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March, 2006



DEAD OR ALIVE?

A WORD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE

When asked to write a few lines for this new publication, the obvious topic for me as your elected official on Severn Council would be that of the Washago Community Centre. What is happening? Those of you who know me will acknowledge that at times I too can get frustrated with the process and lack of affirmative action. In other words as I write this there has been no decision by the Council of Severn Township, one way or another.

Having been around municipal government for over 30 years in different capacities, I have watched many projects go through rather excruciating study processes, some successful and others less than fortunate. As we all await a final outcome for a community centre, I will stay true to my earlier stand, that I will defend the municipal government process we have here in Ontario, I will defend the right of Council to duly consider and pass decisions on any application under its authority, but I can only speak for myself and I am only one voice on a Council of seven. I cannot, nor will I speak on behalf of my colleagues on Council or defend their positions.

I have my personal opinion of what I feel is in the best interest of the community, but first and foremost is the welfare of the municipality as a whole. While I may not always agree with other members of Council, I do respect them for giving due consideration in all matters. Financial implications and debt are always held in high regard by Council of any municipal facility or expenditure. Many of you are tired of hearing of downloading from the Province or the county to the municipal level; it is not an excuse but a reality. Often costly in terms of continually keeping in line with associated legislation. The easiest thing for anyone to do is criticise, and I am no exception for often I will freely and openly express my opinion at Council with respect to higher levels of government and their impact on the smaller (smaller in tax base) municipalities.

To place all of this in context, last year when Severn Council determined that the Washago Community Centre, as a structure was in violation of the Building Code, the drastic action was to close the building. To its credit, it was Council's own decision to proceed with investigating the possibility of providing a new centre as we were lead to believe by the Province that funding through the OMRIF program (one third, one third, one third, from Federal, Province and local government) for recreational project could be available. To put forward a valid application for funding, the preliminary engineering and architectural design would have to be completed to a tender stage. That is why we started looking at the new building. However, late in the year, we were subsequently advised the grant funding for recreation would not be available for there were still too many demands for roads, water and sewer projects elsewhere in the Province.

Where does that leave us today. It is unlikely that Severn Council can undertake the full cost of a brand new facility estimated in the area of \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million. So as Council acknowledges the need for a community centre in Washago, it is currently exploring the alternative, to retrofit and renovations of the old building, to satisfy all building code requirements and provide a facility for many years to come. I may be naive, but I am honestly optimistic that Washago will once again have its community centre back, healthy and lively.

Respectfully;
Colin Couper.

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FOR US OR AGAINST US?

A BRIEF LOOK TO THE PAST TO SEE WHAT CITY COUNCIL HAS OR HASN'T DONE FOR US WHEN WE NEEDED THEM

(Orillia and then Severn in 1994)

1928
Township agreed to allow the land tax free for the rink as it was absolutely a community effort. However, later that year they received a tax bill.

1949
The government would allow 25% on total expenses up to \$10,000 to build the Community Centre and Rink but the deed had to be vested in the name of the school board or the Township Council. This was from a 1848 act. The Washago Sports Association became the Washago Memorial Rink & Community Hall.

Early Years
The Township paid for insurance for many years and also chose and approved members to the various boards of directors.

1953
Appointed members to the board of directors.
Jack Carson approached Council about acquiring 33 feet of Hamilton Street for the new hall.

1956
The first mention of using the hall for Township elections and more references occur after that.
Mr. Manford Horne, Reeve of Orillia Township, advised on the procedure for applying for a government grant.
April 3 – Meeting with the Council to present the audited expenses of \$6,272.70.

1957
By-laws 1762 and 1711 related to the hall board and the rink board of directors.
1762 related to the Dept. of Agriculture and grants
Council donation \$300.

1959
Mr. Hart suggested that the board quit and turn the community centre over to the Township under the Community Centres Act.

1960
Mr. Hart, the Chairman of the Board, had to resign as he did not live in Orillia Township.

1961
Township sent notices out to keep the roof clean.

1966
Township donated \$100 for the Centennial.

1967
A letter was sent by the Community Centre to inform the Township that Gordon Taylor had donated land to the Centre and this was the land at the rear of Lot 10, Muskoka Street (Lawyer Mr. Downer QC)

1970
Gene Smith had permission to put a water line across the property but had to put a sewage line beside the waterline and the sewage was running into a ditch west of the hall. A letter was sent to the Township but nothing was done.

