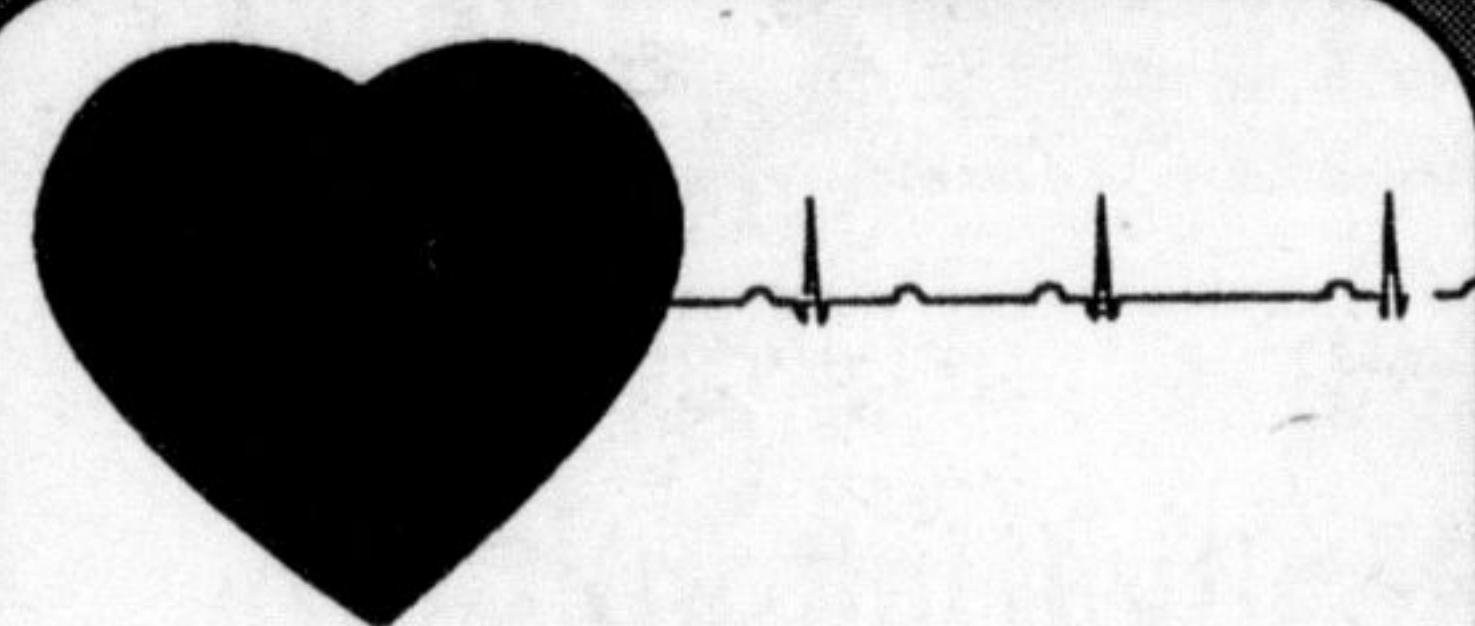


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Rural Watch newsletter grant receives another thumbs down

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

For the second year in a row, a committee appointed to divvy up Town grant money chose not to show the Rural Watch newsletter the money.

And that left Milton's community services committee scrambling recently to come up with ways to fund the newsletter without overturning the decision made by the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC).

Town staff agreed at a meeting earlier this month to scrape up funding from another part of their overall budget to help publish the newsletter.

Published by the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC), the newsletter features crime statistics and safety and security tips for the rural area.

But revised grant criteria last year made it ineligible for Town cash for the first time in a decade.

At that time, the CSAC decision was successfully appealed at town council and the grant criteria revamped a second time to bring the NCCC back in the eligibility game. Despite that, CSAC, which is made up of council-appointed citizens, has once again refused funding for NCCC's most recent application for \$675.

Politics didn't play a part in CSAC's decision, said the Town's coordinator of community development Joy Anderson.

"The group simply undertook the same process they did with other groups," she said.

And it had reasons for rejecting NCCC's application, said Councillor Ron Furik.

"It had a lot to do with what other groups do to raise funds," he said. "There was no effort at fundraising and it was an annoyance to the committee."

But many councillors felt the newsletter should be funded.

"I just wonder if we're setting ourselves up for another presentation, putting us in the position of potentially having to reverse the decision," said Councillor Rick Malboeuf.

Councillor Barry Lee also hoped to replenish the newsletter's coffers without overturning CSAC's picks.

"I don't think we want to send out the wrong message," he said.

But despite the doubly-revised criteria, the NCCC doesn't seem to fit in with the other grant applicants, he noted.

"It's a committee that's safety involved and safety is kind of out of place here," said Mr. Lee.

Mr. Furik agreed that NCCC seems to be the odd group out.

