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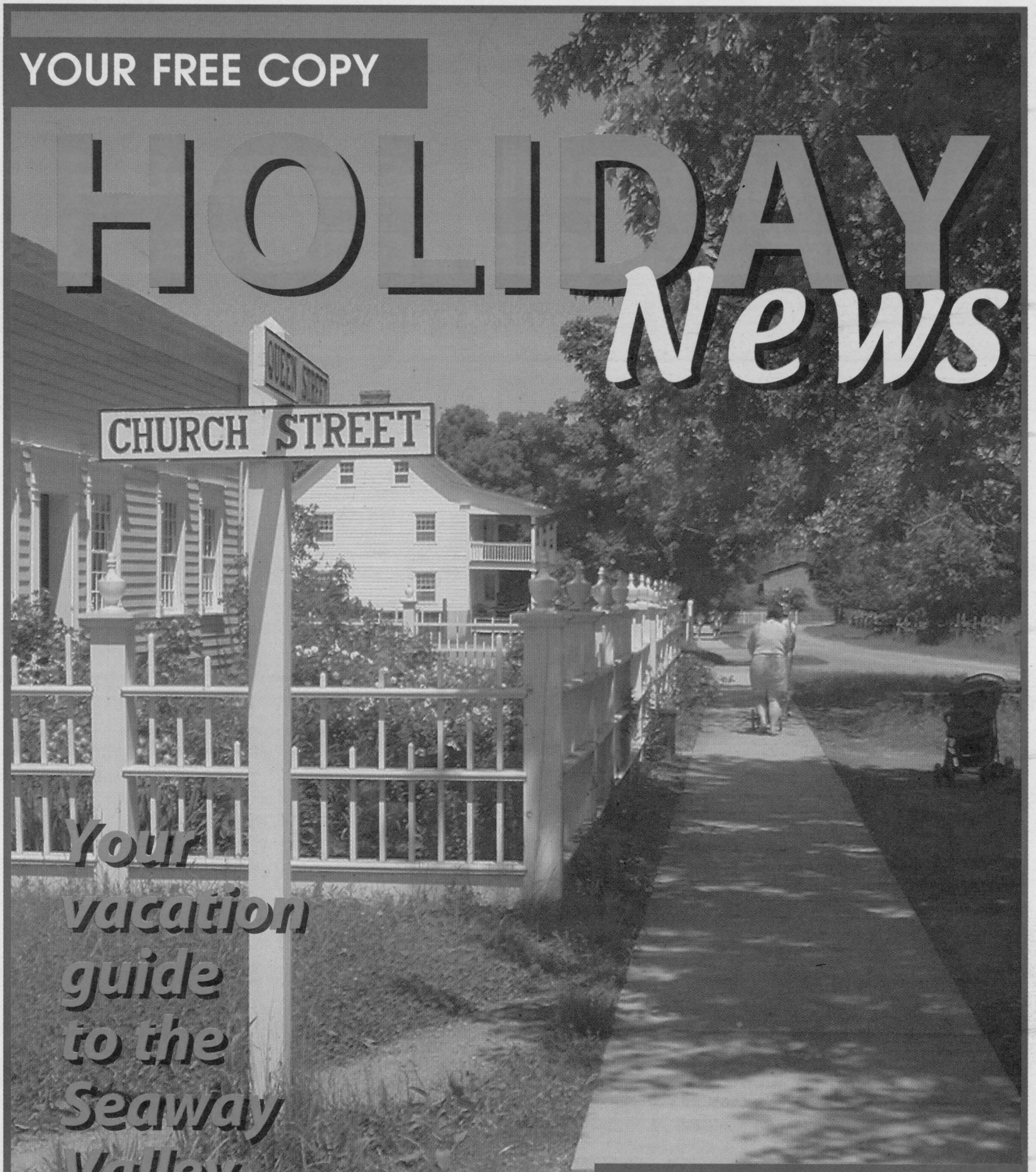

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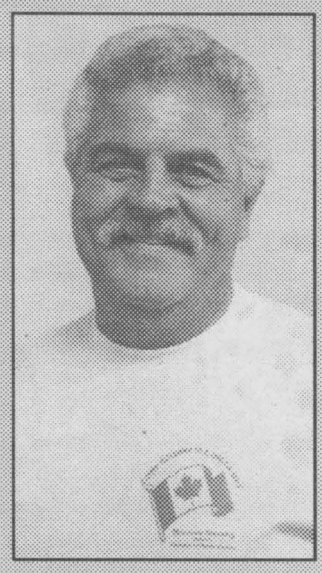

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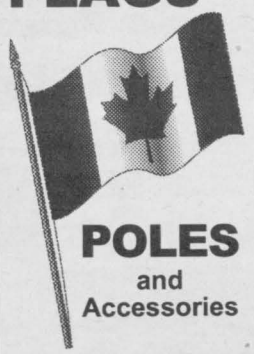

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Moo-vivor new addition to Dairyfest lineup

by Matt Easterbrook

WINCHESTER — It will be survival — or should that be moo-vival? — of the fittest this coming August when Dairyfest kicks off its three-day schedule.

Moo-vivor, an adapted version of TV's Survivor, is one of the major events planned at the festival, which takes place from Aug. 10-12. Ten contestants will be subjected to a series of challenges, with the final survivor winning a cash prize and gift certificate.

Although Moo-vivor is the newest addition to Dairyfest, and certainly looks to be one of the highlights, it's not the only show in town. Many of the traditional events will be taking place over that weekend to complement the new ones; some others are still in the process of being thought up.

The opening ceremonies will take place on Fri., Aug. 10 at 7 pm, with the Moo-vivor contestants being introduced and a talent show taking place. Afterwards the Winchester Arena will be rocked to the rafters by the country-rock stylings of Ambush. Friday will also play host to a bake with milk contest.

