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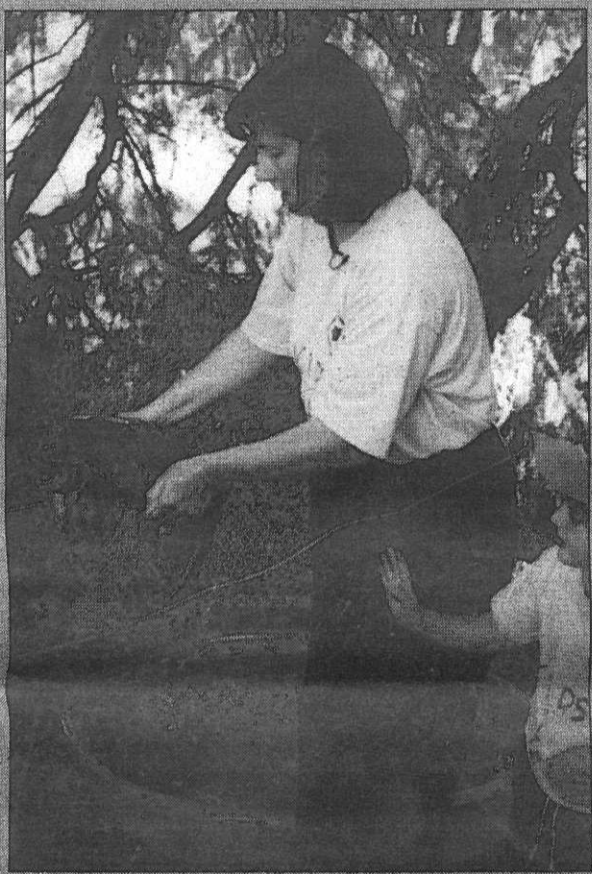
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CELEBRATING LIFE IN CAVAN, MILLBROOK AND NORTH MONAGHAN

MRS. SNAPPY GETS A "SHELL-LIFT"



Members of Kids 4 Turtles watched as local veterinarian Kristy Hiltz returned a female snapper back to her natural habitat after accidentally being hit by a car in a turtle posted zone. Wounds were cleaned, she was put on antibiotics, and a fibreglass patch was applied to a shell crack.

Via Rail stop nixed by Council for now

By Melodie McCullough
Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) Township has decided not to establish a location for a VIA Rail platform in the township at this time — because councillors feel there is no adequate site available. They believe there may be close stops both east (Harper Road in Peterborough) and west (Pontypool) of the township.

"I don't think we've closed the door on having a platform," said Brian Fallis, Deputy-Reeve, in an interview following a June 18th regular Council meeting at which Susan Cudahy, president and chief executive officer for the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPA EDC), spoke to Council regarding the hoped-for reinstatement of train service between Peterborough

and Toronto.

The GPA EDC has been lobbying extensively over the past year on behalf of the city and county for its reinstatement, and recently received news that VIA is in final negotiations to resume the service. For a municipality to have a stop in its area, VIA requires a location for the stop, and the municipality to pay for parking and ongoing station beautification, such as flowers and garbage pick-up. VIA would pay the cost of installing a platform.

Cudahy said CMNM is expected to have substantial economic growth over the next five to ten years and is close to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The rail line is expected to run seven days a week, arriving at Union Station at 8 am and returning to Peterborough for 6:30 pm, with service starting in the fall of 2002.

"Commuters will naturally look at your area for houses and businesses," she told Council.

Fallis and other Council members agreed to send a letter to VIA Rail supporting the GPA EDC's initiative, and asking VIA for input regarding a possible site. They also asked Cudahy to find out if they can reserve the right to have a station at a later date.

"I don't think it's fair for us to make a decision one way or the other right now," Fallis told Cudahy.

The former Cavan station is no longer feasible because of poor access and a bridge that would require upgrading, he said. Another suggested site, near County Road 10 and Maple Leaf Park, "would require some substantial infrastructure," he continued. The present rail line is ten to fifteen feet above surrounding land, causing wheelchair

accessibility problems. A new road might also need to be constructed to provide access to a platform. It might cost the township between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, Fallis said.

Councillors also said, with two close stops to the east and west, there might only be a few people getting on the train in Cavan and a stop there would slow down the service.

However, local resident Bob Clark, who attended the Council meeting, said later the township "is going to miss the boat. If it expects a lot of economic growth as proposed in the Fraserville Secondary Plan of the township's draft official plan, it needs to be able to say it has rail service to the GTA," he said. The only costs are for parking and station beautification, he said.

"It's a very inexpensive opportunity we're missing." ♣

Lighting up darkness and misery in Bosnia

By Deborah Luchuk
Imagine putting your children to bed in complete darkness. No light by which to undress them and put them into pyjamas, take them to the washroom, or read them a story. No light for you to respond to a little one who is sick, or merely afraid of the dark.

Private Dan Coulter, son of Millbrook-South Cavan Public School secre-

tary Barb, knows about the misery created by a lack of electricity... and running water, shelter, food, and clothing first hand. He's stationed at Camp Dravar, Bosnia, with the Canadian Armed Forces, and has been there since April.

Dan calls his mom every Sunday, and recently, when Barb asked if he needed anything, he said, "Candles." She said, of

course she'd send him a few. But he replied, no, they aren't for him — they are desperately needed by the families he sees in the neighbourhoods near the camp.

While the plight of Bosnian refugees is no longer on the front page people are still suffering the ravages of war.

While the plight of Bosnian refugees and those repatriated over the last year is no longer on the front page of the world's newspapers or on CNN or Newsworld, people are still suffering the ravages of war. Many don't have homes, clothing, or running water, and live on a subsistence

diet — as well try to live without electricity. This fall and winter, in particular, there are concerns people will suffer from the harsh cold, Barb said.

Barb mobilized the students and staff of Millbrook-South Cavan P.S. in the last days of school to donate candles and clean, used clothing — which will be sent to Bosnia through the Canadian Armed Forces in Belleville. "The response has been overwhelming from the teachers and students. It's just great," she said, visibly moved by the generosity expressed thus far. "But it's just the beginning."

Your help is needed to support the families of Bosnia — with donations of candles of any kind, and clean, wearable clothing and footwear (particularly coats and warm winter

clothing for the months ahead) for people of all ages. Your donation can be dropped off at the school — even now, after school has finished — or at Clarke's Esso (thank you Bill Clarke and staff!), or by calling Barb at 932-2461 to arrange for pickup or drop off.

She asks that you box up the clothes if possible, marking boxes "Clothing for Bosnia" — please, no really big boxes (candles can be delivered in bags if need be). She'll tape them up and ensure these get delivered to the Armed Forces for shipping to Camp Dravar. The school council has donated funds to ship, if need be, any donations that come in to the Canadian Forces; however, if anyone can help deliver a few boxes in a van or truck, Barb would be happy to hear from you!

Let's share some of our

light and warmth we have here in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan with children and families who are doing without! ♣

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We all look forward to a little down time in the sun this time of year — and *The Gazette* crew is no exception!

We'll be taking August off — and will be back at you as school begins in September for what's shaping up to be an exciting, fast-paced fall!

Our next publication date is Thursday, September 6. See you then — and have a safe and relaxing summer! ♣



COUNCIL IN BRIEF

Fire bylaw revision

Council has decided its 1999 bylaw regarding fire permits and fines for burning without a permit needs to be looked at again.

It recently asked Fire Chief Nelson Edgerton to report back to Council about any outstanding fines, and make recommendations regarding a new bylaw. This decision was made following a request by resident David Brown for Council to reduce a fine of \$2,292.64 he received for his first offence regarding a fire on his property, which, he said, he did not intentionally set. Fines are now set based on costs for firefighters and equipment used. Council agreed to reduce the fine by 50% and allow him to pay it over two years. Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis said fines should provide a reasonable deterrent, but not be "draconian."

Donation for rescue equipment

The Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Fire Department accepted, with thanks, the donation of \$7,700 from the excess heart catheter funds. It will be used to purchase a defibrillator and genesis oxygen unit.

New sidewalk

Council agreed at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting to build a new sidewalk on the east side of Tupper Street from Centennial Lane because of concerns about the school crossing safety. The crosswalk will also be moved to the corner of Tupper and Centennial for the fall of 2001.

Trees to be cut

Thirteen aged maple trees on the grounds of the Old Millbrook School will be cut down, leaving ten, because they are considered a hazard to the health and safety of residents, visitors and personnel. The job will be done by a qualified tree removal specialist, who will be permitted to take the firewood in exchange for services rendered. The township hopes to plant two new trees for every one cut down.

Gardens seats for complex

Council authorized the Parks and Recreation Services Division to purchase eight Maple Leaf Garden seats for \$2,400 plus shipping. Four of the seats will be used in the construction of a Harold Ballard Bunker Reproduction in the new Municipal Services Complex when it is built. The other four will be used for fundraising efforts by raffling the seats, and money raised will go towards the construction of the complex.

Pool bylaw updated

Council has updated its bylaw regarding fencing around swimming pools. North Monaghan Ward now has the same standards as Cavan and Millbrook. All North Monaghan pools will be inspected this summer to make sure they are properly enclosed.

Skateboard park

Myrna Burke was back at Council this month, asking for consideration of some new sites for a youth skateboarding park, after a site near the arena was turned down last month. She was instructed by Council to choose a site, such as the Old Millbrook School or fairgrounds, and then set up a meeting with the Fair Board and organize a public meeting to discuss sites.

Grants

Approximately 20 community groups received grants of varying amounts, totalling

\$41,889. The grants were taken from the community funding budget. All groups that applied were the same as last year, except for the Nobody's Perfect program, which received \$3,124 for the formation of two parent education groups in the township. Council decided not to fund a request from the Springville United Church for \$5,000, because it felt it would be religious patronage.

