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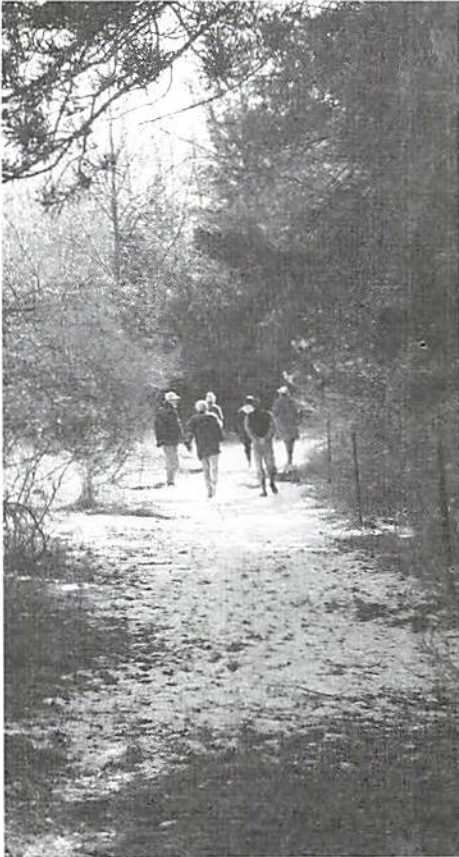
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Members of the Open Space Committee tour the Sibleyville property off Plains Road.

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The committee surveys the Evelyn Lewis property

Open Space Committee starts work.

Over the past ten years, the Mendon Foundation, Inc. has worked diligently to preserve, protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational and structural resources in the Town of Mendon. In recent years 148 acres of land have been donated to the oh my Foundation for preservation and conservation. Through our partnership with the federal wetlands and warm weather grass programs, our acreage has become part of the open space plan for the Town of Mendon.

grasses, timber management, conservation and preservation of open space and parcels; to community education, fundraising, acquisition of grants and marketing strategies. The members bring many years of expertise in the areas of former Town of Mendon Environmental Conservation Board and Open Space, Parks and Recreation Master Plan members; conservation and preservation; conservation easement and land management; timber management; marketing; legal, business and teaching experience; and real estate. Committee reports will appear in

In order to provide stewardship standards and expand various conservation and preservation programs, the Open Space, Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee was established in January, 2003. The mission of the Committee is the conservation and preservation of open space; acquisition of land through donation and conservation easement; and stewardship of the Foundation's holdings. The committee is comprised of the President, Carl Foss, two members of the Board of Directors, Wayne Gilman and Arlene Cluff and many enthusiastic volunteers who are members of the Mendon Foundation. The tasks of the committee are varied from development of programs in land acquisition, conservation easement, stewardship, wetlands, warm weather



A giant oak at the Lewis property.

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who is interested in becoming a member of this dynamic team may e-mail Arlene Cluff at ajcluff45@aol.com. or call her at 624-3182 .

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Committee members at Sibleyville (L to R): Joan Foss, Janet Leone, Dick Dehm, Arlene Cluff, Steve Melcher, Jack Krebs, Trude Wright, and Carl Foss.

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Lehigh Valley Trail work commences this summer.

The County Project Engineer reported that RUC Construction of Bergen, NY was the low bidder for the trail work which includes: clean and grub the entire trail, refurbish the six bridges, and complete a trail section of 3/4 mile from the Genesee Greenway Trail on the west through bridge #3 over the Lakeville, Avon, Livonia RR. The bid was very favorable compared to the engineer's estimate and RUC indicated they would complete their work by mid-July, well in

advance of the contract requirements. The notice to proceed is June 9.

If RUC can adhere to the schedule, the Towns of Rush and Mendon will have large sections of the trail available to start their work in July as well. This will involve site preparation, surfacing, signage, landscaping, parking lots, etc. It is planned the Towns will begin at the east end (Mendon) and complete approximately 50% of the work this year, with completion expected in 2004.



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Pet Pride of New York Plans June 7 Trailwalk.