Saturday starts off with a farmer's breakfast, with a series of Moovivor challenges, and a sidewalk sale and craft fair lasting most of the day. There will be downtown displays and miniature displays as well. Throughout the weekend a three-pitch tournament will be held.

Also during the day, the Dundas County Players will be presenting a play called Tom's Closet Monster. The Canadian Club will host a chicken barbecue at the Winchester Curling Club, and there will also be a Mootown Hoedown featuring country-western/rock band Little Rock.

Sunday starts with a breakfast and a gospel hour. A beach volleyball tournament will be taking place as well as a "show and shine" car show sponsored by the Winchester Lions Club, which will feature antique tractors, among other vehicles. The winner of Moo-vivor will be announced, followed by fireworks and supper at the curling club.

Many children's events will, of course, be taking place, and musical entertainment for the weekend will include Ambush, Little Rock, Gal Pals, Searsons, the Dixie Chicklets and Printers Alley.

Event organizer Patti Shadbolt thinks this will be the most successful Dairyfest yet. "We're hoping for great crowds, great weather, and lots of fun," she said.

Those wishing to volunteer or help out at Dairyfest should call Patti Shadbolt at 989-1575 or Blake Fawcett at 774-1700.





Old favorites

Left: A "show and shine" car show sponsored by the Winchester Lions Club, will be held at Dairyfest on Sun., Aug 12. Below: Saturday's lineup includes the always popular sidewalk sale, craft fair and displays downtown.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

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Ambush at Community Centre
Moo-vivor Challenge kick-off

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Gigantic Sidewalk Sale
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Dundas County Players presents: *Tom's Closet Monster*
Canadian Club hosts Chicken Barbecue
Legion hosts Outdoor Pub • Baseball Tourney continues
Mootown Hoedown Dance featuring *"Little Rock"*
Moo-vivor Challenge events

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Many options for holiday golfers

WINCHESTER — Just 30 years ago there weren't many options for golfers in this area. In the year 2001 golfers can play the sport in numerous locations within a few minutes drive of Winchester.

In fact there are in the neighborhood of 80 courses in the National Capital Region.

Cloverdale Links north of the village on County Road 31 (Bank Street south) at the Morewood Road corner is closest and offers an 18-hole layout. This season the clubhouse (licensed) was renovated and dining area expanded. A menu features home cooked meals, including breakfast.

During the week, 18 holes will cost $28 (plus tax) and on weekends the fee is $30 (plus tax). Professional Jane Hedges-McKinnon says there are many special packages available and more information on those and booking a tee-time or a lesson can be done by calling 774-0076.

Gib Patterson and family owns Cloverdale Links as well as Emerald Links Manotick Station (822-4653). Emerald Links is a challenging bent grass semi-private golf course. Restaurant, lessons, pro shop and banquet facilities are available.

It was 29 years ago that Cedar Glen Golf Course opened, located between Williamsburg and Bouck's Hill on County Road 18. Since then it has expanded to an 18-hole facility. This season a new clubhouse was opened between the original course and the nine new holes along Saddlemire Road.

The front nine finishes with a par three along the road. After taking on refreshments at the new clubhouse, golfers head north to test their skill on the challenging back nine.

Green fees for the par 71, 6,300-yard layout are set at $27 (plus tax) on the weekends and $24 (plus tax) on weekdays. Nine-hole rates are $19 and $17 (plus tax). For more information call the pro shop at 535-2323.

There is expansion in the works at Nationview Golf Course. The Durant family has begun clearing land east of their present 18-hole layout for another 18 holes. But it is golf as usual along the banks of the "Mighty" Nation River.

Green fees for 2001 are $14 on weekdays and $16 on weekends for nine holes and $21 (weekdays) and $24 (weekends) for 18 holes. There is a licensed clubhouse restaurant featuring home cooked meals as well as a new pro shop. For more information call 989-5633.

Nationview is located west of South Mountain on the Hyndman Road, right next to Your First Stop Driving Range.

The Durants also own and operate the Sandy Mountain Executive Golf Course on County Road 43 west of Hallville and five miles east of Kemptville. It is a nine-hole par 3 facility nestled in the pine woods. Nine holes are prices at $8 (weekdays), $10 (weekends) and 18 holes at $12 (weekdays) and $14 (weekends). Call 989-2058 for more information.

Another of the area's first courses was opened at the south end of South Mountain village in the 1970s on Sandy Row Road. Today the Merv Coons family operates the Sandy Row Golf Club and Restaurant.

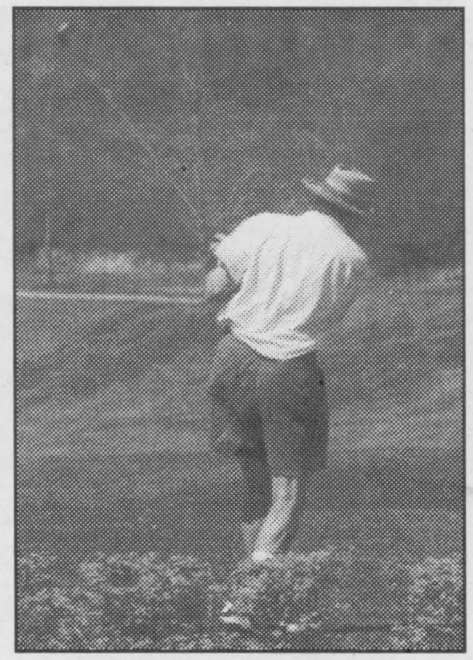
This summer, golfers can play nine holes during the week for $13 and 18 for $16. After 4 pm on Monday, Thursday or Friday afternoons the fees drop to $10 for nine and $13 for 18 holes. On weekends the price moves up to $16 for nine holes and $19 for 18 holes. There are many special packages available. For more information call Sandy Row at 989-2588.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

The summer of 2001 also marks the 25th anniversary of the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club.

