

Belmore - the hamlet with a heart

Belmore is a quiet little hamlet, one blink of an eye and you can miss it when driving through, divided geographically by two counties and four townships, Howick and Turnberry in Huron county and Carrick and Culross in Bruce county.

The children living in this community attend many different public and separate schools dependent upon which "corner" they happen to live on.

Belmore is one of the few places where it can be long distance to call your neighbour - five exchanges Clifford, Mildmay, Gorrie, Wingham and Teeswater.

The Belmore people are full

of pride in their accomplishments and in the volunteer community in which they live - they are committed to see it continue.

The people here have something special - something that can't be purchased - something that comes from within!

Belmore is a volunteer community with countless unpaid hours spent at the arena each week catering, operating the arena and the park booth, cleaning, doing maintenance chores, making ice .

The volunteers come in the form of leaders and followers - those who help out a lot and those who help a little - all are needed! The attitude seems to be that if everyone does what they can to help out, all will work out and it does.



Independence

Belmore is very independent - no tax dollars are asked to run the complex - a choice made by the people themselves.

The funds used to pay bills are raised by the community with the Belmore Ma-Festival and Belmore Cater-prime fund ible leader-zational and and regular success.



The kitchen at the arena has become a "Club house" where friends and neighbours gather - a chance to visit, get a lot of work accomplished and have a lot of fun!

Off hand comments regarding being "fired", get-

ting double and triple the wages next year, bring knowing smiles to the faces who know there is no danger of being fired and triple the wages still means financially the same amount - the "pay" comes in other forms!

The building is paid for and there are no debts to worry about - no arena manager is paid - all work as volunteers doing what they can with what they have. A lot can be learned from the attitudes and feelings of the Belmore people.

BELLE HAVEN

Belmore has never looked better! Physically, many changes have occurred in the past few years as a number of buildings including the old sugar shanty were torn down to make way for the Belle Haven apartments, our non-profit senior citizens' building made possible by the determination of those that live here. The common room is often the site of activity. Laundry and hairdressing facilities rooms are also available on site.

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