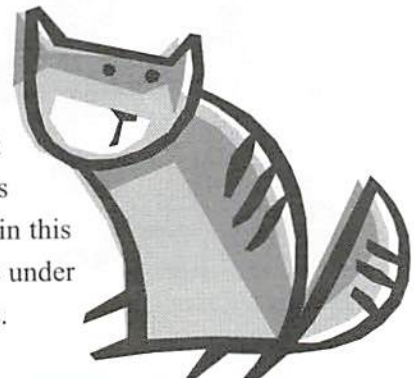
Pet Pride of New York, Inc., will be having their Annual Cat Walk on Saturday, June 7 on the Lehigh Valley Trail. The walkers will be elementary school children raising funds for Pet Pride. The walk will begin and end at the new gazebo in Mendon Sation Park located on the trail between routes 64 and 251 in the Hamlet of Mendon.

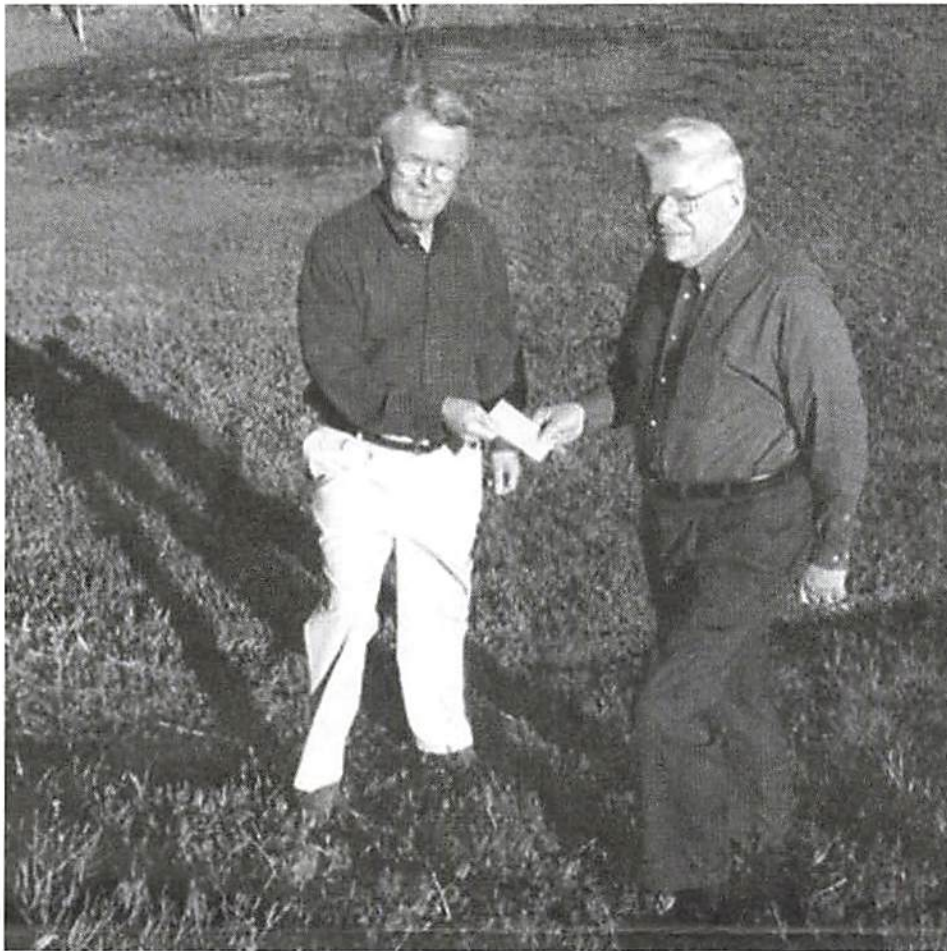
Pet Pride was founded in 1973 by Mendon resident Jacqueline Russel. Realizing and astounding number of cats are euthanized or abandoned each year, Pet Pride endeavors to address the needs of all cats.

In January 2000, Pet Pride moved into their new office and shelter at 7731 Victor Mendon Road. Each year they adopt out about 200 cats. A maximum of 25 cats are at the facility at anyone time.

The public is welcome during business hours Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM till 4PM.

This years' walkers will assemble at the gazebo at 1:30 and wlk at 2:00 PM. The Pet Pride volunteers welcome walkers of any age! Join the youngsters in this fun event and see where Irondequoit Creek passes under a bridge and return to the gazebo for refreshments.





David Byrns (left), President of the Mendon Square Homeowner's Association, presents a check to Warren Wallace, Chairman of the Mendon Foundation's Mendon Station Park Committee, during an on-site discussion of the proposed stairway.

