

# PORK & BEEF BARBECUE

SHEDDEN COUNTRY CLUB

## SUNDAY, JUNE 9th 4 - 7 P.M.

Adults \$8.00 - 5-10 Years \$3.00  
Tickets available at the door

Sponsored by Shedden Agricultural Society

## *Congratulations on the* **4TH ANNUAL ROSY RHUBARB DAYS**

**Dr. Connie Robinson**  
140 Talbot Rd., Shedden, 764-2245

SUMMER HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9-4:30  
Wed., 9-Noon, Fri. 9-2

## *Village Square Salon*

140 North Talbot Rd., Shedden



**HOURS**  
Tues. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Wed. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

764-2287

*Jaeque & Beth*



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**Shedden, Ontario - 764-2272**

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SUN. 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY BRUNCH - 10:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

*Sponsor of the Rhubarb Muffin Baking Contest*

## *Congratulations*



THE KEYSTONE TOWNSHIP

From the  
**TOWNSHIP  
OF  
SOUTHWOLD  
COUNCIL**

On The Fourth Annual  
**ROSY RHUBARB DAYS**



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# ONCE A TREE

Shedden, Ont.

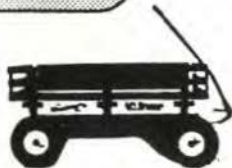
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WOOD FURNITURE

## SPECIAL HOURS

Fri. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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(1994)

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AURUS ★ GOODYEAR ★ STOMIL  
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PHONE 764-2960

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MAPLE LEAF or SCHNEIDER

## WIENERS

450-G. PKG. **\$1.89**

LEAN

## GROUND BEEF

\$3.95 KG. **\$1.79**  
LB.

McCAIN

## CREAM PIES

FROZEN  
ASSORTED **99¢**  
340-G.

SMALL FRY

## POTATO CHIPS

ASSORTED **69¢**  
170-G. BAG

KELLOGG'S

## FROSTED FLAKES

GIANT  
750-G. BOX **\$2.49**

PRODUCT OF U.S.A.

## WATERMELON

12-15 LB. AVERAGE

EACH **\$2.99**

FROM THE TROPICS

## BANANAS

86¢ KG. **39¢**  
LB.

ROYALE

## PAPER TOWELS

2-ROLL PKG. **79¢**

## BEANS or PASTAS

LIBBY'S

ASSORTED **49¢**  
398 ML.

ALLEY CAT

## CAT FOOD

8 KG. BAG **\$9.49**



## TART VICTORY...



(T-J PHOTO BY LYNN BELLARD)

Her triumph may not have tasted too sweet, but Rev. Arlyce Schiebout of Shedden United Church chewed her way to a first place finish in a raw rhubarb eating contest Friday night. The competition was part of Shedden's Rosy Rhubarb Days activities. The fun continues today and tomorrow.



WELCOME - Nancy Smith, of the Old School-House Tea Room, displays some of the tasty rhubarb treats available in Shedden this weekend.

*June 1996*

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April 1997





# WELCOME

*To Shedden, Ontario,  
The Rhubarb Capital of Ontario*

## **A SELF - GUIDED WALK ABOUT**

In the very early 1800's this town was first known as Wilkie's Corners after the man who built and operated a blacksmith shop.

Thomas Orchard  
Timothy Shaw  
Peter Sutton and  
Billie Waugh.

This little rhyme helps us to remember the settlers who first owned the farms on what is now the main four corners of the village of Shedden. They owned these 200 acre farms in the early 1800's. William Waugh purchased his land in 1816 and his descendants (Beverley & Ross Teetzel) still occupy the property.

The first Post Office was named Corsley after the English home town of local settlers. In 1870 John Shedden came into the community and bought the land south of the railroad, bounded by Union Road on the West and Back Street (Now # 3 Hwy.) to the south and laid it out into streets, thus making the plan of the village. John Street, of course was named for John Shedden, and other streets - Orchard, Waugh, Francis, Horton etc. were named for local property owners.

In 1871, the Canada Southern R.R. was built through the village and the station was named "Shedden". The Post Office was then renamed "Shedden".

Following 1871 the town of Shedden grew rapidly with many industries and businesses developing, and during the 1880's several of the large brick residences were built.

