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## NASTY BACKSTABBERS



The Backstabbers are coming to Millbrook! This acclaimed bluegrass band will be offering a blend of Southern bluegrass and traditional music — with a twist — at the Give a Hoot cafe at the Old Millbrook School, Sat. Sept. 22. Check out the article in our arts section!

## Residents concerned about new pit use

By Michele Curran

A well-organized crowd of over 70 people attended the CMNM public planning meeting on August 13 to express concerns in regard to a proposed by-law amendment to allow McGee Excavating Ltd. to process asphalt, concrete, and manure at a gravel pit site in north Cavan.

There was also plenty of feedback on the proposed amendment from those who could not attend the meeting — the municipal office received in excess of 37 written submissions. Issues of concern include an increase in heavy (truck) traffic, noise, dust, and impact on the environment (such as water quality). As farming land surrounds the gravel pit, there are also

land use compatibility concerns.

Before planning committee chairperson Brian Fallis allowed residents to speak, Councillor Alex Ruth stood up, and said under advice from legal counsel, he would be declaring a conflict of interest. He then left the room.

Robert Guest was one of the many residents who spoke to Council during the meeting. After sharing his concerns about water quality he asked, if the proposal is approved “are Mr. McGee and Council willing to assume liability of the possible outcome — especially after Walkerton?”

He added he wanted an independent watershed expert to assess the situation.

Greg Boyd emphasized

“Are we going to be importing someone else’s garbage, and are we going to have to deal with it?”

— Catherine Blastorah

treacherous road conditions, and said with cars coming over the hill very fast, there is a great potential for accidents. Mary Stole, Kaye Jackson, Nancy Smith, and Ed Lewis also agreed traffic safety was a major concern.

Lewis also voiced concerns regarding the dumping of asphalt on a loose gravel base, as it could leech into Jackson Creek. “If the water is gone, our properties are worthless.

We should preserve water upstream, rather than treat it downstream,” he added.

Lewis’ son-in-law Adam Fine, who uses the property for grazing, was concerned about the safety and health of his livestock; he said it would be unfair to have to move his cattle.

Catharine Blastorah asked Council for additional information. “We can’t be for or against a proposal until we have more information.” She also asked, “Why are we considering the by-law amendment now? Are we going to be importing someone else’s garbage, and are we going to have to deal with it? Changes to road speed will cost money — is Council willing to do this?” She then asked for a

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## OPP advise caution: stalker still at large

For those who are under the false impression living in the country means you are protected from crime, what follows is a serious wake up call to the contrary.

On August 15, a man in a car followed a 12-year old girl who was riding her bike from Millbrook to Cavan at around 1:20 pm,

for at least 30 minutes. According to a police report, the man who is a stranger to the girl, fled when she made it to safety. The man who is described as between 40-45 years of age, five foot nine, 150 pounds, with short grey balding hair and a grey goatee.

On the day of the inci-

dent, he was wearing a light blue dress shirt and tan pants and was driving a small black four-door station wagon with a cell-

phone affixed to its centre console.

Anyone with any information can call the OPP at 742-0401 or Crime Stoppers

at 745-9000.

The outcome of this story could have taken a tragic turn. This event should remind parents, as they get ready for the new school year buying clothes and books to also take the time to streetproof your children. The Lakefield-Peterborough Police have compiled a list of the following reminders:

- Keep in mind who your friends are — as friends would never put you in a risky or dangerous situation.
- Travel the same way back and forth to school. Make sure your parents know your route.
- Know safe places to go into in your neighbourhood and watch for block parent signs in the window or on the mailbox. Never boast about your money, stereos or expensive clothing.
- Tell your parents where you are going and when you are expected to come home.
- Never get into a car with

anyone you don’t know or trust.

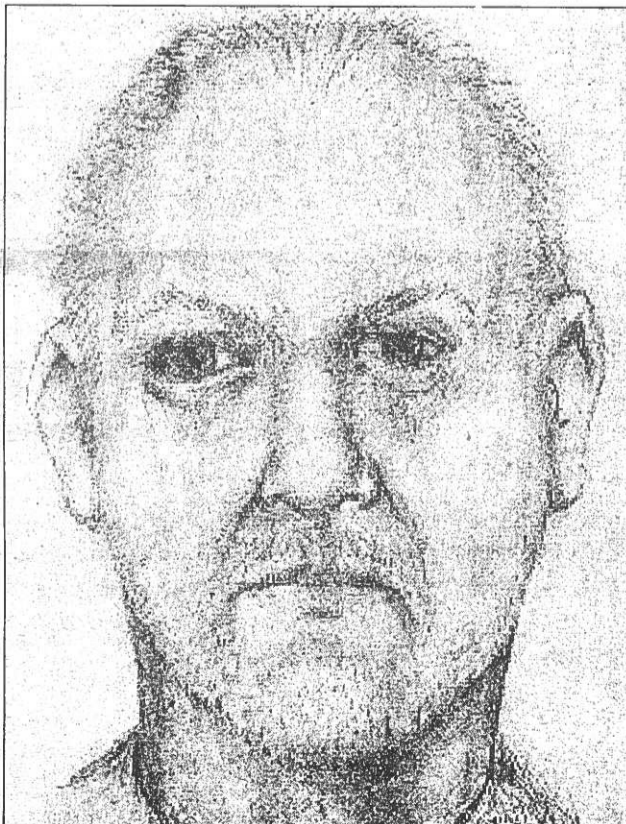
- Go to the nearest well-lit area or to a store or a residence if you absolutely have to, and use the phone to call the police. ♣

## New hours for Council

To streamline and make Council meetings run more efficiently, Council has decided to reduce the number of Council meetings from four to two in September.

There will be a regular Council meeting the first Monday of every month, and if that date falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the Tuesday. The Committee of the Whole and the Planning Committee meeting will become one, and will be held on the third Monday of every month (the same rule applies concerning holidays). Both meetings will start at 7 pm and delegations will be welcome.

Closed sessions will be held during caucus meetings prior to a regular meeting. At the Committee of the Whole Meeting, each councillor will take his turn chairing the meeting for two consecutive months.



Police portrait of the stalker.

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# News in brief

By Michele Curran

## Jury still out on benefits of paper sludge

It has taken nearly six months — and counting — but the York/Durham branch of the Ministry of Environment (MOE) has yet to come up with a definitive answer regarding the impact of sludge (paper waste) being spread on area farmers' fields. This region borders on Peterborough County, and the use of paper sludge in York-Durham has been closely monitored by the agricultural community and environmentalists alike in our area.

An embarrassed MOE official, Jeff Carpenter, apologetically told *The Gazette*, "The final report on whether or not sludge is a soil enhancer has yet to be completed (but we are hoping for the end of August deadline)." He cited summer holidays and the sheer number of players involved in the report as two reasons for the delay.

Paper sludge is considered an organic waste material by MOE, and has been used as a soil conditioner with varying results. Detractors of the paper sludge "soil conditioning" program say the substance contains varying and harmful amounts of heavy metals and carcinogenic materials.

Atlantic Packaging, producer of the sludge (a by-product of paper production), has been providing the substance for spreading on fields in Durham and York Regions for the past five years. The report was commissioned recently from the paper recycling company to prove to the MOE the material is beneficial to crop growth. These findings are now being consid-

ered by the York/Durham MOE; the renewal of a certificate of approval has been on hold pending review of the study.

## Intersports — not yet on the beaten track

Despite assurances by Intersports' developer Jay Morton the first phase of the multi-million dollar Fraserville sports complex would begin construction in six weeks, Peterborough County planning official Iain Mudd isn't as optimistic.

Last July, Intersports' officials submitted their hydrogeological and storm water management reports for review. At that time, the County couldn't support the reports and asked for a revision. The County's planning department received the report this past July, and Mudd feels it would take more than six weeks, at the very least, to review the material before sending it on to the Municipality.

According to Morton, the initial phase (which includes a velodrome, a twin pad arena, and an Olympic size swimming pool) would be adequately serviced. What is at stake is the additional requirement of sewage and water lines once the complex moves into the next stage of development.

Both Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan municipal planner Karen Ellis and municipal planning chairperson Brian Fallis said they have yet to receive any new information from Intersports.

Ellis did receive calls from area residents concerned about the moving of soil on Intersports property recently. He said they have a legal right to move soil on their own property (within limitations) without needing a permit. ♣

# Schickedanz constructs model home

By Melodie McCullough

A model home is being constructed by Bruno Schickedanz Homes on its Tupper Street property in Millbrook to show potential buyers a sample of what the company hopes will soon be a 113-home subdivision.

"We're in the process of satisfying all the conditions that are attached for development," said Gregory Defreitas, engineer and project manager with B. Schickedanz Homes of Woodbridge. "It's going to be a nice subdivision, not something this town doesn't want."

He said the company hopes to get sewer and water services to the area this fall and winter and roads built next spring. A sales office will open in September and commence sales, he said, with prices in the \$150,000 plus range.

Right now, the subdivision (called Baxter Creek Estates) has draft plan approval from the township for 81 single family detached homes and 32 townhouses on 60 foot lots, but a number of

things have not yet been finalized, such as engineering information and stream water management plans, said Karen Ellis, planner for the township. There is a model home agreement in place which permits up to five homes to be built, but none can be inhabited, she said.

The company cannot connect any homes to wells, septic systems, or the municipal water or sanitary sewer system "until the subdivision agreement is executed and all required security posted," she said. Also, a plan of the subdivision needs to be registered showing where each individual home falls within the boundary of a lot, said Ellis, who is preparing a report for Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council on all outstanding items.

"Until things get ironed out they can only build a maximum of five (homes)," she said.

Defreitas said they are only planning to build one model home until municipal services are available. As well as the township, they also

have to satisfy conditions set by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, because the land lies in the flood plain of Baxter Creek, and has an MNR-protected trout stream. But he said they are working on meeting those conditions.

He admits the project has received a lot of opposition from local residents over the past number of years since the idea for the subdivision first appeared.

"I think we have overcome that and we are moving ahead with it."

But Millbrook resident Bill Slavin, a past opponent, still thinks the idea of building high-density homes on marshy, swampy land next to a creek is inappropriate, and the large number of homes does not mix well with the size of the village.

"I don't think they've overcome all the objections. We may be resigned to it, but it doesn't mean we like it." ♣

# Gravel pit

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public forum for questions and answers.

Council agreed with Blastorah's request, as did municipal planner Karen Ellis. Ellis would also like to take time to review concerns brought before Council. Council has decided a public meeting is warranted, with time and date still to be announced.

Listening to residents' concerns was McGee's lawyer Thomas Cole. He stated at the beginning of the meeting his client was willing to answer any questions or concerns. At the close of the meeting, Cole said, "I am impressed with the spirit of the community." He expressed his hope the mindset of 'not in my back yard' would not occur as the process continues.

Mr. McGee was not available for comment. ♣

## The Old Millbrook School Family Centre requires a Full Time Co-ordinator to develop and co-ordinate activities at the Old Millbrook School Family Centre, Millbrook

The Family Centre presently accommodates Millbrook Playschool and Cavan/Millbrook Nursery School. A before and after school program starts this September.

The successful candidate will have attained an ECE or equivalent, have a history of child-related work experience, possess good written and oral communication skills, and strong interpersonal abilities. He/she will be working closely with the Board of Directors of OMSFC, reporting directly to the Chairperson.

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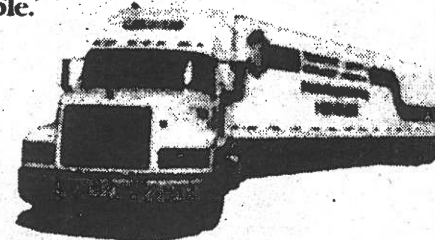
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TECHNOLOGY TODAY

## Home Networking

By Wayne Blaby  
Computer Solutions "Plus"

This month's column is in response to several inquiries about small office/home computer networking and Internet sharing. Before deciding which route you will take, please take some time to consider your long-term objectives. As an example, if six months to a year from now you plan to have high speed DSL Internet, you may want to consider a cable/DSL Internet gateway — rather than a standard network hub.

*Did you know that over 60% of new computer purchases are made by families that already have one or more computers?*

Did you know that over 60% of Canadians have a computer in their home, and that in Ontario and British Columbia that statistic rises to almost 80%? Of these households, one third have more than one computer. And did you know that over 60% of new computer purchases are made by families that already have one or more computers? You can see why there's an interest in networking systems together!

The simplest means of networking can be accomplished on systems using Windows 95 or later, via special (cross-over or null modem) parallel or serial cables, initializing the networking capabilities of your operating system. This type of network is inexpensive (cable approx. \$20.), but is only useful if both systems are in the same room and all you want to do is transfer files back and forth.

For those more serious about networking their systems, there are two basic ways to achieve your goal. One is referred to as "Client/Server" and the other "Peer to Peer".

The client/server set-up has one computer designated as a server, with other computers operating as clients or workstations. The server's function is to store the software and data and dole it out to the workstations as needed. This is a more complicated and expensive system than a peer to peer network, and is

usually seen in larger office installations.

