

# THE GREEN HILLS Gazette

Thursday,  
December 6, 2001  
Volume 4, Issue 9

Free!  
Published monthly

CELEBRATING LIFE IN CAVAN, MILLBROOK AND NORTH MONAGHAN

## ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS



At Calhoun's IGA, Chauntelle Burtman, Lynda Richards and Lindsay Kennedy are busy helping residents survive the Christmas shopping experience. See page 6 for local Gift Guide.

## Slight decrease in slots revenue expected

**By Melodie McCullough**  
In the two years since slot machines were introduced at Kawartha Downs racetrack, approximately \$5 million has been handed over to Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township as its share of the profits, a windfall that has kept taxes from rising throughout the municipality and provided community grants to many non-profit organizations.

Yet cautionary words are in the air as the operation enters its third year, warning that revenues may not be

quite as high as in the past.

Letters from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLC), which operates the slots, have been sent to each municipality in Ontario that hosts them — stating there is an expected decrease in revenue between 10 and 40% due to poor economic conditions brought on by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Hazel Armstrong, treasurer for the township, said in an interview that she has been informed by the OLC that the impact will not be

as great at Kawartha Downs as at border operations, and the decrease may be as little as 10%. She is not too worried, she said.

"There isn't really anything we can do about it, and hopefully it will be less than what they anticipate. We won't be able to do as much, but we'll budget accordingly."

At the same time, Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis has expressed concern the provincial government may decide to cut back the allocation of profits to municipalities because it faces a deficit.

"I'm worried they may decide the 5% allocation they give to municipalities is too generous," he said at a recent Council meeting.

Jim Cronin, director of communications for the OLC described Kawartha Downs as a "solid operation" that is doing well with strong attendance.

"The Kawartha slots have not been impacted by Sept. 11," he said.

The letters sent to municipalities were meant as a caution "that every year is different, so you can't expect the revenue to be the same as the year before."

Continued on page 2

## Municipal hiring practices questioned

**By Melodie McCullough**  
Recent restructuring of staff positions in Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township has caused some taxpayers to question hiring policies of Council.

"There's been a lot of changes without any input or consultation with the public," said local ratepayer Ken Greenberg recently. Another local ratepayer, Bob Clark, agrees. "Who's making the call here?" he asked in an interview with *The Gazette*. "The ratepayers have had no say in any of this."

But Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis says all proper procedures have been followed for the staff changes that began last summer, when Council authorized an operational review of municipal administration. The review was contracted to Templeman Consulting Group of Belleville, which recommended the position of chief administrative officer/clerk, held by Gail Empey at the time, be split into two positions. The firm was given the job of recruiting employees. Empey was hired as clerk and Bill Stockwell of Bowmanville was hired for a two-year contract as chief administrative officer (CAO). Stockwell, with a number of years of experience in municipal politics and administration, took over in July.

Terry Whyte, managing partner of Templeman Consulting, said his company advertised for the CAO position across the province through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario website and its fax service. It received a number of applications, did initial interviews, and short-listed about five candidates for the township's search com-

*"It was a normal recruiting process," said Whyte. "He [Stockwell] competed like everyone else did."*

mittee, made up of Fallis, Reeve Neal Cathcart, Whyte, and outside representative Mary Pearcy, personnel administrator for Peterborough County.

"It was a normal recruiting process," said Whyte. "He [Stockwell] competed like everyone else did."

Fallis said they did not advertise in major dailies or locally because it was a specialized position and they wanted to reach a certain market.

Although there were internal candidates who applied and were short-listed, Fallis said the committee was advised by Whyte there was no one qualified or experienced within for the job.

"We weren't closing it down, but we really were looking for an outside finding."

Stockwell told *The Gazette* when he took over he began further restructuring as suggested by the operational review.

He said since a major portion of the works department involved capital roadwork, he recommended eliminating the positions of works department manager and roads supervisor and creating a single roads manager position instead. Water and sewer duties of the works department were transferred to the recreation, parks, and property department.

At Thanksgiving, roads supervisor Paul Dunham resigned to take a position with Scugog Township. In

mid-November, Doug Murray, manager of the works department resigned. Although no advertising was done, Ronn McDonald was hired as acting roads manager for a five-month contract beginning Dec. 3 and is being paid on an hourly basis. He will assist Stockwell in hiring a permanent roads manager at the end of the five months.

Stockwell said Ronn McDonald had many years of experience in roadwork with Scugog Township before going into business for himself. Stockwell said McDonald's job was not advertised because it is a short-term position. Instead, he was recruited by Stockwell and interviewed by Reeve Neal Cathcart, and was the only candidate.

"We didn't advertise for it because it was a special type of individual we were looking for. It involved me going out to my contacts in surrounding municipalities and saying this is what I'm looking for, and does anyone have any ideas," said

Continued on page 10

### INSIDE

Noise bylaw stalled

Page 2

Buy local with Xmas Gift Guide

Page 6

Millbrook Valley trails

Page 9

### See you in February!

As we did last year, we will be taking the month of January off — to regroup, recharge our batteries, and plan for the coming year. Our first issue of 2002 will be on Thursday, February 6.

We've appreciated your enthusiastic support and look forward to bringing you all the news, views, and features we can cram into our pages in the New Year!

Please keep calling, mailing, emailing, faxing, and dropping off letters, coming events, and story ideas — these days, we have the phone forwarded out when we're not around so you'll mostly get a live person on the end of the line! (Remember — deadlines are on pg. 4!)

We wish you peace, joy, prosperity of all kinds, and happiness in 2002!

# More time needed to study noise bylaw

By Melodie McCullough

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Council recently granted chief administrative officer Bill Stockwell sixty days to review a proposed township noise bylaw, despite objections of some noise bylaw task force members that the review is a stalling tactic in the ongoing debate over noise at local race car speedways.

"Given that we have had over four years of non-commitment by the Reeve and some other members of Council, is this yet another attempt to stall the regulatory provisions that are so badly needed?" asked task force members Bob Clark and Lesley Heighway in a letter presented to Council November 19.

Clark said seven people spent eleven months of volunteer time on a committee studying the issues and negotiating a compromise between speedway owners and area residents with the help of facilitator. A draft noise bylaw was presented to Council last April, but all that work "seems to be in vain".

"It is with great disappointment that, to date, we

still do not have a noise bylaw in effect... despite the many noise-related complaints forwarded to the township over the past four years," the letter continued.

Clark said it is his understanding since the draft was presented in April that the township spent two months developing another draft that was then forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Environment for approval. The township has had a bylaw for five months, yet Stockwell is only now attempting to review it, he said.

Stockwell asked Council for sixty days to "investigate the intricacies of the agreement" because he has concerns about its enforcement.

"We just think it's very, very important that we take the additional time. I have great concern about passing the bylaw in the form it is today," he said. "I think you have to revisit this issue."

Council also heard from Brian Bassett of Kawartha Downs and J.P. Josiasse of Peterborough Speedway, who said requirements in the bylaw restricting hours of operation and reduction of car noise with mufflers

would have a detrimental financial impact on their businesses.

Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis said he is not optimistic a solution can be found. "It's truly an area where the province should be setting

guidelines. I still think the licensing thing is the best way to go. I would like to see why that won't work, because I still support it."

He said there was a lot of goodwill when the task force was first set up, but "it's too bad to see that goodwill has been expended over time."

Stockwell is expected to report back to Council in mid-January with recommendations. ♣

## No questions, please... it's not fair

By Melodie McCullough

A delegation of members of the municipal noise bylaw task force were told at a recent Council meeting by CAO Bill Stockwell they did not have the right to ask questions of Council members.

Delegations have always been allowed to ask questions in the past, said Bob Clark, who was one of the delegates told not to do so. "It spits on democracy, as far as I can see," he said.

Stockwell told *The Gazette* that under a program that most municipalities follow, Council listens to delegations and asks them questions. It is not meant as an opportunity to give Council "the third degree".

"There's no big deal here. I don't think it's fair to put Council in a position where they're getting the third degree by a ratepayer. He (Clark) was a candidate (in the last election) and I think he's still on the campaign trail."

Ratepayers are invited to present staff with questions prior to Council meetings. That way, Council members will have a chance to look up information requested and not give the wrong answers on the spur of the moment, he said. ♣

# Public meeting to review official plan

By Melodie McCullough

The public will be given one more chance to review and air their concerns about the final draft of the township's long-awaited new official plan at a public meeting scheduled for Dec. 17 at 7 pm at the Council Chambers.

"We're getting close to the end," Karen Ellis, planner for the township, told Council at a recent meeting. "It's been going on for a long time, and there are a number of area residents who are anxiously awaiting the approval of a new plan."

A Port Hope consulting firm was hired nearly

two years ago to consolidate the official plans of the three former townships into one. Ellis said there will be "holes" in the draft plan regarding three areas, but these will be filled in later. Two of these areas, Millbrook Ward and Fraserville, are being looked at more closely

through Secondary Plans.

The third area is the Oak Ridges Moraine, which covers a large section in the southwest of Cavan Ward. The township must wait for the final Oak Ridges Conservation Act which is being drafted by the province and then incorporate its policies into the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan official plan. Within the Moraine section, different areas will be identified with different policies attached, said Ellis. ♣

## Slots

Continued from page 1

The market is a market and it can change," Cronin said.

Mr. Cronin could not comment on the possibility of the government reducing the allocation of profits. At present, municipalities receive 5% of gross revenues from the first 450 slot machines and 2% of any additional machines.

Kawartha Downs has 376 machines and had a profit of \$53.5 million during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 with an average 2,095 people attending every day. Since it opened in November 1999, the

municipality has received approximately \$5 million, said Cronin.

How that money is spent is decided at budget time each year, said Hazel Armstrong.

"We don't actually have guidelines. Basically the bulk is distributed through the yearly budget. It has been halting a tax increase and it pays for all the capital projects and equipment for the township," she explained.

"We've been losing revenue over the years from the province and not increasing taxes, and we've been able to do that because of the slots."

The annual budget does

not decide how all of it will be spent because "we don't know what's going to happen throughout the year or what requests we will get," she said.

Revenues have been used for such things as paying the township's contribution to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre; a reserve for a proposed municipal complex; paying for all road projects other than maintenance; a portion of municipal operating costs, and renovations to the municipal building.

Community grants worth \$60,000 were given to area organizations all from lottery money, distributed according to criteria set by

the township. For example, Springville United Church initially asked Council to consider a \$5,000 grant to pay for its minister's salary and heat and hydro costs, but was turned down because the money is not meant to cover operating costs. Instead, it received \$2,500 to preserve the architectural heritage of the church. Keene United Church also received \$5,000 to restore its bell tower.

Council is looking at changing its grant policy for next year, said Fallis, basing grants on the casino revenues, rather than a set amount, and possibly distributing twice a year instead of once. ♣

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AON purchases land

By Melodie McCullough

AON Inc. of Peterborough has purchased the five-acre Ingham property at the corner of Centennial and Tupper Streets in Millbrook, confident they will be awarded a contract by the provincial government to build a nursing home there.

The deal closed in late November, and a rental agreement will see the house remain on the site with George Ingham continuing to live there and teach piano, said Mr. Ingham. Brad Smith, vice-president of operations for AON, said the company plans to sever that portion and leave it as residential. Access to the nursing home would be off Centennial Lane, he said. The deadline for applications for the contract was Nov. 27, and Mr. Smith said they expect to hear the results in mid-January, and are very optimistic they are going to get the award.

