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Nelson acclaimed as county warden

By Melodie McCullough
Dave Nelson, reeve of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Township, was unanimously acclaimed as Warden of Peterborough County last week, following a last-minute decision by Brian Fallis, deputy-reeve of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township (CMNM), to opt out of the race.

Elected once a year, the position of county warden is similar to that of a reeve or mayor in a municipality, town, or city. The warden

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plays a leadership role at County Council, and often acts as a spokesperson for the council. County Council is comprised of representatives of all municipalities in the county, and deals with political, social, and economic issues

pertaining to all members, and also works with the City of Peterborough on issues/concerns of interest, such as economic development and health care.

Mr. Fallis, the only other nominee for the position, decided the morning of the vote he did not have enough support. A lot of county issues require a "team approach", and a race at this time could be divisive, he said.

"The county, like all municipalities in Ontario, is facing a number of challenges," said Mr. Fallis.

He said he supports Mr. Nelson but would have liked to represent CMNM since the township has not had a warden since Vic Norman held the position in 1985.

"It's a honour for a municipality to have the wardenship in it," he said.

Some of the issues facing the county, Mr. Fallis feels, are smart growth initiatives, property assessments, the county's new official plan and the new provincial Municipal Act. The county also needs to work towards a better relationship with the city, he said, and the city needs to realize, that since restructuring, townships are larger and more effective units with a developing independence.

Mr. Nelson, who was also warden 16 years ago, takes over the position from Ron Millen, deputy reeve of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Township. Mr. Nelson was reeve of the former Otonabee Township for 18 years and has been reeve of Otonabee-South Monaghan since amalgamation. He could not be reached for comment. ♣

Developer violates permits

By Melodie McCullough
For the second time in just over a year, the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) has issued a violation notice to B.G. Schickedanz Homes because it has done construction work without the necessary permits at its Baxter Creek Estates subdivision in Millbrook.

"Typically, in a subdivision, the developers show us drawings and we give approvals before the shovel goes in the ground. In this case, it's not working that way. They're putting up the model homes and putting in the roads before we've given the clearance of the subdivision," said Heather Watson, manager of conservation planning at ORCA.

The more recent inci-

dent occurred in mid-November when ORCA discovered, during a routine inspection, that construction was taking place in the Phase 2 area of the subdivision close to the northern tributary into Baxter Creek.

"There is a timing window for when the water course can be disturbed in order to protect trout who are spawning at this time of year..."

They had extended beyond the area where we had issued a permit, said Watson.

She said the company had received permission to

"Cougar" caught on video



This alleged cougar was sighted near Bailieboro last month, fueling speculation the cats are alive and well in our area, despite official statements to the contrary (video courtesy Doug Sadler).

do initial clearing of its Phase 1 area and to put in a temporary siltation pond to catch silt and sediment disturbed during construction before it entered the stream. They did that, but extended beyond the boundary of Phase I, digging up ground, interfering with the tributary and redirecting its watercourse, she said.

"Essentially that's the problem. There were not approvals for that and there are reasons for that not

having approvals — and in doing that, they're interfering with the water course."

"There is a timing window for when the water course can be disturbed in order to protect trout who are spawning at this time of year, and there are also requirements as to how any work should be done," she continued.

Anything that involves the water course is out of bounds until June-July. Right now is a time when it's not supposed to be

touched.

B.G. Schickedanz Homes of Woodbridge has draft plan approval for a 113-home subdivision, and has built one model home for which it has approval. But it has yet to receive final approval for the overall subdivision from either the municipality or ORCA. The land on which it is being built is regulated by ORCA because of flooding concerns and by the federal department of Fisheries

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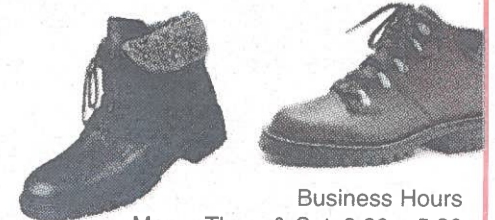


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and Oceans Canada (DFO) because Baxter Creek, a cold-water stream, is a protected fish habitat. ORCA permits are required for any construction, fill activity or alteration of a watercourse.

Watson said ORCA issued B.G. Schickedanz Homes a violation notice to inform it to cease work immediately in the unapproved area, which they did. The company must also rehabilitate the damaged area. No charges were laid.

"Typically, we only charge when we don't get co-operation. We gave them the benefit of the doubt. But were keeping a close eye on it because we know its a very sensitive area," said Watson.

"A DFO biologist will also be inspecting and monitoring the site to give the profile that we are serious about it and to make sure sub-contractors who are doing the day-to-day work are aware of the protection requirements of the stream and fish habitat and not taking too many short cuts," said Ken Chang-Kue, a habitat impact assessment

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biologist with the DFO Peterborough District Office. He said although the affected tributary does not have trout in it, it plays an important role in con-

tributing to the fish habitat of the main creek and cannot be destroyed.

"You get concerned when you build a development on top of a trout stream," he said.

About a year and a half ago, ORCA also issued a violation notice to B.G. Schickedanz Homes when it built a model home on the site without an ORCA permit, said Watson. In that case, it eventually got approval and the model home was permitted to stay.

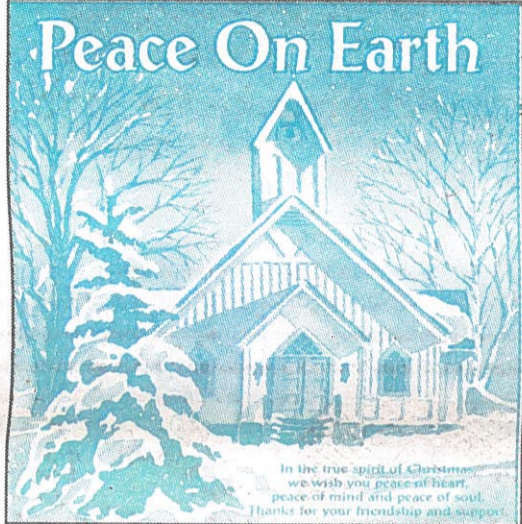
Howard Rensler, marketing, development, and planning manager for B.G. Schickedanz Homes, said

Phase 1 (33 homes) was expected to be completed by the end of this year and Phase 2 (28 homes) by the spring.

he did not know enough about the construction aspect of the subdivision to comment on the violation notice, but said the project is going full tilt on Phase 1 and about 22 homes have been sold with closing dates of March or later. The main road, named Brookside Street, off Tupper Street has been constructed and the next visual step people will see will be home foundations, he said. The company has paid Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Township to supply a water main and sewer hook-up off County Road 10, said Keith Couture, operations manager for the township.

ORCA has given its approval for two more model homes to be built, but by *The Gazette's* deadline the township had not, because it is waiting to see a site plan, said Karen Ellis, township planner. The municipality is working towards acceptance of the overall subdivision and construction of permanent homes, but plans are still being reviewed. Last spring, the developer said he hoped to have residents in their homes by August 2002. Phase 1 (33 homes) was expected to be completed by the end of this year and Phase 2 (28 homes) by the spring. However, closing dates for home sales have been delayed a number of times.

Neither Bruno Schickedanz, president of B.G. Schickedanz Homes, nor Gregory De Freitas, engineer and project manager of Baxter Creek Estates subdivision, returned *The Gazette's* telephone calls. ♣



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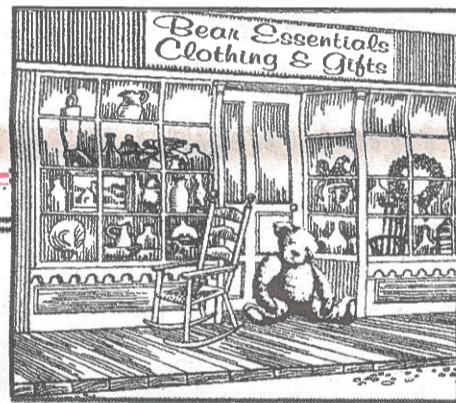


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Township hires economic development director

By Melodie McCullough
Ratepayers should be well-served by the addition of a newly-created economic development directors position to township staff, said Bill Stockwell, chief administrative officer (CAO), following the recent hiring of Yvette Hurley for the position.
"I think the ratepayers will be well-served. The beauty of it is she's been in the County for over 12 years. There's no learning curve on her part," said Stockwell.
Hurley's most recent job was as manager of marketing and communications with the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC), and she has worked in the municipal sector on a variety of regional economic development and marketing programs reaching throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe, states a township press release.
She will begin working

Hurley's responsibilities will be to provide services to the business and recreation community. Her position includes recreational services carried out by the former recreation director, Rick McGee, who was fired by the township in August for confidential reasons

for the township Dec. 9 as the Director of Economic Development, Marketing and Community Services. Stockwell said he could not release her salary. He said she did a lot of work for the township when the *Music Man* production was here, while working for the GPAEDC, so a lot of people know her and she is familiar with the township.
"So we think that's a great mix," he said.

Township Council passed a resolution Nov. 4 separating itself from the GPAEDC because it was not happy with its representation of the township. But even before that, it had decided to hire its own economic development director. It advertised for the position in the Lindsay, Peterborough, Oshawa, and Northumberland areas and received 40 applications, said Stockwell. Four were interviewed, from which Hurley was hired.

Hurley's responsibilities will be to provide services to the business and recreation community. Her position includes recreational services carried out by the former recreation director, Rick McGee, who was fired by the township in August for confidential reasons, said Stockwell. She will be working with Brian Millett, recreation programmer and promoter for the township. He declined comment on her appointment when contacted by *The Gazette*.