Omni update

Council is proceeding with official plan and zoning bylaw amendments applied for by Omni Health Care in connection with its plan to build a two-storey 128 bed nursing home at Tupper Street and Centennial Lane.

The proposed building is approximately 45,400 square feet in each storey. While Council members favoured the site, they said there were still some outstanding issues such as traffic concerns and water and sewer servicing. It approved enlarging a water pipe along Tupper Street from King Street to Centennial Lane to accommodate Omni's water needs. A recent engineering study for the township said there should not be a problem with sewer capacity, but there might not be enough water volume to supply the home. The township is looking into the possibility of assuming wells at the Millbrook Correctional Centre, and then supplying the jail with water to obtain more water. It is also considering metering residents' water, as way of conserving water supply.

A public meeting for water metering is set for July 10. ♣

Peterborough opposes Fraserville development plan

By Melodie McCullough
Sylvia Sutherland, Peterborough mayor, thinks the city stands a good chance of winning a fight with Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) Township over commercial development in the Fraserville area if the dispute goes to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for a decision.

"We've been told we have a very good chance at the OMB by our planning director," said Sutherland in an interview.

The mayor and other city council members are upset with the large size of a 150-acre area designated as an "employment zone" in the Fraserville Secondary Plan section of the township's new draft official plan, and fear retail development there would take business away from the city. Sutherland said the city has spent millions of dollars over a number of years carefully developing a retail plan that promotes it as a regional trade centre. This has historically been the city's role, and it is essential it be protected, she said.

She's optimistic the township and city can work out a compromise, but "if it doesn't, we're going to have to protect our interests."

But there are a number of steps to follow before any decision to appeal to the OMB is made, said Malcolm Hunt, director of planning and development services for the city of Peterborough.

Mr. Hunt said that he will relay the concerns of the city to the township, which may choose to modify its plans or adopt them as proposed. The township will then send its official plan to Peterborough County for approval. At this stage the County will ask for comments, and the city will once again relay its concerns regarding the Fraserville development.

"It remains to be seen how the County wants to deal with it," he said.

Mr. Hunt said the city has no problems with a focus on hospitality and recreational development in Fraserville, but the area set aside for retail development is just too big and there have been no market studies showing the area can attract sufficient shopping dollars to justify such an expanse.

"It's a huge area. That space is simply not warranted. It's not a question of competition. The whole issue is what is a good planning strategy for this region. We're saying proceed in incremental steps that are defensible."

However, Brian Fallis, CMNM Deputy-Reeve, feels the Fraserville plan is a very positive planning strategy — one that is planning for the future, rather than waiting to react to piecemeal development after the fact.

"Planning is future-oriented, and that's what we're trying to do. It may be a long time before it happens, but we're saying we need some area designated for growth."

Fraserville is a natural

area for development since it is near the airport, has access to Highways 115 and 28 and the rail line; there is already growth in the area with Kawartha Downs and the proposed Intersports complex, said Fallis. It was identified as the logical spot by Clark Consulting Services of Port Hope, hired by the township a year ago to update and amalgamate the official plans of the three former municipalities into one. There have been very few objections to the plan at public meetings.

Fallis said he expects a mix of commercial and light industrial uses for the employment zone, but the kind of development that occurs depends on provision of water and sewer services to the area. He said the township has ongoing discussions with private sector partners to possibly provide these facilities.

Fallis also pointed out that, with provincial downloading, many costs, such as ambulance, housing and welfare are now shared between townships and the city.

"If we are going to be sharing those costs on a regional basis, we also have to see some expansion of the tax base to offset those costs," he said. "Otherwise, agricultural and residential taxpayers in the township will be overwhelmed."

Although he believes an OMB appeal is in no one's interest, he suggested at a recent township council meeting the municipality develop a strategy in case it happens. ♣

Municipal social plan looks at issues

By Melodie McCullough

An active cultural scene, promoting the arts and community heritage, is one Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan's strongest assets, results show from a recent town hall meeting set up to gain input on a new municipal social plan.

Highlights of the meeting released by researchers of the project also show participants found gaps in service in the areas of health, transportation, accessibility for the disabled and housing.

Town hall meetings throughout Peterborough County were the first step

towards the development of a combined social plan for the city, townships and county. About a year ago, in response to provincial downloading of a number of social services, the Social Policy Initiatives Committee for the county recommended the project to help municipalities determine social priorities in their communities. As part of the social plan, there will then be specific action steps taken, working with social agencies at the local level, to fill in the gaps in services. The goal is to work together to improve the quality of life for the entire community.

"It's intended to provide an overall direction for dealing with social issues in the county and city," said Margaret McCutcheon, research co-ordinator. "They'll be able to see what the needs are, and work to develop solutions to those problems."

About ten people participated in the public meeting in Millbrook, sharing their concerns about 12 topics, as well as views on strengths and assets.

"It wasn't a huge crowd, but we did get a lot of information," said McCutcheon.

Access to health care was a major concern in the township, showing up in the shortage of doctors, cuts to homemaking services for seniors, lack of mental health services, and long ambulance response times.

Lack of public transportation and no local taxi service was felt to contribute to isolation especially for people outside Millbrook, seniors, families with children and people with disabilities. It was also felt there a gap in housing services, especially for "well seniors" who need varying levels of independence.

Participants had both good and bad things to say about community involvement. They said there are many caring people and excellent volunteers, organizations and facilities, but sometimes people don't know where to go for help.

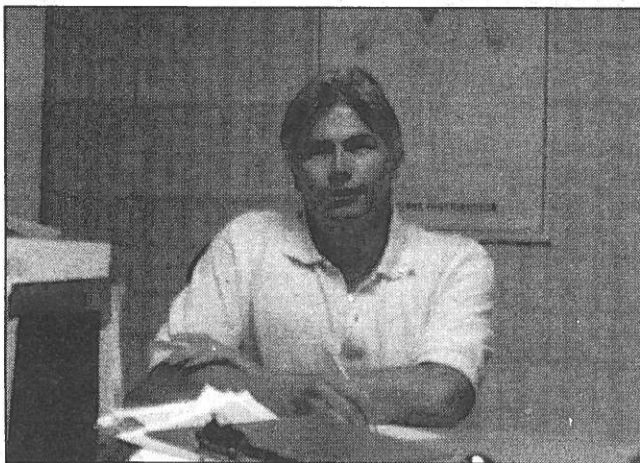
It can be a problem to get information to rural residents, resulting in less sense of community. The post office used to be a clearinghouse for community information, but no

central location has taken its place.

Other topic areas were environment, safe communities, income security, human rights, food security, child care, and access to lifelong learning.

Using information received at the township meetings, McCutcheon plans to put together background papers on each topic providing a snapshot of the key issues for each community. This will be available on the Internet at www.peterborough.united-way.ca. Action strategies will then be developed in a draft social plan. A series of topic roundtables are planned for the fall to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback. It is hoped a final municipal social plan will be ready next January. ♣

BUSINESS PROFILE



Dr. Larry Smith — ready to help you feel better

Love leads to a career

By Michele Curran

Nestled in the lush green hills of Cavan, with horses grazing in a nearby field, is the Cavan Chiropractic & Acupuncture Clinic.

A fixture in the area for 17 years, the Clinic run by Dr. Larry Smith can boast of treating, at one time or another, entire area families. Operating his clinic in a rural setting allows Dr. Smith the time to become acquainted with his patients, and the flexibility to tailor his hours of operation around those clients who work all day.

It is this laid-back, yet professional atmosphere which helps to ease the fears of first-time patients looking for an alternative to medication and surgery. Because chiropractic is a primary contact profession, a new patient does not require a medical referral. Over the years, Dr. Smith has estab-

lished a working relationship with many of the local doctors and specialists.

Besides regular patients, Dr. Smith accepts Workers' Compensation, Veterans Affairs and motor vehicle accident cases. Common conditions treated include low back pain, sciatica, neck pain, headaches, and upper and lower limb problems.

On any given day Dr. Smith will treat patients with acute pain who he might not see again for another few years, or those with chronic pain who continue to visit on a weekly/monthly schedule as a preventative measure.

As an avid sports enthusiast, former doctor of Trent University collegiate sports teams, and assistant captain of the Cavan Blazers team, the doctor has a well-developed understanding of sports injuries and effects on athletes.

He believes patients

need to have a proactive role in their recovery. Employing a holistic approach while treating a patient, Dr. Smith explains how nutrition, work, exercise, and lifestyle changes can either aid or relieve the injury along with either chiropractic manipulation of bones or laser acupuncture, depending on the diagnosis.

Dr. Smith's interest in this field of medicine began in a rather unconventional fashion.

As he tells it, "When I first started dating my wife Lynn, she would have to go to the chiropractor for back pain every Friday — and so this weekly visit became part of our evening. I began to ask her what happened during her visit, then began speaking to her chiropractor...and it wasn't long until I realized this was a profession I was interested in pursuing."

Though many believe Lynn has it easy being married to a doctor, Dr. Smith is quick to point out otherwise. He explains how when they were first married, Lynn became the breadwinner, while he attended university to earn his degree. Lynn has a degree in wildlife biology, and for a while, worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

She now looks after the clinic's administrative duties while keeping him in line.

As he explained with a chuckle, "When I had my Peterborough practice, (which he closed to spend more time with his family) the staff referred to me as doctor — but in Cavan, I'm known as Larry."

After 24 years of marriage, the couple have four children: Brennan, Ryley, Taylor, and Hayley.

Who would have thought a date would lead to marriage — and become the motivating factor behind choosing a career? Many area residents are happy these two had that initial date! ♣

Kenny Rogers heads Havelock Jamboree

Kenny Rogers, one of country music's biggest names, will head a varied lineup at the 12th annual Havelock Country Jamboree Aug. 16, 17, 18 and 19. Advance tickets are available at Clarke's Esso on Tupper Street in Millbrook.

