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Bringing The McKibbon House Back from the Brink - A Labour of Love

The task of restoring the McKibbon House in the heart of Milford, South Marysburgh can only be called a labour of love.

It wasn't exactly love at first sight but it was close to it when in September 2016, Kerry White came to explore the County he had heard so much about from his turbo charged boating buddies who were regulars at "Thunder on the Reach", the signature boating event that featured the famous Miss Supertest hydroplaning through County waters.

After selling his insurance brokerage business in Carleton Place, near Ottawa, and retiring, Kerry had the time and inclination to explore new opportunities. The architecturally interesting but very tired 1876 home anchoring the Milford village block caught his eye and the



Kerry and Brigitte hope to open the doors to The McKibbon House B&B in Milford this October. —Mirror Photo

fact that it was designated a bed and breakfast intrigued him.

"I had experience renovating and restoring invest-

ment properties and I saw potential in the old house. I've always been interested in engineering and building and I thought this property would offer some chal-

lenges. I see challenges as learning opportunities. When I took a look at it, I knew it would be a job and a half, but I decided to take it on anyway," Kerry said, laughing at his own premonition.

From the moment he took possession, Kerry said he was plagued with problems. The County was on the cusp of a building boom and tradespeople either took one look at the building and his plans and said they didn't want even to try to give estimates or they were already too busy.

"At times I got a little discouraged," he sighed. But some of his former tradesmen buddies from Carlton Place bailed him out. They agreed to make the trip to Milford to help Kerry get started on the first stages of renovation — the tearing down, tearing out and shoring up tasks. They would drive in on Monday and drive home on Friday. Gradually, Kerry met local tradesmen who were available to help. The "Vaughan Boys" from Jack Vaughan Car-

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Parkinson's Ride Draws More Than 200 Pedalling for a Cure



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They came from as far away as Sarnia and Parry Sound and as nearby as Stirling, Kingston, Ameliasburgh, Trenton, Belleville, Carrying Place and Picton. One rider, Arthur Duke, travelled from Calgary to ride with his brother, Doug. They, and more than 200 other riders came with a commitment — to raise money for research to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

Together, over the three-day Pedaling for Parkinson's in Prince Edward County

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The Milford Fall Fair is 75!

The Milford Fair Board did not want this occasion to pass by unmarked. So, while there will be no fair this year, they produced a Milford Fall Fair memento containing many milestones and memories. See it in this edition of The Mirror! See you at the Fair next year!