sloughed off in the wave of appreciation which washed over me as I stood on that stage.

I walked up there feeling like a student, but I left feeling like a teacher. ♣

Congratulations, Margaret, on your graduation! We're proud of you, especially sticking out some real challenges on the way — and attest that students in your future classes will be indeed fortunate to have you!



COSMIC COMICS

Cherry, cherry, cherry: Gemini!

By Crystal Eyes

Have you ever heard the saying, "luck is when opportunity meets preparation?"

Well, by that definition, Gemini is now coming into a very lucky time. Geminis are those born May 21 - June 21, and for this group, the summer of 2000 should be an impor-

tant time for personal growth and opportunity.

Jupiter moved into Gemini in early July, and this usually brings life enhancing situations. This could manifest as new romance, career advancement, pregnancy, travel — essentially any scenario that would add value to your life. Jupiter is associated with abundance, so we could say that Geminis are about to get more of the things they seek. This is the opportunity part of the equation.

As for the preparation component, there is a second influence moving through Gemini that has to do with hard work. Technically speaking, Saturn is moving into Gemini this summer. In plain language this means how much you benefit

from the coming abundance is related to how well you have prepared yourself in the past.

Here's an example. If a Gemini attracts a new romance this year, it is only a blessing if his or her life is ready to receive such a relationship. If they are still in that failing relationship, they are not in the position to benefit. Or if they haven't learned to be alone, they might become too dependent on the new romance, dooming it, and keeping it from any meaningful future.

The same can be said about career. A promotion is only a good thing if you can handle the new responsibilities. If you've been faking any aspect of your talent or expertise, this is the year it will catch up with you.



When Irish eyes are smiling: Councillors and staff from CMNM Council and County Monaghan, Ireland enjoyed a suitably classy and delicious gathering at Morning Glory Tea Room.

Formalizing our Irish-Canadian "rich association"

By Deborah Luchuk

Over eighteen months of planning has resulted in what will be a fruitful relationship between the City of Peterborough and County Monaghan, Ireland.

Monaghan County Council and City of Peterborough Council (Mayor Sylvia Sutherland) signed a charter of friendship, a form of twinning, on June 29.

While the twinning was with the City, Peterborough County also shares a deep historical connection with Monaghan, as this entire area became home to thousands of Irish immigrants throughout the 19th century. In particular, our municipality became home for immigrants from Cavan and Monaghan in the early part of that century.

During the week of June 24 to July 1, the official delegation from Monaghan including Seymour Crawford TD (MP), Councillor Willie McKenna, County Manager (CAO) Joe Gavin, Chairman Brendan Hughes and retired County Secretary Tony Kenny visited Peterborough City and County.

Councillor Willie McKenna, who had visited Peterborough County (particularly Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan and Otonabee-South Monaghan) in August and October 1998, was the catalyst behind the twinning with Peterborough. He said he hopes a similar arrangement to that with Peterborough might be established with both Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan and Otonabee-South Monaghan — it was through finding our communities on a map of Canada that he proposed Co. Monaghan look into twinning with the namesake communities. As many readers know, the village of Millbrook was founded by John Deyell, who came from Drum, Co. Monaghan, in the early part of the 19th century; it was through a bureaucratic error that the name of Cavan was given to the former municipality rather than Monaghan — as was Deyell's wish.

Currently, the municipal-

ity has entered into discussions for twinning with Co. Cavan, Ireland, but has not pursued similar discussions with Co. Monaghan.

The delegation's whirlwind tour included attendance at the Peterborough Irish Club picnic; a day in Victoria County (a school concert at St. Luke's School, Downeyville, visits to historic graveyards, and dinner/reception with the Victoria County Irish club); a very quick visit to Niagara Falls; attendance at the Peterborough Irish Club's past-presidents' dinner; a tour of the water treatment plant in Peterborough; breakfast and a tour of Quaker Oats; official charter of friendship signing and reception at Peterborough City Hall and the Armouries; tours of the Liftlocks, Kawartha Ancestral Research Centre, and a visit to Kawartha Downs.

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan hosted a full Victorian-style tea for the delegation at the Morning Glory Tea Room on Wed. June 28, with Reeve Neal Cathcart, Councillors Brian Fallis, Brian Bartlett, Alex Ruth, and Dean Cutmore in attendance, along with other members of staff. Speeches were made by Councillor Fallis and Reeve Cathcart, with County Chairman Hughes and Mr. Crawford making addresses on behalf of the Monaghan delegation.

Following the tea, many of those gathered attended a production of *The Devil and Joseph Scriven* at the 4th Line Theatre. The Irish group was thoroughly delighted with the play, and the quality of the production in such a unique setting. Willie McKenna, in particular, enjoyed meeting theatre director Robert Winslow, whose family roots hail from County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland.

Thanks to Councillor Brian Fallis for organizing such a classy and warm welcome to both the Irish guests and everyone else who attended the tea and play event. ♣

Cavan youth to travel the world

Tara Embrey will be spending the next year of her life travelling around the world — "singing for her supper", so to speak.

The Cavan youth has been selected to participate in the prestigious Up With People programme, a youth organization that gathers youth to produce and perform in motivational theatrical productions around the world, while engaging in invaluable community service.