"If we don't, we'll have to review what we will do with the property," he said. Gail Empey, Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan clerk, said the property is zoned "development" and any new use, including a nursing home, requires rezoning.

### Cathcart for Warden

By Melodie McCullough

At the Nov. 19 committee of the whole council meeting, Reeve Neal Cathcart announced his plans to seek the position of warden at County Council. Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis made a motion to support Mr. Cathcart's candidacy and it carried unanimously.

### The spirit of giving

By Melodie McCullough

Getting into the Christmas spirit, Township Council recently agreed to donate \$200 to the Dec. 8 Royal Canadian Legion Santa Claus parade in Millbrook, and \$1,000 to the Salvation Army's annual Toy Drive from slots revenues.

### Old Fire Hall windows?

By Melodie McCullough

A recent request to Township Council for money to replace four of the seven windows at Millbrook's Old Fire Hall with exact replicas of the older style windows using newer materials was tabled. Before approving the project, Council hopes to obtain information from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario on possibly restoring the present windows, rather than replacing them. The Old Fire Hall is a designated heritage building.

### Communication towers

By Melodie McCullough

Municipal councillors recently asked the planner to provide a report on the township's options regarding the location of communication towers. Councillor Alex Ruth said towers seem to "mushrooming" in the area, polluting the rural landscape. Planner Karen Ellis told Council the towers are under federal jurisdiction and this area is favourable for them because they need to be situated on top of hills.

### Water metering delay

By Melodie McCullough

The new system of water metering in Millbrook will not be ready for January because a meter reader must still be hired, Township Council heard recently. The job will be a contract fee-for-service position and will be advertised for through the finance department, said Rick McGee, Director of Parks, Property and Recreation.

### Skateboard park to built at Old School

By Melodie McCullough

The Township will construct a fenced, paved multi-purpose playing space 104 feet by 40 feet at the Old Millbrook School, immediately west of the existing playground by June.

Construction will be financed using \$20,000 from 2002 Ontario Lottery Corporation revenues. Children from the Family Centre will be able to use the area for riding bikes and trikes, and others can use it for rollerblading or skateboarding. There are funds to add skateboarding equipment such as ramps, although it will not be "elaborate" said Rick McGee, Director of Parks, Property and Recreation.

## BUSINESS PROFILE

# Beyond the Bulrushes

By Lorna Miller

Nestled in Bailieboro, Beyond the Bulrushes is a country-decor lover's dream come true, a little shop with everything from rustic lawn sculpture to hand painted Indian furniture. People are drawn into the store by the interesting display of hand-hewn and painted furniture lining the driveway. Once inside, they are captivated by the creative charm and variety of the merchandise.

"We opened this shop in July 2000," says Nancy Young. "We opened the barn in May 2001."

The shop is located in a picturesque shed containing the work of many Canadian artists and craftspeople.

"The building was here, we just had to rewire it," says Young.

In the main shop, soft music wafts over shoppers as they peruse the wonderful array of Christmas ornaments, like the papier-mache, cloth and even Cheerios which Anastasia

Designs works into their glittering Santas. Deb Field, a stained glass artist, has imaginative candle holders and patio lanterns co-mingled with other beautiful and unique candle holders.

"I try to have a good representation of local artists," says Young, "as well as artists from across Canada. I have some 'Rusty' pigs, cows, chickens, and a moose from British Columbia, which are very popular as are these lovely clocks of burl wood and metal by local artist, John Koletic."

There are also a wide variety of pictures featuring country subjects, shelving, wooden and wrought iron sculptures to provide interest in a dull corner or to spark up a bare wall.

"These sweaters are knitted in Nepal from New Zealand wool," Young says. The wool is incredibly soft. They are truly beautiful and a great gift for that someone special. Young also carries the Helene Lawrey line

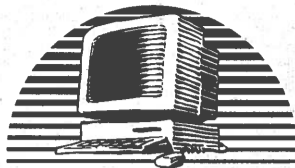
of essential oils, bedding, decorative pillows, and candles which are exquisite and soothe the senses.

Everywhere one looks, something new captures the imagination; teddy bears, rugs, baskets, Christmas ornaments for the tree and the home, scented candles by Laura's Country Candles, resin reproductions of original wood carvings, table linen, wall sconces.

"There are such interesting things in the driveway we just had to come in," said Lynda Flynn and Judy Hucky from Napanee, who bought a reproduction jam cupboard — then put a down payment on a dry sink.

"We have locally made and imported furniture," says Young. "This is a hand painted Indian cupboard that is very old. Look at the bright red and gold design. This is not made for a home with children."

A trip to Beyond the Bulrushes is a memorable experience. In two years Nancy and her husband, Ted have created a wonderful place to shop. It's a great place to browse and the perfect place to get the important gifts for the important person in your life. ♣



TECHNOLOGY TODAY

## Computer shopping 101

By Wayne Blaby  
Computer Solutions "Plus"

If you are confused with all the options and advertising gimmicks, you're not alone. Buying a new computer has almost become as challenging as picking out a new vehicle.

Based on your anticipated uses, you have a lot of decisions to make — PC or Mac, Intel or AMD, name brand or generic, desktop or notebook, processor speed and generation, quality of sound, video display, amount of ram, size of hard drive, CD, DVD, CD-RW, and even about the lowly mouse.

Several books have been written offering advice. Myles White, associate editor for CanadaComputes and a Toronto Star columnist, is author of "How to Buy a Computer, 2nd Edition" published by McClelland and Stewart. In the next few paragraphs I'll share with you some of his comments,

Name brand or generic? The market is split almost 50/50 between the IBMs, Compaqs and HPs of the world and the generic versions offered by many retailers. Generally, both use high quality components and offer comparable warranties.

Desktop or notebook? To have one of each would be nice, but not always affordable. Generally to get apples for apples in a desktop or notebook, the notebook will cost you almost twice as much. If you need the portability of a notebook make your decision carefully. The size and type of display, touch and feel of the keyboard and pointing device, type of battery, overall size/weight, warranty, and choice of components must be matched to your current and future needs.

Why isn't cheapest best? Some brands are much more reliable than others, carry better manufacturer warranties, and will still be in business two years from now if technical support or service is needed. Many inexpensive systems are configured with integrated motherboards. This means instead of individual sound, video, modem, and network cards, extra chips have been incorporated onto the motherboard to

provide these functions.

Should I buy now or wait? Every couple of months there will be something faster and prices generally move lower. This trend isn't about to change. Buy the fastest system you can afford and start enjoying it. Once you have bought, stop price shopping, because it will only depress you to watch the prices come down.

Will my new computer be obsolete next year? No, providing you buy a current model, you can usually expect to get four to five years of enjoyment before it becomes technologically obsolete. Even then if your uses haven't changed and you don't need the newest software, you may squeeze out a couple more years.

Will I be able to upgrade my new system? Yes, no, maybe. This is one of the hardest questions to answer. As components get faster, the foundation they are built upon has to change. Within the past year, Intel has offered processors with four different pin configurations, all requiring specific motherboards. As we have seen in the past, things often change without much notice.

In summary, invest some time in making your decision, ask lots of questions during the process, buy the newest technology you can afford, and enjoy. ♣

## COMPUTER SOLUTIONS "PLUS"

715 FORD CRES., CAVAN, ONT. L0A 1G0  
(705) 932-2181 (705) 944-5407

Intel Celron 1Ghz  
Gigabyte 6vxc7-4xp MB  
128 megs PC-133 Ram  
20.4 GB Hard Drive  
1.44 Floppy  
56x Cd-Rom  
ATX Mid Tower Case  
32 meg ATI AGP Video  
Sound Card & Speakers  
56K Modem  
Multimedia Keyboard  
Scroll Mouse & Pad  
17" Monitor  
Colour Inkjet Printer

\$1072.50

Intel P4 1.6 GHz  
MSI 6528, i845 MB  
256 megs PC-133 Ram  
40.0 GB 7200 Hard Drive  
1.44 Floppy  
16x DVD Rom  
12x 10x 32x CD RW  
ATX Mid Tower Case  
32 meg ATI Radeon VE AGP  
56K Modem  
Sub Woofer Speakers  
Multimedia Keyboard  
Scroll Mouse & Pad  
17" Monitor .25 Flat  
Colour Inkjet Printer

\$1795.00

### SOFTWARE OPTIONS

Win XP Home \$146; Win98 SE \$125; Win ME \$140  
Norton Antivirus \$20; Corel Office Suite 2000 \$25

### CD BURNERS

AOpen 24x10x40 \$185  
LG 16x10x40 \$165  
Panasonic 8x4x32 \$115

### DVD ROM

16x \$125  
12x \$90

### Video Quick Cams

Logitech Quick Cam Exp. \$49  
Logitech Quick Cam VC \$75  
Creative Web Cam \$82

### USB Scanners

Artec Ultima 2000 \$85  
Acer 3300u \$92  
Umax A101 \$88  
Epson 1240U \$248

### Monitors

17" CRT from \$248  
19" CRT from \$360  
15" LCD from \$625

### Home Networking

10/100 NIC from \$20  
Hubs from \$49  
DSL/Cable Routers from \$185

Prices may change without notice

## DROP BY AND SEE US ON OLD TYME CHRISTMAS NIGHT DECEMBER 6, 2001.

### AMAZING GIFTS FROM NEXICOM

nexicom telco

For the **Smart Shopper**

During November and December, order an additional telephone line for your home or office and get FREE installation! Save \$96 on a residential line, and \$157 on a business line. This fantastic offer expires at the end of this year, on December 31, 2001—so call us today! (Available where facilities exist.)

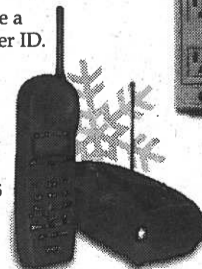
For the **Lone Ranger**

Know someone who spends time on the road alone? Pay-as-you-go Solo cellular phone service is a great idea. Ask about Real Time Canada, which includes free roaming and long distance within Canada and the US.



For the **Upwardly Mobile**

Anyone would appreciate a cordless phone with Caller ID. The EXI 7960 by Uniden offers Call Waiting/Caller ID advanced 900 MHz Technology for extended range and clearer voice communication. \$69.95



For the **Road Warrior**

Ensure friends and family are safe when calling from the road. Make any cellular phone handsfree with a headset. Adaptable to a cell or cordless phone. Starting at \$29.95



For the **cautiously optimistic**

A surge protector is the gift to prevent costly, unwanted surprises to equipment. Each surge protector has a lifetime product and connected equipment warranty. Available for cable TV, computers, satellite TV, and telephone connections.



5 King Street East, Millbrook 705-932-2188 www.nexicom.net



## EDITORIAL

## Abuse of secrecy must be stopped

Wherever you turn, wherever you look, our lives, our society, our personal and professional conduct seem to be legislated and regulated. And if we step out of line there is a fine or some other form of penalty just waiting to be applied.

That is the reality of daily life for nearly everyone, but not for municipal councillors who violate Ontario's Municipal Act.

While the Ontarians with Disabilities Act proposes fines of up to \$5,000 for improperly parking in a designated handicapped parking space, how can it be that there is currently no fine whatsoever, no penalty, no complaint mechanism, no effective recourse, when a local council or some other public body holds improper secret meetings and thereby denies the public of information they are legally entitled to?

The greatest enemies of democracy are secrecy and complacency. Today's political institutions are far too secretive; something which we believe has greatly contributed to the complacency and frustration experienced by citizens.