Rogers will perform Saturday, Aug. 18 and Jack Blakely, co-organizer, thinks the jamboree has "stepped up a huge, huge notch" by signing such a big star and hopes it will lead to similar big names in the future.

He is quick to point out, however, that the Havelock jamboree, launched on a small farmer's field east of the village in 1990, has grown to attract tens of thousands of fans each year because organizers offer a variety of both established and rising Canadian and American musical artists.

Joining Rogers in the lineup is a number of talented bands and solo artists such as Prairie Oyster which first performed in Havelock in 1992. Jerry Reed, famous for starring in the Smokey and the Bandit movies with Burt Reynolds, will also be on hand. John Berry, Suzy Bogguss and Bill Dean will perform as a package group. Country musician Paul Brandt, who has hosted the Country Music Awards for the past three years, will be on stage Aug. 17.

Asleep at the Wheel, a Texas Swing band, performs Aug. 18. Also, Whispering Bill Anderson, known as host of Backstage Live at the Grand Ole Opry, is in the lineup. Canadian legend, Ian Tyson, also takes the stage Aug. 18 while the Canadian band, Farmer's Daughter, performs Aug. 19. Two new Canadian

stars, Amanda Stott and Adam Gregory, and scheduled for Aug. 17 and 19.

Returning again this year are the Good Brothers, a homegrown Canadian band that has been pleasing audiences at the Havelock jamboree since 1992. Stacey Earle, sister of the legendary Steve Earl, takes the stage Aug. 17, while Blue Grass great Ricky Skaggs returns this year to entertain the Sunday crowds.

Last year's jamboree, which saw 65,000 people attending over the four-day event.

Last year's jamboree, which saw 65,000 people attending over the four-day event, was a success because of improvements such as more toilets and increased security. It is evident Peterborough County and the Havelock area has become "a prime location" attracting people from all over Ontario, said Jack Blakely, and he hopes to see

an even bigger attendance this year.

The jamboree has always been a community event, with volunteers and local charities, as well as sponsors, all helping to make it a success. As always, camping is encouraged as a main focus.

"The Havelock Jamboree is not just a music festival, it's an experience," said Blakely. And it's important everyone has a relaxing, pleasant experience, because "many people look at this as their main and only holiday of the year", he said.

Bill Clarke, owner of Clarke's Esso in Millbrook, said this is the first year he has sold tickets to the jamboree and sales are going well. They are available during the hours his business is open, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week and day or weekend passes are for sale. The advance day pass is \$50 for adults and seniors (\$55 at the gate) and advance weekend passes are \$110 for seniors and \$120 for adults (\$130 at the gate). ♣

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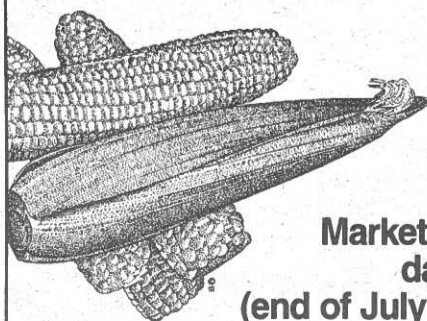
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EDITORIAL

Kudos and brickbats

She was on an ancient journey — obeying the timeless call to reproduce — when she was stopped nearly dead in her tracks. Thank goodness there was someone nearby who rescued her from what would have certainly been a painful death.

The large female snapping turtle, aka Mrs. Snappy, was rescued by Rollin' Acres facilitator and teacher Jan Rowland from the road in front of her house after a car clipped the back of the turtle's shell. Apparently the driver, perhaps alerted by the turtle crossing signs on Cedar Valley Road, saw the turtle, and attempted to stop — but injured Mrs. Snappy nevertheless.

Jan's fellow adult facilitator of the Kids for Turtles group, Dr. Kristy Hiltz, attended to the turtle's injuries, and a fibreglass patch was affixed to the shell while Mrs. Snappy healed. (She lived temporarily in a "hospital" wading pool at Rollin' Acres while recuperating.) One of the children who attends the educational program at Rollin' Acres caught fish to keep their "patient" well fed!

It was a rare and moving moment to see this amazing creature liberated last week by Dr. Hiltz, Jan Rowland, and a whole crew of children and parents into her Baxter Creek home. Definitely a primordial moment of bonding between animal and humankind — and a valuable lesson about the preservation of wildlife for the children and adults alike!

Kudos to all of the children of Kids for Turtles, Kristy, Jan, and the many others who have helped to raise awareness about the preservation and safety of turtles in our local environment. In particular, Wendell Williams, of Williams Auto Centre in Millbrook, is to be congratulated for taking the initiative as the first corporate sponsor and ongoing supporter of the cause. Further kudos to everyone who has taken note of the signs, and of the media coverage, and been on the lookout for turtles on our roadways. We hear Councillor Brian Bartlett recently rescued a painted turtle from the road — as have many others!

Unfortunately, there are also some brickbats to be administered to others, who seem to have very little between their ears except thoughts of malicious destruction. As you'll read in Bob Clark's letter on this page, there are still people who think it's really great to go out of their way to kill animals. Is it fear that motivates their destructive behaviour, or simply our basest impulses as human beings? If people can go out of their way to kill animals, or for that matter, pollute our environment, then how much do we value human life?

Recently, the floating bridge on the Millbrook Valley Trail system was disconnected from its moorings and virtually dismantled by vandals. We've also heard that the bluebird houses, so carefully created by volunteers — many of them children — have been thrown into the creek. It's difficult to understand why someone would willfully destroy the hard work of their neighbours — people who have volunteered their time to make the community a better place for all of us. I doubt those who were responsible will be reading this editorial, but if you are, take a good, hard look at yourself. (FYI — not only the bridge was vandalized recently. In the same vicinity, near the 4th Line and close to the fish ponds, turtle signs have also disappeared. What's going on in this area??)

On the up side, kudos to the volunteers from the community who spontaneously got together and went back to the bridge to repair it. You know who you are!

I guess we can't lose heart — we can't let the behaviour of a few people put us off the good work that is being done and will be done in our community. Congrats to everyone out there who is hard at work making the community a better, healthier, and safer place for people, animals, the environment — and turtles! ♣



Thanks, Masons!

We wish to thank all those who are lending their support in our attempt to get a skateboard rink built in Millbrook. The encouragement is certainly appreciated and we are confident that the Skateboard Committee and Council will find a solution to the location problem. In times like this, the true spirit of our community surfaces, and we are proud to be part of it.

We are aware of the recognition we have received, but having said that, we are also aware of all the community acts going on every day that receive no tributes. One in particular was the gracious gesture by the Masonic Lodge in Millbrook allowing people to use their parking

lot throughout the week. King Street has the worst parking facilities. So much business is conducted in a one-block area, but the designated parking locations cannot handle the overflow. When the Lodge offered their parking space, they not only accommodated the public — they helped our merchants as well. We are fortunate to have such men who work quietly on the sidelines to assist this community whenever and wherever they can. The (Millbrook Skateboarders) Club offers a heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Masonic Lodge in Millbrook.

— Myrna Burke
Coordinator, Millbrook
Skateboarders
Millbrook, Ontario

Keeping an eye on Council activities

Three related items in your June 7th issue warrant wider publicity and scrutiny. First, on May 7th our municipal politicians quietly awarded themselves whopping pay raises — 50% for reeve and deputy-reeve, and 33% for councillors. There is no record of who voted Yea or Nay to the motion. Let's see: Cathcart squeaked into office last election with just 35% of the popular vote and now his pay jumps 50%. Huh?

Second, water and sewer rates for Millbrook residents have just increased 10%. Yes, taxes — (and water and sewer charges are taxes) — are rising even though our township currently receives a revenue windfall of almost \$3 million a year from the Ontario Lottery Corp., (i.e. slot money). Can water meters be far behind?

Third, council is laying the groundwork for a township-wide, general tax increase. Your paper quotes a Township spokesperson warning, "In our budget there's no increase, but (provincial) reassessment has just taken place so that may affect the final result for homeowners."

Poppycock! The township, not the province, ultimately determines our municipal taxes by adjusting the "mill" rate. If our taxes go up it is entirely because council spends too much. For instance, council is budgeting nearly \$3 million for roads. Might I suggest reducing this to, say, \$2.5 million thereby avoiding the need to raise taxes?

Oh, and gee whiz, didn't Cathcart's pre-election flyer promise — in big, bold print — "Re-elect Neal and have your municipal taxes reduced by 25%"? Seems like par for the course again.

— Ken Greenberg
Millbrook, Ontario

Correction

In our May issue, "Turtle time — please proceed with caution" (pg. 7), Dr. Kristy Hiltz is noted as saying there is no salmonella risk in handling turtles. THERE IS, and please wash your hands after picking up or handling a turtle! Apologies to Dr. Hiltz and readers for any confusion!

NEXT DEADLINE

Deadlines for the September 6 issue:

Friday, Aug. 24 — advertising deadline

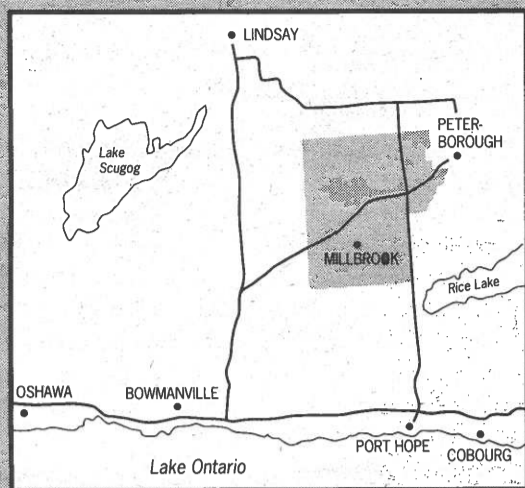
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Today, Sunday June 10th, I witnessed a most sickening sight and someone has committed a most cowardly act of carelessness, thoughtlessness, or just plain malice.

