



Last Chance to Enter...

Deadline for entries to the **Milton In Bloom 2000 Competition** is June 26, so if you haven't done so already, make sure you fill out an entry form this week. The committee will be using your submissions to find out about the good work many of you are doing or noticing in your community. In addition, the information submitted to assist in developing the route that the judges will take when touring our community in mid August. The provincial competition has Milton competing against other communities of like size.

Here are the 5 different awards being offered....

- **Tidiness Awards**
- **Tree Hugger Awards**
- **Lush Landscape Awards**

These three awards will be presented in 4 categories: Business (Industrial); Business (Commercial); Public / Institutional Property; and Residential.

• **Environmental Award** will be presented to a community group or business, which has given considerable time and effort to participate in an environmental project.

• **Great Garden Awards** will be presented in 3 categories: Perennial Gardens; Annual Gardens; and Container / Balcony Gardens.

To find out more about the Awards, and to pick up or drop-off an entry form, please visit one of the following Milton locations: Country Depot, Loblaws Milton Market, Milton Public Library, Spice of Life, Taylor Nurseries, or Town Hall.

If you would like to find out more information about the Communities in Bloom program, or would like to offer support, please contact Joy Anderson, in the Community Services Department, Town of Milton at 702-3143 or contact Jennifer Mirosolin, Milton Horticultural Society at 878-3597.

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Arts & Entertainment

Singing career looks promising: Linke

By **IRENE GENTLE**

The Champion

Since receiving a \$2,500 scholarship for the University of Guelph's vocal performance program, Milton's Erin Linke is far from singing the blues.

So she's singing virtually everything else, instead.

"I've always been singing but I really started in choirs in primary school," said Ms Linke, 18. "I started singing at my church (St. Paul's Presbyterian) a lot more. Then I started to take an interest in musical theatre."

She started taking voice lessons the same year she entered grade 9 at E.C. Drury High School.

Under the tutelage of Milton teacher Laura Jeffrey, she has learned several vocal techniques, including how to warm up

and preserve her voice.

"Before I'm going to sing I avoid dairy, which is the worst, because I love it," sighed Ms Linke, proving that one really must sacrifice for one's art.

Worse still for anyone with younger siblings to boss around, she also has to speak softly — but not whisper — before a performance.

"You have to really take care of your voice and not yell a lot," she said. "Whispering is apparently worse than just speaking quietly."

Luckily, all those precautions means she's always able to sing.

"I love all kinds of music and there's so much I want to do," said Ms Linke. "I'd really like to keep my options open."

On her wish list is musical theatre, opera, teaching and singing in an alternative-type band.

"I wouldn't want to settle

on one thing. I may minor in drama to pursue a bit of musical theatre," said Ms Linke. "I'd like to learn to write my own music. And I've always wanted to sing in a band."

Her listening taste is diverse, mostly bands that aren't exactly top 40, such as the little known Plumb.

When pressed for recognizable influences, she comes up with singer Lisa Loeb.

But whatever Ms Linke sets her pretty mezzo soprano voice to, the Mary Alice and Marion Mumm Memorial scholarship will help her on her way.

"It's a great help," said Ms Linke. "It pretty much covers tuition for the first year."

She won over other scholarship contenders on the strength of a three song demo tape, a live audition and a resume filled with musical accomplishments and training.