As more interest has been in home networking, we will concentrate on the peer to peer network. To start with, your systems should all be running on Windows 95 or better, and each computer will need a network interface card (nic). Earlier peer to peer networking was accomplished by linking systems together with a coaxial type cable, as well as network cards with BNC connectors. Systems were "daisy-chained" together, with the first and last system using terminators to signal the end of the chain. Data transfer speed with this network is only 10 megabytes per second, (mbps) but cost is minimal. Network cards, cables, and connectors for a three-computer system would be in the \$100 to \$125 range.

However, with today's systems operating at lightning speed, and given the complexity of modern software applications, network protocols had to change to keep up. The most common networks today have computers linked through a hub. Each system requires a nic, and wiring referred to as RJ45 patch cables is used to connect each system to the hub. Network cards and hubs are available at 10 mbps and 10/100 mbps, allowing data transfer speeds up to 100 megabytes/second. Hubs come in various sizes, allowing you to connect a specific number of systems to them. A 10/100 network card ranges in price from \$25-\$60. A 5 port, 10 mbps hub averages \$60, and the faster 10/100 hubs average \$120. Patch cables are priced per foot and can be made to any length necessary. The hub is placed near your central computer, and you wire the remaining systems back to the hub. Some fishing of wires through walls and drilling between floors will likely be necessary to give you a professional finish.

Once completed, your systems should be able to easily transfer data back and forth and share printers, scanners, etc. In order to share the Internet, your host system (the computer directly connected to the Internet) has to be operating on Windows 98SE or better, and you must activate the Internet Connections Sharing component of the software.

As mentioned earlier in this column, if high speed DSL Internet sharing will be your ultimate goal, please read our next column — where we will go into details about the various products available to accomplish this. ♣

## Business in brief

### Have lunch and check your email both at the Morning Glory Tea Room!

Submitted by Erin Stewart, CAP co-ordinator

The Community Access Program (CAP) has come to the Morning Glory Tea Room in Cavan. While you enjoy a lovely lunch, you can also check your email. There is a computer, printer, and public Internet access — all available for a nominal fee.

Perhaps you are holidaying in the Millbrook or Cavan area? Come in and check your email today, or chat with those back home. For those who live in the area and would like to try it out, the Morning Glory Tea Room invites you to drop in and see what the CAP site can offer you.

The Morning Glory Tea Room is located at # 1521 on County Road #10, or call (705) 944-5959 for more information.

### Nexicom's customer appreciation under the big top

Nexicom is inviting the community to join them for their biggest and best ever Customer Appreciation Day on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 9 am to 7 pm.

This year, games, prizes, historical displays, and a delicious barbecue, beverages, desserts, and cake are on offer under a big tent — which will be set up behind Nexicom's King Street offices. While the food is free, donations will be accepted for the United Way.

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### New manager at TD Canada Trust in Millbrook

It's great to be home, says Shannon McCain, new manager of the TD Canada Trust bank in Millbrook.

Shannon spent her growing up years in this area, and is delighted to be living in Mount Pleasant and working in Millbrook. During her 12 year career with Canada Trust, and now TD Canada Trust, she has worked in eight different branches, including more recently in Fergus and Peterborough. She started work in Millbrook in August.

The road to managing a bank branch has been winding — Shannon originally planned to be a social worker. While taking courses at George Brown College in Toronto to achieve this career goal, she worked part-time as a bank teller. "I realized what I was going to earn as a social worker — and that I would make more working at a bank. So I went to work (in banking) full-time."

Millbrook's newest bank manager worked her way up the corporate ladder from part-time teller to manager. However, the training and interest in psychology and people in general has been a real asset in her job. "I'm a financial bartender, and a social worker in a sense — I

get to talk to people, to help them sort out problems. It's really a lot of fun, and rewarding."

Naturally, it's people who have made Shannon's short time here so enjoyable. "I've been welcomed with open arms. I love being able to walk down the street and being able to say hello to people."

In keeping with the Millbrook TD branch's focus, and that of Canada Trust on customer service, Shannon says she will work hard to maintain an atmosphere of openness. "The door's always open, and I'm willing to do what I can to help people."

Heads up, those of you looking for a new volunteer for your committee, group, or cause. Shannon's eager to get involved in the community, both as a resident and as a corporate representative. She's particularly interested in environmental issues. (And with an interest in sports such as scuba diving, dog sledding, and snowmobiling, this dynamo has probably got lots of energy to share!) Call Shannon at the bank's main telephone line, (705) 932-3090, if you have a volunteer opportunity to share with her.

Welcome Shannon, Steve, and Samantha! ♣

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**EDITORIAL**

**2% — great for milk, not pay raises**

**T**wo percent is great for milk, but not for pay increases.

It looks like there's going to be a strike, or at least, a serious slowdown of federal government services by federal government employees. The public service union is in a strike position this month. There has been a wage freeze for over a decade.

Before you get riled up about "overfed, privileged government employees", pause and think about these points:

1. The Prime Minister just received a 40% pay raise.
2. Members of Parliament voted themselves a 20.6% pay raise.
3. Managers of these disgruntled civil servants will receive an 8% pay raise — based on their merit, which is based on the work of those working "under" them.

Front-line civil servants who help you with employment insurance claims, old age security applications, health and safety inspections, health care/education/benefits for veterans and people with disabilities, small business grants, and debt counselling, among other services are, at press time, to receive 3.2, 2.8, and 2.5 % over three years as a pay increase. It would take three years for these people to achieve the 8.7% increase given to senior executives in one year!

In the last few years, overtime has increased dramatically in many departments— without additional pay or time off. Many federal employees are work with the public — customer service is extremely important. As customers themselves of federal services (as taxpayers), they know the average Canadian is looking for fast, friendly, and just attention to his or her needs.

Well, you say, I never get great service when I go to the employment, pension, or passport office. It seems you have to wait forever to see anybody about your problems.

Blame the delays on a lack of staff to meet the demand. Cutbacks over the last decade in staffing in all federal government departments have meant less people to deal with your very real concerns — concerns that many of the individuals behind the counter have had to deal with themselves. When you vent your spleen on a civil servant, you are taking it out on someone who has a lot of the same concerns and crises you do, such as income and housing security and family problems.

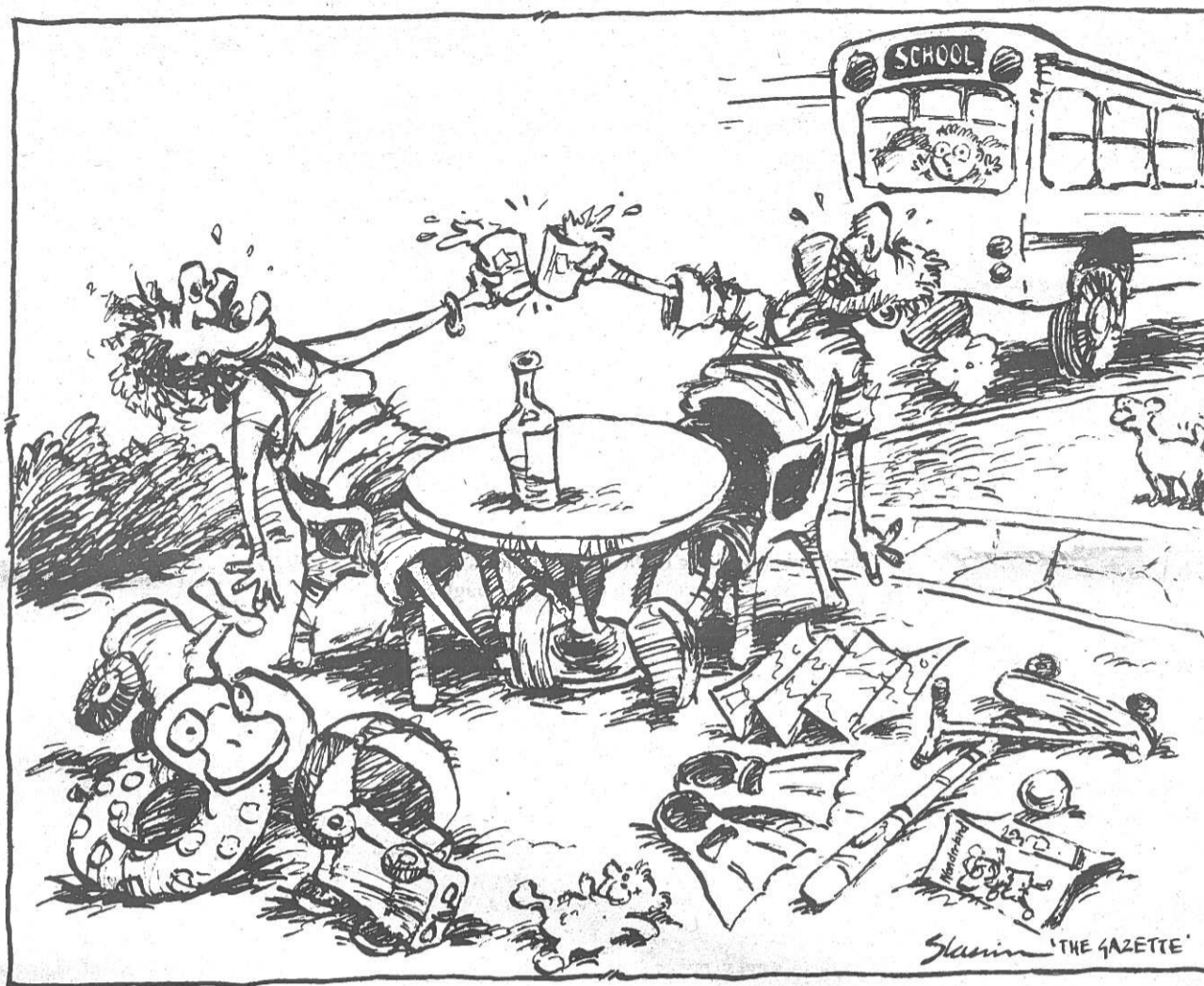
Rather than shooting the messenger, the people you need to complain to are your government representatives, MPs John O'Reilly and Peter Adams, for underpaying and disrespecting the people who are there to help you sort out your problems and concerns.

It's time the government began running itself as a business, because clearly, the top-down, reward-the-managers approach to human resources issues is not working. In today's working world, at least in the private sector, there's a recognition that workplaces and conditions must be supportive of qualified workers, in order to maintain their morale and willingness to commit to the broader corporate vision of a company.

Recruitment and retention are buzz words much discussed by employers keen to hire and keep good employees — and part of this process means paying people what they deserve, and not imposing too much overtime. Teamwork is key in today's economy. It's a proven fact that happy employees are more productive and committed to a company's bottom line — and are thus encouraged to feel a valuable part of an organization, work harder to please customers and clients.

Memo to the Canadian government: it's time you boned up on organizational behaviour, and modern human management practices to improve services to taxpayers and residents of this country, and create a more humane working environment for your front-line workers.

When and if there's a strike this month, show your support to the workers (many of them female heads of households struggling to get by) in whatever way you can. Walk the picket line with them (I did, two weeks ago), bring snacks and beverages — but most of all, let our federal representatives and government know that it should not have raises on the backs of people just like us, who are trying to make ends meet while helping others achieve a better quality of life. ♣



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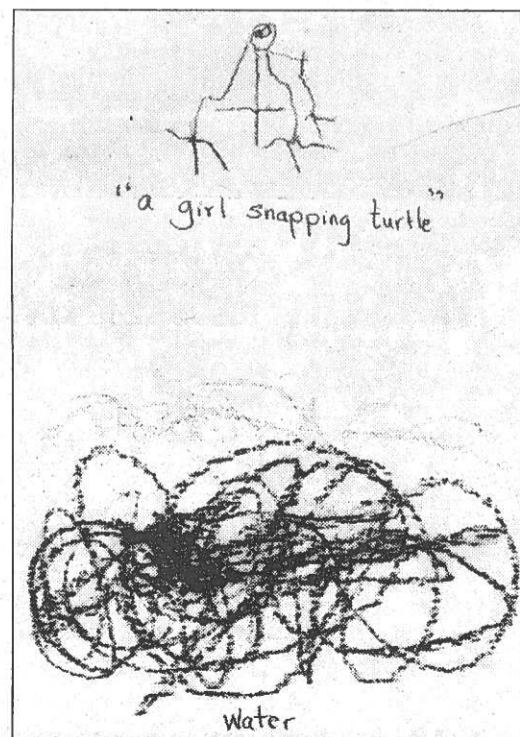
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Council for the Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute and congratulate several ratepayers and residents of the Township for their notable achievements. These individuals have brought honour and recognition not only to themselves but also to this community and we thank them and commend them for their accomplishments.



## JOELLEN BRYDON



JoEllen Brydon's paintings recapture lost histories and preserve the stories that weave the fabric of a culture. She draws her material from day to day anecdotes about life in the community. Her work has won awards and is in private collections as well as the Canadian Museum of Civilization and The Art Bank of Canada.