As a newspaper committed to delivering honest, accurate information to its readers, we genuinely believe all levels of government should aspire to 100 per cent openness. And while we accept that certain matters legitimately belong behind closed doors, those discussions should not take place until careful steps are taken to ensure that the need for secrecy never automatically outweighs the desire for openness.

As a local newspaper who probably sees municipal government in action more than anyone else in our community, our main concern has to do with the ease and frequency of in-camera meetings by municipal councils and local boards.

We can not do our job without the proper tools. The greatest weakness in the current Municipal Act is the absence of a practical mechanism for dealing with alleged violations. The new Municipal Act, as introduced by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Chris Hodgson (the MPP for Cavan and Millbrook wards), appears aimed at moving toward a more mature relationship between the province and municipalities. Granted, an overhaul of 150 year old legislation is commendable. But, like the current act, the proposed one still does not provide for a mechanism for dealing with complaints nor does it offer any consequences for councils and boards who hold illegal meetings.

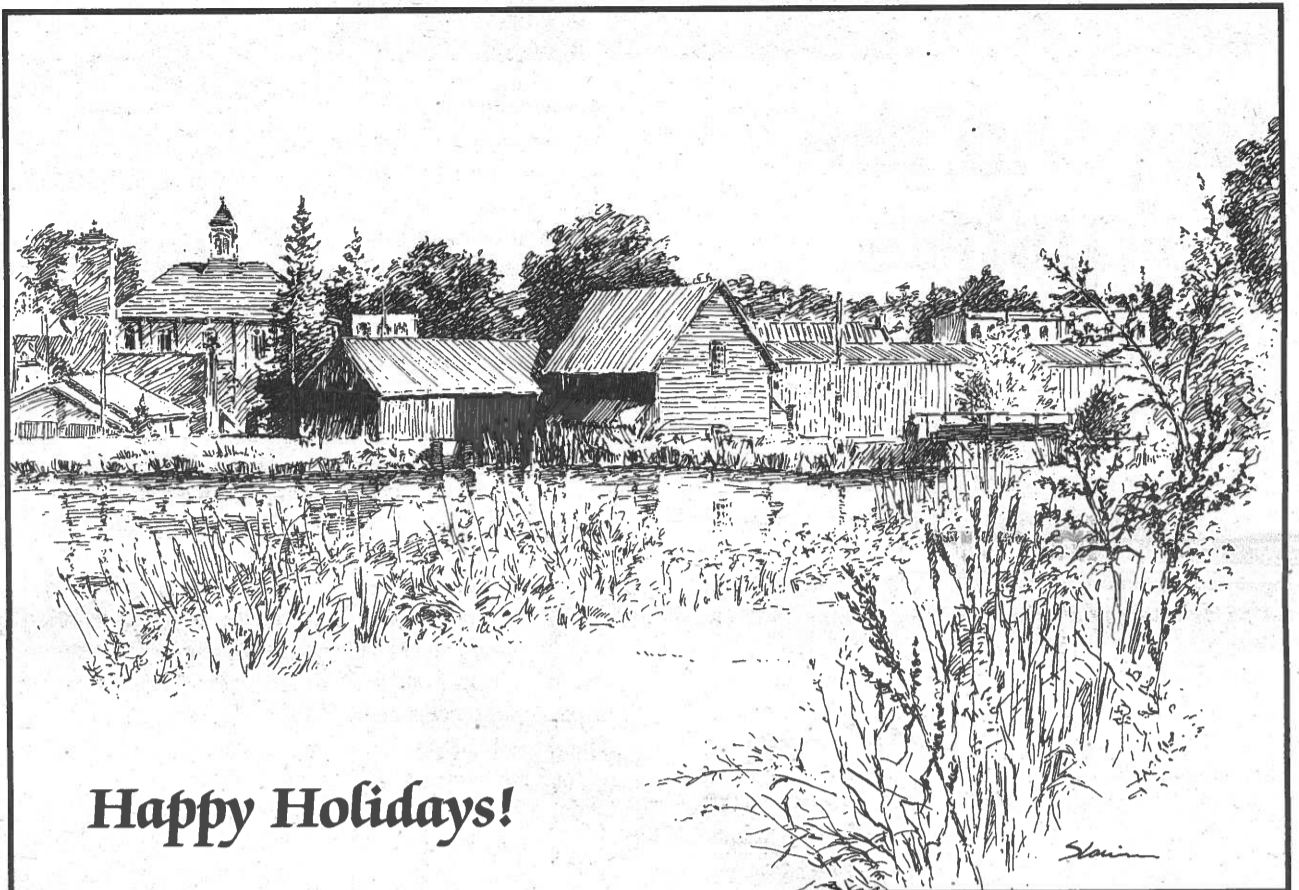
We do not believe it is enough for the province to create the playing field, write the rules of the game, and then step away without leaving a referee in charge or without defining any penalties.

Who is left to cry "foul"? Usually, it is a lone citizen, a ratepayers' group, or your local newspaper.

A complaint concerning an improper in-camera meeting is not something you can bring to the local police. The only recourse is to go to the expense of taking your evidence before a judge and hoping that a slap on Council's wrist might discourage improper secret meetings in the future. The municipality's legal bill is covered by taxpayers' dollars.

That's the current reality, and it isn't working very well. For that reason, we believe the Office of the Privacy Commissioner should be empowered to hear complaints from citizens who believe their local council, school board, or some other public body, has acted improperly by discussing a matter in secret.

Extending the duties of the Privacy Commissioner would not be onerous since that office already has responsibility for reviewing requests under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



Complaints concerning secrecy would be brought forward, reviewed and ruled on by the Privacy Commissioner just as they would currently handle a freedom of information request or appeal.

Alternatively, these goals could be met through the creation of a new Commissioner of Municipal Conflict of Interest and Conduct. Either way, what we are proposing here is very similar to what the newspaper industry participates in through the Ontario Press Council. It's quick and cost effective. And it works.

A real penalty or deterrent would be to have decisions made behind closed doors subject to review by a court under the provisions of the Judicial Review Procedure Act. A judge would have the right to override any decision, and moreover any business resulting from the decision, made illegally behind closed doors. And further that all out-of-pocket expenses resulting from a successful action should become the responsibility of the municipality.

True accountability of municipal councillors and members of public bodies will only occur once there is a viable mechanism for hearing complaints and penalizing violators.

We dare our political leaders, and the citizens they are elected to serve, to aspire to creating a model of local democracy which is far greater than what we have today. (Bill 111 will probably go for third reading after Nov. 28. Readers can call our MPPs, either Gary Stewart or Chris Hodgson, to state their concerns and find out how these two will be voting on the issue; why not also call our Reeve, Neal Cathcart and Deputy-Reeve, Brian Fallis to voice your concerns?) ♣

## Who was that mystery author?

The paid advertisement placed by our township entitled, "The Reeve Reports" in your Nov. 15 issue deserves comment.

Although it features a photo of Reeve Cathcart, the style suggests it was written by someone partly astute. The local betting pool favours our new, \$80,000 CAO Bill Stockwell. Now that's one expensive mouthpiece!

Oh, and speaking of Stockwell, readers should be informed that at a recent council meeting he told delegates they were not permitted to ask questions. Just imagine the nerve of some ratepayers — querying their employees who they elect and pay!

Well, whomever the author of the ad, it dispenses the usual banalities and misinformation we've been accustomed to from council. Here's one gem: "Council has been proactive in dealing with (the) problem (of kids hanging out downtown.)" Hogwash.

Recently, Myrna Burke and a group of teens tenaciously lobbied council for months to build a skate-board park. Council ultimately capitulated. While it is to be commended for finally co-operating, trying to steal the credit for this project is repugnant.


The problem of loitering kids has plagued Millbrook for quite some time. Several years ago a group of concerned citizens organized and operated a drop-in centre for the youth. It ran a couple of years before being discontinued. Meanwhile, where was council?

The "Reeve Reports" informs us that the township will assist the King St. merchants by hiring a student next summer to work with the youth. Having ignored the problem for a decade, council has, at long last, been roused into (some) action. Well, better late than never.

The mystery author then boasts about a county-wide initiative by the OPP who are launching a Youth Program. Great, but what role, if any, did our council play in getting the ball rolling and how does council plan to ensure its continuance?

The ad tells us that, "our streets are safe." Well, the spate of residential and business break-ins, and last year's armed, bank heist, paints a somewhat different picture. Many parents are still apprehensive about the recent accosting of a young girl walking home by a strange driver.

How about, "our air is clean"? Tell that to the irate folks living next to the expanding hog mega-farm who are annoyed at council's foot-dragging in formulating a nutrient management bylaw. And tell it to the folks living next to Kawartha Downs who suffer from air polluted with the noise of race cars. (Say, wasn't it council that purposely




Volume 4, Issue 9  December 6, 2001

Published monthly by  
**The Millbrook Media Group Inc.**  
 69 King Street East, Millbrook ON L0A 1G0  
 Tel: (705) 932-2175 Fax: (705) 932-4041  
 E-mail: gazette@nexicom.net

**Publisher/Managing Editor:** Deborah Luchuk  
**Copy Editors:** Melodie McCullough, Dean Vincent  
**Reporters:** Melanie Anderson, Melodie McCullough, Lorna Miller

**Sales:** Bonmar Communications, Margaret Sanderson  
**Design/Production:** Bill Slavin, Ted Dymont, Murielle Weissmann

Canadian subscription: \$40/year

## NEXT DEADLINE

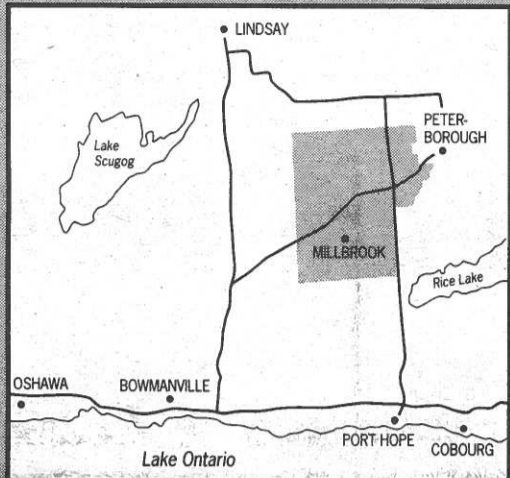
Deadlines for the February 6th issue:

Saturday, January 26 — advertising deadline

Friday, January 18 — editorial copy deadline

### The Gazette Distribution Map

Delivered to every household within the municipality (shown in grey).



\*BASED ON A "BUSINESS CARD" SIZED AD AND MONTHLY DELIVERY OF THE GAZETTE TO 3615 CANADA POST ADDRESSES (AS OF 5/21/98). AN ADDITIONAL 385 COPIES ARE DISTRIBUTED VIA OTHER MEANS.

## Or, we can insert your leaflets for 50% less than Canada Post.

For advertising info: 932-2175

## For 1¢ apiece, you can get your message into every household in our municipality.\*

allowed KD to construct the track without any noise abatement structures?)

"We are blessed with a spirit that brings us together for the good of the community," says the ad. I must assume the author was not present during the extremely divisive Super-Jail fiasco in 1997, the snowmobile trail controversy in 1998, nor this year's nursing home debacle. I won't even get into the simmering tensions between the "old boys club" and the "newcomers." All of which, I might add, have been exacerbated by council's bull-headedness and failure to build bridges.

Now don't misunderstand; despite our troubles, the township is still a pretty good place to live — but it's not Utopia. The shame of it is, it could be so much better if the majority of council worked cooperatively with stakeholders, as does Councillor Deacon, instead of unilaterally.