Alfred Welch began carving the course on his farm north of Metcalfe on the 8th Line Road in the early 1970s. It opened in 1976 as an eight-hole operation. The layout was expanded to 13 holes in the early 1980s and grew to 18 holes (par 72 public course) in 1985. Another nine holes are being prepared for an opening late in 2002.

The club's 25th birthday party was planned for June 27 and featured an anniversary tournament. Throughout the summer numerous special offers are being made including a special 25th Anniversary Club Card promotion. The card means great savings on green fees, power carts, merchandise and discounts on platters in Hickories Restaurant.



Teeing off at Metcalfe Golf and Country Club.

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Other golfing opportunities can be explored by calling the Upper Canada Golf Course at 613-543-2003; Morrisburg Golf Course at 613-543-3282; Iroquois Golf Course at 613-652-4367; or Poplar Grove at 613-821-3500.



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The Canadian Voyager from Toronto is just one of many ships that will be passing through the Iroquois Locks this summer.

Photo — Easterbrook

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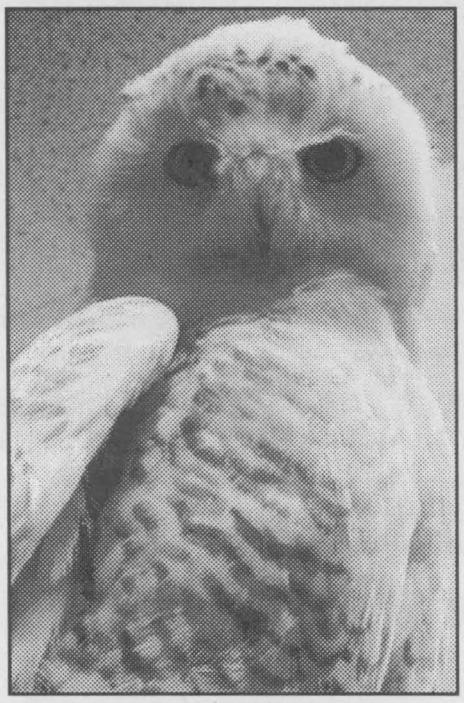
Biodiversity on display

by Matt Easterbrook

KEMPTVILLE — Eastern Ontario is one of the most unique natural habitats, with all sorts of species you'd be hard pressed to find anywhere else.



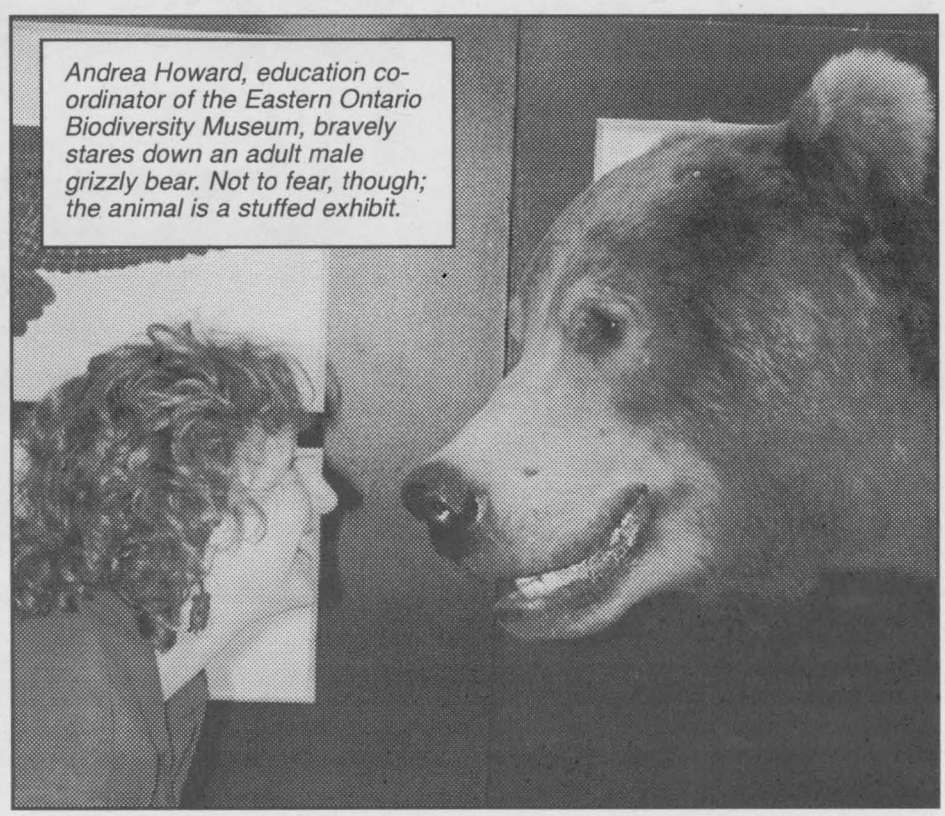
This inquisitive little guy is one of many stuffed exhibits on hand at the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum in Kemptville. He is part of the museum's special exhibition this summer, concentrating on owls (especially the artwork of naturist Jeffrey Whiting).

This is just one of the many interesting discoveries on hand at the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum (EOBM) in Kemptville.

In its third year of operation, the museum has gained recognition as the only regional biodiversity museum in Canada. The museum was created three years ago when officials at Carleton University decided that its natural history collection, run by biology professor Don Smith, was getting too expensive to maintain.