Tara found out about the programme while attending Crestwood Secondary School (she recently completed OAC), and decided to apply along with a friend. "I was thinking about what I would do after graduation for a while, and had heard about it from another friend. Up With People ended up coming to our school when performing in Peterborough last spring. You can apply when they come to your community, and have an interview basically on the spot. I found out in July that I was accepted. Six thousand people apply each year, and only 700 are accepted."

What was the appeal of

this programme? Tara has been involved in theatre since Grade 3, when she appeared in the 4th Line Theatre's production of *Cavan Blazers*. "I'm also really interested in community service work, and this is a way to see the world and be able to help people in an organized setting." Ultimately, Tara says she is interested in applying her Up with People experience to university studies and a career in international studies.

Tara leaves Cavan on July 17, and will take part in a training session of several weeks in Denver, Colorado along with other international and North American participants. Once trained, teams will go to communities around the world, staying with host families in a town or city for two to five days. Each team will perform a few times in the host community and surrounding area, and will take part in local community service projects. This year's play, Tara said, is "about celebrating youth and diversity, and makes a point against racism and prejudices."

"We will go to 20 or thirty countries, and we're



Tara Embrey, of Cavan, is off to see the world!

guaranteed to visit at least two continents, mostly like North America and Europe (in Tara's case)." Being so far away from home, Tara said she will miss her family and friends, but she will come home with a lot of stories — and invaluable experience to share with the community. She hopes to get involved with a variety of community initiatives upon return, and is more than happy to make presentations to groups of all kinds.

Participating in Up With People is not free — Tara has raised \$15,000 of \$19,200 thus far, including a scholarship and assistance

from a number of organizations (including the Lions' Club), and raffles, personal donors, and support from family and friends. She still needs to raise \$4,000, and additional funds for spending money and incidentals, and would greatly appreciate any support individuals or groups could offer. As she will be away shortly after publication, we suggest you mail any donations to Tara at her parents' address: 273 Stewart Line, Cavan, LOA 1C0, or call them for more information (705-277-2195).

Tara will be sending us periodic reports on her progress around the world. ♣



Sarah Farrow, left, and Hillary French, right.

Exploring trust and healthy community

Trusting others, especially strangers, is difficult for most of us... especially given our individual limitations. However, it is this trust and willingness to walk in another's shoes that makes a healthy community.

Sarah Farrow and Hillary French, of Millbrook and Zion Line, Cavan, respectively, recently had the opportunity to explore the issue of trust, and of living beyond personal limita-

tions at "The Journey of Hope." This millennium festival for young adults was held the weekend of May 26 at Olympia Sports Camp, Muskoka. The pair, both members of St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook, were encouraged to attend by Rev. Susan Sheen, as both have taken a leadership role in the church and the wider community.

The programme featured programming on how

to live in community, focusing on the vision of Jean Vanier, founder of the L'Arche Community (an community and programme for differently-abled people and their neighbours). Youth participating were encouraged to "create a common good that radically changes our communities, relationships, and ourselves", according to organizers, and Hillary and Sarah say they achieved this end by taking part in a variety of workshops and activities, such as a Trust Walk (while blindfolded) and small group discussions. The Trust Walk, in particular, challenged the young women to experience what a visual limitation would be like, to think about perceived personal limitations, and how to live with and work through these.

Hillary and Sarah say they came away with new ideas, particularly for their life journeys. "I came back with a lot of different ideas to think about," Hillary said, and Sarah added, "There's more we can do for people, and we can learn how to walk in other people's shoes. I think this is how Jean Vanier started L'Arche, (by thinking about and feeling how it is to live out another person's experience). Being blindfolded and being able to trust

someone is hard... I've never been blind, so I now have a better idea of what that must be like. I've developed a new appreciation for the contribution of disabled people."

Sarah highly recommends reading "Becoming Human", by Jean Vanier, to anyone interested in learning how to build and be a part of more humane communities. According to the back cover, the book offers a "profound vision for creating a common good that radically changes our communities, relationships and ourselves." (She says it's available at the Millbrook Library, where she volunteers.)

The Christian-focused, ecumenical conference attracted people from across Ontario, and was organized by various dioceses/synods and organizations of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian Churches. Hillary and Sarah would like to thank St. Thomas Anglican Church for sponsorship; Tim and Rev. Naomi Miller for their "chauffeur-ing" to the event; and Rev. Susan Sheen for encouragement to participate. Anyone interested in seeing videos or hearing tapes of the conference is invited to call the Parish Office at 932-2233. ♣

Lots for children to do at the libraries

Looking for ways to keep your children occupied this summer? Both the Bruce Johnston and Millbrook libraries have many activities planned for July and August.

First of all, there's a Reading Club to join. The theme for the summer 2000 reading club is Wilderness Bound/Adventure Found. Sign-up for the club began the last week of June. Readers receive a log book to track the titles they read, and incentives such as posters, stickers, word games, and colouring books are provided to encourage children to read over the summer. The program runs until August 26. There will be a draw for a backpack filled with school supplies on the last day. This program is made possible through the support of the TD Bank Financial Group.

