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CELEBRATING LIFE IN CAVAN, MILLBROOK AND NORTH MONAGHAN

## YOUNG PELES IN TRAINING



The Morning Glory soccer team races for the ball. The end-of-season Maple Leaf Youth Soccer BBQ and awards ceremony was held at Maple Leaf Park on Saturday, July 29th.

## Choice of noise tester creates "scarier" process

By Michele Curran

Despite both a possible "perception of bias" and strenuous objections from the delegation of noise committee members at the August 8 meeting, Council chose to retain the consulting firm of J.E. Coulter Associates Ltd., to conduct noise readings at two local racetracks.

The delegation's objections arose from a concern about potential bias, as Coulter has been hired by Kawartha Downs in 1998 to review noise issues.

Committee member Ray Mann bluntly told Council, "I am concerned with Coulter as a choice. We would like new data and a fresh approach, and don't want to rehash old data. I was appalled when Raymond (the facilitator) picked him. I would like to see three new names... I take this very seriously, and you seem to be behind us and I would like it re-quoted," he added.

Reeve Neal Cathcart said Coulter had already begun doing work on the project. "This bylaw thing

has dragged on, and we all know Coulter has worked for Kawartha Downs in the past. I see no need to delay the process. I talked with Raymond and decided to go with Coulter."

Bob Clark told Council, "We wanted to eliminate the potential of bias by getting outside people."

Cathcart said, "I would give any work to this company because Coulter hasn't worked at Kawartha Downs for the last two years."

Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell then addressed

Council regarding the decision to award the contract to Coulter and said, "There is quite a difference between Coulter and Valacoustics, and not to criticize your decision, but it was the wrong one. Valacoustics and Coulter should not have been in the tendering process."

Kawartha Speedway owner Jean Paul Josiasse told Council, "We want more information. The facilitator's job was to listen to us, and we were to come out with recommendations — but this isn't the way it went... We want to make sure everything went fairly."

To this Cathcart replied, "We can't rescind this motion; it is out of my hands." Clark replied, "Then it is on your head." Cathcart said, "Everyone knew Coulter worked for Kawartha Downs." Clark retorted, "This doesn't make it better — it makes it scarier."

Squirrell moved to rescind the first motion, and Councillor Brian Fallis seconded. Opposing Squirrell's motion was Councillor Tom Jones, who felt Coulter fit the criteria by being the lowest bidder. To answer the question of possible bias, Jones said the readings would be done under the supervision of both Council and stakeholders.

Clark insisted, "You are introducing a bias factor." Councillor Alex Ruth said, "It is not bias... that was two years ago, and everything is different."

Squirrell said, "Alex, [in the] public perception the process [has to be fair]. It was a no-brainer to throw out Coulter and Valacoustics, and go back to the drawing board and get three more quotes."

In a 4-3 recorded vote, Council defeated Squirrell's motion, allowing Coulter to do the readings.

Upon hearing the decision, Clark commented, "I hope your decision makes you feel good and you understand the consequences."

On a related note, the municipality's lawyer Robert Pakenham has given the green light to suspend Kawartha Downs' operational agreement, pending the outcome of the noise committee meeting. ♣

## Rally planned against jail privatization

A rally to protest privatization of Ontario's jails is set for August 30.

Anti-Privatization committee member Peter Wright, an employee of the Millbrook Correctional Centre, said the rally and BBQ event is for the public to learn more about the issues within privatization of correctional centres.

At stake are the just the lowering of salaries and benefits for corrections staff — which may lead to high turnover and low morale, Mr. Wright said. The provincial government has said they will privatize Penetang, but not the Lindsay jail for at least five years; a feasibility study will be undertaken during this time period.

The government's move to privatize institutions comes fast on the heels of the decision to close the Millbrook Correctional Centre, the province's only maximum security institution for troubled offenders. Wright said there is some concern privatization will mean less stable classification and care or incarceration of offenders; in other words, troubled and violent offenders may be mixed in with those serving terms for less serious offenses, or certain prisons could get more than their fair share of difficult inmates.

Privatized jails in the US have come under fire by prison reformers and religious groups as profit-making "warehouses" — many are high-tech super-jails housing inmates in very close quarters, and little in the way of resources is

directed to the rehabilitation of inmates. The provincial government, in keeping with the privatization of many services, is looking to cut costs by doing the same with the correctional system.

"We want people to come out, and we want the community to know what's at stake here. We'll be having a barbecue, and there will be some (prominent) confirmed M.P. David Levesque (Brantford), the Liberal corrections critic, and we hope Peter Kormos (MPP Hamilton), the NDP critic will be able to attend as well. The Salvation Army and John Howard Society will also take part," Wright said.

The rally begins at 11 am, concludes at 1 pm, and will be held at the Millbrook Correctional Centre. All members of the community are welcome, Wright said. ♣

## Fraserville store destroyed by fire

A trouble light which fell to the floor of Fraserville Auto Body shop, ignited with spilt gasoline was the cause of the July 30 fire at the site.

The blaze caused \$1.2 million in damage and destroyed the shop, the Fraserville general store, restaurant, gas bar, and a used car lot.

Jeff Bartley, officer in charge at the Otonabee-South Monaghan Fire Department, said they received the call at 7:57 am; it took until 1 pm that day before the fire was under control. Firefighters from Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan assisted and firefighters from Smith-

Ennismore provided relief when they tired. The Peterborough Fire Department also helped throughout the day.

The fire was completely out by 9 pm, but firefighters stayed at the scene through the night.

The store is owned by Bill Jones, who could not be reached for comment, and the garage was operated by Dave Wigmore.

Mr. Bartley said the buildings were quite old, with many add-ons. A two-storey house was attached to the restaurant — which was attached to the store and the garage.

"The only thing left standing is the house," he said.

For the time being, postal services at Fraserville have been moved to the house, according to postal office staff in Millbrook. ♣

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# Council to meet Schickedanz after OMB threat

By Melodie McCullough  
 Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council has offered to meet with developer Bruno Schickedanz to discuss his recent request for a minor variance at the proposed Baxter Creek subdivision in Millbrook, with the hope of avoiding a costly Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing.  
 Councillor Tom Jones told Council at a July 17 meeting that Mr. Schickedanz is planning to appeal to the OMB the rejection of his request for a minor variance to the subdivision plan; the change would have allowed some homes to be constructed closer to the street.

*"...we'll try to solve the issue now and not have to underwrite the costs of our solicitor and planner to prepare their case for the hearing — only to have it solved before the hearing takes place."*

At the July 3 Council meeting the township's three-member committee of adjustment voted to turn down the request to reduce the front yards of some lots from nine metres to six metres, saying it was much

more than a minor variance. Councillors Brian Fallis and Brian Squirrell voted against the request, while Mr. Jones favoured it.

"I felt that what he was asking for was reasonable under the circumstances," said Mr. Jones, in a later interview. "His request was not unlike what developers are making in other areas."

It was Mr. Jones who suggested at the July 17 meeting that a committee of council members meet directly with Mr. Schickedanz to resolve the issue before it reaches the OMB; the councillor asserted the township could be faced with costs of \$15,000 to \$20,000 for its planner and solicitor to prepare a defence of the committee of adjustment decision.

"And then when you arrive at the board hearing, which might be a month, two months, three months, or six months away, the chairman usually requests that the two parties go into private sessions to see if they can solve the issue," he said.

"So what we've done is we've said we'll try to solve the issue now and not have to underwrite the costs of our solicitor and planner to prepare their case for the hearing — only to have it solved before the hearing takes place. It's prudent in this particular case."

Money spent on a defence of the committee of adjustment's decision "would be better spent on Old Millbrook School than satisfying someone's ego", he told Council.

Councillor Brian Fallis spoke against Mr. Jones' motion to meet with Mr. Schickedanz, saying he did not wish to renegotiate with the developer and pander to his interests.

If Mr. Schickedanz chooses to meet with the three-member committee of council members, and a solution can be found, Council can then inform the OMB and ask it to "strike an order" to implement that solution, said Mr. Jones. ♣

# Reeve opposes ratepayers' choice for public panel

By Michele Curran  
 The August 17 public meeting to discuss concerns regarding farming practices at the Hugh Allin hog farm (nr. Tapley 1/4 Line) was nearly cancelled due to a disagreement about panelists

Reeve Neal Cathcart told delegate Anne Marie Scheuneman he would bow out as moderator if Scheuneman insisted on having a well-known environmentalist, Maureen Reilly, sit as a panelist at the meeting.

Previously, Reeve Cathcart said anyone could come to the meeting but there would not be ratepayer rep on the panel.

