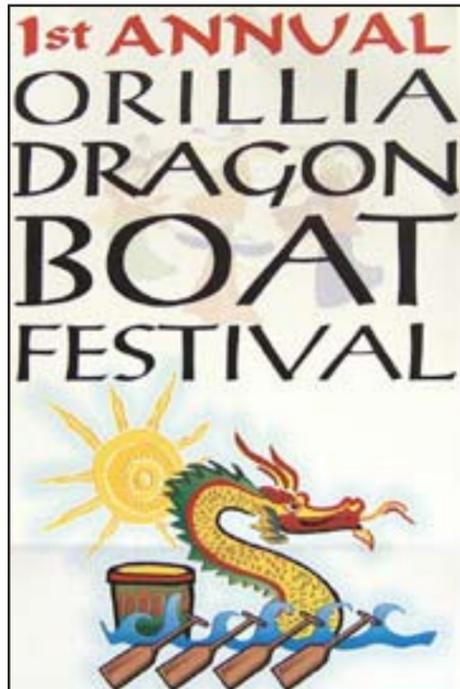


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November, 2006



WASHAGO WARRIORS STRIKE AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

It's Saturday morning, 6 am September 30th. My alarm goes off and I hop out of bed - ready for the big day to realize that MAN IT'S COLD! Do I need my head examined or am I really going to cover this event called Dragon Boat Racing? Out come the thick woolly sock's and extra under clothing, for the first time this year. I get all wrapped up, grab my camera and other paraphernalia and I am off. I roll in at 7:00 am not expecting to see much going on, with the weather and all, but what a surprise!!! Couchiching Park has been taken over by these dragon people. Every one of the 27 teams registered to try their hand at this first annual, had a spot for their own tent and exercise area to practice for the big event. By the time all the teams were ready, the 8:00 am post time, when the races were scheduled to start, had been pushed back slightly to allow for the directors of the day to welcome us all, give a few directions and then give the podium over to the dignitaries gathered. Their blessings were given to the day and the purpose behind the whole event, then we were off to awake the dragon. Even though most of us were freezing cold when the dragon woke up and began to celebrate with the boat paddlers of the first two races at the starting dock, we were all impressed for sure. Off go the first combatants. Washago Warriors are scheduled for race number 5. With three races guaranteed for the day, I believe using great wisdom, The Warriors conserved energy and placed 3rd after race 1 (out of three teams). However, races 2 and 3 yielded better results with a first and second place finish. Smart thinking!! Still, the standings at the end of the day will give us something to try and better next year. Needless to say, we didn't win. That is, in the paddling department anyway. After all was said and done with the pledges added up, the Washago Warriors had raised a couple thousand dollars to go

toward programs and future projects for our upcoming, revamped Community Centre. The timing could not have been better. Just on the Wednesday prior, council had passed the budget for the center to move ahead. Congratulations Warriors and all other 26 teams that took part in this mega fund raising event for 2006. Let's look forward to 2007 being even bigger & better.

P.S: SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATION GO OUT TO ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO GAVE TOWARD OUR WASHAGO WARRIORS BANNER: TIM-BR MART, CENTURY 21, HOME HARDWARE, PADDLE SHACK, RICK KERR OF PRUDENTIAL LIFESTYLES REAL ESTATE, DAVENPORT SUBARU, AND SOULVINE MEDIA INK, FOR DESIGN AND PRODUCTION.



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WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

As most of you have surely noticed by now, I am not a great writer nor do I profess to be. However I know there are great writers out there and I would like to encourage any or all of you to feel free in offering articles, short historic stories, poetry, jokes, cartoons, tips, etc... to help fill our paper. Winter is coming and not much goes on around here for the next couple of months. We would love to hear from you. Thanks. The Editor and Chief Floor Sweeper.



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90 years wise

"Thank you God for my mother." I don't know how many times I've prayed that in my life time, but I can't imagine my life without her. Mary Evelyn Eastwick - known by all as "Evelyn" celebrated her 90th birthday with about 250 guests. Family and friends came from all over Ontario to join in the celebration held at Circle Square Ranch on Saturday October 21, 2006. Evelyn's 2 daughters, 6 grand children, and 7 great-grand children planned and put on an awesome party. A special phone call came in during the party from a grand daughter, her husband and another 2 great-grandsons from Mexico. Typical to Evelyn's love of life, the day was spent in laughter and friendships and many an old story was retold. Food continued to flow from the kitchen, provided by family members and arriving by van fulls from Evelyn's church family at New Life Pentecostal in Gravenhurst. When asked how she lived to be 90, she answered with a laugh; "I don't drink and don't smoke, but I certainly never expected to live this long." "Each year is better than the year before." "I think its only because of my faith in the Lord, every time things get difficult I turn to him and He always sees me though." "I would like to say thank you to everyone, but I especially appreciated the MP, MPP, and the mayor of Orillia for taking time from their busy schedules to attend." "See you all at my 100th!" (MP- Garfield Dunlop, MPP- Bruce Stanton, Mayor - Ron Stevens)



TO THE LIMIT

Are there many days left to see these kinds of things? I'm waking up mornings to see ice on my backyard pond lately and wondering if we will get out for one more ride before the bike goes away for another winter. These boys were dressed pretty warm but even so they still had to stop in to purchase a little liquid warmth. They said, "Thanks Lou".

