



# CAMPBELLVILLE COUNTRY NEWS

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Attendance: Cindy Lunau, Reid Kennedy, 10 members.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m. at the Bruce Trail Eatery.

This evening's meeting was held at the Opera Emporium which is under new ownership. The Emporium has recently applied for a liquor license and the new owner has plans to revitalize the location with a fine dining establishment as well as the existing ice cream and grill counter at the rear. The dining establishment will feature jazz music bands and great food. Our very best wishes to Tom in his new venture.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Many residents came out to the celebrations. The San Antonio Bistro had a very successful opening and the village was alive with activities. Many residents thought inviting all of the former honorary mayors of Milton was a wonderful idea. CABA wishes to extend a special thank you to the Town of Milton Community Services Department. Managers and field staff who worked with CABA and local volunteers to make the village look its best. Whether it was relocating shrubs, planting and maintaining annuals, cutting grass, emptying garbage bins or sweeping the streets, the Town staff have done an outstanding job this season. Hats off to the Town of Milton and our many thanks for a job well done!

By contrast, grass cutting and garbage collection at the Halton

Conservation park has been a disgrace this season with many commenting that they have never seen it as bad. The parking lot that once stood in this spot is starting to seem attractive by comparison.

**GATEWAY SIGNAGE:** Marilyn Goodale is on the Gateway Committee and passed around the proposed designs for the new signage for the Milton area. Marilyn has suggested that a sign for Campbellville with a display area for local events would help to highlight events in the village and at the local conservation areas. A public meeting will be held in August (date to be announced).

**CAR SHOW:** An antique and classic car show was held on Saturday, June 22 as part of the Campbellville Birthday celebrations. Turn-out of exhibitors was affected by the unpredictable weather. Proceeds from the 50-50 Draw are to be donated to the Railway Association. The event conflicted with a car rally held at KOA Campgrounds. The car show requires considerable organization and it was suggested the next one might be organized by a member from a local car association.

**NEW BUSINESS MAIL DRQP TO MATTAMY HOMES IN AUGUST:** Members approved a flyer drop of the Campbellville brochures at the new Mattamy subdivision. The new brochures look great.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES APPLICATION:** CABA's application for a grant for a TODS sign, web site and village logo has been deferred. CABA members would like to extend their thanks for the funding for Christmas decorations last year and for the time that staff took to review our present application. We look forward to working with Town staff to modify our proposal to comply with the overall policy objectives and directions of the Town of Milton.

**PROMOTION:** KOA Campgrounds has a promotion to offer a 10 per cent discount to their campers at stores in Campbellville. KOA has a display area in their store which they have offered to the merchants to display goods. Any CABA members interested in working on the display are asked to contact Marilyn.

A tour for cyclists was recently organized by a firm in Toronto. Campbellville has seen an increase in cyclists as well as motorcyclists. Tom suggested promoting Campbellville as a destination for tour companies.

**PARKING:** There is insufficient parking around the main intersection of Campbellville. A sign directing travelers to the Lions Hall parking lot would be very helpful. CABA will contact the Town of Milton about adding a public parking sign as well as public washroom directional signs.



Photo by REID KENNEDY

CABA thanks Town of Milton staff for ensuring the village of Campbellville was sparkling on June 23rd. On hand for 88th Campbellville Birthday Celebration and cake cutting were past and present honorary mayors Bert Walton, Doris Wheelihan and Alice Smith.

## COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE ROBERT MCCAW

By DEBORAH QUAILLE

Without knowing it, you may have seen his work. Robert McCaw's carefully captured nature shots are published in numerous sources - magazines, books, calendars and more.

"I have another career that started a bit before I retired as a school principal," Mr. McCaw says. "I published my first picture in 1982, and made \$600 that year. My freelance nature and wildlife photography is a full time job now."

Mr. McCaw's photo of a grasshopper appeared on the cover of *Canadian Geographic* in May/June 2002, and he consistently publishes with magazines such as *Harrowsmith*, *Nature Canada*, several bird magazines in the US, and for calendars and children's books. *Canadian Geographic* will also be producing a series of commemorative plates, and the first one is going to feature one of his images.