To acquaint our visitors to the village for our Rosy Rhubarb Days with some local history we hope you will enjoy a tour of the main section of the town and learn about each of the designated places as you go. The attached map is your guide. It is not necessary to start at #1 - consult the map and find the information corresponding to the numbered location on the printed pages.

As a part of the **WALK ABOUT** we have attached a second map and a list of **HERITAGE TREES** that bear plaques designating their species. Four of these trees are contained in the tour, but for your interest the others may be found by using the map. We thank Lorne Spicer, a member of the Rosy Rhubarb Committee for supplying this information.

### **WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DO NOT TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

The historical facts for this **WALK ABOUT** have been prepared by Curator Dora H. McArthur from Shedden Women's Institute "**Tweedsmuir History**". This history has been recorded since 1948 and a copy of it has been placed in Shedden Public Library to be read by all who are interested in learning more about the village of Shedden.

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The flashing lights at the corner of Highway #3 and Union Road were installed at the urging of Shedden Women's Institute following a fatal accident on May 3, 1955.



#3 Highway was paved in 1925.

1. This corner property consists of 128 & 130 Union Road and 140-144 N. Talbot Rd.

**128 UNION ROAD** was built by Mr. Risdon and Mr. Wm. H. Morrison operated a Hardware Store and Tinsmith business here from 1886 - 1939. Succeeding owners were Les & Lloyd Atkinson, Leo Fillmore, Hilda & Ralph Mercer and Charles & Carolyn Judge. "Once A Tree" began operation in 1989, managed by John Smith.

**130 UNION ROAD** was built by John Horton and has been a Grocery Store with several proprietors: Horton's, Wesley Ross, Nellie Sells, Les & Bessie Grieve, Bill & Doris Hicks, Mr. Hedley & Mr. & Mrs. Clare Smith. Judge Pro Hdwe expanded to this store for a few years. The Post Office was housed in this store until it moved to Palmer's Store (After 1922). In April 1984 Southwold Twp. rented the building for Shedden Public Library.

Between the Library and Hwy. #3 at one time was a building that contained a butcher shop and a barber shop among others. Beside that was the Sterling Bank, but these have been gone for many years.

The Plaza facing #3 Highway came into being in 1988 when the present owners Gary & Eileen Carr renovated the premises. At the present time it contains the "Village Square Salon", "Down Home Deli" and "Once A Tree".

## 2. 131 N. TALBOT ROAD - "OLD SCHOOL-HOUSE TEA ROOM"



This school was built in 1866. This was about the 3rd school building in the community. The others were structures located 1. Near the present Fire Hall. 2. On Mr. Waugh's farm - (He was the teacher). The second room of the present building was added at a later time. Eileen & Gary Carr opened the Tearoom on January 20, 1984. It is managed by Nancy Smith.

3. **158 N. TALBOT ROAD - "Village Pantry Boutique"**. - Shedden at one time had a Town Hall and Jail. It was situated on this corner of Hall Street and #3 Hwy. One record states the Home Bank was here about 1909/10. Bert R. Brad later bought this property for a service station and Carman White ran his Shell Service Station here for many years. In early 1979 it

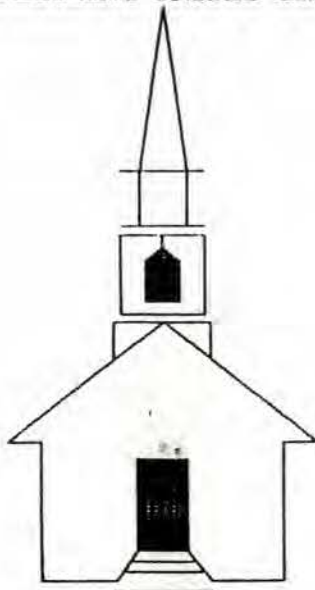
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was torn down, the present building was erected and in November 1979 Eileen Carr opened her business.

**4. 166 N. TALBOT ROAD** - During the 1940's and 1950's this property contained at least 8 tourist cabins. The material from these cabins was used to build the small house and other out-buildings on this property. Long-time owners were the late Frank and Gladys Martin.

**5. BETHANY UNITED CHURCH**



Bethany United Church was built in 1886. Previous to this the Wesleyan Methodist Congregation worshipped in a Church Building located just East of the Cemetery (At the Western edge of the Village) (1837-1886) However the history of this Congregation goes back to 1811 when first services were held in the community.