PLEASE REMEMBER

The average age of a Canadian Military person is nineteen years. They never really cared much for work but have never collected unemployment either. As recent high school graduates, they either broke up with a steady boy or girl friend, or one swears to be waiting when they return from half a world away. 10 or 15 pounds lighter than when they were home they now fight from before dawn to well past dusk and can strip a rifle in 30 seconds to reassemble it in less time, even in the dark. They obey orders instantly and without hesitation, like marching until told to stop or stopping until told to march. They keep their canteens full and their feet dry so if you thirst they will share water with you, or if you hunger their food, or if in



battle their ammunition when you run low. They will save your life by applying first aid like a professional – or take it, because that is their job!

They have stood atop mountains of dead bodies and seen more suffering and death than they should have in their short lifetimes. They have wept in private or in public, over friends who have fallen in battle, and are unashamed. Just as Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather did, they pay the price for freedom as The Canadian Fighting Troops that have kept this country FREE for over 200 years. They ask nothing in return but

our friendship, understanding and respect for the blood they have shed. And, to Remember Them Always! Of all the gifts you could give a Canadian Soldier, Sailor or Airman, PRAYER is the very best of all. When you read this please stop for a moment and pray for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Then on November 11th REMEMBER

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Are you struggling to find work? Tired of looking for a job and not getting any calls? Take the first step and call the Employment Resource Centre 705-325-9299.

Starting in September, our on site employment counsellor will be in Washago (location to be determined) to help you with your job search and career planning needs. This free service includes resume, cover letter and interview help and is brought to you by the Orillia Employment Resource Centre and funded by the Government of Canada.

Caleb's Blessings



The new Church in town, Caleb's Place, had a pot blessing meal event on Sunday October 15th at the St. Francis of Assissi Catholic Church hall. The meeting is organized to encourage locals to get out and meet your neighbors. Approximately 65 people were in attendance at the first dinner, which had an overabundance of all kinds of delicious dishes to sample. The group intends on having the get together on a regular basis so please watch for up coming dates and bring out a friend. The meetings are nondenominational so please don't feel that you are not welcome or that the group expects anything from you in return. Just come out to enjoy a great meal and make some new friends. You never know who you might meet. The next meeting is planned for Sunday December 3rd at 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm. Any questions please call 689.1911.

No strings attached. See you there.

A Night of Music



On October 7th, 2006 St. Paul's Anglican Church presented a "Gala Night of Music of Broadway Tunes." The Choirs of St. Paul's (Washago) and St. Luke's (Prices Corners) came together to sing tunes from well known Broadway Shows. Songs from Les Misérables, Oklahoma, The Phantom of the Opera, Fantastics etc. were performed beautifully. The church was decorated with Fall Harvest motive and soft candle lighting. Fourteen dedicated choir members entertained an overflowing church. A Freewill offering was accepted and will be used for an Outreach project. It was a wonderful, magical evening of music.

Have a story, poem, recipe, joke etc... Submit it to The Soulvine! We want your thoughts, ideas and submissions to help make this paper even better!

Part One is Done



Congratulations Washago! Our first step to the new Community Center will be complete when you read this article. In order to do all the renovations it was our responsibility to get the building emptied in time for construction to start. We had many options to consider and chose the one that you see in the photo. This shed will serve more than the immediate use of holding the Center's belongings until completion of the revamp. It will then be the new home of our Zamboni (snow blower & fire hose) and whatever other stuff we find in the two existing smaller sheds that are being demolished to make way for more parking. So I would now like to thank all the volunteers who have pitched in to completion. I'm sorry if I missed any names in this list. First a special thanks to our new Ward 5 Councilor for Severn Township, Frank Coyle, who put on the white helmet to supervise and do the major part of the puzzle. Saws and hammers were handled by CC President Bill Wylie, Doug Williams, Jim Benson, Dick Ellis, Bill Baker, Cory Reynolds, Bill Watson and even I smashed a few nails into this thing. We of the Community Center Board of Directors would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to

Frank Cooper and Tim-Br Mart for their contributions of materials and manpower when we needed it. We in town won't have much to say about part two (THE CONSTRUCTION) which I'm hearing should be underway in a week or two, but we are hoping to have as much enthusiasm and participation when part three comes around in the spring. We are not sure yet what things will be left to do, but with all the cut backs involved in getting this project under way we can be sure of a couple? A few? A bunch? The Shadow only Knows!



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 Minister: The Reverend Toni Birtch

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 May – Oct Saturday 5pm

Caleb's Place
 Service starts at 7:00pm
 Meeting in St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church fellowship hall
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For Soulvine Media
 Submitted by E.T.Jack Birtch

When November beckons us to enter the eleventh month of the year, it invariably greets us with grey, rain-threatening skies. I always think of November as a sombre month; perhaps because it has been for decades the month in which we mark Remembrance Day, or as my parents would say *Armistice Day*. It is by careful, thought-filled design that this internationally marked day is set in the *eleventh* month, on the *eleventh* day and brings nations to silence at the *eleventh* hour. It is to remind us of how precipitously close the world has come to destruction caused by warring nations.

