

CULTURAL MOMENT

Chicken Soup for the Soul – Changing the world one story at a time

Story submissions by Lynne Turner:

“Flag Girl” Featured in Think Possible, 101 Stories about Using a Positive Attitude to Improve your Life edition

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“Eighty-Year-Old Volunteer” Featured in Volunteering & Giving Back, 101 Inspiring Stories of Purpose & Passion edition

After studying journalism at Ryerson University in Toronto, Lynne Turner saw an advertisement for a "reporter wanted at a small south-western Ontario community newspaper". That newspaper was the Mount Forest Confederate and Lynne was hired as a junior reporter by then-publisher David Wenger. Nearly 40 years later she took an early retirement. At the time Lynne was the general manager and editor of The Confederate, as well as general manager and editor of the Fergus-Elora News Express and Arthur Enterprise News. She had also founded the monthly West Grey Progress for Metroland Media, the owner of the community newspapers.

After having written thousands of news stories, personal columns and editorials over the years, Lynne found that she really missed writing when she retired. Subsequently she wrote and sent out some stories. A story about her mother, an 80-year-old volunteer, was published in Chicken Soup for the Soul, Volunteering and Giving Back this past August. In October a story she wrote about working as a "flag girl" on highway construction, and being hired at The Confederate, was published in Chicken Soup for the Soul, Think Possible.

A story she wrote about a Mount Forest couple, who met, fell in love and were married at the walking track at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex appeared in the December issue of Canadian Living magazine. A tribute to Josephine Feairs, long-time Cedarville correspondent for the Confederate, appeared in the "Lives Lived" section of the Globe and Mail. Lynne has also written stories, and taken photos, for both the Wellington Advertiser and the Flesherton Advance since retiring.

Lynne lives just outside of Mount Forest, in the Township of Southgate, with her long-time "spouse-in-training" Cliff Hastie, one dog and three cats. She is an active member of the Auxiliary to Louise Marshall Hospital in Mount Forest and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, walking, and reading voraciously.