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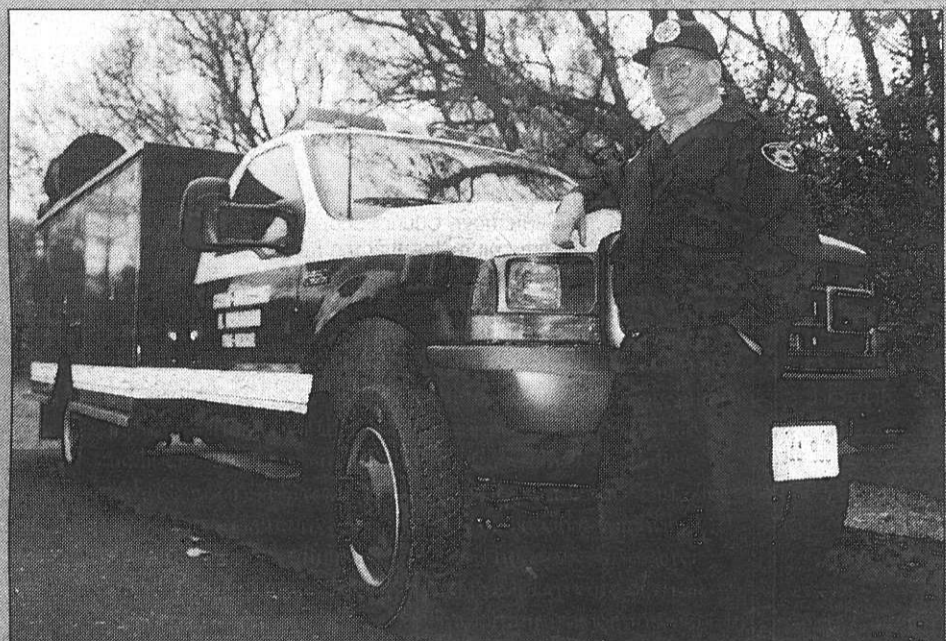
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NEW FIRE VEHICLE FOR TOWNSHIP



A three-year funding fight succeeds in purchase of a new emergency response pumper truck for the CMNM fire department. It will be located at the Mount Pleasant firehall. Pictured is a happy Fire Chief Nels Edgerton with the shiny new addition

Conflict of interest charges at Council

By Michele Curran

During the October 2 Council meeting, Councillors Tom Jones and Brian Bartlett hotly denied allegations of possible conflict of interest leveled by Millbrook resident Ken Greenberg.

Delegate Greenberg asked Councillor Jones, who is the Chair of the Economic Development Committee, why the latter used his own personal email address rather than the municipal email address when placing ads in local papers and the Kawartha Business Times.

"Voters have a chance now to clean out and get rid of the old and bring in something better."

"Can you explain to me and this Council, why our township ad is directing prospective business clients to yourself personally — instead of to the township office?" A visibly agitated Jones said, "Because that is the procedure that is set up... I am not going

to answer his questions. He has 15 minutes." Greenberg sharply replied, "You will answer my questions... you are required to..." Jones said, "I am removing myself from Council. He is making allegations, and I may have to defend myself against him."

Undaunted, Greenberg continued to question Jones, now sitting in the gallery, "How do we know you are not using your influence as council member to assist businesses and other developers that have been in contact with you, and you alone, via email? Have you not placed yourself in an undeniable position of conflict of interest?" Upon hearing no response, Greenberg informed Council the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) had been contacted.

Greenberg then asked Council if they were concerned Jones had positioned himself as a middleman between private sector business clients and the township. Councillor Brian Fallis answered by asking, "Do we have any policy regarding using your own email address?" When told there wasn't any, he suggested, "Maybe we should put a policy in place."

Councillor Alex Ruth noted, "It is very unique, all this comes up before election

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Citizens "infuriated" by funding signs

By Michele Curran

At the Oct. 2 CMNM Council meeting, local businesswoman Sandra Lakatos voiced her concern in regard to signs erected near Hutchison Dr. and Zion Line, and Hutchison Dr. and County Road 21.

As a landowner who has lived in the area for over 25 years, Lakatos said, "I feel insulted and infuriated by the signs stating,

'Project funded by revenues from horse track slot initiatives'."

"I am fully aware there are revenues being generated by the slots; however, please do not erect these signs to remind me as a taxpayer that this is the reason our roads are being improved, or whatever project happens, because of this infusion of capital." Furthermore, she added, "I have never seen a sign put

up to say thank you to me or any of my neighbours, some of whom have been here three or more generations, for our tax dollars that have filled potholes and kept the roads upgraded," she added.

Upon hearing Lakatos' concerns, Councillor Alex Ruth asked her, "Are you worried where the signs are placed? If it was another organization

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Ratepayers are up in arms over signs like this one, which attribute road resurfacing to revenues from the Kawartha Downs slots operation.

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All-Candidates' Debate/Meeting

At Millbrook Arena

Nov. 2, 7:30 pm

An opportunity to ask municipal council candidates about key issues and their platform. Sponsored by The Green Hills Gazette.

Call 932-2175 for details.

Festival in downtown Millbrook

Plenty of entertainment and activities are on tap at the first annual Millfest event, to be held this weekend in and around downtown Millbrook.

The street festival will feature hot air balloon rides, a sidewalk sale, live entertainment, a kids' tent, the Enbridge Energy Trailer, the opportunity to win a gas barbecue, and more. A quick walk around the downtown area will reveal even more activities, such as a German

style dinner at the Legion. Also open will be a Haunted House at the Mill.

The Old Millbrook School Family Centre will also be hosting an open house at the Old School

Profits from the festival will go to the Millbrook and District Food Share. The event is sponsored by Enbridge Consumers Gas and the Millbrook Times, with volunteer assistance from the Millbrook BIA, Millbrook Chamber of Commerce, Lions' Club, CMNM Parks and Recreation, Millbrook and District Food Share, and the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Old Millbrook School Family Centre will

also host an open house at the Old School from 11 am - 2 pm, with horse drawn wagon rides up to the school courtesy of Kennedy's Sugar Bush. An announcement is expected with the latest fundraising update, and there will be personal tours, information sessions, and delicious refreshments and hot apple cider.

A Millfest parade will kick off the day. Anyone ages 6 - 11 can participate in this dress-up parade, with their favourite Halloween costume. Meet at Main Street, near the giant balloon at 11 am to join in the fun. Free balloons and treats will be given to everyone who participates. ♣

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NOTICE

Corporation of 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 second public meeting to consider a new Official Plan on: Monday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 1 King Street East, Millbrook

The New Official Plan will replace the three (3) existing approved Official Plans for the former Municipalities which now form the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan.

An initial Public Meeting was held on October 10th. The second Public Meeting on November 6th has been scheduled to meet the requirements of the Planning Act for the notification of Public Agencies and Bodies who were not notified of the October 10th meeting.

If a person or public body that requests a referral of a proposed decision in respect of the proposed Official Plan to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or does not make written submissions before the proposed Official Plan 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 you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Municipality at the address below.

Copies of the new Official Plan may be obtained by contacting:

Gail Empey, CAO/Clerk
Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan
Box 189, 1 King St. E., Millbrook, Ontario L0A 1G0
Telephone (705) 932-2929, Fax (705) 932-3458

Dated: October 16, 2000

NOTICE

For Millbrook Ward Residents

The Ontario Clean Water Agency

is contracted by the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan to operate and maintain the Millbrook Water Well and Distribution System.

There have been no Indicators of Unsafe Water Quality, as defined by the Ontario Drinking Water objectives, in the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan. If a questionable sample result is received, OCWA policy requires operators to immediately resample and to notify the Ministry of the Environment and the Medical Officer of Health.

The Ontario Clean Water Agency prides itself on the delivery of safe, clean water and can assure the public that is serviced by the municipal system in the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan that the water is safe to drink and will continue to be in the future.

The Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan have retained the services of The Greer Galloway Group Inc. to complete the Engineer's Report as required under The Drinking Water Protection Regulations. This report must be submitted to the Director within the ministry's Environment Assessment and Approvals Branch by November 30, 2000 and every three years thereafter.

Conflict

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time — it amazes me." Councillor Dean Cutmore defended Jones by saying, "There is nothing being done that is nefarious or underhanded." Greenberg shot back, "If this is the case, then why wasn't Jones' address and telephone number also on the ads?"

Returning to his seat after Greenberg's last question, Jones said, "You are making allegations of conflict of interest." Greenberg retorted, "I was not making allegations; I was asking questions."

Greenberg then turned his attention to Bartlett regarding the latter's company's dealings with Kawartha Downs, in alleged conflict with his role as a councillor. "Councillor Bartlett, during all of January this year Kawartha Downs owed you \$85,000, and it was not certain you would be repaid. Not once did you declare a pecuniary interest when this council discussed or voted on issues relating to Kawartha Downs. Why did you not declare a pecuniary interest?" Bartlett replied, "Since some of the people on council had doubts, I talked with my lawyer — it was fine... the work was finished there." Greenberg countered, "Since you had sought legal advice, this indicates you had some doubts." "I declared when I think I should have and yes, I did declare with Kawartha Downs," said Bartlett. Greenberg retorted, "There is nothing in the minutes to say you did declare." Greenberg also informed Bartlett a letter would be sent to the MMAH regarding a potential conflict of interest.