1975
Orillia Township Recreational Committee formed.
Held pub nights and dances to raise money for the medical centre.

1976
Township grant for \$900.

1977
Requested \$1,500 for judo mats from the Recreation Committee.
July 7th meeting with Council re closing the road for safety.
Vapour lights purchased.

1978
Grant \$1,700.
Area Consultant re Ministry of Culture & Recreation to speak at Council meeting June 19 and delegation from Centre attended.

1979
Township grant for \$2,400 for improvements to grounds and building. Township Building Inspector consulted about the renovations and approval of plans.
Jack Carson and Jack Brown bought 24 table tops at the Bobby Orr Hockey Camp Sale.
Ice caretaker paid \$100 a month.
Jack Carson authorized to raise the rink floor.

1982
Fire insurance held by Township for the Centre.
Township gave a painter for four days – his wages paid for by unemployment insurance.

1983
Bill Calverley involved re fencing of property and township was asked to do a new survey.
Bill was also asked to check the files at the Township regarding the property deeded to the Centre by Gord Taylor in the 1960's.

1984
\$4,000 grant from the Township to the Centre.
Ron Stevens chaired the Board of Directors elections.

1985
Every bingo number in every game played at the Centre had to be reported to the Township.
A bill from the Township for \$4,301.99 for sewer and water installation costs was received and paid with the Community Centre funds.

1986
Doug Cooper talked with Lawyer Howard Hamilton re incorporation and Glenys Hepinstall and others attended a meeting held by the Township on incorporation.

1988
On June 30, 1998 the Washago Community Centre Corporation was incorporated in Ontario.
Since 1994
Severn has assisted with capital improvement grants and representation on the WCCC Board of Directors.

2002
Councillor Stanton represented Severn Township on the Washago Community Building Committee.
Scott Rose, Manager of Recreation & Facilities, Township of Severn, attends a WCBC meeting to talk about the 1999 Severn Township Recreation Survey of 1999.

2003
The Washago Community Centre Corporation sends out a survey to all residents to get their input into programs required in the area.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BYE

MANY BENEFITS COME WITH NEW BUSINESS AND CHANGE CAN BE GOOD, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

Happy or sad???

I am not sure how I feel about this piece of history disappearing from town. Since the beginning, Washago has always had a need for the tradesman. No village in the early days was ever complete without it's blacksmith shop. It was as necessary to survive then, as a gas station is to us today. We can thank Mr. James Hawkins for being the first to set up shop here way back in the 1850's, across the street from where the building stands today. It was moved to it's present location nearer the trading post when apprentice John Agnew inherited the operation from James. Since then there have been other skilled tradesman by names of Fletcher, Messes, Strang and Harry Cook who in 1915 bought the



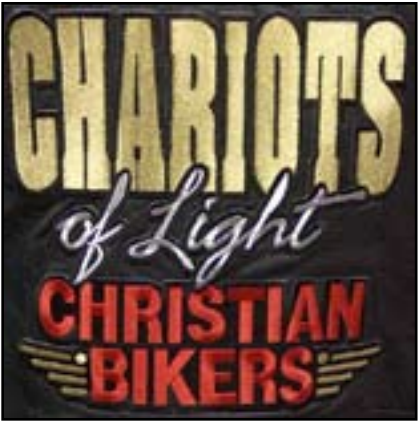
HARRY COOK'S BLACKSMITH SHOP IN WASHAGO 1915

business to own and operate till health problems forced his retirement in 1979. Harry Dankewitze became proprietor until Ed Kew took over in 1983, which then turned over to Jim Graves until 2004, when present owners Tom Denne and James Elliott purchased

the property with an old, run down, unsafe building on it. The current destruction of this historical Washago landmark is sad to see happen in one way, but in another, it is encouraging to know that James and Tom, co-owners of Tim-br Mart, are presently in negotiations to erect a brand new store front show room with double the floor space, accommodating more variety and quantity of supplies for local consumers. Our best to Tim-br Mart as they work hard expand their business, and offer more products and services to the locals. The new show room will be fantastic, but I'm sure that little bit of nostalgia in us all will forever remember the importance and dedication of our friendly local BLACKSMITH SHOP.