There's nothing quite as entertaining as being read to, and Storytime and Activity Hour will fit the bill for children 4-6 and 7-12. Each library will have a storytime for children 4-6 from 10 to 10:45 am, and for children 7-12 immediately following; this activity will be held Tuesdays at Bruce Johnston Memorial Library, and Wednesdays at the Millbrook Library. Run by June Forester, these programs began July 4 and will continue for five weeks until August 1-2. There is no charge for these activities, although donations for materials are welcome!

Why not get a head start on reading skills this summer? A new programme, Summer Tutoring, is designed to give children some reading instruction over the holidays. The first session has already started,

but a second will begin in August. Christine Flanagan, a graduate of Trent University, will work with children involved. The program is currently fully subscribed, with 25 children registered.

Through MADCAP, children six and up can take part in a Children's Cyber Camp from July 12 to August 23. Learn how to surf the Net and find neat sites! Kids are invited to join Cindy on Wednesdays and learn how to produce artwork, stories, animations, invention designs, and T-shirts with simple cut-and-paste, copy, delete and save commands. The Cyber

Camp is held at the Millbrook Library on Wednesdays from 2-3 pm, and the cost is \$5 per child. To register, come in to the library or phone 932-2919.

If you're based in North Monaghan or the northern part of Cavan Ward, a Children's Computer Instruction series is also being held at the Bruce Johnston Library. Children 4 and up can take part in similar programming to what is noted in the description for Children's Cyber Camp in Millbrook. The programme began July 11, runs to August 24, and is held Tuesdays 1-2 pm and Thursdays 1-2, and 6-7 pm. There's no cost! To register, call 741-1253 or drop by the library.

The next time, Mom or Dad, you hear the dreaded "I'm bored" — call or head off to your local library as soon as possible for a full range of activities designed to beat the holiday blues! ♣

Summer reading for the kids

By Melodie McCullough

There's no time like the summer for children to curl up with a good book. While older children may be able to read themselves, it's still nice at times to be read to by a parent or grandparent, or even an older sibling.

A family favourite at our house is *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett. Written in the late 1940s, it is a beautiful and funny tale about a young boy who sets off to a faraway jungle island to rescue a poor, overworked baby dragon, enslaved to the wild beasts who inhabit the land. Two sequels — *Elmer and the Dragon* and *The Dragons of Blue Land* follow, both continuing the wonderful fantasy. Children in the four to 10 age group would enjoy these books.

A shorter book for the slightly younger set is *Loon Lake Fishing Derby* by Canadian author Kathleen Cook Waldron, published in 1999. It's a funny story about a fishing derby that gets out of hand in a sleepy town. The watercolour images of an array of Loon Lake characters, by illustrator Dean Griffiths, really make this book stand out.

Cassandra's Driftwood by Canadian Budge Wilson, set in Nova Scotia, is a beginning chapter book for kids in grades two to four. It tells an interesting and warm story of a young girl, shy and afraid, who overcomes these problems and starts to grow stronger with the help of a piece of driftwood she names Alonzo.

Happy reading! ♣

Kids and rainy days go great together!

By Melodie McCullough

Hey, moms and dads, have you noticed? Yes, our summer season includes wet, rainy days with kids stuck inside and constantly on the prowl for "something to do." But don't despair — children and rainy days really do go great together! Pre-schoolers present challenges all their own, but you can often keep them busy with crafts, story books, music — and lots of snacks!

Then, there is the next age group, six to 12. Although these kids may not want their parents hanging onto them every minute of the day, they may still need a little help finding ways to pass the time. So to help you and your kids out, we've put together a few ideas and tips for this older age group. Check them out, give some a try, and you may even find yourself looking forward to the sound of those raindrops.

While the computer is always a big draw, it doesn't have to be a total wasteland. Why not try a family newsletter, detailing the small joys or disappointments of each family member for this month? If you have Internet access, there are lots of great sites such as www.cbc4kids.ca (from CBC Radio and TV) which features kids' news and sports stories, contests, music info, book reviews, science experiments and games. There's also www.owlkids.com (from ChickaDee and OWL Magazines) with puzzles, stories, craft ideas and cool science websites. Try also www.tvontario.org/tvokids/ (from TVOntario) which offers games, a mail drop, info on hosts, showtimes and an art wall, all connected to


the TVOKids show.

If you have artistic offspring, suggest a collage from magazine cutouts with a summer theme. Or they can try drawing a map of the neighbourhood or countryside where you live, with streets, houses, train tracks, stores, farms, schools, etc. Another creative idea is to write a story, and add lots of parts that require sound effects, such as, "and off in the distance the train whistle blew," and "then came a mysterious knock at the door." Then tape your child reading the story, after they've come up with sound effects collected from around the house.

Treasure hunts are always a favourite. Older

kids can write down a number of clues leading from one spot in the house to another, and then help the younger ones hunt down the treasure — something even as simple as cookies. If you're lucky enough to own a videocamera, and you trust your older children with it, a great pastime is writing a short movie script, and then it's lights, camera, action! Don't forget the old standards — board games and card games. Sometimes these are just the ticket to a quiet afternoon of fun.

So hang in there, and with a little luck, those rainy days may be some of the most memorable ones you share with your children. ♣



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COMMON GROUND

The June garden: A slug's paradise

By Jill Williams

So... have we had enough rain yet? Has anyone seen the sun? This year it seems you can't go anywhere without hearing these questions. I can't recall another year when the weeds and lawn were still growing in July, and not a single thing has needed any water.