Later, outside Council chambers, Greenberg explained, "I went after both councillors because I am trying to expose their actions for what they are — which can be interpreted as serving their own self interests, rather than the ratepayers. Voters have a chance now to clean out and get rid of the old and bring in something better." ♣

Citizens

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would you be upset?"

Lakatos replied with a negative to both questions, stating she would not be angry if it was another organization.

Acting Reeve Brian Squirrell said, "I am not in favour of people losing money in order to fix roads, and I agree with Mrs. Lakatos that people haven't been thanked for their contributions. Using people's losses for paving roads in Cavan is not good."

Cavan resident Deirdre Cordner, speaking from the gallery, agreed with Lakatos and said, "We are advertising for them (Kawartha Downs)."

Councillor Brian Fallis made a motion for removal of the signs because people were unhappy, and Squirrell seconded it.

Ruth disagreed with Fallis and suggested, "Let's send it to the roads committee (where it first originated), and let them deal with it, and then they can make a recommendation."

Councillor Dean Cutmore, who agreed with Ruth, said, "In general, I am in sympathy with the lady, and yet we can't keep reversing our decision."

Fallis' motion was lost. Ruth then made a motion to send Lakatos' complaint to the Oct. 12 works committee meeting. The motion was carried.

In a subsequent conversation, Lakatos agreed with Ruth her concern should follow due process and go back to the works committee.

At the October 12 Works Committee meeting, committee chair Dean Cutmore made a motion requesting the signs be removed. Reeve Neal Cathcart refused to second it, and Councillor Brian Bartlett was absent for the meeting, so the motion was lost.

Cutmore said the Reeve had commented the signs would be coming down shortly anyway, as the road projects were near completion. Cutmore suggested to Lakatos that the issue is not dead, and she can bring it back to Council for consideration.

Bob Clark presented Cutmore with a petition with the signatures of over 65 people opposed to the signage.

Lakatos said she was disappointed with the results of the meeting, but intends to continue pursuit of this concern at Council in November. ♣

NEWS BRIEFS

OPP investigation of councillors ends without charges

By Michele Curran

Following a six-month Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigation into alleged contraventions to the Municipal Elections Act by Reeve Neal Cathcart and Councillors Tom Jones and Alex Ruth, the Crown Attorney has decided not to lay charges.

The Crown decided not to lay charges due to a technicality in the Municipal Elections Act. According to the Act, the informant has 12 months from the time they gain knowledge about the contraventions to laying charges. This deadline had passed.

The investigation was a result of concerned ratepayers bringing forward alleged contraventions of the Act by the three, including not opening bank accounts and filing incorrect bank accounts.

Reeve gets fire bill

By Melodie McCullough

Reeve Neal Cathcart has received a \$1500 bill from Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township for costs incurred by the fire department fighting a field blaze on his property Aug. 29.

However, township administrators will not say if the bill has been paid.

Whether or not an individual has paid a fine to the township is considered a private matter between the township and individual, said Gail Empey, chief administrative officer for the municipality; therefore, she could not release the information.

In September, Council accepted a recommendation from the CMNM fire committee that the Reeve be sent a letter of warning because he did not have a permit for the fire, along with a bill for costs incurred.

All the department's equipment was sent to the fire because, without previous notification, the firefighters did not realize it was a controlled field fire, said Fire Chief Nels Edgerton. A backhoe also was sent to the site, and the fire department was at the scene for over three hours. A township by-law states anyone who has set an open-air fire without a permit is liable for costs incurred by the fire department.

\$100K to new hospital

A new hospital for the Peterborough area is \$100,000 closer to being constructed.

On Monday night, Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council presented the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Fundraising Campaign with a cheque for \$100,000. Accepting on behalf of the PRHC was Neil Rogers, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, and Debbie McGarry, President and CAO of the Foundation.

Farmer pulls weeds

By Melodie McCullough

Local organic farmer Bill Vanderpluym was able to harvest his fall vegetable crop without having to spray chemicals on allegedly noxious weeds on his property, as previously ordered by the Peterborough County weed inspector.

In the latter part of the summer, Mr. Vanderpluym, who grows organic vegetables on his five-acre farm east of Millbrook and sells them at the Peterborough Farmers' Market, was told by the inspector to spray and kill ragweed, following complaints from neighbours. The weeds were interspersed with his vegetables, and the farmer felt his crop would be affected if he was forced to spray.

Mr. Vanderpluym said in an interview he did not have to appeal the spraying order, as he thought he might. Instead, the weed inspector paid a second trip to his farm and was satisfied he was taking appropriate action to destroy the weeds.

"We spent about two weeks pulling the weeds. We did all we could, and then afterwards we tilled it all. So right now they're all gone," he said. "But next year there will be another problem again."

Mr. Vanderpluym said there will probably be more complaints next year, and the weed inspector will have to reply to them. However, Bill is adamant that he cannot spray the weeds without affecting his livelihood — so he has no plans to do so.

Agricultural waste issues under review

By Michele Curran

Subsequent to the public meeting on bio-solids at the Peterborough Curling Rink Aug. 17, Anne Marie Scheuneman, spokesperson for local citizens concerned about an intensive hog farm operation, has not received correspondence from any of the agencies in attendance that evening. These include the Ministry of the Environment, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs and Lakefield Research.

At the Official Plan public meeting Oct. 10, Scheuneman was told by Councillor Brian Fallis a committee has been reviewing nutrient management by-laws from other areas. The next step in the process is to create a task force to include one member from the community at large, and one member from the farming community.

Decibel readings taken at local racetracks

In September, decibel readings were taken at both Peterborough Speedway and Kawartha Downs by J.E. Coulter and Associates, as requested by noise committee facilitator Ross Raymond and Council. However, as of our publishing date this information has not been given to committee members for review. No date has been set for the next meeting.

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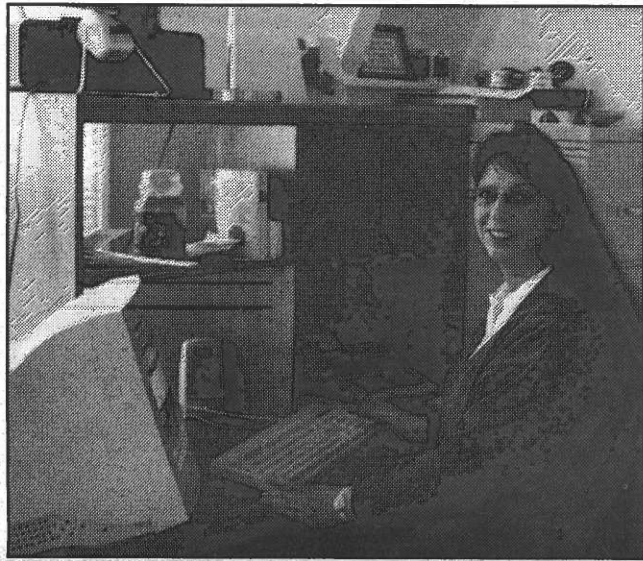
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BUSINESS PROFILE



Bookkeeping for small businesses

By Melodie McCullough

It's every small business owner's nightmare — somehow, a cheque written on the business account bounced, even though you were positive there was plenty of money after paying for inventory. Or perhaps it's time to pay the GST, another disagreeable task, especially if you aren't great with keeping track of what's been paid by customers.

Staying awake nights worrying is not a great way to run a business. Thank-

fully, midnight panic attacks can be eliminated through finding competitively priced and competent bookkeeping and related services. Lucky you, local businesses! A new bookkeeping business has opened in Millbrook catering to YOUR needs.

Balanced Business Services was started eight months ago by owner Barbara Stacey at 9 Bank St. St., Millbrook, offering bookkeeping either at her home or clients' homes, with flexible hours by appointment.

Barbara, who has worked in various bookkeeping jobs for the last 20 years, says there are a lot of small business people in the area — such as tradesmen who are self-employed and without a computerized office or shop.

"Those are the people I want to reach, who are struggling at ten at night, or on the weekend to get the books right," she said. "I want to help them with that, and relieve the time constraints associated with accurate record-keeping."

She is familiar with trade's work because her husband is a mechanical contractor, and she has done accounting work for him for the past ten years.

She also hopes to reach self-employed health care workers such as chiropractors, foot care workers, or massage therapists because she also has experience with the bookkeeping needs of practitioners in these areas of expertise.

As well as basic bookkeeping, Balanced Business Services offers professional, up-to-date record keeping for GST and payroll purposes, and basic income tax preparations. As an extra service, she will fax quotes or regular, prompt invoices to customers for work in progress or work completed, thus improving cash flow.

"Anything that will give them more time to concentrate on their business, I am willing to work at," she said.

Barbara Stacey can be reached at 750-8820 or 932-5340. ♣

IPOs: Calculated risk or pure chance?

Submitted by Brian Nashman, Edward Jones Investments

Some investors regard investing in stocks as "playing the market." In fact, all stocks are not created equal. Every company that issues stocks has a unique history of growth, earnings, and paying dividends. Thus each stock offers a different level of risk, as well as reward.

Blue-chip stocks are issued by the world's largest and best known companies. These companies have established track records, including years of growth in both sales and earnings. Of course, that doesn't mean investing in these stocks presents no risk — every stock experiences volatility. What it does mean is that if held for the long term, five years or more, history shows the odds are in your favour that your investment will grow in value.

One of the riskiest stock investments is initial public offerings, or IPOs, as they are frequently called. An IPO is a stock that is being offered to the public for the first time. In many cases, the stock is issued by a newly established company, which makes the future of the stock very uncertain.

