



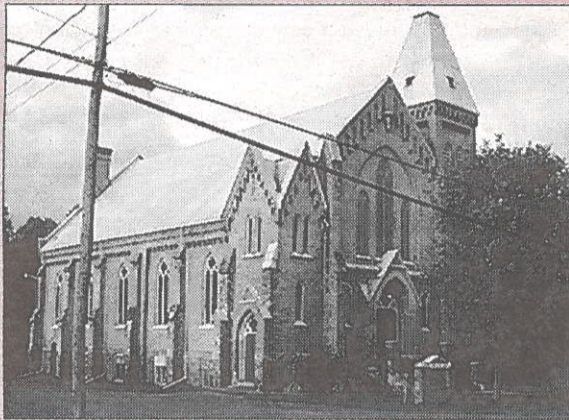
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CHURCH BEING SOLD



Churches to consolidate

Submitted by Rev. Phil Hobbs
Millbrook-Cavan Pastoral Charge, United Church of Canada
The Official Board of the Millbrook-Cavan Pastoral Charge is undertaking plans to merge St. Andrew's United, Millbrook with Cavan United Church.

The congregations will vote on the proposal in November. "The purpose of this proposal is to create energy and enthusiasm that will lead us to the building of a new facility," says Rev. Phil Hobbs. "The proposal includes the establishment of committees early in 2003 that will begin the process of site selection and the drawing up of plans for a new church building to serve the needs of the new congregation."

The work that has gone on to prepare for the upcoming congregational vote has been largely initiated and led by the laity. Initially, the committee included representatives from St. Andrew's, Millbrook, Cavan United Church, Springville United Church, and Emmanuel United, Bailieboro. After a year of discussions, the latter two churches withdrew from the process.

Chair of the discussion committee, Charles Brown of Cavan, says, "We are faced with buildings that were built for the 19th century. They are not wheelchair accessible. The facilities are not appropriate for the needs of 21st century families. Upkeep, heating, and capital improvement costs are huge. To be faithful stewards of what God has given us we feel led to do this... this is an important decision as we build a new church for future generations. We need a building that will serve the whole community."

Should the proposed consolidation occur on schedule it would see the two congregations worshipping together in Cavan as of Sunday, January 5, 2003. No decision has yet been taken as to the disposition of the St. Andrew's building in Millbrook.

Both congregations have been serving the needs of their communities since the early 1800s. ♣

School report gets mixed reaction

By Melodie McCullough
Mixed reaction from local parents has greeted a consultant's report suggesting local rural public elementary schools be closed and merged into one large school in Millbrook, and Grade 7 and 8 students from those schools attend James Strath School — the largest elementary school of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board with over 800 students — in Peterborough's west end.

"In our rural area, it is the school that serves the purpose of bringing people

"I was disappointed when the Millbrook high school left (in 1992) and now they're talking of the Grade 7 and 8s leaving."

together for the common good of raising our children," said Barb Purdie, School Council chairperson at North Cavan School and the mother of two children who attend the 165-student Kindergarten to Grade 6

school. "I'm afraid much of that will be lost with the new mega-school concept."

The report, released by C.N. Watson and Associates of Mississauga, is a financial analysis of accommodation needs throughout the entire board district, commissioned last year when the board started to review schools for closure.

It recommends North Cavan, South Monaghan in Bailieboro, and North Hope Central (a 32-year-old school with 214 students in Garden Hill) be closed because of projected declining enrolment.

Students would go to Millbrook/South Cavan School, which would see an addition built to it to accommodate almost 300 more pupils for a total of 500 by the year 2005-2006.

However, Grade 7 and 8 students from South Monaghan, North Hope Central, and Millbrook/South Cavan would attend James Strath in Peterborough (North Cavan intermediate students already do) "to ensure that James Strath is filled over the long term", said Cynthia Clarke, associate director of the consulting firm, at a recent information meeting in Peterborough.

She stressed the report is "a guideline and direction only" that provides a long-term perspective on the number of pupil spaces required over the next 15 years, prepared in conjunction with the existing provincial funding formula. It is meant to help the board achieve maximum funding grants from the province and operate in the most financially efficient way.

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County to repair Airport Road bridge

By Lorna Miller
The County of Peterborough is taking on the job of reconstructing the damaged (Lockies) bridge across Airport Road in North Monaghan Ward.

Since damage to the bridge left it closed, citizens of the area have been asking local and County Councils to reconstruct the bridge not only for everyday traffic, but also for emergency vehicles.

In September, Chris Bradley, director of Public Works for Peterborough County, said the cost of repairs for the bridge had

escalated from \$490,000 in April to \$1,100,000 (approximately) in September, and funds might not be available.

Concerned citizens who attended a Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) Council meeting to get help were told by Council to approach Peterborough County Council to put forth their case for the reconstruction.

CMNM Councillor Brian Bartlett headed the delegation, which attended the Sept. 18 County Council meeting, where it was announced the County

would reconstruct the bridge in spite of the increased costs.

"We had decided that we would do whatever it takes to get this done," Bartlett says. "Otonabee-South Monaghan Reeve Dave Nelson and Deputy-Reeve Mike Levesque were on side with us, and the job is on line for this winter. The area which will benefit most from the reconstruction will be Otonabee-South Monaghan and its residents."

Bartlett, who represents the North Monaghan Ward, credits the residents' unflagging determination in sticking with their demands for the bridge reconstruction.

"Thanks to the residents who stuck to their cause, the project is a go," says Bartlett. "It will carry on through the winter and should be completed by June 2003." ♣

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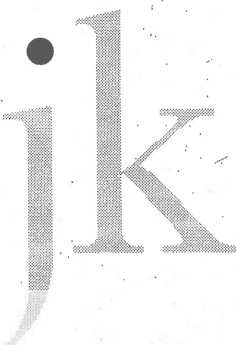
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Council Briefs

Restructuring approved for municipal administration

By June Jacklin

C MNM's Committee of the Whole has recommended to Council that the position of director of Parks, Property and Recreation, vacant since the firing of Rick McGee on August 7, 2002 be filled after the implementation of restructuring proposals.

Since August 27, The Township's Roads Manager, Keith Couture, has assumed duties as the Director of Parks, Property, and Recreation.

A status report from the Trails Coordinator, Chris Mather, revealed incomplete paper work. In order that this paper work is brought to a conclusion, Council recommended that Mather's contract be extended from September 27

Sludge approval revoked

By Melodie McCullough

A certificate of approval allowing Hugh Allin to spread biosolids at his Cavan farm, which was suspended earlier this summer by the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE), has now been revoked and the matter referred to the Investigations and Enforcement branch of the Peterborough District MOE.

In May, the farm on the Tapley Line was approved as a site where the City of Peterborough could send its treated sewage biosolids to be spread as fertilizer. But in July, the MOE discovered there was incorrect information supplied by Mr. Allin on his application for the five-year approval. The MOE must have permission of landowners to spread biosolids on their fields, and on the application, it was stated that Mr. Allin owned

all the fields in question.

"In actual fact, there are a couple of fields that he leases," said Bruce Hancock, district manager of the Peterborough MOE.

All spreading was stopped at the farm in July and there will be no more this season, he said.

"If they want to make another application in the future, they will have to go through the same (application) process again," said Mr. Hancock.

Mr. Allin, who has spread biosolids at the farm for a number of years in the past, earlier told *The Gazette* the incorrect information was a simple administrative error over lot numbers and he hoped to rectify it.

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township Council had originally criticized the MOE approval given in May, saying it was for too long a period. ♣

to the end of the fiscal year.

An Operations Department is to be established. The Parks and Facilities Supervisor would report to the Operations Manager, Mr. Couture. This would allow the Parks and Facilities Supervisor to broaden his knowledge of maintenance and operations, eventually leading to a management role in the department.

A new position in the Township Management Structure, Director of Economic Development, Marketing and Community Services, will be introduced, replacing the position of Director of Parks, Recreation and Property, to whom the Recreation Programmer/Promoter would report.

The cost of the short-term contract for the Trails Coordinator and the compensation for the position of Director of Economic Development, Marketing and Community Services will be covered in the Parks and Recreation Budget.

Council passed Report 2002-14 in its entirety. "This will facilitate the smooth running of the Administrative Department," says Clerk, Gail Empey.

New soccer field planned for Maple Leaf Park

By June Jacklin

Maple Leaf Park will get a new soccer field at the cost of \$56,400, up nearly \$20,00 from the previous estimate of \$36,066.49.

The higher cost is attributed to the need for a big "O" pipe and geo-textile cloth, which would eliminate future drainage and turf stability problems.

Accurex Inc. Of Peterborough was awarded the construction contract and recommended the addition of the geo-textile at \$1.75 per square meter plus GST and 700 meters of perforated subdrain pipe at \$10.53 per metre plus GST.

New fire exit, ramp for Municipal offices

By June Jacklin

The Township will be tendering for the construction of a new fire exit at the south side of the Municipal Building in 2002.

After a report from the from Totten Sims Hubicki Associates, which deemed the present stairs unsafe under Ontario Building Code Standards, the Council recommended that construction of the new stairway be commenced this year.

The proposed wheelchair ramp will be constructed with new funds in 2003. The \$35,000 designated for the ramp will be allocated to the building of the new fire exit stairs.

Sysco Foods expansion

By Lorna Miller

The City of Peterborough, the Township of CMNM, and Sysco Foods are awaiting a consultant's report to outline the financial impact of the planned expansion of the Sysco site in North Monaghan. The proposed \$7million expansion will bring the present facility up to 200,000 sq ft.

There has been agreement in principal that the Township will purchase water and sewage services for Sysco Foods, on an interim basis, from the City. The City wants to ensure that the services in question are only used by Sysco Foods, tying the issue to the size of the pipes that will be installed.

The Township is in agreement to limit the purchased services to Sysco Foods. However, unless the Township can 'oversize' the pipes that will be laid so they may be used for the full servicing of the proposed Whittington Drive Industrial Area, the Township feels it cannot spend taxpayers' money to bonus a single private corporation. Therefore, the Township's financial participation will be limited. This will mean Sysco Foods will have to carry more of the costs for the project.

Negotiations are still in progress with the City regarding engineering and construction of the necessary works. Reports on this, and the financial impacts, will be presented to Council at a later date.