Well I remember the Novembers of my youth in the Muskoka town of Huntsville right after the Second World War. I was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp, and played a trumpet in the band. Every Remembrance Day the band was on parade with veterans from both world wars. How exciting to be on parade with brothers-in-law who were newly returned from duty in Europe. Well over half a century has passed since those days, and yet the memories are still fresh and vivid of having the honour of playing *The Last Post* and *Reveille* as Huntsville named and mourned those who did not return home, and saluted with dignity those who were safely back with us. Lamentably, we still have *wars and rumours of wars* with us. The culture of war and its horrific reality, has undeniably plagued the human race from the beginning of recorded history. Sadly, a militant Christian Church has been both instigator and perpetrator of that culture in many ways.

As a Christian, and a pastor (now retired) I am grieved of spirit because of the way we unconsciously condition our minds and spirits for conflict in the name of The Holy. While we are loathe to admit it, the culture of conflict and the language of war permeates many of our hymns and theology and is often used as a motivational force in the life of congregations. Just think about it: *'Onward Christian Soldiers Marching as to War'*, and *'Fight the Good Fight with All Your Might'* continue to be sung with gusto and piety, even as we refer to devout folk being 'great prayer warriors'. While this may seem inoffensive to you, the point being made is that subconsciously the language supports an aggressive destructiveness of the holy breath of life in us.

These days in my life, there is a deep and haunting longing - a longing for the Church to honour the teachings of the Christ whose loving heart taught us that the seed for conflict is watered every time we neglect the poor, the powerless and the disenfranchised; a longing for the day when Christians will have the humility to recognize and embrace the legitimacy and truth in other world religions; a yearning for the day when we will celebrate that the Creator's image is indelibly imprinted in the heart and soul of every human being. For when that day comes, then peace will begin to grow and blossom in the world.

Once upon a time there was a town with a new church steeple that had a bell that wouldn't ring. People came from miles around to try it. One day a small fellow came up to the priest and said "I can do it". The priest said "Ok, try it". The little fellow went to the steeple, took three steps back and ran into the bell with his face. BONG!! The bell rang and he was hired. One windy day as he took his three steps back to ring the bell, the wind moved the bell and the little fellow missed the bell and fell out of the steeple. He landed in the middle of the plaza where people gathered to see what happened. The priest came through the crowd and asked, "Does anyone know this fellow's name?" Someone replied "I don't know his name, but his face rings a bell!"

HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH

Men's fellowship breakfast
 Saturday, November 25, 2006
 8:00 am at Heritage United Church Washago
 Guest Speaker: Jesse Barton Of Soulvine Media

Remembrance Sunday

Following our tradition of past years, area veterans will be piped into the worship service at 11:15 am November 5th. Heritage congregation feels privileged to honour these men and women, whose service to our country must never be forgotten.

Heritage Church Sunday school

Bursting at the seams! That's what's happening at our Sunday School. We meet every Sunday at 11:15 am. We are using an ecumenically developed bible-base curriculum. Were looking forward to seeing your children soon!

New Adult Study Groups

Starting the week of November 6th.

"Living the Questions" is a DVD based small group study that's designed for those searching for spiritual insights that do not demand you turn off your critical faculties. It's for the countless people of faith who long for a forum in which to raise their questions and doubts. Altogether, there are twelve sessions, which will be broken down into three 4-week groupings. The first four sessions (plus a short orientation session) will run through November. We'll break for the advent/Christmas seasons, and resume in January with another 4-week session.

Time and locations will be chosen by the participants.

If this is for you, call the office soon to register

Outreach on the internet

Wondercafe.ca is a fresh, highly interactive website currently being design to reach out specifically to those who don't have a faith community. Wondercafe.ca will be hosted by the United Church of Canada and invited participants to an interactive on-line community where 30-45 year olds and other can explore the questions and issues which are most important to them, including faith, spirituality, and other topics of the interest. Once launched, wonder café will be come on of the most important ways emerging spirit reaches out and connects with others. Watch the website www.emrgingsprit.ca for the most up to date developments.

TIPS TIPS AND MORE TIPS

HEALTH TIP- Tips for healthy skin & reducing wrinkles:

Vitamin E is a fantastic antioxidant and cellular healer that the skin can absorb. The pure oil is wonderful for treating scars, burns, and other skin rashes, as it both moisturizes and heals wounds. Try adding 32,000 IU pure vitamin E oil to a moisture cream.

Aloe Vera is a plant with remarkable healing abilities. It has properties for promoting the removal of dead skin and stimulating the normal growth of living cells. It's enzymes dissolve dead surface-layer cells, tighten pores, and have anti-bacterial qualities that fight infection. Aloe can also stop pain and reduce the chances of scarring while helping the healing process. It is valuable for burning, itching, minor cuts and first and second degree burns.