Normally, by early summer, I'd have spread leaf mulch around the vegetables to conserve water and control weeds. This year, at least so far, it has been too wet to mulch, and I'm afraid the mulch and plants would just rot. This is amazing, considering that my garden would be a big sandbox without all the compost I've added over the years. My usually hot and dry garden has now turned into the ideal slug habitat with all the rain. The paths, which are normally packed hard and dry by now, are still sprouting weeds and are covered with slippery green goo.

I'm sure the tomato and pepper plants are still the same size they were two weeks ago. The basil is quite hopeless this year, as are the other annual herbs, which

need heat and sun. The dreaded zucchini is a mass of huge leaves, but will need some hot weather before it starts producing our favourite vegetable.

This rainforest spring has produced very successful spinach, but watch out for those slugs. It's just like British Columbia.

This rainforest spring has produced very successful spinach and lettuce, though. I planted a lettuce mixture and it looks a wonderful mass of reds and greens, with huge ruffled leaves. For once, something actually looks as good in my garden as it does on the seed packet. Watch out for those slugs, though. It's just like British Columbia in the lettuce patch.

It seems hard to believe that I was afraid my newly planted vegetables would dry up and blow away while I was away in England in early June. It apparently rained here every day while I was away. Remarkably, it didn't rain in England during the two weeks I was there!

My English friends told me they also had a cold and rainy spring. Everyone was complaining about this, of course, and telling me that their gardens were usually much nicer at that time of the year.

A highlight of my trip was a visit to a friend in a village near Salisbury. He held a party to celebrate his wedding in the midst of his garden of old roses. The roses were a little behind because of the cold weather,

but the ones which were blooming were spectacular. These included Gallicas, Albas, China roses, Centifolias, and many other old roses. Some of these bloom only once in June for a few weeks. They have a spectacular scent not found in modern roses, and a beautiful double-petalled cabbage form. Remarkably, it didn't rain on my friend's party — always a chancy thing in England. I think all of the rain must have been falling on my garden at home, creating the slug paradise I found when I returned.

Leaving my lawn uncut for two weeks while I was away, I discovered yet another reason not to use herbicides. (Not that I would, anyway!) When I came back, the front lawn was the most beautiful mass of orange Indian Paintbrush and Yellow Hawkweed! Who would have thought the usually boring expanse of green could be so transformed? My lawn looked like those wildflower gardens in a can are supposed to look like but never quite do. Having these so-called weeds in the lawn is a good thing, since they do stay nice and green when grass turns brown and ugly. And if they flower too, that's even better.

I am, of course, assuming that it still is going to get hot and dry enough this summer for the lawn to dry up. I hope the tomatoes will take off and the weeds will be discouraged by the heat. I hope we'll all be complaining about our zucchini and the that the slugs will have to move to B.C. That's my plan, anyway.

Happy summer! ♣

Bryce Robson wins judo awards

Submitted by Jim Rowland

During the last week of children's and youth judo practice sessions, a special award was presented.

On Wed. June 28, L'il Peanut (Bryce Robson) was awarded a trophy prize for being the only competitor to have won the most competitions at other Dojos during the past one-year period.

In accepting the trophy, Bryce also accepts the Shindokan title of the year of "Shindokan Judo Club Basher". The youthful "Basher" (six years old!) took a gold medal in each of the past three Budokan Shiais, which are held monthly in Ajax. His additional silver medal, which he won at the Junior Olympics (a province-wide event) held in June totalled the best performance of any of the Shindokan Judoka.

At the last Shindokan Judo practice, all Judoka gave him a round of applause when the announcement was made that he was going to be awarded the prize.

Sensei Jim Rowland and each of the adult judo class participants offered their congratulations to Bryce. His outstanding performance deserves this recognition! ♣

Swing your hammer & build the Trails

There's nothing quite like the feeling of satisfaction following a good day of work — especially if you have been enjoying the summer sun with friends and neighbours.

Looking for something meaningful and challenging to do on Saturday? Something that will get you out there and meeting your neighbours (and maybe exchange some gossip!)? Or perhaps you have company coming, and you want to share with them our beautiful community!

The Millbrook Valley Trails project still needs help from community members and visitors alike to assist with a number of tasks, including trail surfacing and marking, setting up benches, and building bridges. All

activities begin on Saturdays at 10 am at the Medd's Mountain Park (next to the pond) in Millbrook (activities may be moved to a later date if it's raining).

- Sat. July 22: trail markers
- Sat. July 29: rain date (Activities TBA)
- Sat. Aug. 5: benches
- Sat. Aug. 12: interpretive signs
- Sat. Aug. 19: Baxter Creek bridge building

Volunteers are always needed to help organize, plan, and implement the Trails project on the committee. For more information on the Saturday trails activities, or the committee, call Ben deWaal at 932-2929. ♣

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Local vet speaks on organic farming

By Melodie McCullough

Enhancing the soil, crops, livestock, and community is the goal of Charlene Rostkowski, organic farmer and holistic veterinarian from Bailieboro.

At a meeting sponsored by

the Kawartha Forum on Genetically Modified Foods, and held at the Fraserville Orange Lodge Hall, Ms.