Biosolids update

By Lorna Miller

The Ministry of the Environment has advised the Municipality the provisional Certificate of Approval for spreading biosolids on Concession 5 in Cavan has been revoked.

The provincial government is reviewing, in great detail, the issue of biosolids and further legislation and regulation can be expected. There is still a concern at Council that they are not advised of requests for Certificates of Approval to spread biosolids, prior to provisional approvals being issued, and that at the municipal level there is no control over the time period approved for spreading.

The Council has made its concerns known to the Environmental Protection Division of the County of Peterborough, and hopes to work more closely with this division to be kept better informed in the future. ♣

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Get a glow on at Oasis Tans

By Deborah Luchuk

Feeling glum now that it's fall, and getting colder and darker? Don't want to look like you just crawled out from under a rock at upcoming parties and gatherings?

Oasis Tans has just the remedy for the fall and winter blues – tanning in the warmth of their professional tanning beds right here in Millbrook!

I had never tried tanning before – you could say I was a tanning “innocent” – but when owners Nancy and Jennifer offered me a free try-out session, I decided to go for it. It couldn't have been a better day to experience the warmth, as it was raining cats and dogs and I felt somewhat chilled and clammy. I've been watching my summer “glow” rapidly disappear for the last few weeks, as well.

Jennifer thoroughly explained how the tanning beds work. Each one is completely sanitized between uses, and goggles are mandatory to protect your corneas from the intense light during the tanning process. She provided me with a free sample of a tanning lotion to put especially on any dry spots, and then instructed me how to get on the bed and pull down the top as far as I felt comfortable. She showed me the on/off switches for lamps for the body and for the facial area (I shut off the facial one for part of my time, as my skin there is sensitive).

What a relaxing, warm break it was! After I adjusted the top of the bed so I didn't feel claustrophobic (Jen assured me the top only goes down as far as you want – and stays there), donned my goggles, and laid down, I felt very much

like I was back at the Cobourg beach in July. There was even a soft breeze coming from a fan at the foot of the bed. Heaven!

I can't help but think that this kind of tanning, done carefully and in moderation, would be helpful for anyone suffering from seasonal affective disorder, or the winter blues. While Jen and Nancy can't make any kind of medical claims about this, we all know that having some exposure to sunlight, especially in winter, is important for the production of Vitamin D and to keep our mood on an even keel. I'm pretty convinced I want to set up a few appointments to keep my glow – as well as keep my spirits up through the dark months to come.

I asked about skin cancer and tanning. They said the research they have consulted would indicate that it's mostly people who are never out in the sun working or exercising – who get really burned when they do – are the ones at risk for cancer. “The highest number of people with malignant melanoma are the ones who haven't been exposed to the sun,” Jennifer says. In fact, she and Nancy have found in their research and personal experience that moderate indoor tanning can maximize benefits and minimize the potential risks associated with either too much or too little sunlight.

So how did these two enterprising young women – who are also sisters – decide to open a tanning salon in Millbrook?

“I went to Peterborough one day and was 45 minutes early for my (tanning) appointment, and watched people coming to and fro. Over a period of one or two

months, I kept track of the people I saw there, and noticed there were a lot coming from our area. I went on a trip with my husband this past April, and we discussed the possibility of starting up a tanning salon in Millbrook (to meet local demand). We then talked about it with Jen and her husband, and we went from there,” Nancy says. Many of Jen and Nancy's family are long-time tanning aficionados. “I just felt I would be doing myself and my family a good deed, and could do people in the area a favour,” Nancy says, and Jennifer adds, “It's a huge convenience.”

The two took stringent training (Smart Tan certification), which is done through an organization out of the United States, and is required by Health Canada. They came out with a mark of 90%, and will continue to take additional training and certification as the months and years go by.

“I need to see and be with people,” Nancy says, and adds she is planning to continue working at the nearby Village Food Emporium for another year in addition to working with Jennifer on the tanning business. Both women have worked in a variety of businesses, mostly serving the public, and therefore, have learned a great deal about what is needed to make a business successful. Long term plans include a day spa, perhaps in conjunction with other local businesses offering personal, beauty, and hair care services, as well as local bed and breakfasts.

Keep your glow for upcoming parties and social gatherings in the holiday season – hours of operation at Oasis Tans are Mondays to Fridays 8 am – 9 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 6 pm, Sunday 12 noon to 6 pm. Call 932-TANS (8267) to book tanning sessions. Your first tan is free, and gift packages for Christmas/holidays are available. ♣

Save money on auto repairs

By Melodie McCullough

Joe Scollard likes a challenge. So after working for other people for 16 years, he decided to open his own business, Kawartha Import Automotive, in July, on Peterborough's Lansdowne Street.

“It's been going well. It's been very, very busy. I like seeing things grow. It's still a challenge. You can have all the experience in the world and it can still be a chal-

lenge. It's lots of fun,” said the Peterborough native.

As the name of the business suggests, Scollard and employee Dean Newton specialize in servicing and repairing import vehicles, “but we do work on everything, from domestics to trucks.”

Scollard spent six years working for Trent Valley Honda and 10 years with Cobourg Honda. Newton also has 18 years of dealership experience.

“After working for other businesses, I decided to venture out on my own. And after all those years of working with people, I think I can do this,” said Scollard.

He plans to hire more employees as time goes on. Right now, he's concentrating on giving his customers the best possible, honest service and price.

“We've got a cozy, nice atmosphere and we're here to try and save people money from going to dealerships,” he said.

The business is located at 16 Lansdowne Street, just west of Lock 19 bridge, and the phone number is 749-0555. ♣

Nadeau's Collision Service branches out

By Melodie McCullough

A large expansion of Nadeau's Collision Service in Peterborough in the past year has seen the business grow by about one third.

Located on Goodfellow Road for the last 26 years, the company saw an opportunity for expansion when the property adjacent to it at the corner of Clonsilla and Goodfellow recently became vacant, explained owner Neil Nadeau.

“We have more bays and we have more men,” he said.

There are five new bays for a total now of 17, and two new employees for a total of seven. The business, which does collision repairs and refinishing of vehicles, is also branching out into used auto sales.

“We've sold cars ever since we've been in business but we've never really promoted it,” said Mr. Nadeau. “So we're going to start promoting it.”

Mr. Nadeau took his apprenticeship at Duffus Motors, a large GM dealer on Water Street at the site of the present-day Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources building. He then worked for Gord Wright for nine years. When Mr. Wright retired, Mr. Nadeau bought his company and hasn't looked back.

His two brothers and his wife, Gloria, also work at the business.

“We specialize in quality workmanship and we pride ourselves in doing quality repairs at a reasonable price,” said Mr. Nadeau. Nadeau's Collision Service is located at the corner of Goodfellow and Clonsilla, Peterborough. ♣

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EDITORIAL

Killing community from the roots up

Once again, the school board (we've had several over the years) has asked another high priced, urban based consultant to come out to "the boonies" and find cost-saving measures... ones which, if implemented, will have sweeping social, economic, and political ramifications in our wider community.

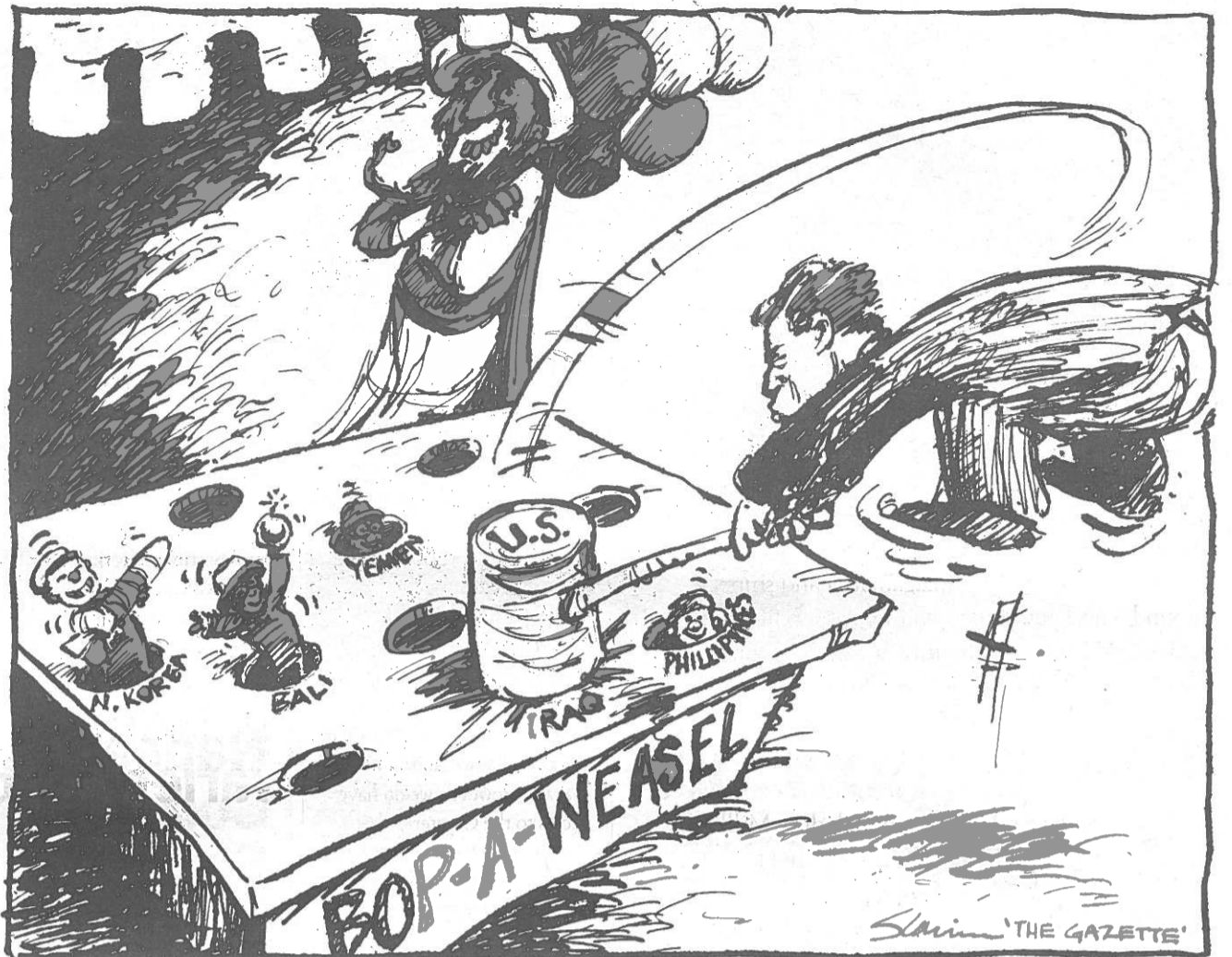
I can only recall back as far as 1972, when we moved to Millbrook. I remember my notebooks having "Northumberland County Board of Education" stamped on them. Shortly afterward, the boundaries changed, and we became part of the Peterborough County Board of Education.