The collection was notable for its African exhibits, including the Robert Bateman Collection, consisting of many rare birds from that geographic location. Although those were shuffled off to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, many local specimens were left without a home. That's when Heather Hamilton, a former director at the Canadian Biodiversity Institute in Ottawa, came into the picture. She and education co-ordinator Andrea Howard, along with many other nature-loving volunteers (including nationally renowned nature artist Aleta Karstad and her husband, Fred Schueler), helped co-found the EOBM in order to give the Carleton collection a home.

According to Howard, the species seen in our neck of the woods are just as exotic as those from South America. The only difference is, local residents are so used to them that they seem anything but.



Andrea Howard, education co-ordinator of the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum, bravely stares down an adult male grizzly bear. Not to fear, though; the animal is a stuffed exhibit.

The museum concentrates on this part of eastern Ontario, western Quebec and northern New York, from the Shield to the Gatineau Hills to the Adirondacks.

Although part of the museum consists of what are known in the field as "study skins" (the animals have been skinned and their arms and/or tails stuffed with wire), this is only a small part of what can be seen at the museum.

Upon entering, visitors are greeted with a few live specimens, including turtles, salamanders, crayfish and other assorted animals. This year, the main gallery features artwork of owls by Jeffrey Whiting, a former resident of Clayton Lake who now makes his home in British Columbia.

Other exhibits include Skullduggery, which is an examination of the skulls of various animals; Out of Africa, the remains of what used to be a huge African collection; a four seasons

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diorama, which is a physical re-enactment of a year in the ecological life of Limerick Forest; a touch table for the young ones to play with; a close-up gallery of moths, beetles and other insects; a library area; and other attractions. A few scientists are on hand at any given time for guided tours.

The EOBM is not just a museum, however; it's also a learning environment. Education co-ordinator Andrea Howard is a bilingual former elementary school teacher with 10 years of experience with children (including special education classes).

She emphasizes the need for children to learn about their natural environment. "We encourage young naturalists to observe seasonal changes and become more aware of their surroundings," she says.

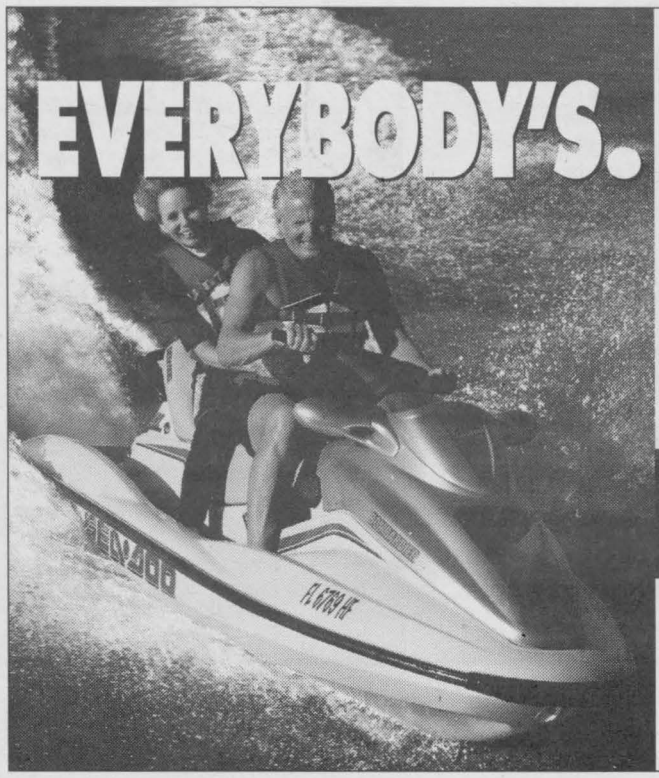
To that end, schools bring classes to the museum for nature lessons, usually spending a half-day there. The programs are grade-specific, and are pre-planned by Howard and the class teacher together. The museum also has a program called Museum in a Suitcase, in which Howard goes on the road, bringing the museum to the classroom, again with the help of a teacher.

Students aren't the only demographic the museum serves. Howard believes the knowledge the museum offers is useful to all ages. "People come here and they often spend hours just gaining insight into things they never really noticed before," she says.

Summer hours are Wednesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1-5 pm, with group tours being held Wednesdays from 10 am to 5 pm as well.

This summer the EOBM is also having a biodiversity camp in conjunction with Baxter Nature Day Camp.

For more information call the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum at 613-258-3415.



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Upper Canada Village becomes Salem for mini-series

MORRISBURG — Before Upper Canada Village opened this season, it was a movie set for Salem Witch Trials, a TV mini-series being produced for CBS. Dozens of local people had the chance to fill in as extras and to rub shoulders with more honest-to-goodness celebrities than rural eastern Ontario has ever seen before. Film crews took over UCV in late April and stayed until May 15.

Visiting Morrisburg for, probably, the first time were Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winner Kirstie Alley (Veronica's Closet, Cheers), Henry Czerny (Haven, Mission Impossible), Gloria Reuben (ER) Jay O. Sanders (Kiss The Girls), Dixie Seatle (The Piano Man's Daughter), Susan Coyne (The Broad Side), Alan Bates (Arabian Nights), Rebecca De Mornay (Hand That Rocks the Cradle), Academy Award-winner Peter Ustinov (Spartacus) and Academy Award-winner Shirley MacLaine (Joan of Arc, Terms of Endearment).