— Ken Greenberg  
Millbrook, Ontario



COSMIC COMICS

## The seesaw of society

By Crystal Eves

Astrology is a study of not only of the heavenly bodies as they relate to life on earth, but it is also a theory concerned with the relationships all things have to each other. For example, each of the astrological signs has two other signs with which, in principle, it is compatible; two signs to which it cannot easily relate and one other that represents its complete opposite. In this light, astrology seeks to understand and identify people

and activities that would be harmonious with each other as well as incompatible or difficult pairings.

Aquarius with Leo is one of these difficult pairings, simply because they both represent opposite things. Aquarius stands for humanitarian efforts and people banding together for the good of the group. Leo activities involve entertainment, self-development and joyful expressions.

*When disaster struck the United States, the entire country, if not the entire continent flipped into Aquarian mode as a huge humanitarian effort was launched.*

Please understand that in this context, I am not referring to people but astrological theory and that theory states, that it would be extremely difficult for these two very different kinds of activities to co-exist when they are intense. You could picture it as a seesaw with the two sets of behaviours on either side. In this way, when one side is weighted down, the other side is left dangling in the air.

Recently, in the tragic events of September 11th, this principle of opposites was dramatically illustrated. When disaster struck the United States, the entire country, if not the entire continent flipped into Aquarian mode as a huge humanitarian effort was launched. People were volunteering at the crash sites, opening their homes to strangers and offering their blood, their money, their food, their time and most of all their compassion.

And while everyone was so heavily laden with Aquarian matters, Leo and the entertainment industry were left flailing on the other end of the seesaw. The Emmys were cancelled,

concerts and festivals were postponed. Suddenly, no one cared that season premier week was coming up, none of it seemed important. When intense, Aquarian and Leo matters cannot co-exist.

This brings up another astrological principle: the antidote to any sign in excess is its opposite sign. Meaning that after such a preoccupation with Aquarian matters, people need something to take their mind off of things. Which is precisely why five days after that terrorist attacks, almost every television station was airing a comedy movie, and the seesaw budged ever so slightly.



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

## Better safe than sorry

By George Luchuk

Well, that's another hunting season mostly over now for another year, and from most reports from different groups, including the camps I attended, it was, as usual a mixed bag of success.

Some groups did very well, while other hunters, including myself, never fired a shot. But that's what can make the hunting experience a true challenge. If you've been hunting as long as I have, you sooner or later develop a mature, philosophical attitude about the whole activity. If the goal is solely the bagging of a deer or moose or whatever, eventually you will wind up discouraged. My only advice is if you are actually feeling this way to deliberately take the pressure off yourself by admitting that you're way too goal oriented. If you remain persistent,

and above all, relaxed, success will eventually come. This is the year that I'm listening to my own advice. It's the hunting that's really the raison d'être. The best stories, after all, are the about the ones that got away.

*If he didn't have that radio... he might otherwise have spent the night in the bush, or worse, have bled to death.*

If you're the wife or relative of someone who enjoys the hunting experience, there is a neat item you might want to consider for a Christmas gift. And for reasons I'll explain later, I highly recommend the small, fits-in-your-pocket, high-frequency 2-way radio. Motorola seems to be the benchmark standard in 2 way radios, selling for around \$80 each. I've also noticed cheaper brands (like Cobra) selling as a package of two, with nickel cadmium batteries and a charger retailing at about \$100. Aside from the myriad of applications and features, these little radios can be, as I found out this year, a potential life saver.

Continued next page

(705) 295-6337

**B.W. FOREST PRODUCTS**  
O/B 520039 Ontario Ltd.

**Buyers of Standing Timber and Veneer Logs**

R.R. 1, Indian River  
Ontario K0L 2B0

BARRY ELMHIRST

Happy Holidays!

**jk**

Julie M. Kirkpatrick, MA, LL.B  
barrister & solicitor

POST OFFICE BOX 426  
ONE KING STREET WEST  
MILLBROOK, ONTARIO L0A 1G0  
TEL: (705) 932-1811  
FAX: (705) 932-1812

**Dan Woodward's Car ER**

**Holiday travel made safer**

Safe winter driving begins with a few simple tips — to get you to your destination in one piece!

As we said last month, you need to get your car's systems and safety features checked, tested, and repaired if necessary (battery, belts, hoses, radiator, coolant/antifreeze, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers, and ignition system).

Check your tires and tire pressure, and evaluate whether you might need snow tires for the kind of driving you are doing. When it gets cold, your tires lose pressure, so check them frequently with a pressure gauge. But don't overfill your tires, either — a lot of people think that you should put in the amount noted on your tire along the rim, but this is the MAXIMUM pressure. Look inside the door of your car for a label with the manufacturer's suggested tire pressure, or consult your owner's manual; when in doubt, check with your mechanic!

Snow tires are a good idea if you are going to be doing a lot of driving in snowy conditions, or on rural routes that are infrequently plowed. The trade-off is a slight decrease in fuel efficiency, but snow tires are proven to grip slippery and snowy roads better than all-weather tires when the going gets tough. Why not consider one of the new tire lines featuring rubber that sticks to ice, if you are really concerned about traction?

ABS systems are a great advantage at this time of year, because you will avoid locking your brakes — and going into a 360 spin — when gently braking to slow down on questionable road surfaces. However, nothing — not even ABS, ice-gripping tires, or all-wheel

drive is going to help you like driving slowly and cautiously in bad weather.

Plan your route ahead of time, and let someone know at your destination when to expect you and perhaps the route you plan to take — especially when driving long distances.

The Ministry of Transportation information number is helpful to call before you set out, to determine road conditions along your planned route. And don't be a hero — if the roads are bad, don't go, or delay your plans until the roads are better. Better late than never!

Make sure you have enough gas in the car before you set out, and if you are going to be travelling through a lot of remote, sparsely-populated areas, carrying a well-secured gas can is not a bad idea. Check the windshield washer fluid before you set out, and carry extra.

And if all else fails, and you end up on the side of the road or in the ditch, call \*OPP for assistance, and/or your auto club, depending on what the situation is.

FYI: driving with snow or ice on your car — not removing it before you set out — is an accident waiting to happen. You won't be able to see other cars and drivers, and when snow and ice comes flying off your car, other drivers may be distracted or startled into an accident.

**Auto PLACE**  
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR PROFESSIONALS

**Dan Woodward's Garage Inc.**

"Protect the life of Your Engine"

**Oil Change and Filter only \$17.95**

We use Quality Oil Products

"All work backed by our Personal Guarantee"

33 King Street East, Millbrook, Ontario  
Tel: (705) 932-2797 Fax: (705) 932-2008

## Outdoors

Continued from page 5

We were deer hunting on Crown land to the west of Minden, where the countryside is mixed, including swamps and new and old growth forest. We also took advantage of some well-identified and groomed snowmobile trails, but otherwise, our range could be as wide as we wanted to go. One of the members of our camp who had been coming there for twenty years or so indicated on a Friday morning that he was going to go a new area, and would be back on his own just before dark. But this guy hedged his bet that any risk that he would be taking was very minimal, because he carried one of these radios.

You know it can happen, but you don't really expect a problem — and yes, it did happen. Apparently this hunter ran off with only one thing in his mind — there

was a big buck coming his way, and he was going to cut off his escape. Regrettably, Daryl, in his haste, tripped and broke his leg in two places. If he didn't have that radio, we wouldn't have known. He might otherwise have spent the night in the bush, or worse, have bled to death.

Fortunately, it happened at about ten in the morning, because it was four pm before we finally put him in a vehicle to be rushed off to emergency. He was operated on, and is expected to make a full recovery.

I'm not the kind of guy who gets all the latest gadgets — I like to be more traditional. But this little event really convinced me that from now on, I am going to always carry a two-way radio.

Anyway, people, have a merry Christmas, and here's hoping you hunters and fishermen out there get all the gadgets and equipment you want for next season! ♣

# Shop locally for the perfect gift

By Lorna Miller

We've put together some ideas to let you shop locally this holiday right in Millbrook — and be sure to enjoy the fine dining in our area, too. Please call ahead for hours of operation.

Bear Essentials, 30 King St., is full of bears of all sizes and colours begging to be taken home. Christmas decorations, candles, framed prints, dolls, Christmas stockings, snowmen and ornaments are surrounded by collectibles, throws and wall hangings. Free gift wrapping.

Drop by the Community Care Office on King Street where gently-used clothing for the entire family is available for just a few dollars. Run by volunteers, all money goes to good causes. Spend a few dollars on its raffles of a ham and gingerbread house. Attend its Christmas Lunch, Dec. 13 at the Legion Hall.

Wanda Dillon, owner of Village Bulk Food, 12 King St, has everything you need to bake up a lip-smacking good Christmas: pies, cakes, cookies and Pampered Chef bakeware to bake them in. Need help? Try some recipes in the local writer Evelyn Raab's cookbooks. For gifts for teachers and

friends she has special Christmas Baskets filled with stuff we all need. Don't forget to get your herbs and spices, stuffing ingredients, jams and jellies.

Elegant village dining is available at Millshire House open 5 pm to 10 pm Wednesday through Sunday for dinner only. For reservations, call 705-932-5155.

Country, country, country. It's all at the Rustic Rooster, 16 King St. E., from rag rugs to quilt racks, great hand painted jelly cupboards, shelving, occasional tables and decorator items. Floor to ceiling, indoors and outdoors, there is something for your decor, including great kitchen gifts.

Decorate your home with fresh flowers and potted plants this Christmas from Armstrong Village Florists and Gifts. Give your table setting that certain something only a floral centrepiece can provide, fresh or dried. For those who collect Snow Buddies, you can complete your collection or start a collection for a friend.

Be sure to visit the Millbrook Gallery for the Little Christmas Show, celebrating children's art on display until Dec. 30. Give the gift of creativity that can be



Shelly Manley from Bear Essentials surrounded by her wares.

enjoyed for a lifetime.

The place for guy gifts is Pro Hardware, but you can also get your Christmas lights, decorations and the tools to install your special decorations. Wrenches, screwdrivers, flashlights and car items make good guy stocking stuffers. Stock up on food for your pet and don't forget our wild feathered friends this winter.

Groceries galore for your Christmas entertaining from turkey to nuts are waiting at the Calhoun's

IGA. Don't forget your mixers, egg nog and hors d'oeuvres. It's time to enjoy good food, good friends, and good cheer.

Pamper yourself with a shampoo, cut and curl or splurge on a perm at Carew's Do's. Nothing makes you feel better than a day of beauty and pampering!

Check out The Shoestore, open Saturday only, for good value on boots, shoes, and slippers of all kinds — good for the whole family. ♣

Season's Greetings from Cathy & Staff

**MILLBROOK**

**FAMILY RESTAURANT**

**Daily Specials & Takeout**

Open 7 days a week — 7am to 8pm

13 TUPPER ST., MILLBROOK. **932-3730**

The Season's Greetings!

**Rustic Rooster**

dinnerware  
candles  
furniture  
gifts  
jellies & jams  
mats

Country Accents for the Home

16 King St. E., Millbrook, ON (705) 932-1616

Season's Greetings!

**PRO**

Hardware

Your Local Pro Dealer

**Millbrook Pro Hardware**

13 King Street, Millbrook • 932-2761

Open 7 Days A Week

Season's Greetings!

12 King St.  
Millbrook, Ontario  
932-2444

**Village Bulk Foods**

BUY BULK AND SAVE

Season's Greetings!