A NEW LIGHT SHINING

Most Ontarians would probably say they have at one time or another encountered one of the many motorcycle gangs in the province, which has struck a cord of fear in the hearts of many. Recently we have heard of the Hell's Angels moving into our province to take ground from the likes of the Paradise Riders or Satan's Choice or Black Diamond Riders to name just a few. However there is a new club expanding their territory




into our great province and they are the Chariots of Light Christian Riders. Headed up by Pastor Jerry Savelle of Crowley Texas, these members aren't the type to be pushing drugs, booze or guns on our society but more likely bikes, cars and now snowmobiles or love and peace and Jesus. Jerry was here at Bayview Wildwood Resort for a great week of excellent daytime snowmobiling and inspirational, uplifting evening meetings. Though most of the participants were club members the events were open to the public and very well attended. Information about the club can be found at www.chariotsontario.org or when you see the crest don't be hesitant to approach and talk with any of the kind and serving members of a New Light that shines in our great province.

WELCOME CHARIOTS OF LIGHT



MAYBE NEXT YEAR

Have you ever had the pleasure of making an ice rink for your kids? If so you will know that there is nothing more rewarding than seeing kid's outside on a crisp sunny day with their buddies having fun playing a hockey game or doing poses and twirls like little ballerinas. That is until it's time to come in with the rosy red cheeks and frost bitten toes. It's then that the fun seems to end as body parts begin to though and frozen blood vessels begin to flow again. Unfortunately we have not really had the pleasure (or misery) this year of either, do to the increasingly unpredictable weather conditions. This has been without a doubt the most difficult year of ice making I have experienced in the 25 years or so that it has been a tradition around our homestead. Mother nature has been exceptionally hard on us this winter but so have the individuals that make a habit of not waiting until the ice is cleaned off and in good shape for skating. Every week it has been impossible for us at the community center to build a good ice surface because of the extra work being created by people not thinking of what the results are going to be from the momentary bit of fun they may be having. We could have many more good ice days if people young and old would give a thought to the problems and extra hours of work they are making for the ice man by going onto the ice surface. When we finally get our community center back and we have more time to do the planning for next year, please let's ALL participate in having a great winter of hockey, skating programs and just all around fun with great ice for the whole season. Please folks we need your HELP.




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- Washing hands, brushing teeth, doing dishes, preparing and cooking food, even showering could be a health risk
- When the water levels exceed 65

degreesF, the bacteria levels increase dramatically

□ Some examples are microbiological contaminants[E.coli];volatileorganics [varsol]; inorganic contaminants [lead and nitrates]; pesticides [pcb's] are all potentially lethal water pollutants which exist in our drinking water.

Those of you who think of beautiful

Washago as your paradise home away from home could become ill without realizing why. My suggestion is to have your drinking water tested regularly, have a water purification system installed, and most

importantly, have a septic system that is environmentally conscious so that you are doing your part in keeping our beautiful rivers GREEN.

I am a master plumber by trade and a resident of Washago whose commitment is to keep Washago beautiful and safe for us all to enjoy. Please contact me for more information on how I can help you keep our beautiful rivers GREEN, and the water coming from your faucets safe to use.

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NON-SENSE BUT NOT NONSENSE



Every once in a while you come across something so crazy, so wacky, so unbelievably unbelievable that it makes you wonder if the sky is indeed blue or if maybe it's been yellow all this time, and you just didn't know it. That made no sense did it? Well, this page is dedicated to things that don't make sense, so take one last look at the sky, make sure it is indeed blue, and prepare for such things that cannot possibly be prepared for.

Disclaimer: To the best of my knowledge all of these are true, but when relying on my knowledge, nothing is guaranteed.



- Butterflies can taste with their feet.
- A cockroach can live up to nine days without it's head before it starves to death
- Every year the sun loses 360 million tons.
- Ernest Vincent Wright wrote a novel with over 50,000 words, none of which containing the letter “e.”
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- No word in the English language rhymes with “MONTH”.
- The world's 200 richest people now have a combined wealth of more than \$1.3 trillion, equal to the annual income of the poorest half of the world - three billion people, and the three richest people in the world own assets that exceed the *combined* gross domestic products of the world's poorest 48 countries.
- 111, 111, 111 X 111, 111, 111 = 12, 345, 678, 987, 654, 321
- Polar bears can eat as many as 86 penguins in a single sitting

After a boy in Bangladesh complained of a stomach ache, doctors discovered a fetus in his abdomen. Apparently, the 4.5 pound fetus was 16-year-old Abu Raihan's undeveloped twin. Physicians at Bangabadnhu Medical University surgically removed it.