As we returned home along Larmer Line near County Road 28 we found a very old, very large female turtle that had been directly run over by a vehicle. The gutless wonder that hit it, had just passed a turtle crossing sign less than 30 seconds earlier that alerts people to the fact that the area is prone to turtle crossings. What made it all that much more tragic is the fact that this turtle was carrying eggs, some of which were strewn across the roadway after the impact.

I have been driving for a very long time and know

that often animals or creatures can dart in front of a vehicle and cause an unavoidable collision. Turtles, as most of us know, move extremely slowly which lends to this, the appearance of a deliberate act. A group of people in our community worked extremely hard to get these "turtle crossing" signs in place and help protect a species that is in danger. Unfortunately there are those amongst us without the ability to use common sense and as such, an unsuspecting mother just following her instincts met up with one of these morons, and has lost her life and that of her babies. I can only hope that the individual responsible reads this and finds many sleepless nights ahead.

For the rest of us
PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION AND HELP PRESERVE THE SPECIES!

— Bob Clark
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Big birthday month for Cancer

By Crystal Eves

Hold onto your party hat, Cancer (June 21-July 22) — this looks like an exciting month.

First there is your birthday and hopefully all the trimmings: cake, party, presents and plenty of good memories. Possibly, (if you are really lucky) there will also be an abundance of lying well-wishers telling you that you look half your age — bless their souls.

But even if your birthday slips by relatively unnoticed, according to the stars, this month will still have plenty of action. July brings a partial eclipse in Capricorn, which will definitely affect Cancerians and this month Jupiter moves into the sign of Cancer for the first time in approximately 12 years indicating a year of big things for members of this sign.

The eclipse occurs on July 5, and since it happens in Capricorn (the opposite sign to Cancer), it will likely bring awareness to the surface. This is my polite way of saying that you might be upset on the day of the eclipse and the day preceding it. The upset might show as anything from a heavy mood or introspective feeling to a large disturbing event such as a blow-out with a loved one.

If you use the eclipse energy in this way, you can become more in tune with your own needs.

Whatever the eclipse brings, there is a trick to dealing with it, which is this: don't wallow in the feelings, notice them instead. That means if you are feeling blue July 4, it's okay to experience it, but make sure that in addition to a good cry you also ask yourself what the emotions are really about.

For example, maybe you've been overworked and you've finally had enough. In this case don't simply feel sorry for yourself for having to shoulder a large burden, instead respect what your feelings are telling you and ask yourself what you can do to ease your load in the future.

If you use the eclipse energy in this way, you can become more in tune with your own needs and you will be able to make adjustments that will help things run more smoothly in the future.

This brings me to the Jupiter event. On July 14 Jupiter will move into the sign of Cancer and as a rule this is good news. Jupiter indicates opportunities to expand and grow (hopefully not due to birthday cake consumption) and usually brings a year of renewed dreams. As with anything there are some exceptions. For this, the best thing to do is to wish that you are not one of them when you blow out your candles. ♣



CREATIVE PARENTING

Ready for independence — one step at a time

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

Well, once again school has come to a close, and summer holidays are upon us. No more rushed mornings... no more lunches to make... no more childcare from 8:30 to 3:30 pm!

This can be a major source of concern for many parents. Finding good, fun, affordable day care for the summer can be tricky. But what about those of us who do not need to find childcare, but need to feel comfortable leaving our children at home, and confident that we can trust them to be responsible for themselves while we're gone — and honest with us when we return?

Trust, such an important issue. So how do we know when our children are ready for this major step into responsibility and freedom? Well, here are a few ways I have found helpful.

Go out for 20 minutes the first time, like over to a friend's for tea. Leave the number where you'll be, and a job that needs to be done before you return. Explain that this is a trial run for how things can be if all goes well. Make sure that you are back in exactly 20 minutes. If things are as they should be, great! But what if they're not?

Well, discuss why the job wasn't completed, remind the children that this is for their benefit, their independence, their freedom. Give them time to finish the job assigned and remind them that you know that they are capable of this and you trust them to do it. Extend the time away to an hour once the 20 minute hurdle is accomplished. Try to schedule this hour to include tv time or computer time. So from 4 to 4:30, the job can be completed, which leaves 4:30 to 5 pm for tv or computer time. Suggest that the work be done first — suggest, don't demand! — and remind them that this is a trial run for even longer periods of independence to come.

Once the hour time period is running smooth-

ly, they have really started to show their competency. Tell them, praise them, let them know how good it makes you feel. As time progresses, so must the time it takes to complete a job or jobs. If you are gone for two hours, I feel at least 45 minutes must be accounted for.

What happens when you are gone for a regular work day between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm? I ask this because nine hours is a long time for an adult to fill, let alone a child of 12 or 13, and of course, safety is an issue as well. Even with a 15-year old, time should be scheduled out. This can be done together, working out your respective needs, wants, and expectations. Regular maintenance, like doing dishes, vacuuming, laundry, watering plants, making beds, walking and feeding the pets are daily responsibilities. TV, computer time, and reading are optional, unless, of course, the surplus time is being used incorrectly or inappropriately. If this is the case, proof of how leisure time was spent can be requested. "What was that documentary on Discovery about? When did it start and finish? What was your favourite part? How's the book you're reading? What new information did you get from the computer program you were going to look into?"

Sounds impossible? Try it. I find the older children get, the less they are trusted, and the more freedom and responsibility we take away from them — when in actuality, they should be given more to help prepare them for adulthood. It's a difficult time for the child/teen and adult alike.

Another point of fact is this. If the children are old enough to leave alone, you no longer need to pay for childcare. If through their actions, it is impossible for you to leave them unattended, then, in our house, their allowance pays for childcare. I've found this method to be a wonderful incentive! Have fun, stay cool, and enjoy your summer! ♣

Children grow up so fast... one minute they are gazing up at you while they're being nursed, and the next, they are looking at you saying "don't worry, I'll be fine!". Hold them to you, tell them over and over again that you love them, tuck them in at night, listen to them... because before you know it, they won't need you anymore — and they'll be gone!

— Trish Boyd-Reininger



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Homelessness haunts Peterborough County

By Melodie McCullough

Two weeks after her 15th birthday, Kristin was on her own.

Shortly before, she had left her childhood home in Bobcaygeon because of an emotionally abusive step-father, and headed to what she hoped would be a better situation at her real father's house in Lindsay. Finding it not much better there, she made a decision to try things on her own — go on student welfare, get her own place, stay in school, do odd jobs. Nice try, but . . . it just didn't work out. Before she knew it, she had become another statistic in one of the uglier social problems of our times — she was homeless.

"There were times I felt so low, so lonely and incredibly lost because that wasn't where I wanted to be and when you're there you can't see how it's going to be better," said Kristin, who did not wish to use her last name. "I would have loved to stay [at home] and graduate and go to college, but living at home wasn't possible for me."

She is not alone. Statistics tell the sad story that homelessness is no longer a big city problem, but one that is growing at an alarming rate, spreading to small cities and rural communities of Ontario, including Peterborough County. Over the last two years, the number of people using the two Brock Mission shelters in Peterborough increased by 120%. Approximately

1000 households are on waiting lists for affordable housing. Youth, single women with children, seniors, the mentally ill, men and women of all ages and backgrounds make up the homeless.

"There's no one descriptor. It's seems to be a real mix," said Bill McNabb, executive director of the Brock Mission. "I think the only common denominator we've been able to find is that the individuals we see, for whatever reasons, are disconnected from their families. So when they hit tough times, there really isn't any support. They really are on their own. There's no one to help pick them up."

Whether it's because they've lost their jobs and can't pay the mortgage or rent, or they've run away from abuse, or their family has broken up, somehow they find themselves with nowhere to go. The drifting lifestyle sets in — "couch-surfing" with friends and family, bunking in shelters, roaming the streets — and the poverty and despair takes hold.

To many, the word "homelessness" conjures up images of people living in tents or cardboard boxes on downtown Toronto streets, dirty, abandoned and alone. While there are "street people" in Peterborough, most workers in the field will tell you the homelessness issue goes a lot further and affects a lot more than the "visible" homeless.

"Homelessness and

housing insecurity includes those who are 'visible' on the streets or staying in our local shelters," states a report of the city's task force on homelessness and housing insecurity from November, 1999. But it is also "those who live in unsafe, overcrowded, illegal, temporary or transient accommodation; those at

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risk of losing their housing; and those who need to migrate in and out of the area searching for housing."

The reasons for homelessness? The front line workers who see the faces of the homeless every day say the reasons are many and complex, tangled up with government policies and general social trends of increasing family breakdowns. Obviously, poverty is a core issue, but there's a lot more.

Two years ago the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association labeled Peterborough County and City the homelessness capital of Ontario, due to lack of affordable housing. Over 50% of tenants were paying more

than 30% of their incomes on housing, and close to 50% were paying over 50%. If you're on social assistance or at a low-paying, part-time job with no benefits, it's difficult to pay the going market rents. And since no new social housing units have been built in the area since 1995 when the provincial government ended all funding, it's a simple reality there isn't enough low-rental or affordable housing to go around.

"Homelessness and housing insecurity is a good phrase to keep in mind," said Cheryl Lyon, housing administrator for the City of Peterborough. "People can be literally homeless, but in Peterborough a greater part of it is the housing insecurity, because incomes are low, because vacancies are low, because the poor haven't gotten any richer in this society and people are maybe one paycheque or one rent payment away from losing their houses."