Cathcart said he had already called officials from various commenting organizations to sit on the panel. "If you want an environmentalist on the panel, I will step aside."

Scheuneman pointedly told Cathcart, "I have personally spoken to everyone on the panel and they have sent me in circles and have been no help...Council, stop throwing us bones in the form of promises you never intend to keep —

and do what you are elected to do. Protect the citizens who voted you into office."

Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell made a motion to let Maureen Reilly speak. Councillor Brian Fallis commended Scheuneman for bringing someone in to speak on ratepayers' behalf.

Scheuneman wants Reilly on the panel to ask questions and not be "gagged" by Council.

Cathcart reiterated, "If

you allow Maureen Reilly on the panel, I will step aside. I will not sit and be the moderator." Scheuneman said, "I didn't know we weren't allowed to have a speaker, and if I had known this earlier I would have dealt with it." Cathcart then asked Council to cancel the public

"If you bring in an environmentalist, there is controversy... the terms are broken and so, I withdraw."

Squirrell then volunteered to chair the meeting. In a unanimous recorded vote, the public meeting will proceed on August 17 at 7:30 at the Peterborough Curling Club. ♣



The Millbrook and District Garden Club has been twinned with Warkworth's club, visiting each others' gardens and sharing lunch on two occasions. Both groups visited five Millbrook gardents, including Edith Steinbeck's garden, on July 8.

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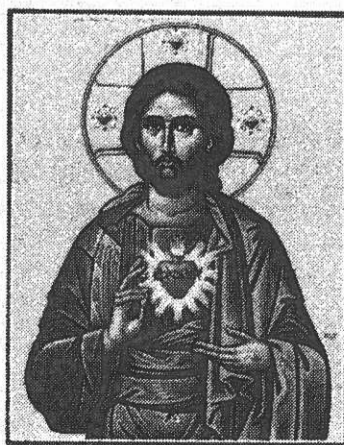
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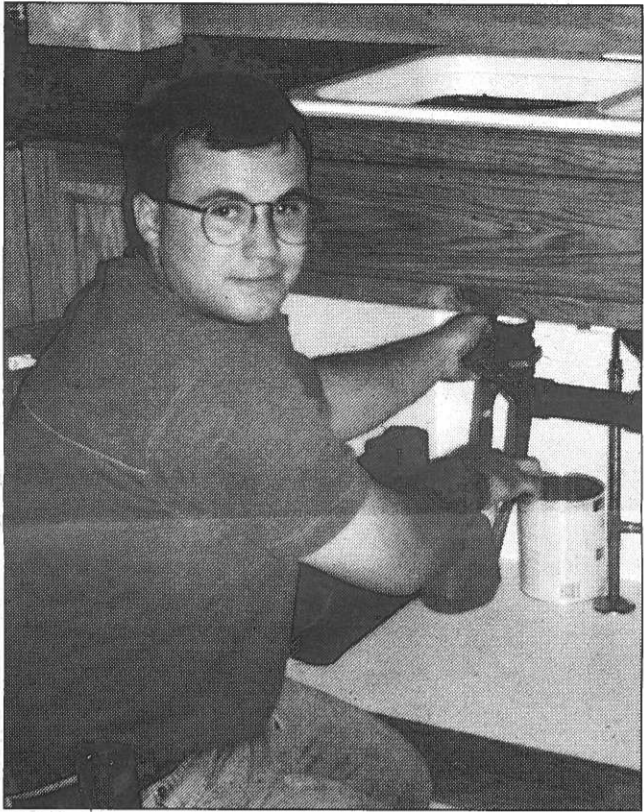


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Mr. Draper apprenticed in the plumbing business in Guelph, then returned to this area with his wife, Tracy (originally from Cavan). The couple has two daughters. He has worked in Oshawa, first in

new homes and then doing service work, and more recently in Peterborough. With recent concerns about water quality, Brian also supplies and installs ultraviolet water filters.

"I love dealing with people, and the satisfaction of seeing a problem solved. I love seeing peo-

ple I've known for a long time, but look forward to meeting more."

Draper's Plumbing covers Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township and Peterborough. Brian can be reached at 939-2326 in Baileboro or 742-6041 in Peterborough. ♣

### Nexicom does Kawarthas proud

Nexicom Inc. recently received top recognition for its marketing and communications programs at the 37th Annual OPASTCO Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In fact, the Millbrook-based company dominated the North American awards ceremony, winning four first-place trophies from a total of seven entry categories.

OPASTCO (Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies) is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing more than 500 small, independently-owned telecommunications companies.

The OPASTCO competition entries were received from independent telephone companies throughout the United States and Canada. Nexicom was awarded first-place trophies for best Logo, Web site, Telephone Directory and Newsletter.

Anne-Marie Halliday, Nexicom's marketing manager, accepted the trophies at the awards ceremony on behalf of the company.

"This is fantastic," said Nexicom's president Paul Downs. "To get even one award would have been an honour, but to win four out of seven is terrific!"

We are equally proud of drawing from the Kawarthas' rich talent pool of graphic designers, writers and photographers for our creative material."

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## Managing risk

Submitted by Brian Nashman, Edward Jones Investments

In deciding how to invest their money, Canadians want to avoid risk. But what exactly is risk? For many people, risk is associated with the potential loss of capital. These investors are willing to give up performance for safety.

Is this wise? Twenty years ago it cost eight cents to mail a letter – today it costs 46 cents. Thus, your greatest risk may not be the loss of your capital but the reduction in your buying power. A fixed rate investment, such as a GIC, is actually quite risky since it will not grow enough to allow you to maintain your standard of living. Mutual funds, on the other hand, offer potentially higher returns and more flexibility, making them the most popular form of investment today.

Twenty years ago, Canadians could anticipate, on average, seven years of retirement. These days, however, Canadians live longer and retire at an earlier age. Consequently, the average retirement period has swelled to twenty-two years. It is critical that you

manage risk effectively to ensure that your investments outpace inflation and allow you to retire in comfort.

How is this done? Three easy strategies: diversification, dollar cost averaging, and investing for the long-term.

Your portfolio will perform best over the long-term if it contains a variety of investments. You should diversify geographically – by mixing international investment with your Canadian investments.

A second way to manage risk is through a dollar cost averaging strategy. By investing a set dollar amount each month, you automatically purchase more when the unit price is down, and less when the price is high.

Finally, invest for the long-term. Choose a good mutual fund, and then refuse to be shaken by short-term uncertainties. Patient investors are rewarded.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Get serious about the upcoming election**

It's not too early to start thinking about municipal elections this November, or to consider running for municipal office.

Thus far, we've heard or had confirmed personally that Reeve Neal Cathcart is running again for Reeve -- thus far, his only opposition is ratepayer Bob Clark. Apparently Councillors Brian Fallis and Tom Jones will run for Deputy-Reeve, and Dean Cutmore has said he will throw his hat into the ring again for the Millbrook seat. Brian Bartlett intends to run again for his seat as North Monaghan councillor. The others are still deciding.