A woman had her husband's ashes made into an egg timer when he died so he could still “help” in the kitchen.



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The things above are crazy. Some of them don't make sense, some of them are downright ridiculous, some are amazing, but none of the combine the non-sense, ridiculousness, and amazingness quite like this next segment which I title:

THE WEIRDEST OF WEIRD

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846. John F Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946. Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960. The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters. Both were particularly concerned with civil rights. Both wives lost their children, while living in the White House. Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both Presidents were shot in the head. Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln. Both, were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson. Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908. John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939. Both assassins were known by their three names. Both names are composed of fifteen letters. Lincoln was shot at the theater named Ford.' Kennedy was shot in a car called Lincoln.' Booth ran from the theater and was caught in a warehouse. Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theater. Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials..... and week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland. A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

EVENTS IN REVIEW AND EVENTS IN THE FUTURE

WASHAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Washago Community Centre Corp. took part in the Orillia Parks & Recreation's Leisure Fair held at the Orillia Square Mall on February 18.

Our booth had two display units with pictures and lists of programs, as well as activities sponsored by WCCC. Our theme was "We're just above Orillia". In our ad we had the following: "Our building may be closed but our programs are continuing."

There was a lot of traffic and the event was very well attended. All in all, we felt it was worth the effort in that it let people know we are still alive and still carrying on with our programs.

The Washago Gazette will be coming out in April so watch for our spring programs which will be listed there.



Feb.11th, Valentine's Dance

The Fund raising Committee of The Washago Community Centre held a Valentine's Dance on February 11th, 2006. Due to the fact the Community Centre was closed, the dance was held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Over 80 people attended and enjoyed a delicious buffet, fantastic music and many, many prizes. The church was decorated in red and white. On every table, crackle glasses with flickering candles, resting on silver trays, gave the hall a warm glow. A Chocolate Basket was raffled and won by a lucky ticket holder. The basket was filled with assorted boxes of chocolate delicacies. The Fund raising Committee consisting of Sharon Boyle, Jane Wylie, Maureen Guarnaccio, Marianne Welbourn, Bonnie Baker, Don Barton, Dorn Johnston and Marylynne White did an outstanding job of providing the community with a memorable dance. It was a wonderful evening. The Committee looks forward to the next fun dance. Watch for the upcoming date. Thank you.

Marylynne White

Washago Community Centre Fund raising Chair.

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WASHAGO ROTARY



Washago Lions Club Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 11, 2006 featured "Bad Habits" a five piece Country Band.

About sixty people attended the dance. It was a fun night with the band playing a mixture of "Country" and "Rock and Roll". Coffee and a snack were served at midnight.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 23rd marked the first anniversary of The Rotary Club of Washago and Area. Letters of congratulations were received, and read, from fellow Rotarians world wide. A well deserved pat on the back goes out to all the participants involved in the community support efforts over the past year. Thank You. Keep up the good work!!!



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WASHAGO SUNSHINE SENIORS

Washago Sunshine Seniors are ready with their winter and spring season with the following events:

Wednesday, March 8th @ 12 noon

Stew Luncheon – Tickets \$6.00

Wednesday March 22nd @ 1:30 pm

Meeting - with refreshments

Entertainment: Allan Scott

Wednesday April 26th @ 1:30 pm

Meeting – Elections

Refreshments

Wednesday May 10th @ 9:15

Bus Tour - Wildlife Centre, Coopers Falls, lunch, LaFarge, etc.

\$25.00

Wednesday, May 24th @ 1:30 pm

Meeting – Rotary speaker

Refreshments

Wednesday June 28th @ 12 noon

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WASHAGO SENIORS

The latest meeting of the Washago Area Senior Citizens Club held at the Ramona Agricultural Hall attracted 158 members. During the meeting Club President Gerry Balduckie presented Loretta Dick and Al Read, also members of Habitat For Humanity with a donation of \$1500.00 toward Habitat's Building Fund.

Computer Club hosted by Washago Area Senior Citizens Club, every one welcome, is again meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 10.00 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Washago, there is a small charge of \$2.00.

