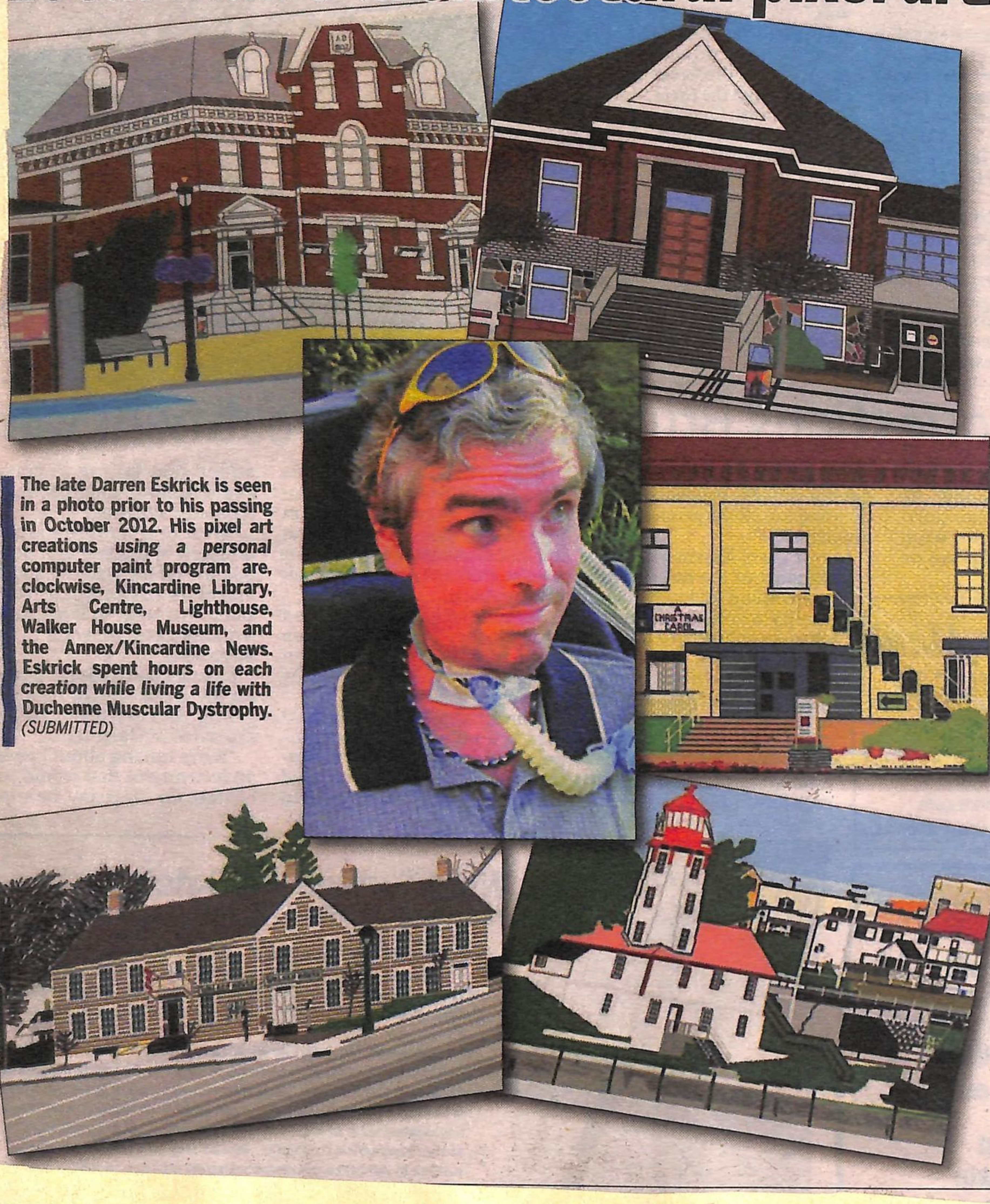


# Local man's architectural pixel art lives on in death



The late Darren Eskrick is seen in a photo prior to his passing in October 2012. His pixel art creations using a personal computer paint program are, clockwise, Kincardine Library, Arts Centre, Lighthouse, Walker House Museum, and the Annex/Kincardine News. Eskrick spent hours on each creation while living a life with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. (SUBMITTED)

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A local man has etched his mark in the recording of architectural history even in death, through his digital recreations of local landmarks and businesses from Kincardine area and beyond.

