

Peace Ranch marks 25 years in the community

By Bill Rea

Peace Ranch has been known as 'a place of possibilities' for 25 years, and Sunday was a time to recognize the milestone.

The facility on Centreville Creek Road in Albion hosted its annual open house. There were a number of fun things to see and do, but it was also a time to celebrate what has been accomplished over the last 25 years.

Eric Tripp-McKay, executive director of the facility, expressed his appreciation for the work of staff and the community for helping individuals on their journey toward wellness.

'I know we've had a good impact on a number of lives,' he said.

Councillor Nick deBoer was on hand with greetings from the Town, as well as congratulations on 25 years of providing mental health care. He also pointed to the need to help people understand the work being done there.

'I wish you another 25, and another,' he said. 'I think it's great that you're here.'

'It's been a great ride,' commented James Richard, who's made use of the programs there. 'I hope we have a long ride from here.'



Councillor Nick deBoer presented this plaque to Peace Ranch Executive Director Eric Tripp-McKay at Sunday's open house.



Contact consists of Andrew Boettger on bass, Mitchell Greenham on drums and Matthew Boettger on keyboards. The Caledon performers were providing music at the Peace Ranch open house.



Members of the Peel Morris Dancers were on hand to provide entertainment.



There were numerous demonstrations Sunday, including from Darlene Hostrawser, who was working with the spinning wheel.