A case in point is Netscape Communications, an American company that manufactures software for

navigating the Internet. When the stock was issued, it grabbed headlines across North America. In a single day, the stock, which was offered to institutions at \$28 a share, rose to \$71 per share — one of the largest single-day gains ever recorded for a new stock. By the end of the week, however, the stock had fallen back to \$58 per share.

Because of their risk and volatility, IPOs are unsuitable for many investors. If, however, you are interested in adding this type of investment to your portfolio, here are a couple of tips to keep in mind.


1. Do your homework before investing any money. Request a copy of the company's prospectus, and read it carefully. This document will provide the information you need to make an educated decision as to whether or not to invest.

2. If you do invest in an IPO, invest only as much money as you can afford, both financially and psy-

chologically, to lose.

If this sounds a bit harsh, it should. The Toronto Stock Exchange listed 79 IPOs in 1996, and that number rose considerably to 99 IPOs in 1997. When there are so many companies going to market, there is a temptation by the Street to go down market and start packaging poorer quality assets. Unless you do your homework, you may end up purchasing shares in a company of lesser quality.

Investors seeking to achieve long-term goals, such as providing for a child's university education or securing a comfortable retirement, have achieved much more consistent results by choosing high-quality stock mutual funds and the individual stocks of well-established companies with proven track records of growth in sales, earnings, and dividends than those who chose more aggressive stock investments such as IPOs. ♣



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EDITORIAL

If knowledge is power, then power is in your hands.

All the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy.
— Alfred E. Smith, speech, 1933

Since we arrived on the community scene in April of 1998, we've had the privilege of conveying the facts and issues raised at Council. We're glad more and more people have been coming out to Council meetings — where only a couple, if any, would show up before.

On the one hand, by writing about the players and the ratepayers at each Council meeting, and various decisions and reactions to issues, some terrific discussion and enthusiasm for the community has been generated. On the other hand, many would say we still have a long way to go before our Council is completely accountable to the ratepayers, and as transparent as any good democratic body should be.

I've heard some say there's no point in voting, because the same "clowns" will get in again, and the "same old garbage" will continue as before. And then there's those who really don't give a darn about what happens municipally, and probably don't really understand why they should be concerned about their local government. And then there's a few dogged souls who will vote for candidates based on their name, and particularly, family history — regardless of the merits and strengths/weaknesses of each candidate.

During the last election, I was working on contract with the Village of Millbrook as a recreation co-ordinator. As such, I had a lot of people call and ask who I was voting for. Who was running? What did they stand for? And so — who was I voting for? I was pretty amazed that very few people seemed to know who was running, or anything about them, other than a few names that seemed to have been in the area for a long time. Of course, I didn't share who I was voting for — just as I won't in this election. (FYI — *The Gazette* does not endorse ANY of the candidates.)

Some of the big issues to consider this time around include the development of a sustainable official plan for the municipality (given the diversity of each ward); environmental concerns about agricultural waste; water quality; noise pollution; the quality of municipal roads; transparency (openness).

Meet the candidates on Thurs. Nov. 2, 7:30 pm at the Millbrook Community Centre (the Arena) — a meeting we're organizing. Read about the candidates in our special pull-out section (put it somewhere handy until election day). Vote in the election on Monday, November 13 — and get the government we deserve! ♣



Justice, not greed

There is an old saying: actions speak louder than words. Over the past year, Mr. Bob Clark has attended every council meeting and consistently demonstrated that he is very industrious, thorough, and a person with a strong sense of justice. Mr. Clark will be a Reeve to be proud of and who will guide our community in decisions based on truth and justice rather than greed and power. A vote for Bob Clark for Reeve is a vote for change.

— Jan Rowland,
RR 1, Fraserville

Vote for change

Candidate for Reeve Bob Clark's campaign slogan is "Vote for Change." Yes! We have suffered far too long with elected representatives whose behaviour has made our township the laughingstock of Peterborough County.

I see that Neal Cathcart has re-entered the race for Reeve, after withdrawing when he "mooned" a large crowd of families at Lang Pioneer Village. He continues to claim his "moon" was accidental despite damning eyewitness accounts to the contrary.

Perhaps Cathcart believes he can win voter support by grabbing credit for the lucrative slot revenue filling our coffers. But of course, we all know he had nothing to do with it. The Harris government installed thousands of slot machines at racetracks

around Ontario by provincial decree. Local municipalities had not say in the matter, either pro or con.

Certainly Cathcart scores zero on environmental issues. He has admitted to having sludge on his property. He has burned tires. He refused to participate in the hog mega-farm information session because a respected environmentalist was invited to speak. And he has shown a complete lack of compassion for residents plagued by noise pollution from unmuffled race cars. Can we trust this man with ensuring our water supply is clean?

Also running for Reeve is Brian Squirrell, who was recently found guilty by a provincial court judge on five counts of violating the Municipal Elections Act. People who have followed our township's political soap opera know that Council spent \$25,000 to prosecute Squirrell — not to achieve justice, but rather for retaliation. Nevertheless, Squirrell willfully broke the law and the trust of his constituents. His conviction was deserved.

"One Tall Tree to Climb" is Squirrell's campaign slogan. I interpret this to mean he considers his candidacy to be a sort of personal quest to prove something to himself. Voters can only guess what that might be. Much better would have been a slogan that indicated a genuine concern for the best interests of the ratepayers.

In any case, Squirrell now works full-time in Cobourg and his busy social life is centred there too. Voters must question whether they believe a

"part-time" resident can muster the desire, the time, and the energy to fully comprehend and thoroughly deal with all future, local issues.

And just coming to light, residents are now learning that Cathcart, Tom Jones, and Alex Ruth have been under investigation by the OPP for several months. Apparently, this trio of Council members may have also contravened sections of the Elections Act. Ironically, the sections allegedly violated were some of the same ones for which they prosecuted Squirrell.

Although details are sketchy, it would seem that the investigative officers had sufficient evidence to approach the Crown Attorney to request charges be laid. Cathcart, Jones, and Ruth must be relieved to learn that the Crown decided not to press charges, due to a legal technicality. Stay tuned for additional information.

So where does this leave voters? Bob Clark has lived in the County for 30 years. Presently, he and his wife live on the Larmer Line, with two of four children still at home. Formerly a college instructor and financial analyst, he now owns and operates a computer sales and service company. He plans to begin a tree farm on his 170-acre homestead.

A permanent fixture in council chambers, Clark has attended more Council meetings than some of our paid representatives. Undeniably, he is well versed in the procedural and administrative aspects of municipal politics. Furthermore, he volunteers his expertise by sitting on the Policy Committee for the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce. If you want to learn more, visit his website at www.nexicom.net/~clarkforreeve.

Our current council is filled with experienced politicians, and I use the phrase "experienced politicians" with repugnance. Several members of Council clearly put their own self-interest, or that of their business cronies, above that of the ratepayers. Let's stop this foolishness and elect some fresh faces that might actually work for the benefit of the residents instead of themselves.

Few people have followed our township's political shenanigans more closely than I have. I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Clark. Two other capable and trustworthy candidates deserving support are Brian Fallis (for Deputy-Reeve) and Dan Smith (for Cavan Ward Councillor).

Let's do ourselves a favour and VOTE FOR CHANGE!
— Ken Greenberg
Millbrook, Ontario