The attractive lot adjacent to the church on the east side, is part of Dennis Schram's lot and when his Great-Uncle Bert R. Brad owned it he utilized it as a park and in the winter made a skating rink.

**6. 157 N. TALBOT ROAD**



This building was for many years a service station, garage and restaurant. First built and operated by Bert. R. Brad and later by John Schram. It is now a private residence.

**7. SHEDDEN POST OFFICE** The Post Office has been at this location since 1958 with Matthew A'Hara as the first Post Master. It moved here from Palmer's Store and before that it was located in Horton's Store. Since October 1978 Maggie Moore has been the Post Mistress.

**8. 151 N. TALBOT ROAD** - For many years this was the home of Charles and Irene Mabee. They operated the Shedden Telephone exchange until it moved to another location. In the late 1930's Mr. Mabee built the Shedden Locker Service, the only Cold Storage Facility in Southwold Twp. It had 440 storage lockers and it remained in business until the use of Home Freezers forced it to close. This building still sits at the end of the driveway beside the house.

**9. L. O. O. F. HALL** - The Shedden Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #310 held its first meeting on June 13, 1894 and celebrated its 100th Anniversary on October 22, 1994 at the Shedden Country Club. This was not the original site for their meetings. Their Hall was situated in the East Upstairs Room of what is now Palmer's Store. Many businesses operated out

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of this building before it was renovated for a hall. The Wabuna Rebekah Lodge celebrated its 100th Anniversary on March 18, 1989.

10. This is an HISTORIC CORNER. It was here Mr. Wilkie had his Blacksmith Shop and this community was called Wilkie's Corners. Later the Standard Bank was in a brick 2-story building. The Bank of Commerce vacated these premises in May 1951 and moved to the new building across the street and East of the corner. It is now The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The Southwold & Dunwich Telephone Co. renovated the premises for their Exchange with an apartment above. The building was torn down some years ago because it was situated on Highway Property and obstructed visibility at this corner.

11. Immediately north of where the Old Bank sat on Union Road was a little brick building. At different times it housed butcher shops, a beauty shop and for many years was the home of Shedden Library. The Library was vacated in April 1984 and the building was torn down shortly thereafter. The property, owned by the Twp.. of Southwold was then made into the parking lot.

#### 12. 140 UNION ROAD - FIRE HALL



Shedden and area had no fire protection until after 1948 when 2 Gore Road families (1 1/4 miles north of the village) lost their homes within a short time of each other. The first fire equipment was housed in a small garage east of the School-House Tea Room. Gradually equipment and training of volunteer Firemen has led to the present enlarged Fire Hall and bigger and better equipment. A grand opening of the present facility took place December 20 1986. We are very proud of our Volunteers.

13. 142 UNION ROAD - John Francis built this for a funeral chapel. It was later a carriage shop which carried on business for many years. It was sold to R. R. Raynham who remodeled it into an upstairs apartment with a garage below. R. L. Prevett acquired the property when he operated a Funeral Home just to the North. It has been two apartments (Upper & Lower) for some time. What is now the garage of the present building was for at least 50 years a Barber Shop and Pool Hall operated by Wallace (Nixie) Hepburn.

14. # 146 UNION RD. What was once a Blacksmith Shop became a funeral chapel operated by Dan Munro, then R. L. Prevett (1943 - 1950), followed by Lloyd Rankin. When this business ended the building was used as an Antique Shop, Dr. Monteith's Office and then a Variety Store.

15. This empty lot, now a part of Shedden All-Sorts was once occupied by businesses. One record states that William Orchard operated a wagon and carriage shop here and A. A. Silcox Lumber Co. operated here from about 1937 until 1965. When Silcox Lumber Co. closed its business the buildings were disposed of.

16. # 141 UNION RD. This cement block building once housed a garage owned by A. E. Orchard where Gray Dort cars were sold. It was used by Wesley Ross in the 1930's as a grocery

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store, and since then has been a repair shop, T.V. Sales and Service, and presently Shedden All-Sorts.