Homeowner's Association Donates to Mendon Station Park

The Mendon Square Homeowner's Association has donated \$2,800 to the Mendon Foundation, for construction of a stairway between the Mendon Square Office Park's parking lot and the Mendon Station Park.

Warren Wallace, Chairman of the Foundation's Mendon Station Park Committee, expressed deep appreciation for this generous gift. He also noted that the completion of the stairs this summer will greatly facilitate entry, down the 14-foot high embankment into the central area of the Park, from the Office Park, Mendon Meadows Mall and residential areas of Mendon Square.

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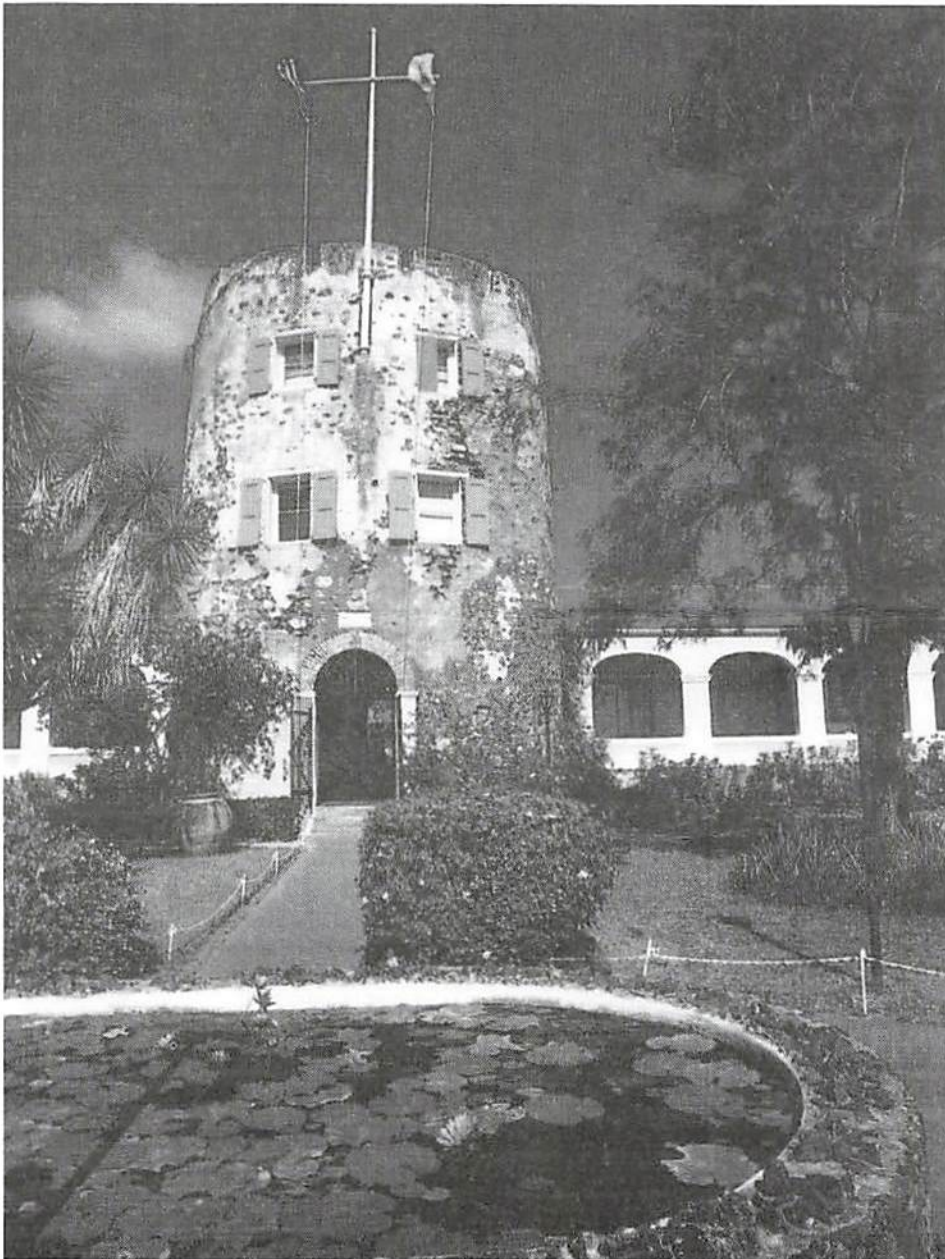
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Look for posters and flyers advertising the raffle and purchase your Tickets at any of the participating businesses in Mendon and Honeoye Falls. All proceeds will benefit the development of the Mendon Station Park and Lehigh Valley Trail.