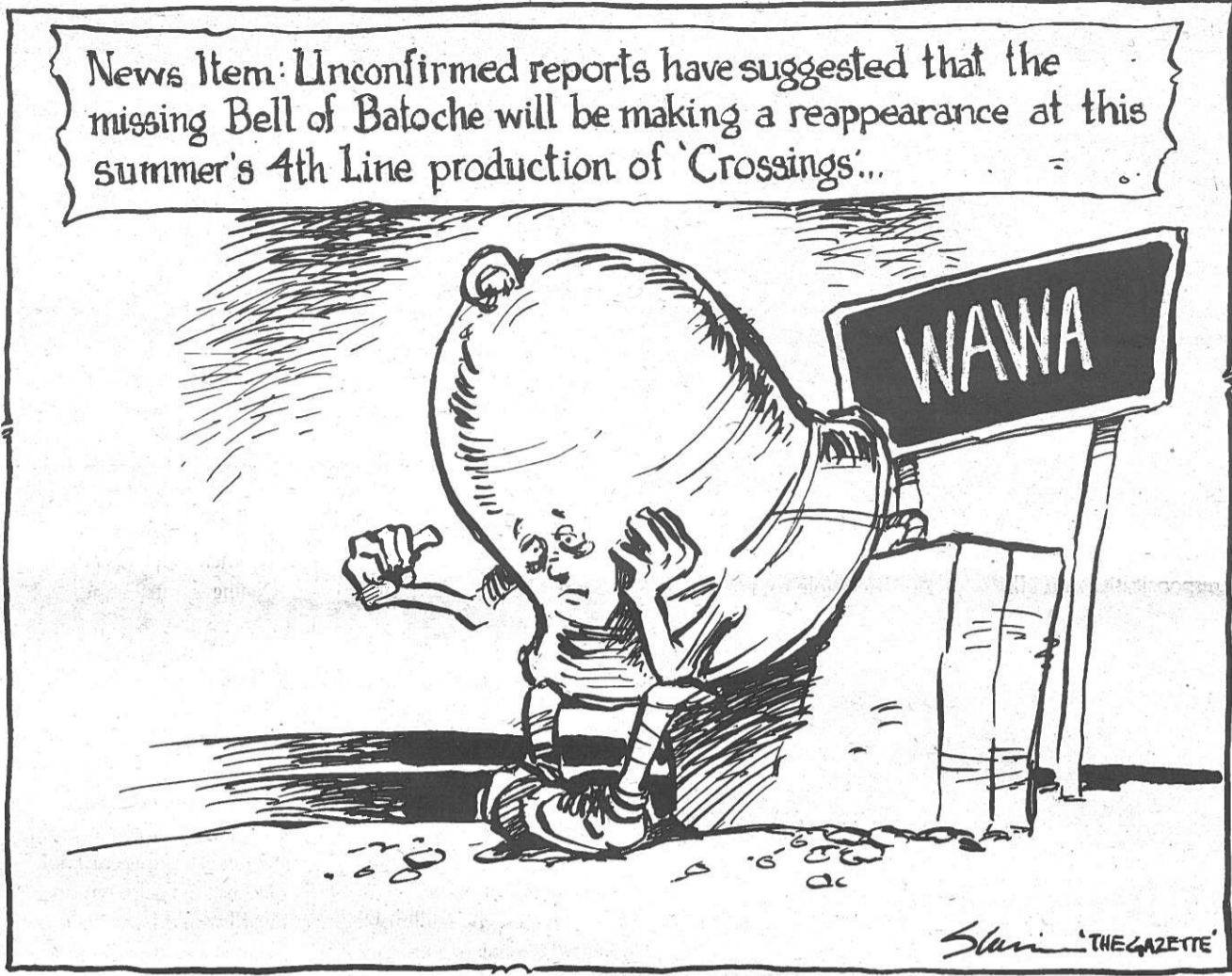
Let's not have another election where many of the candidates are uncontested -- that is, the only ones running and therefore declared the winners. While we all have an opinion as to how we think things should be run at all levels of government, few of us really ever consider running for office. While the job is demanding, the pay minimal, and the time commitment daunting, with some careful time management and thought it is possible to combine civic work as a councillor and other employ as a paid employee or entrepreneur. It's certainly the best way to see that your (and your neighbours) concerns are dealt with appropriately. It's an unparalleled chance to really make positive things happen in our community, economically, socially, and politically.

It's also time to break up this cozy old boys' club that has been running things for decades now. A few female candidates would be a welcome change, and would certainly go a long way toward a more just, human-issue orientated government. Younger people would bring fresh ideas and approaches to the council table, and older folk their wisdom and understanding of the bigger issues.

Give it some careful consideration, and get all the info you need in this regard from the municipal office. CAO Gail Empey and other staff would be happy to give you a package for candidates' information.

The issues are going to be hot and controversial. Consider these: safe water, agricultural waste management, roads improvements, services to rural residents, single-tier government, the ever-present noise issue, sustainable economic development, the creation of an official plan (to avoid planning glitches such as those at Kawartha Downs), the provision of programming for youth, the closing of the Millbrook Jail, tourism promotion of Millbrook, and so on... We've given you a taste of the issues at stake in these pages, and left you to be the judge of what the outcome should be. Think about them as you meet candidates, and ask them what their views are.

It's not enough to bitch and complain about what's happening locally, and assume someone else will do something about it -- make your voice heard either through running for Council or voting carefully!



**Looking for Capt. W.E. Johns books**

Through your columns I would like to make contact with any of your readers who are collectors of, or have unwanted books by Captain W. E. Johns, the author of the the characters "Biggles", "Worrals", "Gimlet", and "Steeley", among others.

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**Undo process**

Since your last paper (Schickedanz fails "New Urbanism" argument) Councillor Tom Jones has once again distorted public process by getting Council to over ride the decision of the Adjustments Committee to not allow the Schickedanz subdivision its minor variance. On the surface it seems a reasonable proposal of Mr. Jones'. Rather than risk the expense of an OMB hearing (something this developer threatens to do every time he doesn't get his way), lets sit down and work out a compromise, and save everyone a bit of money. After all, the man only wants to move his houses a bit closer to the road.

But lets look a bit deeper. First, there was a public meeting. All the people who attended this meeting were opposed to granting this minor variance. (Imagine you wanted to do something to your own lot contrary to municipal by-laws and all the neighbours thought this would ruin the neighbourhood. What do you think the chances are Council would spring to your defence?) Second, on the strength of those submissions and their own judgement, the Adjustments Committee turned down the

request (on a vote of two to one, with Mr. Jones dissenting). Third, it must be recognized that the developer is asking for a "minor variance" on eighty homes! This will run contrary to the Official Plan that has been prepared for the village, a document meant to protect the integrity of development in this community.

Unfortunately Councillor Jones has managed to convince the rest of council that it is better to ignore the wishes of the citizens that border this development, dismiss the guidelines that were set out in the Official Plan for Millbrook, and Kowtow to an aggressive developer who, although he may threaten us with an OMB hearing, would not have a leg to stand on when his request is in conflict with the Official Plan.

Interestingly enough, and to their credit, both Councillors Fallis and Squirrel have refused to participate in this meeting with the developer, on the grounds that their decision was sound. If other members of Council had a similar sense of integrity and refused to participate in this meeting, then this whole process could get properly back on track.

— Bill Slavin  
Millbrook, Ont.

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RANDOM SAMPLING

## Middle age sandwich

By Margaret Monis

It ain't easy being middle aged. Having reached this stage of life makes me appreciate why my mother always seemed so harried when I was a kid. At this age you get squished by responsibilities on all sides — to your peers and self, to your children, and to your parents. All of the sudden it seems like every generation is dependent on you for something, and in as much as giving to others is usually extremely fulfilling, there are definitely times when it is just an unwanted and onerous pain in the behind.

Take my kids. Please! (Sorry, I just couldn't resist a little Rodney Dangerfield humour there). I can give them everything they want for hours on end, but as soon as I refuse one of their requests, they immediately start in with; "That's not fair!" and, "Boy, I wish I was an adult so I could make the rules. You have it so easy, Mom."

Yeah, right. It's true that I could eat all the chocolate I want, but only if I'm willing to live with the numerous pimples on my face and the several additional ripples on my thighs which would inevitably follow.

And yes, I certainly may stay up all night, but I just can't. I am at a point in my life wherein I can be as licentious as I please, yet I simply don't have the energy for it. Talk about unfair!

And then there is the older generation. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles - those still around are old and needy, many are unwell, some are dying. Not very pretty when you lay it out like

that, but it's the truth.

My mother is on oxygen full-time, and the list of meds she needs to keep her alive has recently ballooned to two full pages. My father has a chronic, mysterious pain in his back which often lays him flat, is almost completely deaf, and suffers from acute vertigo due to a hereditary middle-ear ailment (something I can look forward to inheriting later in life). They have lived in the same two-story brick home for the past 42 years, but my mother is virtually housebound due to her health, and my father has not been able to do the yardwork or shovel the driveway for years. My siblings and I try to talk my Dad into selling the house and moving into a seniors' condo, but he is so attached to the memories it contains that he won't part with it. Moving also requires a great deal of work - physical, mental and spiritual - and my parents are in no way up to the task.

So, what to do? On one side are my kids, struggling to find themselves and their autonomy, and on the other are my parents, afraid of losing themselves and their autonomy. And in the middle, there's me. Looking out from this unique vantage point to the characters at either end of life who surround me, I can't help but notice how very much they have in common. Old folks and little kids - happy in their routines, self-centred in their thinking, they harbour many fears and possess limited competence.

And that's where we, the middle-aged, come in, for we are cursed with competence. Although perhaps I would do better to concentrate on another word — compassion. Everyone, young and old alike, is just doing the best they can, and the best I, or any of us, can do in return is approach others with acceptance and an open heart. Hey, maybe it ain't so hard being middle-aged after all! ♣



COSMIC COMICS

## Persecuted Pisces

By Crystal Eyes

It has been said that those born under the sign of Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) have a tendency to feel paranoid and persecuted, and that they also have a problem with their self-confidence. No wonder! I'd feel a little paranoid and persecuted too, if the things I read about my sign kept pointing out my flaws.