Vitamin A (natural form) mixed with cream or lotion is one of the most important skin care ingredients you can use and costs very little. Vitamin A is a key vitamin related to skin health, and is a potent free-radical scavenger. Add 10-20 softgels (25,000 IU) of Vitamin A along with vitamin E to your night cream.

Vitamin C: Vitamin C forms collagen in the skin, which is the "cement" that supports and holds the tissues and organs together. It keeps the youthful skin tissues soft, firm, supple, and wrinkle free. Collagen helps keep your skin from sagging. Look for creams that contain vitamin C. It should also be taken internally.

Royal Jelly applied in creams, lotions and face masks has tremendous effects at the cellular level. With regular use, skin becomes soft and wrinkles diminish. To enhance the cream mentioned above add a few capsules of royal jelly along with the vitamin A and E and you will have a nutrient packed face cream.

Of all the nutrients discussed **Water** is the most important for beautiful skin. Your daily diet should include the equivalent of 8 to 10 glasses of pure water. This keeps enough moisture in your body. Caffeine and alcoholic drinks pull moisture out of your system.

Joanne Barton

Blaines Automotive Auto Faxx

Hybrid Tecnology Take Two!!!

Last month we spoke briefly on the operation principles of hybrid technology in the modern automobile. The hybrid automobile houses many attractive features, reduced greenhouse emissions, increased fuel economy etc. Lets face it, any vehicle that can actually recapture the kenetic energy produced during braking to charge its own batteries is efficiency at its best. Not to mention a government tax credit as much as \$1000.00 on purchase of hybrid. The above mentioned make ownership attractive.

Although we at Blaines Automotive embrace hybrid technology with open minds, I would like to play the devils advocate for a moment and take a look at the pitfalls. Does the cost outweigh the benefit? One must ask themselves with an initial investment of \$3500-6000 more then their conventional counterparts and an estimated saving of \$400.00 of fuel based on .80\$ per liter and 20,000km per annum , plus the up to \$4500.00 to replace the batteries after approx 7 years, can I really justify ownership?

Hybrid technology is the future. In time, initial costs as well as repairs will become more affordable, service providers will be better educated, parts more readily available, and hybrid technology will be mainstream." Should I buy Hybrid"? Well if your decision is based solely on economics, I would say no, not for you!! If your decision is based on the environment then yes, Hybrid will produce less emissions, but still consume gas, oil etc. You be the judge.

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We would like to take a last minute opportunity to hear from a few of the candidates in the current election. We have not shown favouritism and we do not support one candidate over the other. We gave each and every candidate for Severn and Ramara Townships an opportunity to have their say in The Soulvine and below are the ones that responded. With that said, we'd also like to use this page as a reminder to get out and vote. In a small area like ours every vote really does make a difference and it's important that we have candidates elected by a majority of the people and not just a few loyal voters.



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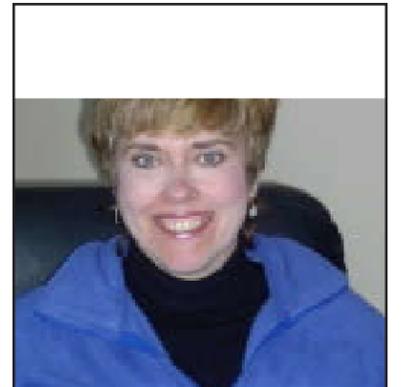
Hello,
The final days of the election are winding down. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have talked with many of you, while campaigning over the last few weeks. My only disappointment is that I have not been able to talk to each and every one of you in Ward 1. My mailing to you last week, along with my previous Phamplet, and Letter to Ward 1 Residents (Soulvine, October Edition) stated my goals, and the concerns and issues pertaining to Ward 1. If you missed receiving any of my literature , please email or call me and I will gladly bring them or mail them to you. I am passionately concerned about the interests of Ward 1. This is my neighbourhood ! I live in Ward 1. I believe it is critical to live in the Ward. Only by living in the neighbourhood can you truly appreciate concerns and issues on a daily basis. We are so lucky to live in a fantastic neighbourhood with unique scenery and lifestyle. My Professional Accounting Degree will be an asset when working with the next Council. Financial accountability will be important for the decision making process.. Ideally we can have a "zero tolerance" tax increase and still work towards satisfying our concerns. If elected, I will provide a monthly newsletter to keep you updated. I am a team player and I will work with all council members to reach our goals for Ward 1 and for Ramara Township.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,
Bill White

Still undecided who to vote for?

