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For 170 years, Stewarttown was proud to call itself the Capital of Esquesing Township. This early 1900s photo shows the old Esquesing Council chamber, at the corner of John and Main streets. While the township offices remained in this building until 1925, it moved across the street to the structure that now houses the Georgetown Little Theatre. The building pictured above was then moved to 28 Stewarttown Rd., where it was modified and still stands today as a private residence.

OPINION

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT WHEN IT COMES TO THE GARAGE

WITH NEW FLOORING INSTALLED, BROWN WRITES ABOUT AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR GARAGE UPDATE

Back in May, I wrote how The Sidekick and I had decided on a spring project, pouring a new concrete floor in the garage.

We finished it last week. We had a couple of delays, but we can now see the



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fruits of our labour - we have a garage floor that virtually 'shines' when the light hits it.

The Sidekick is pleased as she can now walk out to the garage with an article for the recycling box and not have to pick her steps between sidewalk slabs and the patches of dirt floor in between.

And she no longer has to be cognizant of where she walks, in fear of breaking a heel off her shoe, twisting her ankle, or simply tracking dirt into the house.

But, of course, having the floor finished is really only the beginning.

The next phase involves purchasing two new garage doors, equipped with electric door openers.

I can honestly say, I have yearned to have an electric garage door opener since I got my driver's licence. I thought it would be so cool to pull up to the garage door and watch it open for me, not have to stop the car, get out, lift the door - well, you get the drift.

It's been a long time coming, as the old, original doors are the slab type - not sectional ones that roll up - virtually impossible to install an opener on. And added to the fact the floor needed to be done first, and be level - well, every time I thought about the project, it was simply too intimidating to do it at that time.

When we built my par-

ents' house, we installed a door opener, and my siblings and three of my four daughters have garage door openers.

So I'm due, it's my turn. Time to take that bold step!

I'm pretty sure it's straightforward: Call the garage door guy, have him measure it, pick out the door style/options and wait for it to be installed.

All that's left is paying for it.

Since embarking upon this 'journey,' I've found strange things happen when one starts to refresh things in the home. It can potentially become a much larger snowballing project when you're not looking.

I now walk out into the garage, look at that new floor, and think "Wow! I have so much space!"

And my mind races at the possibilities. It's like a blank canvass before me.

I'll likely set up some speakers and a sound system out there, to be able to play music while I'm playing, er, working on the car. Might as well move in a fridge too, in case I feel like enjoying a cold beverage while I'm at it.

Geez, I can even set up my old laptop on Wi-Fi in the garage, to be able to research things on the internet if I'm so inclined.

Of course, to do that, I'll need to have some furniture to relax in; a dark red leather sofa sounds good to me.

And since I'm going in that direction anyway, I may as well add a big-screen TV out there too. I have lots of wall space, so much so that I could even

squeeze in a small, frugal home theatre.

But before I do any of that, I need to insulate, dry-wall and rewire the entire garage, and replace the windows. Of course, we'll need a heat source to keep it warm and cosy through the cold weather - perhaps a gas fireplace?

Whew! The sky is the limit!

Oh ... The Sidekick has just read my column over my shoulder thus far And she looked at my list, and made another suggestion. She suggested if I'm that ambitious, I should perhaps move my bed out there too ...

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