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*The Clean Up Crew at the Manor School in celebration of Earth Day, April 15..*

*Photo by John Buck*

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The Mendon Foundation has created a new committee with the goal of teaching and inspiring our youth and community to become better stewards of the earth. This newly formed group is the Education Committee. The Education Committee sponsored two events celebrating Earthday. The first event was held at the Manor School on April 15.

The Manor School's involvement was astronomical and enthusiastic. Together with the Environmental Committee those involved with the planning and organization included: Principal, Dan McCarthy; second grade teacher, Michael Fallon; art teacher, Cindy Zauski; Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mike Foss; high school environmental studies teacher, Kim Agar; high school photography teacher, Harold Cogan and participating from the Harley School environmental science teacher, Robin Long.

# STEWARDS OF THE LAND

by Karen Waldron-Johnson



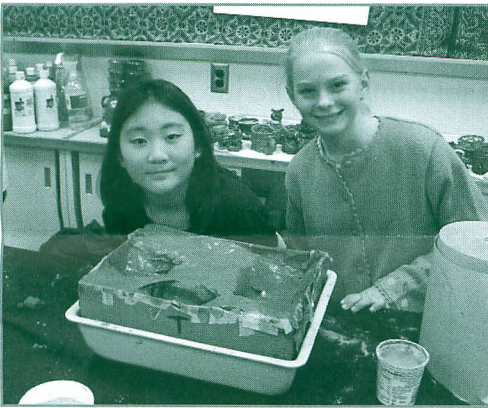
The Manor School Earthday Celebration offered several programs on understanding the importance of the earth and our role in caring for our environment. The programs were open to all Manor School students. Jim Engel of White Oak Nursery, designed a *habitat* garden, donated plant material and organized the students who did all of the work planting the garden. The high school students of Kim Agar's Environmental Studies class each teamed up with a Manor student to form a big and little team that planted the garden. Wildlife Biologist, John Hauber mesmerized his audience with slides of a variety of wildlife from the area complete with a display of animal skeletons and artifacts. Robin Long and her students from the environmental science class set up several student built interactive watershed displays complete with the creatures that inhabit these waters. Linda Driscoll, Delta Lab biologist, created a display of stream invertebrate creatures for students to touch and learn. Local bird specialist, John Nucitelli, presented a captivating slide presentation on birds of prey. Karen Waldron-Johnson organized the clean up of the school grounds with students collecting many bags of litter and trash. Harold Cogan's photography students took pictures of all the events and then gifted a copy to the Foundation.

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The Environmental Committee was fortunate to have the following businesses donate to the Earthday Celebration: Friendly's Ice Cream, Lima Rotary, Ted Collins Nursery, Honeoye Falls Masonic Lodge, Bristol's Garden Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Countryside Flower Farm, Delta Lab, Village garden Store, Paradox Designs, White Oak Nursery, and the Mendon Foundation.

The Mendon Foundation presented to each Manor School student a tree seedling to take home and plant in remembrance of Earthday. The Mendon Foundation, in appreciation for the seedlings, received many thank you notes so beautifully written by the Manor School students.

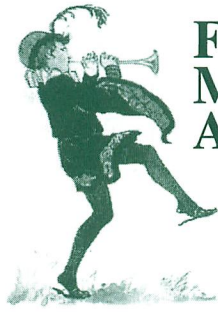
The second event celebrating Earthday was held at the Mendon Foundation's Sibleyville Nature Reserve on April 23. Despite a rainy start to the day there was plenty of enthusiasm and excitement. Boy Scouts from Scout Troop 10 helped set up the tents and direct-



ed parking. Cindy Zauski's art students created Earthday posters that were placed in many business windows in Honeoye Falls and throughout the school.

There were displays on ecology and the environment set up under tents. Dr. Dan Marion and James Atwater presented a guided walk to learn to preserve and identify. Wildlife Biologist, John Hauber conducted a walking tour to learn about the local wildlife and their habitat. Kathy Tetlow conducted a guided bird walk to identify birds and their songs. Biologist, David Kitchie, presented a tour of Sibleyville's natural grasses. Jim Engel conducted a presentation on native landscaping and habitat planting. Margo Bauer and Robin Long talked about Honeoye Creek's ecosystem and the Monroe County Water Watch volunteer program.