That's when the damage to our community began. Ever and always on the boundary of this federal/provincial/school board jurisdiction or that, we have always gotten the short shrift in terms of representation, but this time, powers in the city were deciding our future. First, the board closed the Millbrook Public School (now known affectionately as the Old Millbrook School). Apparently they had been looking for ways to close it for a while, and when a few parents expressed concern that the solid old building might be a firetrap, this was all the excuse needed to close the doors and begin the process of closing down our fine K-13 system.

I walked to that school, and was able to come home for lunch. Generations upon generations had attended this school, and their names can still be seen etched in the wall. Despite our best efforts to prevent closure, the days of walking to school were over. Everyone had to be bused to school at South Cavan Public School, and grades 7 and 8 were shifted to Millbrook High School.

If you wanted to stay after school for teams or clubs, you had to arrange it so your mom, dad, or another parent could pick you up, as there were no late buses to bring you home. Thankfully, in those days there was often at least one parent at home in your neighbourhood who could be counted on to pick a bunch of kids up after such extra-curricular activities.

Once we hit high school age, we attended Millbrook High School. Students could attend Crestwood or Kenner in the city if they wanted to, but had to be bused there. Those of us who attended Millbrook from the village could walk there, and some still had to be on buses. But again, if anyone wanted to stay after school for teams or clubs, a ride could usually be arranged, and some of us had access to cars once we were older. We took part in every sport or club we wanted, because our numbers (120 population at most) meant there were no eliminations of anyone



who came out. I recall being on at least six clubs or teams at any given time. The teacher to student ratio was like that of an exclusive private school, so individuals needing extra help or enrichment opportunities could have these.

We might not have had formal music or arts programs, but we had something better for a while – community members coming in to offer extra-curricular programs in the arts and music. We had the amazing opportunity to connect on an even more intimate basis with our community through relationships with people we might not otherwise have had the chance to meet. We walked to downtown Millbrook for lunch and other

errands – thus stimulating the local economy – and again, interacting with other members of our community. It might surprise some of you to hear this, but Millbrook HS really didn't have much of a drug problem – there were always a few people, but most of us couldn't be bothered – nor a vandalism problem on school property. This could be attributed to the fact that we really felt like we belonged there, and weren't merely shipped there to be warehoused with thousands of other students.

After several attempts by the Peterborough Board of Education to close Millbrook HS were defeated by the overwhelming support of our community – the board decided to make Millbrook High School a "spe-

LETTERS

Get involved to stop speeding

Bravo! It's about time someone put a voice to the problem with the behaviour of some of the driving population.

You bring up some good points regarding the racers. However, they are only a small part of the problem. I have seen average, everyday people completely disregard speed limits, stop signs, and no parking/no stopping signs (the no stopping sign in front of the Daisy Mart is a perfect example). These folks are just going about their daily business, seemingly oblivious to the fact that they are endangering lives around them. Then there are the commercial vehicles conducting business in town. These guys are "on the clock", and while I appreciate the whole concept of "time is money", I wish they would try to save time in some way other than exceeding the speed limit, which, by the way, is

50 km/h on King Street and County Road 10.

There isn't a single segment of the driving population that is innocent, either. I have seen school buses, town vehicles, and yes, even policing vehicles (mostly jail traffic) speed by my house. Those who do the speed limit on King Street are the minority and stand out like sore thumbs. I am even further outraged when I see one of these law abiding souls passed by other impatient drivers!

And don't even get me started on the fools riding dirt bikes and four-wheel ATVs flying down King Street, and yes - hitting the sidewalk – doing unimaginable speeds on machines that are not even legal for street use!

The question does bear asking – where are the police? Anyone who has called the police to lodge a complaint knows that the response time to phone messages mirrors those to traffic infractions. It is not surprising that the situation is allowed to continue, however. As long as complacency rules our "sleepy" village, nothing will change. It's up

to individuals to make their voices heard. We need to get together and get involved if we want to keep our community safe.

— Marjorie McDonald
Millbrook, Ontario

Let's keep our community healthy

I would like to offer my thanks to the Millbrook Valley Trails Committee for all their work this season. We are so fortunate to have such an enchanted and peaceful forest in the village. May human traffic remain light and the trail remain as unobtrusive as possible so that the forest can continue to live and grow untamed.

I would also like to thank all those people who chose NOT to spray pesticides onto their lawns and gardens this year. With these chemicals being increasingly linked to cancers (especially neuroblastoma, childhood leukemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma), immune system disorders and learning disabilities, it is a gift to the entire community to choose long-term health over the short-term appearance of a plot of green stubble in front of one's home.

I propose that the township follow the lead of other communities in this country and ban the use of lawn and garden pesticides. Such a by-law could improve the deteriorating air and water quality in this area and make this an even more beautiful place to live.

— Alison Wearing
Millbrook

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cial" school for an "alternative learning model"; "self-directed" learning with students responsible for their own learning outcomes, facilitated by a teacher when needed. There were no formal classes. As anyone who understands educational theory and the developmental stages of youth knows, the majority of teens need the guidance and structure of a regular classroom to achieve academic learning goals.

This was the final death knell for the school. Numbers dropped dramatically, as concerned parents decided to send their children to regular class structures in Peterborough. Once the lower enrolments had been achieved, it didn't take much for the board to step in to close the school.

And now, on the advice of someone who probably thinks anything north of the 401 is the wilderness, students are to be further amalgamated and shipped around – and out of our communities. Bailieboro, with its vibrant school community at South Monaghan Public School, is at risk of losing touch with its young population, as they are to be shipped off to Millbrook. North Cavan/Ida/Mount Pleasant community is at risk of losing contact with its youth, who will be shipped into Millbrook. And everyone, including Millbrook kids, will be shipped off to a huge school in Peterborough from grade 7 onward.

Currently, the students from our area who are shipped off to Crestwood for high school have a very poor quality experience. Sure, there are more educational programs to choose from, but opportunities for extra-curricular activities – so important to social and emotional growth in adolescent years – are extremely limited. Unless you have a parent, an older sib, or when you get older, a car, you can't take part in anything after school because there are no buses available. You bear the stigma of being bused in from "the country" – many students have related they are referred to as "dirts", and are shunned by others.

When these students get home at night, there's nothing to do. For rural or village students alike, there are few programs or recreation (besides hockey, soccer, or baseball), if any, available for them to participate in. No wonder so many youth are looking for any way to get out of the place they refer to as an "armpit" or "hole". They have no connection to it, and do not feel a part of it.

The scary thing is that this disaffection is going to be experienced at an even younger age now, if the board follows through. Adolescents as young as 11 or 12 will be removed from their communities for school. If you think this isn't a problem, take a look at what happened to aboriginal youth who were forcibly removed from their communities for schooling – and the total community breakdown resulting.

We can't afford to be complacent, even those of us who don't have children or are past that stage of life. If our communities are to grow, thrive, and stay dynamic, our youth need to be schooled in our community. Youth are already in trouble with a lack of social constructs to support them locally. Let's get involved and speak out while we still can. The board is saying this report is merely advice to be considered. Let's keep it that way... just advice. ♣

BALLOT:

The Green Hills Gazette wants to take an informal poll. We'll publish the results next month, and forward these to the board of education:

Do you want to keep our schools the way they are in our communities or are you in favour of amalgamation? Yes No

Comments: _____

Please write in to The Green Hills Gazette, Box 289, Millbrook, Ontario L0A 1G0; email us at gazette@nexcicom.net; or fax us at (705) 932-4041.

October is salute to Small Business Month

By Lorna Miller

Downtown Millbrook is a collection of small businesses each filling its own niche. While the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce and the Millbrook Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) both provide a number of services to local businesses, they do not have the resources to provide financial incentives.

"There isn't any financial support offered locally," said Wanda Dillon, secretary/treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce and chair of the DBIA. "However, we do have access to the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC) in Peterborough."

The Gazette got in touch with Laura Lauzon, manager of the Business Advisory Centre (BAC) at the GPAEDC to see what help her office can provide to prospective small business entrepreneurs.

"We do not provide any financing," she said. "But we do help people arrange loans through banks. We provide a Business Start-Up Information package with a list of rules and regulations to guide people through the start-up process."

This package includes information on signing up for the GST and PST numbers, arranging business insurance, looking into land zoning and parking requirements, and how to be effective employers.

"We are basically a

Business Resource Centre. We have business plan and marketing plan templates in our resource library for people to access," said Lauzon.

"We also offer business training seminars, workshops and on-line training... we offer accounting and legal clinics where we stress the importance of lawyers and accountants in getting your business started. Also, we arrange free, one-time, half-

hour appointments with both a lawyer and an accountant for you to get advice from both of these experts."

On Oct. 30, the BAC will be hosting its premiere seminar, entitled "A Bridge to Better Business", one of the six seminars which they have hosted so far this year.

The BAC, which works in partnership with the province and the GPAEDC, also holds round table ses-

sions where new owners can discuss problems with owners of established businesses.

"This gives new owners the advantage of learning how to solve problems with established business people," Lauzon says.

This year to date, the BAC has had 985 business inquiries, 64 consultations, 40 participants, six seminars, and a number of class tours with organizations such as Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College, with 136 students participating.

To find out about the BAC program, go to its web site at www.gpaedc.on.ca or phone 705-743-0777. ♣

Bailieboro home to variety of businesses

By Sheri Fiegehen

Bailieboro is home to a variety of small businesses, from eateries to real estate offices, all located along County Road 28 in Bailieboro.

