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Reeve slapped with fire warning

By Melodie McCullough
Reeve Neal Cathcart will receive a warning letter from the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) Township fire committee because of an Aug. 29 open-air field fire on his property. The Reeve did not have a permit.

The fire committee also decided at a Sept. 6 meeting to make a recommendation to Council's committee-of-the-whole to try to recover costs incurred fighting the fire, said Brian Fallis, fire committee chair. (At press time, costs were unofficially around \$1,600.)

The CMNM fire department was called to a fire in a field on Mr. Cathcart's property on the 11th Line Aug. 29, at approximately 5 pm when someone reported a large amount of smoke coming from the area, said fire chief Nelson Edgerton. Not knowing the extent of the fire, the department responded by sending all its equipment to the site, he said.

"We had no idea when we left here. That's why all the equipment rolls. I think

the guys, when they left here, had it in the back of their mind it was a barn fire," he said.

What they found was a pile of old hay bales burning, as well as some plastic and a small quantity of tires. "There was stuff there I wouldn't classify as environmentally friendly," said Mr. Edgerton.

Most of the equipment was returned to the fire hall, but then a backhoe had to be brought to the site to tear apart the hay to ensure the interiors of the bales were no longer burning, he said. All in all, the department was at the site for approximately three and a half hours.

Mr. Edgerton affirmed there is a municipal by-law requiring anyone who intends to have an open-air fire to obtain a fire permit, and notify the fire department 24 hours before the burn (during normal working hours). Neither requirement was met by Mr. Cathcart, "and that's why I gave the order to put the fire out."

"If he had a burn permit, we'd know what was going on," he said.

Permits, which cost \$20, can be obtained at the municipal office or fire hall, and are good for 365 days from the date of the purchase.

The by-law, which was passed Sept. 7, 1999 — signed by the Reeve — also states people who have set an open air fire are liable for costs incurred by the fire department, including personnel and equipment, charged from the time the alarm is received until the firefighters and equipment are back in service, to a maximum of \$800 an hour. The bylaw states farmers may have an open-air fire for disposal of vegetable matter or vegetation, but must have a valid permit and notify the fire department in the same manner as everyone else.

First offences receive a warning, second offences a fine of \$54, third offences \$65, and fourth offences \$75. The previous by-law set a fine for the first offence, said Mr. Edgerton.

Because of concerns about the plastic and tires that were being burnt, Mr. Edgerton contacted Allan Oberholzer, district supervisor of the Peterborough office of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

"I told him what I thought was in there. He said it's not a big enough amount (to worry about)," said Mr. Edgerton.

Mr. Oberholzer told The Gazette he discussed the fire with Mr. Edgerton and felt the fire department is taking appropriate action, based on the township by-law.

"We don't encourage people to burn that type of material (plastic and tires) because it causes potentially harmful smoke," he said. "But basically there was nothing for our Ministry to investigate."

Mr. Cathcart could not be reached for comment. ♣

70+ BOATS RACE IN ZUCCHINI FEST



And they're off! Little racers in the 8 and under category launch their zucchini boats down Baxter Creek. By the end of the day more than seventy boats had been raced. A badminton net and volunteers armed with fishing nets made sure none of the flotsam and jetsam continued downstream.

Organic farmer ordered to spray herbicide

Bill Vanderpluym, a local organic vegetable grower, has received an order from the county weed inspector to spray and kill noxious weeds on his property, following complaints from neighbours.

Mr. Vanderpluym has lived in the area for over 25 years, and has been growing about 35 to 40 different kinds of organic vegetables on his five-acre farm east of Millbrook for the past 15 years, and selling them at the Peterborough Farmers' Market. He said the weeds are interspersed with his

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vegetables and if he is forced to spray them, his vegetable crop will also be affected.

The main culprit is ragweed, a weed that grows naturally in the area, and one that is difficult to control.

"No matter where you dig, you'll have ragweed. Ragweed seeds can stay in

the ground for 70 years, and as soon as you bring them to the surface they'll germinate," said Mr. Vanderpluym.

"No matter what you do, you can kill them, shoot them, burn them, they will come back. If I would spray the weeds, I would kill the weeds, but next year I would be in exactly the

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Reeve withdraws from election race

By Michele Curran

Citing personal reasons, Reeve Neal Cathcart has withdrawn his nomination. This leaves Bob Clark and Brian Squirrell as the remaining candidates running for the position of Reeve.

Yet, according to the Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer, Gail Empey, the Reeve does have the option to resubmit his nomination as long as he does this on or before October 13, the last day for candidates to file for the November elections.

Cathcart's withdrawal on September 11 follows an incident on September 9, at Lang Pioneer Village, where the Reeve was participating in Millennium festivities.

The Reeve allegedly "mooned" the crowd after leaving a dunk tank.

Cathcart denies intentionally exposing his backside by explaining his bathing suit became caught on a rough edge of the tank. ♣

Schickedanz to get minor variance

By Michele Curran

Despite public opposition to a request from developer Bruno Schickedanz for a minor variance allowing Baxter Creek Estates homes closer to the street, Council has granted the request. In a recorded vote of 5-2 at the September 5 Council

Meeting, Council passed the following recommendation stating, "That Council for the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan recommend the reduction of the front yard depths for Baxter Creek Estates from 9 meters to 5 meters."

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Election website stymied by lack of precedence

By Michele Curran

As the first municipal elections of the 21st century draw near, local candidates will not be allowed to link their websites to the municipal website.

Since use of the information highway for municipal elections is precedence setting, Gail Empey, the municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), decided to confer

with officials at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and City of Peterborough Clerk Steve Brickell before deciding against the link. She feels it may appear the municipality is endorsing candidates and "call into question the integrity of the electoral process."

Municipal candidate, Bob Clark, who was the first to enter the race for

Reeve and who is possibly the first candidate in the County of Peterborough to use the Internet as a campaigning tool for the November Municipal Elections, disagrees with Empey's decision.

"Campaign signs on [physical municipal property] are acceptable and yet [web sites linked to the municipal web site] are not acceptable."

Clark said since this was the first time the Internet has been used as a campaigning tool he contacted Linda Johnstone of MMAH, who said there was nothing in the election act that would not allow Clark to create a website for his candidacy.

According to Clark, the real issue for him is the mode of campaigning on municipal property.

He said, "Campaign signs on municipal road allowances are physical signs on physical property and (according to the Municipality) this is acceptable and yet, intellectual signs (web sites) on an intellectual property (municipal web site) are not acceptable."

"The 21st century mode

of campaigning is web sites and the Internet. It is cheaper and more affordable than putting up physical signs," added Clark.

What annoys him the most is the federal and provincial governments are dumping money into initiatives to ensure Canada leads the way in internet use, but at the municipal level this does not seem to be the case.

Clark had sent a letter to the Minister of MMAH, Tony Clement hoping to resolve this issue quickly.

Speaking on behalf of the Minister, MMAH official David Sachon told Clark, "The position of the Ministry is there is nothing legally wrong with the request. It needs to be regulated the same way as signage."

"Municipal Affairs is not going into the Internet business," Sachon added.

He also said, "Whether or not to allow candidates' websites to be linked to a municipal website is up to the individual CAO's discretion. The CAO has full control and if she sees anything improper or views that are inappropriate she can have the link removed."

Clark said, "I would like to see the municipality take a lead position instead of being the back dog. The municipality has an image problem so let's change it," said Clark.

Historically municipal elections have the lowest turnouts and so Clark is hoping by more people going on line and learning about the candidates these numbers may turn around. ♣

Nutrient Management Committee to be formed

By Michele Curran

Owing to both the recent controversy and increasing public concern over the spreading of bio-solids on farm land, Council has passed a motion approving the formation of a task force including three council members, one person from the farming community, and one person from the community at large.

Councillor Brian Fallis who brought the motion to the table at the September 5th Council meeting, suggested the task force could review the existing by-laws and various models to create a nutrient management by-law by planting season next March.

Fallis commented, "The County of Peterborough was looking at a county wide nutrient management by-law but this didn't happen."