**17. N/E CORNER OF UNION RD. & N. TALBOT RD.-(D. A. Monteith Medical Centre)**



This historic corner was occupied by The Shedden House, a hotel built by Jacob Beedle in the 1870's. Henry Smith was the next proprietor and about 1900 Thomas Oliver (Oliver) became the owner. Because of a chimney fire this hotel burned to the ground on Monday, April 13, 1914. A. E. Orchard then built a garage and service station here and it had several operators. In the 1950's Everett Youngblut operated the service station, Mrs. Milan Atkinson had a restaurant on the premises and Wynn Lampinan operated a welding shop. When garage operations ceased, Dr. Monteith had his office here until the building was torn down and the D. A. Monteith Medical Centre was built by the Township of Southwold and officially opened Dec. 20, 1986. Dr. D. A. Monteith and Dr. Connie Robinson have their offices here.

**18. SHEDDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**



This Church Building was built in 1877 and was first used by the Congregationalist members. In the 1890's the church was re-opened as a Baptist Church and remained so until May 1994 when it closed. Most recently a Mennonite Congregation have been occupying the church.

**19. SHEDDEN FAIR GROUNDS**



In 1854 the Southwold & Dunwich Agricultural Society was formed and the Fairs were held in Iona. About 1896 the Fair moved to rented property at the present location. When this property was sold another location had to be found and it moved to land rented from William Francis at the North end of Francis Street next to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. After 30 years at this location the former (and present) Fair Site was purchased, the exhibit building from the old Fair Grounds was moved here and still stands at the rear of the property. The Shedden Women's Institute funded the Dining Hall (1953) and a small building was purchased from the New York Central Railway for an Office Building. In September 1952 the first fair was held here. In 1953 the first 2-day Fair was held and in 1954 Shedden Fair celebrated its 100th Birthday by erecting the main gates. The stone pillars are all that remain of the impressive Centennial Gate. At some point following 1954 the official name was changed to Shedden Agricultural Society

The Shedden Country Club was built on this property in the late 1950's and has been used by the Shedden Fair Board for Exhibits for the Fair as well as other Fair Board Activities. It has also been used for many other occasions by the General Public. After forty-some years the building needs to be replaced and plans are in place to do so as soon as the funds are available..

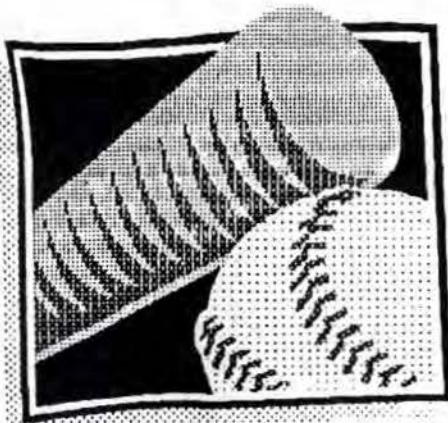
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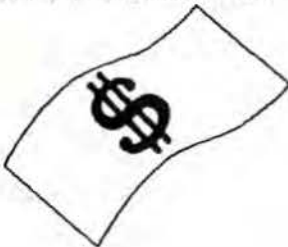
## 20. SHEDDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE



This land was purchased in 1949 by the Community Centre Board and through their efforts supported by many volunteers this centre has become the home of numerous Baseball teams who have made their mark while playing here and at other sport centres throughout Ontario. In July 1961 a Grand Opening & "Turning on the Lights" ceremony was held, and now night games could be played. In April 1965 the Cement Block washroom facility was built: 1967 the bleachers were built as well as the Food Booth. In 1970 a new BACKSTOP was erected., a new section of bleachers replaced a former section, a new storage building was built and a Foul Line Fence was erected. A sand box and sturdy swings and a set of teeter totters were put in place.

In the winter of 1973 a severe ice storm destroyed the Lighting System and in June 1973 the new, improved lights were put into use. In 1977 new washrooms and change rooms were built. During the following years improvements have been steadily made. There is a skating rink during the winter. Trophies of victorious teams are displayed for the public to enjoy.