Fortunately for people like Kristin, now 18, there is some help and hope. After spending time at Lindsay's only shelter for women she was sent to Peterborough to meet with youth worker David Haw and arrived knowing no one and with nowhere to go. The Cameron House shelter for women took her in, and with the help of Mr. Haw she was able to get social assistance and some job experience. She is now holding down a minimum wage job and sharing an apartment with her boyfriend. She proudly says she had a 79% average in Grade 10, and got Grade 11 by correspondence.

"It seems silly to say, but

unfortunately I can't afford to go to high school. It's free, but I can't afford to give up the day's pay."

Kristin never had to spend a night on the streets, but only because shelters were available.

"So I thank God they are there."

Although she has a hard life, she is grateful to be where she is — off welfare and making her own money. But she won't soon forget the agony of her homeless days — life in a shelter with no privacy, eating donated food past its

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best-before date, with no money for feminine hygiene products, a toothbrush, or necessary medicine.

"For a month I did not have a dime in my hand. I don't know how many nights at the shelter I cried because I wanted to see my mom, but I just had to make it through."

Kristin says it is "awesome" that a temporary Youth Emergency Shelter (YES) was able to open its doors recently in downtown Peterborough, with five beds available to homeless youth. A more permanent shelter with between 20 and 30 beds is slated to open soon. It will offer a safe environment to get kids off the street, while staff encourage them to find permanent housing, finish school or get jobs.

It is estimated there are about 200 youth couch-surfing in Peterborough and studies show that one in five of the homeless, including youth, come from rural areas within the county who head to the city in search of services and because of lack of transportation.

"Where else do you go?", asks Lois Tuffin, chair of fundraising and public relations and board member for YES. "People tend to migrate to the city. Say you live in Millbrook, you go to Crestwood (Secondary

School) and your friends are in Peterborough. You end up sleeping at a friend's house after school. Are you going to sleep on the street in Millbrook, or are you going to hook up with people who are homeless in Peterborough?"

She said 80% of the time young people leave home due to abuse by a parent or sibling.

"The other problem that we see is that people under the age of 24 have a hard time keeping housing partly because of discrimination of landlords and because they don't have a rental history."

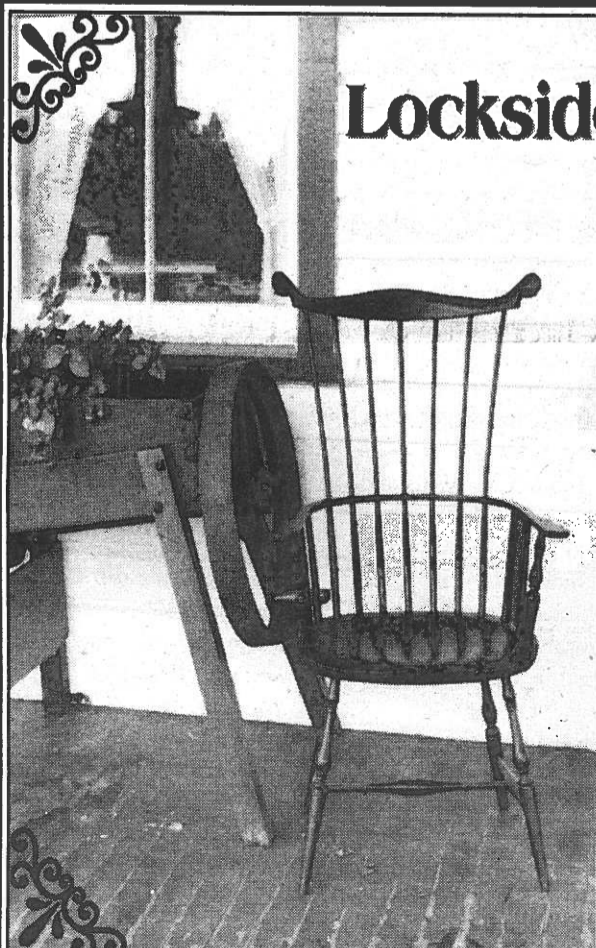
YES is an example of what can happen when dedicated, caring people want to make a difference at the grass roots level. In the last few years in Peterborough there have been a number of proactive community initiatives, aided with provincial, federal and municipal funds, that are helping the homeless.

In the fall of 1998 a mayor's sub-committee on housing was formed. Six months later, individuals, community agencies and a host of volunteers met in a forum on homelessness. From that, participants formed a homelessness task force which, in November, 1999, released a report offering a myriad of recommendations to all levels of government. And from that, the Affordable Housing Action Committee was formed to act as a planning body, coordinating an overall vision for the city and county.

In a future issue of the Gazette, we hope to take an in-depth look at the causes of homelessness, what supports and services are available in the county, and possible solutions.

Meanwhile, Kristin has the hopes and dreams of most 18-year-old girls — to go to college, get a good-paying job, perhaps as a bookkeeper, marry and raise a family. But with the wisdom of someone with three years of street smarts added to her resume, there's one more thing on her list of dreams.

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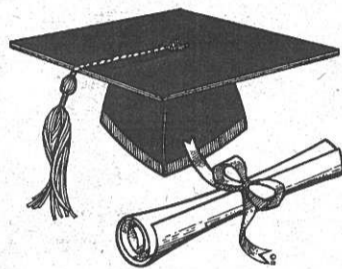


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Front Row (l-r): Mrs. A, Kylie Couture, Kyle Dorricott, Ben Bradshaw, Taylor Smith, Carly Andrews, Savannah Forsyth, Anna-Rae Leslie, Laura Cross, Cortney Sibley, Ms. Dufort
Missing - Jessica Nieman & Scott Byers

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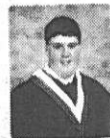
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R. Mitchell



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T. Patton



S. Steel



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Message from Principal Ron Tuttle, South Monaghan Public School

Welcome to our graduation ceremony for the year 2001. We are gathered here this evening to celebrate the successes of our graduating students as they conclude their year in grade eight. Next fall will be a new beginning for the students, as they start off in grade 9 at secondary school.

Our graduates are the guests of honour tonight. As you sit here, looking so grown up, I know that your parents are thinking about how quickly the years have gone by. Not too long ago, when you started kindergarten, you probably held your Mom or Dad's hand tightly, and you felt a little scared because you weren't

too sure about what was going to happen next. You probably feel somewhat the same way about starting high school - only this time you are way too grown up to hold on to your parent's hand. Along the way, your journey in elementary school has taken you through the classrooms of many teachers, the pages of

many books, the ink of many pens, the conversations of many friends, the laughter of happy times, and the tears of sadder times. We hope that you have enjoyed your years at South Monaghan Public School.

Just as important as the learning that goes on in schools is the learning that goes on at home and in the community. Each student is part of a family. Parents are a child's first teachers, and the home is a child's first classroom. Throughout a child's years at school, parents help their sons and daughters in many ways, by helping them build sound work habits, by listening to their problems, and by helping them with their school work. As children grow up, their attitude toward their parents also changes. The famous American author, Mark Twain, who wrote Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer, once said that when he was fourteen years old, he was convinced his father did not know much about the world. However, when he became twenty-one, Twain was greatly surprised by how much his father had learned in just seven short years. So parents, there's hope for us yet!

As you enter secondary school next year, I would encourage you to use your

Message from Melanie Assing and Catherine Dufort (North Cavan P.S. Gr. 6 teachers)

The principal, teachers, and staff of North Cavan Public School wish to congratulate the graduating Grade 6 class of 2001.

Our Grade Sixes have said goodbye to familiar faces and places, and are preparing to venture forth to meet new challenges at James Strath [Public School]. A world of new experiences awaits them just around the corner, as they take the next steps down life's exciting path. We hope they enjoy their new school, work hard, and get involved! We wish each and every one of them success in their future academic endeavours.

Congratulations! Have a great summer!

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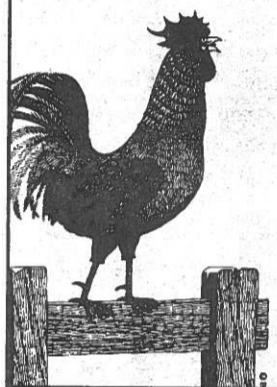
invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against tomorrow. You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest your time wisely to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today. Treasure every moment that you have, and treasure it more when you can share time with someone special. And remember that time waits for no one.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift...that's why it's called the present!

So when you get to high school next year, make the most of your daily bank of time so that each day truly is a present. On behalf of the staff at South Monaghan Public School, best wishes to our graduates as you enter a new phase in your life at high school. ♣

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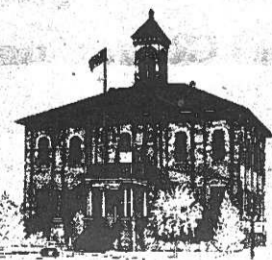
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New youth softball league plans fun day

By Melodie McCullough
The Canadian Softball League, for kids aged five to 13 in Cavan, Millbrook, and surrounding areas, is holding a fundraising fun day and tournament July 7 at Maple Leaf Park, featuring lots of entertaining activities for the whole community.

"The whole idea is to promote the new Canadian Softball League."
— League president, Brant Doyle.

Action begins at 8:30 am on both diamonds, with mixed T-ball and Mites teams playing throughout the day. Over the noon hour, kids and adults can watch a Triple A fastball team from Peterborough doing an "infield" demonstration. Dads, or anyone for that matter, are invited to try to hit balls pitched by the Peterborough pitcher, at four chances for \$2. There will be a radar gun set up so the kids can see how fast they can throw a ball. There will also be an all-day BBQ and face painting.