So being benevolent (Sagittarian-like) by nature, I thought I would help the Pisces with their confidence problem. My plan began some time ago when I deliberately chose not to write about our little fish people for oh, two or three years. I just know that the Pisces were glancing at my column headings for 24 - 36 months, and complaining to their friends, "See! Pisces never get written about. I am not being paranoid."

So yes, I was intentionally persecuting the Pisces of this

world, but do you see the redeeming quality in this plan? That's right, the Pisces have to come to learn with the printing of this column, that indeed they were the target of what may have seemed to others, a pointless conspiracy. This should lend them credibility as well as peace of mind in the future.

No longer must they wonder if the light at the intersection is making them wait longer than everyone else, or if their phones are tapped. They will know for sure because they have the track record of accuracy to prove it. And when they suspect they are being tortured at night by beings from other dimensions, they can rest easy - knowing this is probably correct.

Not only will they have the benefit of being able to count on their own assessment of things; others will be forced to concede to them as well. The Pisces, encountering resistance need only say, "sure the microwave insulting me sounds crazy to you now, but remember, I was right about that astrology column."

So there you have it, Pisces, my gift to you - unless, of course, you don't believe that I ignored you on purpose, but instead just forgot about you because you were insignificant. You don't really think that, do you? ♣



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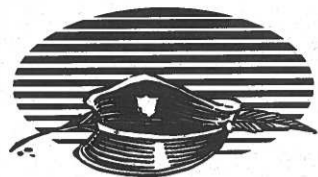
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DEEP BLUE INK

## Demitasse dementia

By Dean Vincent

**P**OLICING, contrary to what we have allowed you to believe, is not the daily grind of enforcing the nation's laws. In fact, if the moons are aligned, you're in the right light, and can squint your eyes just so, you can see that cops are the administrators of a well-camouflaged, yet omnipotent, dimension of absurdity. To hop the rite of passage and become a competent officer, any young man or woman must succumb to, and work within, this dystopia of the human condition. For every plastic, tactile kilometer of our moral and ethical society, there exists a more dubious, cerebral place, a darkly "funny but not funny," mostly pathetic and surreal plot of land where reality makes the allegorical writings of Orwell, Kafka and Borges seem trite and predictable. A place, to take an analogy from our culture of disposal, like that episode of Star Trek in which the alter-Spock is evil, and wears a well-trimmed goatee. The alter-Kirk never gets laid, and wears his full hair in a mullet-cut. Where Bones saves nobody's life.

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A couple in their fifties, I'll call them Mr. and Mrs. Grocer, and a male buddy are hanging around the house when the discourse turns to the topic of what to have for supper. Mrs. Grocer sends Mr. Grocer out to the IGA to pick up a couple of things. When he gets back, he catches Mrs. Grocer testing the rusty springs with his buddy, whom, from the start, was obviously her buddy as well. A domestic situation

ensues and the police are called. After the situation has been relatively calmed, Mr. Grocer looks over the officer's shoulder and says to his wife, "No steak for you tonight, Bertha!"

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A young man who has been sampling the local grape liberally at a local watering hole comes to the unfortunate decision that this will be the last night of his life on earth. So he walks to the highest bridge in town and threatens to jump into the water. The police arrive to find him hanging from the bridge by his hands. He maintains his intention to let go and soon does. After falling several meters into the river, he begins treading, still actively claiming that this is it, everyone should just leave him alone. The cop yells at him from the shore, "Get your ass over here RIGHT NOW!" And he does.

*If you squint your eyes just so, you can see that cops are the administrators of a well-camouflaged, yet omnipotent, dimension of absurdity.*

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Before interviewing a prisoner who has been jailed for life, the officer, intending to keep the situation as light as possible, shakes the man's hand. The man is missing two fingers, the index and ring of his right hand. After the interview, the officer shakes the man's hand again, this time asking him how he lost the fingers. "A meat grinder," is the reply. The officer, trying to make light, says, "Boy, I bet that hurt." The man, chuckling after he realizes the question is not a taunt, says, "Yeah, my dad did it." After an apology, the prisoner puts the officer at ease: "That's okay, he's dead anyway." ♣



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

By George Luchuk

**T**he second to last time I told this story was in the summer of 1961 when I arrived home in Montreal for a one-month vacation after a two-year stint with the Hudson's Bay Company in Canada's Far North.

My mother then said, "George, I don't want to hear any more of these stories — at least, not this particular one again!" To make it worse, even the military rescue people at Great Whale River refused to believe that it actually happened and that we were alive to tell the story.

So then, why tell it again now, George? Well, you can blame my daughter Deborah for it. She said, "Why don't we go out for a movie tonight, Dad?" "Sure," I said, "let's do it, but you pick which one." It was called *The Perfect Storm*, and if you would really like to relate to my story, you should see it as well. The movie is based on true events in the fall of 1991, when two massive storms hit the Eastern Seaboard of the US at the same time.

My story begins in June 1960, when my anxiously awaited 21-foot Rupert's House canoe arrived by freighter at Great Whale River. My 10-horse Johnson arrived earlier on a ship from Montreal via the Hudson Straits. The Rupert's House canoe, as the name implies, was built by natives at Rupert's House on James Bay. These canoes are not the portaging type (the one that I purchased weighed about 150 pounds), but were used extensively by everyone as a true rugged workhorse. They are flat-bottomed and square sterned, and the canvas was liberally coated with fibreglass. And yes, I can remember ordering four extra keel strips for added stability.

I was all of 19 years of age, with very limited experience in handling a motorized canoe when I made my first voyage out of the Great Whale River and onto the great inland sea we know as Hudson's Bay. As soon as I encountered my first sea swell I was admittedly quite terrified, and as quickly as I could I turned about and headed back into the relative calm of the river. I was in a dilemma until I spotted a native woman in a little 12-foot canoe merrily paddling along up and down through the swells. I quickly got over my fear, and then directly headed out again for

## The Perfect Storm (Hudson Bay version)

another try. The longer I stayed out, the more confident I became, so that by the end of the summer months, I'd cruised up and down the Hudson's Bay coast with great confidence.

Towards the end of July that year, we acquired another clerk, direct from Aberdeen, Scotland. He was about my age, a lot shorter (at about 5'4) and not more than about 130 lbs. He was previously employed as a tailor, and looked and acted completely out of his element. We naturally befriended him, and Jim Buchan became a great companion for me when I took the canoe out on the bay. We explored the many islands and inlets, and watched for beluga whales and seals, as well as a myriad variety of birds. When I reflect back on it now, it was really a magical time of my life.

When September arrived, we started getting more northerly winds, and plenty of geese were heading south. So one beautiful, calm, bright morning on our day off Jim and I thought we'd try our luck goose hunting on one of the islands. They were located about ten miles north of us, and about three miles out from the mainland. Little did we know that a massive, hurricane-force storm was heading in our direction from the southwest.

So here we were, not having too much success with our hunting venture, but ominously noticing that the winds were getting much stronger. With youthful inexperience, I kept thinking that the winds would hopefully die down later on in the day, so we decided to wait it out for a while. By around four pm, we had to make a decision, should try a run for the mainland or stay put, perhaps overnight? The waves didn't look that bad, so we said to hell with it, we'll try.

Once we committed ourselves to the waves, however, there was no turning back. What we saw as manageable waves on the lee side of the island quickly became massive waves as we progressed more or less east to the mainland. The waves were coming from the southwest, and I had to first go directly into the wave, and then quickly turn east — and then quickly turn back again to face the next oncoming wave. The more we progressed, the more massive the waves became, and for those who have sailed on the open sea in similar circumstances you also know that waves come in unpredictable

random shapes and sizes.

We were about three-quarters of the way into our trip when we saw what could only be described as a mountain of wave descending on us. But before we engaged it our boat fell (and I mean, fell!) at least 20 feet into its oncoming trough. It was amazing because the only part of the boat that touched the water as we fell was the propeller. We hit the bottom with such force that any modern type of canoe, like the ones I presently own would have collapsed into bits and pieces.

Jim, who was holding on for dear life onto the six-inch wide gunnel at the bow was jolted right out of the canoe on impact, and flew at least eight feet up into the air. Amazingly, he landed back into the boat, but fell on his butt right on the anchor — and almost in my lap. You know how some people cannot attend funerals, because they have this paranoid fear that they may laugh, out of a confused emotional state? Well, that's exactly what I did — I started to laugh, because not only was Jim holding his butt in terrified agony, but he now had to somehow quickly get back to the front of the canoe. I don't think I have ever seen anyone transform him or herself into something else as Jim did. He literally became a snake as he crawled his way back. Later on, when Jim and I would reminisce about our adventure, he told me that back in Scotland during his summer school holidays he worked on his uncle's commercial fishing boat on the North Sea. Jim had been through a lot of storms, but the one we both experienced on the bay was by far his most terrifying.