JoEllen is a founding member of the Millbrook Gallery and is working on historical projects for Fisher Gauge Limited and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Catholic District School Board. She has been an active member of the Local Arts community for twenty years. JoEllen was presented with a Leadership in the Arts Community Award by the County of Peterborough earlier this year.

### LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY

## JIM CARPENTER



Jim Carpenter began soaring 45 years ago, in May of 1956. He has since won the Canadian Championship numerous times and now has over 2,000 hours in gliders. Lie has represented Canada at World Championships in Australia, Finland, France and Germany. In January of this year, Jim won the first International Soaring Grand Prix at the World Club Class Soaring championships in Australia. This was the first time a Canadian had occupied the winner's podium in an international soaring event since Canada began participating at World Championships in 1952. Jim was presented with a Sporting Excellence Award by the County of Peterborough earlier this year.

### SPORTING EXCELLENCE

## TERRY DUNFORD



Terry Dunford has been manager of the Lakefield Junior Hockey Club for the last 8 years organizing 8 to 10 directors, funding the team with sponsorships such as Nevada tickets, dances and raffles, ball tournaments, road tolls, team calendar, gate admissions and donations. The team has been very successful over these eight years, winning the Ontario Championship 1999-2000, winning three Central Ontario Junior "C" Championships and participating in the Ontario Championship semi-finals three times. The team is in the process of raising funds and building an 800 square foot team dressing room at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre.

Terry has volunteered his services at Westdale and Port Elgin United Churches, Port Elgin and Millbrook Minor Hockey Associations, the Ontario Hockey Association, Peterborough Young Progressive Conservatives and Springville United Church Young Peoples Group. Terry was presented with a Community Involvement Award by the County of Peterborough earlier this year.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## KAREN SEYMOUR



Karen Seymour has been a volunteer in the Peterborough 4-H program for 17 years. She served on the Board of Directors for the County 4-H program from 1985 to 1990 and was president for 2 years. Karen has also participated in 4-H at the regional, provincial and national levels. She was provincial president from 1995-1997 and served on the National Board of Directors from 1999-2001.

Karen is also actively involved with the Kawartha Trent Synchronized Swim Club where she has been a board member for 4 years and has been the co-ordinator of the recreational program for the past two years. She is a volunteer Judge with Synchro Ontario and has judged at varsity, regional and provincial events.

In addition to these main commitments, Karen has been a volunteer with the Peterborough Festival of Trees, as well as a tree designer along with her 4-H club. She has been involved in volunteer physiotherapy support of the Memorial Cup and the Ontario Winter Games. Karen was presented with a Volunteerism Award by the County of Peterborough earlier this year.

### VOLUNTEERISM

**Mark Starowicz** is a broadcast executive who is the architect of many of the most innovative and defining reforms in Canadian radio and television. He has won the Gemini Award for best information programming six times, he has written extensively, including for the New York Times Magazine; was co-editor of The Last Post, a journalistic magazine of the sixties and seventies; and has been a reporter for The Gazette and The Toronto Star. He has delivered papers on the future of broadcasting in Washington, San Francisco, Naples and Paris, and is considered one of Canada's experts in the history and evolution of broadcast communications. Mark's recent awards include Degree of Doctor of Civil Law from King's College, Honorary Doctor of Letters from Wilfrid Laurier University, Doctor of Letters from McGill University, and Honorary Doctor of Letters from York University. Mark is the head of the Canadian History Project which is compiling the largest documentary in Canadian television history, about Canadian History Le Canada: une histoire populaire... Canada: A People's History.

**Dave Powell** has been a member of the Fire Department since 1975. Dave joins a long list of fire fighters in the Powell family. Dave's father, Raymond, was a firefighter in the 60's and 70's and his uncle Ernie served as a firefighter in the 40's and 50's. Local history mentions that another Powell (unknown if related) was a member of the first Fire Brigade in the 1880's. Dave was promoted to Captain of the Fire Department in 1985 and to Chief Training Officer in January of 1998. Dave received has received a Federal Long Service Medal and on May 7, 2001, he received a Provincial Long Service Medal for 25 years as a firefighter. Dave is also a member of the Millbrook-Cavan Fire Fighters Association and serves on the executive. Dave is married to Lynn and lives with his three children in Millbrook. Dave has been active in the community by serving two terms on the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 402.

### CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL. WELL DONE!

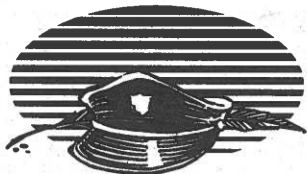
## NATHAN CRAWFORD



Nathan Crawford has been a keen participant in both soccer and curling all of his life. He has curled the past seven years at the Peterborough Curling Club winning Provincials in 1998 and Provincial Runner-up in 1997. The winning of a gold medal at the Ontario Winter Games in Sault Ste. Marie in March of 2000 and being on the league winning team in the Peterborough Youth Soccer League in 2000 are culminating achievements in his athletic history.

Leading up to these accomplishments, Nathan has received a number of tournament and league awards for good sportsmanship. The year 2000 was an exceptional year for Nathan. He placed 4th in Junior Men's Provincials held in Bobcaygeon, placed third in Bantam Mixed Provincials in Belleville, won the Gore Shield at the Gore Provincials in Owen Sound and he was awarded the all-star "Second" Award. His team placed 1st at COSSA and 3rd at OSSA. His team won the "A" Champion Plaque in Toronto at the Marauder Invitational Bonspiel and his high school team won the Boy's Varsity Championship Trophy. Nathan is presently in Grade 12 at Crestwood, maintaining an 80% average with OAC courses. Nathan was presented with a Sporting Excellence Award by the County of Peterborough earlier this year.

### SPORTING EXCELLENCE



DEEP BLUE INK

## Protest!

By Dean Vincent

Up at the House of Blue, the hazy summer soup is robust with screams of "I tol' yah so!" and "Can you believe dis!" Right now I'm reading Fast Food Nation (Eric Schlosser), and Precious has cracked No Logo (Naomi Klein). These books examine, among other issues, the various strategies of big corporations, like your McRenders and your I-Like-Nike. These whistle-blowing tomes are not our usual reading fare, and the coincidental conflation has inserted Protesting®, the physical and ideological antithesis of big business, into our inestimable thought stream.

Clearly, any major protest involves three groups: Protesters, Police,

and the Protested Against. Three peas in the split anthropological pod. What sets off these conflicts, since 1968ish a contemporary certainty, is the intrinsic belief that whichever side you're on is the correct one, the only one, the "good guy/gal", doing what is best for the planet, this dilapidate old gas-bag, and the people. Police are always in the middle.

*The staunch capitalists would be the Protesters, decked out in cheap suit and tie, matching paisley balaclava and gasmask, black gloves and long home-rolled cigars.*

Imagine these protests if world history had been different. Say, for example, that the James Watts and Henry Fords of the world had enabled everyone, even the most ignoble dough-head, to produce excellent works of art or science (or

religion) had implemented a simple system of creating an excellent, inspired citizenry. Or if the "industrial revolution" of the nineteenth century had not produced the spirit-assassinating lives we presently enjoy, but had actually created a comprehensive social milieu that mankind could tolerate, if not enjoy!

I'm in a whimsical mood.

The fringe of any alternate world would be the staunch capitalists (or the "stench", as they would be wittily known). They would be the Protesters, decked out in cheap suit and tie, matching paisley balaclava and gasmask, black gloves and long home-rolled cigars. They would make the usual demands: that they be allowed to plunder Gaia to benefit 8% of the population. Can our kids (whatz their names?) please have a corporate sponsored education? They would scream for fast, powerful cars. Is material hegemony such a wicked demand? Rocks would be thrown in anger for a chance, no, their

right, to live a vacuous, barren existence.

The Protested Against, greeting and hugging out-of-towners from all over the plush green orb (nationalism would not have a word in language), would wear tie-die and trade in hemp. Bandanas would be worn on top of the head, not over the face. Deals would be toasted with goat's milk or beer, if anyone got around to the free-trade after the free-love. And a "rave" review would not be a judgement of so-and-so's ability to stand up to the teacher's ridiculous demands. Security fences would be gaily decorated from the inside. A perfectly fantastical, and utterly impossible dream.

Of course, in any reverse-world, stereotyping would not exist.

The Police's lot, however, would not change in the least. Maybe pepper-spray would be more aromatic, but the front line would remain the scapegoat for those with a penchant for violence, but with no alternative, workable ideas. Throwing is easier than thinking. ♣



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

## Water, everywhere

By George Luchuk

Quick now, what would you say is the top raison d'être for proposing Peterborough County is an excellent tourist destination? Perhaps the Liftlocks, maybe the Canoe Museum? The 4th Line Theatre? Or the Kawartha Racetrack Slots?

Hey, to each his own, we all have our particular preferences. My first choice happens to be the waterways of this region, where I can indulge in my passion for canoeing and fishing. I am a resident of this county, but I'm also a type of tourist now, otherwise identified as a retiree with a lot of discretionary time on his hands. I've got lots of time to read more, talk more, and just plain do more. Especially to pay attention to the small print or seemingly innocuous data that flows our way from a myriad of different sources. (My daughter Deborah says I can blame it on my earth sign, Virgo. Picky, picky, picky...)

Anyway, my big bone of contention these days is water. No, not the Walkerton contaminated variety, but physical access to it for recreational purposes. Just for the record, as I'm sure most of you are aware, all waterways — or otherwise stated — basins of all waters in Canada are considered public land (crown land). You and I are part owners — no more or less than anyone else.

Now herein lies the core of my complaint. Just

after the bass season opened in this area, I thought that I would like to try my luck on Lower Buckhorn Lake. This lake had been mentioned in various fishing magazines as having an excellent fishery, especially bass. I was very eager! But then I was faced with a problem — where do I launch my canoe?

Believe me, I drove around the lake twice, with many stops and incursions onto what turned out to be all private land. Most of the residents were friendly and sympathetic, but I also got some quite suspicious looks. I finally enquired at the local hardware store in the town of Buckhorn. Yes, as you've probably guessed, the locals confirmed it. No access. Unless... unless you go ask some private land owner if you can trespass. Or go to a marina and pay to park my van and launch my canoe.

Like I've said, I've got lots of time to check things out. So to my surprise, after reading the beautiful free map put out by the Peterborough-Kawartha Tourism and Convention Bureau (you may have one) that even where there are public access points to the many other lakes in our area, nothing is indicated as to where they are. I know where some of them are from living in this area since 1972, but I ask you, how does someone from Hamilton or Detroit find out where to go? Check out any map of our area and it will be obvious to you. It's the water, it's the water, there's water everywhere. It's what brings the tourists here in the first place — all the other attractions are complementary.

But the question is — did I finally succumb to the forces of enterprise and pay someone to launch my canoe on Lower Buckhorn Lake? No. Never. Maybe if I win \$10,000,000 on the 6-49 I'll buy a float plane. I do have choices. ♣



COSMIC COMICS

By Crystal Eyes

I have noticed that Gemini's have a smell about them.

It is something I have known for a long time, but didn't really think about until just recently. As it happened, a little Aries boy came over for a visit and I detected the

## Geminis make mark in the world

scent of his Gemini mother upon him. And from that quick sniff I realized that I could identify individual Geminis by their smell.

To further explore the issue, I thought of all of the Geminis I know and confirmed that yes, there was a very distinct aroma to each one. Intrigued, I rushed over

to my Gemini friend's house and like a bloodhound examined her children. They, too, were marked.

Now at this point, if this were a John Grisham novel it would be clear that the "Gemini Smell" is a conspiracy. Perhaps the Geminis in some twisted plot are slowly acquiring humans the way a dog acquires real estate. Perhaps the "powers that be" wanted a nasally identifiable army and I might be wise to stop all this poking around — and join the witness protection program right now, before it's too late.

But alas, this is not a Grisham novel; it is an astrology column. On that

premise, I am inclined to believe that the Geminis are not involved in anything covert. (Let's face it, how could they ever keep the secret, the way they gab?) Instead, I have concluded that the innocent Geminis are simply doing the laundry, because the scent I detected was in fact, fabric softener.

Now you might be thinking, wait a minute Astrowoman, I use fabric softener and I'm not a Gemini. And this may be true. (In fact, perhaps you're a Gemini trapped in a Leo's body and should think of a sign change operation.) It may also be true that you are Gemini who refuses to wash your clothes at all. But I am not saying that only Geminis have an aroma, I'm saying that all do and if you don't wash your clothes, trust me, the theory holds! ♣

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# Mystery of "The Mansion" remains

**By Melodie McCullough**  
This is the first in an occasional series of historical features by writers at The Gazette. We'll uncover more "mysteries" in the issues to come...

In his youth, Lyle Nattress spent summer days fetching stray golf balls and caddying for the upper class families who liked to play golf and loll around Millbrook's elegant "Mansion Grounds", a large of expanse of woods and meadows southwest of the village just beyond the Fairgrounds.

