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BROOKVILLE CLASS OF 99: Congratulations to the Brookville School - Class of 99! Proud parents, families, and guests joined the celebration. How fast these youngsters became beautiful young ladies and handsome young men! Award winners included Blair Davey (Language, EFTO Math & Science), Blaine Murray (Math), Krista Kearns (Science & Technology, Athlete of the Year), Dawn Brunswiler (History/Geography, Academic Excellence), Janine Nash (Physical Education), Craig Campbell (Physical Education), Megan Cavan (French), Ashley Codner (Art), Jennifer Dennis (Student Forum, Academic Excellence), Ellen Kuschnik (Student Forum), Michael Basso (EFTO English), Miranda Norton (Vice-Principal's Award), Serena Purdy (Principal's Award), Victoria Spence (OPC Principal's Award), Katie Sweetman (Lion's Club Citizenship), Matt Chapman (Lion's Club Citizenship), Chris Foster (Jim Harding Award), Caylanne Lyall (Peral Fair Drama/Music Award), Lee Frittenburg (Athlete of the Year), Erin Greenfield (Athlete of the Year). Dawn Brunswiler made the Art Gallery Presentation. Jennifer Dennis and Krista Kearns gave the Valedictorian address.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Visitors to 'A Family A-Fair' at The Farm Museum enjoyed a special fashion show by The Women's Institute, featuring costumes from an earlier era in a period fashion show. It was quite a show, filled with nostalgia, humour, and good fun.

CABA: Congratulations to the new executive of CABA: President Dominic Stagliano (Cortese Property Manager), Recording Secretary Anni Baynton (Country Hearts), and Treasurer Marilyn Goodale (Vincent's Antiques.) Our best wishes go to past president Terry & Dale as they establish their new business in Puslinch.

BLAZING SADDLES: Saturday August 13th, Milton District Hospital Foundation's spectacular Beef 'n' Beans BBQ & Auction at Pineland Farm in Hornby. Fantastic opportunity for a good time for a good cause! Proceeds will fund the MDH Diagnostic Imaging Department. Tickets are \$50 per person at MDH. To donate to the auction, volunteer to help, or for tickets call the Foundation office at 878-2383. The Strawberry Fair was a huge success, netting \$13,500! The MDH Eye Donor Program ranked Number One donor centre per hospital bed in Ontario and Number 4 for overall eye donations in Ontario! Have you taken time to discuss Organ Donations with your family?

BIKE TOUR: Nassagaweya forms part of the Mississauga to Guelph Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour on August 14th and 15th. Day 1 (Saturday) the tour travels from Mississauga to Guelph through the southern portion of our area. Sunday the tour returns to via the north. If you are interested in the exact route, call me.



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Long before home computers, VCR's or television sets many summer evenings were spent at annual garden parties. Throughout the summer, churches and other groups organized these events. Comedians, singers and instrumentalists from towns and cities across south Ontario came to the rural areas to perform. Bands from Acton, Milton and Guelph came and local ministers and others would give speeches. Seniors tell me Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, Badenoch and Campbellville all hosted annual garden parties.

Before the first World War the Blacklocks of Brookville held annual garden parties on May 24th, beginning with a ball game in the afternoon. In a grove of trees along the lane a platform was setup for the per-

formers, and following the entertainers they danced long into the evening.

"The United Farmers of Acton and northern Nassagaweya, a forerunner to the United Co-operatives, held garden parties," says Joe Henderson. "In 1921 they held it at Bert Davidson's and hundreds of people turned out. The following year it was at Richard Brown's, east of Acton, and the advertisement gave directions on 'the new #7 Highway' as it had just opened. While kerosene and oil lamps were usual at these events, in 1923 at John Robertson's farm on 25 Sideroad they had electric lights. A hydro line came out from Hwy. 7 to a spring behind Robertson's which supplied the town water. A transformer truck was brought to the farm to supply lighting and everyone thought that was really something."

Marion Diamond remembers the garden parties at Ebenezer United Church where

a flatbed truck provided a stage. "Seats were made with blocks of wood and boards," she said. "Booths were set up in the horse sheds providing sandwiches, ice creams, drinks and such. There were big crowds and it was such fun. The last one I recall was just at the beginning of the Second World War. There was a group of German fellows - a comedian, singers and others. They were really good and so funny but there was a controversy over having these fellows, what with the war and all, and that was the last one."

Opportunity awaits any organization looking for an innovative fundraising opportunity to revive an almost lost tradition. Even offering a stage for local talent and an evening of community fun would be a worthwhile beginning.

If you would like to share your memories about this topic or any others please contact Bonnie Mullen at (519)837-1300 or write/fax her c/o the Compass.

Fair Ambassador for an unforgettable year!

BY EMBER JOHNSTONE
SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

Every once in a while something special touches our life that changes our reality as we know it. My special event happened almost a year ago when I won the title of the 1998/99 Milton Fair Ambassador.

Looking back on my whirlwind year, there wasn't a dull moment to contend with. From the night of the competition last year in August it has been non-stop fun and excitement.

My year of reign started off with several trips to the Milton Farmers Market early on Saturday mornings. This was a great opportunity because it prepared me for the fair; I was able to become accustomed to my new role.

Then came the weekend that I will never forget, the Milton Fall Fair. It was a privilege to represent such a fine community fair. I love all the smiling faces, the brightly-lit midway, a variety of interesting exhibits, the roar of the crowd at the demolition derbies, and the sportsmanship shown in all the competitions.

Looking back on the weekend of the fair it seems like a dream come true. I didn't really know what to expect the Friday morning when I set foot on the fair grounds to take on the role of the 1998 Milton Fair Ambassador, but it was everything I had imagined... and more! I was able to interact with people of all ages. I had a great group of school kids who accompanied me through the barns and looked at all the exhibits. Some of my duties encompassed handing out ribbons and trophies, speeches for both the radio and cableworks television, shaving the flank of a cow, public relations with spectators and much, much more. The weekend was one of those moments that you wish you could lock inside your memory for the rest of time and re-visit it whenever you please.

I believe that it is true that "everything happens for a reason."

I find that events in life give people different opportunities. I am full of thanks for the opportunity that arose from the Fall Fair. A member of Cableworks approached me and asked me to do a promo for one of their sports shows. I was happy to agree because the world of television has always amazed me. After the promo was completed, they asked me to start reporting for them and I have had the opportunity to occasionally host our local community show "Plugged In."

Throughout the year I have been keeping busy representing the Fall Fair even when I don't have my crown on. At the University of Guelph I'm a very active student. I'm a part of the Concert Band and a Gryphon Cheerleader. I also participated in the College Royal. I was a part of a team of six students who had to prepare a heifer for the show ring in a very short two weeks. I had a great time, and ended up placing third in my heat. I also joined a new 4-H club. I have the honor of being the Vice President for the Civic Club.

I would like to thank Annette Winter, the Milton Fair Ambassador coordinator, the Milton Fair Board and my friends and family for all their support and encouragement throughout this past year.

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors who have kindly donated items for our 1999-2000 Ambassador Competition.

Since my year is coming to a close, this gives somebody else a great opportunity to become the next Milton Fall Fair Ambassador. Applicants may be male or female, and have to be 17 years of age by August 18th, 1999. We are looking for an energetic, outgoing, community oriented individual who is ready for the opportunity of a lifetime. Please feel free to call the Milton Fair Board at 905-878-5689 to pick up your application form today!



EMBER JOHNSTONE

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