I could see another huge wave coming our way. It had to be 30 or 40 feet high. It was then that I said my first

adult, passionately sincere prayer to God. It went something like this: "God... God... God... please... please... please... get... me... the... \$#@... out... of... here!!!"

I put my head down and leaned ahead, while also turning the motor on to full throttle ahead.

We miraculously knifed our way right through the wave. When we came out on the other side, the canoe had taken on a lot more water, and the motor conked out. We were now completely at the mercy of the waves, but with the benefit of our paddles, we managed to keep ourselves from overturning. We were now only about 100 yards from shore. Thankfully, the waves also seemed to be dying down somewhat as we were thrown up onto a flat rock beach — whereupon we jumped out of the boat and dragged it as fast and hard as we could to escape the next incoming wave. We made it! We made it!

After pulling the boat further into shore we took the motor off and turned the boat upside down on top of the motor. We further secured everything with ropes and then proceeded to walk back to Great Whale River. As we begin our long walk we first had to scale a fairly high cliff adjacent to where we landed, and to our complete surprise, we saw two middle-aged Inuit men intently staring at us. There was no camp, and I couldn't see any boat that they should have had. In those days, I could speak a little bit of their language, but no matter how hard I tried to communicate with them they just kept staring at us with what looked like bug-eyed astonishment. They obviously witnessed our whole saga. I never saw those men before or ever again. Strange.

Anyway, people, this is a true story, and Mom, I hope you don't get to read this. Deb, stop taking me to those kinds of movies!!! ♣

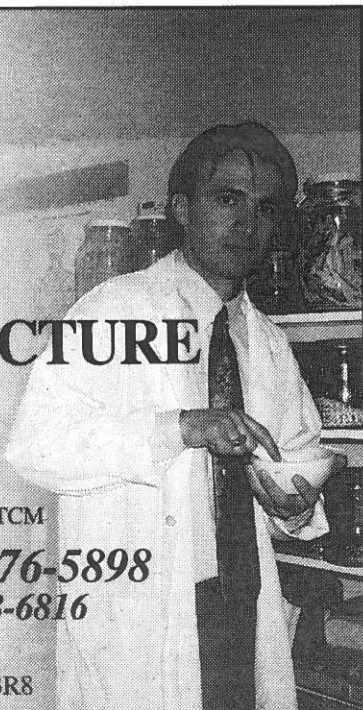
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CREATIVE PARENTING

## Cottage memories

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

I'm sitting on the front deck of our family cottage, looking out over the lake. I can't help but reminisce about days gone by. My Nana bought this property shortly after the death of our grandfather whom we never had the pleasure of meeting.

Grandad passed away the year of the first grandchild. Karen, the first of nine, was followed yearly by another sister or cousin until 1958, when her sister Kathy was born. A year went by without a birth. Nana was quoted as saying, "Well, someone will have to have twins to fill the gap." In 1960 my twin sister Pam and I were born. Five years later, our sister Sandra completed the "Boyd's Nest".

We left Toronto the day after school was done, and summer holidays began; we returned the weekend before school started in the fall. Two months of swimming, skiing, boating, and bonfires — more importantly, two months of family... In the early years, Dad and Uncle Stan would come up on weekends, and we stayed with Mom, Aunt Audrey and her three girls, and Nana with Leslie and Peter. By now there were three cottages, so it was not as crowded as it sounds. There was no television or VCR, no Nintendo or Playstation. Instead we hiked and fished, learned to swim, handle boats and canoes, chop wood, and, of course, water-ski.

At nighttime we would play hide and go seek, and have bonfires. Nana had a gadget that held four hot

dogs and another that popped corn over the fire. The "meat man" came down the driveway on Thursdays, and everything else waited until the weekend when there was a vehicle. The cottages weren't insulated then, and on a rainy night, the four of us (my sisters and our brother) would lie in our bunkroom listening to the rain beat against the roof. I miss that sound.

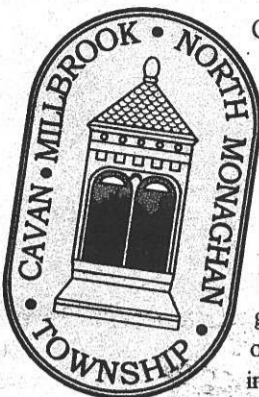
As we got older, Uncle Stan had finished teachers' college, and had the summers off. He was the biology teacher at Winston Churchill High School. This was a great learning experience for all of us. We learned at an early age not to litter, and not to throw anything into the lake. If we left our garbage from a picnic two miles away, we had to walk back and get it. If we saw interesting marsh flowers we could bring home one or two. "Leave some for some other people, and leave some for Mother Nature." Once we brought our flowers home, Uncle Stan would get out his books and we researched them, the names, rarity, and possible poisonous properties, if any.

Life was good. Learning was made fun, and was made available to us through lack of outside stimulus. I can't imagine growing up without this wonderful place. Our Nana was a smart woman, and very independent for her time. She not only showed us how important family is, but she gave us a place to develop relationships with our family. We still see each other here almost every year. Nana and Dad are gone now, and Uncle Stan and Aunt Audrey come up only for a week or two. Nonetheless, from as far away as the West Coast and the States we make a point of trying to connect with each other at the cottage. Thank goodness some things never change. ♣

## New millennium logo for township

By Melodie McCullough

The township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan has a new millennium logo, thanks to Ron Maksymetz of Millbrook, who won first prize in the recent municipal logo contest.



Cavan, Millbrook, and North Monaghan.

Mr. Maksymetz, a resident of Millbrook for over 30 years, said he was involved in graphic design and other art work during his college days in Toronto, but has not

done any professional art for many years. He received a gift certificate for free ice time at the Millbrook Arena as a prize, but chose to return it to the arena.

Residents voted second prize to Bill Slavin, a Millbrook illustrator (and Gazette graphic design/production staff and editorial cartoonist!), and third prize to Rachel Jackson of Cavan. The logo will be used on municipal stationery and for other promotions, said Kelly Brennan, municipal recreation co-ordinator. ♣

During Canada Day activities at the Millbrook community centre, township residents voted Mr. Maksymetz's entry top honours from a display of 30.

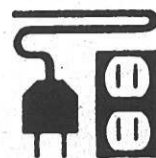
"I picked the township hall and I used the peak," said Mr. Maksymetz, owner of West Wind Real Estate in Millbrook, in an interview, as he described his logo. The simple oval drawing shows the arch of the township hall with a country scene and an urban scene, and a river flowing between. He said the images are meant to represent the three distinct entities of the township —

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## Community picnic "low-key, relaxing enjoyment"

Everyone is invited to the annual township community picnic Sunday, Aug. 27 at 3 pm at the mill pond for an afternoon of "low-key and relaxing" enjoyment.

There will be live entertainment and refreshments, including a barbecue and corn roast, said township recreationist Kelly Brennan. If it happens to rain on the activities, they will be held indoors at the community centre. So make sure you head to the mill pond for some friendship and fun Aug. 27 — and don't forget your lawn chair!

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COMMON GROUND

# Lilies adorn the late summer garden

By Jill Williams

The cicadas are singing outside in the trees, so it must finally be summer. July didn't seem much like summer this year — more like an extension of the longest and rainiest spring ever. August, thank goodness, has finally brought some heat, and it really does belatedly feel like summer.

I'm happy to report that my vegetable garden has dried out enough to no longer be ideal slug habitat. The slippery green goo, which coated the paths and made a stroll in the garden hazardous, has vanished in the hot August sun. I've even had to water a few times.

The heat has made a real difference and vegetables like tomatoes, zucchini, and peppers are playing catch-up just fine. Some others, like melons and pole beans and cucumbers, probably won't amount to much this year.

In the flower garden, mid to late summer brings the glories of trumpet and oriental lilies. If you want flowers that are large, showy, and very fragrant, then these two lilies are the plants for you.

Lilies are hardy perennials which thrive in full sun in any well drained soil, and don't require any special care. I have mine planted in a sandy, dry (well, most years it's dry!) corner of the garden. In five years, they're increased

enough to be divided once and provide lots of flowers for cutting in August and early September.

Trumpet lilies are tall, usually four to five feet, and need to be staked. They're worth the trouble of staking, though, as their fragrance is wonderful and scents the whole garden. The flowers are trumpet-shaped, as the name suggests, and colours include white, yellow, orange, and purple.