*"They were pretty classy people. At least they thought they were. They had money. Now people don't even know it existed."*

—Lyle Nattress

Now, at age 86, Mr. Nattress is one of the few remaining citizens who can remember the history of these Grounds — their splendour back in the 1920s — a lush, thriving site well-known and used by the elite of the day, but now almost entirely overgrown, and, to many, a forgotten or unknown part of Millbrook's past.

"The golf course was quite a thing. It was very posh in there at one time. It was a beautiful place," said Mr. Nattress, Millbrook's barber for 55 years until he retired at age 80, and now living at Millbrook Manor.

He still recalls the beautiful, well-kept grounds, the groundskeeper, the clubhouse, and "the big home on the top".

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An added dimension to the story is the intriguing mystery of the exact location of "The Mansion", the original luxurious dwelling built on the crest above the meadows at the extreme western side of the Grounds, but which burnt to the ground in 1893. The "big home" that Mr. Nattress remembers was a cottage built over the original foundation, later also destroyed by fire.

Even by Mr. Nattress' time, the Grounds had developed a long and fascinating history. It was William Henry Sowden, an interesting early citizen, who moved from Port Hope

to Millbrook in 1846 who started it all. He was appointed constable for the area in 1849, then bailiff in 1854, and then Justice of the Peace in 1858. According to an account by local resident Clayton Thexton in *This Green and Pleasant Land, Chronicles of Cavan Township*, he was a businessman with lots of interest in developing real estate. His land holdings included the broad expanse of woods and meadow, with Baxter Creek winding through it, on the western fringe of the village, an area that lies much below the surrounding land.

It was here he built his impressive Mansion in the late 1860s or early 1870s, and soon became known as "Squire Sowden". On the Grounds, walkways and bridges were constructed with stairs and paths leading to man-made pools for swimming. Golf greens were created along with a clubhouse and storage shed. As well, the Grounds were the scene of many Sunday School picnics, garden parties and gala affairs attended by the social elite.

Squire Sowden was Reeve of Cavan in 1869, 1872, 1873, and 1876, County Warden in 1877, and Reeve of Millbrook in 1880 and 1881. Around this time he became involved in the newly-organized Millbrook Colonization Syndicate, and headed west to select land on the prairies for settlement by Millbrook families. He chose land near what is now Souris, Manitoba and, along with a large number of others, moved his own family there, where he developed land and became a prominent well-to-do citizen, dying in 1907.

Meanwhile, back on the Millbrook Mansion Grounds, the original mansion burnt and Mr. Harold Scott built a summer home on the existing foundation. Lyle Nattress recalls that by the 1930s the "cottage" on the top of the hill was owned by Dr. Jack Wright, a well-known area doctor for 40 years. But the cottage burned too, and the doctor lost interest in the property and sold it to an Italian syndicate from Toronto, said Mr. Nattress. They apparently had plans to develop it, but it was determined, since the land was so low with the creek passing through, it was part of a flood plain and they were not allowed to build on it, he said. As well, there was no road allowance to the area.

"So they just let it go to the devil."

Clayton Thexton told *The Gazette* the elderly participants who used to spend their days there all passed away, "and it fell into disuse".

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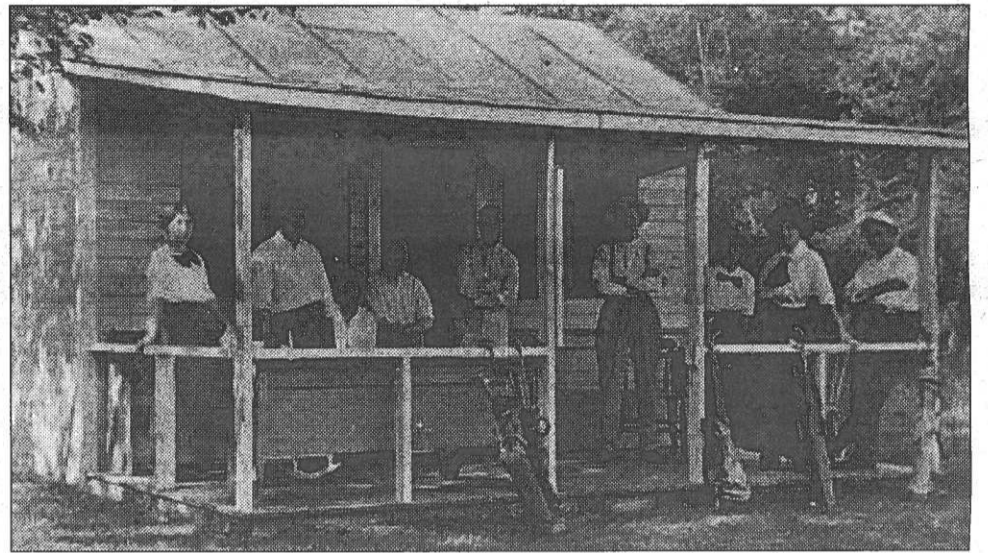
the Grounds, let alone the Mansion foundation, he said. The general area lies beyond the Fairgrounds, past the McDowell residence on Main Street, and down the bank towards the creek. Present-day municipal assessment rolls show the land is almost entirely

now owned by the township (possibly taken over because of the owners' failure to pay taxes) and a municipal trail winds its way along the creek.

"There were stone steps, but they're probably well grown over. You have to use your imagination a bit," said

Mr. Thexton.

So the mystery remains to be solved — does the Mansion foundation still exist or has it disappeared, along with the spirits of Squire Sowden and his graceful garden party guests, into the shadows of a bygone Millbrook era? ♣



*Elegant people at leisure at the Millbrook golf course clubhouse, built on the Mansion foundation.*

## CMNM to support Keene bell-tower fundraising

**By Michele Curran**  
The ringing of a church bell in any community symbolizes the coming together of the community to communicate, commiserate, and celebrate.

For the past 117 years, the Keene United Church — and particularly, its bell tower and steeple — has been a landmark for visitors and residents alike. As Judy Coward of the Keene United Church Bell Tower

Restoration Fund told Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council in July, "You know you are coming home when you see the steeple."

According to Coward, the Church continues to play a major role in the community as the venue for many community functions, including dinners and AA, Boy Scout, Girl Guide, and Brownie meetings. A seating capacity of 500 and a good acoustical

quality has made the Church a perfect venue for choirs and other musical groups. Community Care and seniors participating in local euchre and bridge games use the basement of the Church. The Church also lends facilities to the Red Cross, and is identified as an emergency centre for the community.

A few years ago, though, the bell tower was silenced — owing to restoration work started in 1999. (The brickwork had serious structural damage, due to rain and moisture.) The original restoration estimate was \$300,000, but was later revised to \$450,000. The increase in cost did not deter the congregation, however; they became even more determined to see the bell tower and steeple restored as a landmark and gathering point of the community.

To do this, residents created the Bell Restoration Fund. In a very short time, they got to work, researching, organizing fundraising events such as fairs, bake sales, fashion shows, and dinners; selling local art, collecting congregational pledges, running around Rice Lake (a road race), and approaching businesses and corporations for donations. To date, their hard work has paid off, as they have collected \$250,000.

The Bell Restoration

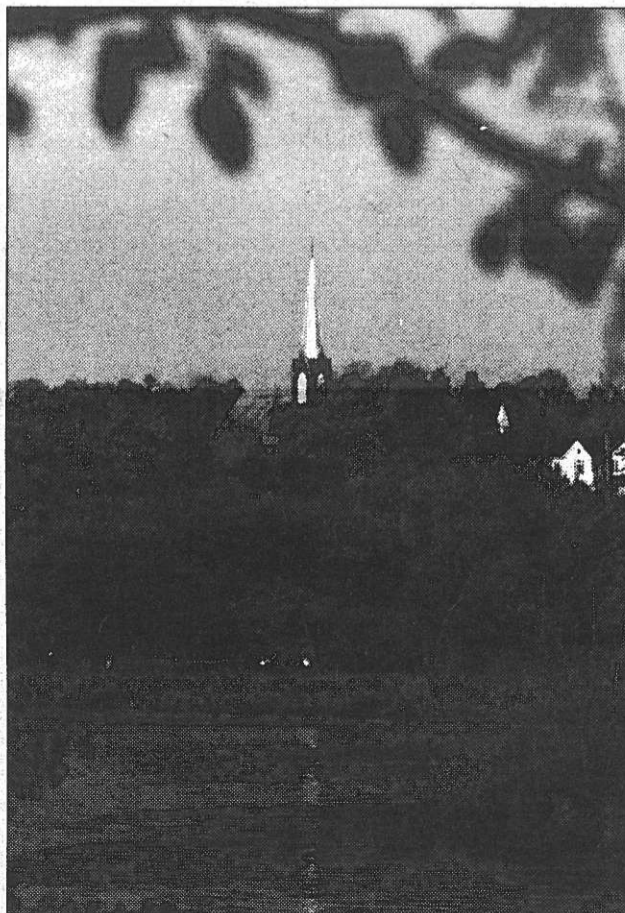
committee then canvassed the Ontario Heritage Foundation, but were turned down, as they were told the money was not available. They approached the federal government but the fund to which they would apply has yet to be set up.

So the group turned to their neighbours in the County to ask for donations. They came to Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council to ask for a donation of \$10,000 — and were not turned down.

As a matter of fact, Council was so impressed with the presentation that Councillor Ruth made a motion to pledge \$10,000 to their cause. Deputy-Reeve Fallis then amended the motion by suggesting the pledge of the money be contingent on Otonabee-South Monaghan Council also pledging \$10,000. He told the delegation, "I will support the motion if your Council puts up the money — \$20,000 or nothing."

At press time, Otonabee-South Monaghan Council has not yet decided if they will accept Council's terms.

If anyone is interested in donating to the Bell Tower Restoration Fund, or becoming involved in a race around Rice Lake at the end of September, call Nancy Frankish at 705 295-4176. ♣



*Keene United Church steeple, reflected in the water of the Indian River.*

Pat Marchen

# Neighbourhood children rescue hatchlings

By Michele Curran

A group of children on Cedar Valley Road recently came to the rescue of turtle hatchlings trying to cross over a bridge.

Resident Jo-Anne Merchant first discovered the plight of the hatchlings and called on her children and others to help move the hatchlings to the other side of the bridge while other turtles were brought to Jan Rowland of Rollin' Acres, who had already been out trying to gather them off the road.

Rowland is one of the organizers of Kids 4 Turtles and was delighted with the children's concern for the hatchlings. She was deeply touched by the thoughtfulness and caring the children showed to the hours-old hatchlings who, without human help, may never have made it across the bridge.

When asked what made them want to help the turtles, Chris O'Hara, 13, said since he knew about the turtle campaign it made him more aware of the turtles in the area. "I felt sorry for them and so I helped to move them off the road."

Rachel Merchant, 12, said, "I didn't want to see the turtles run over — Mother Nature should not be run over. People should be more careful like my Mum."

*"I didn't want the turtles to get hurt,"*

—Coda Kimball, Age 5

Coda Kimball, 5, said, "I didn't want the turtles to get hurt," and Tyler O'Hara, 7, said, "I don't want to see the turtles get bitten by larger turtles." His sister, Melanie O'Hara, 10, said, "I wanted to help them get over

the ridge."

Each child had his or her own reason for helping the turtles — and judging by the smiles on their faces, it was easy to tell it felt cool to care.

Anyone interested in learning more about turtles or collecting information for the classroom can contact Michele Andre-St Cyr at motherturtle@hotmail.com or call (613) 446-4995. ♣



Tyler O'Hara, 7, was one of several Cedar Valley children who helped to rescue turtle hatchlings near Rollin' Acres recently.

# Before- and after-school program set to open in Millbrook

By Melodie McCullough

A before- and after-school program for school-aged children will open at the Family Centre at the Old Millbrook School Sept. 17, offering a variety of crafts, games, creative play, science, and physical activities.

"It's a break from the classroom, yet still challenges children intellectually — in a safe and social environment," said Debbie Carr, program supervisor with Kawartha Child Care Services, the non-profit child care organization which will be operating the program.

It will run Monday to Friday from 7 am until school begins, and then from the end of the school day until 6 pm. The cost is \$13 per day for both before

and after school, or \$7.50 if parents choose only the before or after program. Snacks will be provided in both the morning and afternoon. The qualified staff are trained in early childhood education.

It is meant to help working parents who need child care only during those hours, and will fill a definite need, said Carr. "In the past couple of years there's been surveys done that indicate there is a need for licenced before- and after-school services for families," she said.

Although it is meant mostly for the six to twelve age group, there will be limited space available for junior and senior kindergarten students. Carr said it will enable children to socialize with friends from school, and, while it is not

a tutoring service, students can do homework under the supervision of staff.

Kawartha Child Care Services has full-day child care programs in Peterborough, Lindsay, Courtice, and Bethany, and before- and after-school programs in Courtice and Peterborough. It also licences private homes that provide child care. Carr is program supervisor at the Bethany location and will also take on responsibilities in Millbrook.