## 21. 134 N. TALBOT RD. - CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE



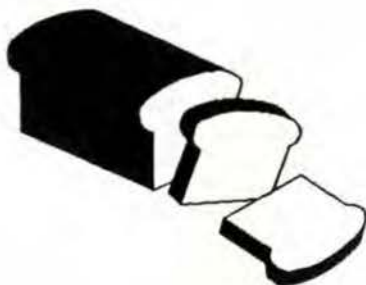
This building was officially opened May 19, 1951. The staff of three moved from the brick building on the N/W corner (now the Firehall Parking Lot). An addition was made to the building in the 1970's. In 1990 new windows, siding and front door were installed. On October 28, 1994 this office was held up. The suspect was found "Not Guilty" because of mental instability.

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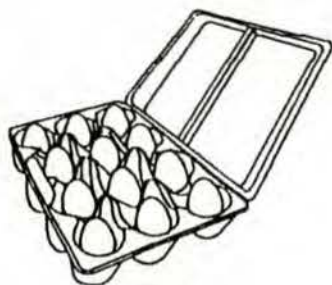
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## 22. 138 N. TALBOT ROAD - PALMER'S RED AND WHITE STORE



This store, now one building was once two separate buildings and housed Palmer's store and Shedden Post Office in the West building and three stores or offices in the East building. On the second floor of the East building were other premises. The East portion businesses changed countless times, but saw a Tailor Shop, Men's Clothing Shop, Butcher Shops, Barber Shops, Doctor's Offices and an Insurance Office. Braddon's Plumbing & Tinsmith Shop, later becoming Braddon's Furniture occupied the most Easterly portion. Above it was the I. O. O. F Hall. Guest's Men's Furnishings was in this building and in December 1914 the rooms above it were used for a reading room, with books and magazines for the use of the young men of the Community where they could spend a "pleasant & profitable" evening. During the 1940's and 1950's The Southwold & Dunwich Telephone Co. had their switchboard in these second-floor rooms and the Chief Operators lived there - 24 hour service!. It is now an apartment.

On what is now the parking lot of the store had been a brick Blacksmith Shop and used later by Braddon's as a work shop. The 1877 Elgin County Atlas indicates that the Corsley Post Office was situated on this Site.



The West building was originally built as a store by William Wallis and the proprietors changed over the years until Leonard D. & Ruth Palmer purchased it from Everard Orchard in October 1922. The Palmers with their family of four sons lived at the rear and upstairs of their store. Members of the family lived her until 1955. Palmer's became part of the Red & White Food Chain in 1929. Mr. Palmer died in 1952 and Mrs. Palmer in 1953. Brothers Clarence & Ralph continued operating the store as Palmer Bros. Red & White. Family members are now a part of the operation. The store has been expanded four times, the last time in 1962 when the size was almost doubled with the purchase of Braddon's Furniture Store. The buildings were joined, completely renovated and repainted. Their huge inventory includes groceries and meats, drugs & sundries, dry goods, toys & gifts, greeting cards, hardware, boots & shoes as well as other household requirements.

Clarence Palmer, although retired, still spent many hours at the store, and on Dec. 8, 1994 while carrying out his life-long career of serving their customers died very suddenly. The entire community have long valued the service to them in many, many ways by the Palmer Family since 1922. (73 years)