The two of them will work hand in hand, said Stockwell, with the chain of command being himself to Hurley to Millett. Before Hurley's hiring, Stockwell held the position of economic development officer as well as his CAO post, and he will continue to hold this, while Hurley does the day-to-day responsibilities, he said.

He said the township created the new position because it felt it needed its own economic development director, separate from the GPAEDC, and because his contract doesn't go on forever. It expires February 2004.

Hurley will have a multi-task position like many other township staff, because with the large size of the municipality every-

body wears more than one hat, said Stockwell.
Brian Fallis, deputy-reeve, said one of Hurley's first jobs will be to organize events during a visit from an Irish delegation in March, celebrating the twinning of the township with County Monaghan in Ireland. Events are in the planning stages, he said, but they may include the declaration of an Irish Appreciation Week with activities throughout the township, celebrating its Irish roots and traditions.
Hurley, whose job ended at the GPAEDC effective Nov. 19, could not be reached for comment. ♣

Get festive at local events

By Sheri Fiegehen
Jingle bells, Jack Frost nipping at your nose, here comes Santa Claus! The Christmas season is in full swing, so let's get jolly by taking part in local festivities!

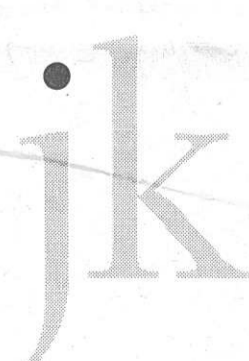
The annual Santa Claus parade takes place Dec. 14, starting at 1 pm. It launches at the Medical Centre, and goes down King Street through the village. This year's theme is Santa's Workshop. Anyone who wants to participate can show up at the Medical Centre at noon to register, or call ahead of time, 932-2837. Categories include businesses, organizations, families, individual child and individual adult.

For those who'd like to spin and twirl on the ice with Santa Claus - before he takes flight to deliver all those gifts -- they can do so at the Skate with Santa event at the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan Community Centre Arena. It takes place Dec. 24, 1 to 3 pm, and there will be goodies for the kids. ♣

School board names schools for review

By Melodie McCullough
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board has announced its plans to review five elementary schools for closure for September, 2003, none of which are in the Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan area. They are Lord Elgin and Maple Grove in Bowmanville, Confederation and Grove in Peterborough and Dr. L.B. Powers in Port Hope.
In a consultant's report released earlier this fall, it was recommended elementary schools North Cavan, South Monaghan in Bailieboro, and North Hope Central in Garden Hill be closed by 2005, due to projected declining enrolment. Their students would go to Millbrook/South Cavan School, except for Gr. 7 and 8 students who would attend James Strath School in Peterborough.
However, administration has now recommended a review of North Hope Central to discuss sending its Grade 7 and 8 students to Dr. Hawkins Public School in Port Hope next year.
As well, in an updated

report to the school board, the consultant has changed its recommended closure date for North Cavan to 2009.
That report is only one part of the (closure) process, said Angela Lloyd, vice-chairman of the board. Between now and then (2005 and 2009), there could be a lot of changes, and they need to be incorporated on an annual basis.
Any schools selected for closure review would be named one year before the closure date, she said. ♣



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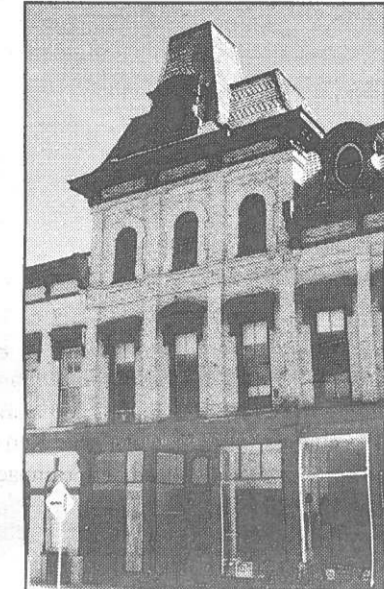


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GUEST EDITORIAL

Rural schools essential to children and community

We moved to Cavan four years ago, and my husband and I grew up in Millbrook. We knew when it came time to buy a house for our family that we wanted to live in the country. We decided on Cavan both for the community itself and for North Cavan Public School.

I had heard so many positive things about this particular school that I knew it would be a great spot for our kids to not only get their education, but also be a part of a community where they would be not just a number. I am very concerned with the idea of mega-schools. I do not think that this strategy meets the kids' needs. It may be a more financially sound idea for the board, but finances are only one aspect that needs to be addressed. The idea of "mega-schools" is not fitting to the rural communities at all (but I also have concerns about these schools in cities as well).

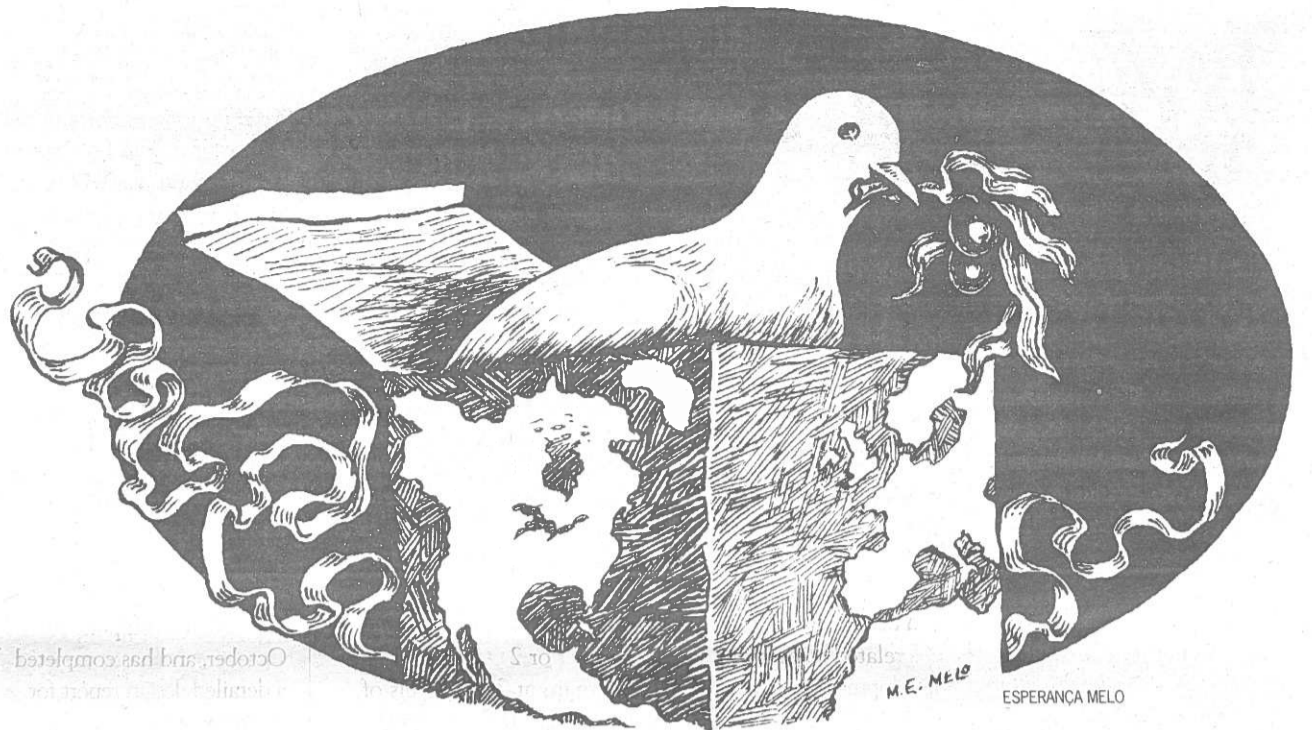
My husband and I attended the presentation at Adam Scott last month regarding the school closures. It was clear that this consulting company was only looking at the costs associated with the schools themselves, and that they had not factored in the costs of increased transportation at all. Of course, the parents attending were concerned about their children's quality of education, connection with their own community, and the amount of time they would have to spend on buses each day. Unfortunately, the consulting company was only there to discuss dollars!

As a parent who is new to the school system (my son is in Senior Kindergarten), I had a really difficult time when my son first started school — would he be safe? Would he feel comfortable there? How would he be treated? But one of the most reassuring things for me was that North Cavan is a small, friendly, comfortable school. It is reassuring to be able to speak with teachers at the school (and not just my son's teacher) who know my son by name and can share stories about him with me. Braiden's teacher asks me about my daughter (she is not in school yet) by name. The students, parents, siblings, and teachers and staff get to know each other in a small school — it's a very comforting feeling.

One of my biggest concerns for my children was that for Grades 7 & 8 they would be sent to James Strath in Peterborough. James Strath has currently over 800 students; approximately 350 are grade 7 and 8s now. What will that school look like when all the kids slated to go to Millbrook (South Cavan, North Cavan, South Monaghan, North Hope) get shipped to James Strath? If the plan is to make Millbrook the "mega-school" site for surrounding areas — why only make it go to Grade 6? (Apparently the sewer system could not accommodate grades 7 and 8s as well — but there's a new long-term care facility and subdivision being built right around it!)

I know that I am one parent who is very interested in doing whatever possible to prevent our schools from closing! I feel very strongly about the importance of schools being a part of their communities — it is critical to all. ♣

— Carrie and Dwayne Patton, Cavan



Mary Sutherland remembered for her dedication & passion

Former reeve of Millbrook, Mary Sutherland (who passed away in October as we were going to press) is remembered by her many friends for her dedication, leadership, devotion to Millbrook and passion for all things historical.

