

# Moon shines on in Stouffville's heart

**T**o me he was Wayne. To many, he was Moon. To everyone, he was a friend.

That's how Stouffville looked on David Wayne Moon Pennanen.

Moon, a moniker applied by local ice artisan, the late Ken Kirby, presumably because of his smile, was born in Markham, April 14, 1943.

He died Sept. 9, 2005. Within those 62 years, Moon illuminated the lives of everyone he met, attaining a pinnacle of respect that even he could never comprehend.

But wife Connie did; sons Michael and Matthew did; sister-in-law Susan did and his community did.

If there were ever any doubts, these were visibly removed by the hundreds in attendance at the receiving and the service held in EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church. All walks of Stouffville life were there.

Wayne, or Moon, whatever your preference, received his formal education at Summitview Public School and Stouffville High. At a young age, he joined the staff of Schell's Red & White at Mill and Main Streets in Stouffville. Aboard his bicycle, he pedalled groceries all over town. Later, he worked for Griffith Laboratories and, for 29 years, with Canadian National Railways.

With the C.N.R., he was mainly in charge of line maintenance, including the installation of and repairs to crossing signals. This position took him all over Ontario.

Wayne suffered a paralyzing stroke in 1994, only four years short of retirement. But even this impediment, as difficult as it was, couldn't restrict his interests. He simply turned to something else, including the gift of art; switching hands to employ this skill. His achievements were amazing.

But it was Wayne, the football player, the softball player, the hockey player, the golfer and the euchre player, who people remember most. With one overriding positive. He did everything with a smile.

Lloyd Gayman brought this aspect of Wayne's nature to the fore during tribute time at the funeral service.

Lloyd recalled an English assignment, where each student was required to stand in front of the class and deliver a brief speech. Wayne, he said, accepted the challenge with fear and trepidation. When his turn came, he said simply: "The subject of my address is World War II. Would you



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please bow your heads for two minutes silence." With that, he sat down.

Other tribute speakers included former mayor Wayne Emmerson, Ruth Patterson, Stewart Wideman and Kent Wideman.

Mr. Emmerson remembered a slo-pitch game at Ballantrae. A teammate questioned Wayne's ability as a batter. At that moment, with one swing, the ball landed far off in the tennis court, good for a home run.

In this connection, Wayne was honoured by both the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association and the Ontario Amateur Softball Association. He was also a nominee for the prestigious Sports Personality of the Year award.

Baseball Hall of Famer George Brett of the Kansas City Royals was Wayne's hero.

Ruth Patterson told of Wayne's big heart and big smile as a regular participant at the York-Durham Aphasia Centre.

"Like a good shepherd with his flock, he always made everyone feel welcome with his warm and friendly manner," she said. "He was a role model, a mentor for other people."

"He faced adversity with courage and grace," said Stewart Wideman.

Son Kent spoke of Wayne's strong faith. "He took what life had to offer, always optimistic," said Kent, "this outlook never changed."

Pastor Lou Geense said, in recent years, Wayne had become a familiar figure in the front row of the sanctuary at EastRidge.

Like others, he told of Wayne's infectious smile and fun-loving nature.

"If there's a ball diamond in heaven, Wayne will be there," he concluded.

On Sept. 13, the Stouffville night seemed a whole lot brighter. Our Moon was shining down.

*Jim Thomas, a Stouffville resident, has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.*

## SMOKED HAM HOCKS

As promised, we'll have quantities of our beautiful Smoked Hocks this week. Anyone who follows our ads will know that we promote these around holidays. That's because we make an especially large number of hams for special occasions — like Thanksgiving and Christmas. For every ham, there's a hock!

You'll need one of these to make Robert's Pea Soup. Although it's great used for that, it's equally good simmered in sauerkraut or boiled and served with mustard. However you use it, you'll love it because it's very meaty, low in salt and it's slowly smoked so that it has the flavour that soup and hock lovers truly love!

Robert's Pea Soup Recipes will be available **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST...**