Rostkowski explained how she and husband, Garth Bebee, farm about 250 acres of mixed crops and livestock "ecologi-

cally," without chemicals or pesticides. "We hope to leave it better off than when we came," she told the group.

They use draft horses (as well as some machinery), raise mixed species, and practice extensive use of crop and pas-

ture rotation and mixed grazing, all with the aim of having a self-sufficient, sustainable farm.

Trees and hedgerows are used to provide refuge for birds and insects, and to shelter their land from harmful pesticides. Guard dogs and donkeys keep predators away from their livestock.

Ms. Rostkowski said some people say that organically grown food is equivalent in nutritive value to food not grown organically, but studies have shown there is a huge difference in the amount of trace minerals and nutrients, with much higher amounts found in organically grown

food. It is also interesting, she noted, that organic farming is now called "alternative," while farming with chemicals and pesticides has become "traditional."

Ms. Rostkowski, originally from the United States, has been farming in the area for 15 years with her husband. She also has a holistic veterinarian practice. She describes her approach as looking at the whole animal and its environment and behaviour with empathy and understanding. "Holistic veterinarians will almost never refer to animals we work with as units. They're living, breathing things. I think we need to keep that in mind."

She tries to help the animals' own healing powers with proper nutrition, a nurturing environment, and extra vitamins. For example, she discourages early weaning and encourages proper, less stressful handling. It might take longer than "traditional" practices with drug treatments, and the owner must be committed to waiting for the changes. "It's not the fast fix, or the instant getting-well that our society is so used to, but it's worth it."

Poorly fed animals with weak immune systems cannot fight off germs, she continued. But overuse of antibiotic treatment leads to bacteria that are more resistant to drugs, and increasingly stronger drugs are required. Antibiotics also pass through animals to soil and water with huge impact. Healthy animals raised properly also do not need to rely as much on vaccinations, she said.

When asked for her views on genetically modified food, Ms. Rostkowski replied, "I am personally concerned and think they need to slow down and look at it more carefully." ♣

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And there was music...

By Marilyn Burns

When you really think of it, Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan is a happy anomaly in small town, rural living. Where else outside a major urban centre could children wander into a professional artists' gallery, experience award-winning outdoor theatre, join a choral group, or be immersed in their own national and regional history?

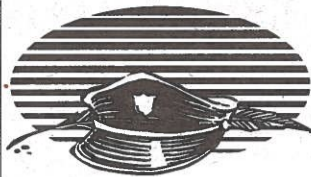
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On Tuesday, June 6th, members of the community gathered at St. Thomas Church Hall to celebrate yet another piece of the cultural wealth of our township: music! Millbrook pianist and educator Dr. George Ingham and his proteges gave an awe-inspiring piano recital, where students ranging from six years old to one courageous adult performed their latest musically triumphs.

The free concert, to which Dr. Ingham kindly

transported his own grand piano, was nothing short of wonderful — and the performance experience irreplaceable for every student. Following intermission when Dr. Ingham delighted students, friends, and families with an exceptional performance of Schumann's works. In a 40 minute concert — occasionally punctuated by his short, witty remarks — Dr. Ingham demonstrated his passion for Schumann as he nimbly took on the 18 parts of Davidsbündlertanze, then two Novellettes from Opus 21, numbers one and two. Anyone who had the privilege to be present was indeed touched by the entire evening, not least by Dr. Ingham's profound talent, generosity, and value to our community as an educationalist and mentor to people of all ages.

Dr. Ingham was anxious to recognize the efforts of those who helped with the details of the evening's events: Carol Anne Killian and Diedre Quinn for their help with superb refreshments, Sarah Abbott who was an able MC, Julie Killian for her excellent performance of *O'Canada*, Nancy and Laura Killian who helped to distribute programs, the wardens and clergy of the Church, and Edith McKinlay for her excellent photography over so many years. ♣



DEEP BLUE INK

Copoetry 101

By Dean Vincent

In a state of inspirational bankruptcy, nurtured by too many raindrops, I turned to providence for help.

The Internet, that is. Seduced by devilish cynicism, I typed "police and poetry" into the search engine. Of the 30,368 hits I received, at least one hundred contained both words, which suggests the existence of 'police poetry,' or copoetry as I like to call it. Sweet! But what is this thing, this fusion of law enforcement and line? of criminology and consonant? Thirsty for enlightenment, I clicked, clicked deeper into the enticing, ocean blue URLs.

A look at 'anti-police' or even 'pro-police' poetry can wait for another time.

What I wanted to explore was the poems written by cops themselves.

Copoetry, excludes (for my current purpose anyway) poems thematically centered on police officers, usually stereotyping them as ruthless symbols of the oppressive state. A look at 'anti-police' or even 'pro-police' poetry can wait for another time. What I wanted to explore was the poems written by cops themselves.

There are four prominent themes that make up the bulk of copoetry. The eulogy, after an officer is killed; auto-bios to show the public how bad the job can be; pleas to remember the cop is a human being; and, finally, everyday support and affirmation between cops themselves.