Deputy Reeve Brian Squirrell agreed with Fallis, but added, "The County dropped the ball — but not really, because provincial initiatives are coming down the pipe line [causing the County to take] a wait and see approach."

Reeve Neal Cathcart commented he did not want the County dictating terms because "we would have to relinquish our building activity for County scrutiny."

Squirrell disagreed and said, "The municipalities are not consistent with their by-laws and so some intensive farming operations take advantage of this (inconsistency)."

Cathcart replied, "You

"The municipalities are not consistent with their by-laws... some intensive farming operations take advantage of this..."

can't have your cake and eat it too, Brian."

Squirrell agreed, "We don't want to give up our rights."

Council has yet to decide when the task force will be formed — the terms of reference must be established first. ♣

Schickedanz

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Councillor Brian Fallis who voted against the motion said, "We listened to ratepayers' (concerns). The developer still doesn't have a storm water management plan and considering all the flooding in the area, there is a need for a master drainage plan. We shouldn't be rearranging the lot fabric."

In defense of the motion, Councillor Dean Cutmore said, "We are not changing the design of the sub-division. The lots will be the same size."

The motion was brought before Council after a sub-committee composed of Reeve Neal Cathcart, and Councillors Tom Jones and Dean Cutmore met to "negotiate a preferred alternative to an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing." ♣

Organic

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Through the summer season, he maintains good control of the weeds, he said, but when August comes, "you kind of lose the battle." Once he harvests the vegetables this month, he will till the ground to rid it of the weeds.

He said the cultivated area containing his vegetables and ragweed does not border the neighbour's property. He has planted a buffer zone of natural plants, not considered noxious, which include bull-rushes, goldenrod and asters, and which prevent noxious weeds from taking hold there.

The inspector told him if he cannot spray he must cut the weeds, but this would also affect his vegetable crop.

"I will appeal it definitely if I can find out how to go about it." ♣

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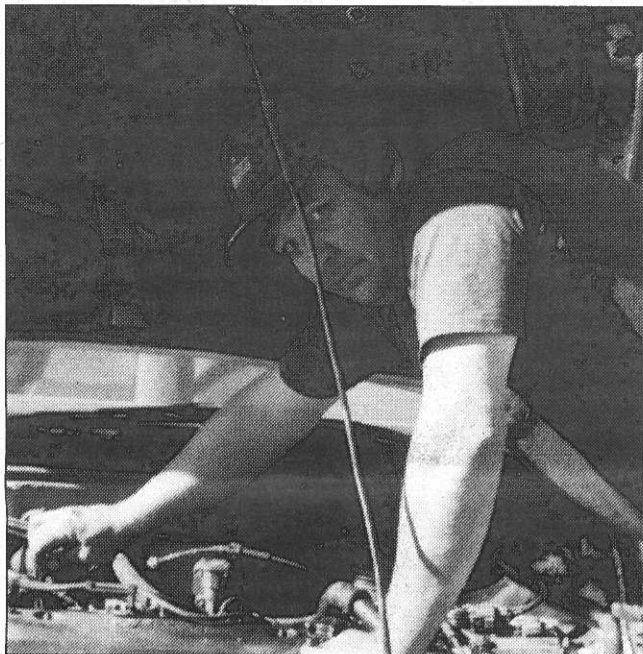
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Dan Woodward, working his magic under the hood.

Dan Woodward: serving area for 25 years

By Melodie McCullough
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The owner of Dan Woodward's Garage Inc., 33 King St. E., Millbrook, was born and raised in Millbrook. Dan began his apprenticeship at Clarke's Esso station in Millbrook in the early seventies, working there for 17 years.

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In what is truly a family business, Dan's son Derek is one of the mechanics, and the shop's part-time secretary is none other than Lynn, Dan's wife, and tireless owner of Daisy Mart (also located in Millbrook!).

Mr. Woodward is currently looking for an apprentice. ♣

Aftermath of Millbrook bank robbery

Two men charged after a robbery at the Millbrook branch of the Toronto Dominion Bank Aug. 1 are now in custody in the Peterborough Jail, awaiting a bail hearing to determine if they will be released before their next court appearance.

Jessie Reynolds, 22, of Oshawa, a former Baileboro area resident, and Christopher Baggot, 20, of Oshawa, were arrested Aug. 4 and charged with robbery while armed and wearing a disguise.

On Aug. 1 two men carrying firearms demanded money from a teller.

On Aug. 1, at approximately 2 pm, two men carrying firearms demanded money from a teller at the King Street East branch, said Detective Sergeant Michael Saunders of Kawartha OPP.

They were given an undisclosed amount of money and then fled the scene in a vehicle parked outside, he said. The vehicle was later recovered in Oshawa.

Counselling has been made available to employees of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, said an employee who preferred not to be identified. "We can't really discuss that," she said, adding that all employees present during the robbery were held at gunpoint. ♣

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Submitted by Brian Nashman, Edward Jones

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sional who knows about a variety of investment products can help you to select investments that meet your financial objectives and your need for safety. Salespeople with access to only a limited selection of investments cannot offer this level of service.

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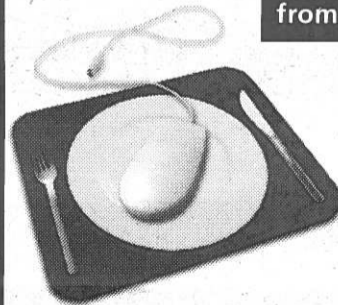
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EDITORIAL

Saving dinosaurs

They're among the few species we encounter that are actually dinosaurs, and yet we have so little respect for their ancient presence. I'm talking about turtles, those oh so slow critters that remind us to take life at a less hectic pace! And I want to call attention to the Kids 4 Turtles campaign.

You may have read the article in the July issue of the Gazette about a group of children who are working hard to raise money for signage for turtle crossings. The signs will be erected on roadways where turtles cross between May and September, usually in areas where there are wetlands. The idea is that motorists will slow down if they see a turtle, and drive around them, or get out of the car and perhaps move the turtle to the side of the road they are heading for — before another car comes along.

Snapping turtles are not difficult to deal with. Grab a stick, or perhaps even that snow shovel you have in the back of your car gathering dust, and let it bite down on the handle. Then you can carefully lead it across the road to safety. Don't pick these guys up! Painted turtles, which are becoming extremely rare, are easier to deal with. I prefer to pick them up with a pair of gloves on, but if you are not squeamish, pick them up with your bare hands and carry them across. (Be sure to wash your hands afterward!) And appreciate the fact that you have had the opportunity to meet a real, live dinosaur!

While some may think this is a silly, or even trivial concern to be worrying about turtles, the issue is merely part of a larger quest for environmental protection. If we can take care of turtles, maybe we can start to take care of our environment. There are many challenges to it, and increasingly, protection in the form of legislation is being challenged and defeated.

And besides, it's terrific that children have taken such an interest in animals and the environment at such an early age — when we see this kind of enthusiasm, we should support it! I hear that a reporter from another media outlet asked Jan Rowland, one of the adults involved, "What's next, mosquitos?" Don't belittle childhood dreams and hopes — they are probably what's most pure and good about our society, and with any help, these children will grow up to be the visionaries that save our planet and our society.

Sixteen young hikers participated in a fundraising hike at the Zucchini Festival, and over \$1,700 has been raised for approximately 17 signs. The young activists' cause has attracted attention from the media, and others — Franklin the Turtle sent each participant a book and bookmark, and the Toronto Zoo Foundation sent snapping turtle posters, offered to assist with sign placement, and will dedicate an issue of *The Amphibian Voice*, a national publication, to Kids 4 Turtles. Canada AM has approached organizers to set up an interview, and t-shirts have been made.

Not much, really, is needed in terms of funding support to purchase these signs for municipal roads, according to adult organizer Dr. Kristy Hiltz. Thus far, business/corporate sponsors include Williams' Auto Centre and the Millbrook-Cavan Firefighters' Association. However, fundraising is still ongoing. Your donation can be made at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Millbrook, Williams' Auto, Bear Essentials, or by calling Rollin' Acres (932-2107) for more info.