The whole idea is to promote the new Canadian Softball League, started this year, said the league president and coach, Brant Doyle. In past years, children from the Millbrook-Cavan area played in the Pontypool District Softball Association, but travelling to games was a problem for parents, he said. So this year, a group got together and formed the new league, inviting kids from a wide area, and managed to register four T-ball teams, (ages 5 and 6), four Mite teams (ages 7, 8, and 9), one Squirt team (ages 10 to 11) and one Pee-Wee team (ages 12 to 13). They downsized the teams to a maximum of 12 kids on each team, and changed the rules for the younger ones to minimize the amount of "walking" in an inning. "It's definitely made a big improvement on the game," said Mr. Doyle. "The kids seem to enjoy it a lot more. There's not so much standing around picking daisies in the outfield."

Each team has uniforms that match a major league team, with names belonging to Canadian cities, for

example the Brandon Orioles.

Next year they hope to have uniform pants and four teams in all levels. Parents have been pitching in with fundraising. Sylvia Manley organized a mixed slo-pitch ball tournament recently and raised \$1,400. Dave Gilmour raised about \$150 at a recent golf tournament.

The league has also registered Pee-Wee and Squirt Ontario Registered Softball Association rep teams. Towards the end of the season, these teams will compete in a best two out of three play-off series.

The league's executive is Mr. Doyle, president; Dwayne Dunlop, equipment co-ordinator; Julie Vanderwal, tournament covenor; Donna Keates, treasurer; Darryl Baker, coaching rep; and Kim Dunlop, administrative co-ordinator. ♣

Scoring for kids

The fourth annual "Scoring for Kids" golf tournament is set for Aug. 18 at the Blue Spruce Ridge Golf and Country Club. This event raises money to subsidize registration fees for children wishing to play minor sports. In the past, it was only minor hockey which was subsidized, but this year fundraising has expanded to include other sports.

Players and sponsors are needed. For more information, call Brant Doyle at 705-932-3772.



FITNESS COLUMN

My story

By Kimberley Keijzers, Certified Personal Trainer

I find it interesting that my friends and clients assume that because I am a Personal Trainer, I have always been healthy. Well, I may be healthy now, but it's been a long journey!

My obsession with my weight began in Grade 10 when I gained over 30 pounds within the year. That was when I started to experiment with weight reduction pills, laxatives and also was bulimic for some time. I didn't consider myself to be an athlete, so I stayed away from organized sports. I was always on a diet and would eat as little as one muffin in a day. I

kept trying to find the "quick fix".

In university, I drank over ten colas per day, smoked a pack of cigarettes a day and ate chips by the bag full. I had extremely low energy and continued to gain weight.

It was not until I became pregnant with my first child that I decided to make a lifestyle change.

It was not until I became pregnant with my first child that I decided to make a lifestyle change. I stopped smoking cold turkey and started reading up on health and fitness issues. I became a "grazer", eating every two to three hours, and I found this worked very well for me. With my new interest in health, I started to volunteer with the local YMCA and decided to certify as a

Weight Training Instructor. After my daughter was born, I started a brisk walking regime to return to my pre-pregnancy weight. I found it was wonderful to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the outdoors.

I enjoyed my newfound energy so much that I took it one step further and certified as a Fitness Instructor. I taught body sculpting and low impact aerobics and loved leading a pre- and post-natal exercise class. When my daughter was old enough to start solid foods, I decided to make my own baby food, and so learned about the joys of vegetables and fruits. I started to use a lot of variety in my diet, and tried not to eat the same food within a four day span.

My interest in the health field continued to grow, and so when I was pregnant with my second child, in addition to being a Certified Weight Trainer and Fitness Instructor, I cer-

tified as a Personal Trainer. My health is a high priority for me now, especially because it reflects on my two children who have been the inspiration for my complete turn around. We enjoy bicycling together, playing on the slide at the park, walking together after dinner, and I have the energy to keep up with both my five-year-old daughter and four-year-old son! I realize now that you don't have to be an athlete to be healthy, and if you just incorporate small changes into your daily routine you can change your life.

I am better able to cope with the demands of raising a family, managing a household, and operating a small business. Not only have I become a healthier person through proper eating and regular exercise, but I have also managed to maintain a healthy weight for over five years now. I am finally healthy and if I can do it, anyone can! ♣



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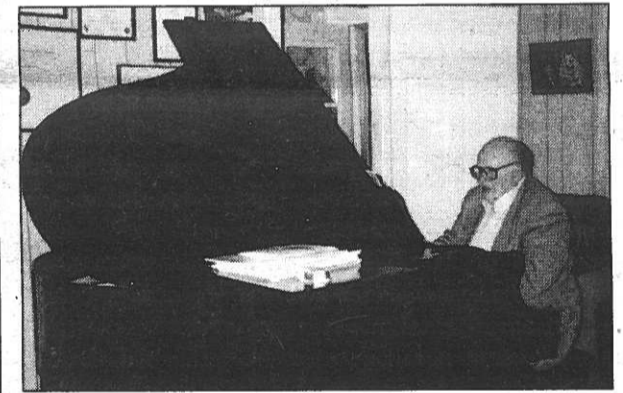
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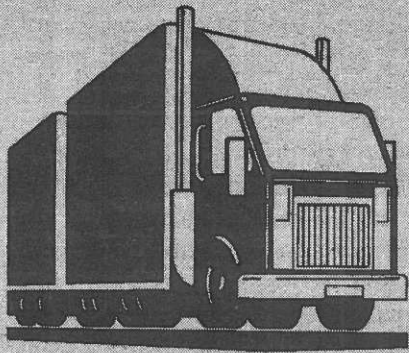
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The lives of truckers

Trucking Feature

Breaking the gender barrier

Women in the transportation business

By Michele Curran
Surprisingly in this day and age, women truck drivers make up a minute percentage of the total work force in Ontario. According to the 1996 Ministry of Transportation records, women holding a "Class A" Licence rose from 938 in 1993 to 1276 in 1996, which is indeed a small number when you consider there are over 200,000 male drivers in Ontario alone.

However, many in the transport industry, from training schools to transport companies, believe the tide is turning and industry is no longer gender specific.

Gone are the days of simply driving, picking up and delivering cargo. Today's drivers need to be proficient in multi-tasking, from driving a transport to exhibiting strong public relations, administrative, and mechanical skills. Often women who enter the field come armed with these necessary skills, giving them the edge when competing in the job market.

Steve Farris, Government/Industry Liaison and Placement Co-ordinator of Transport & Safety Compliance Systems Inc., based in Belleville said, "Pound for pound women are better drivers."

"They do a better job, in many cases, because (they are) more conscientious and considerate. They are diligent when monitoring the vital signs of (their) trucks, so as not to be stranded on a deserted road with a vehicle that is going nowhere. They demonstrate good administrative skills and are accurate with their book work," he added.

What drives a woman to want to be on the road, especially when facing heavy traffic, bad weather, and verbal barbs from those who figure a woman's place is not behind the wheel of an 18-wheeler --but in front of the stove cooking?

Laura Staples of Bethany said she became a transport driver owing to her childhood fondness of trucks.

"It has always been a love of mine," she said.

Laura's driving career began in 1986 and saw her driving for a produce company, a transport company,



Susan Matheson, one of Millbrook's hard-working truckers, has driven a transport for seven years — along with Curious George!

a courier business, and a Peterborough recycling company. She now is the only woman in the area to haul livestock on a weekly basis.

Laura enjoys a strong

"Pound for pound women are better drivers."

relationship with her husband Murray, who is very supportive of her career choice. "He helps around the house, and I am right there if he needs me to do some transporting."

Laura admitted when she first started to drive male peers were leery about her skills. On a daily basis she was bombarded with a barrage of questions. However, "Once you have proved yourself, you are treated like an equal."

Laura said having a licence in auto mechanics and being able to talk shop and not exaggerate has led to her gaining acceptance and respect from her male counterparts. "I can speak their language and that goes along way towards acceptance."

She is quite blunt when discussing her skills and the type of industry work men are more suited to, owing to being stronger physically. She explains, "As a woman I can sometime do a better job -- because I have the patience. When it comes to backing in a tractor trailer I take the time to do it right, instead of getting upset and having to do it over and over again."

At the same time she readily admits there are some tasks, such as strapping down loads, where men have a physical advantage.

Laura advises any woman interested in a dri-

his wife's decision to learn to drive. "She has a natural talent, and was eager to learn."

Now the couple works for the same company and has been fortunate to travel the same route each day. Susan finds comfort in this, because if she ever needs assistance, her husband is only 10 minutes away.

Rick has nothing but praise for his wife, "She is a unique woman with a great sense of humour, and is a hard worker who not only looks after all the business paperwork -- but also tackles the housework when she gets home."

Susan, like Laura, advises women who are interested in pursuing a career in transport driving to not only have a real interest, but a sense of humour. She encourages persistence -- women are gaining more acceptance as drivers, despite the old double standard.

As an illustration of her point, Susan recalls being involved in a random drug-testing program where she was required to go to her nearest clinic to get tested. When she arrived, she was told to take a seat. Shortly after, a male truck driver raced in with the same request and was attended to immediately. Susan protested and the nurse replied, "See the truck outside? He is a trucker, and has to be on his way." To this Susan replied, "Well, see the truck beside his? That's mine."

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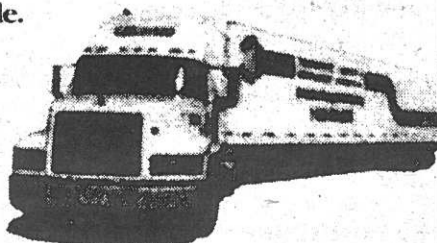
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Driving tips from truckers

By Michele Curran

The arrival of summer hails the yearly pilgrimage of families making their way to cottage country, and with it comes the usual traffic tie-ups and rising tempers. For many motorists, the frustration lies around getting past the seemingly endless convoy of transports travelling up and down the busiest corridor in North America, the Windsor to Montreal run.

However, if you are willing to follow a few tips suggested by the Ontario Trucking Association (OTA), you can be sure to have a pleasant and safe drive to wherever you are headed this summer.