Vote Leila SHERRIFF ⊗ Ward 1

- ❖ **I understand** the issues facing Ward 1 and Ramara Township.
- ❖ **I have contributed** and **will continue to contribute** to the quality of life in Ward 1.
- ❖ I have over **15 years** of Ramara knowledge and experience of Ramara rural life.
- ❖ **I know government procedures** and have been working with the process **since 1999. I know** the workings of **local government** and how to get things done.
- ❖ I have been a **life-long volunteer**, someone who cares enough about our community to get involved and do things for the best interests of the people in our community. **I have been volunteering all my life and started volunteering in our area in 1991.** I have always been very active with community groups in our area and I strongly believe in being involved and giving back



This is what I said at the All Candidates' Meeting, Ramona Hall, October 12, 2006

For Ward 1, this election is about several important issues including:

- **paving** roads. It is about **repairing** and **maintaining all roads** in Ward 1 while working to ensure that they don't turn into **racetracks**
- **forming a strong council** that works for Ward 1 and all Ramara
- **ensuring** that Ward 1 and Ramara **remain strong, stand-alone entities** in a county that would like to swallow us up
- **keeping taxes as low as possible** and still delivering **maximum results for the tax dollars you already pay**
- **working** to make sure Council and the Township **continue to support Ramona Hall and the Longford Community Centre participating** in the support of **Washago Community Centre**

I am **one of the founding members** (January 2003) and still active in the "**Our Ramara**" project, dedicated to improving awareness of Ramara and all that Ramara has to offer, both to the people of Ramara and to the people "on the other side of the bridge". Any of you who attended or participated in the first annual Ramara Fun Fest last June are aware of the success of this project. **Ramona Hall** was a special stop on the Ramara self-guided tour.

What I have to offer as your representative is **experience** and **knowledge**. I have been here for over 15 years and I have knowledge of the issues in our township and the history of those issues and concerns. I have worked with the community in Ward 1 around the Washago Community Centre, and been involved with community forums, deputations to Ramara Council, and the Our Ramara project. I am a hard worker and a quick study. I have the long-term knowledge, the hands-on experience and the **connection to our community**.

I have a history of commitment to Ward 1 and our Township.
Questions? Call me at 325-5177
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I AM LORETTA DICK AND I AM APPLYING FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

Requirements: attend council meetings, committee of the whole with all ward councillors to bring items to the table on behalf of their constituents, Simcoe county council, sit on committee at that level, work closely with the Mayor, fill in if need be, discuss Simcoe county agenda, and vote together for the good of our constituents. I am keeping an open mind and will work with either mayoral candidate.

This position also requires diplomacy, honesty, negotiation, co-operation, commitment, dedication, hard worker, good listener, problem solver, sincerity, determination. My commitment to you when elected is to work with council to do the job you trust me to do, and to make Ramara the great township you are proud to live in.

We moved to Rama 18 years ago, soon after moving here we retired and joined the Washago and area seniors, and I spent a year on the Board. I worked with the parishoners of St. Francis of Assissi Church in Washago Planning and building the beautiful extension, which has been so helpfull to the community since closing of the community centre.

I have also been a member of the community centre, and served on the board. I worked on the building committee, the census committee. I chaired the first Program committee to revitalize the community centre. To keep the community updated on what was going on I helped start the first Gazette and I would like to thank Don Barton for continuing. I helped to start the youth group and the men's group which ran till the centre closed.

During all of this it took a lot of co operation, listening, voicing of opinions, giving and taking, and hard work to get to where we are today with the promise of a renovated centre for the community of Washago and area. I would strive to keep taxes down or at least leveled off with no council raises till they are earned. We desperately need a council that will work together and make decisions and get things done and stop wasting the taxpayers money.

We live on the Green River, and draw our water from the river so I am very interested in keeping our waters clean and the weeds controlled etc. keeping Phosphates down with education, and proper testing of septic. Controlling speeds to protect shore lines. I also feel it is important to look into the needs of the residents on the boarders and not let them fall through the cracks, such as school busing, and sewers and water, and roads. The other important group are the summer residents as they are taxpayers also and we need to listen to their concerns.

I would like to see every public building in the township made accessible especially the bathrooms and entrances.

I would be honored if you put your trust in me to be the next DEPUTY MAYOR of Ramara.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES AND PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT BY MAILING YOUR BALLOT BACK

MARILYN BROOKS FOR MAYOR



Well, the campaign is winding down. Ballots have been mailed out to all you voters, and some have even been sent back in. Unfortunately some of the candidates spent more time mudslinging and exaggerating issues than they did covering the important topics to the taxpayers. One such issue has been the supposed 18% tax hike that I was in favor of back in March of 2004. To be clear on the facts, I was proposing the paving of 2 roads, Oakridge Drive and Davy Drive at a combined cost of \$400,000.00. Unless my calculator is defective, \$400,000.00 out of a 6.5 million dollar budget does not add up to 18%. The budget did not get passed until May 10th with an actual decrease of 5.75% upon approval, which I did agree with.

My campaign has stated that I am only for the good of you, the taxpayer, and that I will work hard for you. I will appreciate your putting an 'X' beside my name on your mail-in ballot and posting by November 3rd. Thank You Sincerely; Marilyn Brooks

WHY VOTE MARILYN?

Bring cooperation and communication back to our township
 With our taxpayer
 With neighbouring municipalities
 With the County of Simcoe
 With First Nations

I have good communication skills.

I am organized, trustworthy and hard working.

MPAC must be replaced or definitely revamped.

I would like to see Rama Road, Atherly, Uptergrove with commercial development, supermarket, residential development, etc.

I want to see good roads, bridges and drainage.

I have hired a girl to do my job 6 days a month for county and township business so I will be available!

I have a good deal of experience and I know the protocol and process.