Let's protect these ancient creatures for the next generation — so turtles won't be merely another picture and description in children's books. ♣

NEXT DEADLINE

Deadlines for the September 16 issue:

Monday, Oct. 9 — advertising deadline

Monday, Oct. 2 — editorial copy deadline



An indictment of the Reeve

Does Reeve Cathcart think he is above the laws of this township?

It seems Mr. Cathcart decided it was alright to burn off a rather large pile of old hay, mixed with old tires, and unknown quantities of various plastics on his property. Unlike every other ratepayer, he thought he didn't need the \$20 fire permit.

Mr. Cathcart, you should now be fined for the lack of the permit! I know of other residents who have been fined for this very oversight, and what you have done was against the law, as well as threatening the environment. Now I've been told it has cost the ratepayers somewhere between \$1,800 and \$2,500 to have the fire department respond to your fire. This is money you should pay back to the municipality's account.

Then again, we know this will never happen. We watched as you wasted \$24,000 or more on the prosecution of our Deputy Reeve, Brian Squirrell, proceeding even after discrepancies were found in your, and several others', election expenses reports.

Then there were the secret meetings with the MOE and a lawyer for a local business concern. You have demonstrated a lack of environmental concern in the paper sludge issue, and now you show the same disregard for the human waste sludge and

mega-farm issue. There's a growing list of issues that you are just are not willing to tackle.

Mr. Cathcart, you have always seemed more interested in the concerns of big business than those of your ratepayers, and I suppose, as you like to say, I'm "once again barking up the wrong tree." I've been involved with the ratepayers for three years now, and I have never seen such antics by people on Council as in this current term. I was there when Councillor Alex Ruth insulted ratepayer Pauline Plumbe. You just sat there, smirking, when you should have put Councillor Ruth in his proper place by cautioning him against further mindless comments of this nature. Mrs. Plumbe could have taken legal action, but knowing that such action would cost ratepayers and not the perpetrator, graciously declined legal action.

Your lack of response to these insults, showing up late for numerous Council meetings, and your flagrant disregard for municipal by-laws and the environment makes me wonder about your leadership abilities. You're certainly one candidate in the upcoming election I will not squander my vote on. My vote is only one vote, Mr. Cathcart — I wonder how many other voters feel the same way?

—Daniel J. Smith
Cavan, Ontario

Break up the old boys' club!

Your August editorial "Get serious about the upcoming election" was right on the money.

As you say, our Council is a "cozy old boys' club" that needs to be broken up. A check of councillors' voting records shows that Jones, Ruth, and Bartlett almost always vote as a block in agreement with Reeve Cathcart. Generally, this block is opposed by Councillors Fallis and Squirrell, who vote according to their conscience and for what is best for ratepayers.

I am greatly encouraged that Mr. Bob Clark, a well-respected and long-time resident, is running for the position of Reeve. His first commitment, as listed on his website (www.nexicom.net/~clarkforreeve) is "Greater involvement of the citizens in the decision-making process."

Thankfully, Mr. Clark is taking the opposite approach to that of our current Reeve, who dissuades and even obstructs public input. At the All-Candidates Debate prior to the 1997 election, I recall with abhorrence Cathcart asserting he didn't have to consult with ratepayers before he made decisions.

I look forward to November — and the opportunity to replace our current Reeve, who acts as though he is the boss or the township itself. Mr. Clark pledges to act as a true representative of the citizens of this municipality.

—Ken Greenberg
Millbrook, Ontario

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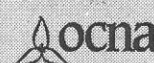
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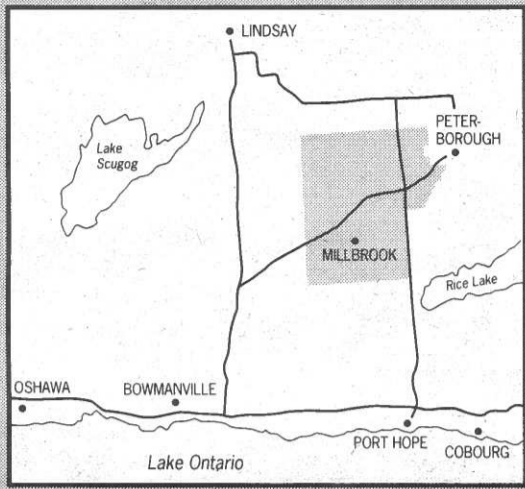
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Don't just scratch

By Crystal Eves

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Now, if you are looking for reasons for this experience, you could chalk it up to a back-to-fall-routine stress, or an I-can't-believe-summer-is-really-over freak out.

Now, if you are looking for reasons for this experience, you could chalk it up to a back-to-fall-routine stress, or an I-can't-believe-summer-is-really-over freak out, but deep down, you would know this to be untrue... wouldn't you???

Here's what astrology has to say about this time. Virgos happen to be going through several difficult cycles right now. This means that their lives are feeling pressure in all the places where change needs to occur. The uncomfortable feelings that the Virgos have been experiencing are warning flags to show them

exactly where and what must be altered in order for their lives to be happier.

So a Virgo who has been carrying too much of the family load is likely to be feeling maxed out in terms of time and energy right now. Her present irritation is helping her face the fact that this arrangement cannot continue as it is. A Virgo in such a situation would be wise to examine how she might eliminate certain responsibilities by redistributing the workload or by changing her expectations.

The point of this stressful cycle is to expose the weak spots of your daily routine and life arrangements. If you do nothing with this information, it is akin to having a safety check on your car and then driving it without making any of the recommended repairs.

If you are a Virgo, simply paying attention to what scenarios are triggering these unpleasant feelings will be very beneficial. For without question, it will be in these areas of your life where changes must be made.

But you must take action, or else the stress will persist and let's face it – no one wants an itchy rash in sweater season! ♣



GOD TALK

Must I be born again to be Christian?

Q About a year ago, a friend of mine had an experience she called "born again". This experience radically changed her outlook on life, and many of her previous habits and lifestyle — mostly for the better. However, she has been bugging me lately about whether or not I am going to heaven, and do I have a personal relationship with Jesus — the implication being that I am not really a Christian. I am a member of the United Church of Canada, and really do not feel like I need to have her experience to be a Christian. How can I handle this?

A Why is it that people are generally uncomfortable talking about God? No problem with the weather, politics, business, or world conditions. But when it comes to

spiritual matters, we are strangely silent. Why is that? Especially when it is a matter of such great importance.

You are most fortunate to have a friend like the one you describe; one whose life has been "radically" changed and who cares enough about you to voice her concern.

Commend her for the way her experience is being reflected in a (mostly) improved lifestyle. Those changes give credence to the reality of her experience with God. Then be sure to thank her for her concern over the state of your spiritual well-being. We should all be so fortunate as to have someone care that much about us!

Don't be offended! Assert your belief (if it really is your belief) that not all of us love the Lord exactly the same way. Among Jesus' own disciples, some were closer to him than others. Even touching the edge of his robe made one woman whole, and you can't get much more of a fringe relationship than that.

The important thing is (and your friend is right about it) that we have a personal relationship with the God whom Jesus made uniquely known to us. Just as no two people love their parents exactly the same way, so no two people love the Lord in the same way. However, that you do is most important. And that love must show itself in action just as

your friend's newfound relationship has evidenced itself in action.

Encourage her for taking this step of faith. Urge her to keep herself in a place where God can continue to touch her even as you do — for one touch from God in a lifetime is hardly enough. If it is authentic, we will want it to continue to grow and deepen.

Ask your friend to keep praying for you and be open so you can both talk about things of the spirit together. Such things are not always easy to share with just anyone.

Finally, you must seek out opportunities for your own spiritual growth. There

are four United Church Lay Christian Training Centres across Canada, sponsoring a variety of spiritual growth events. On the other hand, you may be deeply blessed by the touch of God on your life in a special program within your church family.

Then it will be just as hard for you to keep quiet about it as your friend. After all, even successful dieters cannot resist talking about how wonderful they feel. ♣ *This month's God Talk was written by Rev. John Peters, of Springville-Baillieboro (Emmanuel) United Church Pastoral Charge, and Rev. Fred Futers of Millbrook Christian Assembly.*

Owner to rebuild store

By Melodie McCullough

Bill Jones, owner of the Fraserville General Store destroyed by fire July 30, plans to rebuild the store but does not yet know when or where or what shape the new building will take.