"She was a very intelligent person and interested in many things. She cherished the antiquities of the past and was very historically-minded," said Judith Hickey, a friend and member of the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society of which Mary had been president and avid participant.

"She was also very generous with her time. She had great ideas and she put them forth and made them happen."

A few years after making her home in Millbrook in 1985, Mary was elected to the village council and then as the first female reeve and the last one before amalgamation.

"It was Mary's foresight and vision that caused the [Historical] Society to open a storefront location... She felt it was extremely important to have the history of our township accessible..."

When presented with the Senior of the Year award for the township in 2000, she explained her philosophy towards life: "I was brought up to believe you pay rent for the land on which you stand in this life."

Mary certainly made a point of "paying rent" throughout a fascinating and varied life. She had careers as a physiotherapist, a representative with the United Nations Association, a manager of

election campaigns with the Progressive Conservative party, a print and television journalist in Britain and with the Toronto Telegram, an antique collector, promoter and tour company owner, and, not the least, a mother of two sons and grandmother of four whom her obituary called her "dearest treasures".

Ralph Plaskett of Millbrook, who also met Mary through the Historical Society, said he quickly developed a strong feeling of respect and admiration "for this keen and feisty lady" and considered her a mentor.

"It was Mary's foresight and vision that caused the Society to open a storefront location on King Street in Millbrook. She felt it was

extremely important to have the history of our township accessible to both community members and visitors alike."

Rev. Susan Sheen of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Millbrook, where Mary attended, recalled how she was one of the first people she met when she came to the village in 1990. Mary had been given the job of showing her the church, and "when I arrived she was standing on the doorstep with her basket," she said. "She was a very valued member of the congregation and was one of the ones who did a lot of work when we did major renovations in 1993."

Following her wishes, there was no funeral. But the congregation and Anglican Church Women members had a special time on the Sunday after Mary's death with prayers and reminiscences of their memories.

"We felt we needed a way of saying good-bye," said Rev. Sheen.

Farewell, Mary, and thank you. ♣

See you in February!

We hope all our readers, contributors, and faithful advertisers have a happy holiday and see their deepest wishes fulfilled in the New Year!

As usual, we will not be publishing in January. We need some downtime to rest and get organized for the New Year — and as advertising revenues are traditionally slow at this time of year, it's a good time to take a break.

We will be adopting our regular first Thursday of the month schedule in the new year — starting Thursday, February 6 — in order to provide continuity for you and for our advertisers.

— Deborah Luchuk, Managing Editor

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Council in Brief

By Lorna Miller, Melodie McCullough, June Jacklin

Two appointed to Agricultural Advisory Committee

CMNM Council recently appointed Victor Norman and Andy Harjula to its Agricultural Advisory Committee (ACC), which will oversee intensive live-stock operations and handle community concerns.

Mr. Norman has lived in the area for over 30 years, serving in regional governance for 11 years – nine years as Reeve of Cavan, two as Deputy-Reeve, and a stint as Warden of Peterborough County in 1985.

"I understand how things work," says Mr. Norman, who also served on the Nutrient Management Team, which produced a comprehensive report on the subject for the municipality. "If there is a complaint laid against an agricultural operation, the by-law officer will go to the site to investigate. If a by-law has been broken, then he decides if it is a provincial or municipal issue. If it is a municipal issue then the committee becomes involved and we judge the situation, take our findings to Council and take direction from them."

Mr. Harjula worked for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for 25 years before retiring to the area, and says that he wants to "give something back to the community, to keep this municipality the way it is now is the responsibility of everyone who lives here."

Township backs out of GPAEDC

Dissatisfaction with recent actions of the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC) has caused CMNM Council to pull out of the GPAEDC.

At a recent Council meeting, councillors cited the GPAEDC's handling of the dispute between CMNM and the City of Peterborough re Sysco Food Services' servicing needs, and an alleged lack of consideration/promotion of CMNM's various festivals and events in tourism guides as reasons for the pull-out.

The GPAEDC was formed in March 1999 to develop economic programs for both the city and county of Peterborough. Its funding is split between the

county and city. CMNM has been critical of the GPAEDC in the past, alleging GPAEDC's economic strategies benefitted the city more than rural townships.

Council approved the appointment of an Economic Development director, and passed a motion stating it wished the GPAEDC to "cease and desist from all activities related to economic development, promotion and business retention and expansion" within township boundaries. The municipality will approach the County of Peterborough for a refund of all township money paid to support GPAEDC for the last quarter of this year.

Fraserville Plan presented to Council

The Fraserville area is poised for growth – requiring careful planning – according to a recent report on the Fraserville Secondary Plan.

Bob Clark, of Clark Consulting Services, Port Hope, recently presented Council his company's report on the Fraserville Secondary Plan. There are four areas of concern in the plan: Land Use Plan, Roads and Transportation Plan, Services and Development Staging Plans, and Watersheds.

The report on the Plan addressed such issues as provision of alternative services to support development in the area, an alternative alignment of Airport Road with the County of Peterborough, development charges for commercial, industrial, and institutional changes in the area, population and employment projections, and planning for residential and commercial growth.

Next steps in the process of incorporation of the Fraserville Plan include reviews by the public, project/municipal team, Council, and agency/neighbouring municipalities.

There was a public Open House on Dec. 9 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Old Millbrook School for interested parties to receive information about the plan and ask questions. On Dec. 16 at 7 pm, there will be a formal public meeting at the regular Council session. The report, including the results of seven points of the approval process, will be available for Council review early in 2003.

Municipal tax rebate still under consideration

At a recent Council meeting, councillors debated whether to give taxpayers a 25% tax rebate versus using the money received from the Ontario Lottery Corporation (Kawartha Slots) for projects to improve the township as a whole.

The total lottery revenue for 2003 should remain at 2002 levels of \$2,577,607 for budget purposes. The revenues for this year could exceed this estimate by \$572,486. It is this surplus which is proposed as a tax rebate of up to 25% on the Township portion of the tax bill.

Municipal staff made two possible recommendations: to use surplus lottery money as a tax rebate of 25% on the 2003 tax bill, or to distribute lottery revenues in the same manner as in 2002. Both options were tabled by Council, pending more discussion following preparation of the 2003 budget.

"There are important pieces of information missing," said Deputy Reeve Brian Fallis. "I'm worried about setting a template for the budget. I agree on holding the line, but Council should have more time to debate on how the money will be used."

A recommendation that Council direct staff to bring forward a 2003 capital and operating budget – no greater than what was estimated in 2002 – was unanimously adopted. However, in discussion it was noted there may be some other budgetary expenses to consider, such as a new arena or youth programs.

Fallis said not everyone agrees with a tax rebate, and some people would rather have the surplus directed to the needs of the entire municipality for infrastructure and other improvements. "We have to look at our options carefully before we commit to anything," he said.

To finance a 25% rebate in 2003, \$500,000 to \$600,000 will be required based on the following projections. Residential rebates on \$130,000 assessment in Millbrook would give a rebate of \$191.41; in Cavan Ward, \$169.93; and in North Monaghan Ward, \$144.67.

Zion Line reconstruction planned

Funding for the completion of the Zion Line reconstruction project will be included as a capital expenditure in the 2003 municipal budget.

In 2002, extensive work was completed on the Zion Line culvert. However, the second part of the project, the upgrading of the intersection at the Zion Line/Carveth corner, was not completed.

Totten Sims Hubicki Associates of Cobourg met with the township in October, and has completed a detailed design report for the reconstruction of Zion Line from Elgar Drive 700 metres east, including the Zion Line/Carveth Road intersection. The Township will have to acquire lands from four landowners in order to widen the existing right-of-way for grading and utility relocation; it will be necessary to relocate existing overhead hydro and underground telephone lines.

"Before the work is commenced in the spring of 2003, the Township has to acquire lands and create a final plan before calling a tender in April or May of 2003," says Keith Couture, Operations Manager for the Township. "Safety is an issue here, so we want to start the job as soon as possible." ♣

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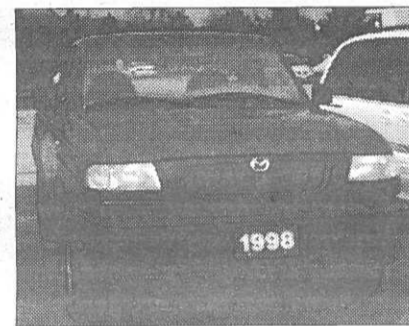
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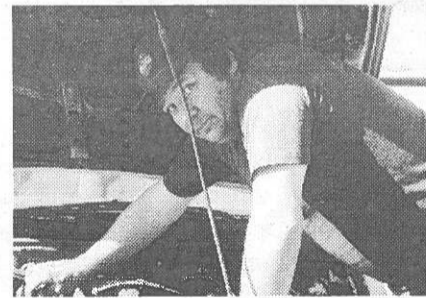


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- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle: first aid kit, blanket, clothing, inflated spare tire/jack, booster cables, flashlight, shovel, road maps, cell phone.
- Focus attention as far ahead as possible – buys you time to react to unanticipated road hazards.
- Be careful on overpasses, underpasses, bridges – may be slippery when roads are otherwise dry.
- Intersections can be more icy, due to "polishing" by repeated slipping and sliding of tires.
- Clear snow/ice from entire car – see and be seen!