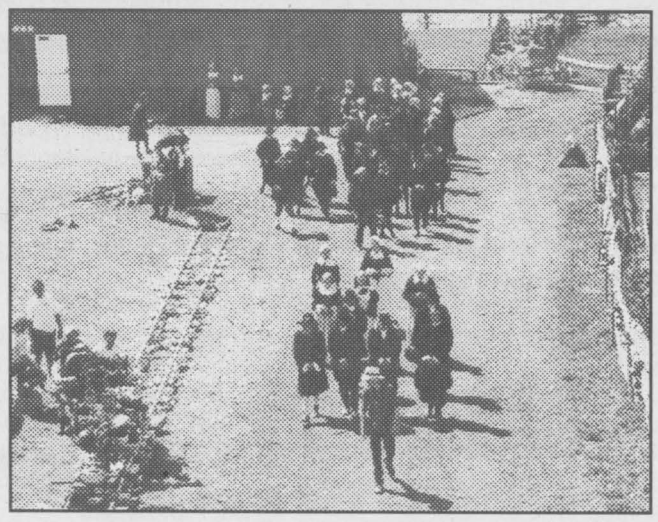
Salem Witch Trials follows the true story of one of the darkest chapters in American history and the notorious reign of terror that swept through Salem, Massachusetts in 1692, resulting in history's most famous witch hunt.

Those familiar with Upper Canada Village may not recognize some of the buildings when they appear on television. An extensive retrofitting process successfully put an additional 200 years on UCV which seeks to represent the 1860s.

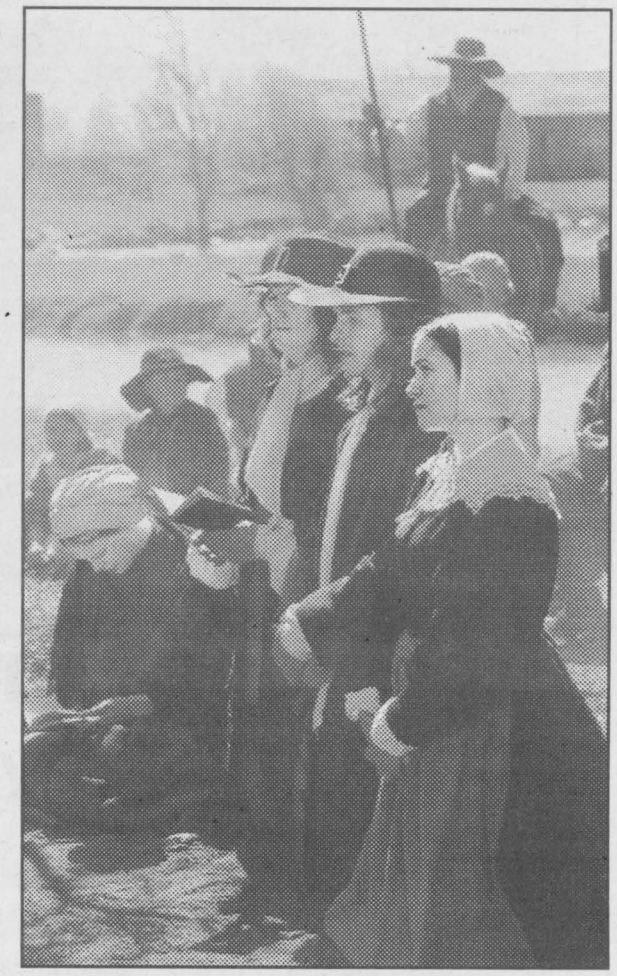
The movie depicts a society in mounting chaos, ripped apart when Rev. Parris' (Czerny) daughter, niece and several other local girls fall into horrid demonic fits. Others soon manifest the same symptoms and the frightened community is all too quick to believe the girls' explanation — that they have become "afflicted" by witches. Rev. Parris begins a ruthless witch hunt and warrants are sworn out for arrests. The Puritan inquisition in the end took over 19 lives, filled prisons with innocent people, and frayed the soul of a Massachusetts community.

Alley stars as Ann Putnam who, in the footsteps of her daughter seemingly becomes "afflicted" with strange visions and fits that she publicly blames on the alleged witchcraft of some of her neighbors. MacLaine plays Rebecca Nurse, a devoutly religious community elder, is who is one of the women to fall prey to Ann's accusations.

Alliance Atlantis, the Canadian company producing the movie, plans to conclude principal photography this week in Toronto on the project. A broadcast date has not yet been set.



A huge staff took up temporary residence at Upper Canada Village in the spring to film Salem Witch Trials, a TV mini-series for CBS. False fronts were built on many buildings to make the village authentic to the coast of Massachusetts.



Upper Canada Village was transformed into the devoutly Puritan village of Salem, Massachusetts this past spring to play setting for the CBS mini-series Salem Witch Trials. Most of the extras for the movie were recruited locally.

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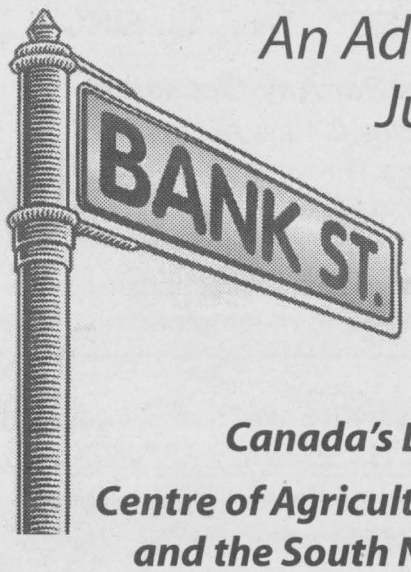

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June 23	Lions Club Volleyball Tournament
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations and Sidewalk Sale
3rd Weekend in July	Mountain Pig Roast and Volleyball Tournament
4th Weekend in July	Hallville Chicken BBQ
August 9-12	Dairyfest (Winchester)
August 16-19	South Mountain Fair
August 24-26	Chesterville Fair
September 7-9	Fall Trade Show
Fall & Spring	Dundas County Players Amateur Theatre Performance
November 11	Remembrance Day Ceremonies
December 7	Country Christmas Parade of Lights (Winchester)
December 8	South Mountain & Chesterville Santa Claus Parades
December 15	Morewood Santa Claus Parade
December 31	Community New Year's Eve Party
January 26 & 27	Chesterville Winter Carnival
February 2 & 3	Morewood Winter Carnival
Late April	Rotary Duck Race

