



### **Hoe to the end of the Row**

We don't know if the Community realizes how much it changed a couple of weeks ago. In fact most may not have even noticed, but the impact of an event that occurred late last month will linger for a long time.

So what happened? Well two long term, extremely active members of our community Eldon and Joan Montgomery left to be closer to children and grandchildren: an understandable decision for them, but a significant loss for our community. Both Joan and Eldon were active in their occupations, their church and their community. In fact one would be hard pressed to find two more community minded individuals who volunteered and supported so much when they were residents of Russell.

One has to just think about whom always seemed to be there over the past half century or so at fund raising events, Chamber of Commerce events, Lions events, school events, community events or an event that needed a really good mcee...the Montgomeries. In addition Joan spent time on the Chamber executive and was its president while Eldon was a Town councilor for over a decade and was the creator of the local Communities in Bloom beautification program.

For the Russell Regional Multiplex Fundraising Committee Eldon was an excellent advocate. He was able to attract support to the project and always seemed to have a cheque or a cash donation in hand from yet another supporter he had secured. The Committee and the community will not be same with their departure, they will be missed.

Life moves on and so to must our community. Joan and Eldon expect nothing less. Commitment, drive and desire are their trademarks, ones that influenced this community for a long time. We must use their example and move on with our initiatives, the Multiplex, Main Street Revitalization and community growth and development. If one is to be successful they must "hoe to the end of the row".

Thanks Eldon and Joan, Good Luck and God Bless.

The Fundraising Committee remains active over the summer with all aspects of the campaign progressing including personal and corporate fundraising as well as special events. For further information on the progress of the Russell Regional Multiplex please visit the Town of Russell website at [www.russellmb.com](http://www.russellmb.com) . If you have any questions or comments regarding the facility please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Multiplex Funding Campaign Committee. The Committee members are Chris Radford, Bruce Christopher, Alan Stanchuk, Symantha Dunn, Keith Popp, Gerald Keating and Terry Rolfe.