- Avoid sudden acceleration, abrupt lane changes, sharp turns, hard braking.
- Get a feel of the road before entering busy traffic, to assess road surface.
- On snowy surfaces, drive in the tracks of other vehicles; drive slow and easy if you have to cut your own path.
- Stay home in bad storms – when the going gets tough, the smart STOP going!
- If you have to travel, stick to well-travelled routes/main roads. Listen to weather warnings, have enough fuel. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
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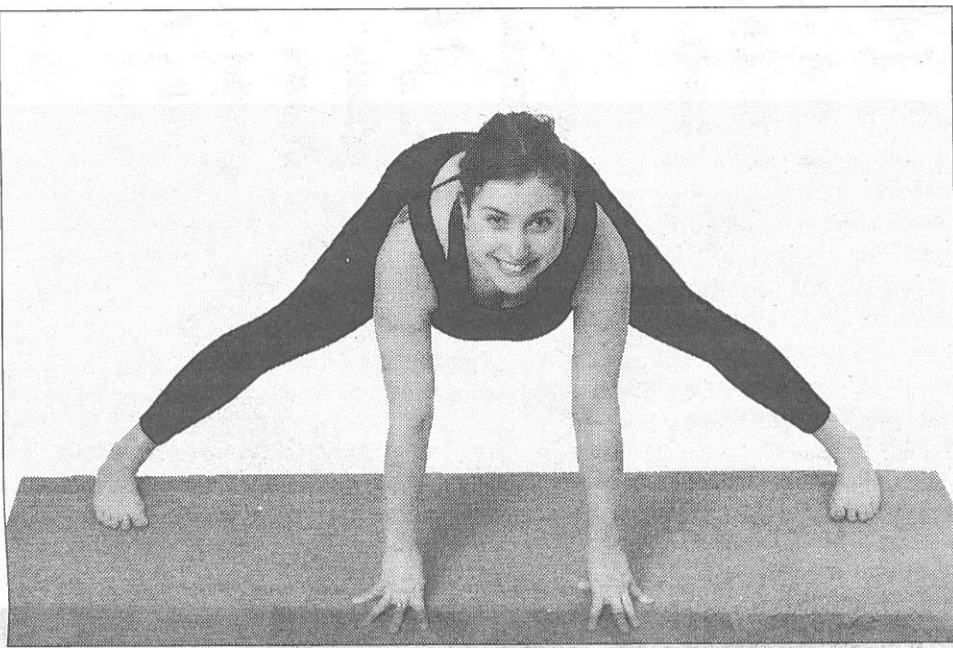
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Atelier Glass Works revives Millbrook's artistic spirit

By Sheri Fiegehen

The artistic spirit is alive and well in downtown

Millbrook, with the recent opening of a glass works studio called Atelier.

Owned and operated by Eliska Harmer Smiley, Dean Smiley, and Anne Carr, Atelier promises to be an oasis of creativity, recharging Millbrook's artistic personality.

Acting as both a gallery and a store, Atelier will be a draw for not only the local population, but also for collectors and art-lovers from as far away as the United States.

Artists will be brought in for exhibitions — including those local artists who previously displayed their work at the Millbrook Gallery.

"We've also got other artists (from other countries) who would like to be represented here; we have an artist from Russia who will hopefully be here by the spring," says Eliska.

The artistic force behind Atelier is Eliska and her husband, Dean, while Anne is the Business Manager. Eliska and Dean, who both have an extensive background as glass blowers, create one-of-a-kind colourful pieces such as goblets, glasses, vases, plates, bowls, candlestick holders, jewelry, and decorative items.

The couple garner their inspiration from their life experiences and world travels to places like Germany, Amsterdam, the Czech Republic, and Russia — which are then reflected in their pieces. For example, they named a set of uniquely-shaped glasses after a man they had met in Russia, Olicks, whom they found intriguing and mysterious. Another set of goblets that have a musical note theme is named Tatiana, after Eliska's musician cousin.

"All our pieces are user-friendly; they fit in your hand nicely," says Anne. "We have a lot of functional pieces, but we also have a lot of art."

Once their glass blowing studio is set up out back of the store, they plan to start creating more blown-glass pieces, such as lamps and chandeliers. "We'll also be doing custom work, and we will offer (our glass blowing services) to artists who want smaller numbers of their designs created. They can just bring in their designs, and we'll make them," says Eliska.

In addition, they plan to host public demonstrations every so often, and people will also be able to make appointments to watch them at work in the glass blowing shop.

Eliska, Dean, and Anne partnered together to pur-

chase the King Street building in the spring. Eliska, who is Anne's aunt and a former Ontario resident, was living in Calgary with Dean when Anne, a Millbrook resident, informed them about the building being for sale.

The couple had been looking to relocate their business, and the fact that Eliska's family lives in this area was a drawing point. "And then, when Anne faxed us information about the building, we thought, 'Oh my god; this looks great.' We got in the van the next day and drove straight here to see it," recalls Eliska.

Once the trio checked out the building, they knew it was the place for them. They were drawn to its historic beauty, it had existing space that could be converted into a glass blowing shop, it was within close proximity to other markets such as Toronto, and, they loved the Millbrook community. "It seemed perfect; we couldn't resist. And we're always looking for new adventures," Eliska adds with a gleam in her eye.

Over the Christmas season, Atelier is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 to 6; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 to 8, Saturdays, 10 to 7, and Sundays, 11 to 4. The phone number 932-4527. ♣

lengthy career in wellness mostly based in Toronto, specializing not only as a yoga teacher, but also as a certified shiatsu therapist (her deft touch has been experienced by many at St. Anne's Spa in Grafton!). She is also the co-owner of a company producing whole grain health foods, Powergrains She is embracing a new, simpler lifestyle in the hills south of Millbrook with enthusiasm — and look forward to meeting many new friends and neighbours.

Judy asserts that taking time for yourself, and giving the gift of health to someone you care about is crucial in this day and age, when convenience foods, cars, and crazy schedules are the norm. The wintertime is when it is most important for us to boost our health, and yoga is a fabulous way to do it.

"Everyone can do yoga," says Judy... no matter how inflexible you think you are, or how long it has been since you have exercised."

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"Everyone can do yoga," says Judy, who says she was actually quite stiff as a child growing up in Toronto, "no matter how inflexible you think you are, or how long it has been since you have exercised. If you are in great shape, there is also a yoga for you." With her years of training in this discipline, Judy can work with "any body" to create a regime that will accommodate physical challenges or limitations. If it hurts, it's not right for you, says Judy, and a customized approach is critical to ensuring a healthy, comfortable yoga experience.

The classes that Judy will be offering starting this January will beat your winter lethargy, trim that Christmas stuffing, and meet your wellness needs.

The classes will be offered at her cozy home studio just outside of the village of Millbrook. "Each person will benefit specifically for his or her needs in my classes," explains Judy, who understands the intricacies of biomechanics and

physiology through her extensive Shiatsu massage training. "You can expect small, intimate sessions with individual attention."

Gift certificates for yoga classes are a fabulous way to show someone you care. Get classes for yourself, too, and then you can enjoy wellness and vitality together. Keep your eyes open for notices about a health talk to be given by

Judy in early January, demystifying yoga and explaining preventative health care.

Yoga classes will begin the second week of January. For more information on times, dates, and class fees, contact Judy Mintz at 932-4478.

Revitalize with yoga — and empower yourself for wellness this winter and beyond! ♣

CompuMedic puts "personal" in personal computers

By Sheri Fiegehen

With a strong focus on personalized service, The CompuMedic in Millbrook meets the varied computer needs of all their customers, from at-home users, to companies and organizations such as the Durham Regional Police Association.

"We put the personal in personal computers," says Sherri Hinn, who owns the business along with her husband, Mike. "Our business is geared to meet the specific needs of our customers, from repairs, to complete business servers and networking. We take pride in our customized service."

The couple originally started their computer business in Oshawa in 1996. Drawing on their background, training, experience, and passion for computers, they decided to take the leap from hobby to business.

"Mike and I each bring different strengths to the business. We both have backgrounds in computers, but my strengths are more administrative and customer-service oriented, while Mike is a tekkie," says Sherri.

At that time, most of their work revolved around building and selling computer systems. But over the years, the business has evolved with the times, and now, service and security are priorities for many customers.

"We help protect against serious security issues such as viruses detection, prevention, and deletion as well as hacking, and Internet abuse by employees," she says. They still build custom computers, and they also do networking, upgrades, hardware and software, trouble-shooting, and more.

The couple moved to Millbrook a year ago, and set up shop inside their home. They travel to their customers to provide on-

"We really feel we are educating our customers. We hope that after dealing with us, they leave knowing a little more about computers than they did before."

site service, from Millbrook, to Peterborough, to Toronto and everywhere in-between. Customers can also bring their computers to the Hinns' home.

Considering the fast pace of technology in the computer industry, the biggest challenge for Mike and Sherri is staying current and anticipating future needs and trends. "We want to give our customers a computer in their price range that will last three or four years. So many computers are practically obsolete the day you buy them. The ability to upgrade is essential," says Sherri.

The couple consider themselves more than business operators they think of themselves as teaching consultants for their customers. "We really enjoy the educational aspect of our work," says Sherri. "We really feel we are educating our customers. We hope that after dealing with us, they leave knowing a little more about computers than they did before."

As for future plans, the Hinns plan to set up a showroom in their home, and they'd eventually like to expand and hire more staff. "I picture staff out there in fleet vehicles, going to service customers," says Sherri.

To reach The CompuMedic, call 932-1735, or check out their website, www.thecompu-mediac.com. ♣

Holiday Gift Guide



Finding the perfect gift in downtown Millbrook

"Buying locally" supports our neighbours AND reduces stress!

By Sheri Fiegehen

Need to find a great gift for that special someone? Well, the shops of downtown Millbrook have a lot to offer.