All four tend to be heavy in biblical rhetoric. Straightforward narratives are common, and the meanings are readily apparent. I don't mind an understandable meaning; modern poetry can be cryptic at times, perhaps a little too esoteric to appeal to the mainstream reader (if they still exist). Finding the meanings in a poem should never be a guessing game or an exercise in riddle solving. Yet

copoetry seems hamstrung by these problems. Lines that look the same, and sound the same, soon become fatiguing to the eye and ear, especially when read in succession. I don't question the emotional heat under which the lines were written, but the energy and effort that writing poetry demands may sometimes be misunderstood.

Imagine, for example, attempting to paint a portrait of the deceased in oil with no prior experience of painting.

My search was not without its rewards. The following lines of copoetry eulogy called "Artimus Johnson," written in 1979 in honour of a fallen officer, caught my attention for, among other things, the relative originality of its images. Mr. H.M. Polis, trying to capture the feelings he has for his fallen friend, takes chances:

In the mirror lake / when a grasshopper distorts / The sun and mountains are rippled / Where heartfelt and handshake / blend in knowing / That secret tapestry / that weaves us together / Forever lost on that pirate ship / Where assassin's bullets / pierce hearts in flesh / But not in spirit... ♣

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Ashes to ashes, water to water

Review by Raphaël Thierrin

My car was barely dry from a quick, sudden, and ferocious downpour when I rounded County Road 10 and down the Zion Line to reach the Winslow Farm on Canada Day. Rain had not dampened spirits at 4th Line Theatre, however, and spectators were already pouring in for this year's premiere of *The Devil and Joseph Scriven*.

This was my first time at a 4th Line play, and I had serious doubts about a prediction made by Artistic Director Robert Winslow. In the program notes, he states that a rainy June would be followed by a sunny July. On this particular evening, the skies

turned out to be almost on his side...

The Devil and Joseph Scriven centres on the intriguing story of Joseph Scriven (Christopher Wilson), an itinerant preacher who lived and died near Bewdley. The play also focuses on the no less riveting tale of David Kidd (Trevor Pillon/Phil Oakley), who arose out of a miserable childhood in Bewdley to claim relative fame and shame as a preacher. Many other characters lend a "truth is stranger than fiction" to this tale drawn from the sad, yet inspired, life of the author of the "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" hymn.

Director Susan Spicer

has succeeded in bringing spirited performances from fourteen actors, playing 39 roles in 21 scenes. Each actor helps to transform the farm courtyard to locales as remote as Chicago or Casa Loma, or as familiar as the path to the village schoolhouse.

Much of the action takes place in this region and particularly, near or in water. For the play, the natural setting of the farm has been transformed by the construction of a small, circular pond at the edge of the bleachers. Audience members no longer need to walk through fields to witness the full body baptism, which provides the dramatic crux to Act One.

Music highlights and heightens the dramatic tension, particularly as it becomes clear that Joseph Scriven's protégé is perhaps not the best of spiritual heirs. And adult David Kidd's attempts at putting up a suave front to his Machiavellian schemes do nothing to reassure us that he might find in his life the redemption experienced by Joseph Scriven. Few tears were shed when Kidd re-entered the murky waters in the last scene.

And how did the skies conspire with the performance I witnessed on July 1st? Not a drop of rain fell on us, except for a light shower, synchronized with Eliza Roche's pond water baptism. ♣



Luminescent wooden vessels, lined with gold leaf by Ted Hodgetts are just part of the exciting summer group exhibition now on at the Millbrook Gallery.

New gallery exhibition shines

Soleil! The word cannot be said without adding an exclamation mark. And exclamations are the order of the day when one walks into Soleil, the summer group exhibition presently on at the Millbrook Gallery.

This exhibition immediately reminds one of what the Millbrook Gallery is all about: Its eclectic mix of fine craft and fine art, representing the considerable talents of the local arts community, has rarely been better reflected than in the present exhibition. As soon as you enter, the eye is immediately drawn to the luminosity of three wooden vessels by Ted Hodgetts, turned from oak burls bleached almost white and completely lined on the interior with gold leaf. The vessels are flanked to the left by two large porcelain bowls by Hodgetts' partner, potter Jane Wilson, and to the right by the beautifully crafted wooden jewellery cases of fine furniture maker John Ireland. These three groupings of work remind us that their creators are in the foremost ranks of their professions.

Susan Spencley has created a diptych for this exhibition, entitled *Playing in the Sand Dunes*, which is full of a summer time energy and lightness and reflects the most recent direction Susan has been exploring with her work. Other pieces new to this show include a classically rendered room interior in oils by Emma Hesse, a wind-blown south Cavan field in acrylics by Esperança Melo, and new works in porcelain by Bill Rowland. Bird sculptor Bruce Lepper once more amazes and confounds us

with his most recent life-like creation, a magnificent American Kestrel. Small works in copper repoussé by Michael Poulton, drawings by Grace Glass, original book illustrations by Bill Slavin, sculptural works in clay by Angelo diPetta, painting by JoEllen Brydon, original etchings by George Raab, new jewellery designs by Valerie Davidson and weavings by Barbara Walker all serve to show the depth and originality of expression embodied in the work of this remarkable collective.

As a special feature of this exhibition, the Gallery is showcasing the work of California artist Danae Anderson. Danae has family connections to Millbrook through her husband, David Kennedy, and every summer she and her family return to spend a few weeks here. Danae's work in oil on paper enlivens the exhibition, and its inclusion in the group show reinforces the gallery's commitment to introduce the work of other artists into the Gallery.