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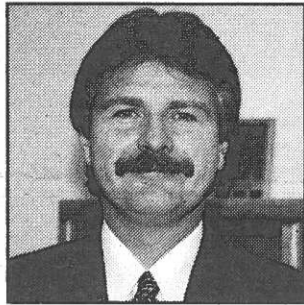
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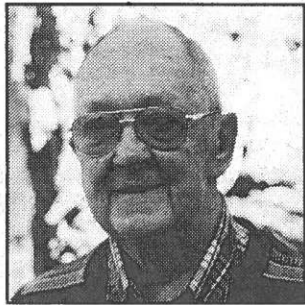
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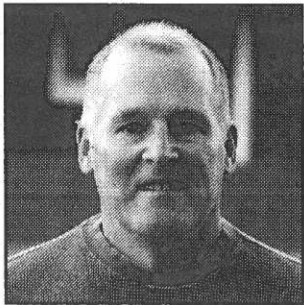
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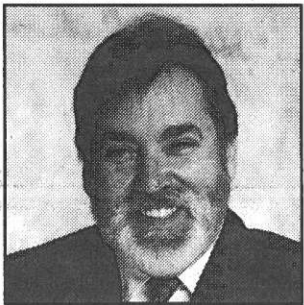
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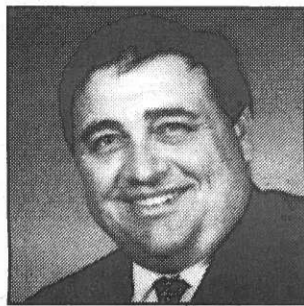
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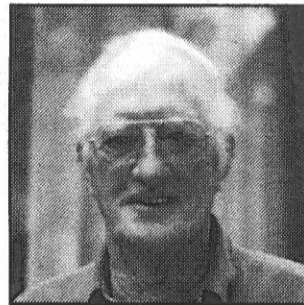
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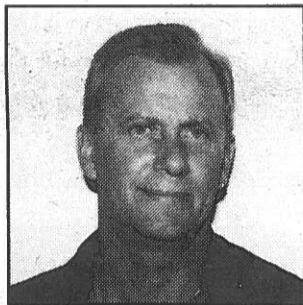
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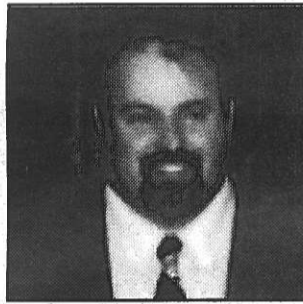
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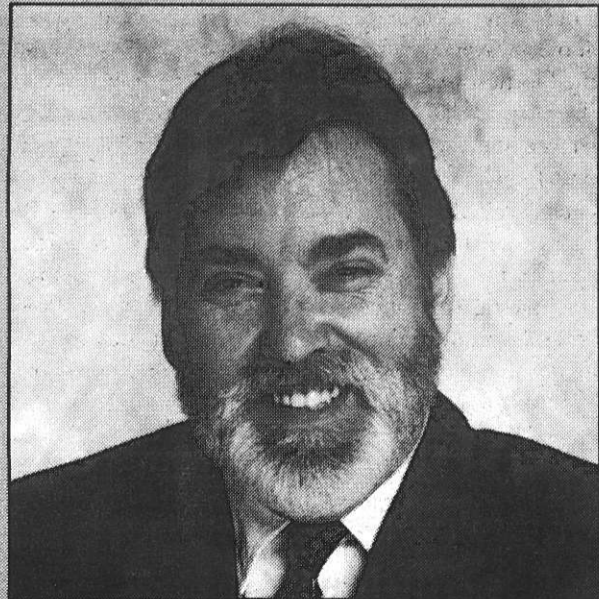
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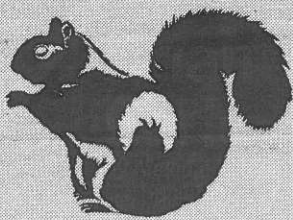
- Director of GPAEDC (Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation)
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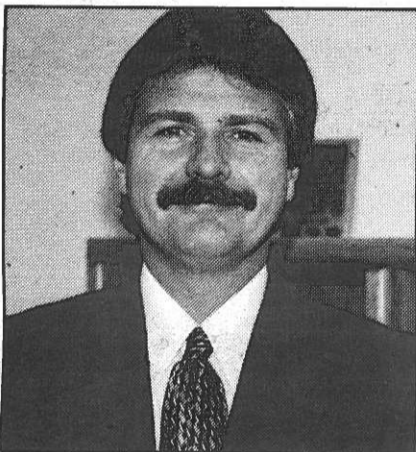
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Bob CLARK for Reeve

Mr. Clark is currently active as an energetic member of the Policy Committee of the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce. He presently sits on an advisory board for the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan that is tasked with formulating a fair and equitable business licensing and noise By-Law. In this year, Mr. Clark has attended more council meetings than some of our elected and paid officials.

His Objectives Are:

- * Working for greater involvement of residents in the decision making process of governance;
- * Making council business transparent to ratepayers and ensuring openness and fairness;
- * Balancing commercial, industrial & farming needs with those of our township's citizens;
- * Protecting our valuable historic heritage and safeguarding our environmental assets;
- * Fostering a more friendly and beneficial relationship with our city and county neighbours;
- * Investing in municipal infrastructure, especially, roads, bridges, buildings & parks.

Bob Clark is an honours graduate in Business Administration from Sir Sandford Fleming College. He has worked as a financial analyst, college instructor, heavy equipment operator, and building contractor. Currently, Mr. Clark is president & CEO of Knowledge Development Centres Inc., a technology based company. He is planning to begin a tree farming venture on his 170 acre homestead.

A resident of Peterborough County for over 30 years, he resides on Larmer Line with his wife Lynda, a registered nurse. Only two of their four children still live at home. Mr. Clark has been active in various communities coaching kids hockey and softball. Recently Lynda and Bob began volunteering on the local Trails project.

Visit his informative Website at...

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Neil Cathcart

By Melodie McCullough
Neal Cathcart, incumbent Reeve for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, re-entered the race for Reeve on the closing day for nominations last week. Mr. Cathcart says he hopes to maintain the level of taxes and services the people of the township have had for the last three years, and there are no other major issues.

"The thing that people want is the level of taxation maintained and the services provided as they have been, with an emphasis on roads," he said in an interview.

Mr. Cathcart, 55, is a dairy and cash crop farmer who has lived in Cavan Ward all his life. He has been in municipal politics for nine years, the first six as councillor and then reeve in the former Cavan Township.

He said his accomplishments as Reeve have been the attraction of industry to the township, such as the Strano's expansion in North Monaghan Ward, and the development of Kawartha Downs, including the slots "and the in-flow of cash into the township coffers."

Mr. Cathcart originally declared his intention to run again for the top Council position in late summer, then withdrew in September. He said he then decided to run for election to the Dairy Farmers of Ontario Board, but after realising he might not be prepared to devote the next four years to the industry, as required, he decided against that. That's when he decided to re-enter the race.

"And during my time out, I probably had over 100 calls asking me to return."

On the issue of intensive farming, Mr. Cathcart said the township needs to form an animal nutrient by-law like other municipalities in the province, unless the province comes up with legislation first.

But his top priority is keeping things the same as in the past.

"If I'm elected, it's my intention to continue the vigorous road program that we've implemented this year, maintain services, and help the community grow," he said.

Bob Clark

By Michele Curran
Relatively new to the local political scene, and dissatisfied with the present council, Bob Clark was the first candidate to throw his name into the ring for the position of Reeve.

Under the campaign slogan, "time for change" Clark said, "I am 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."

Therefore, Clark's platform will emphasize the need for cooperation and communication between ratepayers and Council, and Council and the various municipal department heads.

His other priorities include protection and promotion of the heritage and rural farming nature of the municipality, the environment, and the investment in municipal infrastructures (particularly roads).

Developing strong ties with the City and County of Peterborough is another consideration for Clark, who envisions the municipality as the gateway into the County. He believes a strong relationship with both will foster mutual and beneficial relationships.

When asked about his political experience, Clark replied, "Yes, I am without political experience, but what I am offering is business experience. If the electorate want political experience, they will get what they have had in the past. If they vote for me — they will get change."

"I know how to run a business properly, and so I think I can run a government properly," added Clark.

Since he was 16 years old, this candidate for Reeve has been employed in a variety of jobs — from a controller in a small company, to financial analyst at Sir Sandford Fleming, to 15 years as a heavy equipment operator for the City of Peterborough. He then turned his sights on a Business Administration program, specializing in accounting.

With diploma in hand, and plenty of determination, Clark went on to build a technology-based company he has seen grow from one small business to a corporation in five and a half short years. He believes his acumen in the business world will serve him well in the arena of politics.

Clark is not new to the municipality, as he lived on the Tapley 1/4 Line in the 80s, and in 1998, returned to the Cavan area planning to set up a permanent residence. He is hoping to set up a tree farming operation in the near future.

Clark is married to Lynda, and has 4 children, Tammy, Jon, Jess and Heather. Clark said Lynda, who he honours as his best friend, has been very supportive of his decision to run. Having been to a few council meetings, Lynda recognizes the need for change, Clark said.

Brian Earle

By Melodie McCullough
Brian Earle believes the job of a reeve is to find out what ratepayers want for their municipality, and then do his or her best to deliver.

"I stand on that very strongly. When I'm voted in, I'm voted in by the people, so I'm there for the people," said Mr. Earle, who is running for Reeve in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan in the November 13 municipal election.

"It isn't whether I'm for or against something personally. It's what the ratepayers want. That's always been my philosophy."

Mr. Earle, 54, is a 23-year resident of North Monaghan and has six years' experience in municipal politics in the former North Monaghan Township, first as deputy-reeve for one year, and then as reeve for five years. He was also chairperson of the transition board during the amalgamation of Cavan, Millbrook, and North Monaghan. At present, he is chairperson of the North Monaghan Ward parks committee and is a county appointee on the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation.

"One of the reasons I'm running is because it's in my blood. I believe in doing an honest, upfront job," he said.

Issues that concern him are the need for an open, more transparent council, with fewer closed caucus meetings. He also feels the township needs a long-term plan for investment of money coming from the slots operation at Kawartha Downs.

On the issue of intensive farming, he feels mega-farms are fine if they are operated in appropriate locations and follow government standards.

As reeve of North Monaghan, a highlight for Mr. Earle was success in getting a mega-dump off the short list of possible locations — the dump was proposed for the 13th Line of Cavan. He is also proud of his role fighting Peterborough's attempt to annex land in the township. He feels the city will try again, and his expertise could be useful.

"I'm an old hand, and experienced at dealing with the city," he said.

Mr. Earle has been a businessman for 35 years, first as owner of a cartage company and then as owner of a real estate brokerage firm. At present he is a real estate salesperson with Buy Sell Network Realty. He and his wife Karen have six children and three grandchildren.

If elected, he said his main thrust would be to continue to develop the new municipality and further unite it.

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DEPUTY REEVE

Brian Squirrel

By Melodie McCullough

Brian Squirrel, current Deputy-Reeve of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township and candidate for Reeve, feels the state of the environment is a major issue facing voters.

"The quality of water, the quality of air, the things we rely on for staying alive are getting pretty bad," said Mr. Squirrel in an interview. "I think we have to look strongly at environmental concerns right now."

He said, if elected, he would propose "a meeting of the councils" from all municipalities to discuss a strategic plan to remedy the damage being done to the environment.