Century 21 United Realty's Rice Lake Branch, at 210 County Road 28, is operated by Allen Ramsay. Phone 939-2122, anytime. Re-Max Eastern, at 199 County Road 28, specializes in real estate in the Rice Lake area. The contact is Robert Hammersma, 939-6111. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

Bailieboro Grocery Store, at 200 County Road 28, has gas pumps, videos, and of course, groceries. Owner is Richard Saldanah. Hours are Monday to Friday, 7 am to 9 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 8 am to 8 pm. Phone 939-6068.

The Great Canadian

Chip Wagon, located next door to the grocery store, has yummy french fries and much more. It's owned and operated (seasonally) by Chris Shipton and his wife, Terry. The phone number is 939-1796.

Doo Doo's Bakery and Gifts, at 187 County Road 28, is owned by Diane Rogers. They have baked goods, coffee and cappuccino, craft items, and more. Hours are 6 am to 7 pm, seven days a week. Phone 939-2184.

Bailieboro Boutique, at 199 County Road 28, sells second-hand clothing and items, with proceeds going to support the library. Nancy Corley is the coordinator. The phone number is 939-6510. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 4 pm and 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm

Barbara's Bed and Breakfast, at 210 County Road 28, is operated by Barbara and Allen Ramsey. The phone number is 939-2122.

Nikken, which specializes in health and wellness products, is also operated by Barbara and Allen Ramsey, at 210 County Road 28. Phone 939-2122.

Raising Cane, at 561 County Road 28, sells rattan and wicker furniture. Owners are Rita and Mary-Anne Aschaber. Hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm; Sundays, noon to 5 pm. Phone 939-1919.

Taylor's Recycled Plastics, at 581 County Road 28, specializes in lawn furniture made from recycled plastics, as well as recycled plastic lumber and sheeting. Owner is Brook Taylor. Phone 939-6072.

Beyond the Bulrushes, an eclectic gift and home décor shop located on Cty. Rd #28 in Bailieboro is open 10 am to 6 pm, closed on Tuesdays. ♣



GUEST EDITORIAL

Reporting without bias

By Cathy Grass-Leal

Newspapers live currently on the bounty of the public. The ability of the journalist to report and comment is based on a unique grant of freedom from the public.

Thus our duty is clear. It is to serve the public with skill and character. Our news reports should never be influenced by the private interests of the owners of companies, politicians, or any other group. Our editorials should exhibit vigor and courage, always

respectful of the contrary opinion, never tailored to the whims of the editor or publisher.

We are always working toward building a tradition of excellence in *The Green Hills Gazette*. We must be aggressive towards publishing the news. The independence of our editor, reporters or publisher is not for sale. There are no sacred cows. No territory of legitimate public interest is off limits to fair and competent reporting and comments.

Freedom makes a place for excellence. That place must be filled with professional discipline, with respect for the public we serve and a keen sense of fairness to all individuals. We must never pander to passions or forget for a moment the power of the printed word to do wrong, as well as to right wrong.

When mistakes occur, we should correct them promptly and forthrightly.

Excellence cannot flourish without criticism — we need criticism and should seek it. Lacking trust, a newspaper cannot serve or advance any worthy purpose.

The first priority of *The Green Hills Gazette* is to print a faithful and accurate picture of life in the communities of Millbrook, Cavan, and North Monaghan. This requires detailed coverage of local events, municipal politics, and people's activities.

Warts and problems are at the core of the news, but they are not all of the news. Even against the tide of modern life, people and institutions make progress. We should be generous in the coverage of achievement; our pages should reflect the grit, devotion, and the durability of the human spirit. Let us nourish hope. While exposure of wrongdoing is a proper function, and on occasion, is a required function of

newspapers — it is not the main purpose.

Problems are shaped more often by circumstance. Corruption and conflicts of interest in most communities have little to do with important things that are not working. Most of our communities' failures are rooted in complex problems. A truly excellent newspaper will spend most of its investigative skills explaining those circumstances. We misdirect readers if we concentrate on narrow problems and inflate their significance.

A good newspaper is distinguished by balance, fairness and authority of its reporting and editing. Such a newspaper searches as hard for strengths and accomplishment as for weakness and failure. Rather than demoralize its community, the good newspaper will, by honest and intelligent journalism, inspire people to do better. ♣

Township reviews County official plan

By Melodie McCullough

Township Council recently reviewed a draft amendment of the official plan of Peterborough County and forwarded its comments and concerns — mostly minor details about development issues — back to the county.

"It looks pretty good. We had a few comments to make about content and interpretation but that's part of the purpose of them circulating it," said Karen Ellis, township planner in a recent interview.

The Peterborough County official plan is being updated so it conforms to current provincial policy. In a report received by Council from its planning staff, it states the county plan is not meant to interfere with planning matters of local municipalities.

But one area of concern for the township is the section that says the county and lower-tier municipalities should co-operatively allocate projected growth and development amongst member municipalities.

"This issue does have the potential to be of significant concern to the township of CMNM," says the report.

Since this "allocation of growth" could be difficult, the county intends to give a very broad interpretation to the policy.

"Development within the township should be able to proceed as planned provided it can be fully justified," says the report, but there is concern the interpretation could change over time.

"We're really not sure what they mean by that, and that's the concern — that it's not really clear," said Ellis.

Another concern for the township involves strategic water resources which requires local township official plans to identify and designate areas on maps to protect the quantity and quality of water supplies. Local plans must define development incompatible with ground and surface water protection and prohibit it within strategic water resource areas.

The new CMNM official plan is silent on this issue, which means an amendment will be required to address it. As well, the collection and interpretation of data could mean a significant investment of resources. It is hoped the county will work on the project with all local municipalities. ♣

Plan to chart growth, preserve rural life

By Melodie McCullough

Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan isn't waiting. With growth pressure expected from the Greater Toronto Area in the coming years, the municipality has decided to take a proactive approach through its recently updated official plan to set limits, avoid planning problems of the past and achieve a growth and development blueprint

for the next 50 years.

"I think the philosophy is that we're trying to come to terms with growth in a pragmatic fashion," said Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis in a recent interview. "We know there will be growth pressure. We want to preserve as much of our rural life as we can, but provide opportunity for growth as well."

Clark Consulting Services of Port Hope was

hired two years ago to amalgamate the official plans of the three former townships into one and the new plan is now before the County, awaiting its approval. Fraserville, Millbrook, and the Oak Ridges Moraine areas have separate secondary plans completed or in progress, and will be presented to the public before approval. Fraserville is recognized as the natural area for growth

in the township because of its geographic location at the intersection of Highways #115 and #28, and its proximity to both a rail corridor and airport, said Fallis. It is also adjacent to three interchanges.

"It's an area that's going to grow no matter what the municipality wants. So we understand that reality and are trying to address growth in that area before the growth comes," he said.

So the official plan identifies it as the main area to promote commercial and industrial development.

Residential zones are also included in the Fraserville area, with the possibility of some residential growth in Millbrook as well. Defining details such as density, however, would be premature, said Fallis, since a lot of the expected growth is years down the road.

But many people already live in the township and commute to jobs in the GTA, and he expects that trend will continue.

"This is a short commute from Oshawa on a double-lane highway all the way, so I expect that a lot of people will use that, and they'll like the lifestyle and the quality of life."

For the rest of the township, the official plan takes a cautious approach toward development. It hopes to preserve farmland and the rural nature of the township, and at the same time, limit the need for new infrastructure and services and any potential conflicts between present residents and future development.

"We really don't want much more growth with the exception of farm-related severances. It's pretty clearly a position of this council."

Fallis noted, however, the amount of land designated agricultural in the draft official plan was significantly downsized, by almost 50%, in the final plan. That's because the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs,

Council hears Fraserville Secondary Plan details

By Lorna Miller

The township's need to provide services for the Sysco Food Services Warehouse at 65 Elmvalle Road, in North Monaghan Ward, has introduced "complicated issues to the straightforward servicing of the area," says Bob Clark, of Clark Consulting Services, Port Hope.

Clark recently presented Council with a report stating "the (Fraserville) Secondary Plan is justified, and the growth it represents will meet the objectives outlined."

The Secondary Plan, which will follow objectives set out by both the Provincial Policy Statement and Smart Growth Strategy, will involve three staging and servicing areas, and follow four schedules: land use plan, roads and transportation plan, services and

development staging plans, and watersheds.

A long-range service strategy will be based on an original servicing strategy review which indicated Otonabee River property is positioned to provide alternative servicing for the Ward.

"We have been involved in this project for over a year. During that time we have looked at four alternative servicing options — five if the City of Peterborough were to be involved," says Bob Clark. "However, we have decided that the river property is the best option."

The report recommends Council authorize the report's review of the alternative alignment of Airport Road with the County. It also recommends the municipality revisit its Development Charges by-law to reconsider the need for commercial, industrial

and institutional charges in the Fraserville area as there is the assumption that there are sources of funding other than the municipality.

"We want to have the infrastructure in place so that 30 years down the road we don't have to look back and say we should have done it differently. We are looking at a long-range plan and we want assure the infrastructure will stand up to the demands of long-term use," Clark says

"We have not identified the other sources of funding as yet," Clark says. "The township is now looking into the possibility of private sector investors investing in municipal bonds and provincial incentives which would encourage businesses interested in locating in that area to fund part of the costs. This would enable Council to avoid relying upon the general revenue fund for funding, rendering the plan self-sufficient."

Population and employment projections for the Fraserville area conclude commercial, entertainment and employment opportunities envisioned for the area are acceptable. However, the building of residential property is not expected for the next 20 years.

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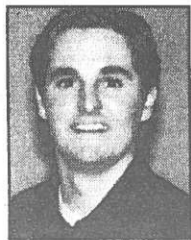
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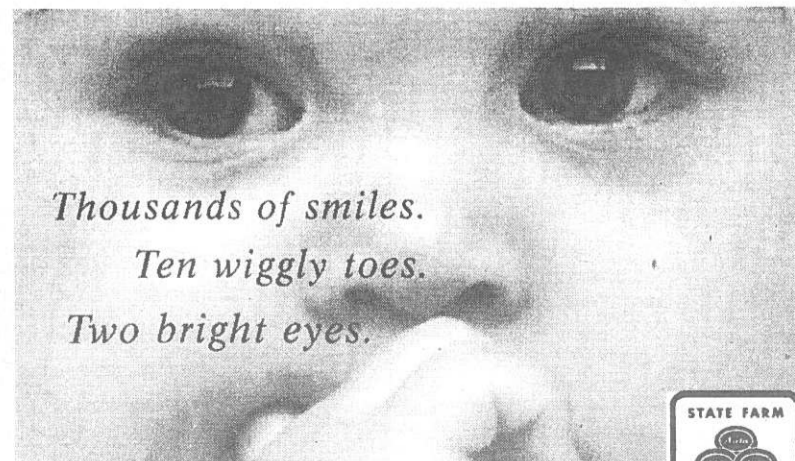
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after reviewing the plan, said it was not prepared to protect all the designated agricultural land because scattered development interspersed throughout it has lowered its value as farmland. Farmers now require much larger areas of land to farm successfully, so the province looks for large undisturbed blocks. So areas that are "very rural" will be protected as agricultural, while the rest has been given a "rural" designation, with much the same uses as agricultural, said Fallis.