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St. Paul's, Washago - Fall Bazaar & Giant Garage Sale - Saturday, October 21, 7:30-1, with crafts, penny table, baked goods.

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Muskoka Retirement Lodge Open House
 Come to our Christmas Bazaar AND Bake Sale at the same time!
 November 25th 10am-4pm
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Well Washago has an early Christmas present. The Community Centre is a go and that is exciting news for the community. Congratulations Washago and area residents for your hardwork, your wonderful community programs and patience. I will continue to work with you and will help out whenever I can. The Community Centre will be a much needed assest to the community for the future and will provide many adults, teens and children with programs and fun activities. Best of Luck!

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I went out to this restaurant not long ago and met the waitress of my dreams. About halfway through dinner I called the waitress over & said, "Ma'am, this potatoe is bad." She nodded, picked up the potatoe, smacked it. Then she put it back on my plate and said. "Sir if this potatoe causes you any more trouble, just let me know."

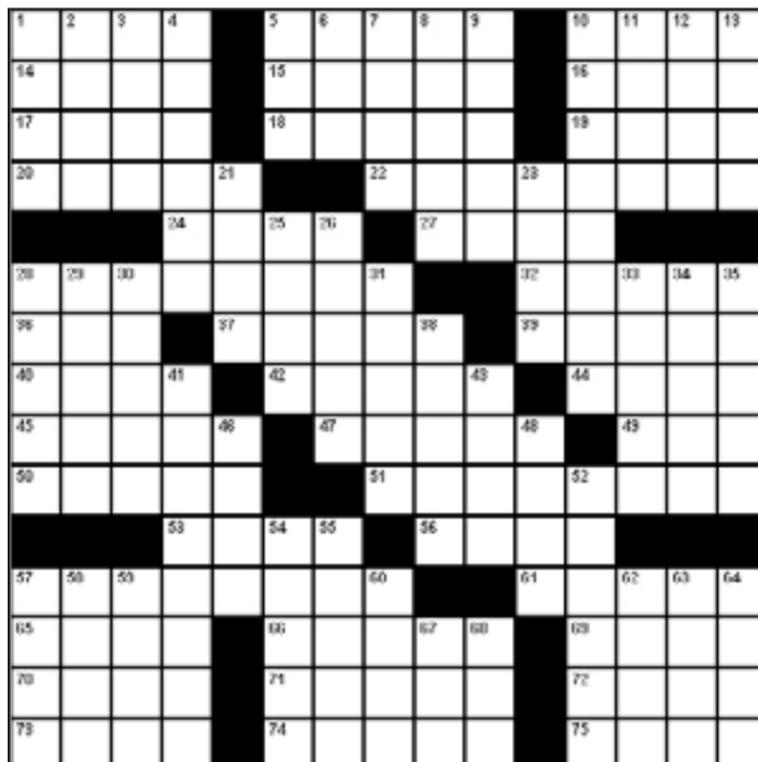
Bob stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity. He waggled, looked up, looked down, waggled again, but didn't start his backswing. Finally his exasperated partner asked, "what the heck is taking so long?" "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse," Bob explained. "I want to make a perfect shot." "Good lord!" his companion exclaimed. "There's no way you could possibly hit her from here!"



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Down
1- Roster; 2- 6th month of the Jewish religious calendar; 3- Extremely; 4- Fancy home; 5- Director Browning; 6- ____ Darya (Asian river); 7- Japanese rice wine; 8- Twice, a comforting comment; 9- Moves with care; 10- Pertaining to culture; 11- Small purse; 12- Defense grp. since 1949; 13- At that time; 21- DEA agent; 23- Felines; 25- Untruths, tells falsehoods; 26- Thai breed of cat; 28- Take as one's own; 29- Aristocratic; 30- Experiment; 31- Renaissance fiddle; 33- Concerning; 34- Feudal estate; 35- Stickum; 38- Gannet; 41- Infinite time; 43- Orderly; 46- Way out; 48- Normandy city; 52- Gazes fixedly; 54- Toss; 55- Animal trap; 57- Potato; 58- Advance; 59- La Scala solo; 60- Small secluded valley; 62- Bird of peace; 63- Thought; 64- Hire; 67- Still, in poetry; 68- Musical style with similarities to reggae;

answers on inside back cover

Tom and Karen Kahle from FERN FOREST GARDENS "Greenhouses in the Forest" would like to express a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS FOR A GREAT FIRST SEASON AND ANNOUNCE THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE GRAND PRICE DRAW (\$250 OF ANNUALS FOR 2007 SEASON) is Kay Berlin of Washago. CONGRATULATIONS!

FERN FOREST GARDENS IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL THE SPRING AND WILL RE-OPEN ON SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2007. Contact information: fernforest@sympatico.ca or (705) 689-8230.

"Las Peregrinas...the women who walk" screening

November 4th and 5th at reSource 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. A donation to the Washago Community Centre is requested. Pre-registration at reSource is important as there are a limited number of places at each screening.

Las Peregrinas...the women who walk.

New Canadian Indie Feature Length Documentary filmed on medieval pilgrimage route in Spain. A powerful and personal human film experience.