Oriental lilies are usually three to four feet tall, although some varieties can be larger. They are usually quite fragrant, particularly at night. Oriental lily flowers are huge, up to six inches across, and colours range from white to pink, mauve, red, and many combinations of these.

Lily bulbs are lanted in the fall and are available at most garden centres. Or if you want a wider selection, try any of the standard mail order catalogues that sell fall bulbs.

One more recommendation for an alternative late summer perennial is the Great Blue Lobelia, or Lobelia siphilatica (this pretty blue flower does not deserve such a gross botanical name!). You may have seen this plant growing wild in damp, semi-shade

along roadsides. IT makes a nice addition to the late summer garden, and is one of the showiest blue perennial flowers.

I've noticed this week that the fall catalogues have started arriving in the mailbox already. It is August, I realize, but it seems too early this year. All those pages of daffodils and tulips are a sure sign of the end of summer. I don't want to think about that quite yet!

It's too early to contemplate fall when I can count on one hand the number of times I've harvested zucchini, and the tomatoes are just starting to take off. The basil is finally looking full and healthy in time to go with those wonderful tomatoes. I'd like to enjoy our better-late-than-never summer a little more before I can look a daffodil in the eye. Maybe after the garlic is harvested at the end of August I'll be able to pick up those catalogues and think about fall planting. But not now — I'm still swatting mosquitoes.

Two good catalogues for lilies: Veseys Bulbs, Charlottetown, PEI, 1-800-363-7333, www.veseys.com or Gardenimport, Thornhill, Ontario, 1-800-339-8314, www.gardenimport.com. ♣



Last year's winner of the Great (Big) Zucchini Weigh-in came in at a hefty 25 lbs. Its size and hue lead to suspicion of a parental pumpkin!

## Zucchini boat regatta highlight of this year's festival

The zucchinis are on the move! The sun has finally come out in this first summer of the new millennium, and the lurking monsters of the vegetable patch are beginning to flex their muscles. And if you're worrying about what to do with the one that got away, worry no longer. The Millbrook Farmers' Market 4th Annual Zucchini Festival has a boat load of events designed for just such a dilemma.

This year's festival is scheduled to be held Sunday, September 10, 2000 from 10 am to 3 pm by the mill pond in Millbrook. Organizers of this community event are once again preparing a full day of wacky, fun-filled zucchini-related events for kids of all ages, from 1 to 100. The celebration, now in its fourth year, is geared to coincide with that time of the year when the sight of one more zucchini, stuffed, sautéed or baked into a muffin is enough to drive you to the compost pile. But if tossing the big fella seems like a good idea, save it for the festival and take yourself home a prize in the process.

All day events for this

year's festival include a zucchini-carving table, where all will be supplied to create your own zucchini masterpiece. At 11:30 am there will be a special puppet show presented by Pam Allen of Millbrook, entitled "Jack and the Zucchini Stalk". Following music by a yet to be announced musical guest there will be the Zucchini Poet Laureate Contest, beginning at 12:30. So sharpen your wit and put pen to paper and you may be awarded the prestigious honour of Zucchini Poet Laureate for the Year 2000.

*The Zucchini Poet Laureate Contest, begins at 12:30, so sharpen your wit and put pen to paper!*

All zucchini boats will be judged at 1 pm, just before the 4th Annual Zucchini Boat Regatta down Baxter Creek begins. And if last year was any indication we can expect more entries than ever in this favourite event. Bring along your fastest zucchini boats or build them at the

market - this year we will be offering more prizes than ever in two age categories; 8 years and under and 9 to adult.

Following the Regatta, the Market Basket Give-Away will bestow some lucky contestant with a basket full of goodies donated by the market vendors. At 2:15 the Awards Ceremony will begin with winners of the Poetry Contest reciting their winning entries to an adoring crowd. Enter your creation, made at home or at the market in the various zucchini-carving competitions (best boat design, best over-all design, best design done at the market). Other contests include The Great Big Zucchini Weigh-in (biggest zucchini), and prizes for the Best Zucchini recipe in the Sweet, Savoury and Most Original categories. And this year's Look-a-like Contest will be looking for Harry Potter look-a-likes, so if you have a zucchini with a distinct resemblance to this literary icon, bring it down and win a prize. Be sure your entries are in by 1:30, as all judging will occur well before the Awards Ceremony begins.

The day's events will conclude with the Piping of the Zucchini up to the mill pond, where the Annual Zucchini Toss will be held. Tradition has it that a good zucchini toss will ensure that we are blessed with an adequate but not overly abundant zucchini crop the following year, and thus far it seems to have worked.

All day events will include the Zucchini Carving Table, special displays, face-painting and balloons for the kids. Food will be available throughout the day, so plan to come and make a day of it. And if you are interested in participating as a vendor, or have a community group who would like to take advantage of free booth space to promote your organization on market days, please call Marion at 932-3153. ♣

## Communities in Bloom winners

The Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department hosted a Communities in Bloom Contest. The judging was held between July 10 and 14, and categories included nicest apartment flower beds, nicest flower beds, most beautiful vegetable garden, and most beautiful storefront.

There were 14 wonderful exhibits registered, and

five winners were chosen by judges from the Garden Club. Winners were Norma Worr (apartment flower bed), Esther Giroux (flower bed), Chelsea McGee (child's flower bed), John Challice (vegetable garden), Medd's Building (storefront).

The Parks and Rec department would like to thank everyone for registering — and look forward to seeing the results of creative green thumbs next year! ♣

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## New group to promote tourism in Millbrook

Members from a number of Millbrook organizations have banded together to form a new group in an effort to improve the marketing of the village and district as "the best place to visit, live, work, and play".

Groups such as the Millbrook-Cavan Historical Society, Millbrook and District Lions Club, Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce, Millbrook Agricultural

Society, Millbrook Gallery, Millbrook Ministerial Association, the municipal Parks and Recreation department, and businesses such as Nexicom were represented at the initial meeting in July.

The proposed name for the group is the "Community Action Network" and one of its first objectives is to look at the possible need to update the Millbrook and District Visitors' Guide. Another

item for discussion is the need for an Internet website for the district.

Dennis Pederson, a director of the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce who chaired the meeting, said the idea for the new group came about because there was a desire to see local organizations communicate more and work on projects together with less duplication of effort.

"I know we should work with other groups and we haven't been doing enough of it," he said. "I think we can get a lot done if we work together and share some resources."

The next meeting will take place Sept. 14 at 7 pm at the Old Millbrook School. ♣

## Community Care in new location

Submitted by Shelagh Gaffney, Community Care Co-ordinator

Community Care has moved! We are now located at 26 King St. E, and along with the new location, we have extended hours for both support services and our New to You clothing store. Hours are now 9 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday, with the New to You also opening on Saturday from 9.30 am to 2 pm.

*Community Care has a good selection of used clothing at low prices.*

Community Care volunteers provide services to seniors and adults with physical challenges in our community. Services include meals on wheels, which could be a hot meal delivered on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or frozen meals delivered monthly. Both offer special diets if needed. The transportation service offers a lifeline for clients, enabling

them to attend medical appointments, grocery shop or do their own banking. Our daily reassurance calls provide a friendly voice and a social chat to clients. Personal distress alarms offer a sense of security, and allow a client to call for assistance if help is needed. Volunteers in our friendly visiting program visit the client in his or her own home, both enjoying a social time which often results in a strong friendship. Other services include blood pressure clinics, information & referral, diners' club, social events, home help and maintenance.

Our New To You clothing store is a major fundraising endeavour for Community Care. We have a wide selection of good quality, used clothing at astonishingly low prices. Money from the sale of clothing stays right here in our own community. Donations of clothing are always welcome. We currently have openings for the following volunteer positions: office volunteers (three-hour shift one day per week), transportation drivers, a meals on wheels driver and committee members.

If you require further information on services or want to volunteer, please call Shelagh at 932-2011. Or contact us by email at millofc@commcareptbo.org. Together, we can help! ♣

## First election candidates declared; others undecided

It's official. Election time is just around the corner, and the first ratepayer to throw his hat into the ring is Cavan resident Bob Clark -- running for reeve.

It also appears most councillors are waiting until the Oct. 13 nomination deadline to decide if they will be running for re-election in the November municipal elections.

Clark said he decided to run because he is "not really satisfied with the direction of this Council, or its method of operation. The Council should be the voice of the people, but this doesn't always happen." He said he is running on a platform emphasizing the need

for cooperation and communication between ratepayers and council, and council and the various department heads. He also hopes to strengthen ties between the City and County of Peterborough.