This community is gifted with many students and adults who support and encourage the Mendon Foundation and who honored our first Earthday Celebration. Karen Waldron-Johnson, who is always looking for more help, directs the Education Committee. If you are interested in joining the Education Committee or in helping the Mendon Foundation please call: 234-8730 or visit: [www.mendonfoundationinc.org](http://www.mendonfoundationinc.org)



# Fourth Annual Mendon Arts Festival

Saturday, September 17, 2005 &  
Sunday, September 18, 2005

Hamlet of Mendon and  
Mendon Station Park

The proceeds of the Festival will benefit the development of the Hamlet of Mendon and Mendon Station Park at the Lehigh Valley Trail.

Admission is free with plenty of free parking and handicap accessible rest room facilities.

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Contact the Festival Chairman at 624-3182 or e-mail @ ajcluff45@aol.com for more information

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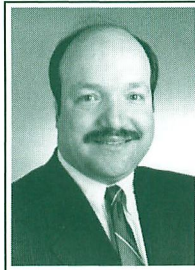
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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005**

**ROUTE 64 & ASSEMBLY DRIVE**

12 - 5 PM: Artists and craft vendors, Food Vendors

12:30 PM - 4:30PM: Giant Inflatable Challenges & Cash Cube in the "Play Zone"

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Mr. Beau, The Clown Show

**MENDON VILLAGE COMMONS**

12 - 5 PM: Wine tasting at Mendon Wine & Liquor  
Free Balloons/ Renaissance Floral Head bands for the kids at Fountains and Flowers  
Tent Sale at Mendon Video

12:30 - 2 PM: Songs by Amanda

1PM - 4PM: Slow Race (bicycles provided)

2 PM - 3 PM Music by Brian & Carol

2:30 - 4:30 PM: Mr. Beau, The Clown Show

3PM - 4PM: " Upbeat" musical group songs from the 50s and 60s

**MENDON STATION PARK**

12 - 4 PM: Meet & Greet Retired Racing Greyhounds

12 - 5 PM: Face Painters  
Games of skill  
Bluebeard Raffle  
Native Tree & Plant Sale  
Nonprofit organizations booths  
Craft and Food Vendors

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Sports Speed Cage & Wind Dancers, Pony rides

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM: Jack Russell Terrier "Mendon Cup" Races

2 PM - 4PM: Making Tracks with the Animal Teachers with Anne Meade

2PM - 4PM: Honeoye Falls Community Concert Band

4PM - 5 PM: Songs by Amanda

**THROUGHOUT FESTIVAL SITE:**

12: 30 - 4:30: Horse drawn wagon & carriage rides  
1PM -3PM: Strolling Magicians  
2 PM - 4 PM Fever Pitch Barbershop Quartet

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12:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Pony rides, 22' Inflatable Slide

12:30 Pm - 2:30 PM: Fiddlers of the Genesee band

2 PM - 4 PM: Making Tracks with the Animal Teachers

2:45 PM: Second Annual Pet Parade

3 - 3:30 PM: Jack Russell Terrier "Mendon Cup" Races

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Irish Dancers

**5PM: Bluebeard Raffle Drawings**

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# NATIVE TREE & SHRUB SALE

Support the Mendon Foundation's open space and stewardship programs through the purchase of native trees and shrubs. Natural landscaping and woodland gardening is a way for you to protect your backyard environment, improve wildlife habitat and enhance your property. The trees and shrubs are native to the region and will survive and thrive in natural areas. Plants are 2 to 3 year old transplants, measuring from 12 to 36 inches tall, in 5 x 8" pots.

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Orders paid by check MADE PAYABLE TO MENDON FOUNDATION. Send to: Mendon Foundation, P.O. Box 231, Mendon, NY 14506-0231. Deadline is September 14, 2005. Anyone who becomes a new or renewing member will receive ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: A FREE PLANT OF YOUR CHOICE, MENDON FOUNDATION WATER BOTTLE, OR 2005 BLUEBEARD RAFFLE TICKET.