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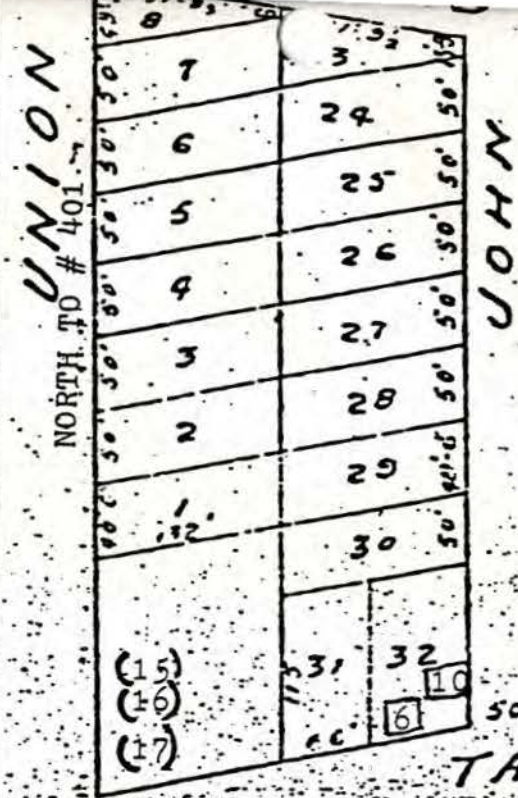
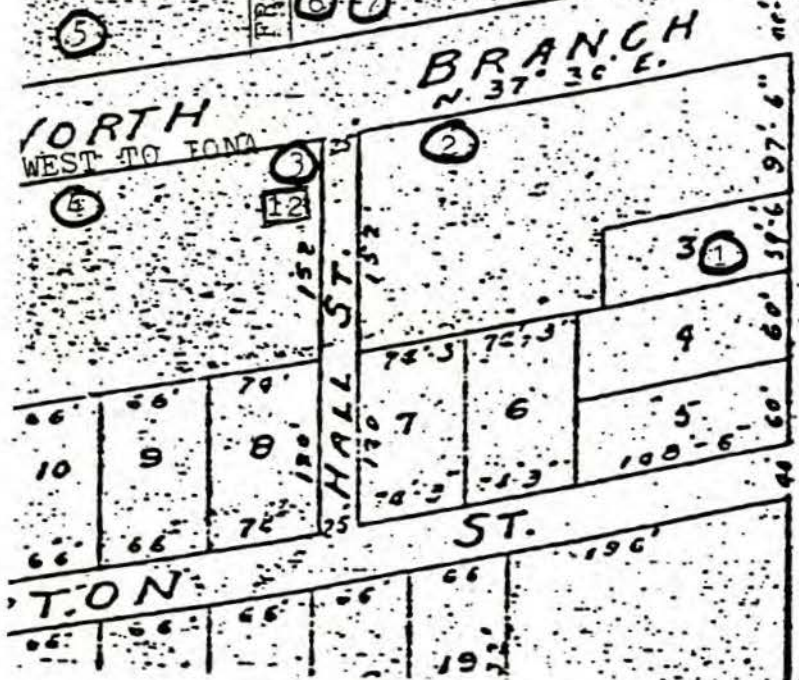
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1. Once A e, Library, Plaza etc.
2. Old School-House Tea Room
3. Village Pantry Boutique.
4. Former Tourist Cabins.
5. Bethany United Church
6. Former Garage & Service Station.
7. Post Office.
8. Former Cold Storage.
9. I. O. O. F. Hall.
10. Historic Site
11. Former Library Site
12. Fire Hall.
13. Former Businesses
14. Variety Store.

FRANCIS ST.



# SELF-GUIDED WALK ABOUT

The Circled numbers are tour sites.  
 The uncircled numbers are Lot #'s  
 The squared #'s are Heritage Trees  
 Refer to the enclosed Tree Map