Toronto, ON (October 10, 2006) – What compels women to voluntarily choose to suffer both the joys and anguish of walking hundreds, sometimes thousands of kilometers on a medieval pilgrimage route in search of something more?

Sue Kenney, former world-class master's athlete and telecommunications executive, has walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain alone, a journey that lasted 29 days and 780 km in the midst of winter. When she returned from this life-altering experience, she shared tales about the pilgrims she met and experiences along the way and found out that people were inspired. Soon after, she wrote her first book; My Camino.

Now Sue Kenney, a veteran pilgrim who has walked the Camino four times, returns to Spain to shepherd a group of first-time women pilgrims (in Spanish known as, Las Peregrinas) on their own individual journeys of self-discovery. Even though she had no film experience, as a first time film director, Kenney completely trusted the Camino would provide the people, insight, intrigue, conflict, adventure, mysticism and whatever else she needed to share this story. We will see how Sue's philosophy and values, as well as the Camino's legendary power to transform lives, will be put to the test. This is a film with soul.

Las Peregrinas is a powerful and moving documentary about facing our deepest fears by questioning the value of everything that we were taught was important in life.

"My vision is to bring people together in Gatherings as an opportunity to watch an enlightening film and to provide a forum for conversation to follow." adds Kenney. "It all begins on the weekend of November 3, 4 and 5 at grass roots Gatherings sponsored by individuals who want to raise money for a cause that is important to them. The response has been fabulous and I am estimating there will be about 2000 people viewing the film over 3 days at Gatherings in 30 cities in Canada, US, Europe, Australia, Brazil and South Africa to raise money for various causes."

Sue lives on a lake north of Toronto and is presently working on a variety of artistic projects that include a short animated film and another book. Sue has been seen on Breakfast Television, BRAVO, Book Television, Good Morning Canada, Omni's Fineprint, Rogers, CTV, CBC Radio and much more.

A 5-minute sample of the film is available for download www.suekenney.ca

To interview Sue Kenney and/or some of the women pilgrims, please contact:

Sue Kenney 416 985 8759
Email sue.kenney@sympatico.ca

Women's Institutes

Washago Women's Institute

October meeting was held in Heritage Church Hall. Roll call – name a current woman's concern. Varied answers, but health concerns and issues are number one. We must protect our water resources. Our guest speaker was Jim Ferry, a fire-fighter with many years of service. He spoke on emergency measures and what it involves today. He also spoke on being prepared for an emergency and things to have in place. Be prepared, not scared!

Refreshments were served. Business was conducted. Marilyn Tucker shared an informative article from a lady with health problems. She had to insist on different tests. End result – she had ovarian cancer. Her first diagnosis was Irritable Bowel Syndrome. She pressured for more tests to get satisfaction. These delays present bigger problems. A CA 125 blood test earlier would have shown her problem sooner.

Severn Bridge Women's Institute

Nov. 6: luncheon (meat pies) - 12:00 noon.
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Washago Lions Club

On October 11/06 Lion Jim Hanwell of the Washago Lions was recognized by The International Association of Lions Clubs in Illinois USA for a Lions Club President Diamond Pin Award 2005-2006. Lion Jim received this award by achieving positive net growth for the year ending June 2006. Membership growth not only benefits the association, it also directly impacts our communities, both locally and globally through increased numbers of volunteers working to make a difference and serve those who need help the most. Way to go Lion Jim!!!!!!!

New Members

The Washago Lions would like to take a moment to welcome four new members to our club for the month of September and October. They are Sandy Galloway, Judy Collins, Bruce Fowler, John Burns. The Lions can't wait to see what ideas they have to serve Washago. Welcome aboard new members!

The Washago Lions Karaoke With Sue

Lion Harry Klatt and the Washago Lions have changed the Karaoke With Sue from Saturday nights to Friday nights starting October 27. The next one will be held on November 10. If you like to sing, come out and be a star. It's lots of fun. Bring a friend or a whole gang!

Grey Cup Football 2006 Sunday, November, 19th Doors open at 3 P.M.

"This event you don't want to miss". Lion Jim Hanwell & Lion Norm Mason put on the Washago Lion's largest fundraiser of the year! At this party you \$25. ticket includes watching the game on a 48" Big Screen TV, a \$500. prize for the Football Pool, door prizes Chilli and Sausage on a Bun, munchies and a cash bar. An auction with a live auctioneer, with awesome items donated from local businesses and establishments. For Tickets to this event call Lion Jim Hanwell 689-5629 or Lion Norm Mason 689-5919

Would you Like to Become a Lion???????

If you are a community minded man or woman, 18 years and older, well we need you to become a Washago Lion. The Washago Lions meet twice a month with a topnotch dinner meeting on the second Monday of the month and a business meeting on the fourth Monday of each month.

Meetings start at 7 p.m. and usually end around 9:30 p.m.

If you are interested in this contribution to your community, talk to current Lion members or call Lion Glenn at 689-2984 or Lion Jim at 689-5629.

Washago and Area Lioness

Washago and Area Lioness would like to thank everyone for the support shown at the Bazaar held at the Lions Hall on Saturday, Oct 21, 2006. There was a wonderful display of crafts, home baking, penny table items and baskets of groceries as well as a table of garage sale items.