"I think it's going to take a great big group of municipalities, federal and provincial people to sit at a table and say, 'Okay. The damage is here. Now, how much money are we going to have, and where can we go to make that money work the best?'"

Mr. Squirrel, 42, has been Deputy-Reeve for the past three years and was previously a councillor in the former Cavan Township for three years. As well as having environmental concerns, he is interested in seeing a more open council — with more ratepayer involvement.

Mr. Squirrel, who has lived in Cavan Ward for ten years, would also like to see all municipal roads hard-topped. He is also opposed to any further amalgamations with other municipalities, or any kind of regional government. He welcomes development in North Monaghan, but not at the expense of good farmland.

"Development and the quality of life have to work hand in hand, and there has to be an equal balance there."

On the issue of intensive farming, he said he realizes the market dictates these types of businesses nowadays, but he is concerned about the loss of the family farm. Mega-farming also raises environmental concerns.

"My position is I will protect the groundwater at any cost, and it doesn't matter who's damaging it, small farms or intensive farms, I will fight to protect it," he said.

Mr. Squirrel is employed at the Cobourg Daily Star as an advertising sales representative. He is the father of a teenage girl.

He believes his major accomplishment as Deputy-Reeve was his motion to institute the "15-minute rule" at Council meetings, allowing people to speak — something that was not encouraged before.

"I've opened Council up, and I think that is a big deal."

Don Campbell

By Michele Curran

For North Monaghan resident Don Campbell, the main reason for throwing his hat into the race for deputy reeve is because he strongly feels there needs to be more harmony in Council. "The way things are done now, you can't get business done and fight among yourselves at the same time," said Campbell.

Campbell knows of whence he speaks — after all, he has accumulated 12 years of experience in the political field — 6 years as councillor and 6 years as Deputy Reeve on North Monaghan council. He said what gave him the most satisfaction during this time is the harmonious state of council. "Everyone enjoyed their job and no one went home mad," said Campbell.

"I would like to see the same thing happen in this council but everyone needs to cooperate," added Campbell.

He believes following proper procedure during council meetings ensures continuity so issues can be dealt with accordingly and "it doesn't become a free-for-all" with the issues becoming an after thought. "You can't get work done with everyone shouting at each other. If residents want to be heard then they should become delegates," said Campbell.

He added that council should run like a business and all members of council should remember the public perception of council starts from the top down.

North Monaghan is a prime location for development and Campbell sees this as a wonderful opportunity for the area. As an owner of a farming operation both cattle and crops, Campbell also understands the importance of proper planning.

Campbell would also like to see procedural changes in the way developers are handled in council. The present practice of developers coming and going for every little item, Campbell sees as a waste of everyone's time. He proposes every developer would be given set guidelines and, after meeting the requirements, would then be requested to attend Council for an information session.

"Development is fine, we can't stop progress but everyone has to go through proper procedure," said Campbell.

He said he would also like to see the municipality gain more control over development and revenue coming from development rather than have it go out of the community.

Married for 47 years, Campbell and his wife, Dorothy have been living in the municipality for 35 years and have 6 children, Tom, Doug, John, Janice, Wayne and Julie.

Brian Fallis

By Melanie Anderson

Back in the late 1980's there was a plan to put a dump just outside of Millbrook. For obvious reasons, many local residents did not like the idea, and Brian Fallis was one of them.

Along with other concerned citizens he joined the Community Environment Watch group, which successfully fought the plans for the dump. Soon after, Mr. Fallis ran for and became a municipal councillor.

In addition to his work on several Council committees, Mr. Fallis does freelance writing about municipal issues, and has been doing so for a number of years. He is on the board of the Otonabee Conservation Authority, the Conservation Foundation Board of Directors, and is co-chair of the Millbrook Valley Trails Millennium Project. Mr. Fallis has also been active in the past as a board member of COIN (Community Opportunity and Innovation Network).

He believes that this "past council has done a good job," as the past term has seen two new libraries open in the area, along with the introduction of a number of community-based projects like the MVP. Council has been able to provide a lot of support for the Old Millbrook School Family Centre, and set up the Community Funding Program, not to mention the road work that has been done.

However, in the future Mr. Fallis would like to see more attention being paid to the environment, and believes it would be a good idea to establish an advisory committee for council, to help make environmentally sound decisions. This is especially important "as a result of the province's neglect" which manifests itself particularly in environmental issues. He is "concerned [because] the province seems to have pulled out of environmental protection, which leaves a void."

He also sees "more moves from the province to further amalgamate local government" into one large area government, which he believes would be a mistake.

But the major issue facing the community, according to Councillor Fallis, is "how we are going to manage growth in the next five to ten years." He believes there will be a great deal of pressure for development, especially once Highway 407 reaches Highway 115, and as there has been major development recently in the Port Hope and Oshawa areas. There is a certain pressure currently to urbanize, he said, which is not a good thing for anyone who likes living in the area precisely because it is rural.

Not surprisingly, he hopes in ten years the area "looks pretty much the same, with open space, farmland, forests, clean streams, and water courses," with the Village of Millbrook retaining its heritage feel, along with enough growth to make area businesses prosperous.

Tom Jones

By Melanie Anderson

Tom Jones is a builder with a view to the future. The Cavan councillor retired from the Millbrook Corrections Facility in 1997, and for the past three years has been the Council representative for Cavan Ward in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township. He is running for Deputy-Reeve.

Previously, Mr. Jones was a part of the planning committee in Cavan, before amalgamation. However, he has been interested in landowners' rights and responsibilities for much longer, and has been involved in such issues locally for the past ten years.

Mr. Jones believes landowners "have a balance of rights and responsibilities," but there is a "tendency to just sit back and then wonder how something happened" after it's too late. He has actively investigated local land ownership issues and planning policies and then "made people aware of what's going on."

He has also been working with a partnership of several groups in the Peterborough area striving for local affordable accessible housing. For the past five years he has volunteered to promote "Flex-Housing," an initiative of Canada Mortgage and Housing. The idea is to get builders to construct houses accessible to many different ability/mobility levels. Builders are needed who will make adjustments such as wider doorways and staircases, lower doorknobs and light switches and higher electrical outlets, and construct a model home in the area.

Ten years from now, Tom sees a few changes to the area. He believes that the Millbrook Ward, with proper upgrading, will be "one beautiful historic village." With the trail network, the 4th Line Theatre, a certain amount of growth to sustain the business community, and perhaps a small hotel or bed and breakfast and additional performing arts in the winter, Millbrook should be "the envy of the area."

In Cavan Ward, Mr. Jones foresees a certain amount of land being set aside for agriculture and protected from other development. Other lands will be designated rural and home-based businesses will be encouraged.

North Monaghan Ward will find "a lot of attention being given to the Highway 28 corridor adjacent to Peterborough." That area has been identified for high growth, and in ten years, Fraserville could be a town roughly the size of Millbrook. Land east of Highway 28 is no longer designated agricultural by the province, and is, therefore, no longer protected from development. Farming will continue, but eventually the area will change since it is a "natural place for growth," Jones said.

As for Mr. Jones himself, he'd just "like to be there" to influence the direction the township takes. "The job's not done yet."

NORTH MONAGHAN

Brian Bartlett

By Melodie McCullough

Brian Bartlett, incumbent councillor for North Monaghan Ward, doesn't want to see any part of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township annexed by the city of Peterborough, and if re-elected in the November municipal elections that issue will be his top priority.

"I don't see why we should give them our good industrial land and our tax base, and I don't want to live in the city," he said in a recent interview.

Mr. Bartlett, 52, served for one term on the former North Monaghan Township Council prior to amalgamation, and has also served on the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council for the last year following the illness and resignation of Councillor Gerry Downer.

He said the upgrading of gravel roads throughout the township is also a priority, as they need to be resurfaced. "It's a crime what it does to a vehicle. I'd have to say that roads are one of my biggest things."

During his time on Council he has been a member of the roads committee. He considers

the creation of the new position of director of public works for the township and subsequent hiring of a person for the job, to be a highlight of his time in office.

Mr. Bartlett, who has lived in North Monaghan since he was a teenager, said the area also needs a larger industrial and commercial tax base. The improvement of the municipal infrastructure, such as upgrades to water and sewer services, might help, he said.


"It's something that's away down the road, but it's going to have to happen," he said, "and I think it's better for us to do than give our land to the city."

Mr. Bartlett has been in the construction business for 34 years and for the past six has been co-owner of the general contracting firm of Bartlett, Bucknell, and Henderson Construction Ltd. He is married to Bernadette, and they have three grown children and three grandchildren.

If re-elected, he hopes he will be able to make as many people contented as possible with their municipality through his work as councillor.

No other candidate ran in North Monaghan, therefore Brian Bartlett has been acclaimed to Council.

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CAVAN

Alex Ruth

By Deborah Luchuk
It's been a challenge, this last term on Council, but Alex Ruth is ready for more.
Mr. Ruth is running for Cavan Ward Councillor, and has had 14 years experience on both the former Cavan Township and the current CMNM council. So why did he get involved in municipal politics nearly a decade and a half ago?
"It was a challenge in one respect, and many years ago there were things I wanted to improve. There's been some turbulent times, of course. In this last term, we've had a lot of chaos, some of which was unjustified. I'm retired now, I've got the time, and I'm enthusiastic."

Mr. Ruth was particularly pleased with what he termed "hidden" revenue received, "and the areas we've contributed to, such as the roads, the fire department, and to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. His regrets are few, but he is disappointed that Council was unable to create more recreational space, such as soccer fields. He hopes to address this issue if re-elected. However, "we've gone leaps and bounds with recreation, and created a lot of positivity!"