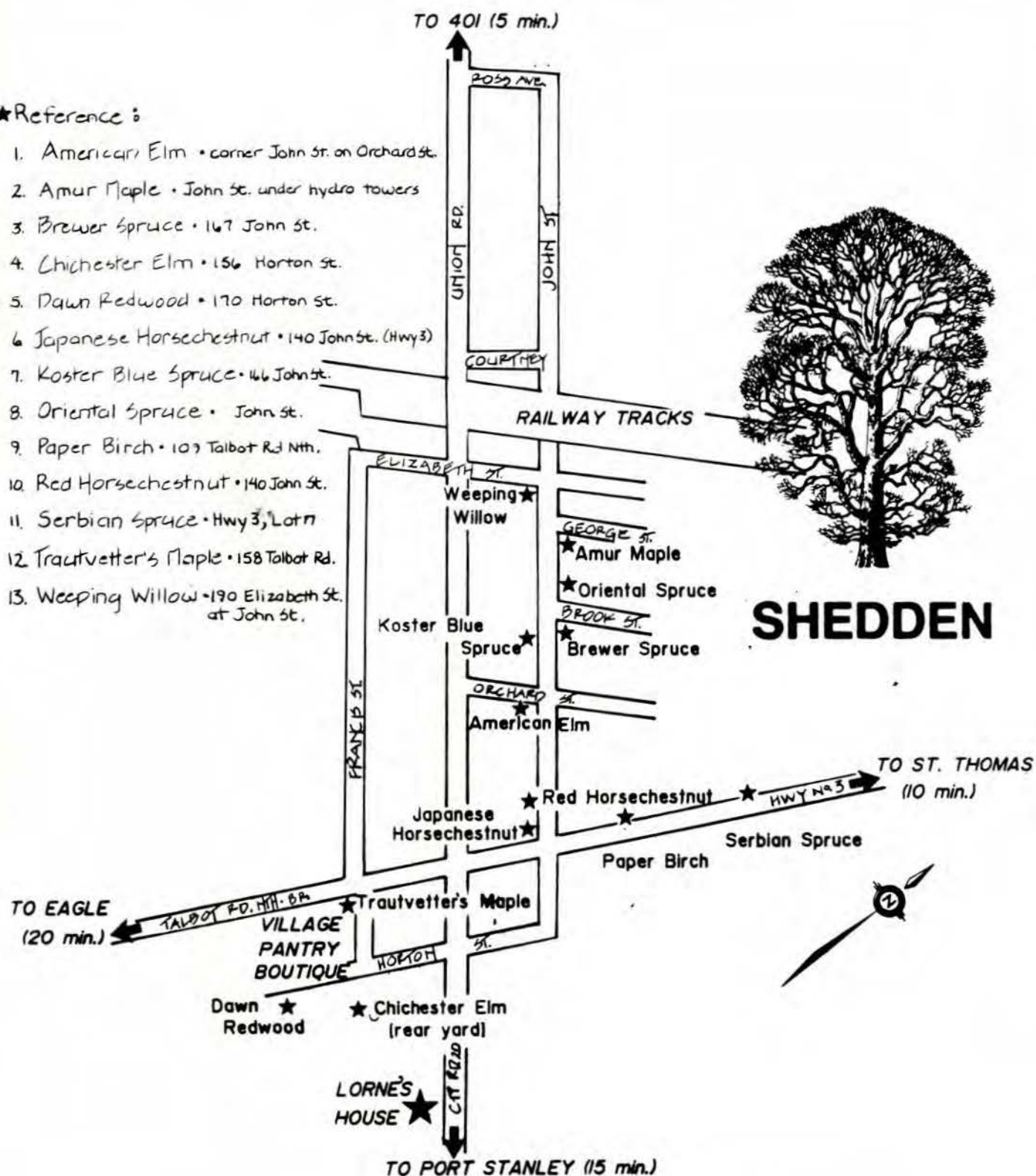


15. Former Silcox Lumber Co.
16. Shedden All Sorts.
17. Dr. D.A. Monteith Medical Centre.
18. Shedden Baptist Church.
19. Shedden Fair Grounds.
20. Community Centre.
21. C. I. B. C.
22. Palmer's Red & White Store.



★Reference :

1. American Elm • corner John St. on Orchard St.
2. Amur Maple • John St. under hydro towers
3. Brewer Spruce • 167 John St.
4. Chichester Elm • 156 Horton St.
5. Dawn Redwood • 170 Horton St.
6. Japanese Horsechestnut • 140 John St. (Hwy 3)
7. Koster Blue Spruce • 146 John St.
8. Oriental Spruce • John St.
9. Paper Birch • 103 Talbot Rd Nth.
10. Red Horsechestnut • 140 John St.
11. Serbian Spruce • Hwy 3, Lot 7
12. Trautvetter's Maple • 158 Talbot Rd.
13. Weeping Willow • 190 Elizabeth St. at John St.



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**HAY, THERE:** Bob Beecroft, left, of St. Thomas and Nancy Smith, Josh Englehart and John Smith, all of Shedden, chat by 1941 Cockshutt tractor owned by Bob's brother, Dick, at antique tractor show Sunday at Rosy Rhubarb Days in Shedden. (T-J photo)

**TWO VOLUNTEERS** — Eileen Carr and Keith Orchard are just two of the many volunteers responsible for Rhubarb Days at Shedden. The pair stand in front The Village Pantry Boutique, one of several businesses that attract visitors to Shedden the year round.



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**FRIDAY**  
**JUNE 13th**  
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**RHUBARB BAKING  
CONTEST**

Entries to be registered  
by 11 a.m.  
Judging at 1 p.m.