**MILLBROOK**

**Bowling**

LANES

**(705) 932-3070**

**Holiday Hours:**  
Dec. 28-31, Jan. 2-4  
11:00-4:00

**All days are Toonie Days**  
(All games \$2.00 Each)

Looking for a tasty holiday gift?

**MAPLE PRODUCTS**

Specialty and regular packaging  
Many items suitable for shipping  
Great stocking stuffers and house gifts  
\$ 4.25 and up

**Kennedy's Sugar Bush & Maple Supplies**  
574 County Road #10, Millbrook (closed Sundays)

Tel. & Fax: **705-932-2653**  
email: kennedys@nexicom.net

**Carew's Do's**

**HAIR DESIGN**

Carew's Do's Hair Design looks forward to helping you through this busy season.

Start with a carefree style — and breeze into the New Year looking great!

Call **932-5339** to book your appointment with Peggy, Emily, Paula, and Heather. We'll have you looking and feeling your best!

**Season's Greetings**

Season's Greetings from

**Armstrong's Village Florist & Gifts**

32 King Street, Millbrook  
(across from Pro Hardware)

Come in and see this year's selection of fresh and silk flowers, pointsettias, and Xmas plants Our giftware includes candles, potpourri, Ty Xmas and Snow Buddies.

For pick-up or delivery, call **932-2557** or 1-800-708-1172

**Santa Special** — orders placed for fresh centrepieces by Dec. 20 will receive 20% off.



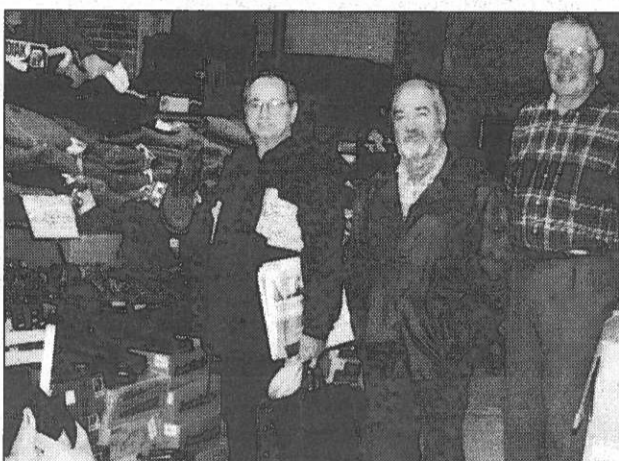
Fern Armstrong from Armstrong Village Florists and Gifts.



Pro Hardware's Ron Hewitt, flanked by Heather Tippett and Teresa Dillon.



Wanda Dillon and friend at Village Bulk Food.



Frank Battaglia (right) and friends at Battaglia Shoes.

Join us Dec. 6  
In-store Draw  
Coffee and Treats

**Daisymart**  
6am-11pm

Stocking Stuffers  
Galaxy Toys  
Christmas Wrap,  
Bows and cards

Lynn, Mary, Michelle &  
Amanda would like to  
thank all our customers  
for their patronage and  
wish everyone a

**Merry Christmas  
& Happy New year!**

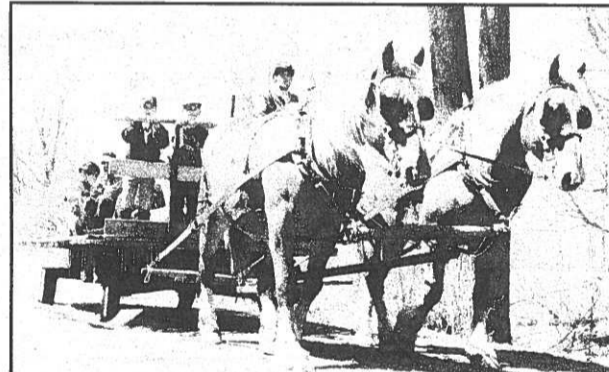
*Happy Holidays from*  
**Idle Inn Bed & Breakfast Retreat**  
Looking for a unique Christmas gift for  
someone special? Consider a *Gift Certificate*  
for a Reiki/Reflexology treatment or a night  
at the Idle Inn B&B

37 King Street East, Millbrook  
(705) 932-5173 [idleinn@nexicom.net](mailto:idleinn@nexicom.net)



*Happy Holidays*  
from  
**Bear Essentials**

932-2850  
30 King Street,  
Millbrook LOA 1G0



**Horse-Drawn Rides**  
*A fun activity for your business  
or family Christmas party.*

**Kennedy's Sugar Bush**  
Call **705-932-2653**

for info or to book your ride (rides by appointment only).

## Shopping "next door"

By Lorna Miller

Millbrook isn't the only place to shop and dine. There's plenty nearby in Bethany, Cavan, and Bailieboro, too!

Travelling Highway 7A through Bethany to Peterborough is a picturesque drive with lots to see and do and great places to eat. At the corner of 7A and County Road 32 is the heritage restaurant, The Granary. Built in 1874 next to the Grand Trunk Railway Line, it has been restored and is now owned by Grant and Reesa Fallis. Here you can stop for a light lunch, or enjoy a full dinner in a warm and welcoming ambiance. You can take home a loaf of fresh bread or a range of dessert items and something from the craft shop.

Located in a solid heritage home, Mr. Art and Aunt Laura's Tearoom are owned by Kathleen Morton, the fourth generation of Morton's to own this home. The tearoom is named after Kathleen's aunt, Laura Morton, the first woman in Durham County to earn a driver's license and own her own car. The two-floor store features pottery, glassware, prints and originals by local and Canadian artists and artisans. You can choose from a wide range of gifts, clothing, linens, tree ornaments, stuffed toys, and indoor and outdoor decorations. The tearoom offers deli-

cious light lunches and afternoon teas and desserts.

Deanna Hartwick and chef Kris Strybosch bought Aunt Dee's Restaurant, Hwy 7A, two years ago. They serve hearty breakfasts, substantial sandwiches, munchies, hot homemade soups and huge meals, pizzas, fries, fish and chips, and crispy, fresh salads and tempting desserts. Hungry families will appreciate the homey atmosphere and ample kids' menu.

Art, leathercrafts, garden decor and more can be found at The Bethany Leathershop.

Moving on to Cavan, Dot and West Eardley, owners of The Little Barn Antiques and Books, have gathered an eclectic group of antiques from paper to furniture. Browse through a barn is full of china, glass, pottery, pictures, furniture, used books, and stamps.

Edward and Susan Comber have created a welcoming nook for shopping and dining at the Morning Glory Restaurant and Tearoom at Cavan's Four Corners. Good food and great gifts - such as body-pampering lines of lotions and potions are there all in the warm, soothing ambiance of days gone by. Country style decor is by artist Barb Rothenbush and there's a teapot collection to envy.

From the all-day breakfast to the excellent baked goods, Doo Doo's is the place to eat in Bailieboro. Owner Diane Rogers bakes delicious breads, pies, squares, cookies, bagels, muffins, and her famous butter tarts. Along with standard fare of burgers, you can create your own sandwich from the deli bar, or try the hot homemade soups. ♣

## Antiques & Books

*Bought and Sold*

*China, Glass, Furniture, Silver,  
Used Books, Prints & Pictures*

**The Little Barn Antiques**

893 Hwy. 7A, Village of Cavan

**(705) 944-5653**

**PHARM  
ASSIST**



**I.D.A.**

**MILLBROOK PHARMACY LTD.**

**(705) 932-3131**

**Best Wishes from:** Angela, Candice, Chris, Cindy, Debbie, Emily, Helen, Ira, Kaitlin, Lauren, Leona, Nicole, Ramses, Sherlene, Steve, Susan, Terri, Velma, Vijay, David

**OPEN  
MON. - SAT.**

**8 KING STREET  
MILLBROOK, ONTARIO  
LOA 1G0**

**PRESCRIPTION CENTRE**



CREATIVE PARENTING

## Creating a better all-round learning experience

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

Can you believe it? Thanksgiving is a distant memory, and Christmas will be upon us in a matter of weeks. Once again, the flakes will fly, and those way-too-hot days of last July seem like a distant oasis.

Personally, I like the cooler weather, and I like the snow as well — maybe that's because, for the price

of a few homemade pies, I get my driveway shovelled! The old saying "the way to a man's heart..." rings true here. Anyway...the boys are looking forward to the oncoming winter.

Snowboarding, ice skating, and Christmas holidays all shine brightly in the near future. Report cards will be issued (or may have been issued already), but do these shine brightly or loom in the shadows?

With the new curriculum, parents as well as students struggle to stay abreast of the study material. So much has changed — or has it? Having one child in grade 4 and the other in grade 7, I get the chance to compare expectations in the classroom and consistencies in teachers and their formats. I remember learning the provinces and their capital cities in grade 6 — Adam studied this in grade 5, while Kyle, on the other hand, was taught this in grade 3. When Adam was in grade 1, he

had a teacher who was "old school" and taught reading and writing using phonics. It wasn't the way she was supposed to do it, but she found that it worked well and achieved a higher success rate. Phonics are now a part of the curriculum again!

Before the new standardized material was introduced and the new demand that each teacher complete an assigned criteria, I believe each class's program of learning was too personal. What I mean by this is that teachers could spend more time on some things, things they themselves found exciting — and less time on other areas, such as material that they or their students found difficult or uninteresting. Now each teacher must go by the book and each student will learn (or at least, be taught!) the same things.

The problem is, some of the material is not only new to the grade of children, but it is new to the teacher as well. Teachers are struggling too; some to get the information across to their students, others to understand the information themselves. With all this in front of us, it is our responsibility to assist our children and teachers by keeping the lines of communication open. Use the agendas that our children (we) must purchase. Don't just sign the tests brought home — read them, get accustomed to the material and how it is presented. Make connections with your child — keep a record of his or her marks, total them up, figure out the percentage overall. All of this will help keep your child's skills and learning potential on track, and it will bring yourself and the teachers together as a team to help foster your child's educational growth.

I cannot consent to be separated from my son. I can feel no enjoyment without my children; with them I can regret nothing

— Marie Antoinette



THE RISIBLE MOMENT

## Renew thyself — carefully!!

By Lorna Miller

Hello readers, how's the Christmas shopping going? Had to employ the old elbow in the ribs play for the last Harry Potter game yet? Combat shopping is fun, isn't it?

After a hard day of practising covert manoeuvres you deserve some relaxing and restorative recuperation time. A couple of stiff drinks and/or a huge slice of chocolate cake can be lifesavers. But, there are less calorific ways to get the same results.

After reading about Debbie and Katherine's day at Fandango (how come they get all the good assignments?) I remembered one Christmas when the kids were still in school and I had just returned from the Christmas shopping front lines broke and ready to drop.

At a health food shop I had picked up a recipe for a head to toe body facial guaranteed to cleanse and tighten pores and melt away the stresses of the day. After shutting the cat in one kid's bedroom and the squirrel in mine, dumping the shopping on my bed and taking a hot, hot shower to open my pores, drinking the recommended 16

oz. of inner cleansing tea and applying a hair masque, I proceeded to mix the magic potion. Then, armed with the mixture of several avocados, one quarter cup honey, the juice of one lemon, olive oil and some other stuff all whipped up in a blender, I began my renewal treatment. I slathered on the green goo from hairline to foot sole and since I was blissfully alone, I closed the drapes, spread large bath towels on the living room rug, turned on the Sounds of Algonquin — wolves howling, loons calling, moose sloshing through bogs — for relaxing music, lit the candles and flopped down to achieve a new me.