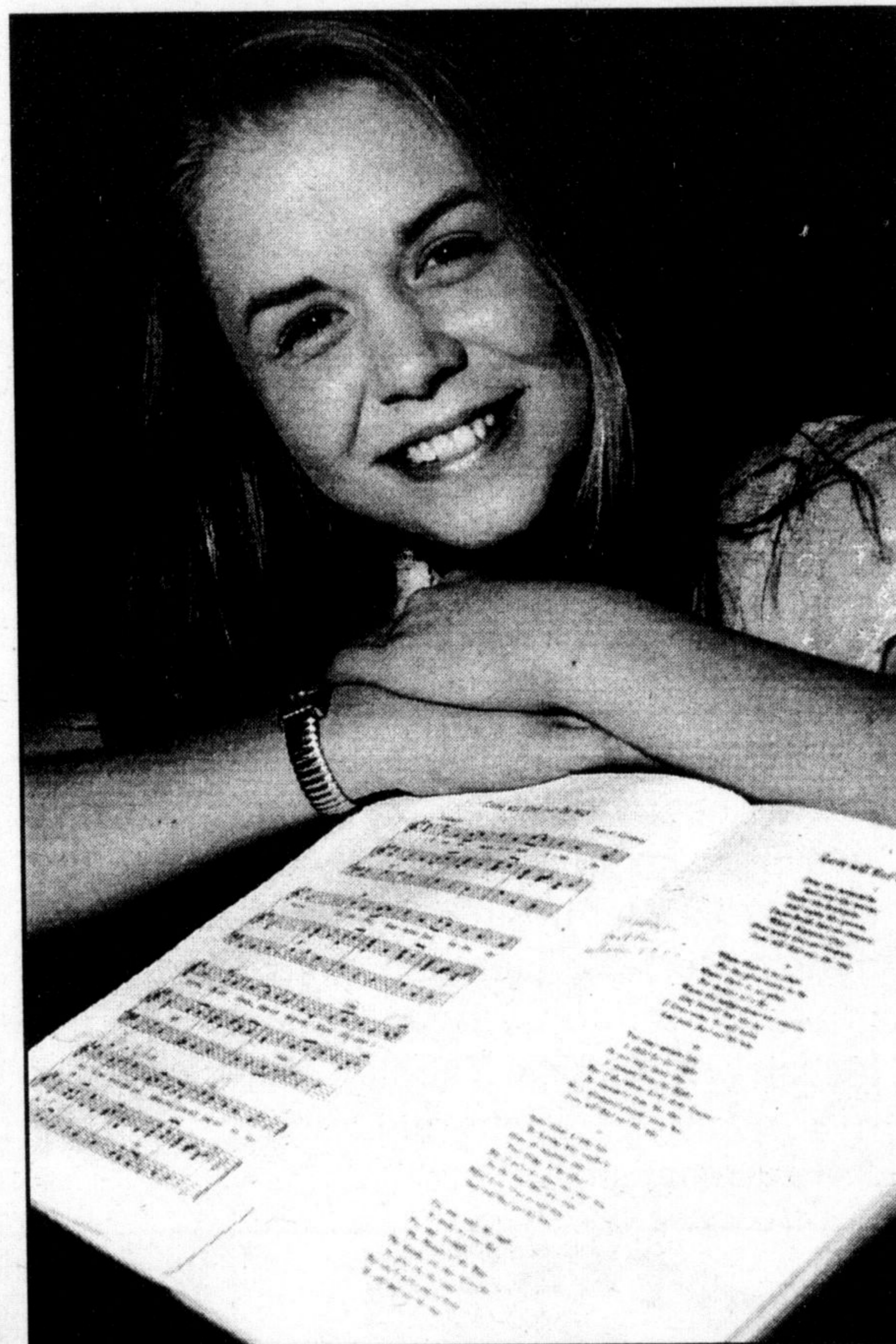


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A vocal scholarship to the University of Guelph has E.C. Drury High School graduate Erin Linke singing for joy.


Milton's Annual Scottish Festival

Saturday, June 24, 2000

***Massed Band parade from
the Mall at 12:30 down
Main Street to
ROTARY PARK***

**For an afternoon of Band Performances,
Concession Stands and
Good Food!**

MASSED BAND PERFORMANCE TO END THE DAY.



ARTS MILTON

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Looking to the Future!

The Board of Directors of Arts Milton cordially invites all members to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on:

Thursday, June 29th, 2000

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Milton Senior's Activity Centre

500 Childs Drive, Milton

All Arts Milton members and the general public are urged to attend this **very important** meeting which will include a presentation and discussion of the proposed **CULTURAL CENTRE** building project **Special Guests:** EDA Collaborative Inc, Toronto-consultants preparing the initial feasibility study and members of project steering committee
Come, bring your ideas- NOW is the time to be heard!

Entertainment by MEN II BOYS

Refreshments by HARROP RESTAURANT

For more info - 854-0443