He has also been involved in a very hands-on way with the Millbrook Valley Trails Project, lending expertise with planning and a hammer (!).

Issues which concern Mr. Ruth the most include nutrient management, development, and improved relations between various groups in the municipality. "The biggest thing we're going to have to deal with is nutrient management, but right now our hands are tied until the government gives us some guidance on how to proceed. Change is inevitable for our area, as we live in a very sensitive area for growth coming from Peterborough and the GTA. It's got to be done realistically and with good management."

Alex has been married to Marg for 43 years, and has two children and four grandchildren. He worked for Purity Packaging in Peterborough as a plate technician for 41 years, and misses refereeing hockey and umpiring baseball (he did this for 23 and 18 years respectively). He is also an active member of the choir at St. John's Anglican Church, Ida.

Dan Smith

By Melodie McCullough
Dan Smith is running for Cavan Ward councillor in the November municipal election because, as a ratepayer, he is concerned about a number of important issues facing the residents of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, not the least of which is the need for "an open and friendly" Council.

"I would like to see Council be accountable to the people, rather than the other way around," said Mr. Smith, 49, in an interview.

Although Mr. Smith has not been involved in politics as an elected official, he has been active as a ratepayer in local issues during the past few years. He is opposed to the use of paper sludge and human waste as fertiliser, and is concerned about the growing number of mega-farms in the area. "They'll eventually put the small family farm right out of business," said Mr. Smith, who operates a small beef farm on the Falls Line, where he has lived for 14 years. Water run-off from these farms is also a concern, he said. "We've got good water and I'd like to see it maintained."

Noise from the Kawartha Downs race car track is another issue which concerns him, and he believes there are a lot of questions that need to be answered regarding the Speedway operation. A recent matter which troubles Mr. Smith is the erection of signs by the municipality on township roads, stating road improvements are due to the revenue from the Kawartha Downs slot machines. "Why should we advertise for them? I find it insulting."

He views land development in the township as "a necessary evil", but hopes it can be accomplished in an environmentally safe manner, without polluting or destroying area wetlands. Mr. Smith would also like to see more recreational opportunities for youth in the township, such as more soccer pitches or ball diamonds, and more winter activities.

In addition to running his farm, Mr. Smith is also employed as an auto worker at General Motors. He is married to Jane, and they have two children and one grandchild. Every August his family hosts a community pig roast as a fund-raiser for the Children's Wish Foundation.

If elected, he said his priority will be to encourage residents to come forward about concerns they have, and not be afraid to speak to Council.

"As far as I'm concerned, people from the township have the right to talk. Let them have their say. It's all feedback we can use to improve things."



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Dean Cutmore

By Michele Curran
Millbrook councillor Dean Cutmore is seeking re-election in the November election under the campaign slogan of "Help me to help you," which is what Cutmore enjoys about his role as councillor.

He explained, "What I like the most about my job is hearing constituents' concerns and problems, and being able to assist in helping to solve them." Perceived by constituents as a very approachable person, Cutmore said, "I get as many calls from Cavan and North Monaghan as I do from Millbrook."

As for his role in Council, Cutmore said, "I believe the running of a community is a team effort, and members of the team are ratepayers, staff, and Council who are all equal — and all have to co-operate to see the municipality governed effectively."

Cutmore's involvement in politics began after he retired because, "When you become retired you have to have an interest — and I really do love politics."

Being retired afforded him the opportunity to go to as many meetings as required. Cutmore attends between 12 and 14 meetings in any given month as a member of the Business Improvement Association (as a Council representative); the Fire Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Ganaraska Conservation Board. He also chairs the Works Committee.

He has been on the political scene for three terms (the first two were on Millbrook Council). During his second term, he became the first Millbrook Deputy-Reeve when the township hit the qualifying number (designated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs) of 1000 voters.

Cutmore said he is happy the money from the slot machines is available to the community, but he would like to see it go toward a tax reduction. However, he doesn't believe this is feasible, and said another way to help reduce taxes is to put the money into capital projects. Other concerns include finding another use for the Millbrook Correctional Center, water safety, and passing nutrient management and noise by-laws.

Cutmore has nothing but praise for municipal employees. "We have a good municipal staff. They make sure things operate properly in community."

Dean has been married to Gwyneth for 52 years, and the couple have lived in Millbrook for 46 years. They have a son, Stephen, and adopted four children — Jonathan, Ellen, Clarissa, and Alexia. Before retiring 12 years ago, Cutmore worked at the Correctional Center as a supervisor of inmate records.

Bob Deacon

By Michele Curran
Availability, community, communication, and respect are key words in Millbrook resident Bob Deacon's campaign for Millbrook Ward councillor.

He said, "I am running in this election because I would like to give back to a community I call home — one that so warmly received me when I arrived here 16 years ago. I chose to raise my family here, and I want to maintain this quality for others."

Being active in the community is important to Deacon, as evidenced by his involvement both past and present with the local PUC, the Friends of the Old Millbrook School, the Green Exchange and youth soccer (as a volunteer coach). Deacon enters this campaign race with extensive municipal experience, as he was a councillor on the former Village of Millbrook council during the 1994-1997 term.

It was during this time, as Chairman of the Human Resources Committee Deacon felt he made his biggest contribution on council with the reorganization of staff during the transition period of the amalgamation. However, he conceded, "I would like to have done things differently, but we were working under an unreasonable time constraint forced on us by the province." He also sat on the recreation and fire committees.

Deacon feels the present council has an image problem which needs to be rectified. "I have ability to listen to people's concerns and effectively communicate back—people can't be insulted." He continued, "Leaders that don't communicate well, ensure an 'us-them' society... This council is acrimonious, and this must stop. They must work together as a team, and there is no 'I' in team... If you speak with respect you swim with results. The mud-slinging is ridiculous," he added.

As for development issues, Deacon strongly believes developers need to go through due process. He said the late Harry Williams inspired him to think in terms of where the community is going to go, and how to grow effectively.

Bob added he wants to improve the quality of village life while "safeguarding that which we have, and that which is so special (history)." He believes the township needs to grow by allowing for balanced growth while "balancing what is here so we don't turn into either a Niagara-on-the-Lake or Kirkland Lake. We need a sustainable community, and we must remember to differentiate between a home and a house."

Deacon has resided in the township for 16 years with his wife Janice and three daughters, Teresa, Jenna, and Jane. He has a degree in Commerce and Economics from the University of Toronto and has apprenticed as a licensed electrician.



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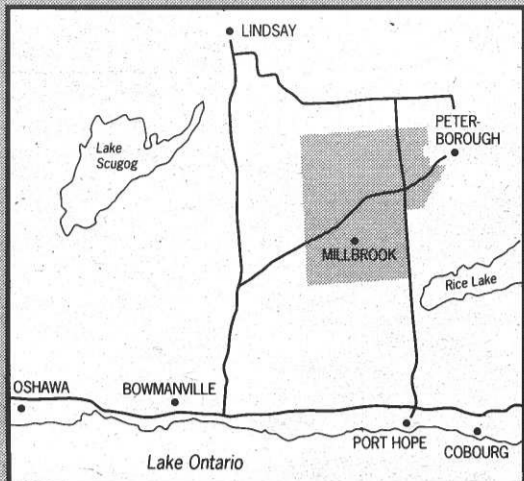
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GUEST EDITORIAL

We can stop the threat of chemical spraying

By Alison Wearing

When my mother was a child, DDT was touted as "miracle spray" and doused on lawns, crops and playgrounds. Its manufacturers told people it was perfectly safe. But as we all know now, the miracle spray turned out to be miraculously lethal and carcinogenic, and both Canada and the U.S. banned DDT and other organochlorines because of the serious long-term health risks they pose.

We continue to manufacture it, but now we ship it to developing countries and let them soak their soils with the stuff. Then we import food back. And since meat, poultry, dairy products and vegetables have all been found to contain DDT, we eat trace amount after trace amount almost every day...until recent government studies began to find that even breast-fed infants ingest more DDT than the maximum allowable levels.

When I was a child, pesticides and herbicides were used on crops and lawns with carefree abandon. They were safe, you see. Tested and registered by the government.

The thing is, pesticides and herbicides are registered on the basis of testing data supplied by chemical manufacturers. Only active ingredients are tested, though the other chemicals that make up the formula are often very toxic. (They are considered a trade secret and are

not released for study.) Many of the pesticides in use today were registered 20 to 30 years ago (before any studies of long-term effects could be undertaken), and despite research linking these same pesticides with serious health risks, they have not been removed from the market because there is no clear process for deregulation. So, many weed killers (such as 2,4-D or Killex, Par 3) are known to be extremely dangerous, but are still sold and used.

...those of us living in rural areas have a significantly increased rate of childhood cancers, birth defects, and neurological problems.

The greatest problem is that testing has been done on an individual basis, and we are now exposed to so many pesticides from so many different sources, that the combined effect is staggering: the average peach in Canada has 31 pesticide residues; typical ground water contains residues of 39 pesticides; a study of fresh food grown in Ontario found organochlorine (carcinogenic) residues in all food composites — this means beef, poultry, eggs, fruits and vegetables.

In an average day, we ingest a cocktail of chemicals without even realising it. And no one — no one — knows what the cumulative effect is. All we have to go on is this: dramatic increase rates of asthma, leukemia, brain cancer and reproductive organ tumours, birth defects, endocrine and immunological diseases since the introduction of pesticides and herbicides into our soil, air and water.