All was going to plan until the cleansing tea started to do its job. Okay, peel the towel off my back, put on socks and hike it to the john, peel myself off the seat and waddle back to the waiting towels.

Then came a loud crash. Back up to see what the cat had knocked over in the bedroom. Clean up the latest science project which included a lot of mouldy juice, catch the cat and put him in the bathroom. Back to the soothing sounds and scents of the living room. With the addition of the cat hair, the goo was definitely hardening now.

The phone rings. I ignore it. The house is not on fire and as far as I know the kids have not been kidnapped, so I stay glued, literally, to the towels.

The cat is now yowling pitifully and clawing at the bathroom door and the squirrel is ripping apart the parcels. I ignore it all. I'm

beginning to relax. My skin is tingling. I breathe in slowly. I am going to sleep. Oh, joy! Oh, bliss! What fun is this! Then I hear the front door opening and the voices of children. Andrea and a teenaged boy barge laughing into the living room, then come to an abrupt halt. Andrea's eyes take in a teenager's worst nightmare — her mother covered in green goop, looking like an escapee from the crypt, struggling to cover her naked, out-of-shape self with towels; lying on the living room floor in the middle of the day. I've ruined her life forever!

"Mom," she wails, as only a humiliated teenager can do. "What are you doing?"

"Renewing myself," I explain, backing out of the living room into the hall. "Why are you home early?"

"Our Christmas party ended early so we came home. I called but there was no answer so I came home to be here for Christine (her younger sister)."

There follows a poignant, pregnant silence. All eyes are downcast. The boy exits through the front door. Andrea exits into the kitchen slamming the door. I exit, backing into the bathroom from which the cat exits, pulling the toilet paper off the roll and down the hall.

After another shower and definitely glowing, dressed, I face the wrath of my daughter. In the kitchen we look at each other. She starts to laugh. All is forgiven. We go to the living room and substitute some blues for the howling wolves. We eat cookies and drink ordinary tea.

Christine comes home and joins us. We tell her what happened and she rolls her eyes and sighs — her mother is a hopeless case. Such closeness to my children gives me renewed strength and a feeling of love for one another that no body masque could ever provide. This is a story we will carry into our future. It's one I certainly will never forget.

As for the boy, he seemed to believe he and I had entered upon some form of intimacy that day and every time he saw me again, fully dressed and coiffed of course, he always gave me a sly smile and nudged his gawking, snickering friends.

The moral? Go to a spa or salon. Do not attempt to do this at home. This type of renewal should be performed by professionals only in the safety of their salons.

Merry Christmas to you and yours. May Santa be good to you and God bless you now and forever.

Keep smiling. ♣

# Bethlehem



at the Mill

The Millbrook & District Churches  
And the  
Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan  
Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department  
Welcome you to Bethlehem at Needler's Mill:

Date:	Time:
Thursday, December 6th	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 7th	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 8th	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, December 14th	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 15th	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, December 21st	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 22nd	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Unwrapped Toys and Food Baskets will be accepted for the Food Share and can be left in Needler's Mill.  
On behalf of the Millbrook and District Ministerial and the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department,  
We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and trust your visit to the mill will be a meaningful one.

For more information, or if you wish to participate  
Please contact 932-5336 or 932-2911

## JOHN O'REILLY MP HALIBURTON - VICTORIA - BROCK



Greetings and  
Best Wishes for a  
Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!

# SKATE WITH SANTA

Monday, December 24th

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Millbrook Community Centre

FREE Christmas Treats &  
Hot Chocolate



# Rollin' Acres

The school where childhood is a journey, not a race.

- children 3-8 yrs
- small pupil to teacher ratio
- full or part-time
- mixed age grouping
- self-directed learning with guidance
- country home setting

(705) 932-2107

# New coordinator expects completion and upgrading of trails

By Melodie McCullough

The new Millbrook Valley trails coordinator, recently hired by the municipality to oversee the upgrading of its complex of walking trails, is excited about the job and the special system of trails of which he's in charge.

"It has a tremendous diversity of natural environments in a very short travel distance, and that is the uniqueness of the trail,"

said Chris Mather, who started the one-year job October 9.

He is working towards the completion of the trails and upgrades such as boardwalks and other trail servicing on the municipal land portion of the trails. His job also involves the development of a management plan for the trails, coordinating special activities related to the trail, and planning future trail devel-

*"It has a tremendous diversity of natural environments in a very short travel distance..."*

opment in the municipality.

Mr. Mather grew up in the Keene area and has a wealth of experience working on trails. For the past fourteen years he has been

working on the Rail Trail initiative across the Central Ontario region, which sees the conversion of abandoned rail lines into recreational trails.

The municipal section of trails in Millbrook begins at the Millpond area and goes to the 4th Line of Cavan, he said. This is the two-kilometre stretch known as the Baxter Creek trail. The trails continue into Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources property south of the 4th Line, which is a fishing and nature area, altogether there are five different trail loops encompassed in the complex. The Medd's Mountain loop is characterized by old-growth forest and natural seep springs.

The Baxter Creek corridor offers a look at a creek environment. Hikers can also find a valley forest, marsh habitat, cedar swamp, and reforested areas each characterized by their own vegetation, which attracts unique wildlife and insects, said Mr. Mather.

"It packs a tremendous amount of diversity into a small distance."

For more information on the trails, Mr. Mather suggests you check out the township website, under the sub-directory of recreation. Trails are open throughout the winter months but are not maintained, he said. ♣

Cavan  
Chiropractic &  
Acupuncture Clinic

Season's  
Greetings  
from staff:

Larry, Lynn,  
Linda & Geesje

Dr. Lawrence B. Smith  
B.Sc., D.C., Chiropractor

1493 Tapley 1/4 Line,  
RR# 1 Cavan, Ontario  
LOA 1C0

(705) 944-8964



## FITNESS COLUMN

### How healthy is your lifestyle?

By Kimberley J. Keijzers  
Certified Personal Trainer

It is now time to evaluate your year and prepare for next year's resolutions. Health and fitness encompasses more than just exercising. In addition to physical activity, you need to consider other factors including smoking, alcohol consumption, prescription and non-prescription drugs, motor vehicle safety, cholesterol, and blood pressure.

The following risk categories were developed according to the chart prepared by Pamela Hall under the supervision of Drs. Lewis C. Robbins and Jack M. Hall of Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, developers of the Health Hazard Appraisal system. It

is important to consider how healthy you are in a number of risk categories.

#### Smoking

It is considered no risk to your health if you don't smoke or have stopped smoking for at least ten years and it is considered a heavy risk to your health if you smoke over one pack a day.

#### Alcohol Consumption

It is no risk to your health to be a non-drinker, substantial risk if you drink more than 6 drinks per week and dangerous risk if you consume more than 2 drinks per day.

#### Prescription and non-prescription drugs

It is of no risk if you take prescription drugs with doctor's consent following

orders carefully and use non-prescription drugs occasionally for short periods while heeding label warnings. It is of heavy risk to use sleeping and nerve pills regularly without doctor's supervision or to continue use of non-prescription drugs while consuming alcohol.

#### Motor Vehicle safety

If you never drink while driving and drive only with safety aids such as seat belts and helmets then you are at no health risk. It is a dangerous risk to drive after more than 2 drinks and to drive without safety aids.

#### Blood Pressure and Cholesterol

It is of no risk to your health if your blood pressure is 120/80 or less, and your total cholesterol level is less than 5.24 mmol/L.

It's a dangerous risk to have a blood pressure reading above 180/105 and a total cholesterol level of 8.3 mmol/L and up.

Some risk factors are more important than others; however for a healthier life, try to change your health habits so they will be in the categories of no risk or slight risk rather than heavy or dangerous risk.

After examining your health habits, you may be better able to make your new year's resolutions to have the healthiest year ever! ♣

### Season's Greetings



We would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and best wishes in the coming year.

CHRIS HODGSON MPP  
Haliburton-Victoria-Brock

Constituency Office:  
14 Lindsay St. N.  
Lindsay, ON K9V 1T4



Best Wishes for a  
Safe and Happy  
Holiday Season

Brian Fallis  
Deputy Reeve

The Anglican Parishes of  
Cavan-Manvers and Ida-Omemee

## Christmas Eve Services

Monday, Dec. 24

- 4pm St. Thomas, Millbrook
- 7pm Christ Church, Bailieboro
- 9pm Trinity the Marsh Church
- 9:30pm St. Paul's, Bethany
- 7:30pm St. John's, Ida
- 9:30pm Christ Church, Omemee

## Christmas Day Services

- 9:30am St. John's, Ida
- 11:15am Christ Church, Omemee



## JOHN TINNEY MOTORS

(705) 932-2747 MILLBROOK

Proud to be one of the few dealers selling to 4th generation customers!

#### 99 Chev Malibu LS

6 cyl, 4 dr, auto, pw, pdl, p.seats, p.mirrors, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD, alloy wheels, tan w/tan int. Only 48,000 kms.

\$14,995

#### 98 Lincoln Continental

8 cyl, 4 dr, auto, pw, pdl, p.seat, p.mirrors, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cass, dark green w/tan leather int. Sunroof. Only 63,000 kms.

\$22,995

#### 95 Chrysler New Yorker

6 cyl, 4 dr, auto, pw, pdl, p.seats, p.mirrors, air, tilt, cruise, traction ctrl, AM/FM cass, white w/tan int. Nice car.

\$7,995

#### 93 Cadillac Sedan DeVille

8 cyl, 4 dr, auto, pw, pdl, p.seats, p.mirrors, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cass, alloy wheels, gold w/leather int. Sharp!

\$8,995

#### 90 Chrysler New Yorker Fifth Ave.

4 dr., auto, pw, pdl, p.seats, p.mirrors, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cass, blue w/blue int. Great shape!

\$4,995

#### 98 Dodge Ram SST

360, auto, pw, pdl, p.mirrors, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD, tonneau cover, alloy wheels, short box, white w/grey int.

\$19,995

#### 97 Chev Express Ext 3500

350, auto, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cass & CD. Heavy hauler, 15 rider, rear heat.

\$16,995

#### 95 Ford E350 Cube Van

Attn movers! Auto, AM/FM, white w/grey int. Powerstroke diesel, 16 ft. box.

#### 93 GMC Sonoma SLE Ext Cab

6 cyl, auto, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cass, box liner, blue w/grey int. Rally wheels.

\$7,495

#### 91 Dodge Dakota SE EXT Cab

6 cylinder, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cassette, sliding rear window, box liner, red with grey interior. Good shape.

\$5,995



Dr. David W. Neale  
Pat, Brenda, Linda, Jane,  
Carolyn & Patsy

## Family Dentistry

Day & Evening Appointments Available

Millbrook Medical-Dental Centre

932-2828

ARTS & CULTURE

# One-of-a-kind, locally created gifts — priced for your budget!

By Deborah Luchuk

Looking for something truly one-of-a-kind for someone who has everything? Something different or educational for a child or young person?

Why not try the Millbrook Gallery?

Contrary to popular opinion, fine art is not necessarily expensive, and with so many expressions of artistic talent within the Gallery's collective, from ceramics to jewellery creations, to oil paintings and books, there's something to fit almost anyone's interests and tastes.

The Gallery's Christmas Show is a cornucopia of

small, beautiful delights, alongside larger ceramic, textile, woven, painted, embossed, or printed pieces. With prices starting at under \$10 for several of the items on a display table at the centre of it all, it's worth taking a look!