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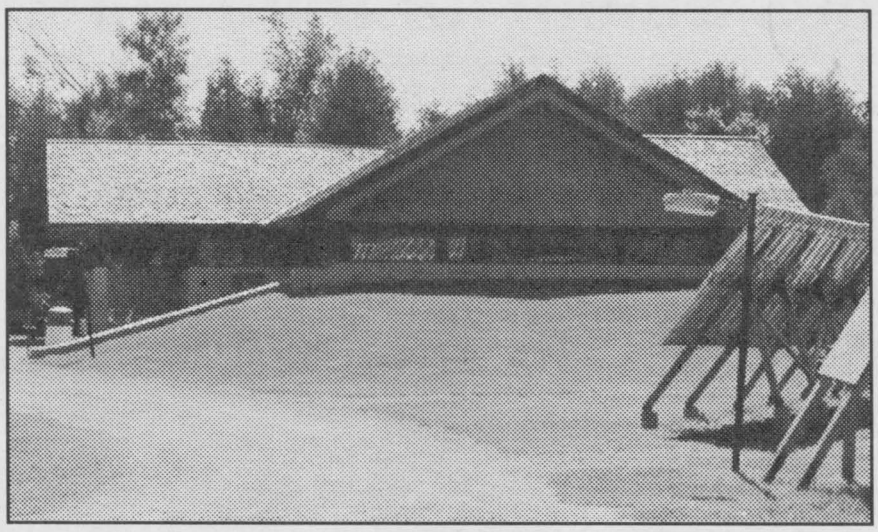

Baxter Camp is a conservation area just off the 416, between Manotick and Kemptville. Popular with school groups who come to visit for the day, Baxter is holding a special weeklong camp in conjunction with the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum, where attendees will be able to learn more about the environment in which they live.

Biodiversity a big hit at nature day camp

by Matt Easterbrook

OSGOODE — In what naturalists would term a symbiotic relationship, the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum (EOBM) and the Baxter Conservation Area's Nature Day Camp are joining forces this summer to provide children with an opportunity to study nature up close.

This is the third year such a partnership has been in effect. Scientists and researchers from the museum come in, a different one each day, to talk to the kids about the types of flora and fauna found in the area. The children help the museum's specialists gather and record data in the Baxter environment.

The two parties came together due in large part to Heather Hamilton, a former director of the Canadian Biodiversity Museum who has supported the conservation for many years, and EOBM education co-ordinator Andrea Howard. When they founded the EOBM in 1999, they felt the partnership was a logical move.

"It's important that we introduce skilled scientists to young naturalists so that knowledge can be passed on to the next generation," said Howard.

The Biodiversity Museum Camp at Baxter runs for five days on two separate occasions: July 16-20 and July 30-Aug. 3. Each day a new specialist from the museum will come to the camp to work with the children. The cost is $135 for the week.

The Baxter Conservation Area is located approximately three kilometers off Highway 416, on the Rideau River. It is 168 acres of forests, nature trails, marshlands and boardwalks. In operation since 1976, it is a campground which at night only allows group camping, mostly for Brownies, Beavers and schools. It is holding weekly camps for six weeks this summer, including the EOBM collaboration.

For more information, call Leanne Kane, manager of visitor services at Baxter camp, at 613-489-3592.

Youth connect with past at Upper Canada Village

MORRISBURG — Upper Canada Village announced a new three-year sponsorship from Bell Canada which will support special youth programs in eastern Ontario.

"The relationship we have forged has resulted in a new approach of longer-term planning in the ongoing development of our youth programs," says Jancis Sommerville, Upper Canada Village's marketing officer. "This new and significant commitment of $5,000 per year towards programming and marketing costs will allow Upper Canada Village to continue to offer high-calibre programs that enable today's youth to connect with their past."

There are three youth programs at Upper Canada Village which are being sponsored by Bell: the Pioneer Pals summer day camp, the Time Travellers residential camp, and the Young Interpreters program.

The Pioneer Pals camp is new this year. It will give children aged 8-12 the opportunity to become modern-day explorers venturing into different aspects of the past. The day camp will run from Monday to Friday, throughout July and August, and will focus on a range of activities, games and crafts associated with different historical themes each day.

The Time Travellers camp is a unique historical camp, where children between the ages of 9 and 13 can spend five nights and six days. It allows participants to dress in period costume and contribute to the daily portrayal of 1860s life to thousands of visitors each year, while at the same time gaining their own experiences of a time gone by.

In the Young Interpreters program, children between the ages of 10 and 15 become part of the Village's overall daily interpretive program for a series of weekends throughout the summer, and learn about the past through hands-on experiences during their stay.

"Bell sponsorship of Upper Canada Village's youth programs is a commitment to Canada's youth, to help make sure that they are provided with unique learning opportunities to better understand and appreciate their heritage," says Marcey Legget, vice-president of Bell Canada.

"Bell is committed to supporting education, health and community development, and this sponsorship fits in perfectly with our commitment to supporting the communities we serve.

For more information on Upper Canada Village's youth programs, call 1-800-437-2233, or visit the Village's web site at www.uppercanadavillage.com for all of the details.