The GRAND PRIZE trip will take place the week of July 4th, 2004.

We are proud to present the first annual Mendon Foundation Raffle. Each ticket is only \$10 and every ticket is a winner! Simply present your raffle ticket stub to any Bruegger's Bagel Bakery receive a dozen bagels!

Grand Prize

Airfare and the use of a condo for a week for 2 at Bluebeard's Castle in St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands.

2nd Prize

\$1000 Shopping Spree at Market Place Grocery in Honeoye Falls or Mendon Meadows Market in Mendon.

3rd Prize

\$400 Shopping Spree at any of the Mendon Commons Mall stores.

4th Prize

\$300 Service or Accessories at Molye Auto Dealership.

5th Prize

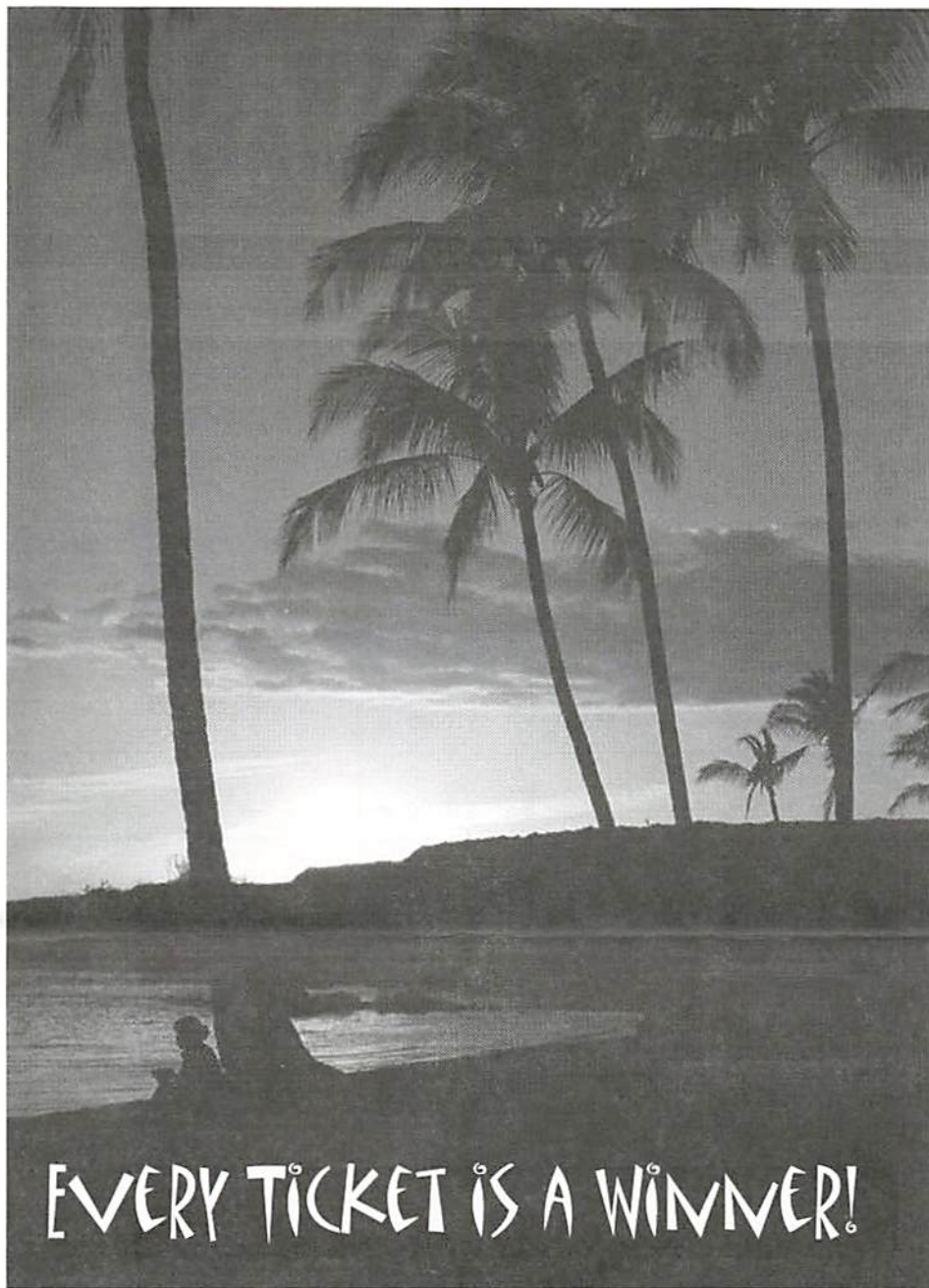
\$200 Certificate for service at any of the participating Mendon Office Park businesses.