Luncheon of soup and sandwiches plus dessert was served. The lunch crowd showed great appreciation for the wonderful selection. Again, thank you. We are able to help different organizations with you coming to events that we hold each year.

Joan Hallet
Public Relations

The Washago Lioness
Invites you to their First Regular "Euchre" Card Game

When: Friday, November 10, 2006

Where: The Washago Lions Hall

Time: 12:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00 - includes lunch, followed by euchre

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RAMARA SENIORS OCTOBER CLUB ACTIVITIES

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BID EUCHRE sponsored by Ramara Seniors Association at the Ramara Centre every Monday afternoon begins at 12.30 pm sharp, cost is only \$2.00. For additional information call Liz 705-325-3571 or Harold 705-325-8053.

WASHAGO SENIORS OCTOBER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Washago and Area Senior Citizens Club's Computer Club meets at St. Francis of Assisi at 10.00 am the second and fourth Thursdays every month, cost is only \$2.00, everyone is welcome. For additional information Please call Jerry Brown 689-1826.

Washago and Area Senior Citizens Club's Harmony Singers meet every Monday at the Lion's Hall on Hamilton Street, Washago at 1.00 pm, everyone welcome. For additional information call Doreen Philip 684-9373 or Joan Johnson 689-8036.

SUNSHINE SENIORS

Wednesday, November 22nd @ 12:00 noon
POT LUCK LUNCHEON
Christmas Entertainment - Bingo

Saturday, November 4th, 2006 @ 9:00am
CRAFT AND BAKE SALE, LUNCH

ROTARY CLUB

ROTARY CLUB HAMS IT UP IN WASHAGO

[Washago] The Rotary Club of Washago & Area Centennial is selling Holiday Hams from Maple Leaf Foods & Schneiders as a new fund raising project. The \$25 boneless smoked hams come in both regular and Black Forest varieties and each pre-cooked, vacuum packed ham weighs approximately 2kg. Club President Rod Harth says "Our club hopes to accomplish two things. It's a great opportunity for people and companies to give a gift that is certain to be appreciated because the quality of these food products is first class, and the proceeds will go along way to provide help to those in our community who need it most."

The club provides instructional programs to local elementary schools to convince students of the value of staying in school. As well they send local high school students on various Rotary Adventure Programs which help students with career choices. The club's most ambitious project is to have Washago's deteriorating water tower repainted with an image of Washago, painted by local artist Kathy Nicholson.

Hams can be ordered through any member of the club or by visiting the club's website at www.washagorotary.ca

Ramara Senior Citizens October meeting with 60 plus members present heard the membership had reached 106 with 3 new that day. Monday Bid Euchre was doing well with 8 tables, Friday's Euchre with 15 tables and everyone enjoying the lunches and prizes. Caroline Schiavone, Recreation Co-ordinator, made a presentation about the Senior Games, should they wish to get involved in any of the events they should get organized now. A list of activities was made available to their Chairperson. Before the luncheon Dr. David Town, their speaker was then introduced, this being his third appearance before the group, his topic was Wellness, more specifically, Fit and Functional. In today's world many of us spend far too much time sitting, watching TV, desk work, etc. Henry Ford, 80 years ago implemented the assembly line, and in so doing we all became less active. The problem now is to find time for active living and/or exercise. Exercise stimulates everything in your being, appetite, metabolism, muscle tone, waste removal, clearer thinking, everything becomes more efficient. Regular exercise, by regular he means minimum 3 times weekly at the same time of day. Your body will expect this, example, meal time, if you don't eat at the same time every day you get hunger pangs. Be sure to pick an activity you will enjoy, as you need to focus to be in the right frame of mind, shut off the TV or get rid of that book while on the treadmill to get the best results, focus. Social exercises, with others, games, a challenge, may be best for you, hockey, soccer, baseball, and/or dancing make great exercises. Keep in mind the physical efforts you do daily do not count as exercise as this is a must do scenario and not always enjoyable. At the conclusion Dr. Town responded to quite a few questions.



Heritage United Church is presenting a Dinner & Christmas Lights Bus Tour
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Recipe#1 - PUFFED APPLE PANCAKE

- 1 cup milk
- 4 large eggs
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2/3 cup flour
- 4 tbsp or 1/2 stick butter
- 2 apples peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 3 tbsp. brown sugar
- powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 425. Whisk milk, eggs, sugar, vanilla, salt & cinnamon in bowl until blended. Add flour & whisk till smooth. Place butter in dish till butter melts (5 min). Remove from oven & place apples in rows, overlapping atop melted butter in 13 x 9 baking dish. Return to oven & bake till apples begin to soften slightly & butter is bubbling & begins to brown around edges of dish - 10 minutes. Pour batter over apples in dish & sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake pancake until puffed & brown, about 20 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired. Serve warm.
- Joanne Barton

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The True Cost of Overpricing
Paul Beard / Salesperson

The Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) brings reality to a listing presentation. However, sellers may still insist on overpricing in hopes of getting more than true value. Here are some compelling arguments not to do so.

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