Heritage areas and environmentally sensitive areas have also been protected and buffered in the plan, he said, such as the Cavan wetlands and all cold water streams. It also "opens the door" for community groups to work within a policy framework to preserve heritage buildings and control streetscapes.

The scattered and unplanned residential development that has reduced the value of farmland in the area is an example of poor planning from the past

The scattered and unplanned residential development that has reduced the value of farmland in the area is an example of poor planning from the past, something the new official plan hopes to avoid, said Fallis. It has created tensions between large farm and gravel pit operators and rural residents, for example, and has put a financial strain on the municipality to maintain roads that were never designed in the first

place for school buses or recycling trucks.

When homes first began sprouting in rural areas in the 1960s there were no agreements with developers to pay for infrastructure or have storm water management and drainage plans.

"So there are a lot of problems with unplanned growth," said Fallis.

Iain Mudd, senior planner with Peterborough County, said county staff are now reviewing CMNM's official plan. Once approved by County Council, there is a 20-day appeal period and two or three members of the public have already requested notice of the adoption of the plan. This does not necessarily mean they will appeal it to the Ontario Municipal Board, but does show some members of the public have concerns, he said. ♣

School

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Many other significant changes are proposed right across the school board district, such as the construction of seven new elementary schools, additions to 12, and consolidation of 50. At the secondary level, the construction of four new facilities is proposed, as well as the consolidation of 10 high schools.

Clarke pointed out enrolment is expected to decline by the year 2016 in elementary schools in Peterborough County by over 18%, and in the secondary panel by 1.5%. In Clarington, however, which is also under the jurisdiction of the same school board, there will be "very significant" increases in both elementary and secondary schools because more than half of new homes built in the board's district will be in that area.

But Pat Steel, chairperson of the School Council at the 221-pupil South Monaghan school and father of four, said rural schools in the area are at 119% capacity now and it seems strange to want to close schools, only to build new larger ones.

"It looks like a large, city mega-school mentality. We're not interested in that," he told school board trustees at the meeting.

Shelly Manley, a Millbrook mother of four, called the idea of a large school in Millbrook and the loss of intermediate students "disheartening".

"I was disappointed when the Millbrook high school left (in 1992) and now they're talking of the Grade 7 and 8s leaving."

Two of her children attend Crestwood Secondary School and she says has to drive to the city nearly every day to pick her son up after school so he is able to participate in soccer.

Cheryl Roberts chose North Cavan for her four children because of its "homey atmosphere" and while she is not panicking about the recommendations "if it came down to that, I would be very upset and be concerned about the quality of education my kids would receive in a larger school."

Carolyn Porteous, a member of the North Cavan School Council, thinks there might be some value to a larger school for higher grades.

"I can see both sides of it. North Cavan is a great small school but we have a declining enrolment and with that comes some disadvantages (in programs and extra-curricular activities)." But she suggests an alternative solution would be to change school boundaries to build up the smaller rural schools, or keep all elementary students at a Millbrook school, not James Strath.

"From a business perspective, their recommendations make sense, and unfortunately that's how they're looking at this," she said.

Clarke said the main reason for recommending intermediate students go to Strath is because they would receive better programs. The school, only 10 years old, was built to provide a full range of programs, such as music, computer labs, and design and technology, at considerable cost to the board. Enrolment is also expected to decline there.

"So all that wonderful

program space wouldn't be fully utilized. Rather than leaving it empty, this seems an opportunity to utilize the new senior program space." To keep the intermediate students in Millbrook would require an 844-pupil facility, and Clarke said she was told by the board that would overload the municipality's water services' capacity.

Deputy Reeve Brian Fallis said he has not had any parents calling him about the recommendations, but he is sympathetic to possible concerns.

"My bias is toward local education and keeping kids as close to home as possible. It's better for both the children and all members of the community," he said in an interview.

The report is only one tool the board will use to determine if schools close, and nothing is definite yet, said Judy Malfara, communications officer with the board. It will now go to board administrative staff, who will review it and make recommendations to the full board Nov. 28. At that time, schools to be reviewed for closure for the 2003-2004 year will be named and then committees will be formed with community and board representatives.

"So this report is a far cry from any decision regarding any specific school," she said.

But at the information meeting, board chairman Bob Willsher made it clear funding is limited.

"We don't have finite resources. The most important thing is what happens in the classroom, not the bricks and mortar. You have to maximize the resources you have, and that means consolidation of schools." ♣

Motor Services

There's nothing quite so aggravating at this time of the year than to have your leaf blower, lawn mower, or other power tool you are using pack it in.

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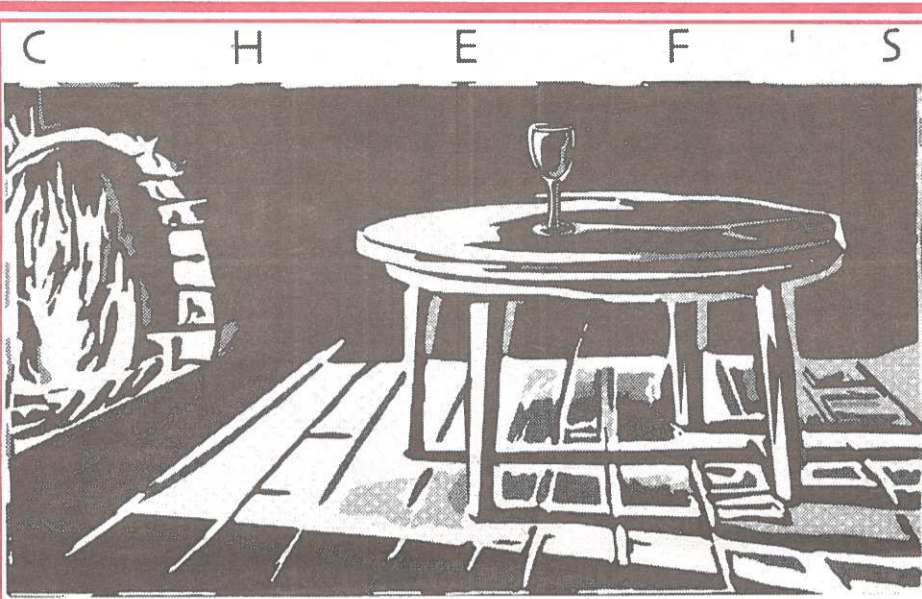
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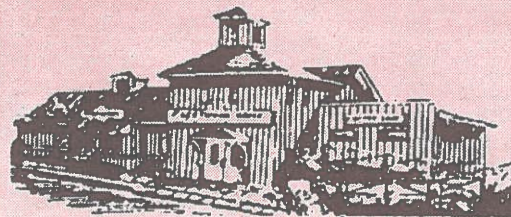
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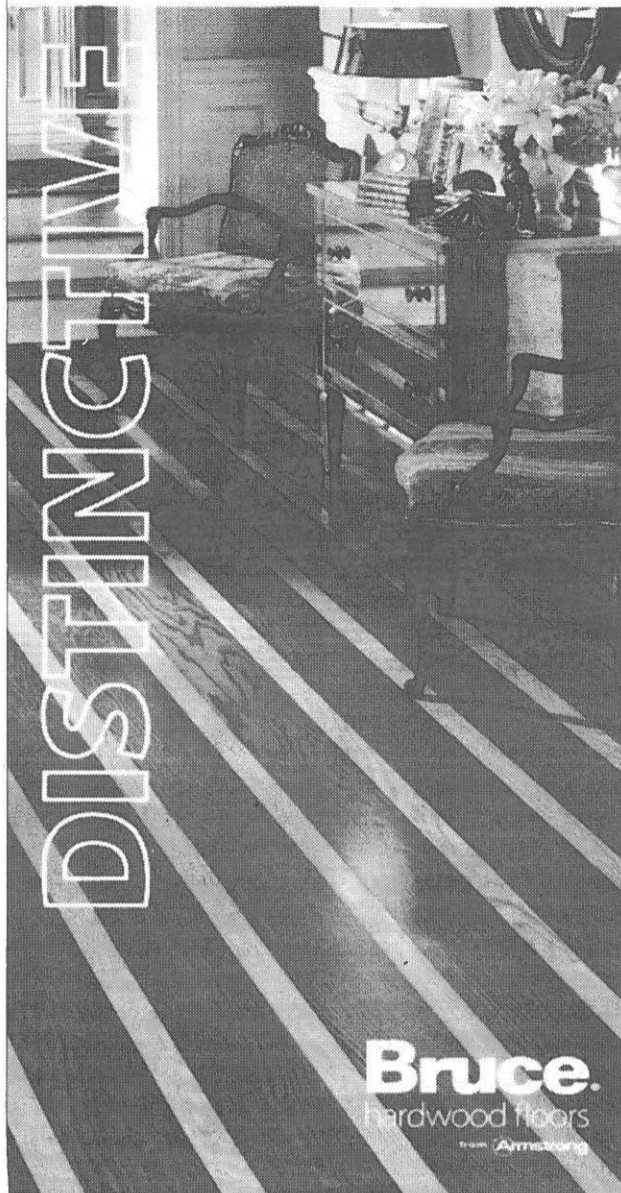
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Cozying up your home for fall and winter

By Deborah Luchuk

The frost is on the pumpkin, and the leaves have turned to all the rich colours of autumn. We're spending more time indoors, and laying up when we venture outside for work or play.

As we pull out the cozy sweaters, pants, and boots from the depths of our closets, it's also a great time to consider some relatively inexpensive changes to our homes to help us feel warmer and nurtured during the darker months to come.