6th Prize

Friday Night Dinner for 4 at Lou's Cottage Hotel in Mendon, including beverage.

7th Prize

\$100 Growler Club Membership at Custom Brewcrafters.



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9th Prize

\$100 Gift Certificate at Onnie's Closet in Mendon.

10th & 11th Prizes

2 \$50 tune-ups at the Towpath Bike Shop in Schoen Place, Pittsford.

12th & 13th Prizes

2 \$50 tune-ups at Trailblazers Bike & Sport Shop in Victor.

14th Prize

\$40 Gift Certificate at the Brewery Grill & Pub in Honeoye Falls.

Drawing will be held at the Mendon Station Park in early September, 2003 at a time to be announced.



**BRUEGGER'S
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NATIVE TREE & SHRUB SALE

The Open Space, Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee is promoting a native tree and shrub sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Mendon Foundation's preservation and conservation of open space and land acquisition, conservation easement and stewardship programs. Here is a perfect way to support the Mendon Foundation, while preserving open space by enhancing your property with native species. Natural landscaping and woodland gardening is a way for you to protect your backyard environment and improve wildlife habitat. Seeds for these native, unusual and rare species are collected in Western New York and grown at White Oak Nursery in Canandaigua, NY. The trees and shrubs are native to the region and will survive and thrive in natural areas. Seedlings in 3 5/8" tree bands are one to two years old. Seedlings in 5x8" tree bands are 2 to 3 year old transplants.

Prices:

All 3 5/8" pots - 3 plants for \$10.00

All 5x8" pots - 1 plant for \$10.00

Orders may be paid by check PAYABLE TO MENDON FOUNDATION and should be sent to:

Mendon Foundation, P.O. Box 231,
Mendon, NY 14506 no later than May 31st, 2003. Anyone who becomes a new or renewing member at the FAMILY LEVEL or above will receive a FREE PLANT OF THEIR CHOICE.

Orders may be picked up Saturday, June 8th and Sunday June 9th between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. at Arlene Cluff's, 265 Quaker Meeting House Rd. E-MAIL: AJCLUFF45@AOL.COM.

Limited quantities of additional rare and unusual plants not on the list will be for sale the day of pick up.

If you do not wish to purchase plants for your property, contributions for shrubs will be accepted. The Mendon Foundation's Sibleyville Nature Reserve is presently developing a natural habitat for wildlife. Chokeberry and Pagoda dogwood shrubs will be planted along the steep slopes of the property. Your donation will be used for the purchase of the shrubs.

PLANT LIST & ORDER FORM

TREES	SIZE	UNIT PRICE	# OF PLANTS	FINAL PRICE
Red oak <i>quercus rubra</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Red oak <i>quercus rubra</i>	3 5/8"	3/ \$10.00		
White oak <i>quercus alba</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
White oak <i>quercus alba</i>	3 5x8"	3/ \$10.00		
Burr oak <i>quercus macrocarpa</i>	3 5x8"	3/ \$10.00		
Sugar maple <i>acer saccharum</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Seedless cottonwood <i>populus deltoids</i>	5X8"	\$10.00		
CONIFERS Canadian hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Bald cypress <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
SHRUBS Pagoda dogwood <i>cornus alternifolia</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Red Choke berry <i>aronia arbutifolia</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
NON-NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS Fragrant viburnum <i>viburnum judi</i>	5X8"	\$10.00		
Purple Smoke bush <i>cotinus cogygia</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Flowering cherry <i>Hally-Jollivette</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Japanese tree lilac <i>syringa reticulata</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Golden rain tree <i>Laburnum x waterii</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		
Red horse chestnut <i>aesculus hippocastanum</i>	5x8"	\$10.00		

PLEASE NOTE: 50% OF YOUR PURCHASE MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. A SIGNED LETTER STATING YOUR TAX DEDUCTION FROM THE TREASURER OF THE MENDON FOUNDATION WILL BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS WITHOUT AN ORDER AND MEMBERSHIPS ARE A 100% TAX DEDUCTION.