At the moment, Mr. McCaw prefers shooting with a film camera, as slides are still a better medium for reproduction than digital images.

"That's changing fast though and I'm ready for it. I have the ability to provide for that, with a computer and scanner (at his home office)." The other challenge, he notes, is that with the purchase of a digital camera, the capacity and capabilities can easily double in a year's time, and with the expense of that purchase a photographer doesn't want his equipment to be outdated in a matter of months.

As well, digital files take longer



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for a magazine or book publisher to view, especially when they can scan through a series of 100 or 200 slides in a matter of minutes.

As a long time resident of the area, Mr. McCaw is firmly rooted in the community.

Although brought up in Bruce County, he began teaching in Grey, then moved to Milton and eventually became principal of W.I. Dick in 1968.

He and his family lived in Milton for 10 years, and then realized they wanted to get out to the country and build their own home. They purchased a spot west of Moffat, and the house was completed in 1975.

Mr. McCaw was also Principal at Brookville Public School from about September 1972 to 1980. Two of the McCaw children are now teachers in Halton, and the other is an accountant in Ottawa.

Photography, however, is his passion, and he thoroughly enjoys visiting new locations to capture those amazing images that are recog-

nized across North America.

"I do a lot of work within five miles of home, but we do travel a lot. Last year I was in Jasper, Alaska, New Mexico, Florida and Ireland," he says.

"Nature photography does involve a lot of travel. I sat for six days in a lawn chair in Alaska beside my vehicle waiting for grizzly bears. In New Mexico I had 40,000 snow geese fly over my head. It's just incredible. But then I get just as much of a kick shooting a belted kingfisher right here on my pond."

Along with the stunning photos, Mr. McCaw is busy with public speaking engagements at camera and nature clubs around southern Ontario, and often farther abroad.

"I'm so busy I don't get enough time to shoot anymore!" he jokes.

The second career has proved to be a lifelong love, and a joy in its wealth of creativity and beauty.

"It's wonderful. I never tire of it. I usually say if it flowers, floats, swims, walks or crawls, I'll shoot it. You always find something special."