Soleil beautifully exhibits the artistic offerings of the Millbrook Gallery collective. Now would be a good time to bring summertime visitors down to the Gallery, and introduce them and reacquaint yourself with the remarkable talent represented by these artists who live and work in our community.

Soleil runs throughout the summer, until Sunday, September 3, and during the summer the show will be refreshed and reinvigorated with the introduction of new works by gallery members. Gallery summer and fall hours are Thursday, Friday and Sunday, 12 to 5, and Saturday 10 to 5. ♣

Love found second time around

By Deborah Luchuk

Summer is a time for lighthearted, romantic stage confections, and Capitol Theatre in Port Hope has delivered the perfect warm-weather play, *Second Time Around*.

It is possible to have love a "second time around", according to playwright Alissa Martin. Ian (Brian Young), a children's book writer, returns to his hometown with a serious case of writer's block, and to find some inspiration following his wife's death. His daughter Samantha (Sherri Beatty) is less than thrilled with moving to such a

small town. They live with Ian's mother-in-law, Shirley (Lorna Wilson).

Ian regains his zest for living and dating, as a high-school sweetheart, many-times-unlucky-in-love Charlene (Heather Hodgson), decides she will be his next wife. As Ian blunders his way half-heartedly through a relationship of sorts with Charlene, Shirley steals the show with sage and humorous advice, while providing support for her baffling granddaughter. Samantha is immersed in the "wisdom" and quizzes of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

Enter Katy (Alison

Lawrence), a feisty, take-no-prisoners illustrator, who Shirley brings home to help Ian with the book. What follows are hilarious schemes to get rid of the aggressive Charlene, and turn Ian's attentions toward Katy. All's well that ends well...

As the somewhat befuddled Ian, Brian Young had an endearing quality. Misadventures and misunderstandings along the way provided opportunity for the female players to shine. Sherri Beatty offered an effervescent presence as Samantha, and I found the comedic wit of Lorna Wilson (Shirley) to be

the highlight of the play. Heather Hodgson was convincing in her role as Charlene, the many-times divorced siren who does her best to snag a reluctant Ian; single, non-conformist women found a close "sister" in Alison Lawrence's portrayal of Katy.

Although *Bush Ladies'* run will have ended by our publication date (review next month), we encourage you to take a scenic drive south to Port Hope for dinner and the next three productions at the Capitol: *Discovering Elvis* (July 19 - Aug. 5), *Run for Your Wife* (Aug. 9 - 26), and *Snake Oil and Sassafras* (Sept. 13 - 30). For more information or tickets, call the Capitol Theatre at 1-800-434-5092. ♣

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Sat. July 22,
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Retirement Reception - Rev. John Sloan
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Committee of Whole Council Meeting Third Monday monthly, 7:30pm.

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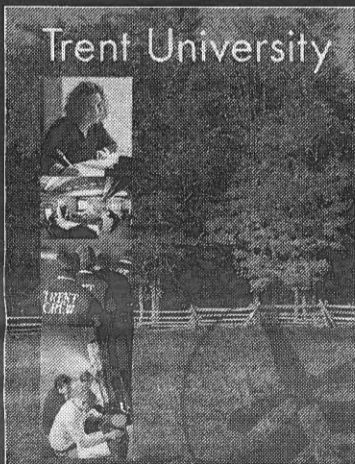
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Single tier government: Part 3 Local politicians oppose the idea

By Melodie McCullough
This month, in our third and final feature on the single-tier government issue, local politicians explain what a single-tier system might mean for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan.

As local politicians look to a possible future of a County ruled by one overall level of government, they do not see savings and improved services for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) Township.

Rather, they see a loss of political representation, loss of local autonomy over decision-making, and consequently, the loss of the community's identity. That's why CMNM Council has gone on record as opposing any further restructuring toward a one-tier system.

"I don't believe arguments that single-tier or amalgamated local government will save taxpayers any money," said Councillor Brian Fallis. "You still have to provide the same number of services." Instead, he sees "more levels of management, more bloated bureaucracy." For example, the township's fire service now employs one full-time employee, and other non-unionized, part-time employees who all do a great job, said Mr. Fallis. Costs for fire services are \$200,000 to \$250,000 a year, compared to the \$800,000 a year the township pays for OPP policing, he said. "I think in a larger scenario, eventually, the entire fire service would be professional and full-time, and that would cost a lot more." The same goes for elected politicians who would become full-time and more highly paid, he believes. He compares a single-tier system to recent

school board amalgamations. He doesn't think any savings have resulted, nor has the system been improved.

Councillor Tom Jones says there is a general feeling that taxes will automatically go up with single-tier government, as services now offered in urban areas are expanded to rural areas in the name of equality. Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell is also adamantly opposed to the whole idea of one-tier government. "You're not going to convince me that it's more cost-effective. It hasn't proven it is. Some call it turf protection. Call it what you want, but bigger doesn't necessarily mean better. Smaller is more effective, and it's the voice of the people."