"I haven't even got a clue," said Mr. Jones, who has owned the store for 24 years. "It's premature to anticipate what we're going to do, until we find out from the insur-

ance companies what we've got to work with."

His insurance companies have not yet received a fire report. He is not even sure of the amount of damage, as insurance adjustors are still working on the appraisals, he said.

The fire, which started in the adjoining Fraserville Auto Body Shop, destroyed the store and auto body shop, as well as a restaurant, gas bar and used car lot. ♣

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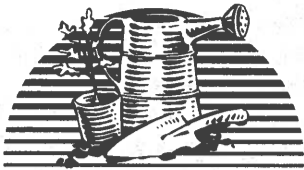
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COMMON GROUND

Making the most of summery fall

By Jill Williams

It looks like this fall is going to be just as warm and sunny as predicted. I have no excuses now for not getting that outside painting done, and there's lots of opportunity to do all those gardening jobs I've been putting off.

I know I complained back in July about all the rain and the slug festival that seemed to last until early August. I take back

some of those complaints now. All that rain wasn't great for early perennials blooming in June and July. But I'm sure it has made a real difference in fall perennials. I've never seen such huge phlox as there are blooming right now. I've also never seen dill as big as it is this year. A few dill seedlings which appeared in the garlic now look like small trees.

Here in the valley, we've already had a killing frost. Fortunately, it only hit a few spots in the vegetable garden. The pathetic squash, cucumber, and melon plants were wiped out, but they weren't going to amount to anything, anyway. The peppers, tomatoes, and zucchinis which I covered (thank goodness for row cover!) seem to be happily growing and ripening in the warm fall sun. At least a few things are

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doing well in spite of the odd weather this year.

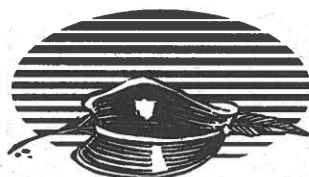
These dry, warm fall days are a good time to collect seeds from annuals (poppies, love-in-a-mist, calendula, morning glories, etc. and biennials (foxgloves, sweet william, rose campion, etc.). These can either be planted now or kept until next spring. If you're planting them now, just scatter the seeds where you'd like them to grow. Don't cover seeds with soil, since they need light to germinate. I've found that annual poppies do best when planted in the fall. Just be careful not to weed out the seedlings when you're cleaning up in the spring.

I sent away my meagre bulb order recently. Couldn't muster too much enthusiasm for it this year, with the odd weather and all. Who wants to be reminded of fall when we've barely had summer?

In spite of the few nights of frost we've had, it feels quite summery now. I think I'd like to enjoy it for a few more weeks — before those tulips arrive and need to be planted.

I think I ordered tulips, anyway. I can never remember what I ordered, and it's always a surprise when the package finally arrives. I'm sure I ordered some lilies, too, but we will see soon enough. Until then, I can be found in the glorious warm, fall garden (no mosquitos!), soaking up the good weather.

Now what were all those jobs I was supposed to be doing... ♣



DEEP BLUE INK

There is no "F1 key" for the mind: Part I

Why the invention and proliferation of computers in our time? "Because We Can."

With a multitude of people (scientists, technocrats, capitalists, hackers, basement laymen, whiz kids) key-stroking, success was inevitable. Byte-counters are now as challenging to our collective intellect (whether you are computer literate or not) as the rubbing together of sticks to make a spark, or poking the calculator you weren't supposed to use in grade twelve math.

Our minds are not so easy. All minds, from the so-called "best" to the "worst" are ultimately beyond our comprehension. This is true-life irony in its most undistilled form: our very engine of comprehension is unable to comprehend itself. More people have studied the mysteries of the human mind, for a longer time, than computers can even justify. Blushing darkens the faces of serious men when they have to admit that they really don't know how the mind functions. Forget cloning: all cloners can do is keep their twenty fingers crossed in hopes that the mind, the essence of consciousness, functions the same as the lump of squiggly meat they have duplicated.

(I don't mind digressing here: remember in "The Old Man and The Sea" when Santiago is forced to eat the

gamey porpoise to survive? The consistency of its meat is compared to "brains", or at least that is how I remember it).

Our brain is a football of flesh, that when removed from the cranium, may be spread like pate. Why can't we glean secrets from it: understand addictions, pathologies, suicides and the like, and finally be truthful when we promise our kids that life is beautiful? "Because We Cannot."

Such is also the frustration of trying to rationalize a suicide (or, in the recent case of Dr. Killinger-Johnson, a suicide/infanticide). Why does one kill oneself, while others do not? Claire Weissman Wilks, the Toronto artist, once told her partner, the poet Barry Callaghan, not to ask why "because 'Why' is a crooked letter".

Perhaps the spurious search for reason is best distracted by the intervention of abstractions and riddles; this is the implication of Claire's conclusion. The flesh brain is imbued with a hidden shadow.

Generally, we know that anti-depressant medications work, but their success is based on trial and error and in that lifeline there is probably as much error as success. Depression is like a cancer of the mind: it can be con-

trolled, but no cure exists. Solutions to "the real bad blues" has been, and will be, the subject of speculation for generations. At the moment, there is no blood test, no brain scan, no diagnostic test to diagnose depression. (Toronto Star, 00-08-18).

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I am a unipolar depressive, which means I don't even get, as a trade-off, any period of boundlessly energetic mania. It's not so bad with me. I am able to work, have lost thirty five pounds in four months, and am in general more high-spirited than I have been in over eight years. Things have not always been so stable. While not taking the faint suicidal thoughts I've had seriously (who knows) the abstract conception of suicide had still been stewing upstairs. Early in Camus' "The Myth Of Sisyphus", he writes that the only imperative decision one has to make in life is whether or not you want to live. Choose "living", not just "life". Not an easy decision for a depressive. ♣

NOTICE

The Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Notice of Public Meeting

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan will hold a public meeting to consider a new Official Plan to replace the three (3) existing Official Plans in the Municipality

The Public Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. Municipal Offices, 1 King St. East, Millbrook

This application applies to the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan in its entirety. A key may have not been included with this notice. This amendment has been initiated by the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan.

The general nature of the application is to consider a new Official Plan with updated policies for the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan.

If a person or public body that requests a referral of a proposed decision in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make oral submission at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, then the approval authority may refuse the request to refer all or part of the proposed decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, or the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the referral of the proposed decision.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Municipality at the address below.

Further information on the above application may be obtained by contacting:

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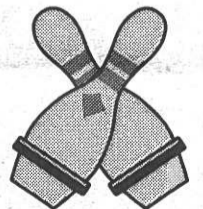
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Gilding the humble zucchini: Zucchini of various sizes and shapes were decorated or made into boats as part of the 4th Annual Zucchini Festival on Sept. 10, sponsored by the Millbrook Farmers' Market, and put together by many community volunteers. See story on page 7 for highlights and a complete list of award-winners in various competitions.

Zukes alors!

It may not have been the best year for them, but for a day they were floated, cheered, shredded, stirred, baked, decorated.

Never so much fun was ever had by the lowly zucchini, as it was feted on Sun. Sept. 1. Over 200 people of all ages attended the annual Zucchini Festival, sponsored by the Millbrook Farmers' Market.

The results in various zuke competitions are as follows:

Poet Laureate Contest

1st: Linda Zernask, Little Britain
2nd: Esperança Melo, Millbrook.

Best Boat Design

8/under: 1st Gabriel Soligo, Age 6, Millbrook; 2nd Stephanie Giles, Age 4, Cavan; 3rd Georgia Allen, Age 6, Millbrook.
9-13: 1st Erin Monis, Age 10, Millbrook; 2nd Stephan Kirkpatrick, Age 11, Millbrook; 3rd Eva Fisher, Age 13, Cavan.
14+: 1st Maureen MacDonald, Millbrook; 2nd Vargo Ailan; 3rd Grace Glass, Cavan.