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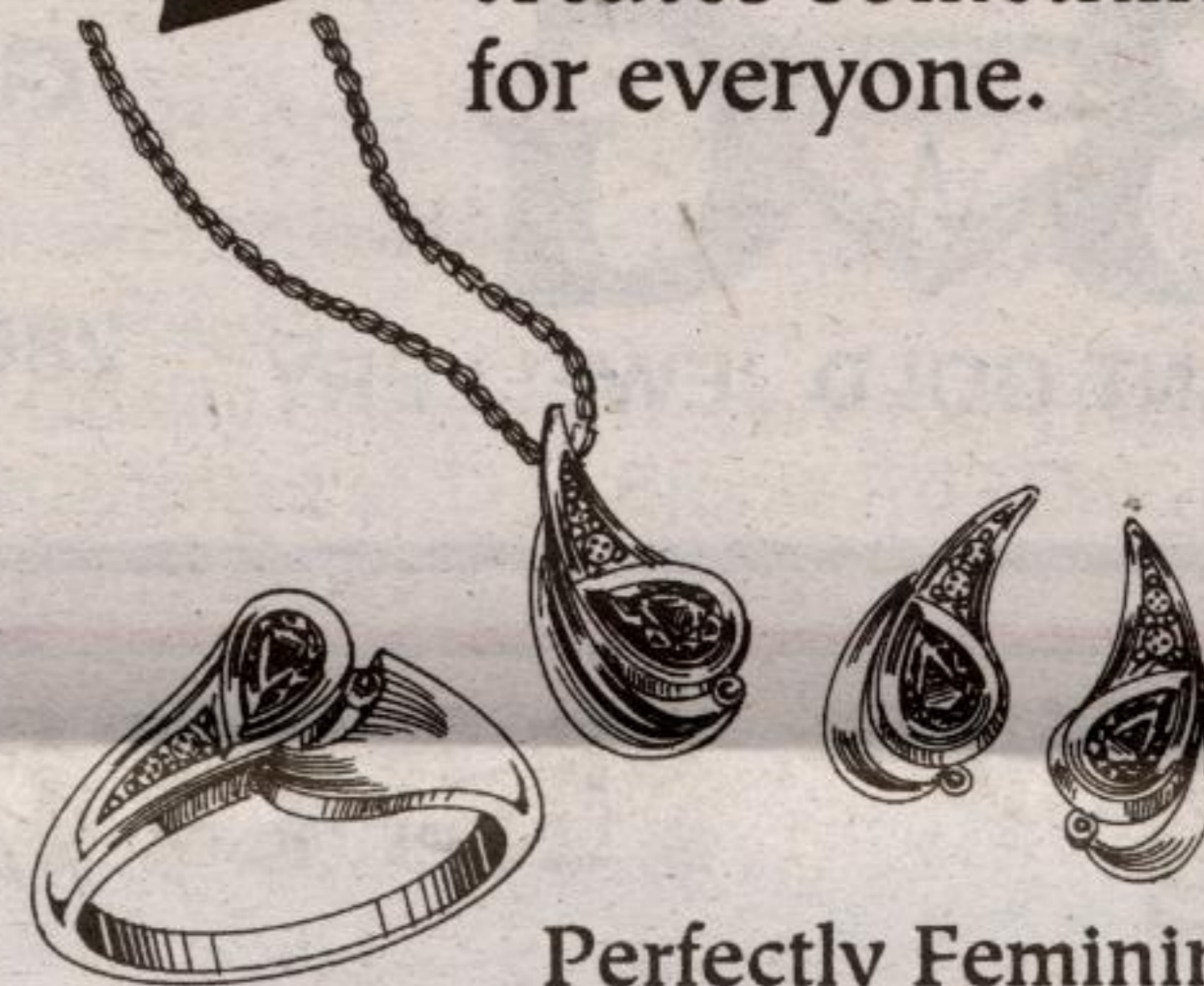
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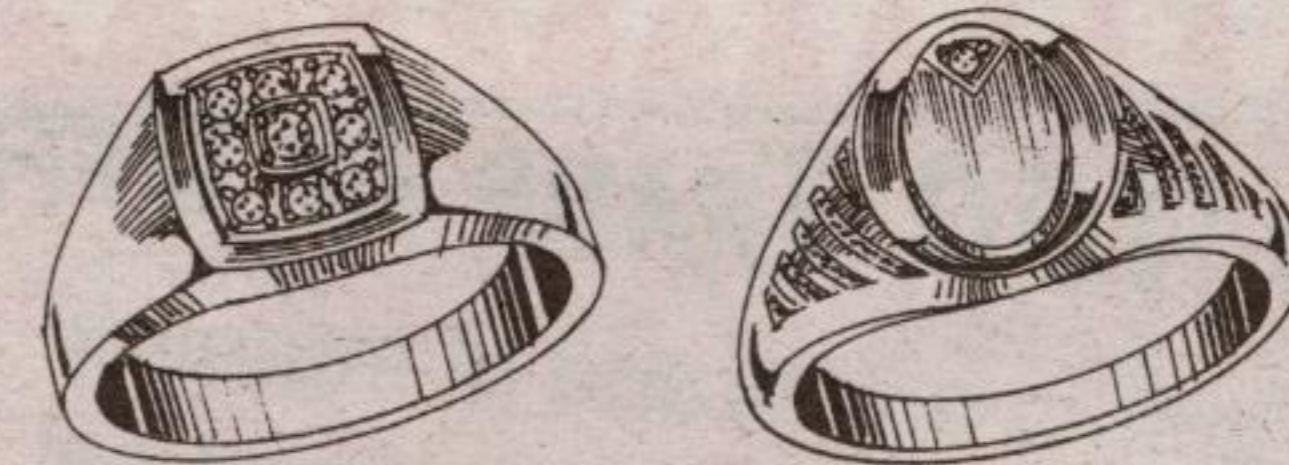
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