The loss of the "voice of the people" is a common concern among single-tier opponents. CMNM, which now has seven representatives for its population of 10,000, could see a drop to one or two representatives. Opponents also say one large county government would be far-removed from the local community, and councillors would be less accessible, less accountable, and less familiar to local residents. "To me, you lose your accountability factor, your local voice," said Mr. Squirrell. "The people don't have the local representation they rely on. That's what happens."

One of the most emotional arguments in the discussion about single-tier government is that local issues would be decided by politicians miles away. "We could fast lose our identity and the individuality of our community," said Mr. Fallis. Tom Jones agrees. As council representative to sev-

eral boards, he is well aware of the job these locally-run boards do to serve the communities of CMNM. A single-tier government might have decided no new libraries were needed. Or it could say there are too many parks. "We could be over-ruled quite easily. Those (park) lands that exist could be declared surplus and sold off to developers. We (township council) consciously made a decision not to be that greedy."

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As chairman of the economic development committee, Mr. Jones also sees the importance of keeping planning decisions close to home. A centralized government could say 'no' to slot machines, or decide a big box store interested in building in CMNM would be better situated closer to Peterborough, he said. "All of those decisions would be decided at a different table. Would they really be interested in our quality of life, or serving the people in our area?" asks Mr. Jones.

Brian Fallis agrees. He points out geographically, CNMN is located on the doorstep of Greater Toronto, and projected growth there is 10 million people in 10 years. This means there will be significant development pressure heading up Highway 115. "I

would worry this area would become the focus of development for the whole Peterborough region, and commercially and residentially it would benefit the entire County by increasing the tax base," he said. "But I think we want to maintain a small-town rural character, and that could change very rapidly."

Dianne Austin is Reeve of Somerville Township, Victoria County, which will become part of the single-tier City of Kawartha Lakes next January. She is one of the many who fought amalgamation -- but lost. She feels amalgamation will mean politicians will no longer be accessible, and her community will not be well-represented in the large 16-ward system. She has already seen the township's school close, the post office leave, and now "there will be municipal offices closed in most of the rural areas. It definitely does have an economic impact to those communities... Also, they're going to have to determine

whether they expand the levels of services to outlying areas. If they do so, you're sure not going to see a reduction in taxes."

Elizabeth Tanner, Warden of Peterborough County, sees both sides of the single-tier debate. For purchasing, a common system works very well for the County, she said, and in the area of policing and centralized tax collection, she also sees possible savings. She doesn't, however, wish to see the County joined to the City of Peterborough, a possibility under single-tier. At present the City and the County have almost the same population, and "the City's needs would overpower the rural and small urban areas of the County," she said.

Mrs. Tanner also recognizes the distinctiveness and varying needs of different regions of the County. As reeve of the Township of North Kawartha, she knows her home community is all about rock and cottage country, not agriculture -- as in CMNM. "When you have such a diverse county, the

needs are very different. How do you assure those needs can be met (under single-tier), particularly when they are different from one end of the County to the other?"

"I'm in favour of efficient government, but I'm also in favour of distinct flavour in this County...I'm not married to a governance style, but I'm in love with the lifestyle of this county. If we're going to undermine that in any way, it's not in the best interests of the people."

Sylvia Sutherland, mayor of Peterborough, has no desire to see single-tier take hold in this County, either. "We've gotten along for over 100 years apart, but co-operating very well, just because you get along doesn't mean you have to get married."

No doubt the debate on single-tier government will continue well into the future. In the meantime, we hopes we've provided the readers with food for thought on an important issue our community may face some day. ♣

Cavan Blazers qualify for Ontario Summer Games

Submitted by Barry Challice

The weekend of June 16-18 was an important one for one of our local softball teams. Nexicom/Challice Photo Cavan Blazers Bantam softball team competed in a tournament hosted by Havelock to determine some of the teams who will play in the Ontario Summer Games in Uxbridge this August.

The Havelock tournament was attended by 15 teams, some from as far away as the London area. Only the top eight qualified to play in the major tournament.

Cavan was matched against Warkworth in the first game on Friday evening. Jamie Cameron pitched a strong game, going the distance for a 13-3 win. Cameron was backed with some solid defence from everyone, but an outstanding running catch by centre fielder Tom Adams prevented several runs early in the game while the score was still close. Clutch hits from Pat Sanders and Rob Pilatzkie got the offence on track, and the Blazers never looked back.

Game two saw Cavan meet Lakefield, one of the dominant teams in the Kawarthas. Cameron started the game with Adam Challice coming in to finish. Despite a strong effort, the Blazers couldn't sold Lakefield's pitching, and came up on the short end 11-1 on Saturday morning.

Game three was the gem of the weekend for the Cavan team. A loss would end the tournament, while a win would ensure a trip to

Uxbridge. Adam Challice pitched a complete game, holding the entry from South Woolwich to two runs. Jacob Jackson contributed all of Cavan's runs, stealing home three times!

Fisherville provided the opposition for game four on Saturday afternoon. Cavan got in a hole early, but the pitching of Chris Breckenridge managed to shut down Fisherville and allow the

Blazers to start a rally late in the game. Unfortunately, they could not come all the way back, and were defeated 7-4.

The Blazers finished among the top eight teams in Havelock, and therefore have earned the chance to play against the top teams in the province at the Ontario Summer Games in Uxbridge. These games are held every four years, with only Bantam age players involved. ♣

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