A few cans of paint, some new fabrics and textiles, a weekend, and some imagination will create a cozy atmosphere away from the howling, wet winds of late fall. First, take your inspiration from the glorious, rich colours of leaves, grasses, and woods. Deep yellows, burnished oranges, rich reds, and deeper shades of green, as well as all the wood tones predominate in the landscape.

Psychologically, these colours not only look

Psychologically, these colours... encourage you to feel warmer and cozier as well.

warmer – they encourage you to feel warmer and cozier as well. Why not try painting walls in a living room or kitchen – or other spaces where you spend a lot of time – with one of these colours? If you are, like many people, afraid of colour – and have the beige walls to prove it – then get a sample can of paint and paint a small area in an inconspicuous spot and see if you like the effect. Try one wall first, and see if you like that – allow yourself enough time to really make an evaluation, because any change is difficult for most of us to embrace right away.

The next step is to look at your furniture, decorative items, and pictures. If you are changing the paint colour in your chosen room then you'll want your furni-

ture and decorations to coordinate – not match, but coordinate. Again, look at the colours of nature in fall for other colours that will work harmoniously with your new paint – or add some neutrals. How about an off-white, canvas slipcover for chairs and couches? (Hint: easily treated with a can of spray-on Scotchguard.) Toss on some cushions in some of those fall colours, or make/buy some new cushion covers.

Bright coloured runners can brighten up a coffee table or sideboard, as can strategically placed candles or pottery pieces. Even if you have wall to wall carpeting, you could add a rug with colours under a coffee table or other piece of furniture to coordinate with your new autumn colour scheme – bringing together the colours you have used on walls and furniture. In fact, why not try a brightly coloured kilim (Indian fabric rug) or similar – and hang this on your wall for a shot of colour?

By implementing some or all of these suggestions into your decorating, you will improve not only your favourite room's appearance, but create a welcoming, cozy environment for your family and friends coming in from the cold and snow. ♣

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Preparing for the arrival of Ol' Man Winter

By Deborah Luchuk

Winter is around the corner, and getting a few things done this fall around your home and yard will mean less work in the spring and more enjoyment of this fall's glorious colours.

Looking around outside, you will want to rake up and compost dead leaves

Electrical, plumbing, heating, and air circulation/ductwork systems should be assessed by a professional...

and other biodegradable matter, and pick up any garbage. You'll also want to tidy up your flower and vegetable garden beds – pull out dead, brown plants, and prune others such as rose bushes so they can successfully "come back" in the spring in full flower. When spring does roll around, and the snow melts, you won't be faced with the rather depressing sight of dead –

and now slimy — plants from the previous year!

The outside of your home will be taking a beating with winter storms. Inspect and clean eavestroughs and other drains. Check your roof for loose shingles, and check for cracked masonry or bricks, or paint flaking off siding. Ensure water is draining away from your house, as opposed to into your basement.

Your home's systems should also be inspected – much like you would have a physical on an annual basis. Electrical, plumbing, heating, and air circulation/ductwork systems should be assessed by a professional for routine maintenance to avoid crises down the road – such as a furnace that dies during one of the coldest days of the year!

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Don't put off that home improvement work any longer – fix up your "castle" today to enjoy the coziness your home offers during the winter months. David Taylor can be contacted at 749-1567 or 875-7857 (cell). ♣

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"At the present time, we are estimating there will be provisions for approximately 200 residences in the area," he says.

The incorporation of a golf course with clubhouse facilities could be located within the boundaries of the secondary plan, or, after an application for re-zoning, within commercially designated property.

The proposal indicates seven steps will be taken as part of the process. They are to finalize the Secondary Plan; have a project and municipal team review; review with Council; circulation of these plans and reports to appropriate planning agencies and neighbouring municipalities; give notice and hold a public meeting; consider comments, finalize and submit to Council.

A draft of the Fraserville Secondary Plan could be available for Council review in October. The results of the approval process, including compilation of the results of the seven points and requiring at least three months to complete, will be available to the Township Council for review early in 2003. ♣

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Environmentally-friendly homes entering mainstream

By Melodie McCullough
As technology improves to allow more and more environmentally friendly homes to be built, both governments and individuals are starting to see the need for a change in thinking when it comes to the home-building industry.

"We're past the demonstration stage. What Canada needs to do is get caught up with what's happening elsewhere."

recently awarded federal government support worth over a million dollars towards a pilot project to design and construct eight to 10 residential homes with solar energy systems.

"We think there certainly is a market for these homes. For example, Japan last year built 25,000 of these homes, and 100,000 since 1994," continued MacLellan. "We're hoping

to see a similar growth here in Canada. So, yes, there's a market."

The Kitchener project will demonstrate how homebuyers can generate electricity from their rooftops using solar energy on a community scale in a residential neighbourhood. Solar panels capable of generating 45 kilowatts of power will be connected to the electrical grid so they can send surplus electricity back to the utility. The project will study the impact of solar-powered neighbourhoods from the perspective of the electrical utility, financial institutions and municipal planning and show how solar energy can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce consumers' expenses and increase home comfort.

Simon Boone, a professional engineer and president of Peterborough's Generation Solar, says his company has been approached by builders in this area to provide renewable energy systems, but so far they have only been for custom-built off-grid homes.

"But certainly the technology is moving towards grid connection and that's definitely the way we will see solar used in the future."

MacLellan said his project will work with a standard industry builder who will provide solar energy as an option, a definite change from the way things are usually done when subdivisions are mass marketed.

"That's a real barrier or problem. They don't have too many options (in most subdivisions). They want to sell model A over and over again," said Stephen Carpenter, president of

Enermodal Engineering, also in Kitchener, and which also chooses to work on environmentally responsible housing.

His company designs and supervises construction of homes that conserve resources both during and after construction — by diverting construction waste, using recycled materials, and saving water and energy — and also provide a healthy living environment for the buyer by reducing ozone-depleting chemicals, improving indoor air quality, using natural daylight, and minimizing the amount of outside noise that comes into a home.

"...the technology is moving towards [electrical] grid connection..."

"I guess we're looking to have a positive impact on the world rather than a negative one. There's more to life than just maximizing revenue," said Carpenter.

"The benefit to the home-owner is lower utility costs, but, more importantly, there are thermal comfort benefits. It's a more pleasant space to be in. And I think if more of these houses were offered, a lot more would be sold." ♣

Baxter Creek Estates: permanent homes on hold

By Melodie McCullough

A few technical issues still need to be resolved before Baxter Creek Estates can begin building permanent homes in its proposed subdivision in Millbrook, says township planner Karen Ellis.

Until these issues can be worked out, no building permits can be issued for permanent homes, she said, "but we are moving closer." However, she said the owner, B.G. Schickedanz Homes, has inquired about building two more model homes as part of the five model home agreement already approved, and these may be permitted soon. There is already one model home on the site. ♣

AON on schedule

By Melodie McCullough

AON plans to begin hiring in February to fill the expected 128 part-time and full-time jobs that will become available with the opening of its new nursing home in Millbrook next summer.

Construction at the site at the corners of Tupper and Centennial Streets began this past summer and right now, everything is running on schedule with no problems for the projected Aug. 1 opening, said Ross Smith, president of AON.

"With the nice dry weather we've been having, everything has been flowing along very nicely," he said.

Township Council has met the requirements necessary for servicing the site on schedule, and the neighbours have been very understanding and tolerant of the construction, he said. AON hopes to have most of the landscaping done this fall so there will not be too much disturbance next year for nearby residents. ♣

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Real estate veteran loves her job

By Lorna Miller

Putting the right people into the right house is the motivation for Mary Ellen McCamus, independent broker, and soon-to-be owner of Exit Realty Liftlock in Peterborough.

"It all comes down to putting round pegs into round holes and square into square — and making them happy," says the 17-year veteran of the real estate industry.

It also helps that Mary Ellen, farm wife and mother of four, has found her niche in dealing with people, their dreams, and their houses.

"Years ago, a friend suggested I get into real estate," she remembers. "I thought they were nuts. Then I took the courses, got my license on a Friday, Oct. 13, 1986, got two listings and made a sale — and realized I had found what I wanted to do with my life."

For Mary Ellen, monetary reward, although necessary and very nice, is only part of the pleasure. She has a well-established repeat clientele who tell others how fair, honest and professional, caring and fun she is to deal with.

"The repeat customers who tell friends about me make up 30% of my business today," she says. "You can't buy that kind of advertising for any amount of money."

Over the years she has witnessed the cyclical rise and fall of prices, and believes we are now in a growth cycle in the Peterborough area.

"Last year, from January to August there were 4,368 listings and 2,003 sales. This year there are 4,087 listings and 2,465 sales. That's a 12% increase in sales with fewer listings," she observes.

Mary Ellen attributes the increased sales number to the influx of people from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) who are looking for a small town or country lifestyle.

"With the expectation of the completion of Highway 407, GTA people are realizing the Peterborough area is not all that far away. And that is pushing housing prices up. This year the average price of a home in the area went up and is now selling from \$100,000 to \$160,000 in Peterborough. In Millbrook and Cavan, the average

price rose from \$157,410 to \$171,705, a 15% increase," she says.

Real estate is a business which is influenced by interest rates, the economy and world events. After Sept. 11 the market stagnated in Canada for about month and is still, but rapidly, recovering in the U.S.

Will the present upward spiral in real estate keep going or has it reached its peak and will now take another dive?

"I hope not," she says. "But, you never know. I hope that if it does stop spiraling, it just levels off and doesn't dive like it did in the 1990s in reaction to the dramatic rise in prices in the 1990s."

Whatever happens, Mary Ellen is well able to rise above any adverse turn in the tide.

"I was busy even during the recession," she says. "I was one of the 10% who was lucky enough to still get listings and make sales through it all."

Mary Ellen McCamus is one of the 385 members of the Peterborough and District Real Estate Board that covers a wide and varying area, and includes houses, farms, commercial and industrial properties.

"I love this job," she says. "It is always a challenge. I wouldn't want to do anything else." ♣



In order to encourage early literacy in young children, the Old Millbrook School Family Centre launched the All Babies Can program on Friday, Oct. 18. The program includes a beautiful bag of books and other goodies for small fry. Seated (l-r): Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis, new mom Marjorie McDonald with her six-week-old son, Cameron. Standing (l-r): librarian Margot Loucks; Melanie Winn, vice-chair of the Family Centre.