Registration for the Millbrook program takes place Thursday, Sept. 6, 4 - 7 pm at the Family Centre. If you are unable to attend registration at that time or need more information, call Debbie Carr at 705-749-3488 and she will return your call to arrange an individual appointment. ♣

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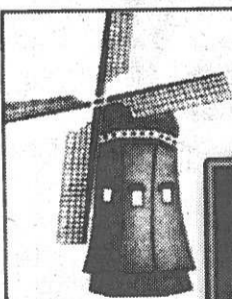
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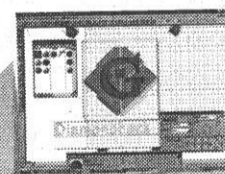
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## September 17 - 21

### The Royal Canadian Legion Millbrook Branch 402 — comrades in peace

By Michele Curran

Comrade — "A mate or fellow in work or play or fighting, equal with whom one is on familiar terms."

The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) is a welcoming place for veterans to get together in mutual trust and friendship, sharing stories and more importantly, a venue through which they give time and resources to the community. The RCL gives year-round to the community through fundraising enterprises, support of youth initiatives, assistance of seniors and veterans alike—it gives back to the community... over and over.

As a member of the

British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, the RCL also lends support to veterans and ex-service members of Commonwealth countries. For example, Caribbean veterans who have had to endure awful living conditions were, and are, assisted by veterans from other countries so they will get the medical attention, education for dependents, and housing they so desperately need.

Would you expect any less from an organization whose many members have put their life on the line so that all can enjoy freedom?

The camaraderie enjoyed by the members of the RCL across Canada and its affiliates in the United

States and Europe is so profound that it doesn't matter if you are in Newfoundland or Vancouver and visiting from another area — you are welcomed like a member of an extended family.

The Royal Canadian Legion offers peace of mind to travelers by inviting members and their families to drop by and visit when in the area, providing information on accommodations and tourist attractions.

Fern Armstrong (who is only the second female president after Ruth Farr) of Millbrook Branch 402 said her interest in the Legion began with childhood memories of Remembrance Day.

"Ever since I was a

child, Remembrance Day moved me. I liked hearing the stories of the elderly veterans here and in other Legions, be it in good times or bad. They became a constant reminder of the ultimate price they paid to give us our freedom."

"I remember one veteran telling me how he was allergic to wool socks and them being wet while stuck in the trenches during World War I, or the heart-break of a buddy being killed right in front of you," she added. "We call each other comrades and mean that in the truest sense of the word," said Armstrong.

There are approximately 400 active members and there is also a Ladies'

Auxiliary working hand in hand with the Legion (however, this is not the case in all branches).

The passing of many veterans has made it necessary for the Legion to adopt an open door policy so they can continue to do their good work. Armstrong welcomes the public to come to their open days, especial-

ly Sunday barbecues, where visitors are invited to find out more about the organization or just visit with members of the Legion.

Armstrong hopes interested individuals will join, keeping the Legion strong so they can continue with their community-based projects — a win-win situation for all. ♣

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# Volunteers in war, volunteers in peace



The Legion continues to give to the community through its many fundraising efforts.

By Michele Curran

The Millbrook Branch 402 of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) came into being fifty-five years ago on May 29, 1946, when a group of ex-service men got together to form a club. Initial meetings were held in what was loosely called a building — with a leaky roof and no indoor plumbing (the old freight shed beside the railway station at the end of the village. This became the first of many

Legion headquarters until the organization moved to the Armouries in 1965.

For many veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion became a venue to continue the camaraderie they had come to know during the war. It was a place for veterans, both male and female, to share their stories and to remember; however, over the years what started as a meeting place for ex-servicemen and women grew into a large community minded organization.

Today, there are approximately 400 members. As the RCL is fully aware of the passing of older veterans, they have introduced an open door policy which allows new members based on an affiliation with the Legion be it parent, grandparent, brother, or sister. Those who have no affiliation with the Legion can join as non-voting members, and after two years can go on to become an associate member with voting privileges.

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The Millbrook Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary (formed in the late 1940s) together have been the cornerstone of giving in the community. They donate funds to schools, Community Care, the food bank, the recreation department, the fire department, Christmas hampers, cancer and heart and stroke associations, March of Dimes projects, and students travelling abroad. They also give out bursaries to children and grandchildren of Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary members. Also supported are youth activi-


ties such as sports initiatives and camp activities for school classes (Camp Kawartha). The Legion also provides videotapes to schools interested in learning more about the organization.

They also hold annual events such as the MapleFest pancake breakfast, the Legion picnic, the Turkey Roll, and the Ladies' Auxiliary's Santa Claus Parade (the branch also assists in this project).

The big event for the RCL is Remembrance Day, and during the weeks leading up to November 11, members are out in full force selling poppies, and concurrently encouraging and reminding school children what Remembrance Day means by sponsoring poster, literary, and public speaking contests.

At the Legion Hall there is always something going on. Tuesday night is reserved for meeting nights, Branch Executive, Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary. The Seniors' Club holds its meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month. On Wednesday afternoons, the Ladies' Auxiliary has progressive euchre, and Wednesday night is the Adult Dart League. Thursday is bingo day for either the Branch or Ladies' Auxiliary — and the rest of the week is usually booked for weddings, dances, and tournaments.

What grew from a need for comradeship turned into an organization that is still giving after all these years — setting an example for generations to come and striving to make the world a better place. ♣



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# Out of the ashes of war comes love

By Michele Curran

Lloyd Slack met Dorothy in England toward the end of the World War II — who would have thought a chance encounter would lead to 55 years of marital bliss, and a new home in a far-away country for Dorothy?

Dorothy was working for the Ministry of Supply in England, and her duties were in the section of the security branch which included MI5 and Scotland Yard. Lloyd was on leave from his Canadian unit and was to meet another girl for a date — but at the last minute she couldn't make it, so Dorothy gracefully

stepped in. (This was just after she visited a cemetery—could the future look any better?) As they say, the rest is history. However, like history, there were a few glitches along the way.

Since Dorothy's job was in security she had to do a background check on her soon-to-be husband. He cleared this investigation with flying colours, and they became engaged in 1945 and married in 1946. The happy couple went away on their honeymoon and upon return, Lloyd signed up with a volunteer occupation army stationed in Germany for one year. Dorothy went back to her

job, but soon found she had to reapply because now she was married to a Canadian — and had to go through all the same security checks that Lloyd had to endure.

In 1946, Dorothy, like many other war brides, boarded the Queen Mary to set sail for Canada. Unbeknownst to her and the other women, there was also a regiment of sailors on board, and they only found this out when they were ordered off the decks at 10 pm nightly—this was when the troops were allowed up from the lower levels of the ship.

When Dorothy stepped off the boat she experienced culture shock. She had come from London, and though parts of it were collapsed ruins of rubble what she saw before her was only a few houses and rocks — and nothing else.

Despite this unimpressive introduction to her new country, Dorothy said she grew to love the area, and today she calls Nova Scotia

home. Recently, she and Lloyd were back for a family reunion.

When asked how Dorothy was able to live through years of continual bombing by the Germans she said quite stoically, "You went on about your life and you took it one day at a time."

*Since Dorothy's job was in security she had to do a background check on her soon-to-be husband.*

She recalls her boss saying every night, "Good night and I will see you tomorrow," but all I and my co-workers could get out was good night. If a bomb had your name on it then that was that." One evening she was ushered out of a dance — and ten minutes later, enemy bombs flattened the dance hall.

Lloyd also recalled when he had travelled through various countries the people didn't differentiate "if you were on one side or the other" but in the Netherlands, he still remem-

bers the school children, yelling excitedly, "Here comes the Canadians."

When Lloyd finally returned to Canada with his unit, he met up with Dorothy and decided to find work and set down some roots. "My brother and I had heard they were hiring in this area (Peterborough region) and up we came."

He worked at the Peterborough Canoe Company and then the Millbrook Correctional Centre for 25 years, and since retiring 15 years ago, has devoted most of his time to Legion activities and volunteering for Community Care's Meals on Wheels and volunteer driving programs.

Initially, Lloyd joined the Peterborough Legion in 1952, and transferred to Millbrook in 1965. Dorothy has been an associate member for 25 years, and it was only in the late 1970s when spouses were welcomed.

Lloyd has been the president off and on for eight years and found he learned a lot — because, "if anything goes wrong you ask the president." He also enjoyed visiting other branches and learning about their histories.

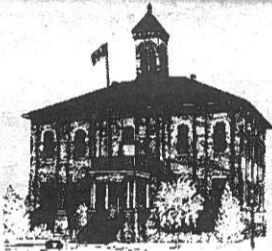
Both Dorothy and Lloyd enjoy their time at the Legion because of the camaraderie, the volunteer work, and the knowledge they are always welcome at any Legion as they travel around the country.

These two dedicated people are wonderful examples of those who have gone through terrible hardship but have come through it all reasonable unscathed by using a combination of stoicism, a sense of humour, and a firm commitment to making the community a better place. ♣



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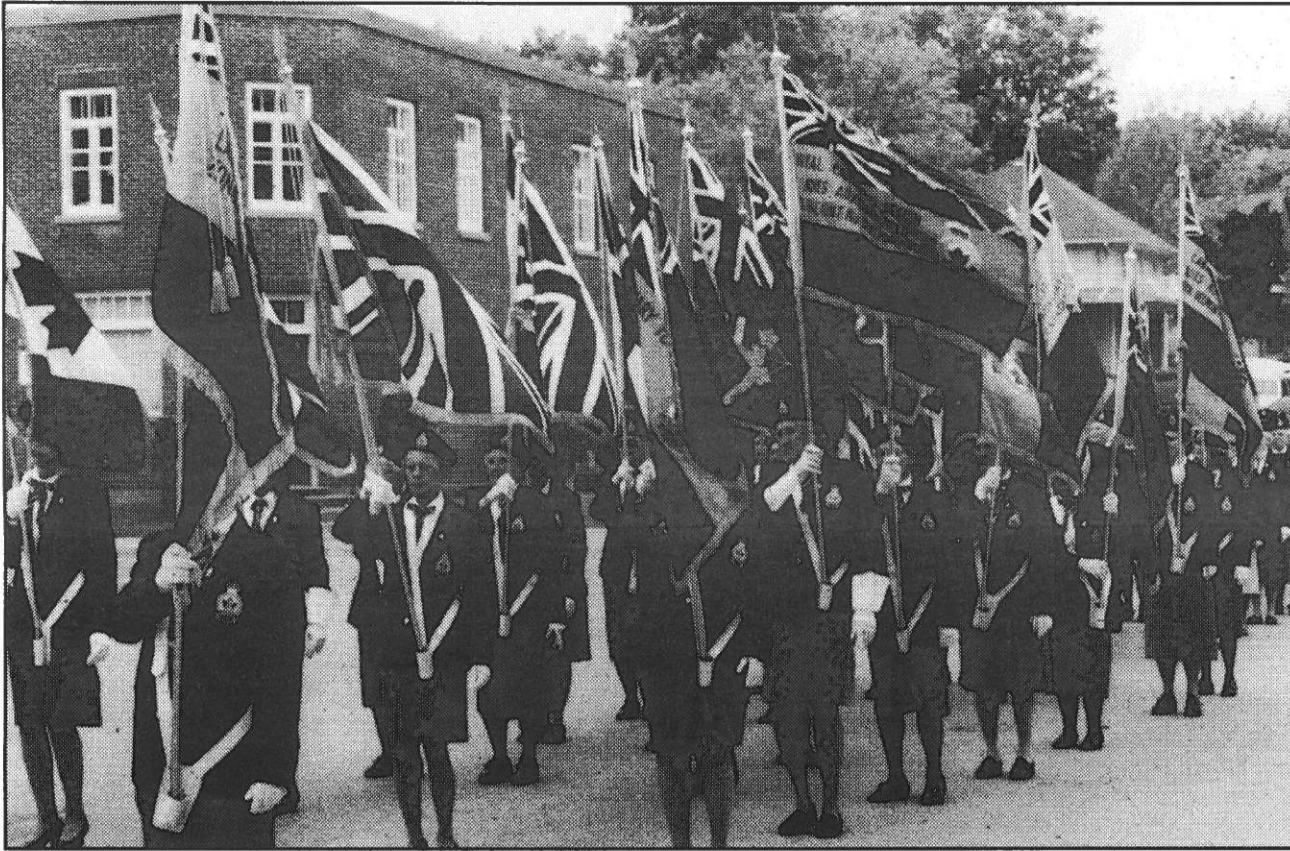


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## Little-known facts about the Legion

By Michele Curran

Did you know the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) sells more than poppies? Here is a very short list of some of the RCL initiatives you may not have known about.

- There are 480,000 members with 1600 branches in Canada, 20 in the United States, and three in Germany.
- The RCL puts more than 350 million dollars into community projects each year and provides services to veterans, ex-service personnel, youth and numerous community-based charities.
- In the 1940s, the Foster Fathers Program was implemented to help boys who had lost their fathers in the war. From this small initiative, the RCL realized the potential of giving to the community, and

soon were helping with local projects such as an ambulance here and a sports program there. They moved on to work at the provincial and federal levels by becoming involved in housing projects for the elderly, and track and field programs for the young.