Darren Eskrick passed away at the age of 36 on Oct. 25, 2012, after living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy his entire life, but his digital recreations are living on after being presented to many local businesses since his death.

His fiancé Diane MacLeod said his work with the computer 'Paint' program was massively labour-intensive, but Eskrick was able to capture the finest of details to recreate photographs taken by friends and family with a realistic and three-dimensional feel, "with pinpoint

accuracy, using a magnifying feature and his mouse."

"He broke down each element of the photo, section by section and line by line, to bring them to life with vivid colour and great detail," MacLeod said. "He drew with such patience and focus, both of which I admired."

The pixel-by-pixel artwork captured specific details many artists would leave out, like the blue markings of a handicap parking space, which showed its significance to him living his life with a debilitating disease.

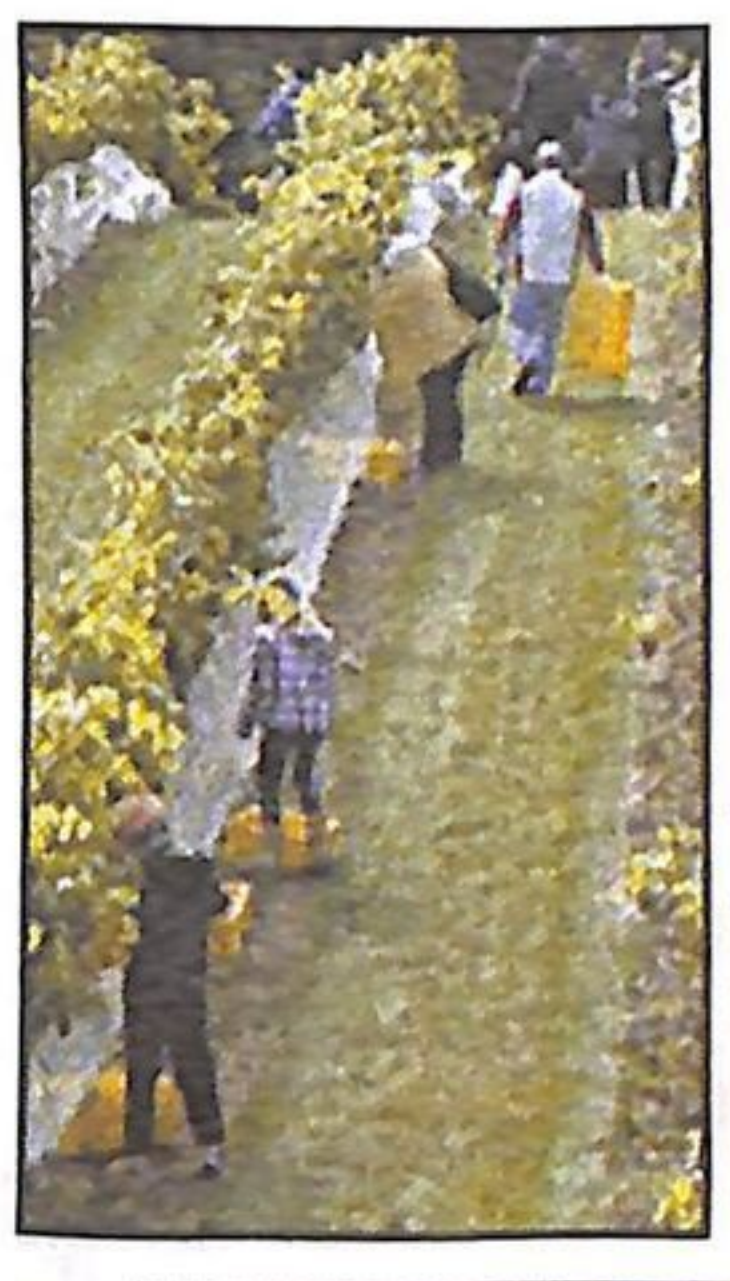
As the son of a carpenter, MacLeod said he always had a "keen interest" in buildings throughout Kincardine's downtown, businesses that had a special meaning to him or landmarks he took a liking to.

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