Pro Hardware has a variety of power tools, hardware, appliances, and more. There are also bird feeders and birdseed, oil lamps, glassware and mugs, kettles, toasters, baking sheets, popcorn makers, tea towels, and the list goes on. For kids, there's sports equipment, such as soccer balls, plastic golf sets, baseball gloves, and hockey sticks. For Christmas decorating, Pro Hardware has a variety of lights.

At Carew's Dos, a wide range of hair care products

and gift certificates are available.

Across the street, Bear Essentials has lots of Christmas decorations and gift ideas, from Boyd's Bears and teddies, to lighted tapestries, throws and quilts, ceramics, country calendars, candles, cards and stationery, body creams, and framed pictures.

At Armstrong's Village Florist and Gifts, there are fresh and silk centrepieces, Christmas plants such as poinsettias, wreaths and swags, candles, and various Christmas decorative items. Arrangements can be custom-made, and delivery is available.

Community Care offers unique gifts, such as gift

certificates for frozen meals for seniors and shut-ins, as well as boneless Maple Leaf hams, second-hand clothing, and hand-knit mittens.

For that year-round glow, Oasis Tans has gift certificates as well as gift packages. They can be custom-made, containing gift certificates and a variety of lotions, soaps and/or body jewelry.

Rustic Rooster has a range of Christmas linens and ornaments, and a wide choice of country-themed gift ideas. There are framed folk art pictures, wood mailboxes and birdhouses, homemade jams and pickles, dishware and mugs, kitchen and bath accessories, candles, plate hold-

ers, and more.

Village Bulk Foods adds "taste" to the holidays with their countless food ideas. It has cheeses, nuts, candies, fudge, teas, and frozen foods such as lasagne, meat pies, soups and breads, and, they also carry recipe books. It can also order freshly-made breads from Stickling's Bakery. Besides meeting your entertainment needs, its food items make for great gift baskets.

The Millbrook Pharmacy has great stocking stuffer ideas, such as lotions, soaps, and other personal care items, camera film, perfume and cologne, barrette sets for girls, make-up bags, wallets, watches, manicure sets, magazines, and more. They also have frames, serenity fountains, candles, mug sets (that come with tea, coffee or cocoa), and Harry Potter items such as banks and water globes. Let's not forget the wrapping paper, gift

bags, and cards!

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The Millbrook Post Office has a range of stamps and coins from which to choose for the discerning collector, and the helpful women behind the counter will be happy to assist you with selection.

Round the corner, there's Calhoun's IGA – full

of festive goodies, and plenty of possibilities for gift baskets of food and treats. Let your imagination go wild on basket possibilities!

The LCBO has lots of "festive cheer" to choose from, in many "styles" – from imported beers, to fine wines, to liqueurs to enjoy in a coffee – and many gift packages and wine bags perfect for giving.

Don't forget our local "convenience" stores! Millbrook Convenience and Daisy Mart are great places for stocking stuffers, candy treats, and magazines – to finish off your present buying with that little something extra.

While wandering about downtown, stop by the Village Food Emporium for a cozy bite and a steamy cup of hot chocolate, and relax – knowing that you've probably wiped a number of gifts off your list – close to home, and in friendly surroundings, served by your neighbours! ♣

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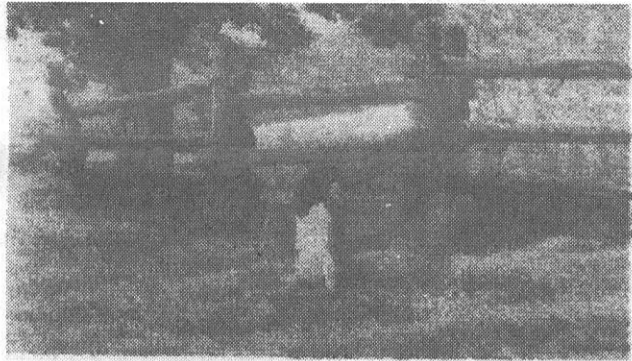


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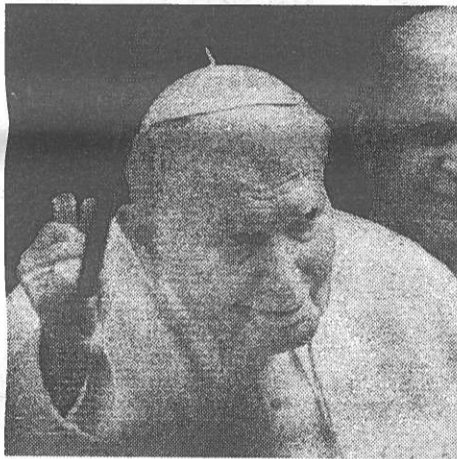
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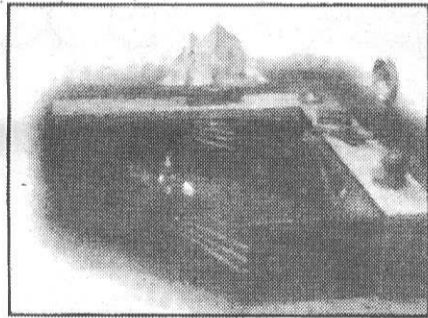