*Mr. Cutmore said there will be a number of interesting issues in the next election.*

When canvassed by the Gazette, Dean Cutmore, representative for Millbrook Ward, was the only councillor to say he has decided

he will run again. Councillor Brian Fallis and Deputy-Reeve Brian Squirrell said they will decide in September, while Councillors Tom Jones and Brian Bartlett will decide in October. Reeve Neal Cathcart and Councillor Alex Ruth could not be reached for comment.

Mr. Cutmore, now in his ninth year on Council (he served as deputy-reeve on Village of Millbrook council before amalgamation) said there will be a number of interesting issues in the coming election, such as the anti-noise bylaw, the Schickedanz subdivision in Millbrook, road work, and possibly the idea of a new name for the township.

CMNM Council considered having two referendum questions placed on the election ballots: three choices of names for the township, and yea or nay to single tier government. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs said there could not be legally asked.

Councillor Tom Jones believes this is an indication that the County might be headed for regional government. It's another example of the provincial government "conspiring against the best interests of ratepayers in determining the shape of their local government," he said.

"If those issues were allowed to be on the ballot, and we were successful in getting 50% plus, the legislation says that the government must abide by those rules, so obviously they don't want to take that chance, that we might be able to muster that kind of strength," he said in a later interview. ♣

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## Piano students excel at Royal Conservatory exams

At the June examination sessions of the Royal Conservatory of Music, held in Peterborough, the following piano students from the Dr. George Ingham School completed these grades with the standings indicated:

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Grade I: Emily Doyle -- honours  
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## ARTS & CULTURE



Clash of cultures: Metis against the troops of Her Majesty the Queen at The 4th Line.

# A tale of three plays

By Deborah Luchuk

War and resistance...the epic struggle, to home-stead, to clear land, and thrive...and multiple Elvii???

It's been an interesting month of theatre for this humble reviewer. Let's just say the productions ranged in content from the fine art of galleries to the black vel-

vet paintings sold by "starving artists" on street corners! And lest you think I am telling you one was of dubious quality, or less artistic — remember that one

person's junk is another's treasure.

Okay, so Elvis, and in particular, Elvis impersonators, are not everyone's cup of tea. However, even I have to admit that the impersonators of *Rediscovering Elvis* at the Capitol Theatre (Port Hope) were good. You see, I wasn't around when the guy was considered to be brilliant or a "throb" (heart-throb, as my mom attested). I only vaguely remember the garish costumes and polyester straining at the seams of a really overweight, sweaty guy gyrating on a Las Vegas television stage. However, the performances in the play were terrific, masterfully presenting Elvis at different stages in his career — and, as my mom put it, capturing fairly accurately what the King was like in his various incarnations.

It was fun, kind of like o.d.ing on fudge or Easter candy.

*The Bush Ladies* (also at the Capitol), the first of the historical productions I have seen this summer, was absolutely brilliant. I have always been a fan of the writing and accounts of Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Traill, and was familiar with the historical role of Anne Langton and Anna Brownell Jameson. The production took the fanciful notion of what would happen if these four courageous and creative women had been brought together for tea, or a similar social setting — and created magic. I left with a feeling of renewed awe and respect

for the struggle of pioneer women in this country, who had to deal with illness and death, mosquitos, fire, drought, starvation, isolation, and intense feelings of homesickness. Truly, this production has done a great service to highlighting the role of women in early Canadian history in a way that few textbooks or curricula have.

*Crossings (The Bell of Batoche)* was a bit of a surprise, as I had seen some scenes from the play-in-development in the summer of 1998. None of these were included in the full production this summer. However, what resulted from years of hard work, collaboration, research, and consultation has produced an epic and controversial portrayal of the circumstances leading up to and following the Riel resistance of 1885. It is clear Robert Winslow, co-writer of the play with Greg Daniels, discovered larger themes and stories of the Metis and First Nations people in his further research, quite apart from the role of the bell.

A feeling of Euro-Canadian angst for the historic role in the repression of and prejudice against First Nations and Metis people pervaded the entire production; in many respects, the militia sent out from Ontario were portrayed as ignorant bastards, representing the worst of central Canadian ethno-

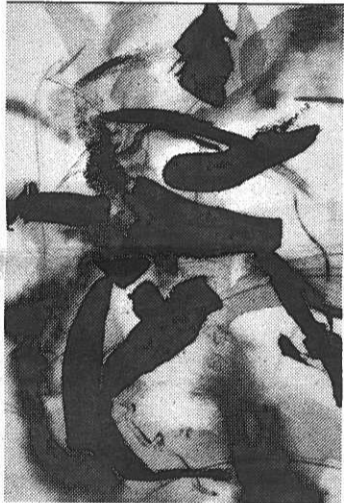
centricity. The story of the few Metis and native people facing down incredible odds with tremendous courage is one that is not well told in history books. The legacy of such enmity still exists today — as was daringly mentioned near the end of the play; reference was made to the municipality refusing to allow a Catholic religious community from Oka to set up a monastery in Cavan in the late 1970's.

It's hard to pick out any one brilliant performance from a cast of so many talented players and community actors. All portrayals, I felt, were historically and painstakingly accurate and emotionally wrenching. Scenes were, in places, a little hard to follow, with the juxtaposition of the modern with the historical, but eventually one became accustomed to the changes — much as a stream-of-consciousness novel.

As I predicted in the summer of 1998, the 4th Line has produced groundbreaking, electrifying theatre to touch and disturb — forcing us to re-invent and re-evaluate our historical notions.

There's plenty more theatre to indulge in at the Capitol and 4th Line. *Crossings* continues into September. Upcoming productions at the Capitol Theatre include *Run for Your Wife* and *Snake Oil and Sassafras*. ♣

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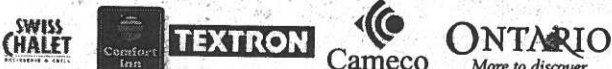
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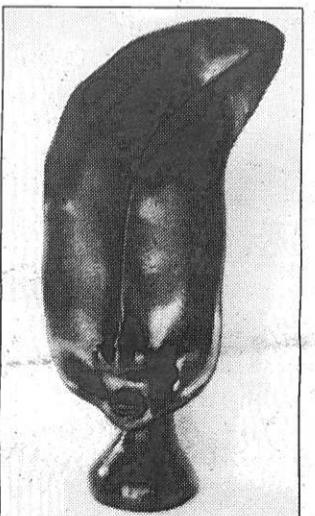
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## A bit of Africa on the shores of Rice Lake

Founded in 1966, the Tengenenge Art Colony, tucked away in a forest two hours north of Harare, Zimbabwe has attracted sculptors from across Zimbabwe and from neighbouring countries. The works they have created in the rich hues of serpentine are extraordinary.

And now an outdoor exhibition of 25 Shona sculptures from Tengenenge will be held on the rolling farm land overlooking Rice Lake. The work will be on display from September 2 to the 10, 2000. The work is being sponsored in Canada by local resident Fran Fearnley, who has just returned from two years in South Africa, and is eager to promote the work of what a review in *The Economist* has declared "the world's best unrecognised sculptures". Purchased at fair trade prices from the artists' colony in Zimbabwe, Ms. Fearnley is eager to explore



"Happy Leaf" by Edson Seda is just one of the 25 Shona sculptures which will be on display.

the possibilities of marketing this work in North America, thus helping this genuinely indigenous art form to continue to flourish.

For those interested in viewing this exhibition, information, as well as samples of the work are available at The Millbrook Gallery, or contact Ms. Fearnley directly at 705 939-6144. ♣

# Community Calendar

Tear out this page and post!

KEEP THIS CALENDAR ON YOUR FRIDGE OR WALL FOR QUICK REFERENCE TO UPCOMING EVENTS. IF YOU KNOW OF A COMMUNITY EVENT THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT CALENDAR, PLEASE FAX THE INFORMATION TO (705) 932-4041, OR CALL (705) 932-2175, OR MAIL IT TO THE GAZETTE, 69 KING STREET EAST, MILLBROOK, ONTARIO, L0A 1G0.

**Soleil**  
At The Millbrook Gallery  
19 King St. E.  
Until Sept. 3  
The Millbrook Gallery's summer exhibition continues throughout August. This is a group exhibition, featuring works in varied media by members of the gallery collective. For more information phone 932-5482.

**Gospel Services**  
At the Lions' Den  
Thursdays, starting Aug. 10, 8 pm start  
Call (705) 277-2566.

**Public Meeting Re Hog Farm Issue**  
At Ptbo. Curling Club  
Aug. 17, 7:30  
Citizens gather for a meeting to discuss issues related to water, clean air, etc.