Literacy program for babies launched

By Sheri Fiegehen

A new literacy program to introduce youngsters to the joy of reading was recently launched at the Old Millbrook School. Called ABC (All Babies Can), the program provides new moms with a cute little denim bag chock-full of fun and informative items.

Inside each bag are two colourful and engaging books aimed at babies, as well as informational pamphlets about breastfeeding, parenting, and programs available at the Old Millbrook School Family Centre and the Millbrook library.

The program was made possible through the Early Years Challenge Fund, the township, the library, the family centre, and the La Leche League. Local resident Renee Paul made the bags.

"This is a wonderful initiative to introduce babies to reading. It gives them, and parents, a good head-start on literacy," said Deputy-Reeve Brian Fallis.

Wilma Armstrong, Chair of the Family Centre, agreed. "We want parents to know early on that there is a support system in our township. The library is here to learn about early literacy, and the Family Centre is here for parenting support."

Margot Loucks, librarian, added that being introduced to literacy at a young age allows children to do better in school. "It's a combination of both learning, as well as the bonding experience that goes along with cuddling up with mom and a good book."

Melanie Winn, Vice-Chair of the family centre,

expanded on that point by saying that parents are role models for children.

"Parents are an important part of a child's education. When parents instill that love of reading at a young age, children will learn

from that," she said.

The ABC bags are available to moms in the township who have had a baby anytime since April, 2002. To get a bag, call the Family Centre at 932-7088 or the library at 932-2919. ♣

Millbrook no stranger to school closings

By Melodie McCullough

The Millbrook area is no stranger to school closings and amalgamations, the mention of which can still rattle local residents.

"There was a great sense of camaraderie in our high school and a sense of community and pride in community. It left a huge whole when they moved that high school out of here," said George Luchuk, a parent of former students of the school. Along with residents and parents Pat Sutton and Wendy Brown, Mr. Luchuk was a member of an ad hoc committee formed by the Peterborough County Board of Education when it wanted to close the Millbrook high school in the late 1980s.

In the 1970s, school board district boundaries changed and Millbrook became part of the Peterborough County Board of Education rather than the Northumberland district board. Not long after that, the public elementary school on Gravel Road, built in 1889 (now known as the Old Millbrook School) was closed (1981), and the reason given was that it was a possible fire hazard. This was met with a large public outcry at the time. Its primary and junior students, who mostly all walked to school, were then bused to South Cavan School and its intermediate students to the Millbrook High School on Tupper Street. Then in 1992, the high school was closed because of low enrolment (130 students) and those students were sent to Crestwood Secondary School in Peterborough. The high school became an

elementary school and amalgamated with South Cavan to form Millbrook/South Cavan Public School. The former South Cavan School is now an annex and houses 220 JK to Grade 4 students, while the main building (the former high school) houses 210 Grades 5 to 8 students.

(The recently released school board accommodation report incorrectly states the annex is empty. Officials have notified the consultants of their mistake.)

The high school ad hoc committee was set up to look at the cost-efficiency of running the small Millbrook high school, said Mr. Luchuk and, after factoring in salaries, overhead costs such as heating and maintenance, it unexpectedly found the cost per student to be one of the lowest in the county. It was also asked to look at quality of education at the school, and found it to be excellent, having one of the highest percentages of

students going on to post-secondary education and excellent athletic results, as well.

(The committee was not allowed to consider the costs of busing students to Peterborough, since, at the time, transportation costs were paid by the province, not the local school board. The present school board accommodation report does not consider increased transportation costs either in its financial analysis. Trustees have stated these costs will eventually have to be factored into any board decision regarding closures.)

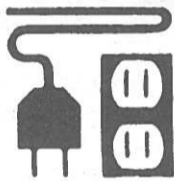
Even with the positive results of the committee's study, and a temporary reprieve that time around for Millbrook High School, the board decided to go ahead and close the high school a few years later.

"So we won the battle, but lost the war," said Mr. Luchuk. "It just makes you cry when you think about it, because it was such a loss, and a lot of people felt it."

He feels the board had its own agenda of consolidation and centralization.

"They're talking about doing it again to us, and they have no interest in rural life and rural values. They're only interested in the bottom line." ♣

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By Kimberley J. Keijzers
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My dogs are barking. With this new routine of purposeful fitness, I find myself walking more often, and my feet are screaming at me for it.

I walk my children to the bus stop and then carry on from there for a brisk 30-minute walk around the neighbourhood before my day begins. I walk from the second floor parking lot to my job downtown. I walk the trails to learn about my new town of Millbrook. I walk through the fields, following my dog after dinner. I give myself an A+ for effort, but my feet are failing me.

In my wisdom to include purposeful fitness in my life, I have neglected the very vehicle that gets me there – my own feet. So as a reward and incentive to continue my regime, I plan to buy new shoes. Now this may seem a sim-

ple task, but there are a few things to keep in mind when buying shoes.

Before purchasing new footwear, make sure that you buy shoes made for your sport. Soccer, tennis and walking shoes all require very different protection for your feet, as the sport demands different movements. If it means buying more than one shoe, consider it an investment in your health. And if you are a runner, you need to purchase new shoes almost every 500 miles or four months. An aerobics enthusiast needs to buy new shoes every three to six months.

A good time to buy shoes is at the end of the day as your feet may increase up to one-half a shoe size during the day due to swelling.

A good time to buy shoes is at the end of the day as your feet may increase up to one-half a shoe size during the day due to swelling. And remember to wear the socks you would normally wear during your

sport; socks and shoes must be fit together.

When you buy your new footwear, try the shoes on in the store. If the shoe does not feel right in the store, don't buy it. Athletic shoes should not be expected to stretch or accommodate to abnormal foot shape and won't change after you leave the store.

While in the store, mimic the movements of the particular activity or sport to determine if the shoe will perform properly. And, test the flexibility by rolling up on your toes. If the heel slips out of the back of the shoe, the shoe itself is too stiff in the forefoot. Keep in mind that high-impact sports require shoes that provide excellent cushioning and support.

Whether biking hilly terrain, walking to your mailbox or hitting a tennis ball on the court, keep in mind that if a shoe does not fit properly, it will never perform properly and will cause discomfort and potential injury. To make sure you perform your best and to prevent injuries, a shoe must fit your activity as well as the shape of your foot. And the only dogs you want barking are those happy pups you've taken for a walk! ♣



THE RISIBLE MOMENT

Like is heck!

By Lorna Miller

Life is heck! Both of you who read this column will know that we have been working our butts off (I wish that statement was literal, rather than figurative) on our old school house to make it something from the pages of House Beautiful.

Over the last three years, we worked like beavers painting and repairing inside and out. We bought a pump for the pool (in-ground, 32x16 with concrete walkway surround), dug up miles of grass and dirt and planted trees, flowers, herbs and

vegetable gardens, scraped off, on hands and knees, great piles of carpet, linoleum, tar, glue, and plywood to get back to the original maple hardwood floors, built closets in bedrooms and a china cabinet in the dining room; put on a last-a-lifetime steel roof, fixed the well, etc, etc, etc...

The offer was not only rejected, but the vendor ejected both agents onto the front lawn and threw the offer out after them.

Well, guess what, no sooner had we finished than hubby decided that the trip to the big smoke was just too far to drive! Ah, shucks.

Yep, the house is sold. We are now tearing our

hair out looking for another home. Sadly, we have discovered that the spiraling prices in the market have made it financially impossible for us to move closer to T.O. So we are now fast forwarding around the country looking for something that has four intact walls and an indoor bathroom that is within our limited budget.

We put in an honest, but low, offer on one home that needed almost total restructuring. The offer was not only rejected, but the vendor ejected both agents onto the front lawn and threw the offer out after them.

So we are now relegated to looking even farther away just to get a house that is at least standing and has doors and windows that close.

Life is an adventure and sometimes the path is rough, but we learn from our experiences.

I am now looking at this as a learning experience. I may have to give up a 25 x 25 living room, two fireplaces, a pool, woods, and more, but I will never give up my sense of humour.

As I walked through the woods today taking pictures of the glorious fall colours, I watched a hawk floating freely over the fields. He was definitely enjoying himself soaring high and wheeling down, carried on the swirling air currents while hunting for the family dinner.

"If I could only be a hawk," I thought. "Soaring above problems. Building a nest out of sticks in a sturdy tree. Living off the fat of the little forest creatures. Then all would be well."

Then I heard shots close by. Damned hunters.

I looked up and the hawk was gone. No. I don't think he was shot. But his hunt was interrupted. Everything in sight had burrowed, climbed, or run into hiding. His life wasn't so hot. External forces had influence in his domain, too.

Not living in Toronto or New York I don't get shot at in the A & P while perusing the pasta. We have a lot to be thankful for even if our lives are disrupted by the occasional move.

So it's back to packing up. Thank heavens there is still stuff in boxes I haven't unpacked from the last move. I'm not even going to look at them. Just take them with us as they are. I'll open them sometime in the future and get surprises and a day full of memories. I'll throw out a little, repack a lot, and have hubby sighing in frustration as he carries them to the garage to store for another decade.

That's life. Keep smiling. ♣

Dan Woodward's Car Clinic



Why your car stopped working

There are several reasons why your car, truck, or van refuses to budge from its spot in the garage, while parked elsewhere, or worse, at the side of a lonely, snowy road.

It all comes down to systems. Like your own body, your vehicle has a number of systems that can go awry – and cause your baby to be "laid up" for a while. Thankfully, you can prevent a lot of these problems with regular maintenance and "check-ups", which we can do when you come in for your regularly scheduled tune-up and/or oil change. (You HAVE scheduled these services according to your owner's manual, right???)