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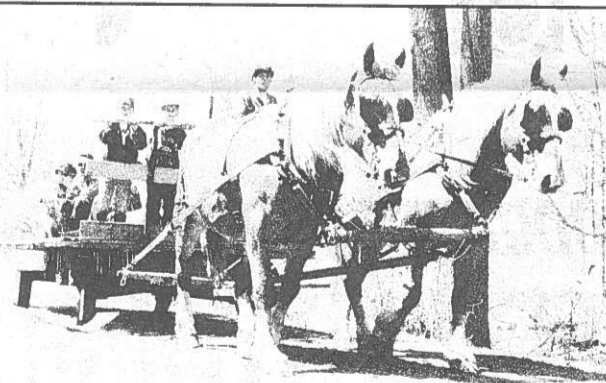
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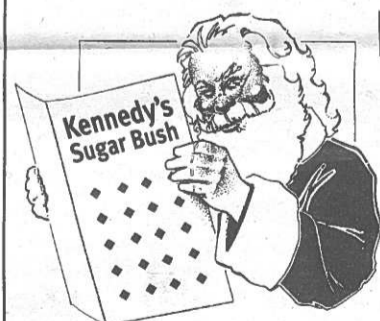
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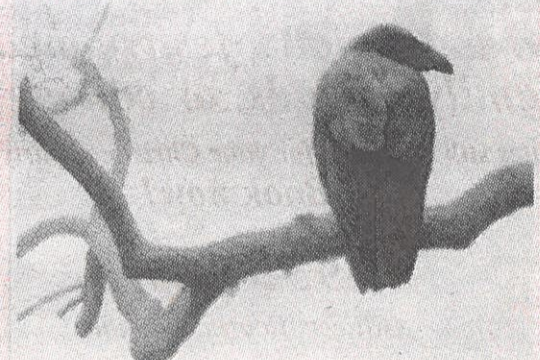
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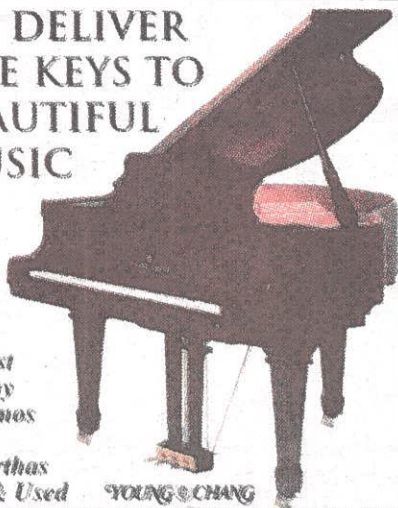
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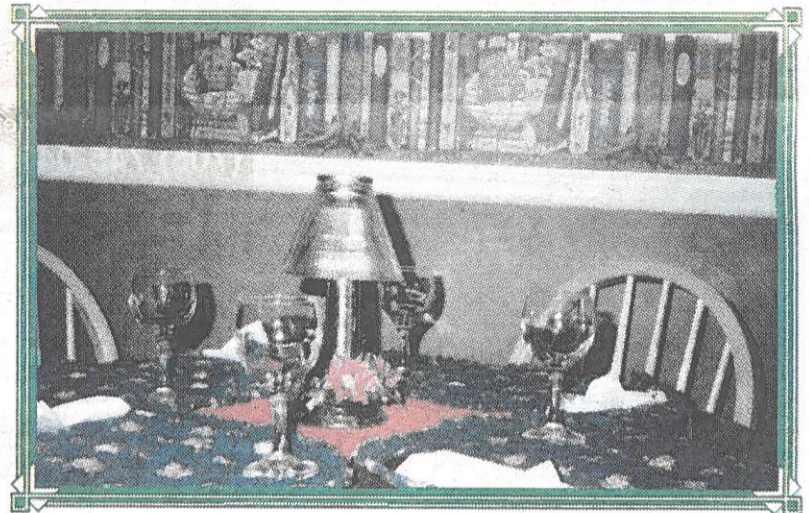
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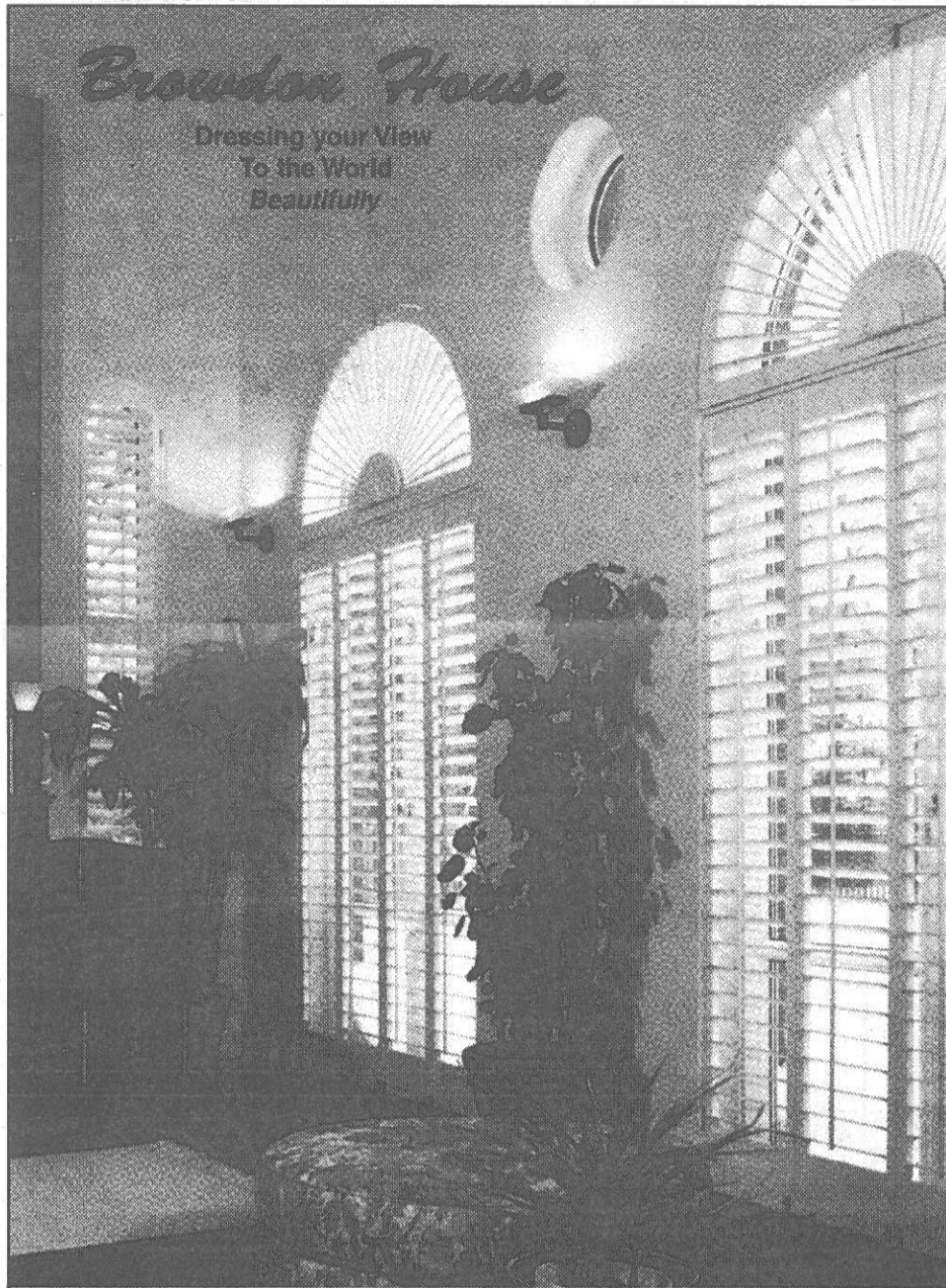
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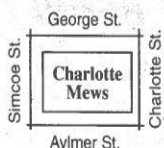
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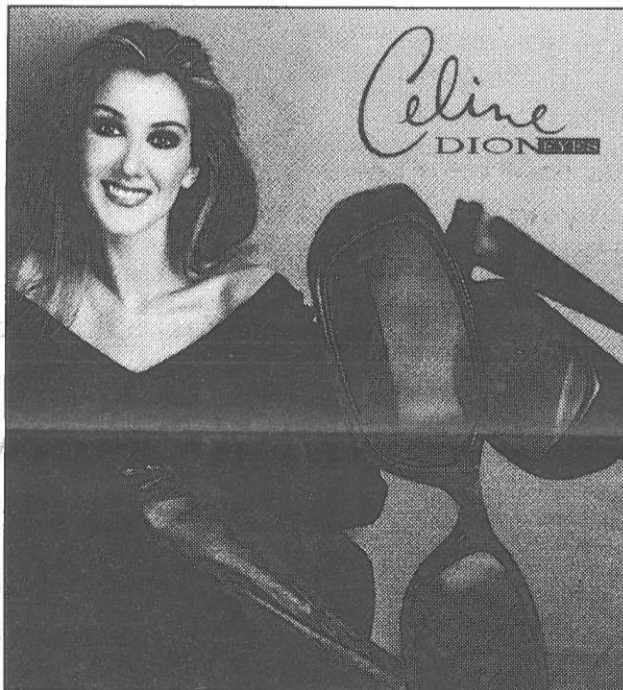
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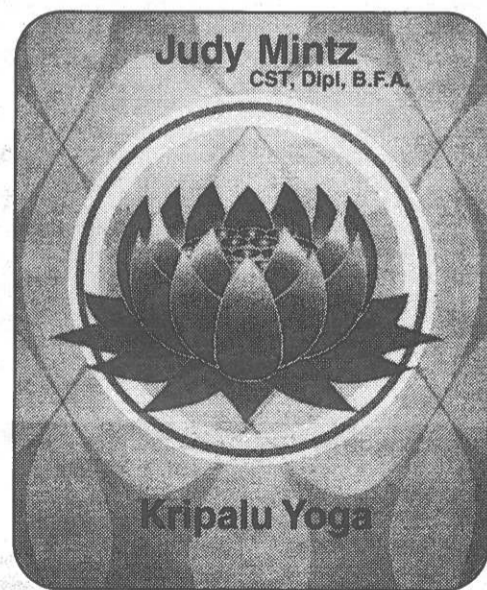
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Christmases of long ago remembered fondly

By Melodie McCullough

Empty wallets, aching feet, frazzled nerves, grumpy people everywhere. Welcome to Christmas, 2002!

It wasn't always that way, and while we can't go back in time, fortunately we can still reminisce. The Gazette visited Millbrook Manor recently and spoke to some of its residents, all senior citizens, who shared some memories of simpler Christmases from years ago.

"Christmas gifts were very simple compared today," said Ada Armstrong, who grew up in the dirty 30s, one of five children, on a farm at Ballyduff. (Her father was originally from Millbrook.)

"Our dad would go to the village store on Christmas Eve to do some shopping, she continued. Stockings were hung and the children arose early the next day to find oranges, nuts, pencils, and perhaps a little book of some kind. I never did own a doll."

Goose was served on Christmas Day (and turkey on New Year's Day), and a special treat of oranges were always passed around to nibble on between meals.

Something that made it really special, Mrs. Armstrong recalls, is that the wood stove would be burning all day, from early morning to evening.

"There was lots of snow, and, of course, every year the Christmas school concert was held in the Presbyterian church next to the school."

The annual school concert was also a highlight of the school year (along with the Millbrook Fair) for the school children at Whitfield's School on County Road 10 (now the Lions Den), remembers Norma Worr, who grew up on a Cavan farm as part of the Gillis family, with seven brothers and one sister.

"Father used to take planks out of the barn, take them to the school and make a stage, she said. Then we used sheets pinned up for stage curtains and I can remember them bringing gas lanterns to make the room brighter."

The teacher and mothers would sew costumes, and then on the night of the concert her dad would hitch the team of horses to the sleigh, fill it with hay, and head to the school where the whole community gathered to watch pantomimes, skits, songs, and recitations.

A special treat, only at Christmas, was homemade vanilla ice cream, which the children stirred in a snow bank.

Another highlight in the Gillis home was the baking of the Christmas cake - one big, one medium, one small - and mincemeat pies.

"Everybody had a hand in it. We sat around the table, we kids cutting up fruit."

A special treat, only at Christmas, was homemade vanilla ice cream, which the children stirred in a snow bank. It was delicious when it was made, said Mrs. Worr.

The day before Christmas they would go through the woods and bring home a Christmas tree to decorate with crepe paper ribbons, popcorn strings and a bit of tinsel. A few days before Christmas they would sell their geese at the Peterborough market, and after that the Christmas gifts were bought.

"So it depended on your sales how good your

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New childcare centre helps many families

By Melodie McCullough

Kawartha Child Care Services (KCCS) has been offering day care and a nursery school to families in the Millbrook-Cavan area since the beginning of September from its new site at the Old Millbrook School Family Centre.

"We provide lots of different opportunities. We're not just a day care. We're fun, exciting, warm and homey," said Jill Wickins, program supervisor for Kawartha Child Care Services, a non-profit organization with a number of other operations in the Peterborough area.

"Provincial regulations stipulate there needs to be a certain amount of natural lighting from windows in a day care centre in comparison to its floor space."

The group held its grand opening Nov. 6 to celebrate its arrival in the Millbrook community. It provides before school care from 7 to 8:30 am and after school care from 3:30 to 6 pm Monday to Friday. On

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, opposite days from when the Family Centre is open, it provides a nursery school from 9 am to noon and a half-day child care program from 8:30 am to 2 pm. Ages are from two to 12. It has innovative programming with trips, outings, lots of play and a mid-morning snack following the Canada Food Guide.

KCCS, which leases spaces from the Family Centre, has taken on the staff from the Millbrook-Cavan Nursery School co-op which recently dissolved, something which Vic Norman, chairman of the operating board of the Family Centre, sees as very positive way of providing continuity for families.

"And they're non-profit, which fits right in with our venue and we work well together," he said.