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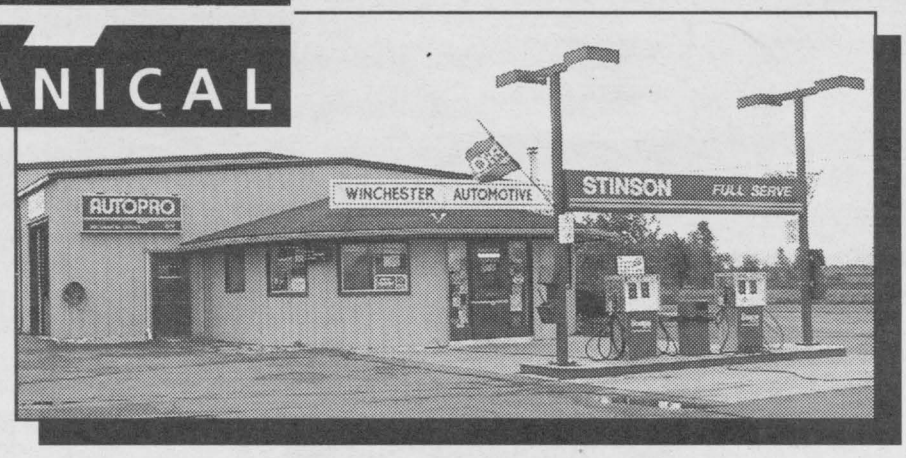

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What's so hilarious about this building? Nothing, except for the fact that this summer it houses four great comedies put on by the Upper Canada Playhouse in its Summer of Laughter: My Darling Judith, Don't Dress For Dinner, The Long Weekend, and The Wild Guys.

Summer of laughter

It's a laugh a minute at Upper Canada Playhouse

by Matt Easterbrook

MORRISBURG — For a good laugh, most people tune into their favorite sitcom, rent a Meg Ryan movie or watch coverage of the latest political developments in America.

Those interested in live theatre can also be satisfied this summer, thanks to Upper Canada Playhouse's 2001 Summer of Laughter.

The Playhouse is presenting four comedies, two of them by Canadian playwright Norm Foster.

My Darling Judith by Foster runs from June 14-30, and is about a man who wants to leave his wife, and talks one of his employees into romancing her. That way he can pretend to catch them and sue her for divorce. This being a comedy, things undoubtedly turn complicated for all involved.

Don't Dress For Dinner was written by Marc Camoletti, and runs from July 5-22. It's about a man who thinks he has the house to himself for a weekend and invites his girlfriend over. Of course, people keep showing up, throwing a monkey wrench into the whole situation.

The Long Weekend is another Norm Foster play, and runs from July 26 to Aug. 12. In this one, two couples spend the weekend at a cottage. The thing is, even though they're friends, they can't stand each other. Needless to say, things get pretty *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* around the place.

The Wild Guys was written by two people, Rebecca Shaw and Andrew Wreggitt. Billed as "a hilarious version of *Survivor*" in the Playhouse brochure, it concentrates on four men who get lost in the woods and have to find their way out. It runs from Aug. 16 to Sept. 2.

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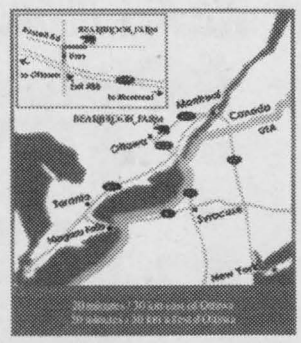

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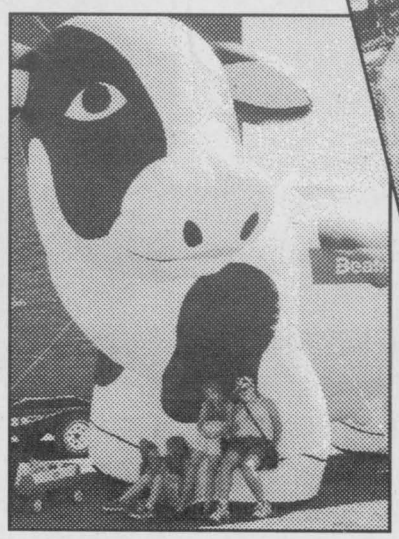

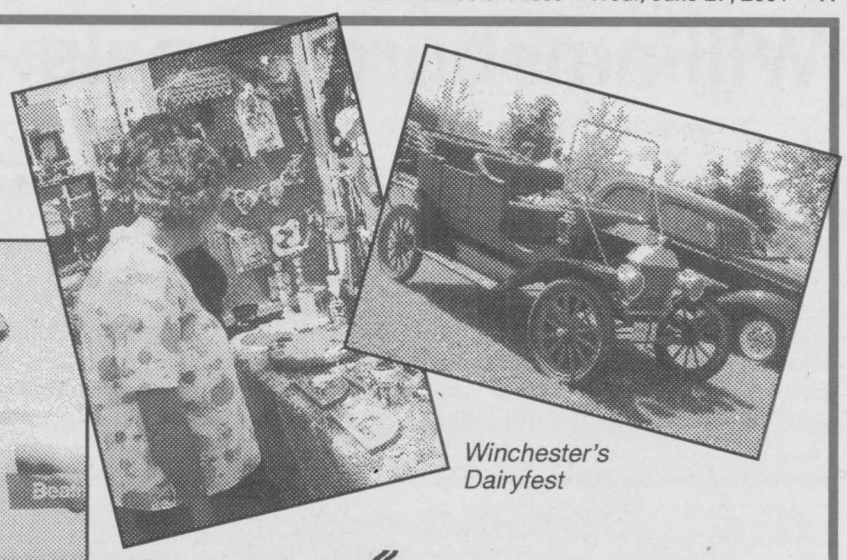

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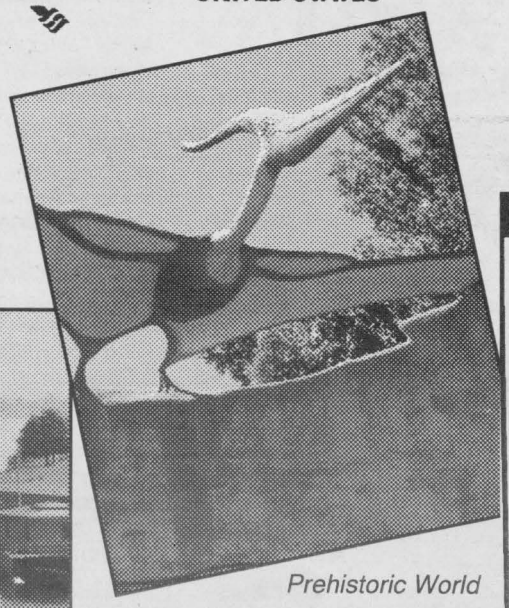