- Engine problems – such as worn valves, warped engine heads, worn crank or camshaft
- Fuel problems – when your vehicle is "starved" for gas; such as blocked fuel lines or injectors, a clogged fuel pump, fuel injector system's controller damaged
- Ignition problems – when your car cannot use fuel; such as misfiring spark plugs, engine timing belt broken, distributor cap cracked/not functioning properly
- Computer problems – when your car's brain malfunctions; eg. sensors stopping your car from operating properly
- Electrical problems – eg. the starter solenoid and motor can fail to rotate and start your auto's engine, the battery can fail to hold a charge

- Cooling problems – if the cooling systems is not working well, then you can find yourself on the road with a overheated rad
- Lubrication problems – your vehicle needs oil on all those parts that are moving quickly to avoid friction. A low oil level can starve some parts for lubrication – or cause seizing of your motor (a very bad situation!)
- Brake problems – brake systems stop your car, protecting passengers and other drivers from harm. Problems include brakes needing replacement, parking breaks needing repair
- Suspension problems – when your car bounces, bashes, and grinds a bit too much; e.g. shock absorbers can wear out, struts can need replacement
- Transmission problems – the tranny transmits the engine's power directly or indirectly to the driving wheels; a clutch can wear out or automatic transmission fail; a universal joint can wear out

Prevent these problems BEFORE they leave you stranded somewhere! Let us check your vehicle over for any potential problems before winter sets in, at your next maintenance service with us.



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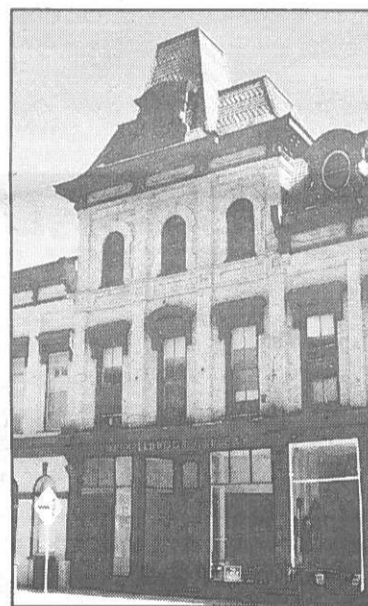
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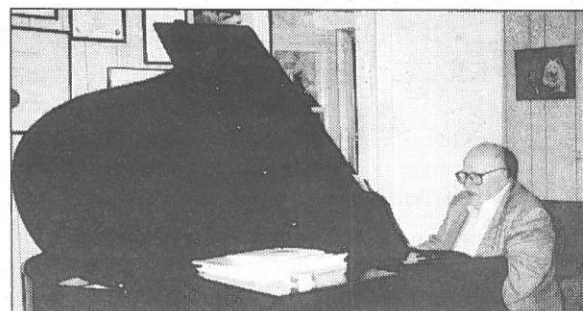
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Coming Events

Travel Writing Course

At Lady Eaton College, Trent University
Thursdays Oct. 24 - Nov. 28, 7 - 9 pm
Travel writing course taught by Deb Luchuk, managing editor of *The Gazette*, through Julian Blackburn College's Continuing Education program.
Six-week course covers all you need to know about travel writing, getting assignments, and more! Contact Lisa Clark at Trent University (705) 748-1011, or email her at liclark@trentu.ca for more information or to register.

Mingles for Singles - Dance and Socialize

At Kawartha Golf and Country Club
Fridays Oct. 25, Nov. 8, 9 pm - 1 am
Coffee, prizes, and Latin Dancing instruction. Great music supplied by DJ. \$7 per person. For more info, call (705) 799-5432 or (705) 742-7854

Touch and Go - Dinner Theatre

At the Cobourg Best Western Inn & Convention Centre
October 25, 26, 27; November 1, 2, 3
A well-crafted domestic comedy that will have the audience falling off their chairs with laughter.
For more information and tickets call the Cobourg Best Western Inn at (905) 372-2105. Reserve now - some shows are already SOLD OUT!

Haunted House

At Needler's Mill, Millbrook
Sat. Oct. 25 and 31, 6 - 8 pm
For info, call 932-2911.

Emotional Intelligence Workshop

At Elim Lodge Conference Centre, nr. Ennismore
Sat./Sun. Oct. 25-27
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For more info, call Johanna at 876-0962 or check the website www.johannavanderpol.com.

One-Act Play Festival

At Fire Hall Theatre, Cobourg
Oct. 24, 25, 26; Nov. 1, 2 - all performances @ 8 pm, 2 pm matinee Nov. 2
Two plays featured by Northumberland Players - Laddie Boy, a Canadian drama about the third world aspects of our country; Laundry Boy, story of three small town women in Texas who get together to gossip, banter, expose community secrets.
Tickets \$15, reserve by calling Fire Hall Theatre (905) 372-0577.

Harvest Tea and Bazaar

At St. Andrew's United Church, Millbrook
Sat. Oct. 26, 9 - 11:30 am
Free admission! Lots of yummy treats, one of a kind items, and more!

Halloween Dance

At Millbrook Legion
Sat. Oct. 26
Tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at door. Available at Oasis Tans, at the door, or call 932-2434.

Centreville Presbyterian Church

169th Anniversary
At the church, Cty. Rd. #28, just south of #115
Sun. Oct. 27, 11 am service
Guest minister Rev. Sandy Beaton, everyone welcome!

Reg Sloane Memorial Dart Tournament

At Millbrook Legion
Oct. 28, 10 am registration, play at 11 am
Blind draw doubles, \$5 per person.

Rummage and Bake Sale

At St. Thomas Anglican Church (Centre St., Millbrook)
Sat. Nov. 2, 9 am - noon
Free admission! Yummy treats and baking, lots of new-to-you treasures and buys.

Beef Dinner

At Cavan United Church
Sat. Nov. 2, 4:30 pm start
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Kawartha Child Care Services

Grand Opening
At Old Millbrook School Family Centre
Nov. 6, 5 - 7 pm,

ribbon cutting 5:30 pm
Grand opening of licensed child care services for families in area, before/after school programs, nursery school, half day program. Open to all. For more info, call 932-4688.

Remembrance Day Service

At the Cenotaph, Millbrook
Nov. 11
Parade, solemn observance. All welcome.

Turkey Roll

At Millbrook Legion
Nov. 16
Call 932-2837 for more info and tickets.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Millbrook Women's Institute Meeting

4th Tuesday monthly, 1:30 pm
Call Barb 944-5744 for details. New members welcome!
Community Care Blood Pressure Clinic
3rd Wed. monthly
Millbrook Manor - 10:30 - 11:30 am
Millbrook Legion - 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Scrapbooking Group

At Old Millbrook School
4th Tues. monthly, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
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At Old Millbrook School
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Euchre Party

At Emmanuel United, Baillieboro
Third Mon., 8 pm
Lunch provided by Baillieboro WI. Cost \$2.50, all welcome

Euchre in Mount Pleasant

At Mount Pleasant Women's Institute Hall, Cty. Rd # 10
1st Mon., 8 pm
Lunch served by Women's Institute. \$2, everyone welcome.

Fraserville LOL 46 Dance

At Fraserville LOL Hall. Second Sat. monthly, 9 pm start. Music by Harold Davidson Country, admission \$15/couple. For info, 799-6482.

Toddler Breastfeeding Support

At Family Resource Centre, Peterborough Sq.
4th Thursdays, 10 am - noon
All women, children welcome Info: 740-6188

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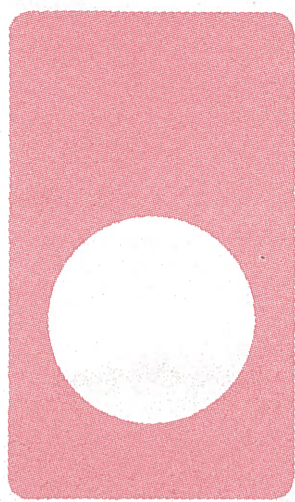
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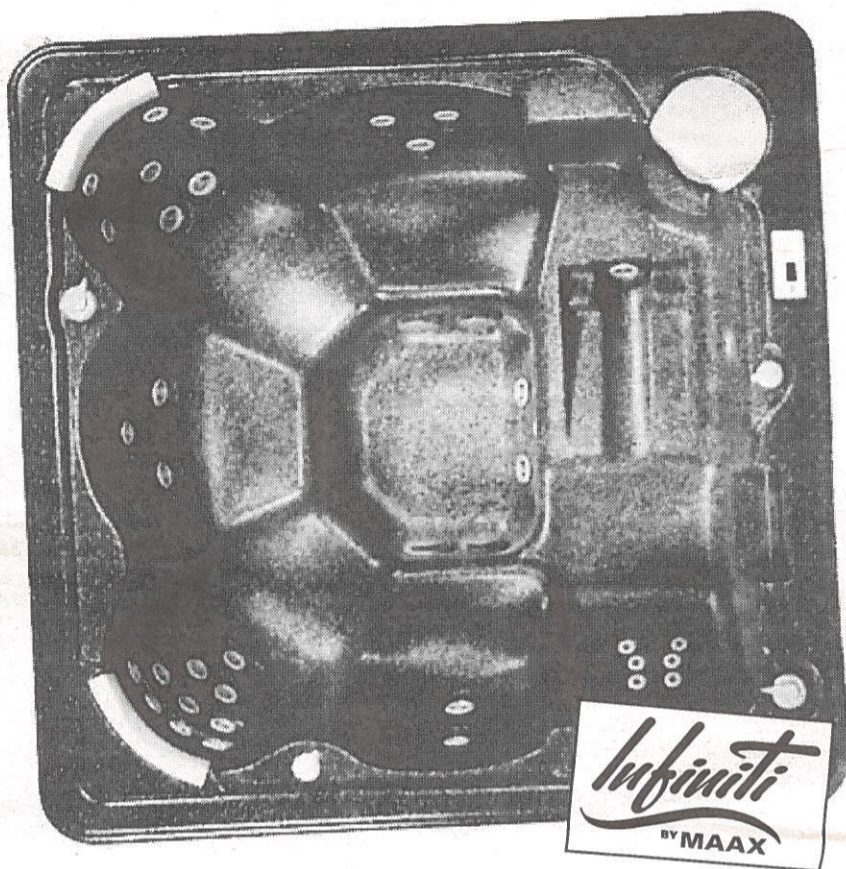
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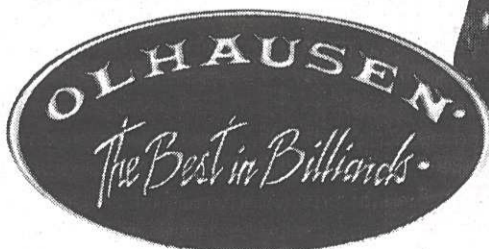
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