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**16,200 trees planted**  
LDISS has joined a major tree planting project in the area.

**BDTA fundraiser**  
Sales of a Michael Dumas print support Buckhorn District Tourist Assn.

**Literary awards**  
A Grade 3 student from Lakefield has won two awards for his writing.



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**GCH passes \$10 million 2008 budget**

BY SIMON CONOLLY

Galway-Cavendish and Harvey Township Council passed a \$10,087,051.40 2008 budget Tuesday afternoon, a 40.4 per cent increase over the previous year's figure.

But thanks to dramatic increases in funding from the provincial and federal governments, taxpayers face only a 2.25 per cent increase in their 2008 bills.

Taxpayers will pay an extra \$23.08 per \$100,000 of assessment, and that includes revenues collected by the township for the school boards and Pe-

terborough County.

The \$10 million figure is the municipal portion of the budget; the township will also raise \$5,118,066 for the county, and \$3,790,363.33 for education.

The county portion is up 7.17 per cent from \$4,775,614 in last year's budget.

The education levy increased marginally from last year's \$3,745,368.06.

Actual tax collection for municipal purposes is virtually unchanged from last year: \$5,294,515.59 budgeted in 2007, \$5,359,755.02 this year.

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Terry McQuitty

The Pedal for Hope team rode into Lakefield on Saturday morning. The generous residents of Lakefield donated \$840 towards the cause and Lakefield IGA topped it up to make it an even \$1,000. Pictured above are Gerry Smith, Keith Calderwood and Lindsey Leonard.

**GCH asked to reduce light pollution**

BY SIMON CONOLLY

Galway-Cavendish and Harvey Township Council has been asked to take steps to reduce light pollution in the municipality.

Buckhorn Observatory owner John Crossen made the request at council's Tuesday afternoon meeting.

Recent technology has improved the outdoor lamp, he told council, producing units which are more efficient, more durable, and which provide better light distribution.

The flat lens, full cut-off design, he said, directs light downwards, meaning smaller bulbs can be used with a resulting saving in energy costs.

The Tim Hortons restaurant chain has installed them across Canada, he said, and usually a 250 watt bulb can be replaced with a 150 watt, with no loss of effective lighting.

The city of Calgary realized a \$2 million saving in energy costs after replacing its street lights with the new design, he

added.

Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Township has adopted a policy to install the new fixtures as old lights need replacing, and has already installed the new lighting at its arena parking lots.

The City of Peterborough has adopted a similar policy.

Although council did not make a decision, Mr. Crossen's presentation received favourable comments from several council members.

Councillor Bev Matthews said council should definitely keep the ideas in mind, and Councillor Janet Clarkson agreed.

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**Sunday hunting campaign moves to GCH**

BY SIMON CONOLLY

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' campaign to introduce Sunday gun hunting to Ontario moved into Galway-Cavendish and Harvey Township Tuesday afternoon.

Greg Farrant, OFAH's

Manager of Government Relations and Communications told council there are four main reasons Sunday gun hunting should be allowed in the township:

- an estimated \$50 million annually in damage to crops and livestock inflicted by wildlife in the

province;

- hunting is the most effective wildlife management tool;

- a Sunday hunt would reduce the number of automobile/wildlife collisions, which occur every 38 minutes across the province; and

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Terry McQuitty

The cold and rainy weather did not deter Keri Allison and her three-month-old Great Dane Baxter from taking part in the LAWS walk-a-thon on Sunday morning. \$4,372 was raised for the cause.



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