Best Decorated Market

8/under: Rosie Burns, Age 5, Port Hope; 2nd Mary Kirkpatrick, Age 7, Millbrook; 3rd Emilie Spasov, 8, Millbrook.
9-13: 1st Robin Forchon, Age 11, Bailieboro; 2nd Cleo Carpenter, 9, Millbrook; 3rd Sarah Byrnes, Age 9, Port Hope.
There were no entries in the 14+ category.

Best Decorated Home

8/under: 1st Luke Belfry, Age 4, Peterborough; 2nd Dylan Storace, 7, Millbrook.

9-13: 1st Claire Bourgeois, 9, Millbrook; 2nd Gillian di Petta, 9, Cavan; 3rd Cassandra Storace, 10, Millbrook.
14+: 1st Julie Kirkpatrick.

Harry Potter Zucchini Look-a-like

1st: Kate Maclead, Cavan; 2nd: David, Kaitlin and Shannon Ireland, Cavan.

Best Zucchini Dish Contest

Savoury: Zucchini Calzone, Joanne Rowland, Cavan.
Sweet: Zuke Mango Smoothy, Barbara Walker, Cavan.
Most Original: Dreamy Zuke Creamy, Lisa Slavin and Becca Carson, Peterborough.

Zucchini Boat Races

8/under: 1st Veda McCoy, 2nd Brenda Birkins, 3rd Regan Malloney.
9-13: 1st Kate McCloud, 2nd Conner Ohara and Lauren Todd; 3rd Alex Shakov, Millbrook.
14+: 1st Paul Storace, Millbrook; 2nd Shelley Storace, Millbrook — yes, they're husband and wife!; 3rd Grace Glass, Cavan.

Great (Big) Zucchini Weigh-in

1st: Ravi Inder Soligo, Millbrook, 17 lbs
2nd: Julie Kirkpatrick, Millbrook, 11 lbs.

Zucchini Toss

8/under: Mitchell Barry, 7, Millbrook, 29' 5";
9-13: Laura McLeod, 11, Millbrook, 27' 10".
Men's: Mike Jarmain, Wales, 39'.
Women's: Amanda Klarer, Millbrook, 21'.

And finally, the zucchini was celebrated by local wordsmiths. The winning ode to the equally loved and loathed veggie is as follows:

Wild Zucchini Returns from Travels Unscathed but Willing to Fry

There was a zucchini from Valentia
Diagnosed with Vegetile Dementia
After a week at the coast
It did return to boast...
But that's about all I'll relate t'ya.

-Linda Zernask,
from south of Valentia

Congrats to all winners, and thanks to everyone who organized the many fun events and entertainment! ♣

Cross-country walker urges organ donations

By Melodie McCullough

George Marcello, a liver transplant recipient, made Millbrook one of his many Ontario stops in mid-August during his cross-Canada walk to raise awareness about the critical shortage and benefits of organ and tissue donations.

"What we're trying to promote here is the spirit so we can encourage more people to make organ donations," said Mr. Marcello, 45, of Toronto, to a small crowd of onlookers gathered in front of the township municipal office.

Hugh Hoard, president of the Millbrook and District Lions Club, and Dean Cutmore, township councillor, each presented donations to Mr. Marcello, who began his walk in Toronto June 20 with the goal of walking 20 to 25 kilometres a day and reaching 214 communities in Ontario.

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Organizers are hoping for another successful year with the help of the knitters in Millbrook and North Monaghan. ♣

veto their request. This would not happen if a national registry was available, said Mr. Marcello.

He was met about three kilometres outside of town at the Tapley 1/4 Line by town officials and a number of youth from the Millbrook Christian Assembly Junior High Youth group, who joined in the walk to the municipal office.

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LSC withdrawal: camp done for another year

By Melanie Anderson

I've gone into withdrawal. Every year it happens. I'm glad to go home and know that I won't have to chase unhappy kids trying to run away, down the road. And yet after a few days of regular, daily showers and free time to do whatever I want, I'm bored stiff and miss everything about camp terribly.

I even miss the girls I had to follow around with a friend of mine one evening to make sure they did not follow through with threats to damage our other campers. They had some pretty nasty words for us, let me tell you.

My sister, some dear friends of ours (old and new), and I work at Lake Scugog Camp (LSC), a United Church Fresh Air Camp located not far from Port Perry. For many, many years Scugog has been a summer getaway for underprivileged, and under-cared-for, kids and moms, and that's what it will continue to be. As such, the

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campers we receive, for the most part, do not have the chance to be campers elsewhere, for behavioral if not financial reasons. We get many campers from Children's Aid, many campers with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and a few with parole officers. In Moms' camps (two seven-day-long sessions each summer) we have alcoholics, drug users, and women we know are abusing their kids, who still somehow become like friends to us.

Consequently, before the campers arrive every year we go over ways of dealing with behavior

issues, and what to do when a child starts telling you about abuse they've suffered, among other things. On the other hand, we also get perfectly angelic children and amazing moms who just don't have the cash to go to "normal" summer camps, and we have to remember when dealing with the tough campers there are others who need our attention, too.

Despite the many challenges we teenagers face trying to control kids, who in some cases cannot be controlled by the adults in their own homes, every summer is a great one. With few exceptions, when the bus comes on that last day to take the campers away, they don't want to go, including the ones who spent the whole ten days telling you just how much they hated it there. In fact, they tend to cry the hardest.

Each session we usually have a "special day" where, instead of the usual activities, we do crazy stuff around a theme. During this year's third session on July 25th, we had Christmas in July. After an afternoon of Christmas activities, at free swim time Santa came around, and was promptly kidnapped in front of all the kids. One of the younger girls (aged eight or so) really got upset at the thought Santa had been taken away, and had to be reassured he would be okay. After supper, the kids had to interview the "suspects", a few of the staff who dressed up as characters, or were their own frightening selves, and then decide who the kidnapper must be. They really got into the interrogations, and there were a

lot of tough questions asked, believe me — I was one of the suspects. When the kids made their decision, they thought it prudent to swarm the perpetrator (not me) and try to scare him into giving Santa up. Then Santa came out again and said he hadn't been kidnapped at all, and the "kidnapper" had simply come to get him to attend to some emergency.

Santa also made a special point of assuring his biggest fan that he was okay. This was an amazing day.

It's funny the things you take for granted living in the country, though. Being a Fresh Air Camp, most of our campers come from well within the GTA. They may never have seen a lake, considered how one goes about peeing in the woods (well, the girls anyway), or seen a real live sheep before. (Each year we have a small collection of animals.) Lake Scugog gets called "the pool" more times than I can count each summer, and I don't know if you've been there before, but chlorinated, it ain't.

(Not to mention the complete lack of temperature control, brrr!).

Until this year the concept of a "kybo" [outhouse] was also a new concept for our campers to confront, sometimes the least understandable part of which was the fact that, no, a kybo does not flush.

We laugh a lot at Lake Scugog Camp — and cry too — but I can't really explain to you why. I don't have any absolutely hysterical anecdote to tell you from this past summer. You just had to be there. ♣

Heritage Centre has busy first summer

The Heritage Centre of the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society has attracted not only a large number of visitors from as far away as Atlanta, Georgia, over the summer months, but many very favourable comments and much interest as well.

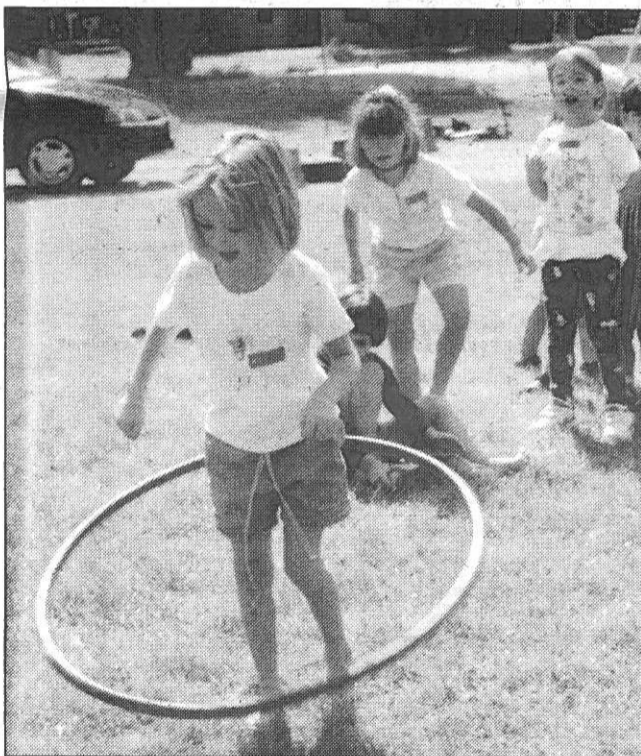
In addition, there have been a number of splendid donations. For example, a copy of the Confederation issue of *The Globe* (forerunner to *The Globe and Mail*), dated July 1, 1867, was received.

