

Thought Of The Week
By Ted Ecclestone

Nobuddy ever fergits where he buried a hatchet.

Frank Hubbard (Abe Martin)
Abe Martin's Broadcast (1930)



When you think of Ted Ecclestone please don't think of Life Insurance, but when you think of Life Insurance, and Investment be sure to think of Ted Ecclestone.
Ont. Toll Free 1-877-941-1903 519-941-1903

HURONTARIAN

Regional News • Sports
• Real Estate • Classifieds

COMMUNITY LIVING
Dufferin Supporting People With Disabilities

See our profile of **KIRK BAILEY** on page A2
www.communitylivingdufferin.ca

Burnside: Part II

'There is a whole mindset change coming'

By Constance Scrafield-Darby
Freelance Contributor

Last week, I had the chance to sit with John Burnside and Merv Dewasha at the head office in Orangeville of

Burnside Engineering and Neegan Burnside.

We were discussing the many dilemmas of living conditions on the 136 First Nations reservations and the baby steps being taken by the

federal government to rectify them. We were also talking about Neegan Burnside's involvement with the work being done, but there is more to it all than just engineering.

Said John Burnside: "You'd be shocked if you saw the housing these people are living with. Sometimes, there are nine people living in a house that is only 900 square feet."

Besides the obvious discomfort of such an arrangement, Merv Dewasha pointed out: "Most children don't finish grade 8. There is more of connection between education and housing than one might first think."

"In such cramped conditions, there's no quiet space, nowhere to be alone, no spot to do homework. So, the kids fail at their schooling, miss out on their education and can't qualify for jobs that would help them help their communities — it's a vicious circle."

There have been stories of houses being built which were not only ignored and not used for living but were also damaged by the people for whom they were meant. I asked about this and Mr. Burnside explained:

"You have to go there with a 'listen first' approach; otherwise, it's never going to work. Some agencies go in there heavy handed and build without due consultation with the chiefs and the people."

Elaborating on the need for adopting an attitude that is in sync, Mr. Dewasha commented, "An appointment might be made with the chief and then, something happens — there could be a funeral — the whole community will go to it. So, the appointment has to be moved to the next day. If the 'company man' arrives with an attitude of being in a hurry and having to rush back to the city — he's not going to get much done."

The problem of education increases the further north one goes, north of Thunder Bay. There is a need for investment and employment, for local people to have some control of what is happening to their

environment, to be part of it, to benefit from any new developments in their land.

As the deep water ports open up in the far north, as the opportunities develop for the timber and mining industries to expand into the region, Messrs. Dewasha and Burnside were adamant that the local people had to be employed and, indeed, have some ownership of the business being done. The aboriginals need, as well, to watch out for the affect that industry has on the environment.

There is already a trend for local entrepreneurs to establish businesses which service industry in the north. One aboriginal businessman has 17 trucks which transport supplies to the northernmost mining areas, run by DeBeers.

In the northernmost settlement in the world, at Alert, which is basically a military base, the federal government has allowed the private sector to bid on the operation of the base, given the condition that 10 per cent of the people

employed are Inuit.

Nowadays, 20 per cent employed are Inuit, mostly young people.

"It's a start," Mr. Dewasha remarked. "The government can say that there has to be a minimum of native people employed in any business that is run in the north."

He enlarged on the theme of righting wrongs: "There's north wrong with the government taking leadership to correct the mistakes of the past. The feds are already starting and so is Manitoba."

Mr. Burnside added: "We are in discussion with the Ontario government at the moment. There is a whole mindset change coming."

Said Mr. Dewasha, "This provides the footing for them to get some skills to benefit all of us."

Clearly, it can only help the nation as a whole if our aboriginals are educated and working.

Indeed, Mr. Dewasha has established a not-for-profit organization, especially to

raise funds through partnering with corporations and other groups to send young aboriginals to college and university.

He is determined and dedicated to the notion of educating and bringing young natives to want to go to school in order for them to find well paying and important employment. He has organised science camps for aboriginal children to attend to encourage their enthusiasm for all scientific inquiries.

Meanwhile, Neegan Burnside, of which Mr. Dewasha is CEO, is leading by example. The company is a corporate partnership with R.J. Burnside and Associates Ltd., is owned by aboriginals and is wholly involved with work in aboriginal communities. The set-up between the two companies provides the expertise of all: the nearly 300 skilled personnel of Burnside and the onsite personnel to do the work in the field of project management, etc.

• Continued pg B2



BURNSIDE BOARDROOM: Shown left to right in R.J. Burnside's Orangeville boardroom are John Burnside, president of R.J. Burnside & Associates; Merv Dewasha, president and CEO of Neegan Burnside, and Bob Burnside, founder and chairman of R.J. Burnside & Associates.

ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT TWO STAGE FURNACES AVAILABLE.

American Standard
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Hyde Whipp
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

941-8429

SPORTS



AT THE END OF YOUR FINANCIAL ROPE???
If you are in financial difficulty there are alternatives so take action NOW! The quicker you take action, the sooner the stress - and the calls from creditors - will end. Pick up the phone and call now. A friendly voice will greet you and set up a no charge consultation to discuss your options. The end of your financial troubles is in sight.