- Veterans' and Seniors' Services provide health care, housing, social activities, medical support and information for veterans and ex-service personnel. Since 1953, assistance has been given to veterans of the military and the RCMP. In addition to disabilities caused by wartime service, all armed forces and RCMP members are eligible for pensions for injuries or disabilities resulting from their service duties at home or abroad.
- The RCL supports the

Terry Fox Centre "Encounters with Canada" program that brings 100 students a week for 30 weeks of the year from across the country for studies on Canada.

- In 1957, the Legion took on financial support of a national sports program, the Canadian Olympic Training program. Coaches and ath-

letes were brought together annually to train for track and field events, and since then this program has become Canada's only championship meeting and training camp for 13 to 17-year olds. Some of these participants have gone on to the world competitions and the Olympic Games. ♣

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Katie Murdoch at the border of Argentina, during her stay in Brazil as a Rotary Exchange student.

## Cavan resident studies in West Africa

Cavan resident Katie Murdoch had the chance to study and travel in a developing country this spring, giving real-life meaning to the international development and economic courses she studies at university.

Katie, 21, was born and raised in Cavan and is the daughter of Jim and Seanagh

Murdoch, and attends St. Mary's University in Halifax during the year. At the beginning of April she left for six weeks to study at the University of The Gambia in the West African country of The Gambia. It is a university that St. Mary's played a large role in getting started and has just recently separated from St. Mary's extension program

to operate independently of foreign help.

Katie travelled with 11 other students from St. Mary's to study field and research methods from a St. Mary's professor.

One of the main goals was to make the Gambian government aware of the need for government support for the university, the only one in the country, said Katie. Having foreign students from Canada studying there helped improve its image, she said.

For the first part of her visit, she attended classes every day and did qualitative field research into the economic exclusion of women-headed households in Ebotown, a city in The Gambia. This involved interviewing women to establish why women lack access to education and health care.

"They're lacking access to many, many things and we're trying to figure out some of the barriers to that," said Katie.

The Gambia, the third lowest country on the United Nations' human development index, is a narrow ribbon of land 200 miles long that follows the Gambia River into the Western edge of Africa. A former British colony, it gained independence in 1965.

During her time studying, Katie lived at the local YMCA along with refugees

from Sierra Leone. "Their stories were not so good. There were some pretty emotional stories that were difficult to listen to," she said.

For the last eight days, she and three friends rented a station wagon and a driver and travelled up the West African coast through northern Senegal. "I was told it was one of the hardest places in the world to travel, so I figured if I could travel there I could travel anywhere." She found it was difficult, as they had to "pay off" the military at about eight checkpoints each day to be allowed through.

"It was quite a trip, and I'm very, very glad I went."

This was not the first time Katie has travelled abroad, as her mother is from South Africa, and she has visited there. She also spent a year in Brazil as an International Rotary Exchange student while in high school.

"That's what started the whole international thing," she said.

Katie will be returning to Halifax in the fall for her third year of studies and after that she is not sure of any more travelling plans.

However, her professor has suggested he would like to teach in Vietnam next summer, so it's possible Katie will soon be enjoying another trip. ♣

## Reward fund set up after dog drowned

By Melodie McCullough

Although no information has yet been received to help find the individuals involved in the drowning of a German Shepherd in the Otonabee River near Trent University in July, Cavan resident Bob Clark hopes he can play a part in finding those responsible.

Mr. Clark, who lives on the Larmer Line, and owns an eight-month-old Golden Retriever named Sadie, has set up a reward fund - the "Lost Shepherd Fund" - to assist Crime Stoppers to solve the case. So far, donations to the fund from the public total about \$1,100.

The German Shepherd was apparently taken to the middle of the river and thrown in the water with a rope and cement block tied to its neck, a act considered as animal cruelty by the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Services, which is seeking witnesses.

Mr. Clark said he established the fund to create a monetary reward to assist Crime Stoppers and to allow the average citizen "to do something to feel

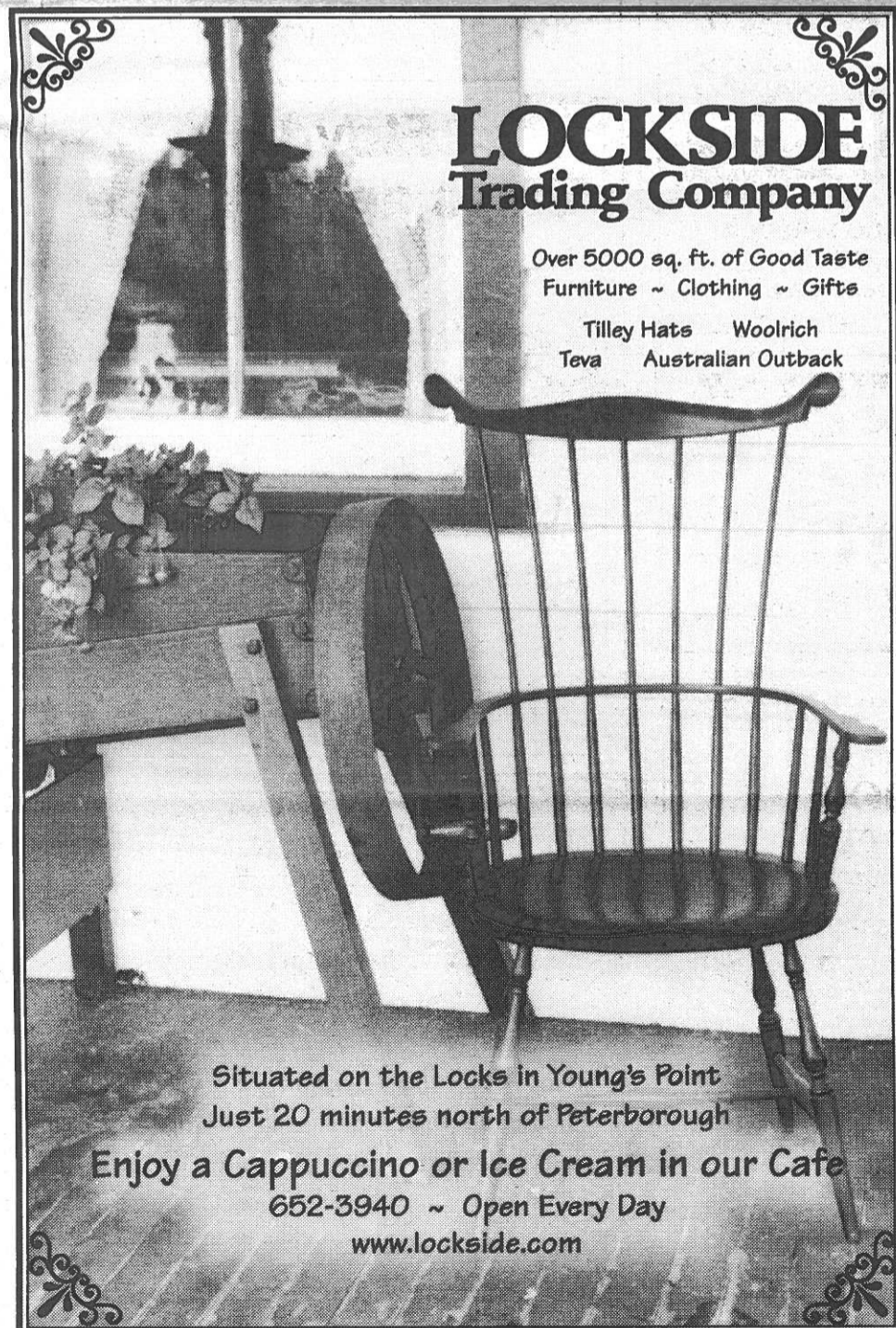
that they are contributing to solving this crime."

He also hopes it will bring attention to the broader issue of animal cruelty — and make a statement that it will not be tolerated in our community.

"It is our hope that anyone with a pet they love will contribute \$5, \$10, \$20, or whatever they can afford to the memory of this poor animal who was so savagely taken," he said in a press release.

"If Crime Stoppers is unable to utilize the money, it will be divided evenly between the Peterborough Humane Society and the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can do so at any Peterborough Scotiabank branch simply by stating they wish to donate to the "Lost Shepherd Fund". Businesses are also welcome to get involved. Anyone with information about the German Shepherd's drowning should call Crime Stoppers at 745-9000 or 1-800-222-TIPS — and may remain anonymous if they choose. ♣



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## Time for a mini "sanity-break"?

The leaves are turning, and there's a bit of a nip in the air. Many are wistful about summer days gone too quickly by - just where did the time go?

If you still haven't gotten the break away you need for mental health and sanity, there's still time. Mini-breaks are essential to year-round well-being - and productivity!

This fall, why not take a weekend at a local bed and breakfast? Get away from a ringing phone and people coming and going in your home. Let someone else do the cooking, the dishes, make the beds, and in general, tend to your basic needs. In fact, let someone else make suggestions about interesting activities you might want to enjoy, tend to your tired body with reiki, massage, or reflexology, or simply maintain the quiet atmosphere you need to catch up on your reading or sleep!

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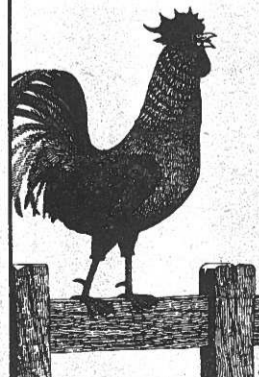
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FITNESS COLUMN

## Why hire a trainer?

By Kimberley J. Keijzers  
Certified Personal Trainer

Summer is coming to a close, as we look forward to the changing leaves on the trees, and the kids returning to a new year of school.

After enjoying late night bike rides to beat the heat, dive-bombing into cool water to catch a frisbee, and testing our legs on water-skis, we must once again turn our attention to a more structured health and fitness regime. You've enjoyed a summer of fun and frolic, but now you're

serious about shaking off those last ten pounds. Should you hire a personal fitness trainer to help you?

There are many benefits to hiring a trainer:

- A trainer develops a plan based on your needs and goals
- You receive practical ways to manage your health on an on-going basis
- There is open communication about issues that may affect your well-being
- You receive personal, individualized attention: a trainer will set you up on a program including cardiovascular, strength, and flexibility training, as well as nutritional advice

But can you afford a personal trainer? Some people feel that only the wealthy can afford a trainer; however, you may purchase a session for as little as \$20, for 45 to 90 minutes, and you may even

negotiate a discount if you buy multiple sessions. You may also hire a trainer for one time only, one month, one year, or once a week — the options are endless.

But only movie stars and actors need a personal trainer, right? Not true. Trainers are great for motivation if you are bored, have stagnated or hit a plateau. Trainers assist with injury prevention and con-

*Some people feel that only the wealthy can afford a trainer; however, you may purchase a session for as little as \$20...*

tinuation of activities after injury. They can show you how to stay fit and healthy both pre- and post-natal. And trainers can help you to train for a marathon or ski trip, or to bike around Europe.

So you think, yes, I'd like to hire a personal trainer — but how? First you need to ensure that the trainer is actually certified. Ideally, he or she should be certified through a recognized association such as Can-Fit-Pro, ACE, ACSM, or CPTN. Then you should expect he or she to care about your safety by asking you to fill out a ParQ form, and reviewing your health and fitness history.

Before you decide which trainer to hire, talk with him or her about his/her schedule. Will they work from your home, their own studio, or a local gym? What equipment does the trainer have access to? And most importantly, how do you get along with the trainer? Trainers should not make you feel intimidated — but motivated.

Hiring a personal fitness trainer may just be the "little extra" you need to kick-start your autumn health and fitness plan. ♣

# Warning – you may be having a heart attack!

By Deborah Luchuk

Believe it or not, even young people can suffer a heart attack — and, sadly, because many think such a health crisis can only affect older folk, the signs of a heart attack are not detected until it's too late.

Recently, I received a mailing from the Heart and Stroke Foundation in regard to heart attacks in young (and female!) people, letting readers know what the symptoms of a heart attack are. I was surprised at the statistics and, at 35, will certainly be more aware of my heart attack risk in future. All readers of *The Gazette* should be aware of these symptoms, and to act quickly if you experience them — regardless of your age!

The signs of a heart attack include:

- paleness
- anxiety, fear, denial
- sweating
- shortness of breath
- indigestion
- tightness or chest pain
- overall weakness or exhaustion
- nausea

*Chest pain... feels like heaviness, tightness, crushing/breathtaking pain, pressure, fullness, squeezing, or burning...*

Chest pain, the scariest symptom of all, feels like heaviness, tightness, crushing/breathtaking pain, pressure, fullness, squeezing, or burning — or all of the above. In women, chest pain may even be more vague, like a mild discomfort you want to put down to indigestion, allergies/asthma, or a bad cold.

It's easy to put down the symptoms other than chest pain as nothing serious to

worry about. However, if you experience most of these, especially along with chest pain, get yourself to a hospital immediately. Don't assume it's nothing. The longer you wait to be seen by a doctor, the more damage can be done to your heart and circulatory system.

Don't just take an antacid — get to a doctor or the hospital immediately!