Pick-up will be @ the Mendon Arts Festival in Mendon Station Park on Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18, from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. If you need to make other arrangements for pick up, please contact Arlene Cluff at 624-3182 or AJCLUFF45@AOL.COM. If you wish a refund on your containers, arrangements will be made at pickup. Free professional landscape consultation for orders over \$100.00 upon request.

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.

## Plant List and Order Form

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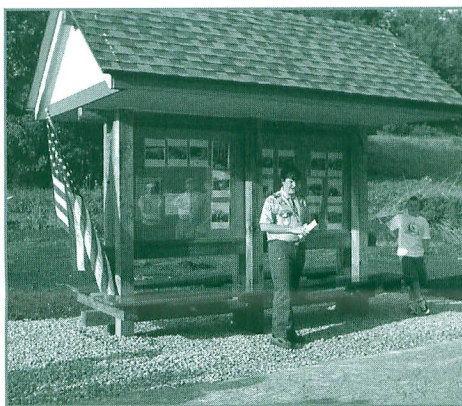
## Two Eagle Scout Projects go up on the Trail at Rochester Junction

The first of four Information Kiosks on the Leigh Valley Trail has been built at Rochester Junction by Christoph Napp as his Eagle Scout Project. The other three kiosks will be located on the Trail at Mendon, Rush, and East River Rd. Christoph and more than 25 friends, scouts and family spent 400 hours over 8 weekends to complete the project. Trail users for many decades to come, will be stopping there to admire their handiwork and read information about the trail.

The second Eagle Project is being built by Life Scout Garrett Koek and involves clearing the area of the old station, building a 32" high wall defining the station and installing a picnic area inside the station. Garrett's project is more

than half finished and should be completed by early fall.

Both boys are from Troop 10 in Honeoye Falls. The Mendon Foundation would like to thank Christoph and Garrett, Scoutmaster Dale McIntyer, Life to Eagle Coordinator Terry Gossard and all the other leaders, scouts, friends, and family who have helped to make these outstanding additions to the Lehigh Valley Trail a reality. **Well Done.**



Life Scout Christoph Napp in front of the newly completed Kiosk.

Photo by Warren Wallace

Coming soon...

**MENDON NOTE CARDS!**



Before the holiday season we will be offering note cards in gift boxes featuring photographs by John Buck of the Mendon and Honeoye Falls area. The proceeds will benefit the many projects currently being undertaken by the Mendon Foundation. Be sure to look for them!

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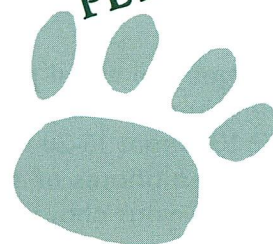
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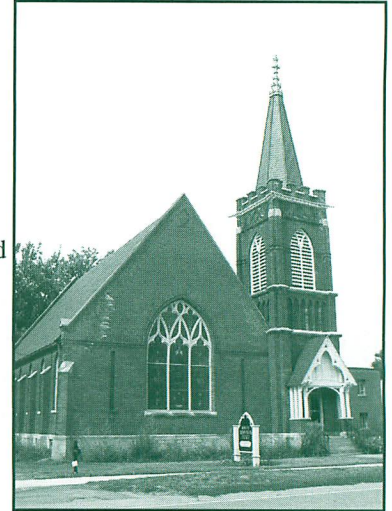
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## Mendon Presbyterian Church... A unique opportunity.

As you may have heard, Mendon Presbyterian Church is in the process of building a new facility. You may not have heard that officials of the church have approached the Mendon Foundation to purchase its property on Route 251 in the Hamlet in the hope that the sanctuary- built over 100 years ago- will be preserved as an historic landmark.

The Board of the Mendon Foundation is enthusiastic about this opportunity to create an ideally located community center adjacent to the Mendon Station Park, but is daunted by challenges of raising funds to purchase and maintain a property of this magnitude. We believe that such a vast undertaking cannot succeed without the support of the residents in this area. Consequently, we are sharing this project with our readers and seeking feedback.