A Souvenir Shop has been set up which carries books, woodenwares from Rose's Crafts in Cavan, and hasti-notes bearing early local photographs. Other items will be added to attract both visitors and local shoppers.

The hours of operation for the first summer have been trial and error, but it is anticipated volunteers will be more easily available with the return of autumn.

The first meeting of the fall season will be held on Wednesday, September 20,

7:30 p.m. in the Muriel Smith Hall of St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Millbrook. Mark Peacock will be speaking about surveyor Samuel Wilmot, who gave his name to Wilmot Creek in Peterborough. For the many newcomers to the Township, the Historical Society is a sure channel for learning about the area. Newcomers and all are invited to an evening of historical information and refreshments. For further information please call 931-2905. ♣



Many local children enjoyed the activities at the Millbrook Christian Assembly's Vacation Bible School in August.

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Bright economic future expected for township

By Melodie McCullough
The township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) can look forward to a bright economic future once a few obstacles — both major and minor — are overcome, believes Tom Jones, municipal councillor and chairman of the township's economic development committee.

"We've been really successful with the position that we have taken on development," says Mr. Jones. "We have the location. We have to tell people that this is where to be if they want to be part of the growth that's taking place."

He predicts North Monaghan, especially, will be the area that "is really going to explode" over the next 10 years.

The economic development committee, made up of five township councillors, was established in February, 1998 after Mr. Jones initiated the idea. He sees the committee's job as being proactive and supportive of development, and acting as a facilitator for developers.

However, there is one major obstacle to development in North Monaghan as well as the rest of the township — there is no infrastructure that compares to the city of Peterborough; specifically water and sewer services.

"There's a lot of pressure for development in North Monaghan Ward and it all hinges on servicing," says Mr. Jones. "If we could solve the servicing issues, we'd be in a runaway position."

Ultimately, he says, the municipality will have to decide if it is appropriate to spend money on a new sewer treatment plant in North Monaghan Ward, or whether it makes more sense to let Peterborough annex the land and service it (which he says Peterborough wants to do) — with the subsequent loss of township assessment.

"That will be a controversial thing as to what happens there."

Susan Cudahy, president of the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation, sees the lack of services as a major stumbling block keeping industry away from CMNM. She also says the township needs a master plan establishing residential, commercial and industrial zones so it can proactively position land for development.

But the township is taking action on that issue, says Mr. Jones. One of the most important tasks the economic development committee has undertaken is the drafting of a new official plan that amalgamates and updates the official plans of the three previous townships. Recommendations are expected this month.

"It's probably the most significant process we'll be using to determine future development in all of CMNM," says Mr. Jones.

The plan will recognize the distinct strengths of each ward, he says, and zoning will reflect that — tourism and commercial growth for Millbrook, agriculture for Cavan and development for North Monaghan.

Some people in Millbrook may have environmental and cultural concerns regarding urban growth in the village, says Jones.

However he expects there will be objections to the new plan and possibly appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board. For example, some people in Millbrook may have environmental and cultural concerns regarding urban growth in the village; he says.

Other obstacles face developers, says Mr. Jones, such as bureaucratic processes regarding development applications. Some plans can take years to realize, after all municipal requirements are met and objections solved.

Yet another snag in CMNM could be the introduction of a single-tier or regional government to the area, he says. Boundary issues and the possibility of having to share slot revenues with other townships need to be kept in mind when planning for development.

Despite these potential problems, Mr. Jones sees a lot of economic growth for the area. Although the township may not have the money to pay staff to come up with impressive statistics, already the signs of growth are everywhere, he says.

"There's lots of activity going on if you listen to the people in the community."

He points to development at Kawartha Downs racetrack, the introduction of slot machines, the

expansion of Flying Colours, ongoing plans for the Intersport Recreation Complex, construction of a number of subdivisions, and expansion of a number of small businesses as examples of growth in the past three years.

He envisions factory outlets and big box stores in North Monaghan drawing visitors to the area, a new use for the Millbrook jail keeping jobs in the community, and golf courses and theme parks providing leisure activities for seniors and families.

Businesses will do more business, real estate sales will increase, and property values will rise, he predicts.

Councillor Brian Fallis also sees many opportunities "coming our way."

Located close to the Greater Toronto Area at the major transportation corridors of Highways 115 and 28, with an airport in the municipality and a main train line through the district, the township is experiencing a growing and diversified industrial base, he says. Tourism is also playing a major role in the economy, he adds, and overall the future is bright.

"Our strengths far outweigh our weaknesses."

In a future issue of The Gazette, we will look at community economic development, as well as concerns regarding major industrial development in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan. ♣

Public meeting on new Official Plan

The public will have a chance to formally comment on the township's new official plan before it becomes law at a public meeting Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. at the municipal office.

Last March the job of amalgamating and updating the official plans of the previous townships of Cavan, Millbrook and North Monaghan into one new plan was contracted to Clark Consulting Services of Port Hope. It presented a final draft of the official plan and zoning by-law to a meeting of the planning advisory committee of council Sept. 12.

Councillor Tom Jones said in an interview the new plan recognises the distinct characteristics of the three wards. Recognising the historical nature of Millbrook and potential for tourism, it recommends an increased area for development in the village, dependent on expansion of the existing sewage treatment plant.

For Cavan, the township has worked with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to identify large blocks of continuous farmland to be zoned as agricultural land. This would prevent past mistakes, such as allowing subdivisions to be built across the road from intensive farms, said Mr. Jones.

In North Monaghan, the emphasis is on commercial

and industrial development, and there is no agricultural zoning. However, owners of areas previously zoned farmland will be allowed to remain farming that land as long as they wish.

There is also consideration of environmentally sensitive areas in the township.

Mr. Jones said the object of the plan is not to put in place draconian measures to prevent people from doing things.

"Some people want stricter rules, some more

Large blocks of continuous farmland, zoned as agricultural land would prevent past mistakes, such as allowing subdivisions to be built across the road from intensive farms.

flexible, and we hope to find a balance," he said.

At the public meeting, council will have the opportunity to hear concerns of the public and then make changes, if necessary. ♣



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Those applying must be capable of functioning collectively as part of a group and working under adverse work and weather conditions, as outlined by the municipal fire department hiring policy.

Applications, together with the job description and conditions of employment, may be picked up at either of the following places:

<p>Millbrook Fire Station 52 King Street East Millbrook, Ontario Tel: 932-2765</p>	<p>CMNM Municipal Office 1 King St. E. Millbrook, Ontario Tel: 932-2929 8:30 am - 4:30 pm</p>
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Completed applications are to be returned to the fire station or the municipal office, both located in Millbrook, Ont., clearly marked "Part-Time Firefighter Position" before 12:00 noon, Friday, October 6, 2000.

In accordance with the municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 and will be used to determine suitability for these positions.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Local woman experiences "dynamic" South Africa

By Melodie McCullough

Imagine this: camouflaged deep in the African bush, you stand and watch elephants and rhinos in their natural territory. Next: You are the first white person to enter a remote African village, and the people are so grateful they thank you for coming. Later: You feel privileged to experience the phenomenal art, music, and dance of a distant culture. And finally: You know you have made friendships for life with people of a different race, a continent away, and you hope you have helped make their country a better place to live.

Fran Fearnley, a local freelance writer and editor, doesn't have to imagine these experiences — these are her memories of her two years spent in South Africa doing volunteer work and travelling.