What can you do about preventing a heart attack? You probably already know these common sense guidelines: get adequate rest, exercise regularly (at least three times a week, for half an hour minimum), eat a well-balanced diet (cut back on processed, high-fat foods and sugars), and learn more about your family risk for heart disease. ♣

## Family Centre Open House

An open house is scheduled The Old Millbrook School Family Centre for Tuesday, September 18, 2001, 1 – 6 pm. The community is welcome to tour the facility, enjoy refreshments, and meet staff of various programs. At 1:30 a tree will be planted and a flag will be raised in celebration of the new fall programming. These ceremonies will be followed by thanking recent donors — the Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge #308 and Community Policing.

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## Another sell-out season for 4th Line Theatre

By Deborah Luchuk

In keeping with the success of past few years, 4th Line Theatre has been sold out for most performances of this year's plays, *Two Rounds and a Square*, and *The Cavan Blazers*.

The first play of the summer season, *Two Rounds and a Square*, portrayed the human heart at the centre of our community -- a heart that was joyful, sorrowful, spontaneous and stoic in quick succession in the summer of 1945. Many older residents remember

the pivotal role music and dances had in pulling together the community, especially in wartime -- in particular, director Rob Winslow pulled on the writing and stories of Emma Lamb for this play.

We found our hearts wrenched with the bereavement of the Lambs, as they dealt with the death (murder) of their young son. We wanted to gather soldier Parsons into our arms as he worked through the full range of emotions upon return from the horrors of the war.

And we laughed at the ribald antics of young rake Lyle Nattress. Carried along on the masterful rendering of music from the era, exalted by the words of Emma Lamb, the audience found themselves lost in a reverie of a bygone time.

What was particularly wonderful about this play, as with others put on by this amazing theatre company, is that the audience was not only treated to an engaging production. This

play really highlighted many of the formative cultural forces which have shaped our modern community.

The *Cavan Blazers*, in its 10th anniversary reprise, had a few new twists incorporated, and brought this equally important historical story and cultural influence to new and repeat theatre-goers. Some say you can't improve on perfection -- but 4th Line achieved the impossible with this latest incarnation of one of their earliest plays.

We haven't yet had our sneak peek at the plays in development in New Look, but expect an equally compelling and exciting foretaste of things to come! ♣

## African sculptor finds inspiration on shores of Rice Lake

Toward the end of August, Stewart Mudzimurega began his long journey to Canada from the Tengenenge Art Colony in northern Zimbabwe, in the heart of Africa.

This is Mudzimurega's first trip to North America, but his work -- stone sculptures in the Shona tradition -- has crossed the Atlantic before. Collectors from the Netherlands, Germany, England, France, South Africa, and the USA have purchased Mudzimurega's distinctive sculptures -- each created entirely with hand tools under the trees of Tengenenge.

Mudzimurega is the artist-in-residence at Rice Lake II, a public exhibition of Shona stone sculptures from Zimbabwe, to be held outdoors on farm land overlooking Rice Lake. "Last year's show was such a success," says co-host Fran Fearnley, "that we decided to make this an annual event. Visitors were hungry for more information about how the artists work and what inspires them. So we invited Stewart to come this year to help answer those questions. He's one of the to Shona artists of the new generation, and has twice been invited to the Netherlands to run sculpting workshops. He also mentors younger sculptors in Tengenenge."

There will be over 60 pieces in this year's show, representing the work of over 30

Shona artists from Tengenenge, Chitungwiza, and Mutare. Although well-known and eagerly sought after by galleries and collectors in Europe, Shona sculptures have not yet been exhibited widely in North America. There have been very successful exhibitions in England, Denmark, Germany, and France.

Zimbabwe is perhaps the best known country in sub-Saharan Africa for its visual arts, and for the past 40 years stone sculptures have been the preferred medium of artistic expression. What is of interest to Canadians is the sometimes striking resemblance between Inuit and Shona carvings. South African curator for Rice Lake II, William Saunderson Meyer, notes, "This show really highlights how ancient traditions and myths are shared by people from two very different continents... This collection celebrates the human spirit and the beauty of the natural world."

The opening reception for Rice Lake II will be held from 3 - 7 pm on Saturday, Sept. 8. The show runs from Sept. 9 - 16, noon until 7 pm daily. Located at 855 Second Line South Monaghan Township, 15 kms. south of Peterborough and 20 kms. north of Port Hope, visitors can obtain precise directions at [www.artafrica-online.com](http://www.artafrica-online.com) or by email at [shonasculpture@sympatico.ca](mailto:shonasculpture@sympatico.ca) or phone: (705) 939-6144. ♣

## R. Murray Schafer play set for Pontypool

By Melodie McCullough

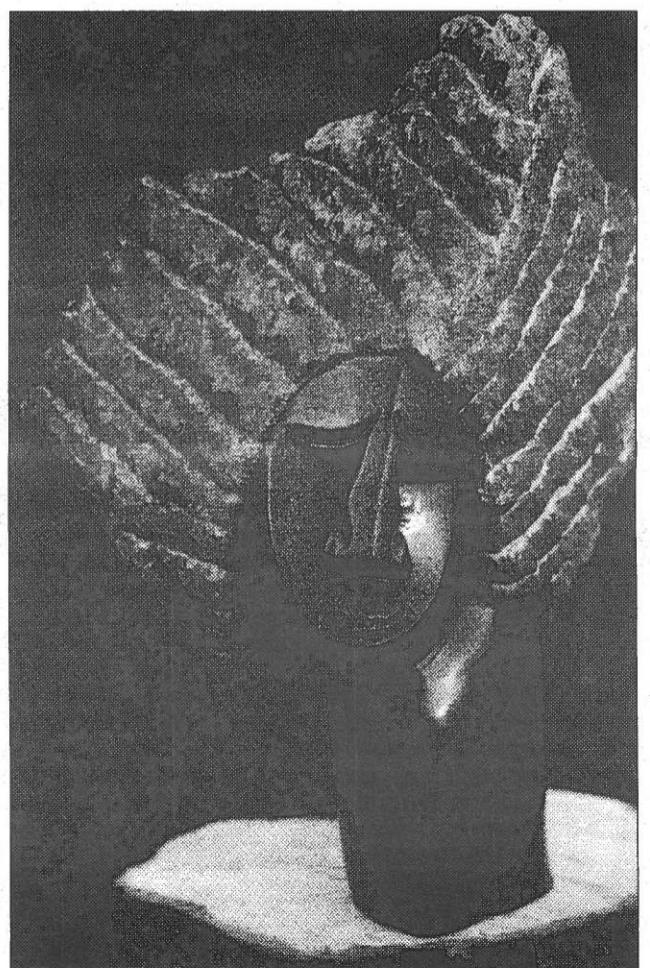
A Pontypool pond at sunset is the setting for the premiere musical theatre production of "The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix", Sept. 13 to 16, the latest in a series of spectacular presentations by R. Murray Schafer, an internationally renowned composer who lives in Indian River (near Peterborough).

The show is set in China during the T'ang Dynasty, and the mythical Cinnabar Phoenix is sent by the gods to live in an earthly palace as a symbol of harmony and peace. When warring states cause it to vanish under the Lake of Dragons, the Emperor and his court arrive at the lake to mourn their loss. By the end of the evening, the Phoenix and the palace are recovered and harmony is restored.

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Acclaimed choreographer Robert Desrosiers makes his operatic debut as director, and the award-winning designers Diana and Jerrard Smith have created magical sets and costumes. Chinese and Western music, opera singers, La Jeunesse Choir from Cobourg, T'ai Chi performers, and remarkable puppetry by the PuppetMongers all help create a theatre extravaganza.

"The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix" is the eighth part of Schafer's 10-part *Patria Cycle*. Tickets are available at the 4th Line Theatre Box Office in Peterborough or by calling 1-800-814-0055 or 876-6323, and are priced at \$35 for adults and \$20 for children. ♣



"Tribal Queen" by Stewart Mudzimurega. Mudzimurega is a sculptor from Zimbabwe who is currently artist-in-residence at this year's exhibition of Shona stone sculpture at Rice Lake.

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## ARTS &amp; CULTURE



Veteran music teacher/performer George Ingham brings forth beautiful sounds at the grand piano.

## A musical institution: George Ingham

By Lorna Miller

George Ingham (ARTC, BM) is a rotund, bald, bespectacled man of seventy years. He has been a piano teacher for 55 years and his goal in life is to teach until he is ninety-five — to beat the record of fellow musician and teacher, Boris Berlin.

George was born in Bowmanville, and the family lived in Peterborough for five years, before moving to Millbrook in 1943.

"My two brothers, my sister, my mother and father, and I moved to Millbrook when my brother, Bruce received a degree in Animal Husbandry from the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph," he says. "I didn't do much farming, just helped with the haying. We worked with horses back then and my brother and I took turns building the load on the wagon and pitching the hay."

From of a family of four children, with two brothers and one sister, only George and his sister Helen are still living. His mother, Doris, is living at Springdale Manor.

He began piano lessons at the age of six with seven other students and one piano — not a situation that sat well with the young George.

"I wanted to be centre stage," he says. "I wanted to have more than my allotted five minutes at the piano — not be sitting in a chair drumming my fingers on an imaginary piano."

Soon George, who also aspired to be in the front row (the smart row) at school cried to be taken out of music lessons and to be allowed academic studying. "I got off it (piano lessons) and I got into the first row," he says.

Then at the age of eleven, he asked his grand-

mother for music lessons as a Christmas gift. She honoured his wish and paid for his piano lessons until she passed away.

George's first piano student was a Miss Larke, the daughter of a Springville United Church Minister — these lessons were a major influence on his choice of career.

In an article published in the 1947 Book of Knowledge, George wrote, in answer to critics who pointed out the slim

chances of achieving greatness in the music world, "You can hang on earning money as a music teacher."

"It was a saleable product," he says. In the early 1950s, while taking general music and music composition courses in Toronto, George taught at Settlement House one night a week — and was paid with his supper.

Later in his career more

lucrative employment ensued: as a music teacher at The H. G. Calder School of Music in Medicine Hat; organist, choirmaster and piano teacher in Lakefield; vocal music instructor at North Hastings High School in Bancroft; organ teacher in Cornwall; teacher of a large piano class in Kenora, and organist and choirmaster of North Street United Church in Goderich.

Upon his return to Millbrook, he says that it took him two years to establish himself, eventually teaching half the students in the area. Today George is on the brink of another move — where is yet to be decided. But good things are in the works. "A symphony I wrote when I was seventeen is being rewritten for performance by the only lady ever to conduct an opera in Russia. I have designs on her."

Maybe George's dreams of greatness will yet be realized. In the meantime, he is helping others achieve their musical goals. ♣

## Painting the broad strokes of nature

By Melodie McCullough

It was while working summers on isolated work gangs of Northern Ontario as a young man that the urge to paint the "wonderful country" around him took hold of Murray Hofstetter and, fortunately for us, that grip has never relented.

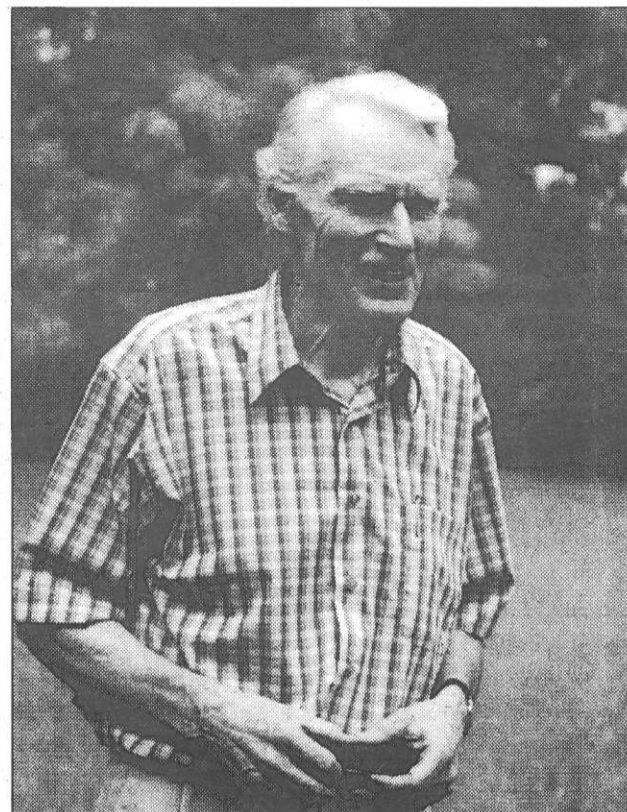
Hofstetter, 73, lives on the Sharpe Line west of Ida, and will be exhibiting his landscape oil paintings as a guest artist at the Millbrook Gallery Sept. 7 to Oct. 7.

"I prefer unpeopled landscapes, which of course has become a cliché in Canadian painting in the last 80 years," he said in a recent interview, describing his work as representational ("you can recognise what's there") in the post-impressionist style.

"That was the stuff of the 1920s, the sort of stuff the Group of Seven made very famous."

