

Get dancing at the Village Festival

SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

This year's theme for Georgetown's Village Festival is *Dancin' in the Street*, and what better way to kick off the event than with a finger snapping, toe tapping, dance exploding Swing Band! The Harvey Seigel Band is the 'ultra high energy' band for the Festival and promises entertainment of the highest calibre.

On Thursday, June 17 will be the first ever evening of family dance. Swing is the most popular revival of the decade; those who remember the music from their youth will be able to lead the way and teens will amaze you with their ability. Main Street will be hopping from 7 to 10 p.m. to the irresistible sounds of the Harvey Seigel Band.

The roster of bands set to entertain on the Main Stage of the 1999 Village Festival is almost complete - and what a lineup!

Headlining on Friday evening, the 18th, the Celtic fiddle band Garrison Creek are back by popular demand. Featured at the 1998 *Art in the Afternoon* show, Garrison Creek kept Main Street on its toes with their catchy combination of East coast favourites. Lead fiddle player Karen Taylor will accompany the Toronto Ladies Sword Dance team as they dazzle their audience with flashing blades in English sword dances.

Other performers include The Butterfly Theory, children's entertainers Picks and Sticks, Andean pipe band Surco and singer/songwriter Julie Shepperd. Magicians, street vendors, the Saturday morning Farmer's Market, sidewalk sales, pony rides, The Fire Safety House, a petting zoo and more are all downtown for your enjoyment. Best of all - it's all free!

Dancin' in the Street runs from Thursday, June 17 to Sunday, June 20 throughout downtown Georgetown.

Dancin' in the Street

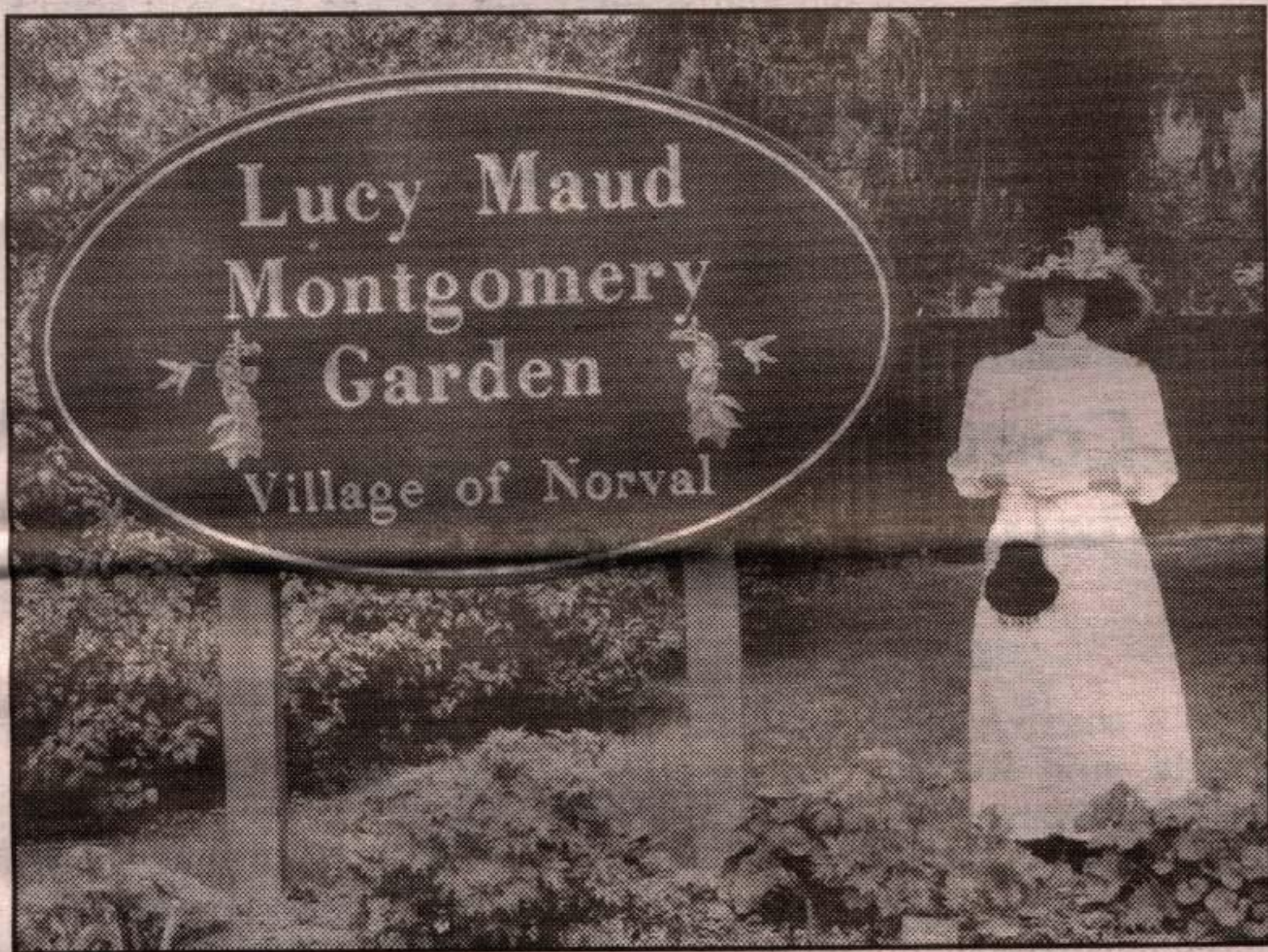


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Norval's Riverfest a big success

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Riverfest, a celebration of life on the Credit River, was well attended, with participants enjoying walks through the Willow Park Ecology Centre, learning about bushwhacking and flyfishing, watching fly-tying demonstrations, decoy carving, canoe building and a chainsaw carving of a bear.

The bear, carved from a block of cedar by Mount Forest resident Peter Mogensen, took four hours for the basic carving, with more time spend on the finishing touches.

"Cedar is light and easy to handle," remarked Mogensen. "I use it a lot when I'm doing shows." Mogensen's business is Chain Saw Sculptures, and he travels to various events where he creates magnificent wooden figures.

Families enjoyed the butterfly garden, snake hibernaculum, a display of snakes and amphibians by Wye Marsh, and the making of Japanese fish kites. A portion of the proceeds of the barbecue sponsored by Maple Lodge Farms will go toward Willow Park rehabilitation. Local churches also entered into the spirit of things with huge garage sales.

In the Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden, visitors enjoyed trying the interactive sundial and learning more about Canada's famous author from Kathy Gastle, above, who was dressed in period costume once belonging to Mrs. Webster. Dr. Webster, the local physician for many years, took his wife to the Chicago Fair in 1892. Mrs. Webster purchased the fine cotton and lace dress there, and was on the cutting edge of fashion as this was one of the first pieces of clothing entirely made by machine.



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A GLORY HOLE - Calum Harris and his Mom, Nancy deGuerre, check out the fishin' action at the Halton Waldorf School's Mayfaire in Campbellville on May 16th.

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