For those familiar with the Hamlet of Mendon, the church is located on the north side of Route 251 between the intersection of Route 64 and the area where the Lehigh Valley Trail crosses the road. The property is centrally located in Mendon's second largest commercial area and the rear property line of the church abuts the Lehigh Valley Trail.



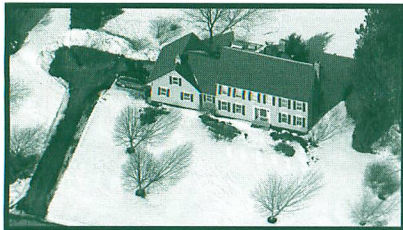
Not only is the church of historic importance, but next to it is one of the oldest buildings in the area...the original Presbyterian Church built in 1816 and, until recently, the Foggy Bottom Restaurant. Adjacent to the church on the west is Benicasa, once used as the church parsonage.

The church premises consist of a sanctuary that seats about 150 people, a multi-purpose room about the size of a basketball court, a commercial kitchen, smaller meeting rooms and many offices. Just as the space accommodated the multifaceted functions of an active church, the space is ideal for non-sectarian community programs and events such as meetings, lectures, performances, dinners, luncheons, displays, educational and recreational programs, a possible library branch, and other gatherings requiring ample space. The offices could be used by a number of community organizations. It would also be useful during the annual Mendon Arts Festival.

Ample parking exists on the church property and additional parking is available on Route 251 and down the street at the Little League parking area on Lehigh Valley Trail property.

This is an unusual opportunity for the community to preserve an historic and valuable community property. This undertaking is consistent with our Foundation's goals of preserving land, restoring wetlands, maintaining hiking and riding trails, creating the historic Mendon Station Park, participating in and sponsoring community events, and educating our youth and those young at heart about the importance of our environment.

*Please contact the Mendon Foundation to share your views about this exciting opportunity.*



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\$1,000 Shopping spree at Honeoye Falls Market Place or Mendon Meadows Market

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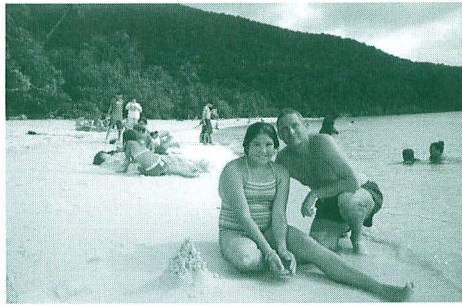
### Restaurant & entertainment packages

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\$50 Joe's Mendon House gift certificate, four Garth Fagan Dance tickets & Casa Larga Vineyards wine sampler

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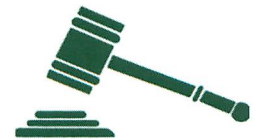
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The Mendon Community Park celebrated its 19th anniversary with a complete professional makeover thanks to Danny Bears of Bears Playground Equipment Company and Dr. Brian Eder of Mendon Chiropractic.

Danny and Brian power washed the entire structure with a cleaning solution and sanded parts that were rough. Some decking screws and nails were replaced, and some of the actual hardware -- like chains -- were replaced. There are also new swings. After all of this was done, Danny sealed the entire structure.

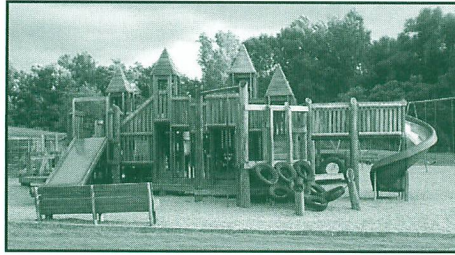
The area is now professionally sprayed by Target Pest Control for yellow jackets and bees, which had been a continuing problem over the years.

Originally, the play structure at the park was built in over a four-day period from May 15 - 18, 1986.

Msgr. Albert Schnacky, former Pastor of St. Catherine's Church in 1984, planted the seed for a park for the hamlet. Msgr. Schnacky talked to some parishioners regarding the fact that the hamlet had no park for its children and parents to enjoy. The baseball fields had been donated by St. Catherine's, and he generously offered additional land at St. Catherine's to be used for the park.

