

Living in hope following surgery

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Six months after undergoing a controversial operation to ease symptoms of Parkinson's disease, Milton's Lynda McKenzie is taking things day by day.

"I'm starting to feel a bit better," she said. "It's the kind of thing that goes one step forward and two back."

Parkinson's is a degenerative neurological disorder which kills brain cells that produce dopamine, a chemical that aids movement.

By the time symptoms of Parkinson's begin, typically 80 per cent of those brain cells have been lost, said Ms McKenzie.

She was struck by the disease in her mid-30s. Just over 11 years later, she estimates she has lost all but 10-15 per cent of her own cells.

To get them back, Ms McKenzie participating in a rare surgery that attempted to replace dead cells with the

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Lynda McKenzie



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Light headed

Decked out with painted faces and balloon hats, Kristina Oest and friend Ashlee Jamieson, both 9, share a refreshing iced tea during the Moonlight Magic downtown festival Friday. See more photos on page 2.

Neighbours will appeal site decision

By KAREN SMITH

The Champion

Nearby residents are appealing a recent Committee of Adjustment decision to grant a zoning variance that would allow a Campbellville archaeological dig.

John Moks, who lives adjacent to the Twiss Road site, said in documents submitted to the Town that he represents about 30 residents in taking the appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

He said the London Museum of Archaeology's bid to probe an ancient Native village and invite the public on the property to help out could result in "unacceptable negative impacts on surrounding lands", including increased traffic.

"The introduction of this operation into this rural community will change the character of Twiss Road in the vicinity of this site," he wrote in his appeal notification.

London museum director-general Dr. Bill Finlayson declined discussing the situation in detail, but told The Champion he's disappointed that he will have to put his plans for the site on hold.

He intends to conduct a 15-year, student-assisted dig on the site and hold field expeditions with the public to raise money.

Jim Flindall, spokesperson for the neighbours, said residents aren't trying to stop the

dig, which was approved with conditions by the Committee of Adjustment last month.

He said they want to see that the nature of the environmentally-sensitive area is preserved, but they're not sure that the conditions in their current form will do that, hence the appeal. He didn't wish to elaborate.

Dr. Finlayson originally planned to build overnight accommodations to house workers and field expedition participants on the site, but then quashed the plans completely in response to neighbours' concerns.

The variance to permit the dig in conjunction with the current zoning that allows a school was approved with several conditions.

One requires all activities with the exception of the dig to be restricted to the existing developed area at the front of

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Derby drive for food and bragging rights

When the Milton Optimist Club hosts a food drive, they mean it literally.

Drivers of all ages are invited to come out to the Optimist Club's Canada Day Coaster Car Race.

The entry fee for the event is a donation of canned food for the food bank.

The drive will feature three adult classes — a ladies only race, a 50-plus co-ed race and a co-ed race for drivers aged 17-49.

For the first time, the event will also feature a

junior class. Kids of all ages are encouraged to come down, provided they are able to properly operate the brakes and steer the car.

The event will take place at the Mill Street hill, where a recent radar test showed the cars coasted down at a rate of about 29 kms per hour.

Space is limited, so would-be drivers are asked to pick up entry forms at local businesses Spokes N' Slopes, Fitness Zone and Boardtopia.

Entry forms should be mailed to Ontario Coaster

Cars, Suite 513, 420 Main Street East, Milton, L9T 5G3.

Only the first 15 entry forms in each class will be accepted.

All drivers must supply their own helmets and wear seat belts. Soap box type cars are supplied for the event.

The fun kicks off with a celebrity race at 2 p.m. Winners in each class will earn bragging rights for the year, said organizer Jim Dunham.



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