Fran, 48, well-known for her community involvement over the past number of years in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, came home last January, enriched, both culturally and politically, because of her stay in a country she describes as "dynamic and fascinating".

"There was this sense of being in the hub of massive reform that had the potential of going beyond the borders of the country," she said in a recent interview at her South Monaghan farm. "It's very interesting to live in a country that is recreating itself."

It was her political interest in the country's history of apartheid and its subsequent embrace of democracy that drew her to find volunteer work there in January, 1998. But Fran's journey to South Africa began many years before her arrival. Born in

Iran and educated in a British boarding school, she followed her British diplomat father to the many countries his work took him to, and she became aware at a young age of the "racial atrocity" of apartheid. As a child, she boycotted South African goods before it became an accepted practice.

Her first job was teaching high school English and Theatre Arts in Britain. She emigrated to Canada 20 years ago, first to Toronto, then Millbrook, and then, 13 years ago, to her farm. She worked in corporate communications and then started writing and editing for magazines. For 10 years she worked at Today's Parent magazine in Toronto, as editor and editor-in-chief. During those years, she served for six years as trustee for the former Peterborough County Board of Education and

was founding president of the Friends of the Old Millbrook School.

Three years ago Fran decided she wanted "to do something completely different", so she left her job and looked for an opportunity to do not-for-profit work.

"I was drawn to South Africa more than any other country."

"People think if democracy can find a way to work in South Africa, then there is hope for the rest of the continent."

For the first year of her stay she worked on a publishing project at the University of Natal in Durban, promoting publications that dealt with social, economic and political policy development. One day a week she also taught remedial literacy to young children from a squatter camp.

During her second year, she was executive co-ordinator for an ad hoc organization set up to help ensure "peaceful, free and fair" elections in the province of Kwa-Natal, a particularly volatile area where violence was expected for the country's second democratic elections in June, 1999. During her final few months, she travelled to other African countries.

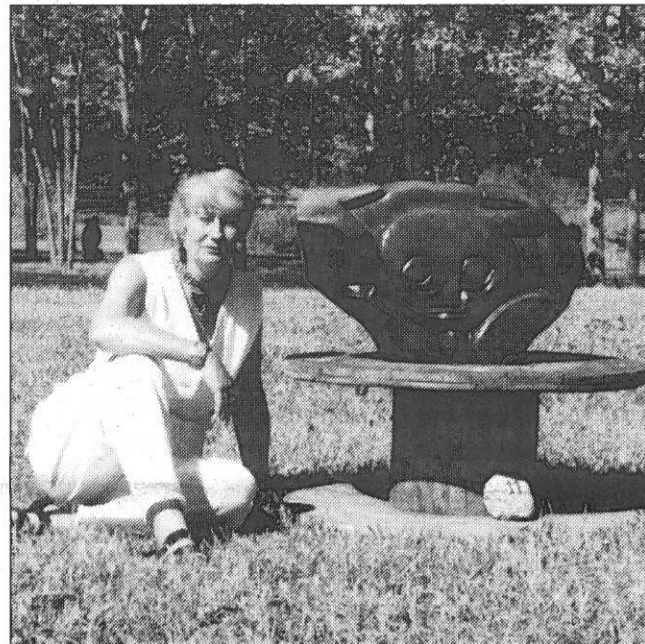
Fran said South Africa is in the process of trying to reconcile itself with the apartheid policies of the past and move forward. Economic reform to reduce unemployment and the differences between the 'haves and have nots', as well as educational improvements, are necessary, she said.

"I think South Africa has an important role to play in the African continent. People think if democracy can find a way to work there, then there is hope for the rest of the continent."

Discrimination based on colour no longer exists in legislation, but there are still problems in the actual delivery, she continued.

"With the best will in the world, things aren't going to change overnight."

Everywhere she went, however, the people of South Africa, both black and white, displayed warmth and openness. One of her first contacts in the country was William Saunderson-



Fran Fearnley is pictured with a sculpture titled "Power Man/Lover Boy" carved from serpentine stone by African artist Mackras Maqunha. It was part of an outdoor exhibit at Fran's South Monaghan farm in early September.

Meyer, a journalist and art collector, who became a close friend. It was through this friendship that Fran added a new dimension to her life back home. For a week in early September, one of her fields became the setting for an open-air exhibit of some stunning African stone sculptures created by artists in the Tengenenge art colony in Zimbabwe. Mr. Saunderson-Meyer, curator of the show, visited Fran's farm to offi-

cially open the exhibit. Many of the 31 pieces exhibited have been sold, and both Fran and her friend hope to pursue future similar exhibits.

At the moment there are no immediate plans for any more trips to South Africa, but the country and its memories will continue to be special for Fran.

"I plan to stay connected to South Africa one way or another for the rest of my life." ♣

Quilters stitch community and creativity together in show

Locally based, talented quilters will share their love of the craft and offer some of their masterpieces for sale at a quilt show in Millbrook at the end of the month.

The Airing of the Quilts will be a informal show and sale of some of the work of six dedicated

quilters and fabric artists from Millbrook, Cavan, Peterborough, and Hamilton Township.

In September 1997, at the urging of Lyn Lepper, six like-minded women met for the purpose of getting together on a bi-weekly basis in order to share and participate in their mutual love of quilt-

ing. All six women were transplanted from Toronto, taking on a new, more relaxed lifestyle in these rolling hills... hence the name, "The Transplants".

The group meets on an unstructured basis, each working on whatever project is her current interest, but all are available to each other when problems arise, or when many hands may be needed.

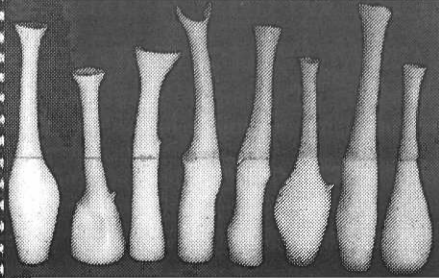
While some of the members are relatively new to the art, others are national and international award-winning quilters with many years of experience. Two-thirds of the group are members of the York Heritage Quilters Guild in Toronto.

The Transplants will be displaying works which demonstrate techniques such as applique, piecing, colourwash, painting, and photo transfer, and quilting by both hand and machine.

The members of the Transplants are Winn Bury, Lyn Lepper, Jeanne Moran, Marsha Plewes, Janet Spindloe and Marlene Thompson.

The show and sale will be held at 3 Bank Street North, Millbrook on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st from 10 am to 5 pm. ♣

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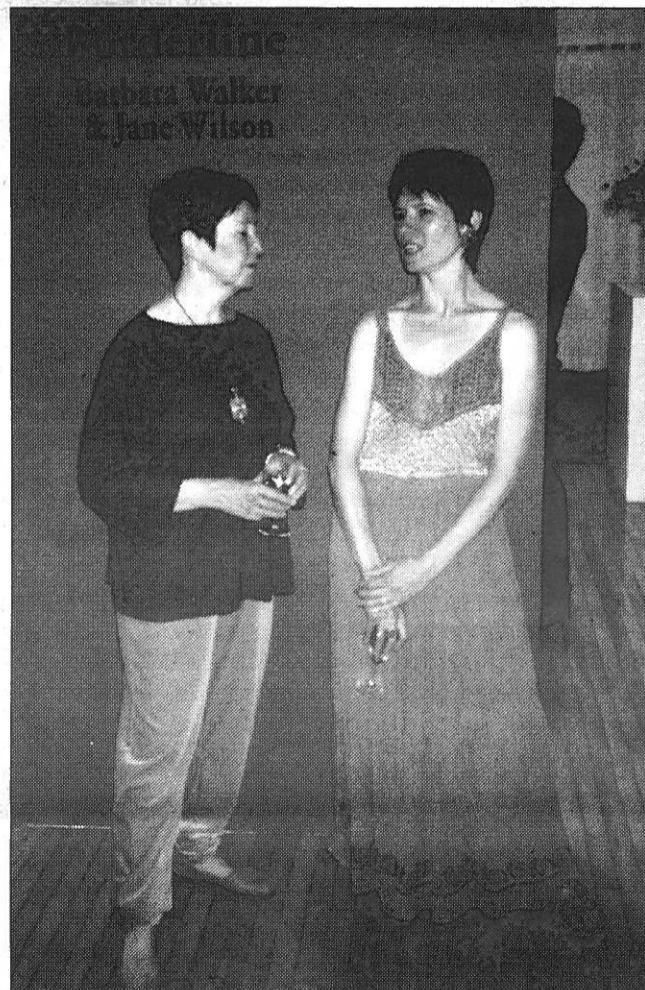
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At the Millbrook Gallery 19 King St. E., Millbrook Until Oct. 8
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Across from Calhoun's IGA, Millbrook. Sat. Sept. 23, 10 am - 12 noon
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September Fest - Fall Market

At St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
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Foundations - Celebration of Artists in Ptbo. Cty.