Washago Area Senior Citizens Club choir practises will be held in the Lion's Hall on Hamilton Street every Monday at 1.00 PM. Everyone Welcome. For further information please call Doreen Philip, 684-937

RAMARA SENIORS CLUB ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE sponsored by Ramara Seniors Association, 1.00 PM, cost is only \$2.00, everyone welcome. Come join the group, have some fun at the Ramara Centre, 3 km east of Rama Road next to the Casino Satellite Parking Lot.

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April 21st - 8:00pm - YUK-YUK's
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Details to follow
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Despite blustery winds and bitter cold the 10th annual Ramona Winterfest was a resounding success. All reports concur that the new ski/walk trail was in great shape and that the change in scenery was enjoyed by all. After everyone had completed the trail and pulled their cards, Brittany McDougal collected her \$75.00 prize for the best poker hand.

We were very pleased with the number of people who came to enjoy our euchre tournament, as well as taking time to enjoy their lunch. Men's high went to Harry Nelson and lady's went to Susan Smandych. Low prizes went to George Genno and Wanda Burgie.

Later in the afternoon, after all skiing was done and all bids had finished at the silent auction, the annual dart tournament began. Four hours later, after many games, Terry Cooper and Philip Leadbetter were crowned champs.

Thanks to all who came out to sponsor our annual winterfest.

See you next year.

SEVERN BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

March 5
Soup and Sandwich Luncheon – noon
March 6
Noon Hour Luncheon.
The cost is \$6.00 which includes beverage, meal and drink.
April 3
Noon Hour Luncheon – noon
The cost is \$6.00 which includes beverage, meal and drink.
May 1
Beef On a Bun Luncheon - noon
June 5
Salad Plate Luncheon - noon
All Luncheons are \$6.00 which includes beverage and dessert. Friend Groups should call to reserve a spot so all seated together.
Call: Janice 689-4236
On March 17 at 2pm, we are speaking about the Associated Country Women of the World Organization. This is an organization of women's groups around the world who work for the betterment of women and their families by raising the standard of living through education, training and community development projects.
Anyone interested in attending any of the above events are more than welcome. They are held at the Severn Bridge Community Hall on Southwood Rd. just west of Hwy. 11.

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Ramara Public Library is pleased to announce that two Mad Science sessions will be hosted during March Break this year:

- Detective Science, Tuesday, March 14th @ 2:00 p.m.
- Under Pressure, Thursday, March 16th @ 2:00 p.m.

In addition, the wonderfully entertaining "I Love to Read" Magic Show will take place on Wed, March 15th @ 2:00 p.m. The Library is also offering a St. John's Ambulance Babysitting course on Thursday, March 16th, but registration has reached its maximum. However, if you are interested in registering your son/daughter for a future course, please contact the Library at 325-5776 and leave your name and phone number. If we have enough interest, the Library will be happy to coordinate another session.

NOTE: A special thanks goes to the Friends of the Library for financially sponsoring all March Break programs! Rainbow Fun & Music, presented by the Ontario Early Years, is planned to start on Thursday, March 2nd @ 10:00 a.m. This fun, interactive music and early literacy program will run for 8 weeks at the Ramara Centre branch and is for children aged 2-6.

Registration is required for these FREE sessions due to audience restriction. So, call 325-5776 to book your spot today. Why not come in out of the cold and join the madness & magic @ your library™!

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March Break Camp – Ramara Centre
Days of Discovery

Monday – Join us for a trip to Grant's Woods with an exciting program by Wye Marsh Staff!

Tuesday – Discover your sports ability! A day full of wacky sports and games!

Wednesday – Discover your inner magician! An afternoon performance tops off a magic day! (sponsored by the Ramara Friends of the Library)

Thursday – Discover your creativity! A day that's sure to get MESSY!

Friday – Discover the leprechaun in you! A fun-filled St. Patrick's Day celebration tops off our week!