We can say it's coincidence, that it could be any number of factors, but the only thing we do know is that the more we use the stuff, the worse our — all of our —

health gets. The supporting statistics keep increasing and increasing, so I'm not sure denial is helping.

People who live in agricultural areas, like those of us living in this township, are at even greater risk than average. Because we are also exposed to airborne herbicides and pesticides from non-organic farms, and the tolerance levels of these chemicals are not based primarily on health considerations — yes, you read that right — those of us living in rural areas have a significantly increased rate of childhood cancers, birth defects, and neurological problems.

Children are at far greater risk simply because their immune systems are still in development, and they have different metabolic rates. As well, they consume about four times more water (and, therefore, four times more pesticide residue) per kilogram of body weight, and absorb double the amount of pesticides through their skin as adults.

[A study of children from (non-organic) farming areas and children who live in the foothills (with virtually no pesticide exposure) found significant differences in mental and motor abilities. Children from farm areas were much lower functioning and had more aggressive behaviour.]

Farmers exposed to herbicides (through spraying) for more than 20 days a year have a six-fold increase of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. So do caretakers of golf courses.

Which brings us to the subject of lawns.

The chemical lawn industry is huge. It is borne from the idea that a lawn must be a monoculture — that is, a single plant on its own, like rye grass — which ensures that the lawn will be weak and vulnerable, highly-susceptible to pests and diseases. Natural grasslands, with their diversity of grasses and flowers, are stronger, and

more naturally resistant to pests and diseases. I have no idea who it was that decided rye grass was the only ground cover worth having, but they were deluded. Rye grass monoculture is the only ground cover NOT worth having. It keeps you addicted to chemicals and sickens, not only your property, but the rest of the environment as well.

This summer, my son Noah learned to walk. As he toddled over to a nearby driveway to play with his favourite toy, stones, I noticed our neighbour spraying the same driveway... with weed-killer.

Last summer I had a child. My partner and I moved to Millbrook when I was eight months pregnant and were thrilled to find a house backing onto a conservation area. The first morning, I rolled my belly out of bed and decided to explore. I was only steps outside when my excitement turned to sadness. Some of the neighbours were spraying their lawns. I took one breath and, as the placenta is wholly unable to screen out harmful chemicals, so did my child.

This summer, my son Noah learned to walk. As he toddled over to a nearby driveway to play with his favourite toy, stones, I noticed our neighbour spraying the same driveway — the driveway! — with weed-killer. I hoisted Noah onto my hip and took him back home. The neighbour and I had a brief chat about what he was spraying and why. I explained that my son sometimes plays with these stones, even puts them in his mouth. "Yeah, kids are great for putting stuff in their mouths," he said. "I did this a few weeks ago, but then it rained and

washed it all away."

No, it didn't. There is no such thing as "away".

The chemicals from this spraying and from all the others that went on that day washed into the water table. And we are all drinking it now.

This community could turn on its heel and become a healthy place to live. We could support the organic farmers in the area and encourage non-organic farmers to dispense with their chemicals and change the way they grow food and tend their soil. We could ask the local grocery store to offer local, certified organic produce. We could elect local politicians who are committed to protecting the environment. We could ban domestic pesticides in the community and adopt natural

alternatives in our homes, gardens and on our lawns. (Peterborough Green-up, in Peterborough Square, has an excellent kit called "Pesticide Free Naturally" which is full of information on the dangers of pesticides and how to eliminate them effectively.) We could turn our lawns into indigenous wildflower gardens, which tend themselves, never have to be weeded, watered, mowed, raked or pest-controlled. In the meantime, we can also watch the leaves fall from the trees and just leave them on the grass. Decaying leaves supply superb nutrients for the soil. You'll save yourself the raking (or worse, the ear-splitting leaf-blowing), and you'll save all of us the chemical fertiliser.

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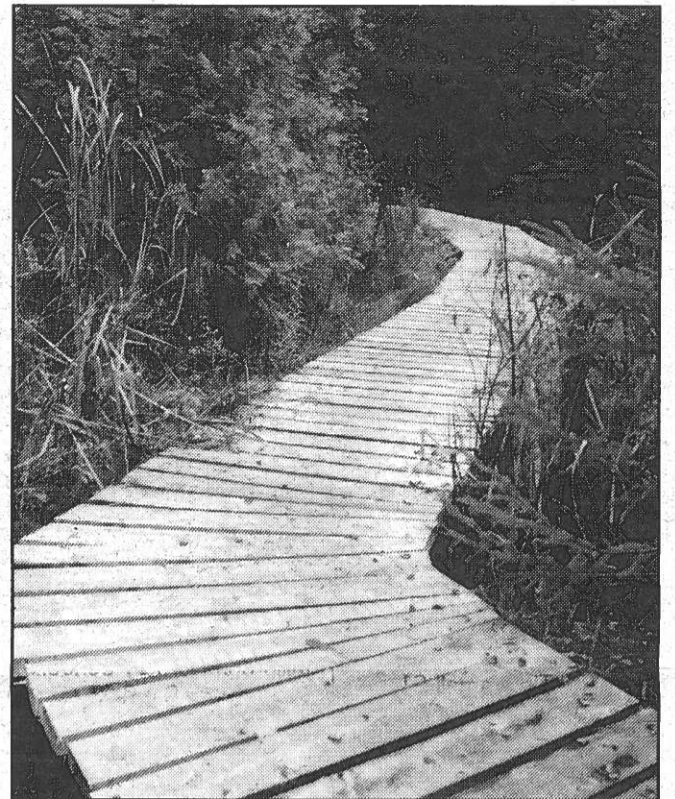
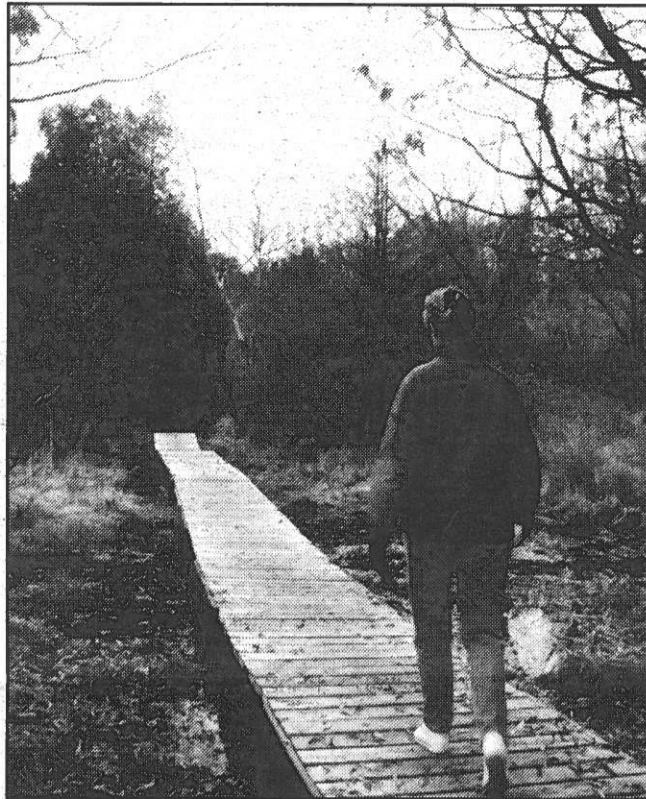
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Millbrook Valley Trails opens path to nature

The result of many long months of hard work, sweat, laughter, and not a few hammered thumbs is about to be unveiled.

The new Millbrook Valley Trails will be officially

opened on Sat. Oct. 28, between 11 and 2 pm. All activities will be kicked off with an official opening ceremony next to the pond (Medd's Mountain). Those attending will be encouraged to take a walk on the trail for

an hour or so, and then head up to the Old School for snacks and goodies. Other activities are still being organized, with possibly some musical entertainment thrown in for good measure.

"I'm really happy with the effort that community members have put into it." Many people dedicated their Saturdays to work bees on and around the trails, constructing bridges, clearing bush, setting up trail markers, and more; still others committed many hours of work on the committee, working with Otonabee Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources on environmental enhancement projects.

Brian said the next phase of the trails project will be to clear trails south

of the 4th Line, where the current system currently ends. These trails will eventually connect up with the Lake Ontario trail, and, ultimately, the Trans-Canada trail system. Much work had already been done, with clearing started and an accessible ramp set up for disabled people to fish in the nearby ponds (on Ministry of Natural Resources property).

"I'm really pleased we completed (this phase of) the project this year, as it is a millennium project," Councillor Fallis concluded. The project could not have been completed without the funding support of the municipality, the Otonabee Conservation Authority, and the federal government's Millennium Projects funding scheme.

Congratulations to all who committed so much energy, vision, and labour in the creation of such a wonderful community asset. See you on the trails! ♣

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Jo Ellen Brydon: Capturing the heart of moments that matter

The Millbrook Gallery's Fall feature exhibition, *The Telling: Paintings* by Jo Ellen Brydon opened Friday, October 13th to an enthusiastic crowd.

Stories of street sweepers, turtle delegations and cars stalled on train tracks are captured in intricate detail.