How about a book for a child on your list that will educate, inform, and entertain — illustrated by Bill Slavin or Esperanca Melo? Books for preschool to pre-teen start at \$6.75! We particularly like the Adventures In series of books illustrated by Bill, which take children back in a time machine to a partic-

ular historical period — perfect for someone 8 and up.

For whimsical decoration of a child's room — or for the child at heart who is older! — how about a "Bumble Beast", a hanging, small papier mache animal at \$95 each, or a gorgeous table and chairs (2) set perfect for the small fry in your life — brilliantly painted by Bill Slavin?

There's beautiful jewellery in silver with gold touches in a case, created lovingly by Valerie Davidson. An angel pin might be just the accent to set off grandma's jacket lapel, starting at just under \$100. Those who are not

terrific at baking might want to consider Evelyn Raab's "Clueless Baker" book at a mere \$20.00. To give someone a card that's a notch above the standard, mass produced card, or for a unique party invitation, why not purchase a few of Joellen Brydon's hand-painted cards at \$4.50 each, or individually priced cards by Melodie Massey?

*Very special wood and copper angels, created by John Ireland... will help Afghani children. The proceeds from each will be entirely donated to the UNICEF food relief fund for Afghani children.*

Everyone appreciates something that smells good — and Jill Williams' hand-made soaps will fit the bill at \$10 each. Wrapped festively in raffia, there are two scents available: Ganaraska Midnight (our favourite!) and Sweetgrass. Small pieces of exquisite pottery, such as small bowls, vases, and mugs are found throughout the gallery, created by Jane Wilson, Bill Rowland, Pamela Barron, and George Stewart, to name a few. These pieces start at \$12.

For the music lover, there's CDs by local musicians like Brookfield and Jarmo Jalava and the Vagrant Spirits (\$15 and

up), and for those who wish they were travelling somewhere exotic, local writer Alison Wearing's Honeymoon in Purdah is a good read — and value, in a paperback form!

Very special wood and copper angels, created by John Ireland, sold for \$65 each, will help Afghani children. The proceeds from each will be entirely donated to the UNICEF food relief fund for Afghani children.

Hanging on the walls you will find oil paintings, works in plaster and ceramic, woven wall hangings, and prints of all kinds, by Sheila Laidlaw Radford, Susan Spenceley, Esperanca Melo, Bruce Lepper, Grace Glass, George Raab, Michael Poulton, and Emma Hesse, to name but a FEW of the artists featured. These works range widely in price, but be assured you will be purchasing something that is unique and valuable — definitely not something that will be duplicated as a present under the tree!

There's not enough room to wax lyrical about all the Gallery has to offer the savvy Christmas shopper — or to really get into depth about what each artist who belongs to the collective has to offer! Suffice it to say you need to go in and see for yourself! As the Gallery is a non-profit organization, more focused on community outreach than profits for its members, it's a good thing to purchase a few beautiful things for people on your gift list, to help continue this valuable asset in our community! ♣

## Hiring

Continued from page 1

Stockwell.

Fallis agreed proper procedure was followed because "he wasn't hired, he was contracted, and that's the distinction."

Clerk Gail Empey told *The Gazette* the municipality's personnel bylaw states if there is an employment vacancy it must first be posted internally, and if no one is interested or qualified, then it must be advertised "in a manner deemed appropriate to the position." For example, if the position were for a receptionist it would probably be advertised locally, but if it were for a CAO or clerk it might be necessary to advertise further afield, she said.

Other area townships follow much the same policy, said staff when polled by *The Gazette*, with minor differences, since the Ontario Municipal Act does not outline specific municipal hiring practices. In North Kawartha Township, for example, its policy states any staff appointment or contract for services over \$5,000 must be advertised.

Ratepayer Bob Clark said he finds it peculiar CMNM has not followed a similar advertising procedure for the new positions. Usually, jobs are posted inviting qualified residents of a municipality to apply, he said.

"I don't recall seeing a posting for any of these positions; it would seem for a government job they would be looking for applicants rather than just picking people at their discretion." ♣

**2002**

**FREE NEW YEARS EVE SKATE**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST**  
**8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**  
**MILLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

*Everyone is invited to this free skating celebration*

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Royal Canadian Legion**  
**Br. 402**

**Upcoming Events**

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 402  
 Upcoming Events

Dec. 6 — Old Tyme Christmas Ladies Auxiliary  
 Bake Sale and Toonie Table

Dec. 8 — Santa Claus parade register at noon  
 Parade at 1:00 p.m. from Medical Centre

Dec. 8 — Christmas bingo at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 — Branch Christmas party

Dec. 31 — New Years Eve Dance 9:00 p.m. — 2:00 a.m.  
 Buffet lunch, draw prizes, and more \$40.00 a couple  
 Tickets on sale now in the clubroom or the office

Jan 1 — Presidents Levy  
 For more information on any of these events call 932-2837

*Purchase the ideal Christmas Gift from the 4th Line Theatre*

For the avid 4th Line fan or someone who has never experienced the magic of the farm:

Individual Season Subscriptions:	Adult \$59.00
	Senior/student \$55.00
	Child \$29.00 (under 16)
Family Season Subscriptions:	\$172.00
Tickets for two adults, two children (under 16) to each of the summer performances)	
Single Tickets:	Adult \$20.00
	Senior/student \$18.50
	Child \$10.00
Family tickets:	\$50.00 (two adults, two children — one show)

To order a Christmas gift that your family and friends will love, please call

**1-800-814-0055**

or order securely online at [www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca](http://www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca)

10 YEARS OF BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE ON THE OUTDOOR STAGES OF THE WINSLOW FARM

THE little CHRISTMAS SHOW

ANGEL PIN BY VALERIE DAVIDSON

NOVEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 30

**Opening Reception:**  
**Saturday, November 17, 1 to 4 p.m.**

Gallery hours: Thursday & Friday 12-5  
 Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-5

**The MILLBROOK GALLERY**

19 King Street East, Millbrook, Ontario  
[www.millbrookgallery.com](http://www.millbrookgallery.com)  
 (705) 932-5482

# Community Calendar

Tear out this page and post!

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

**Christmas Concert**  
At Crestwood Secondary School, Sherbrooke St. West, Ptbo  
Wed. Dec. 5, 7:30 pm  
Featuring the school band and other school musical talent. For more information, phone 705-742-9221. Please donate new, unwrapped toys and food for the less fortunate when you attend the concert.

**Old Tyme Christmas Light Extravaganza**  
In downtown Millbrook  
Thurs. Dec. 6, 6 pm start  
Shops open all evening, goodies, activities, draws, festive delights. Lighting at 6 pm.

**6th Annual Christmas Show**  
At the Millbrook Gallery To Dec. 30  
Gallery hours Thurs., Fri., Sun., 12-5, Sat. 10 am-5 pm.  
A wide variety of gifts from small to larger, unique, one-of-a-kind fine art and crafts items. For more info, call 932-5482 or visit website at www.millbrookgallery.com.

**Christmas Concert**  
At Grace Christian Academy, Ptbo.  
Dec. 7, 7 pm  
Phone 705-745-4400 for more info. Grace Christian Academy participated in Operation Christmas Child, a charity of Samaritan's Purse. Each class, or child, fills a shoe box with small toys, toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap, pens, pencils and paper, etc for children in the developing world. This charity has been on-going for nine years and it is expected that 640,000 shoe boxes will be collected in Canada this year alone. To find out more about Operation Christmas Child, call: 1-800-633-6500.

**Santa Claus Parade**  
Through downtown Millbrook  
Sat. Dec. 8, 1 pm  
Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 402.

**Community Christmas Concert**  
At St. Andrew's United Church, Millbrook  
Sun. Dec. 9  
Featuring the Millbrook Community Choir, Joyful Noise, Robert Winslow of 4th Line, Millbrook/South Cavan School Band, Sophie Hunter. Donations will be accepted to the church's Benevolent Fund.

**Christmas Light Contest**  
Throughout CMNM Twp.  
Dec. 10-14  
Register your home or business for the municipality's Christmas Lights contest. For more info, call 932-2911.

**Music Night**  
At South Monaghan Public School  
211 County Road 28, Bailieboro  
Dec. 12, during classes 6, 7 & 8  
Phone 705-939-6363

**Singles Dance**  
At Millbrook Community Centre  
Sat. Dec. 15, 9 pm - 1 am  
Admission \$5 per person. Call 932-2740 for more information.

**Christmas Concert**  
At South Monaghan Public School  
Dec. 18 at 7 pm  
For more information, phone 705-939-6363. Donations of new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items to be donated to charities locally.

**Christmas Concert**  
At North Cavan Public School, RR 1 Cavan  
Dec. 18, 1 pm and 7 pm  
Phone 944-5346 for more info. New, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items being collected for local charities.

**Afternoon Crafts and Choral Event**  
At South Cavan Public School  
Dec. 19, 12:30 pm  
Invitation to parents to join their children in making Christmas crafts and listening to Christmas songs performed by the school choir. Evening concert, 7 pm at Millbrook PS. Phone 705-932-2789 for information. Millbrook/South Cavan PS also collects new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items for the less fortunate.

**Alzheimer Society Christmas Social Open House**  
At 183 Simcoe St., Ptbo.

Wed. Dec. 19, 2-4 pm  
Everyone welcome!  
Skate with Santa  
At the Millbrook Community Centre  
Dec. 24, 1-3 pm  
Free admission, treats for kids, join Santa before he heads out to deliver gifts and toys!

**New Year's Eve Dance**  
At the Royal Canadian Legion, Millbrook  
See ad this issue for details!

**New Year's Eve Skate**  
At the Millbrook Community Centre  
Tues. Dec. 31, 8-11 pm  
Everyone invited to join this free skating celebration!

**President's Levy**  
At the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 402  
Jan. 1  
For more information, call the Legion.

**Mount Pleasant Women's Institute Euchre Party**  
At WI Hall in Mount Pleasant, Cty. Rd. #10, east side  
First Monday of every month.

**REWARD**



Reward for safe return of Moow Meow, missing since Oct. 22; disappeared from Tapley 1/4 Line (between 7th and 8th Lines). Cat is ALL black with medium-length fur; green eyes; small in size (7 lbs.); spayed, declawed, and very vocal. Answers to her name. Family anxiously awaiting her return. Call 944-5151 or (905) 576-3344.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### BUSINESS OPPS.

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW about Ontario communities is now at your fingertips! Check out the Web's pre-eminent, unique guide: InfoOntario - Your information gateway to community information, news, events, festivals, attractions and local business. www.InfoOntario.com

ATTENTION: Moms, New Canadians & Others. Work at home. \$ Unlimited Income Potential. CALL NOW TOLL-FREE 1-800-585-0451. www.uwin2.net

CANADA'S #1 HOME-BASED TRAVEL-BUSINESS. Own & operate a full service travel business from your home. FT/PT. Training & support. Investment \$8,900 - \$12,900. Free info. 1-800-799-9910 www.tpi.ca

ATTENTION INVENTORS - We have all the solutions you need! FREE information. CALL TOLL-FREE 1-866-877-2836 - 24 hrs.

CASH HOME COMPUTER Business. No selling. 2-3 hours per week. Attractive profits. Live phone demo! www.eridium.net. Anytime. Call 011-61-755-844900 (Australia), and get a free call-back. Quote ref: BCY.

WORK FROM HOME. Health and Nutrition Industry. Part Time and Full Time Positions. Unlimited Income Potential. 416-324-0770 www.earnmoneyglobally.com

### CAREER OPPS.

Anticipate 2000 oil-rig jobs will be available. Wages \$1800+ weekly. No experience required. Training and certification for these positions is an industry requirement. Phone 1-866-564-2440; email: aptc@atlanticpetroleumtrainingcollege.com. Direct hiring by oil-rig contractors.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPS.