Since he has not shown any of his work in the last decade, this show will be "odds and ends", mostly small format style, drawn from scenery close to home and found in his travels with his wife around Ontario, especially the gorgeous country of the Madawaska region. He is a great admirer of David Milne, a Canadian painter who died in 1953.

While he loved to draw as child, he says he drifted away from it as a teenager but returned in his 20s, and eventually became an art teacher at an Oshawa high



Cavan painter and long-time resident Murray Hofstetter brings his unique artistic vision of the Ontario landscape to the Millbrook Gallery, opening September 7.

school for 24 years. In the 1960s, he bought an old school house on the Sharpe Line and later built a house on the property, commuting to work until he retired in 1985.

His first art show was with a group of four others at the Whitby Station Gallery in 1973, and his first solo show was at the Tea and Company restaurant in Millbrook in 1984. Other solo shows were at the Inverlyn Gallery in Whitby and Williamson House in Peterborough. He also took part in annual spring art shows helping

raise funds for the preservation of the Old Millbrook School.

Barb Walker, a member of the Millbrook Gallery, said Hofstetter's show is the latest in a number of exhibitions for the six-year-old collective which have featured the works of guest artists.

"We just wanted to reach out to people in the larger art community and give them an opportunity to show their work at the gallery, while at the same time presenting to our patrons the work of someone new." ♣

## Backstabbers coming to Millbrook!

No need to be prepared for dark, violent action! The Backstabbers, an acclaimed bluegrass/traditional music group, will be sharing their particular brand of ballads, dancing fiddles, and spirituals as well as country tunes from the 50s and 60s at the Give a Hoot Café on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The Backstabbers, a Toronto-based band, perform at regular "hoedowns" at The Cameron every Sunday. Deeply steeped in the pre-country sound of the Southern states, Tom Parker (mandolin), Bob Hannan (guitar/autoharp), Tony Allen (fiddle), James Thomson (upright bass), and Oliver Bielefeld (accordion) spend a great deal of time researching and locating forgotten songs from a

bygone era.

A recent Maclean's article reviewing the movie "O Brother Where Art Thou" mentioned The Backstabbers as one of two Canadian bands continuing to play traditional music. In a review in NOW magazine (Nov. 23 - 29, 2000), writer Tim Perlich got to the heart of the music offered by this band:

"Twanging together onstage at the Cameron, the 'Stabbers discovered a secret lost during the rock and roll revolution: when you play unplugged in close proximity, the shared charge is more powerful than electricity. There's something really fantastic that happens when you stand around a single microphone, playing acoustic instruments and singing together," enthuses

Parker... It's an intimacy that you just don't get playing other kinds of music where electronics are involved. There are no monitors involved, it's purely our voices and the vibrations of our strings, and feeling that is the real beauty of the music."

It doesn't get more homey and cozy than at the Give a Hoot Café — so come on out with neighbours and friends and enjoy the hoedown at 8 pm at the Old Millbrook School. Admission is \$10, or half-price if you sing on the open stage prior to the performance. Coffee, beverages, and tasty treats will be for sale at intermissions. To learn more about The Backstabbers, check out their website at [www.the-backstabbers.org](http://www.the-backstabbers.org). ♣

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# Homelessness: causes and solutions

In a previous issue of *The Gazette*, we examined the growing crisis of homelessness in Peterborough County. In this follow-up article, we question local politicians and those who work with the homeless in hopes of ascertaining the causes of, and possible solutions to, this serious social problem.

By Melodie McCullough

Clearly, there are many recognized causes of homelessness, but in looking at the phenomena in the simplest of terms, these can be shortened to two main problems: the lack of affordable housing and of adequate income for people to pay market rent. Rents are increasing while incomes are decreasing.

"Approximately 1,000 households, which represents a lot of people," are now on the waiting list for affordable housing in Peterborough City and County, points out Cheryl Lyon, housing administrator for the city and county.

No new social housing units have been built since 1995, when the provincial government ended all funding. Two years earlier the federal government ended its funding. In 1995, the provincial government cut social assistance rates by 21.6% and basic and shelter allowances have not risen since then. The federal Child Tax Benefit, which replaced Family Allowances, allows provinces to claw back benefits from social assistance recipients, which is done in Ontario. These policies are contributing factors in the rise of homelessness in the province, says a report of the Peterborough branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA).

Added to this, the report states, minimum wage has remained the same at \$6.85 since 1995, and more people are in part-time and contract jobs with no benefits. In 1998 the Ontario Tenant Protection Act passed, removing rent controls upon vacancy of a unit. This has led to increased rents and greater incentives for evictions by landlords, says the CMHA.

The CMHA is involved in the homelessness issue because statistics suggest 75% of the homeless are suffering from mental health issues, said Linda Saunders, business manager with the CMHA in Peterborough. A big problem is the closure of provincial psychiatric hospitals (six of the 10 remaining are scheduled to close over the next three years), she said. Patients are discharged into communities with inadequate housing. "If the government is going to make these closures, it has to ensure the funds are redirected into community non-profit housing."

Saunders would like to see an increased supply of housing, and money for support and case managers to assist individuals with life activities.

This plea is echoed by Bill McNabb, the executive director of Brock Mission which operates two shelters for the homeless in Peterborough.

Mr. McNabb says volunteer mentors and outreach staff could make a real difference teaching basic life skills and keeping people in their own homes. "I'm not a real advocate of having a lot of shelter space. It only masks the problem," he said. "What's needed is more than just a roof over their head. If you really want to help discourage the homelessness cycle there has to be other supports as well."

Cheryl Lyon believes the only hope for new housing is if the federal government steps into the picture on the supply side. This is a possibility, as federal and provincial housing ministers agreed at an August 2001 housing conference to consider a federal plan to build 80,000 affordable housing units with financial input from the provinces.

Governments also agreed to keep working on a long-term national housing strategy, which could include tax breaks for builders. Peter Adams, Member of Parliament for Peterborough, said that while a national plan is a good idea in principle, and is needed, it may be difficult to guarantee that all provincial and municipal governments work together to bring the plan to fruition.

Admitting the homelessness crisis has been caused in part by his party's policies of fighting the deficit with cut-

backs in the recession of the early 1990s, Adams says government is "playing catch-up now" by providing funds to Brock Mission, CMHA, the Youth Emergency Shelter, the Housing Resource Centre, Peterborough's "warming room", and for emergency relief. "I think what we've managed to do is develop a strategy to deal with the immediate problems, but not long-term housing."

Gary Stewart, MPP for Peterborough County, defends his government's policies and says homelessness is not a major problem in the Peterborough area "to the degree it is elsewhere".

Mr. Stewart believes the answer lies in encouraging the private sector to build social housing, because "the province shouldn't be in the construction business". This, however, is not easy, because private builders do not want to build because landlords sometimes experience problems with tenants, he said. Two years ago the province removed the sales tax from building materials to encourage construction, he continued.

Meanwhile, a shining example of volunteers who are trying to make a difference is the Peterborough Community Housing

Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation which acquires and renovates older homes to be used for affordable housing. Interest in this group's activities has spread across the country.

Our last word on the homelessness issue goes to Kristin, a formerly homeless 18-year-old girl who lives in an apartment and holds down a job.

"Just get educated. Know what's going on out there, especially in your own town," she replied when asked what she thought the answer might be to the problem. "Just knowing is better than not knowing at all, and ignoring the problem." ♦

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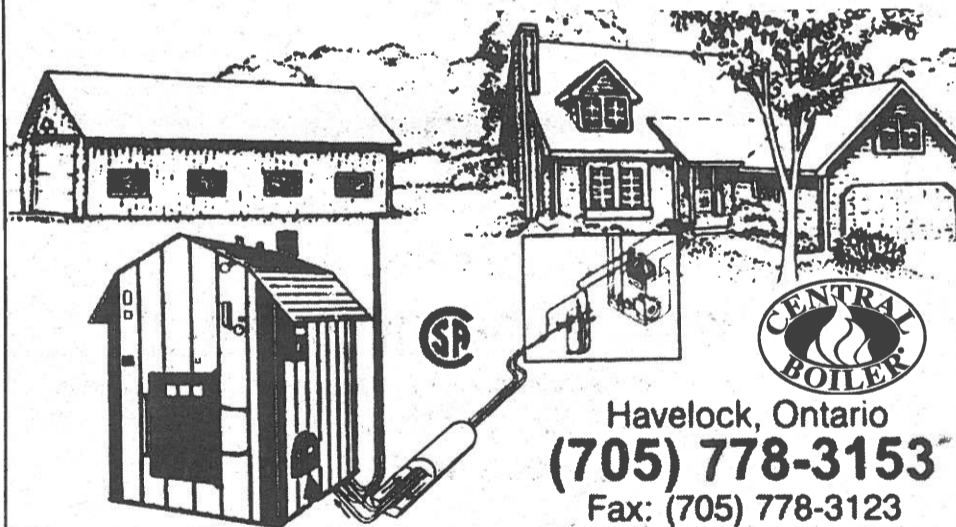
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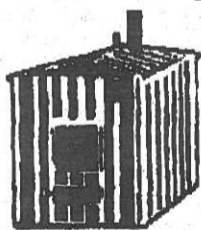
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## Millbrook

### Community Choir

At St. Andrew's United Church, Millbrook Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 pm Welcoming all new members! Call Donna at 944-8899 for more info.

### Joyful Noise Youth Choir

At St. Andrew's United Church, Millbrook Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Welcoming all young people. Call Donna at 944-8899 for more info.

### Girl Guides Registration

At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook Sept. 5, 6 - 7 pm At Cavan United Church Sept. 5, 6:30 - 8 pm Info, call Cathy at 932-3124.

### Scouting Registration

At Cavan Community Hall Sept. 5 & 12, 7 - 8 pm Ccall Mark at 799-2197. Millbrook Scouting At Lions' Den Sept. 5, 6 - 7:30 pm Call Sherri at 932-3562.

### Millbrook/Area Garden Club

At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook

Wed. Sept. 5, 7:30 pm Bob and Rowena Burns, on water gardening. \$2 admission, all welcome. Info, Wendy 944-8912.

### Murray Hofstetter - Paintings

At the Millbrook Gallery Fri. Sept. 7, 7:30 opening Sept. 7 - Oct. 7. Info, call the Gallery 932-5482.

### Senior Puck and Stick

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 10, start date Info: 932-2911.

### Judo Classes

At Millbrook Community Centre Sept. 10, start Info: Jim at 748-5492.

### Kids' Pick-up Hockey

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 10 start, 4 - 5 pm Info: 932-2911.

### Adult Pick-up Hockey

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 10 start, 1 - 3 pm Info: 932-2911.

### Fitness Classes - Men and Women

At Old Millbrook School Sept. 10, 9:15-10:30 am Register any time; info: Barb 277-3694 or Lynda 799-6690.

## Volleyball

At the Millbrook/South Cavan P.S. gym Sept. 10 start, register 6:30 - 7 pm Info: Yvonne, 932-2067.

### Millbrook Razorbacks Hockey School

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 10 - 14 Info: 932-2327.

### Adult Skating

At Millbrook Arena Tuesdays 10 am - noon; Thursdays 10 am - noon Info: 932-2911.

### Line Dancing for Beginners

At Millbrook Community Centre. Sept. 11, 6:30-7 pm, registration Info: Yvonne, 932-2067.

### Business Lunch Skating

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 11 start, 12 noon - 1 pm \$2, info: 932-2911.

### Tai Chi

At Millbrook Community Centre. Sept. 13, 6:45 - 7:15 pm registration. Info: Sylvia 932-2041.

### Ladies' Friday Afternoon Hockey

At Millbrook Arena

Sept. 14 start, 1 - 2 pm Info, call Laurie 932-3041 or Annie 944-8953.

### Millbrook Legion Honours/Awards Dinner/Dance

At Br. 402, Millbrook Sat. Sept. 15 Cocktails 5:30 - 6:30 pm; dinner 6:30 \$8.50 per person, music by DJ Wendell Williams. Tickets at Clubhouse or Office.

### Public Skating

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 17 start Mondays, Thurs., Sun. Info, times, call 932-2911.

### Heritage Centre Opening

At the Historical Society Heritage Centre, King St., Millbrook Tues. Sept. 18, 7:30 pm Ribbon cutting ceremony, info session, regular meeting. All welcome! Call 932-2137.

### Give a Hoot Café The Backstabbers

At the Old Millbrook School Sat. Sept. 22, 8 pm See story this issue.

### Singles Dance

At Golden Wheel, Springville Sat. Sept. 22, 9 pm-1 am \$5. Info: 932-2740.

### Sunday Night Hockey League

At Millbrook Arena Sept. 23 start, 7-11:30pm Call Marion 932-3153.

### North Cavan P.S. Fun Fair

At the School, Cty.Rd. #10 Sat. Sept. 29, 10am-2pm Activities, food, bazaar. Free. Info, 944-5917.

### Millbrook/Area Garden Club

At St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook Wed. Oct. 3, 7:30 pm Speakers, Schoolhouse Gardens, Warkworth.

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