MENDON FOUNDATION MARKS 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

The Mendon Foundation, a not-for-profit land trust, celebrated its 10th anniversary in May. Carl Foss, the Foundation's President, stated that

"Over the last 10 years the Foundation's volunteers have worked hard to enhance the natural resources in the Town of Mendon. Our goal is to preserve open space in order to enhance property values and contribute to the outstanding quality of life that is Mendon."

The Foundation pursues this goal in several different ways.

1. We have received 5 gifts of land totalling approximately 150 acres, which are being preserved as open space. Of this amount, at least 110 acres either are, or will be, opened to public use.
2. We work with local landowners to restore wetlands and establish warm season grasslands for wildlife habitats.
3. In 1995 the Foundation entered into an agreement with the County of Monroe to "develop and maintain" the 15 mile section of the Lehigh Valley Trail that transects Mendon. Working closely with the County, \$1,300,000 in local, county and federal funds were raised and construction of a major upgrade of the entire trail will commence in June. When completed, the trail is expected to provide a significant recreational and economic stimulus for Mendon and Rush.
4. Where the Lehigh Valley Trail passes through the Hamlet of Mendon (between Routes 251 and 64), the Foundation is developing Mendon Station Park. This pedestrian park will be an outstanding and unique facility, benefitting both trail users and the local community.
5. Believing that our children represent the future of our community, our volunteers also maintain the Mendon Community Playground.



Lace up for the 18th Annual Mendon Foundation 5k Run.

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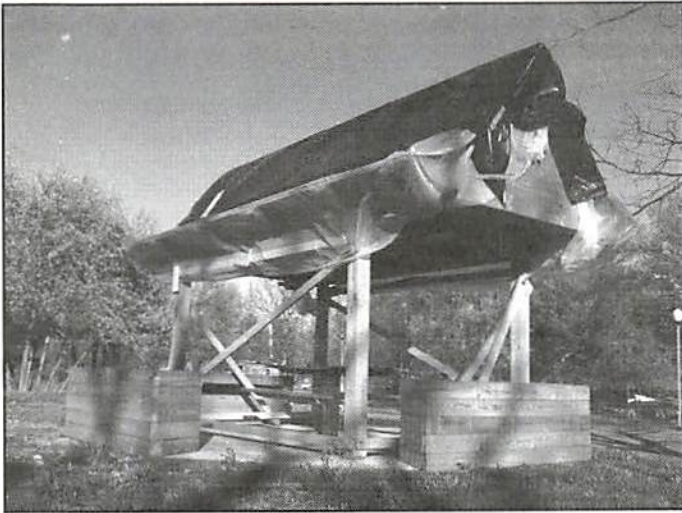
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A placid scene from the Evelyn Lewis property now under the stewardship of the Mendon Foundation

Thanks to Cub Scout Pack 105

On April 27, 24 cub scouts and 8 adults from Pack 105 spent several hours removing weeds, trees and other debris from the detention pond area of Mendon Station Park. Their commitment to the community, in helping with the development of the park, is very much appreciated. The Mendon Foundation would like to thank Cub Master Tex Holtby and all the cub scouts and parents who participated for a job well done!



The Picnic Pavilion is nearly complete.

We are pleased to see the major part of the construction for the picnic pavilion in Mendon Station Park has been completed. Local volunteers have agreed to complete the trim and apply the shingles for the roof. Tim Schiefen has finished sandblasting and painting the decorative iron brackets and they are ready to be installed. Most of the remaining work will be completed just in time for the picnic season June 7. Hot dogs, anyone?



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We believe in community stewardship.

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 - Mendon Station Park
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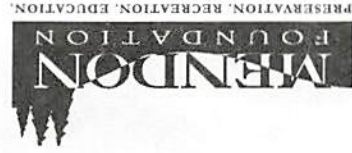
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