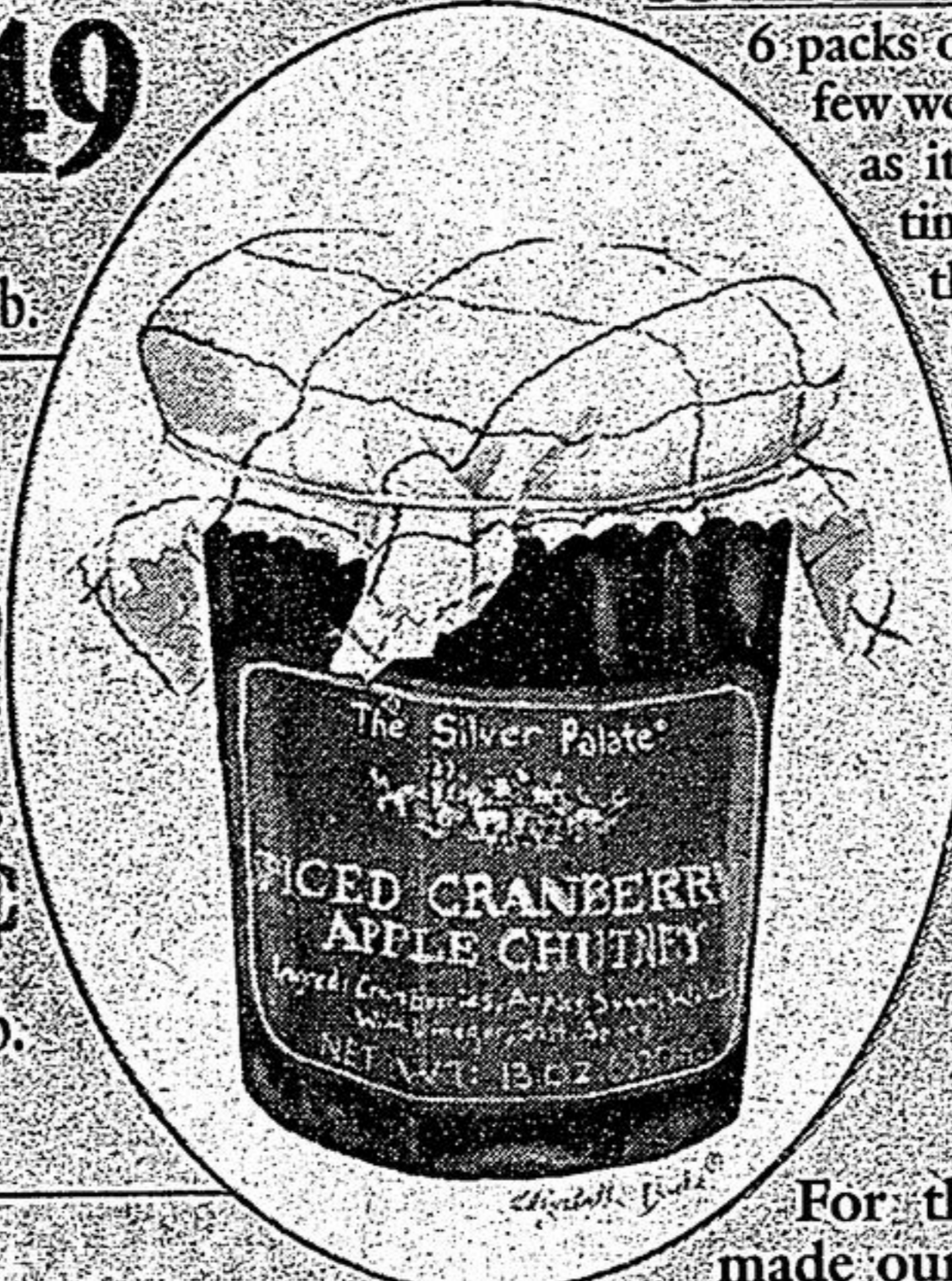
**1.49** lb.

## LOCAL APPLES

New crop apples are now available in quantity. Varieties include Macs, Spys, Ginger Golds, Sunrise, Courtlands, Paula Reds and Mutsu.

**99¢** lb.

Cider is now available, as well!



## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' OUTSIDE?

For this week we've got our Gourd deal happenin' at 4 for 99¢. If you're making a Fall arrangement either indoors or out, these are the thing to have. In addition, we've got pumpkins in three sizes, the minis for display. As well, we've got a few bins of squash for 49¢ each, mix or match, and some half bushels of harvest decorations.

## RED GRAPES

We bought a good supply of some late season red grapes called 'Holiday Seedless.' These are a larger variety and sweet. Throughout the season, there must be a dozen varieties of grapes, some early, some late and some mid-season. These are the last of the good quality reds at a reasonable price — the next will be Prima — and as you may expect, they'll be 'Prima' priced. From California.

**1.99** lb. **THIS WEEK**

## WHAT'S BAKING! THIS WEEK

My apologies to you for not having a bakery feature last week. There were many enquires and the answer is that it was all my fault — things are now fixed. Our feature for this week is .....

**SOUR CHERRY PIES!** — These are made from cherries grown in Niagara (Hunter's Farm) and they're in the large, overfilled pies size, with a lattice top — Reg. \$14<sup>95</sup> ea.

As well as this, we'll be making

**SOUR CHERRY TARTS** — They'll be available in 6 packs or singles. — AND — you may recall a few weeks back that we brought back the Pita, as it was originally intended. Just like last time they'll be made with puff pastry, but this time they'll be filled with a combo of Sour Cherries and nice local Apples — Reg. \$3<sup>99</sup> ea.

All these items will be priced at...

**1/3** OFF THIS WEEK

## MUSHROOM SOUP

For the last long while, we've always made our Mushroom soup with Brandy — and we still do. But for those who can do without the Brandy, we've made a more traditional mushroom soup with lots of Mushrooms.

It's a great soup! Reg. \$5.99 ea.

**25%** OFF THIS WEEK

## HOT ITALIAN SAUSAGES

To make our sausages we use the freshest of fresh pork. In these we use fennel, a bit of rosemary, garlic, pepper and salt. In the hot we add a good amount of hot pepper. Put the bite on some this week — you'll be back for more.

Beware! — the hot are really hot! Reg. \$3.99 lb.

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## WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

From our Entrée Kitchen this week we have a variety of boneless and skinless air chilled chicken breasts which have been poached and sliced and served up in a variety of sauces. One container will serve two hearty appetites or three moderate. The sauces available are zesty lemon, orange,

porcini. They're fully cooked, all you'll need to do is heat and serve. Reg. \$15.95 container

**25%** OFF THIS WEEK

## SMOKED TURKEY

This is a reminder that if you want one of our smoked turkeys for Thanksgiving, you'll need to order it soon. These are our free-range turkeys which we've cured and smoked over hardwood.

Order deadline is October 1st!

**4.50** lb.



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