At the Gallery in the Square, Peterborough Sept. 23 - Oct. 7
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At Keystone Links, Ptbo. Sat. Sept. 23, Sat. Oct. 7
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Wed. Sept. 27, 7:30 pm

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Wed. Oct. 4 - Toys and Equipment - What You Should Know
Wed. Oct. 11 - Positive Discipline for Preschoolers
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Annual Kawartha Autumn Studio Tour

Sept. 29, 7:30 - sneak preview at the Ptbo. Art Gallery. Richly diverse art; featured artists on tour include local artists Valerie Davidson, Emma Hesse, George Raab, Susan Spenceley, Bill Rowland, and many more. Maps of the tour available at Gallery 2, Crescent St., Ptbo., or at this event. Call (705) 743-3661 for details.

North Cavan Fall Festival

At North Cavan School, 2 mi. n. of Cavan, Cty. Rd. #10. Sat. Sept. 30, 10 am-3 pm. Bouncy castle, games, prizes, bake table and Tea Room, barbeque, raffle, craft market. More info call Sally at 944-5737 or Pam at 944-5917.

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Garden Club Meeting

Wed. Oct. 4, 7:30 pm
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Oct. 11 - Keystone Links Golf Club
Oct. 18 - Old Millbrook School
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At the Millbrook Gallery 19 King St. E., Millbrook
Opens Fri, Oct. 13, 7:30 pm. Local painter and gallery member JoEllen Brydon's long-awaited solo exhibition of new paintings will be on display until November 12. For more information phone 932-5482.

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

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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.

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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.

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Take a B&B break!

Need a break, far from the madding crowd (or house-work, the office, family...)? Has the back to school/work/regular schedule left you feeling like you're on a treadmill?

Probably you haven't even had time to notice the changing scenery around you. Leaves are changing colours, into a riot of crimson, gold, and burnt orange — and if you had opportunity for a drive, you'd notice from our many hill-tops a vista which looks much like a quilt of gorgeous colours.

But no. Probably you've had little time to savour the changes, and, more importantly, the changes in yourself as you've taken on new challenges in what always seems like a new year.

It's time to take a week-end, or at least a couple of mid-week nights OFF!

That's all well and good, but what if family finances are tapped out through buying back-to-school clothes and school supplies? The short answer is get thee to a bed and breakfast!

A bed and breakfast provides just the place for a break — a place where you can lay your weary head and get the first meal of your day. However, B and Bs around the world are now offering much more than a place to rest on a long journey. Most offer sumptuous beds, with the kind of soft and sleep-inducing bedding seen in decorating magazines. Many offer the same features as a high-end hotel, including whirlpool baths, saunas, and even heated towel racks.

From the moment you cross the threshold of a bed and breakfast, the atmosphere is generally one of

relaxation. Shed your worries at the door, for often there's tea or other goodies to be had, proffered by your friendly hosts upon arrival. Depending on your state of sleep-deprivation, or the weather, you might decide to take advantage of that inviting bed in your room, or take a walk through the fallen leaves, or just sit with a cup of coffee/tea and with time to actually read the newspaper.

Take advantage of the bed and breakfast's location, and visit some attractions or shops you've never visited before. Go for a drive or walk down a nearby country lane you've never explored before, if you are close to home. Your hosts will invariably have all kinds of information on what to do and see in the area, as well as pamphlets and maps. The idea is to do something different you might not have time to do when at home, or to just do nothing at all!

Speaking of doing nothing at all, for the truly burnt out an increasing number of bed and breakfasts have on-site pampering treats to enjoy — such

as reflexology or massage. Some even assist you to learn how to relax, through retreat-like programming which may include meditation, creative activities such as writing, painting, or sketching, and a chance to talk to someone about the changes you are experiencing in your frantic life.

Probably one of the nicest parts of a B and B stay is meeting your hosts. One does start up a bed and breakfast without a love of people, and we will attest that our most memorable breaks at B and Bs have included interesting and insightful discussions and storytelling with our hosts. And then there's the other guests, many of whom have stories of their own to tell. (However, if you really "want to be alone", you can have solitude as well...)

Upon waking from what might be the most restful sleep you've had in months(!), the aromas of a tantalizing breakfast taunt you, and carry you out to a dining room or kitchen for what will be a delicious experience. Breakfasts are, as the name suggests, a B and Bs specialty — and

hosts take pride in providing the most tasty, and sometimes innovative, ways to start your day. It's a time to linger over coffee or tea and discuss current events, what you will do that day, to gather impressions of a local event or theatrical performance, or to just hear the stories and experiences of your hosts and/or fellow "retreatants".

We recommend a few nights' stay for maximum stress relief and rejuvenation, from experience! And you need not fret about a long drive to get to this fabulous break — there's wonderful B and Bs close to home, each offering their

own specialties and unique surroundings. Check out Westmacott House in Millbrook, Maple Field and Stream on Hutchison Drive (south of Millbrook), or Olivia's Bed and Breakfast just outside of Cavan. Imagine — a break that seems like world away from everyday cares, but within a few minutes' drive!! Or perhaps, with extra company coming at Thanksgiving and Christmas, you'll direct your guests to a cozy overnight or two at one of these well-appointed establishments.

Your retreat from stress is waiting — along with a cuppa tea and a warm welcome! ♣

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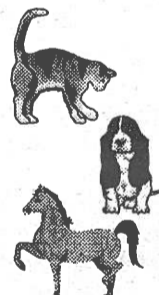


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No reason to be bored

Well, the summer is officially over. This we know because the stores are full of Halloween candy (buy it now so it will be good and stale on October 31), the Christmas I-Want...er Wish Book came out a couple of weeks ago, and the education process has begun for another year.

Consequently, the Cavan, Millbrook, North Monaghan Township Parks, Recreation, and Facilities (PRF) Department have the 2000-2001 Leisure Guide ready to remind us that winter is no time for hibernation, well at least for humans.

The booklet contains a wide variety of ideas and

activities for just about everyone to enjoy. For instance the Red Cross has a number of programs ongoing this winter. Along with the first aid and babysitting type courses for which they are well known, there is a loan cupboard, a mitten program and Life Call. The Loan Cupboard makes Home Healthcare Equipment available at a nominal cost.

Wool is provided for those wishing to start making mittens for them to distribute through the Food Share and Salvation Army Hampers. Life Call is a system installed by volunteers, which contacts emergency or medical assistance at the push of a button. Of course there is also always volunteering, or any of their other first aid geared programs to get involved with.

There is hockey for anyone who could want to play, listed on pages 17 to 19, the Garden Club, meeting the first Wednesday of each month except Jan and Feb, or dancing, or scouting, or movies, or...

Listed in the final few pages of the guide are some of the special events lined up for the coming months. These include the Grand Opening of the Millbrook Valley Trails, though a date has yet to be established. The Remembrance Day

Dinner and Dance at the Millbrook Legion Branch 402 will begin with cocktails at 5:30 on November 10th, dinner will commence at 6:30.

The 5th Annual Olde Tyme Christmas lands on December 7th, and includes the third annual Christmas Light Extravaganza lighting up the Millpond. And the Gala Opening of the Old Millbrook School Family Centre, with silent auction and Gala Dinner, will occur sometime in the early winter.

For more information call the PRF Department at 705-932-2911, or e-mail them at services@kawartha.net, or you could consult your Fall and Winter 2000-2001 Leisure Guide. ♣

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