PADDON + YORKE INC.
TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

239 Broadway, Unit #3, Orangeville
519-940-0021 or 1-800-663-0779
jmellegers@paddonnyorke.com



ORANGEVILLE STORM U14 Girl's soccer club held their ground against some determined opposition in the final minutes of play to record a 1-1 tie in South West Regional Soccer League L6 action at Rotary park on Tuesday evening.
Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Northmen advance to Ontario finals

By MIKE MALONEY
Sports Editor

The battle lines have been drawn and the two finalists determined in the bid to be the Ontario Lacrosse Association

Junior A Champions.

To the surprise of few, the Rayburn Construction Northmen, who finished first in the regular season standings with a 19-2-1 record, will be

defending their 2008 championship title after sweeping playoff series against Whitby and Six Nations.

Facing them at the other end of the rink will be this year's Minto Cup host club, the Brampton Excelsiors.

Finishing second in the regular season, Brampton's path to the final took them through Akwesasne and Burlington.

While both teams are assured a berth in the Minto Cup tournament, spectators and fans alike can be guaranteed neither team in this traditional rivalry will be taking things lightly.

And no where is this

sentiment more pronounced than with the players and coaching staff of the Northmen.

Speaking before practice on Sunday, Orangeville coach Matt Sawyer was clear on his team's objective at the moment.

"Right now we are not focused on the Minto Cup, we are focused on the Ontario final and trying to become the Ontario champions.

"Our goal is to defend our title and go to the Minto - not through the back door but representing Ontario."

Echoing that sentiment from the players perspective is

Northmen veteran goalie Nick Rose.

Now in his final year of junior eligibility, Rose admits it is tempting to look ahead, but right now they have to concentrate on the series at hand, "We don't want to be National champs without being the Ontario champions as well. We want bragging rights over Brampton and just want to get on a roll."

Both Rose and Sawyer, as well as the entire Northmen team, are expecting a tough series against the Excelsiors.

Rose knows that they can't go into the final thinking Brampton will

• Continued pg B2

Third for Tucker

Young golfers representing the Shelburne Golf and Country Club are continuing to leave their mark in match play and in tournaments across the province again this year.

Under the tutelage of club owner and CPGA veteran Sam Young, both male and female golfers from ages 7 to 18 are enrolled in the Junior-Juniors, Junior and Advanced Juniors golf programs at the Shelburne course.

While traditionally it has been the men's game that has grabbed most of the headlines, in recent years women golfers have increasingly found themselves in the spotlight and that

trend is no different for the Shelburne Junior program.

Two of the club's golfers, Stephanie Tucker and Katie Reid, just returned from the Barcovan Golf Club near Brighton where the pair competed in the Ontario Juvenile Ladies championship July 20-23, where the two girls placed 3rd and 13th respectfully.

Tucker came into the final round of the tournament just two strokes back of the leader and was in a position to challenge for the lead until the event was wrapped up early on account of rain and deteriorating conditions

• Continued pg B2



Photo/MIKE MALONEY

SHELBURNE JUNIOR GOLFERS Katie Reid and Stephanie Tucker were two of the local girls competing at the recent Ontario Juvenile Ladies Championship held between July 20-23rd at the Barcovan Golf Club near Brighton.

House9 charity game set

On Saturday August 29th, Detroit Redwings veteran and Honeywood native, Aaron Downy will be bringing a few of his NHL compatriots to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre in Shelburne to participate in the second annual House9 Charity Hockey Game.

Playing against the home town favorites, the Shelburne Muskies, Downy will be joined on the ice by a number of NHL players including

Kyle Quincey (Colorado), Darren Helm, Darren McCarty, Justin Abdelkader, Jamie Tardiff (Detroit), David Clarkson (New Jersey) and Marty Turco (Dallas) with other possible players being announced as game day draws closer.

Festivities kick off on the Shelburne Fairgrounds starting at 4 p.m. with music and a barbeque which will run through until 1 a.m. Action on the ice starts with the official opening

face-off at 6 p.m.

House9 Hockey Foundation is a non-for-profit organization that helps provide local children participate in minor hockey by providing assistance with fees and in providing the necessary equipment to allow them to play.

Further information on the game or on the House9 Foundation can be obtained by contacting them through their email, house9hockey@sympatico.ca

IN TODAY'S COMPETITIVE MARKETPLACE IT PAYS TO BE INFORMED.

- Residential Purchase
- Debt Consolidation
- Equity Take Out Mortgages

Brokerage license #10357



- Mortgage Investment Opportunities
- Mortgage Renewals and Refinancing
- Recreational Property Mortgages
- Rental Property Mortgages

Our Mortgage Professionals

Kirsten Plester, AMP, Mortgage Broker M08000430
Brian Horner, AMP, Mortgage Agent M08000705
May Monteiro, AMP, Mortgage Agent M08000711



Serving our area for over 10 years. For your personalized service call us today.
36 Glenforest Road, Orangeville • www.centumreliance.com

Toll Free 1.866.428.3413
Bus. Tel: 519.942.8373
Fax: 519.942.2290