KCCS would like to be able to offer full day care from 7:30 am to 6 pm five days a week, and believes the need is there. But because of licensing issues with the province, it is restricted to providing part-time care only, said Wickins. "Provincial regulations stipulate there needs to be a certain amount of

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natural lighting from windows in a day care centre in comparison to its floor space. Unfortunately, the site at the Old Millbrook School falls short of this requirement. It also needs more space for an infant and toddler area," said Wickins.

"It's better than nothing, but were not meeting the needs of the families in the area," said Wickins.

She said it would be helpful if parents phoned the municipality and told them of the need for full-time day care. KCCS approached the township for help in finding a more appropriate building, but was told it should ask the private sector for help, said Wickins.

She said it could probably receive government funding for renovations if a suitable building could be found.

"We are really struggling to find a place in the Millbrook area to be able to operate within the community."

United Church vote quells amalgamation

By Melodie McCullough

Although results of a recent vote at St. Andrew's United Church in Millbrook and Cavan United Church mean their proposed January amalgamation will not go ahead, Rev. Phil Hobbs, minister of both churches, feels ultimately their future lies together, not separately.

"The specifics of how that will work out remains to be seen. I feel confident the two congregations will continue to work closely together," said Rev. Hobbs.

The Official Board of the Millbrook-Cavan Pastoral Charge has been working towards a merger of the two congregations and the construction of a new building at a new site to serve the needs of both churches. St. Andrew's and Cavan United on Highway 7A have both been serving their communities since the 1880s and both church buildings are faced with huge costs for upkeep, heating, and capital improvements. It was proposed that the two congregations would begin worshipping together in Cavan in January, and early in the year committees would start the process of site selection and drawing plans for a new building. Because of the Nov. 14 vote results, however, neither will now happen.

"But there's still ongoing work within the congregations moving toward the ultimate goal of building a new church," said Rev. Hobbs.

A press release said over 65% of members of both churches voted by secret ballot. At Cavan United Church, 150 ballots were circulated and at St. Andrew's, 195 ballots were distributed. At Cavan, 78% voted in favour of amalgamation with St. Andrew's and the building of a new

church facility. At St. Andrew's United Church, 52.3% were in favour, while 47% voted no. Prior to the vote, a decision was made not to amalgamate unless 66% were in favour at St. Andrew's, said Rev. Hobbs.

"There is still very strong support within both congregations for moving together..."

"Although it is unlikely Cavan United Church will go it alone," said Rev. Hobbs, "it has decided to establish a new fund called The Building and Capital Improvement Fund. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to donate money to be used for the purchase of land and/or the cost of building a new church. It will also be available for capital improvements to the existing building."

Rev. Hobbs said the fact that the St. Andrew's congregation was expected to move to the Cavan church was probably a significant factor in the close results there. He does not feel the vote has divided the church in any way, nor is he disappointed by the results.

"There's still a strong sense of the congregation caring about each other and wanting to make sure everyone is singing from the same hymn book. Our sense is we are a family. Although we disagree, we endeavour to work together for the good of everybody," he said.

"There is still very strong support within both congregations for moving together and moving forward with plans to build for the future. Our prayer is that God will help us to see the best way to accomplish His purposes."

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Township plans twinning with Irish county

By Melodie McCullough
The township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan (CMNM) and the County of Monaghan in Ireland have agreed to begin the process of twinning the two areas, and hope to formalize the arrangement at a ceremony close to St. Patrick's Day in March when an Irish delegation visits here.

"We were delighted to accept the invitation," said Willie McKenna, a member of Monaghan's County Council, during a recent telephone interview from Ireland. "We feel it's very appropriate to twin with North Monaghan because we have a lot in common."

He said a private tour group, which included CMNM Councillor Brian Bartlett, visited Ireland in August and discussed the twinning idea with

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County Monaghan representatives. Reeve Neal Cathcart sent a letter to them in September with a formal request and they have decided to absolutely accept, said an enthusiastic Mr. McKenna.

County Monaghan is located in the Republic of Ireland near the border with Northern Ireland and has a population of 52,000. It is divided into four electoral districts and Mr. McKenna, a former Lord Mayor for the county, represents the North

Monaghan district, which has a population of 15,000.

Mr. McKenna and other delegates previously visited Peterborough, Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan, and Otonabee-South Monaghan in 1998

and 2000 and met with local representatives. These namesake municipalities are of particular interest because many of the founding families were from County Monaghan, including descendants of John Deyell, Millbrook's first settler.

During the 2000 visit, County Monaghan signed a Charter of Friendship with the City of Peterborough, which is more or less a twinning arrangement, but a little less formal, said Mayor Sylvia Sutherland. During their 2003 visit, delegates hope to participate in Peterborough's St. Patrick's

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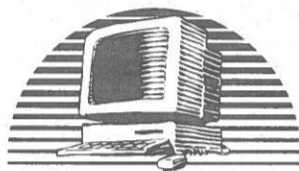
Brian Bartlett said he hopes the twinning will provide a chance for dialogue between the two areas.

"We just thought we'd like to do a bit of dialogue back and forth and see what happens. Ireland is a

booming place right now. The construction going on is unbelievable," he said.

Mr. McKenna said the benefits of twinning might be exchange programs, visiting trade delegations and improved tourism. County Monaghan is also twinned with Prince Edward Island where 40% of its Irish settlers came from that area in Ireland, and the Miramichi area of New Brunswick, which also has ties to it.

"We've built up a great reputation with the Canadian people and were looking forward to a connection with the Cavan and North Monaghan area," said Mr. McKenna. ♣



TECHNOLOGY TODAY

Gift tips for computer buffs

By Wayne Blaby

Computer Solutions Plus

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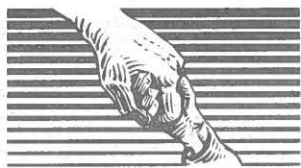
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CREATIVE PARENTING

Constructive discipline

By Trish Boyd-Reininger

As we grow up, there are a few people we meet, however briefly, who leave a lasting impression on us.

Whether through what is said, how it is said, or through a look in his or her eyes, we can see and feel whether this person is a friend or not. Children have a gift for knowing who these people are. As long as I've been working with children, I have noticed that children have a good sense as to who to trust and who not to. It is sad that in some cases, children learn that people they should be able to depend upon are not dependable.

I watch the interaction between adult and child daily, not only at work, but also in the stores and on the streets. I realize more and more that parents and caregivers know that the rights of children are in the forefront, so are trying to do and say what is best for the child. Sometimes the sim-

plest words can be the most destructive.

I remember growing up – when you “did as you were told” – “Do as I say, not as I do”; “Who do you think you are?”; “Do you want a spanking?”; “Wait until your father gets home!”; “Because I said so!”; and so on. If we were misbehaving, a sharp glance followed by a tug on the arm was the beginning. If that didn't work, louder, crosser words led to yelling – and finally, a smack. The last resort was a spanking. We were lucky – we only got three slaps on a bare bottom over our father's knee. Our neighbours had a wooden paddle proudly displayed on the plate rail in their dining room, and a friend at school had to go out into the backyard and cut a willow switch for her parents to use on her.

These physical punishments are certainly extreme, and what do they really accomplish? As parents, we want the inappropriate behaviour to stop, so we punish – but does punishment really work? How did you feel when you were punished as a child? I know that, for myself, I wasn't in my room licking my wounds and thinking about how sorry I was for doing whatever it was I did to get there. I was feeling angry, afraid, and resentful toward my parents,

and in some cases, vengeful.

What I'm saying is that punishment, no matter how mild or severe it is, does not give us the desired results. It does not show the child how to feel responsible for what they have done or how to make amends. It only shows them that bigger, stronger, louder people can make them do what they want them to do. Is that really what we want to model for our children?

Children are happiest when we are happy. They

want to please us. They want, more than anything, to be accepted by us, to feel they are important, and to feel that they are being listened to. When a child does something inappropriate or “bad”, it is important to focus on the deed and not the doer. For example, if an object is broken out of anger, the child is not bad – rather, the deed is bad. To say to the child that he is bad is detrimental to his self-esteem, and does not address the deed itself.

Instead, I suggest saying something like, “Breaking things out of anger is not acceptable. It makes me feel angry to see something that I bought for you broken. What you need to do now is tidy up the mess, and the next time that you feel angry, you should go for a walk (or sit and read, listen to music...) or talk to me. I'm always here for you, you know.”

By responding in this way, the child knows the deed is not acceptable, he knows how you feel, how to

make amends, and is given ways to control the situation better next time. By modeling ways to communicate better, by controlling our anger, by showing alternatives and suggesting solutions, we help to allow our children to know us better, to control themselves better, and to be responsible for their actions. ♣

Parenthood is being available to your children whenever they need you, no matter what their age or need

– Major Doris Pengully



OUTDOORS WITH GEORGE

A truly Canadian word

By George Luchuk

I have sitting in front of me, on the same table I'm writing this article on, a copy of Webster's Dictionary, unabridged, second edition, printed in 1956.

The book itself is massive, weighing at least 12 pounds with 2129 pages – with my estimate of 160,000 words used in the English

language. Every word is explained to the nth degree. Impressive, to say the least.

We must understand the vast majority of these words are sourced from outside North America. I contend that as we Canadians continue developing into a distinct cultural mosaic, we will need new words to properly reflect our special Canadian experience.