The Details...
Where: Ramara Centre
When: March 13th to March 17th, 2006
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Extended time 7:30-9:00 or 4:00-5:30 – \$3/day
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Minister: The Reverend Toni Birtch

St. Frances of Assisi Catholic Church

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May – Oct Saturday 5pm

Caleb's Place

Service starts at 6:00pm

Meeting in St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church fellowship hall

Pastors Norm and Carol Shepstone
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THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Sean was in the hardware store when he happened to meet the local church pastor. In their conversation, Sean began to talk about the problems he was experiencing in his marriage, with his teenage children, his employer and his finances. The pastor listened to his problems and then, as a clergyman is inclined to do, the pastor began to explain to Sean about how God could make a difference in his life. However, Sean quickly interrupted and bluntly told the well meaning pastor that he had absolutely no interest in "religion". The pastor responded by simply looking at Sean and asking, "And how has that worked for you so far?"

I once heard a motivational speaker define insanity as, "Doing the same things over and over again but hoping for different results." Many people tend to live their lives that way. They struggle along with the same problems year after year but never consider trying something different. That same motivational speaker also said, "If you want to change your life, your going to have to change your life."

The Apostle Paul talked about how Jesus Christ can change one's life when he wrote, "When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun." (II Cor.5: 17 TLB) Paul was simply verifying what Jesus had said He would do for anyone who was serious about changing his / her life. Jesus said "...My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." (John 10:10 TLB) Billions of people the world over have experienced the reality of new hope, new answers, new strength and in fact a new life through the ability of Jesus Christ to make a difference when they turn their lives over to His control. So how is your lifestyle working for you so far? Are you tired of doing the same things over and over but getting the same results? Are you ready to make some changes? The decision is in your hands.

Pastor Norm Shepstone
Caleb's Place



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REMEMBERING

THOMAS SAMUEL BINT

The Washago area has lost one of the nicest people you could meet and also one of it's hardest workers. Someone who had a better and faster way of doing things that most people meet in their daily trials & tribulations. That person was Tom Bint of Cumberland Beach who died on Monday, February 13, 2006, after suffering from various illnesses in the past year. Tom was on the Board of Directors for the Washago Community Centre Corp. for over 6 years and served on the Severn Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. During his time with WCC, he tended bar for numerous functions and looked after refinishing the hardwood floor. Whenever asked, Tom was always ready to help. One person who would always fill in the gap whenever he was requested.

Tom also was a member of the Washago Area Senior Citizens Club and did a lot of work for that organization as well, including spearheading numerous pancake breakfasts. He was "The Chief in Charge" at all of the Seniors Annual Corn Roasts for many years Tom, at 82, was bowling with the Washago Bluebird Bowling Club and bowled up to the end of 2005.

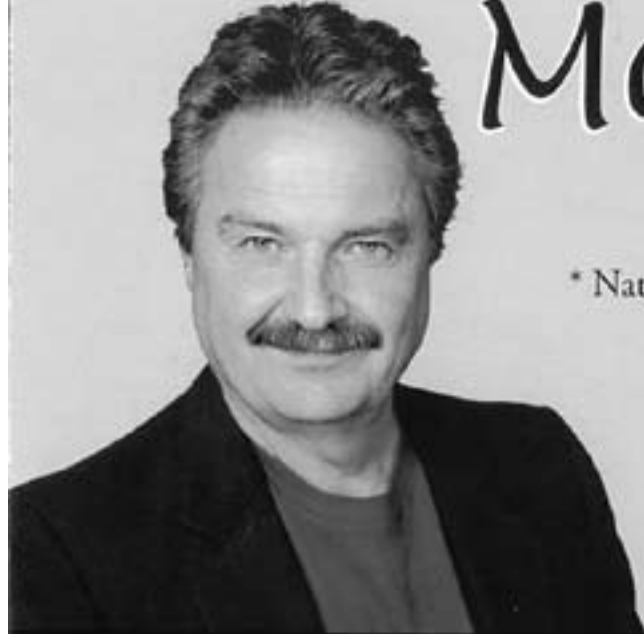
Although Tom was almost 83 he was still actively working up to the time of his death.

He will be sorely missed. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Dorothy and their family.

TRUDY VAN HINTE

We will forever remember gestures of great kindness and service to the people and pets of the Washago area. Trudy passed peacefully on Sunday February 12th at The Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital. Her service with Cancer drives, The Women's Institute, Neighborhood Watch, The Sunshine Seniors, and gathering signatures on petitions to better our community, indicates her passion to help others with needs. 3 dogs, 22 birds and a tank full of fish, along with the rest of us, will truly miss Trudy's love of simple joys and a commandment lived out through this wonderful person's life to "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

Thank you Trudy



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