Brydon's vibrant paintings recapture lost histories and preserve the stories that weave the fabric of a culture. She draws her material from the day to day anecdotes and incidents that are passed over time from storyteller to storyteller, in a tradition that stems from her family's ori-

gins in Ireland and is continued by this native born artist. Brydon pays special attention in her work to the telling of the tale and draws the viewer not only into the content of the story, but also to how and why it is told. Stories of street sweepers, turtle delegations and cars stalled on train tracks are captured in rich colours and intricate detail that create a complex landscape in which these deceptively simple narratives unfold. Her work evokes a lush ambiance and transports us in a compelling fashion to the heart of the moments that matter.

Brydon is a founding member of The Millbrook Gallery collective. She lives and works in the village of Mount Pleasant.

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The Telling: Paintings by Jo Ellen Brydon

At The Millbrook Gallery
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Solo exhibition by gallery member and Mount Pleasant resident Jo Ellen Brydon. For more information phone 932-5482

October Bag Sale

At Bailieboro Library
Boutique, Cty. Rd. 28, Bailieboro, To Oct. 31
Gather up some "boo-tiful" clothing and treasures! Bag and Tie - small \$1, medium \$3, large \$6.

Halloween Market

At All Saints' Anglican Church, Ptbo.
Fri. Oct. 20, 6-9pm
LETS trade fair, featuring spooky gifts, crafts, seasonal baking, alternative health products. Donation to Kawartha Food Share; free admission.

Millfest

Sat. Oct. 21
In and around downtown Millbrook. Hot air balloon rides, a sidewalk sale, live entertainment, and a kids' tent will all be part of the day's events. See story page 1 for details.

Old Millbrook School Family Centre Open House

At the Old Millbrook School
Sat. Oct. 21, 11 am-2 pm
In conjunction with Millfest. See page one for details. Call 932-7088.

Halloween Haunted House

At Needler's Mill (next to the Millbrook Arena)
Sat. Oct. 21, 1 - 4 pm
Fri. Oct. 27, 6 - 8 pm
Sat. Oct. 28, 6 - 8 pm
Tues. Oct. 31, 6 - 8 pm
Call Parks and Rec at 932-2911 for more info.

Centreville Presbyterian Church Anniv. Service

At the church, South Monaghan, Oct. 22,

10 am. Guest speaker Rev. Glen Davis, Moderator, 126th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Everyone welcome.

All-Candidates' Meeting

At Millbrook/South Cavan Public School. Thurs. Oct. 26, 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Women's Institute.

Xmas Shopping Spree

In Toronto. Oct. 28, 8:30 am bus leaves Cavan Hall
Sponsored by Cavan-Millbrook Nursery School. Bus returns 8 pm, cost \$25. Goes to Miko Toy Warehouse, Warden Power Centre, Thornhill Shopping Centre. Call Gwen, Bethany Hills Travel at 705-277-9250.

Christmas Bazaar

At 428 Wing RCAFA, 274 King St., Ptbo.
Sat. Oct. 28, 11 am-2 pm
Tea room, door prizes, hand knitted goods, bake table, white elephant table, crafts. Tickets \$3, available at Ladies' Auxiliary members or at door.

Preschool Halloween Party

At the Millbrook Arena Tues. Oct. 31, 10 am-noon.
Enjoy Halloween activities, skating, a haunted house, goody bags, and much more. Call 932-2911.

Garden Club

At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook, Wed. Nov. 1, 7:30 pm. Guest speaker Virginia Swinson from Peterborough Waste Management, talk on composting. \$2 admission, all welcome.

All-Candidates' Debate/Meeting

At Millbrook Arena
Nov. 2, 7:30 pm
An opportunity to ask municipal council candidates about key issues and their platform. Sponsored by The Green Hills Gazette. Call 932-2175 for details.

Evening of Reminiscences

At Millbrook Historical Society, King St.
Thurs. Nov. 2, 7 pm
Invitation to all interested in sharing memories of old time dance halls. Material may be used for a community developed play for the 4th Line Theatre.

Singles' Dance

At Keystone Links Golf/Country Club
Sat. Nov. 4 and 18, 9 pm-1 am. Call 932-2740.

St. Thomas More Christmas Bazaar

At the Millbrook Legion
Sat. Nov. 4, 10 am-3 pm
Chili lunch. Adults \$4.50, Children 12/under \$2.25. Craft table, bake and candy table, new to you table, penny table, guessing jar. Raffle at 3 pm.

Give-a-Hoot Café Ian Tamblin

At the Old Millbrook School

Nov. 11, 8 pm
The Give-a-Hoot Café kicks off its fall series with a performance by Canadian musical icon Ian Tamblin. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$5 if you sing in the Hoot.

Christmas Bazaar and Tea

At Trinity United Church, Ptbo. Nov. 18, 1-3:30 pm
Crafts, knitting, knick-knacks, sewing, breads, baking, English-style tea, live piano styles. Free parking, wheelchair access, \$2 admission. Benefits Alzheimer Society.

Turkey Dinner

At Cavan United Church
Sat. Nov. 18, 4:30 pm
Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5.

Peterborough Historical Society

At Ptbo. Public Library
Tues. Nov. 21, 7:30 pm
Guest speaker Sgt. Rob Hotston, re: policing in Ptbo.

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-3 pm, Sat 10 am-1pm.

Bailieboro 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 Bailieboro 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. Co-operative school for children 2-5. Mon.-Thur. mornings. Call Doris Scott 944-5717.

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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Preparing your house for a cozy winter

Batten down the hatches — there's at least five months of cold weather and winter ahead.

Preparing for winter's cold means taking stock of what needs work or improvement around your home or cottage, and then deciding what you can do yourself, and when to call an expert for help.

First of all, there's the outer shell of your home. Does the roof leak? Are your closed windows letting in a little too much fresh air? How about insulation? Was last year's heating bill a nightmare? With the price

of heating oil expected to rise this winter, it makes sense to have your home assessed for energy and heating loss. While you're assessing the area around your home, check eavestroughs for leaves which may clog up drainage from the roof.

Now that you've corrected any faults with the walls, windows, and roof, it will be easier to stay cozy when the blizzards howl around your door! On the inside of your house, there's several other systems to consider — heating, plumbing, and electrical. When was the last time your fur-

nace was checked? You want to ensure you've got a clean air filter on it, and check the humidifier to create a clean, comfortable environment. While you're at it, make sure you've got carbon monoxide detectors in your home to prevent interior air poisoning. Hi-Tec can help with many furnace and fireplace installations and renovations.

Got any exposed pipes, or are they poorly insulated? Freeze-ups can be a real hassle, and usually happen when you least can deal with them — like when company comes over Christmas. What about the water heater? or for that matter, the clog that just won't go away with any amount of Drano? Maybe the idea of spending yet another winter with that mediocre shower or small bathtub just isn't your idea of comfort — a renovation of your bathroom might be in order. Check out all aspects of your plumbing system, and call a plumber (like Draper's, on this page) to get the job done right!

Everyone uses more electricity in the winter, par-

ticularly if your home is electrically heated. Make sure all baseboard heaters are in safe working order, and if there's any question about wiring (especially in old homes) or the electrical system coping with the demands of increased lighting and appliance use, contact a certified electrician (such as Peter Rennie, on this page). Many people also like to add more lighting to their home to ease the darkness of winter. What about installing some new appliances to replace the tired, always-broken-down dryer, washer, or stove/oven?

Finally, once you've reviewed all of your indoor and outdoor systems, ensure you've taken care of safety issues, such as the aforementioned carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms (both need fresh batteries!). Make sure your chimney is clean before you light fires this fall. Clean your ventilation system. And check your insurance, to make sure all of your home's systems and contents are covered. (Bulger and Grey Insurance can offer advice on what you need.)

Then, of course, after you've taken care of the important indoor and outdoor systems of your home, there's the fun of cozying up your furnishings and decorating — but we'll leave that to your good taste! ♣

Official Plan decreases agricultural land

By Michele Curran

A public meeting on October 10 in Council chambers was attended by nearly 50 people who listened to planner Bob Clark of Clark Consulting Services of Port Hope give a quick overview of changes and additions to the municipality's official plan.

According to Clark, the new official plan is a revised edition of the existing version, including additions to reflect future growth as well as public concerns in the municipality for the next 20 years. The draft encompasses and reflects change in the social, economic, and natural environment of the community.

The draft official plan reflects a growth projection of 1280 households by 2020, a decline in farming residences, and an increase in areas designated rural. There will also be a decrease in areas designated for agricultural use (existing farming operations will be protected).

A Schedule B has also been included, covering all

areas such as wetlands, fish habitats, and wildlife woodlands not found under other provincial designations. The schedule is a list of considerations — rather than policies — a developer may want to review before building in the municipality.

Millbrook and Fraserville are both included in a secondary growth plan, with historical considerations attached — meaning old buildings will be developed when and where possible to make them economically viable.

Cultural, heritage, and archaeological resources are also noted in the plan, but Clark warns these considerations will only aid in promoting conservation — but not protection. He suggested the Ontario Heritage Act carried more weight in looking after these matters.

For those members of the public wanting to know more about the official plan, the final public meeting will be held at Council chambers on November 6 at 7 pm. ♣

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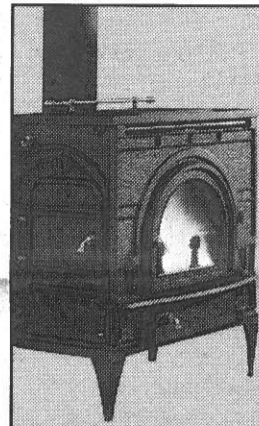
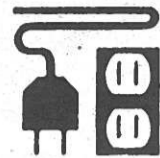
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