Let me explain my sudden interest in the dictionary. The event that I'm quite excited about is the creation of a new word for the English language – a uniquely Canadian one. The date was September 19, 2002, and the word was first enunciated by Joseph Hague when he was asked to explain why he spends, with the rest of us, so much

time, energy, and money in helping to improve our hunting camp. I think Joe was really trying to say, in some context or another, frivolity (we think). But out of Joe's mouth came something quite different. (Now consider yourself very fortunate, because you are about to encounter for the first time a NEW word in *The Green Hills Gazette!*)

The word? Forallity. Think now of all the times in the past when you were asked just why you do what you do. If you're like me, it soon becomes obvious that no matter how much you explain, and for how long, there are no words to really articulate yourself in a satisfying manner – either to the person asking, or more importantly, to yourself. If

your spouse asks you, “Why do you golf so much?” you need only answer “It's because of forallity.” “Why do you attach those sticks (skis) to the bottom of your feet to risk life and limb screeching down an icy mountain?” “Forallity.” “And George, why do you go to all that trouble and travel a great distance to catch fish in shivering cold – only to release them again?” “Forallity.”

If we adopt this word “forallity”, we will be helping to explain the Canadian psyche.

Thanks, Joe, you've done us all a great service. We really do know what you meant. Forallity! Don't let it die on the vine, keep using it! Again! Repeat after me... forallity... ♣

Millbrook-Cavan
Pastoral Charge

Take “Time Out”

Advent Services, December 15th and 22nd
at Cavan United Church: 9:45 a.m.
at St. Andrew's, Millbrook: 11:15 a.m.

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Church Directory

Services for Christmas Season/Advent
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Advent Services – Sundays, 9:30 am

Service of Lessons and Carols – Sun. Dec. 15, 5 pm
Potluck Supper follows in Parish Hall

Christmas Eve – Tues. Dec. 24, 7 pm
Family-oriented Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day – Wed. Dec. 25, 9:30 am
Eucharist Service – bring toys/gifts to be blessed

New Year's Eve Day – Tues. Dec. 31, 4:30 pm
A Service of Memories and Dreams,
followed by Holy Eucharist

For information, call Rev. Wendy Moore, 749-5828

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bethany

Sunday worship – everyone welcome!

Dec. 12, 19 – Advent Bible Study – 1–2:30 pm

Dec. 7 – Children's Advent Program –
9:30 am – 12 noon

Dec. 8 – Advent Lessons & Carols – 10 am
(St. Mary's Lifford)

Dec. 22 – The Hanging of the Greens – 9:30 am
Dec. 24 – Family Eucharist – 7 pm

Dec. 29 – Christmas Lessons and Carols – 11 am

Call 932-2233 for more information.

Christ Church Anglican, Bailieboro

Sunday worship – everyone welcome!

Dec. 8 – Blue Christmas service – 9:30 am

Dec. 20 – St. Nicholas Potluck Dinner –
Fri. Dec. 20, 5:30 pm

Dec. 22 – Hanging of the Greens – 9:30 am

Dec. 24 – Family Eucharist – 7 pm

Call 932-2233 for more information.

St. Thomas Anglican Church, Millbrook

Sunday worship – everyone welcome!

Dec. 11, 18 – Advent Bible Study – 9–10:30 am

Dec. 7 – Children's Advent Program – 4–6 pm

Dec. 7 – St. Nicholas Dinner – 6 pm

Dec. 8 – Advent Lessons and Carols – 11 am

Dec. 15 – Confirmation with Bishop Blackwell
– 11 am

Dec. 21 – Christmas Carolling
– meet at church @ 6:30 pm

Dec. 22 – Hanging of the Greens – 11 am

Dec. 24 – Family Eucharist – 4 pm

Dec. 25 – Holy Eucharist – 10 am

Call 932-2233 for more information.

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.

Coming Events

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At Market Hall, Ptbo.
Thurs. Dec. 12, 8 pm
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Santa Claus Parade

In downtown Millbrook
Sat. Dec. 14, 12 noon marching, 1 pm start
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Voices of the Season

At Showplace, Ptbo.
Sat. Dec. 14, 8 pm
Concert by Ptbo. Symphony and Singers, seasonal music. Info/tickets, 742-7469 (box office).

The Messiah

At George St. United Church, Ptbo.
Mon. Dec. 16
Performed by Peterborough Singers. Tickets \$20, info 740-9018.

New Year's Dance

At Millbrook Legion

Tues. Dec. 31
See ad this issue for details.

New Year's Eve Dance

At Lions' Centre, Burnham St., Ptbo., Dec. 31, 9 pm - 1 am
Sponsored by Wild Out Women, includes light buffet. Tickets \$10 to \$15, call 799-5278 or 876-0738.

First Night Celebrations

At Ptbo. Square, kids; at Showplace Ptbo, adults
Tues.-Dec. 31, 9 pm start
Alcohol-free celebrations, variety of activities and entertainment, music. Admission by donation of a non-perishable food item for Ptbo. Food Bank. Info, 745-8994.

Hogmanay - Scottish

New Year
At Hutchison House Museum
Wed. Jan. 1, 1 - 4 pm
Info, call 743-9710.

Tai Chi in Millbrook

At Millbrook Arena, upstairs
Starting Wed. Jan 8, 2 pm and Thurs. Jan. 9, 6:30 pm - classic yang style 24 move set; Thurs. Jan. 9 classic yang style 108 move set
Come early to register, info call Sylvia 932-2041.

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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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Fitness Classes

At Old Millbrook School
Mon.-Wed.-Fri. - 9:15 am
For info, call Barb (705) 277-3694 or Lynda (705) 799-6690

Senior Fitness Classes

At Old Millbrook School
Mon.-Wed - 10:45 am

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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.

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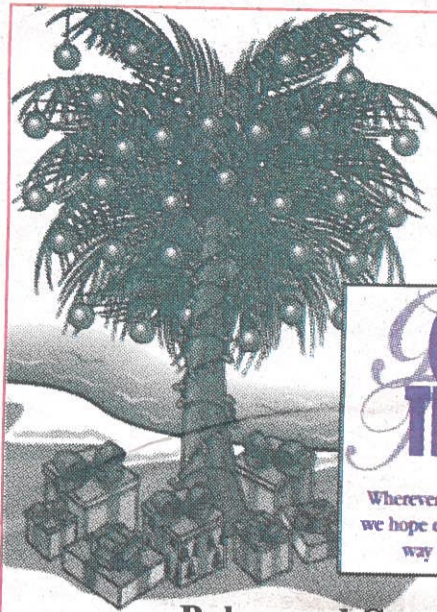
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MapleFest is set for April 12 and 13 in 2003, and the Millbrook and District Chamber of Commerce is seeking your ideas for events or interest in being involved as an individual or organization.

Some of the ideas currently under consideration include more downtown Millbrook activity (ie. historical society, BIA, business, community policing involvement; costumes/decorating, band concerts), special events at the Arena, open houses at various organizations, a launch of improved trails at the sugar bush, involvement by the Euro Stars hockey team, an Easter parade, and a bigger and better advertising campaign.

All the regular events at the Sugar Bush will take place and the Lions will be putting on a full breakfast with a free shuttle bus.

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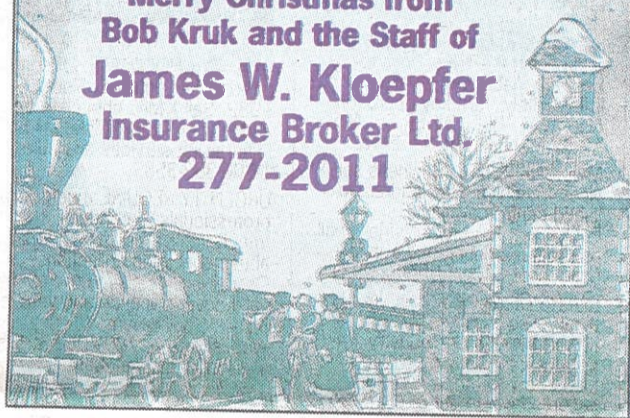
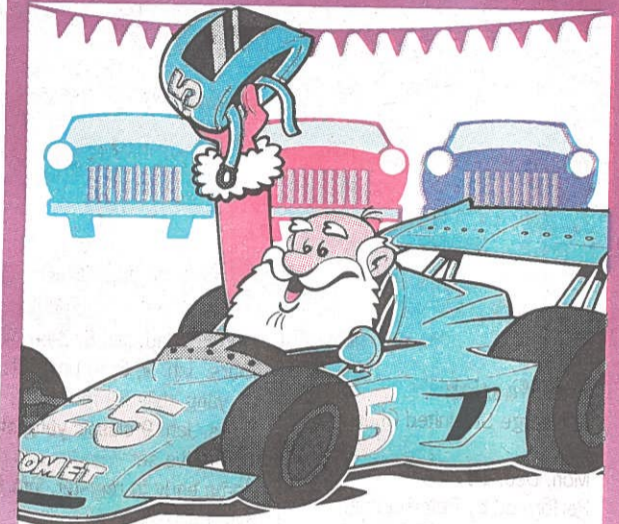
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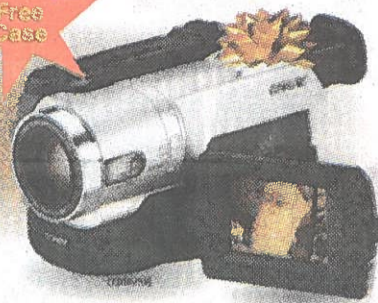
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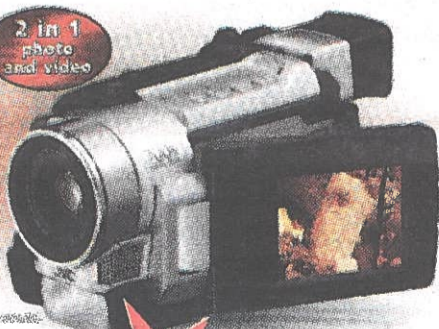
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