**THREE CLASSES**

DOUBLE CRUST

RHUBARB PIE

sponsored by

Palmer's Supermarket

RHUBARB MUFFINS

sponsored by Old School

House Restaurant

RHUBARB SPECIAL

DESSERT

sponsored by Down

Home Deli & Bakery

**Official Opening**

**Ceremonies**

at 7:00 p.m.

with Dave & Jacqui

from BX93

Toe Tapping music with

the Country Cousins

St. Thomas Elginaires

Rhubarb Eating Contest

Auction of Prize Winning

Baking

Face Painting

Draw

James Gordon from

C.B.C. and Hometown

Tunes will entertain

with his song about

Shedden and the Rosy

Rhubarb Days

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 14th**  
*1997*

**FAIRGROUNDS**

Soccer Tournament

7 years and under

13 years and under

Bantam Ball Tournament

Midway rides - Vendors

**DOWNTOWN AREA**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

I.O.O.F. Breakfast at the

I.O.O.F. Hall

Model T's Show & Tour

11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Cas-serole Luncheon,

Bethany United Church

Yard Sales

Jamboree

Face Painting

4:00 p.m.

Longest Rhubarb Stock

Contest

sponsored by Village

Pantry Boutique

Largest Rhubarb Leaf

sponsored by

Dr. D. Monteith

Rhubarb plants

Fresh cut rhubarb

Fresh Rhubarb pies, jam,

Horse Drawn Wagon

Rides

**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 15th**  
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8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

I.O.O.F. Breakfast at the

I.O.O.F. Hall

STORES ARE OPEN IN

THE DOWNTOWN

AREA

Horse Drawn Wagon

Rides.

**FAIRGROUNDS**

10:00 a.m.

Antique Car and Tractor

Show

11:00 a.m.

Interdenominational

Church Service

Ball Tournament

Midway Rides

2:00 p.m.

Bill Sherry Big Band

Show

3:30 p.m.

Beef BBQ sponsored by

Shedden Ag. Society

7:00 p.m.

Draws for a Weekend at

the Pillar & Post, Niag-

ara-on-the-Lake (\$700

value) and a Quilt.

Doris McArthur - Grator

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## VOLUNTEERING

# Rosy knows best

Rosy would be proud.

The community spirit in Shedden as villagers rally around Rosy Rhubarb Days is a wonder in this day and age.

With many people often "too occupied" with the rigors of daily life to reach outside themselves, volunteers like the good people of Shedden become even more valuable.

Whether it's the rhubarb festival or any other worthwhile endeavor in our area, civic-minded volunteers often carry the load.

They do so effectively.

They do so proudly.

With a focus on giving the well-used Shedden Country Club a much-deserved retirement, the community has thrown itself full-force behind the new Keystone Complex.

And a tip of the ol' topper has to go to those hard-working souls who have gone above and beyond Rosy's call to volunteer duty. Their fine-tuned focus has yielded \$53,000 toward the new centre.

In fact, the community's efforts have already totalled more than \$200,000 toward the \$500,000 complex.

Murray Silcox, who chairs the fundraising drive, said a mouthful when he noted, "It's been better than fantastic."

We can only look at the productive end of the work done by these community-minded volunteers, but there must be a marvelous sense of accomplishment they can enjoy deep inside.

And while most of us enjoy attending events like Rosy Rhubarb Days and can benefit from their eventual fruits, somewhere there must also be a longing for the satisfaction of knowing one's heart and sweat are the keystone to community life.

Perhaps getting off life's treadmill and climbing aboard the community bandwagon would do more for us than we could imagine.

### OUR OPINION

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For the first year in five, **ROSY RHUBARB** was nowhere to be seen at the weekend's Rosy Rhubarb Days in Shedden.

**GARY CARR**, a founder of the successful community festival who also masqueraded as Rosy Rhubarb each year, died last fall.

The organizing committee decided no one else could do the job the way Gary did, and retired his costume.

"He was a good friend of mine and a good worker," chairman **KEITH ORCHARD** said.

"He was dedicated to making things go."

There was no tribute. Gary's wife, **EILEEN**, requested it like that.

And, maybe, also because Gary still was very much there on the weekend.

In spirit, you might say, as thousands crowded the tiny hamlet to take in the festivities.

Keith says he hopes for a few words in Gary's memory when it comes time to turn sod for Shedden's new community centre.

Thanks to boosters like Gary, Rosy Rhubarb has raised \$53,000 for the project.

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