COUNSELLOR TRAINING INSTITUTE. Earn Your Professional Certificate. Work in an agency or private practice. On campus or distance learning. Registrations Now Accepted. Catalogue 1-800-665-7044. www.counselor-training.com

### EMPLOYMENT OPPS.

www.idarf.org \$\$\$\$\$ FREE \$16,000 SIGNING BONUS \$\$\$\$\$...Home-Based Business & Employment Opportunities. Male/Female, Full-time/Part-time. Looking for Appointment

Coordinators, Drivers with own car, Agents & Licensees. Easy Tasks & Responsibilities - Offer Open to All. Additional information visit www.idarf.org or CALL Toll-Free 1-888-439-7585. International Drug Awareness Research Foundation.

WORK IN THE USA. Immediate work available for Structural and Miscellaneous Metal Workers: Estimators / Project Managers / Detailers / Checkers. CALL NOW TOLL-FREE 1-888-551-4654.

OUTGOING? ENTHUSIASTIC? Join the News Marketing Canada team! Part-time opportunities as In-Store Demonstrators or Sales & Merchandising Representatives. Call: 1-800-555-9687. Fax: 1-866-602-8823. Email: parttime-jobs@newsmarketing.ca

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

DO YOU NEED MONEY FROM YOUR LOCKED-IN RRSP? Call Ontario Financial Services Inc. 1-888-655-9155.

### FOR SALE

SAWMILL \$4995.00 All new Super Lumbermate 2000, larger capacities, more options. Norwood Industries, manufacturer of sawmills, edgers and skidders. Free information. 1-800-566-6899, ext. 400.OT.

1 YEAR NO PAYMENTS or interest. No money down. \$31./month! 800MHz computer, WindowsXP, colour monitor. No payments until 2003. Call 1-888-855-5527. Apply online o.a.c. www.1buckaday.com.

### PAY TELEPHONE SERV.

CANADA'S TOP PSYCHICS...Are You Ready to Believe in Psychics Again? Call Now, You Won't Be Disappointed! 1-900-451-7070 \$2.95/minute 18+.

\*\*\*Fall\*\*\* African SPIRITUAL Psychic Solves any problems. Specializing in reuniting relationships, remove bad spirits, etc. 29 years experience. Fast results. 416-247-9299. www.psychicfall.com FALL. 1395 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 20147 dept. 1, Toronto, ON, Canada. M6L 3C8

### PERSONALS

Young, gay male, 23, (enjoys outdoors) seeks same 18-20 for honest/caring lifetime relationship. Please give this number to gay friends if serious. Serge, cell 450-375-5105.

### STEEL BUILDINGS

STEEL BUILDINGS. CLEARANCE SALE! Guaranteed lowest prices. Beat next increase. 25x40 \$6,800.00. 30x40 \$8,500.00. 30x50 \$9,800.00. 35x50 \$12,600.00. 40x60 \$16,500.00. Many others. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422. www.pioneersteel.com

FUTURE STEEL BUILDINGS. Durable, Dependable, Pre-Engineered. All-Steel Structures. Custom-made to suit your needs and requirements. Factory-Direct, affordable prices. Call 1-800-668-8653, ext. 536 for free brochure.

### VACATION/TRAVEL

BEAUTIFUL VICTORIA, B.C. - Leave the harshness of winter and come enjoy Canada's mildest climate. Three great three diamond hotels, ideal for short and long stays. Various locations and services at great value! 1-888-434-4667.

TIMESHARE REALES. Worldwide Selection. ERA STROMAN Since 1979. CALL NOW! Buyers call 1-800-613-7987. Sellers call 1-800-201-0864. www.timesharelink.com.

**BULGER & GRAY INSURANCE BROKERS LTD.**  
HOME • FARM • BUSINESS • AUTO  
Consultation & House Calls

Season's Greetings from Scott and Claire

14 KING ST E  
MILLBROOK  
**932-2734**  
FAX 932-2735

OVER 50 YRS OF SERVICE

# NOTICE

## Meter Reader Wanted

(Contract Position)

The Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan invites applications for the position of meter reader for the Millbrook Ward.

This will be a contract position, with the expected starting date being the end of January. Payment will be per meter, with the total number of meters expected to be between 400-440.

We will require an original reading, and then the meters would be read on a bi-monthly basis. Interested parties are requested to submit their applications by December 17, 2001.

Applications should be addressed to:  
**Hazel Armstrong, Treasurer**  
1 King Street East, Millbrook, Ont. L0A 1G0  
(705) 932-9324 email: treasurer@cmnm.ca

# Draper's Plumbing

24hr Emergency Service

No Overtime charges  
Seniors' discounts  
No job too small  
"Service is our Specialty"

Power sewer/drain cleaning  
Repairs, renovations, pump service  
Licensed master plumber  
Fair prices/free estimates

Residential • Commercial • Cottage • Farm

Locally owned and operated  
Happy to serve neighbours (30 years in community)

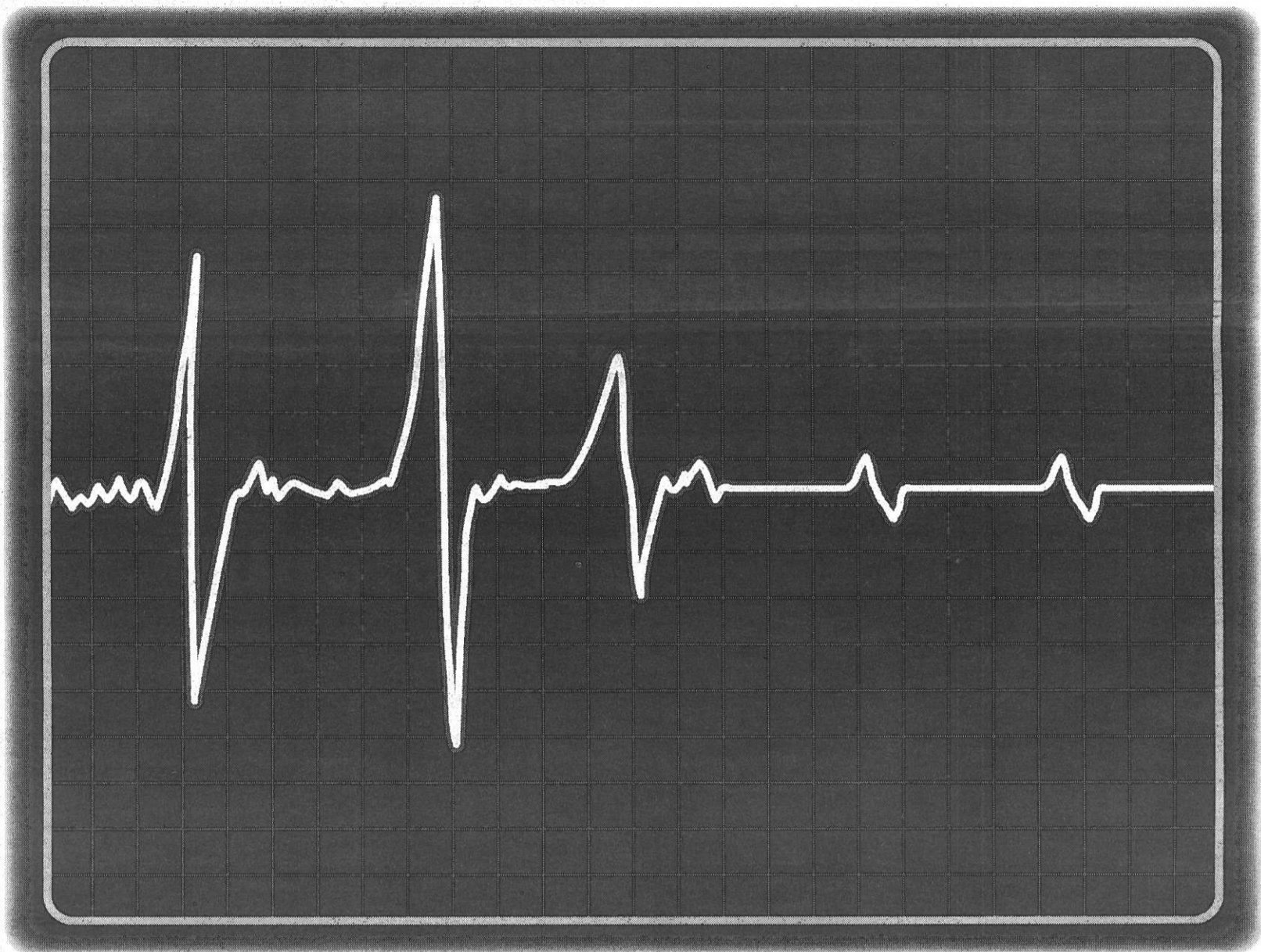
**705-939-2326 or 705-742-6041**  
1754 Carmel Line, Bailieboro, ON K0L 1B0

## Ontario Firewood

Seasoned cut and split hardwood, delivered by measured bush cord.

Call 932-2526 — Visa accepted.

Merry Christmas to all!



## Unless Ottawa pays its fair share for health care, the prognosis isn't good.

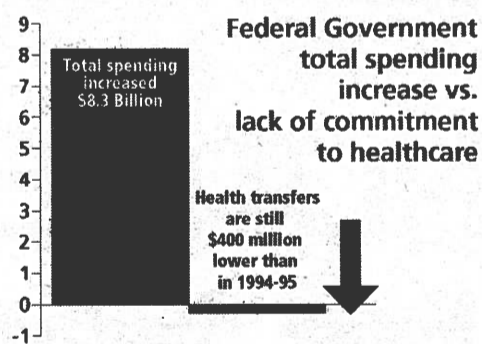
You deserve the best healthcare system in the world. Unfortunately, you won't get it unless the federal government starts pulling its weight.

The sad truth is that the single greatest threat to universal health care in this country is the fact that the federal government refuses to pay its fair share.

It used to be a 50/50 partnership between Ottawa and the provinces. Now they pay just 14 cents out of every dollar – and it's getting worse. In Ontario, like other provinces, we've made health care our top funding priority. Since 1995, we've increased spending by \$6.8 billion - \$6 billion of which has gone to health care.

But federal transfers to the provinces for health and social services this year will be \$400 million lower than in 1994. Not a single new dollar has been earmarked for health care.

Health care is your number one priority. Isn't it time it was the federal government's, too?



**If Ottawa won't pay its fair share, our healthcare system will suffer.**

Plainly put, if our healthcare system is to meet the demands of a population that's growing and aging – and if it is to offer us the life-saving advances we deserve – the federal government must start paying its fair share.

If it doesn't, the provinces will have difficult choices to make.

**With its huge budget surplus, Ottawa can afford to do the right thing.**

It's only fair that the federal government spend some of its \$17 billion surplus on safeguarding your health. After all, it's your money (and overpayment of taxes) that created the surplus.

The federal government *must* make healthcare funding their number one priority. The upcoming federal budget must include a measured plan to raise federal funding of health care from its current level to the 18% level Ottawa used to provide just a few years ago.

**Send a message to the Prime Minister. Call 1-888-668-4636.**

Tell him that health care is your number one concern. Urge him to make health care Ottawa's number one funding priority.

Otherwise, the prognosis isn't good.

**We need Ottawa to work with us for a healthier Ontario.**