The OTA reminds four wheelers driving a big truck is NOT like driving a car. Longer stopping distances, wider turns and much bigger blind spots are just some of the challenges tractor-trailers drivers must deal with daily.

They also offer the following advice when sharing the roads with transports:

Stay visible when behind a truck

When you stop behind a truck, keep to the left of your lane so the driver can see you in the truck's mirror. Remember, if you can't see the truck driver in one of his/her mirrors then they probably can't see you.

Passing trucks

Always check to see if it's safe to pass first. Signal, move into the passing lane and then pass as promptly and as safely as you can. Return to the right hand lane when you can see the truck's headlights in your rear view mirror. Waiting to see the headlights before you re-enter the lane ensures you are a safe distance from the truck and are not taking away the truck driver's "safety cushion." When passing a truck, remember to do it as quickly as possible — staying alongside for any length of time does not give the transport driver needed space if he/she has to stop suddenly to avoid an accident.

Stay out of blind spots

Remember to give trucks a wide berth. Educate yourself to where a truck's blind spots are located. Then avoid these areas by passing through blind spots quickly.

Trucks make wide right hand turns

Give turning trucks the space they need. Always pay

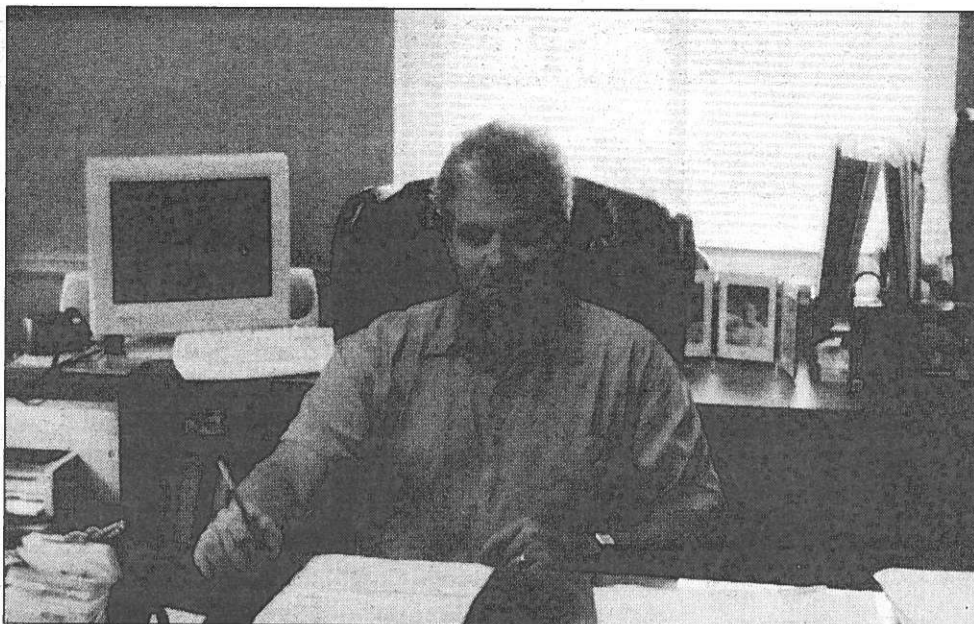
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close attention to truck turn signals. Trucks approaching an intersection may move to the left to avoid running the trailer onto the curb. As the truck moves left, a narrow temporary lane is created to its right. At this point, the driver of the car may move up on the right hand side of the truck and become vulnerable to a 'squeeze' when the truck swings into its right turn.

Entering expressways

Don't dart in front of trucks when you are entering major highways. Trucks need extra space to stop and darting in front of a moving truck can be dangerous. Forcing a truck driver to quickly brake because a car has unexpectedly cut in front of the truck is dangerous — possibly causing the truck to jack-knife.

Sharing the road with a truck doesn't have to be an intimidating experience. Find out more about how all road users can be partners in safety by contacting the Ontario Trucking Association at 416-249-7401. ♣



Taking care of business — large and small: Tom Hartnett of Hartrans Trucking.

Tom Hartnett Trucking — Putting the "heart" back in transportation

By Michele Curran

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Tom has been in the trucking industry for nearly 15 years -- and comes by his

He began with one truck and now has over 15 trucks and just as many trailers to handle any type of load a client might request.

interest in the trucking business honestly as his father had his own transport company serving Peterborough and southern Ontario for over 30 years. Hartnett junior was a driver for many years, and even now as owner and president of his own company continues to put in 12-hour days.

He began with one truck

and now has over 15 trucks and just as many trailers to handle any type of load a client might request.

This hands-on approach to the business serves him well as he said, "I would never ask a driver to do something I have not done myself at one time or another."

Customer satisfaction and friendly service is what sets Tom Hartnett Trucking apart from other area transport companies. "Fast, friendly service is not an extra at Hartrans.com, but one of the most essential ingredients, and has laid the foundation for the present expansion," said Tom.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Port Hope Festival Theatre off to good start

By Melodie McCullough
 For its first play of the summer season, the professional Port Hope Festival Theatre presented a romantic comedy, the premier production of *Baby Makes Two* by Corrine Hurley.

It's the story of a young woman, Connie, played by actress Alison Lawrence, who is single and pregnant, and definitely determined not to let the future addition affect her hectic, executive lifestyle in any way, shape or form. Enter David — a young single man just arrived from across the country to work with Connie in her home on the restructuring merger of their

company. Christopher Barry and Debra Hale play the next-door childless couple and best friends of Connie.

If its first play of the season in any indication, the Port Hope Festival Theatre is headed in the right direction.

The first act details life in the pregnancy slow lane, and the second act speeds up to the parenthood fast lane. During the drive, Connie and David fall in love — with each other,

and, of course, the baby — and everyone, including the neighbours, find out just what a baby can do to throw a curve in the straight road of relationships and careers.

While the action tended to drag a bit at the beginning of the play, it definitely picked up for the funniest scene, which saw the two male characters practising for childbirth, and had the audience laughing wildly to the antics.

The one set for the whole play, designed by David Hein, is bright and modern, fitting in well with the beautiful fantasy decor of the interior of the Capitol Theatre, decorated

to make the audience think it's in a walled medieval courtyard surrounded by a magical forest.

The crowd, while not too large, seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening, and if its first play of the season in any indication, the Port Hope Festival Theatre is headed in the right direction for the rest of the summer. There are three more adult plays scheduled for July and August, promising family comedy, music and farce. All are directed (as was *Baby Makes Two*) by the Festival's artistic director Uwe Meyer. *Over the River and Through the Woods* runs until July 14, *Ivanka Chews the Fat* from July 18 to Aug. 4 and *Noises Off* from Aug. 9 to 25. As well, there are two children's plays, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* July 22 and *James and the Giant Peach* Aug. 26. ♣

Local band wins regional talent search

By Melodie McCullough
 Local band Quarterline is getting ready for its chance at the big time, heading to Brampton July 10th to perform in a regional talent search which, if successful there, means a performance at Calgary's Country Music Week in September.

"Maybe we can be the next big thing in Canada, right out of this little area," said John Miller, vocalist and on-stage spokesperson for the band — beginning its third year together.

The Brampton gig is the result of winning the local "Project Discovery" talent search at The Office Tavern in Peterborough this June, competing against four other artists.

The group consists of John and his wife Jennifer Miller, vocals and guitar; Tony Redmond who writes all their music, sings, and plays guitar; Peter G. Burke, lead guitar; Brian Todd, bass guitar; and Ro MacEachern, drums.

All members live in the Millbrook area (their name is taken from the Tapley Quarterline) and work at jobs outside of their music, but have become well-known in the area. They play at numerous events, such as the recent Millbrook Fair, blending their different influences and preferences to create a unique self-taught sound of their own.

"Our music seems to have a broad appeal," said John, in an interview. "It's very hard to pigeonhole us. (Our music) runs the gamut from country to pop stylings to some rock stylings to some jazz stylings."

As the oldest member

of the band at forty-five, he says his music was influenced by the harmonization of the Beach Boys and Simon and Garfunkel of the late 1960s, and "our band is very harmony-driven."

Jennifer grew up listening to country because her parents did, and spent years singing at weddings and in choral groups before Quarterline.

"I'm just a singer and I love to sing," she said.

Peter brings his love of Stevie Ray Vaughan to the group, while Brian is a blues-oriented bass player. Ro, the youngest at 21, likes "just about anything."

"The good thing is we're all so different that when we come together, it all gels," said Jennifer.

They have released two CDs, the first called "Missing You" in April 1999, and the second called "I Want to Believe" a year later, which they sell at their gigs, and which offer all original songs, written by Tony and arranged by the band.

Their focus now is the Brampton event and they're hoping lots of Millbrook fans will come along to give support. They are organizing a bus, and anyone interested can call Tony at 932-2489.

While hoping it will open some doors for them, no matter what the outcome, they look forward to it as a chance to showcase their musical talents.

"It's an opportunity to get Tony's originals out there, because they're very well written and excellent songs," said Jennifer. "It's just an opportunity to get out and entertain."

For more about Quarterline, you can visit their website at www.quarterline.org. ♣

THE GREEN HILLS Gazette

4th Line Theatre Family Pass Winners
 Congratulations to the winners of our 4th Line Theatre Family Pass Draw

Lori Schuett, Cavan

Tom, Helen, Jason & Nicole McMahon, Cavan

These lucky winners will collect their passes from us to attend either *Two Rounds and a Square* or *The Cavan Blazers*. Enjoy!

(Those of you who entered this month's draw will also be entered in this month's draw for more 4th Line Theatre tickets on page 11.)

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Soleil
At the Millbrook Gallery, 19 King St. E., Millbrook
Opens July 13, 7:30 pm
Join the Millbrook Gallery for a celebration of summer as it opens Soleil, A Summer Group Exhibition. The show runs until Sept. 2.
For more info call 932-5482.