At this same time, a number of towns and local churches were building creative play-

## The Mendon Community Park



grounds designed by Robert Leathers, an architect from Ithaca, NY. A core group of people, many of whom no longer live in the area, visited his local parks and talked with their coordinators.

The group met with other groups that had recently built parks in Greece and Victor, and then contacted Robert Leathers in 1985. At this time, they started raising about \$4000 to pay for the design day.

This first step was realized on July 11th, 1985 when Robert came to the Chancy Center. About 50 children who lived in Mendon came that day to design the park. The children of Mendon drew pictures of their park and talked with Leathers. Leathers used the children's ideas and designed the park that we now have.

The price of the materials was about \$30,000. The cost of the labor was \$0, all donated by the members of the community. The core group expanded into a myriad of committees and started extensive fund raising efforts.

The volunteers established a "Buy a Board" campaign, a phone-a-thon, a wine tasting and numerous other projects. Many local citizens donated generously. Local businesses donated their products for the play structure at cost or below.

The businesses who contributed to this effort have their names on the plaques located on the kiosk in front of the park.

The entire community was saddened by the death of Msgr. Schnacky on January 22, 1986. His final wish was to have the community build the park and he requested that any donations be given for the construction of the park. The gifts in his honor pushed the funding raising over the top.

The spring of 1986 was a beehive of activity. Groups of volunteers had located a vast array of the materials needed. Robert and his team insisted on quality materials — nothing less than the best would do. This is why the structure still exists today!

On the actual building days, child care was provided to encourage volunteers. Volunteers were asked to sign up for a day, a half-day or whatever they could spare. The two building foremen hired from Robert Leathers' firm showed up on Wednesday, May 15, 1986 to start the process to drill the holes for the main supports of the structure. Only a few volunteers were needed that day since much of the work that needed to be

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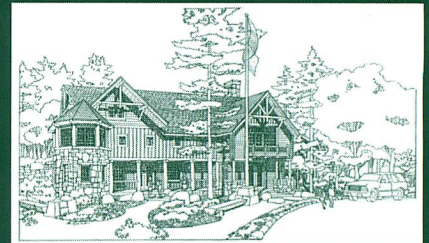
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done was accomplished with heavy machinery. The people who came that day, came back the next day and the next day.

The lists of volunteers swelled as the residents of Mendon saw the playground rise from the ground. In all over 200 hundred people worked on the park, many for more than one day, some from start to finish.

On Sunday, May 18, 1986 the playground was dedicated in honor Msgr. Schnacky. Later a brass plaque was designed with a likeness of the Monsignor and his beloved German shepherd dog, Heidi, from a picture taken shortly before his death. The plaque is attached to a large rock near the base of the kiosk with the donation signs and has one of his favorite sayings:

*It's not what I preach on Sunday.  
What counts is the way I live my life  
the other six days of the week.*

The park stands today as a commitment of the people of Mendon to its children.

## Students Dig In

August 27th will be a full and interesting day for 1208 incoming freshman from the University of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music (1088, 120 respectively) as they fulfill their Community Service Project requirement. U of R senior and Student Intern Patricia Waters, a graduate of East Ridge HS tells Pathways this is a tradition of 17 years, with this year's theme "Bridging university and community 1 person at a time." The program originates from the Dean of Students office with 3 goals:

- An introduction to community service now & into the future
- Increase civic engagement in the Rochester community
- Students working together can build a bond for the benefit of themselves, their schools and this community

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### OUR PURPOSE

To improve the quality of life in our community.

As we succeed in these objectives, we enhance property values for all Mendon property owners. The Foundation is supported by membership fees, grants and other contributions. Donations to the Mendon Foundation are tax deductible. Proceeds are used to cover easement acquisitions, monitoring and communications. All labor is volunteer. Our phone: **585-624-8730**

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- Senior/Student \$20
- Individual \$25
- Family \$40
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- Sponsor \$100
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*My interests are:*

- Lehigh Valley Trail
- Mendon Station Park
- Community Playground
- Mendon Hamlet
- Fundraising
- Communications
- Open Space/Preservation

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