"This was a tough one because it doesn't seem to fit," he said.

"It wasn't an easy decision. It wasn't fun."

Councillor Cindy Lunau reminded the others where the final decision rests.

"I feel it's important to support committee decisions when they're made but we ultimately have to realize council is responsible," she said.

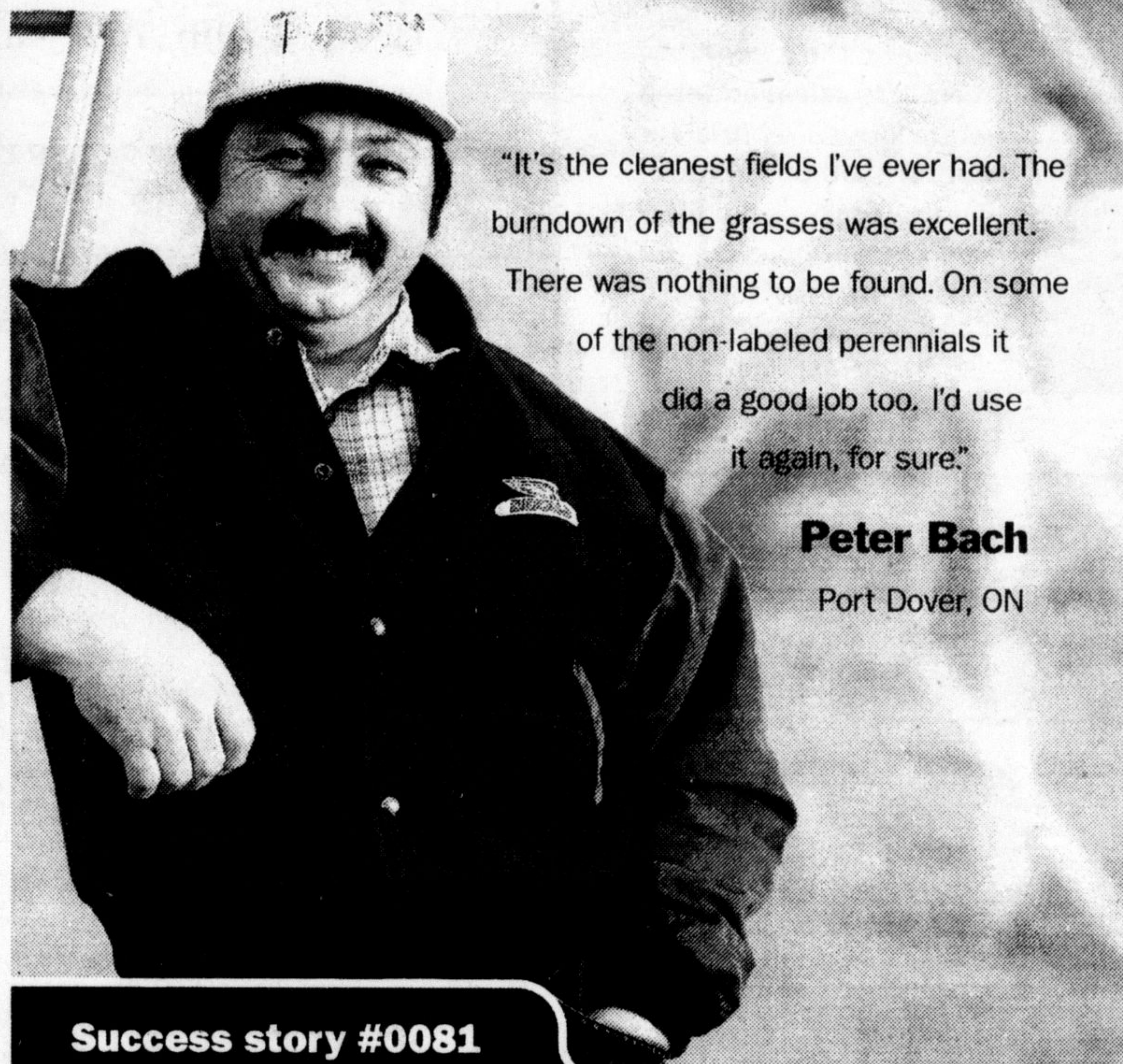
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Corrections needed

Two names were wrong in the 'Royal stroll' photograph depicting E.W. Foster students, which appeared in Friday's Champion. Pictured was actually Evan Grooves, not David Evans, and Gregory Brooks, not Cheryl Robinson.

Also, an error was made in a story Friday on Easter Seal Tammys Stephanie and Patricia Leopold.

It stated Stephanie is developmentally delayed and Patricia has cerebral palsy, but in fact the reverse is true.

The incorrect information was taken from a letter to Mayor Gord Krantz from the Rotary Club's Easter Seals committee.

We're apologize for the errors any associated inconvenience.

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