**Peach Tea**  
At Hutchinson House  
Museum, Ptbo.  
Thurs. Aug. 17, 12 - 4 pm  
Old-time summer social, afternoon of home-baked scones with fresh peaches and whipped cream topped with blueberries; tea, iced tea, or lemonade. \$7 adults, \$5 children under 10.

**Warriors Day Parade**  
At the CNE  
Sat. Aug. 19, 8:30 am  
leaving Millbrook  
Tickets at the Legion office 932-2837, \$10 per person.

**Ecumenical Vacation Bible School**  
Mon. Aug. 21 - Fri. Aug. 25, 1:30 - 4 pm  
Call Susan or Naomi at 932-2233, or John at 932-3263 for more info. For children 4 - 11, all welcome.

**Singles Dance**  
At Keystone Links  
Golf Course  
Aug. 26, Sept. 2,

8:30-1 pm  
\$5 admission. Call 932-2746 for info.

**Gun/Hunting Show**  
At Trentwinds Motor Inn, Ptbo.  
Sun. Aug. 27, 8 am - 2 pm  
Call Ken at 748-9981 for info. \$3 per person.

**Portrait of a Century**  
At the Peterborough Centennial Museum  
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**Community Picnic**  
At the Millpond, Millbrook  
Sun. Aug. 27, 3 pm  
Corn roast, refreshments, BBQ, live entertainment. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, will be held in Millbrook Community Centre. For more info, call 932-2911 (see ad page 12).

**Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School Open House**  
At the Cavan Hall (school location)  
Aug. 28, 7:30 pm  
Nursery school for children 2 - 5 years old; co-operative basis (parental involvement). See flyer this issue. Call Doris for info at 944-5717.

**Anti-Privatization Rally and BBQ**  
At the Millbrook Jail  
Aug. 30, 11 am  
Come and let the provincial government know what you think about proposed privatization of the correctional services and support our local jail workers. All welcome.

**Border Line**  
Barbara Walker and Jane Wilson  
At The Millbrook Gallery  
19 King St. E.  
Fri. Sept. 8 to Sun. Oct. 8  
Border Line, (opening reception Friday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 pm) is a two person show featuring the weavings of Barbara Walker and pottery by Jane Wilson, both gallery artists. For more information phone 932-5482.

**4th Annual Zucchini Festival**  
At the Millbrook Farmers' Market by the Mill Pond  
Sun., Sept. 10  
10 am to 3 pm  
Come and enjoy a day full of fun-filled zucchini-related events. Zucchini boat races, cooking contests, poet laureate contest and more. Free zucchinis for carving or bring your own. For more information, see the article on page 8 and watch for posters.

## ON-GOING EVENTS

**Regular Council Meeting** First Monday monthly, 7:30p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**Bridge** Every Mon. at the Millbrook Legion at 1 pm

**Millbrook and District Food Share** at the Old Millbrook School, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tues., 3 pm-6 pm

**Euchre** Every Wednesday at the Legion at 1:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Youth Activity Nights** at Millbrook Arena May 1 - Sept. 1, Mon. - Sun., 5 - 10 pm includes skateboarding, rollerblading, basketball.

**Millbrook Farmers' Market** at Mill Pond every Sunday, 9am - 2pm

**Blood Pressure Clinic** 3rd Thurs., Millbrook Manor - 10 am, Millbrook Legion - noon

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Joyce and George Banks wish to thank their family and all their many friends who helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, and made it a most memorable day. The generous donations to the Millbrook Food Share were deeply appreciated. Thank you everyone.

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# Economic Development Corp under local scrutiny

By Melodie McCullough  
**W**hile a number of Council members from Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township (CMNM) feel the community is not getting its money's worth out of the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC), Susan Cudahy, the organization's president, is adamant it is doing a great job for CMNM and the rest of Peterborough County.

"The thing you really have to remember is we're in our infancy. We're brand new," she said in a recent interview at her Peterborough office. "But during our first year we've had some phenomenal successes."

The GPAEDC was formed from five separate organizations in March 1999, with a mandate to develop economic programs for both the City and County of Peterborough. When first set up, the cost was evenly split between the county and city, but earlier this year, County Council voted to reduce its share, citing lack of results as the reason. It is contributing \$296,500 for the year 2000.

At the July County Council meeting in Peterborough, CMNM Reeve Neal Cathcart said he felt the organization is failing his township.

Other CMNM councillors interviewed by the Gazette feel the same way. "I don't feel that we're getting enough bang for our buck," said Brian Squirrell, deputy-reeve and chairman of the planning committee. "I don't feel that they've brought industry into our region. If they have, can you

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tell me what it is?"

He said he doesn't think the group has "a game plan" to benefit CMNM. The northern part of the township is getting a lot of development pressure from the Peterborough area, but the inquiries are coming through the township's own planning office and economic development committee — not the GPAEDC, he said.

"Truthfully, I haven't seen a lot of results. I don't think they've done anything for us."

Councillor Brian Fallis said there is a big difference in economic strategies for a large city like Peterborough, and rural areas or small villages.

"I think they (GPAEDC) are providing economic development in the city which is large-scale industrial growth, yet that's not necessarily feasible in smaller areas where you want to encourage different sorts of economic development," he said.

"It's not appropriate to have one economic organization that does development for both a rural area and an urban area because they're different kettles of fish. I agree with both the reeve and deputy-reeve about their lack of effectiveness in rural parts of the county."

However, according to Susan Cudahy, her organiza-

tion is providing many services which develop and market tourism, agriculture, small businesses, and industries equally throughout the County's townships, just as much as in the city.

"It would be wrong to say we're not frustrated with the comments that come out of the townships, when we've done all that we have done in our first year of existence," said Ms. Cudahy.

Those accomplishments include a 300 per cent increase in tourism inquiries in one year through Kawartha Lakes Tourism (a branch of the GPAEDC), and the sale of 55 acres throughout the County-City area where not one acre had been sold in the previous eight years.

None of its programs are run specifically for the city, she noted.

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For example, Kawartha Lakes Tourism has developed an all-new marketing campaign for its members with a new trade show booth which travels to large trade shows in Toronto. A new website, a new tourism billboard on Highway 115, new brochures and new maps all help, said Ms. Cudahy. Many individual and private enterprises in

CNMN, such as 4th Line Theatre and area bed and breakfasts, are members of Kawartha Lakes Tourism — and therefore receive its services. The Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce, however, is not a member, she said.

The GPAEDC has also set up a "Small Business Self-Help Office" at its offices in Peterborough, which provides a full business plan, with banking, marketing, legal and accounting advice to businesses just getting off the ground. (These services are available to anyone — unlike the tourism branch, the GPAEDC office requires no membership.) There is also a business advancement consultant for businesses experiencing difficulty.

In the area of agriculture, the GPAEDC has organized presentations by representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, telling farmers how to access provincial and federal grants. There is also an agricultural awareness group which aims to get a positive message out, especially to youth, about farming. The GPAEDC is also working toward offering tourism and agricultural seminars in the townships.

When the GPAEDC originally asked the townships what they were looking for, CMNM and Asphodel-Norwood were the only ones to ask for help with industrial development. To this end, Ms. Cudahy said her group works "quite extensively" to develop a relationship with key "site selectors" — the people who help businesses

relocate or expand to new areas — and show them land for sale in the township. The GPAEDC has been involved in the redevelopment of Strano Sysco Foodservice, the Intersport program, and has lobbied for city services to be expanded to the airport to benefit the Flying Colours expansion. It has also "marketed extensively" the Fleming Industrial Park in North Monaghan.

Ms. Cudahy feels CMNM is in a good position geographically, part of the "natural flow" of development moving from the Greater Toronto Area.

But historically the Peterborough area has had "a real nasty reputation" of being anti-business, and it hasn't helped that the County and City have not always seen eye to eye, she said.

Tom Jones, chairman of the economic development committee for CMNM, said he hopes to meet soon with the GPAEDC to discuss

exactly what the township expects the group to do for it, and iron out some of the wrinkles.

"They haven't really set down the terms of reference in what they should be doing for us, and I think they've now realized that's what's causing most of the problems," he said.

Ms. Cudahy is also looking forward to hearing why township councillors from CMNM are not happy, and welcomes a "services agreement."

"This corporation can't read minds, and if there is something that the township is looking for from the corporation it's absolutely critical that they communicate with us what their needs are," she said.

"What we don't need is a whole lot of statements being made due to impending elections, statements that can only serve to damage the community by stopping the growth we've started. If we're aware, then we'll address the problem." ♣

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