Millbrook-Cavan Historical Society
Heritage Centre
King St., Millbrook
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OVER the RIVER and THROUGH the WOODS
At Port Hope Festival

Theatre (Capitol)
June 27 - July 14
(see theatre review, ad this issue)

Festival of Lights - Stage II
At Peterborough Square Courtyard
Fridays, June 15 - Sept. 7, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
July 6, Blue Cheese Brothers (40s/50s)
July 13, Danny Bronson and River Road (country)
July 20, String Souffle (light classical)
July 27, Terry Guiel and Jericho's Wall (rock and roll)
Aug. 3, Latin music
Aug. 10, Trillium Jazz Trio (jazz)
Aug. 17, Ken Ramsden (Celtic, pop)
Aug. 24, Mixed Noise (jazz, blues)
Aug. 31, Backbeat Radio (rock and roll)
Sept. 7, Rick Fines (blues)

Millbrook Valley Trails Clean-up Day
Medd's Mountain Park (start), Millbrook
July 7, 9 - noon
Meet at the gate at end of Distillery St., by mill pond for a day of trail and stream clean-up. Garbage bags to be provided; please wear proper attire (ie. grubby clothes, waders for stream, etc.). Free BBQ to follow!

Surrender Dorothy
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July 12 - 21, The Foursome - comedy
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Aug. 21 - 25, Two of a Kind - musical
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At the Millbrook Arena
Sat. July 14, 10 am - 4 pm
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Sat. Aug. 11
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At Fifth Wind Farm, Cold Springs
Aug. 13 - 17
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ON-GOING EVENTS

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

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

New to You Used clothing at Millbrook Community Care office, Mon-Fri 11 am - 3 pm, Sat 10 am - 1pm.

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

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

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

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 944-8912.

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.-Thurs. 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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Once again, the Millbrook Agricultural Society pulled off a wonderful fair on the weekend of June 7 - 10. These tireless and dedicated volunteers put in an enormous number of hours both in the period leading up to the Fair, during, and afterward (someone's got to clean up!). They deserve our thanks and appreciation for a job well done!

As we promised last month, here's the results of the various competitions held at the 152nd Millbrook Fair:

Heavy Pony Pull
1st Pat Langevin, Tweed
2nd Blaine Way, Milford
3rd Pat Langevin, Tweed

Light Pony Pull
1st Blaine Way, Milford
2nd Doug Olmstead, Maple Leaf
3rd Laverne Way, Milford

Heavy Horse Pull
1st Dennis Stamp, Coldwater
2nd Mike Wessell, Norland
3rd Keith Hobden, Lindsay

Light Horse Pull
1st Rob Nunro, Lanark
2nd Mike Wessell, Norland

4-H Beef Show Jr. Showmanship
1st Laine Corp
2nd Laura Robson

3rd Tricia Staples
Sr. Showmanship
1st Amy Clark
2nd Katie White
3rd Amanda Lane

Beef Cattle
Champion Angus
Female - King White Cattle
Champion Angus Male
- Angus Glen Farm

Champion Simmental
Female - Billy Elmhirst
Champion Simmental
Male - Billy Elmhirst
Champion Charolais

Female - Wayne Mack
Champion Charolais
Male - Goble Charolais
Champion Hereford Male
- Jones Polled Herefords

Champion Hereford
Female - Grant Elmhirst
Champion Shorthorn
Female - Windyview Farm
Grand Champion

Breeder's Herd - Billy Elmhirst
Heavy Horse Show Halter Stake - Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires

1st John & Darlene Hughes and Family, Uxbridge
2nd John Kelly, Warkworth

3rd John & Darlene Hughes and Family, Uxbridge
Halter Stake - Commercial

1st Bob and Cathy Lunn, Baileboro
2nd Earl Cochrane, Cavan

3rd Earl Cochrane, Cavan
Junior Showmanship

1st John & Kevin Tinney, Gore's Landing
2nd John & Darlene Huges and Family, Uxbridge

3rd Earl Durward, Sunderland
Junior Driving

1st John & Kevin Tinney, Gore's Landing
2nd Earl Durward, Sunderland

3rd Earl Durward, Sunderland
Open Horse Show

English High Point - Danielle Donald, Newcastle
Western High Point - Courtney Bonner, Indian River

Games High Point - Gary Allen, Kaladar
Youth High Point - Annie Orr, Toronto
Roadster, Hackney, Reg. Shetland Show

Jr. driver 18 & under - Glen Heath and Family
Roadster, pain in harness - David Watkins

Roadster, single 15.2 & over - David Watkins
Roadster, single under 15.2 - David Watkins

Roadster in cart 15.2 & over - David Watkins
Roadster in cart under 15.2 - David Watkins

Hackney pony under 13.2 - Glen Heath and Family
Hackney pony under 13.2 - Glen Heath and Family

Road pony under 50" - David Watkins
Lady driver - Glen Heath and Family

Single hackney pony in harness - Glen Heath & Family
Stake class shown in buggy - Glen Downey

Gentleman's turnout - David Watkins



Jerry McHattie (left), president of the Millbrook Agricultural Society, takes a break from to share a laugh with fellow Lions' Club members and his wife Chris.

Youth Horse Show
Showmanship 10 & under - Elysha Bryans, Cameron

Showmanship 11 - 14 - Nathan Luchies, Reaboro
Showmanship 15 - 18 - Nicole Drinkwalter, Lindsay

Leadline 8 & under - Amanda Brackett, Millbrook

Pleasure 10 & under - Meaghan Newey, Courtice
Pleasure 11 - 14 - Natasha Luchies, Reaboro

Equitation 10 & under - Meaghan Newey, Courtice
Equitation 11 - 14 - Alana Yourkevich, Lindsay

Equitation 15 - 18 - Ashley Drinkwalter, Lindsay

Command 10 & under - Meaghan Newey, Courtice
Command 11 - 14 - Nathan Luchies, Reaboro

Barrels 13 & under - Alana Yourkevich, Lindsay
Barrels 14 - 18 - Kiersten Allore, Bowmanville

Pole bending 13 & under - Alana Yourkevich, Lindsay

Pole bending 14 - 18 - Tara Langevin, Bowmanville
Musical chairs - Nicole Drinkwalter, Lindsay

Hunter Division
"X" over fences - Kacie Lussier

Hunter hack - Kera Collier
Pleasure - Kera Collier
Command - Jill Cooke

Jr. equitation - Ashley Grills
Sr. equitation - Amy Kidd
Working hunter under fences - Amy Kidd



Pig races were a hit with the younger set.

Working hunter under saddle - Ashley Grills
Hunter hack - Kirsten Beattie

Command class - Jen Ellins
Table "C" speed - Amy Kidd

Table "A" speed - Amy Kidd
Truck and Tractor Pull

5200 lb. Local Vintage - Roger Armstrong, Millbrook
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6000 lb. Local Powder Puff Class - Mary Stewart, Janetville

2 Wheel Drive Modified Trucks - Tom Larue, Sandford

Open Class - Barry Walsh, Peterborough
Highway Tractors - Chris Batty, Coboconk

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9000 lb. Stock Farm Tractors - Jim McFarlane, Guelph

10500 lb. Stock Farm Tractors - Miles Martin, Bobcaygeon

12500 lb. Stock Farm Tractors - Charles Rivett, Cookstown

10000 lb. Pro Stock - Earl Osborne, Rockwood
Classic Tractors

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Massey Harris 102 Junior Original Class - Jewel Moore, Bobcaygeon (1966)

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Reserve Silkie Hen - W.I. Brown

Champion Australort Cock - William Mark
Reserve Champion Suffex Cock - Angela Doitz

Reserve Pekin Cock - Tricia Staples
Best Waterfowl Cock - David Gould



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

What's old is new again

By George Luchuk

Something very interesting occurred to me during the month of April, as I began preparing for our annual one week fishing trip north of Sault Ste. Marie.

I was replacing my old fishing line by first removing the old line that I left on my many spinning reels from last year. What a mess of old twisted line, getting caught around just about everything — and so much of it from just three spools. It was a watershed experience that left me wondering if others sports fishermen and women had noticed the same thing. How much of this line, about 2000 ft., was actually in the water?

Well, I did some rough mental calculations and soon realized that on each spool, allowing for some deterioration, I needed at the most only about 150 feet of working line — on each spool. Let's face it — I doubt very much that the many fishing reel manufacturers are going to redesign their equipment to reflect what I consider a practical concern about a lot of waste.

But you know, there is something that can be done by us to reduce this waste, and at the same time, save

you some money. I successfully experimented with building up the fishing spools with rubber bands so that I only applied about half the line that I would normally use. So save up those rubber bands — it really works, and costs you nothing but saves a lot.

You know, while we're on this topic of fishing line, I must tell you how humoured I was when I noticed, while shopping at Canadian Tire, that they were offering some high quality braided line. I assume it must be high quality, because it was being offered at \$28 for 100 yds. For the old — like me (60) — braided fishing line years ago was really the only kind of line available. In the 1950s, we were gradually weaned away into the world of monofilament, with promises of superior performance with invisibility and low memory.

Check out any fishing equipment display and you'll be mesmerized by everything offered! In my experience, it's all 90% marketing and 10% reality. Most big name manufacturers will offer their 8 to 10 lb. fishing lines for between \$8 and \$15 for 330 yds. If the braided line were sold (packaged and marketed) at 330 yds. per... , well, you do the math. Like I said, you've got to have a sense of humour.

Will I buy some of that braided line just for old times' sake? Are you kidding?!? I can remember paying about 50 cents for it way back when... when my fishing equipment consisted of 100 yds of braided line, a stick, some homemade sinkers, and a good throwing arm. Give me a break! ♣