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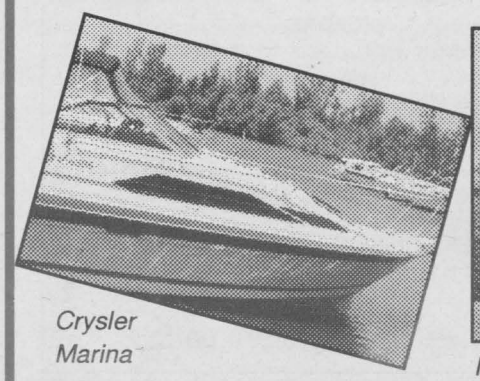

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Williamsburg Canals: Key to 19th century growth

by Shaun Wallace
President, Morrisburg and District Historical Society

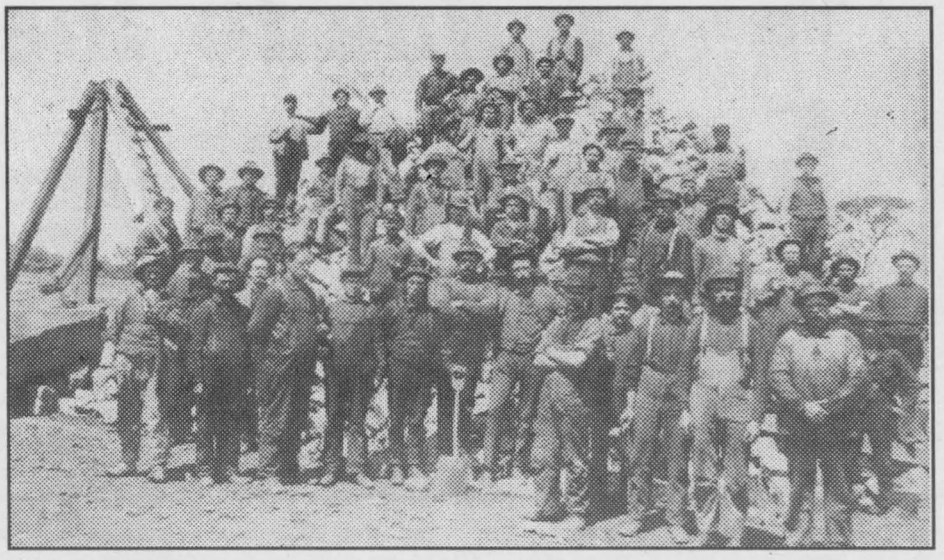
MORRISBURG — The St. Lawrence River flows northeast toward the Atlantic Ocean, draining the interior of the North American continent. This endless flow of water has continue undisturbed since the last period of glaciation ended some 10,000 years ago. The entire length of this amazing river is full of beautiful vistas and unmatched natural beauty. But this natural beauty has been a barrier to human movement since people first appeared on its shores.

The first attempt at canal construction on the St. Lawrence was in 1689 by Francois Dollier de Casson. His aim was to bypass the Lachine Rapids and to harness the water power for gristmills. The project was abandoned due to cost and technical difficulties.

The demand for better transportation was not a serious matter in the period before the American war for independence. The early economy was driven by fur trading. Furs were transported by canoe and were readily unloaded and portaged to the next passable section of the river. After the American invasion of Canada in 1776-77 the military dynamic changed and the need to secure military supply lines to Montreal became a pressing issue.

In 1784 thousands of Loyalists arrived to populate the upper reaches of the river and the vacant land which lay beyond. Now for the first time, there were extensive settlements west of Montreal. The new settlements increased the demand to convey people and cargo along the entire length of the river up to the Great Lakes. But military tension along the new common border made the St. Lawrence a dangerous and unsecured transportation route. The war of 1812 showed how important it was to maintain a vital link between Kingston and Montreal and as a result the Rideau Canal was constructed in 1826-1832. This secure route via Bytown (Ottawa) could be easily defended and the extra distance was compensated for by the use of steamboats.

The economic expansion that occurred in the Canadas (Upper and Lower) between 1810 and 1840 again raised the issue of a more direct and efficient way of transporting both cargo and passengers between the two provinces. During this time Great Britain was committed to strengthening Canada's hold on the Great Lakes from Montreal to Lake Erie and thus the era of canal construction had begun in Canada. The Welland Canal was constructed between 1824-1829 to bypass Niagara Falls and to ensure a secure route to Lake Erie. The Lachine Canal near Montreal was completed in 1825. This left the upper St. Lawrence as the only barrier to the free movement of goods and people from Quebec City to Lake Erie.



Enlargement work on the Williamsburg Canals, such as this crew performed around 1890, continued into the first part of the 20th century. The series of canals and locks in Dundas County included the Farran's Point Canal, the Rapid du Plat (Rapide Plat) Canal, the Point Iroquois Canal and the Galouse (Galop) Canal.

During the 1830s the political atmosphere in both of the Canadas was very unstable and not conducive to the undertaking of large public works projects, although in 1838 the Assembly of Upper Canada did establish a commission to look at improving navigation along the St. Lawrence River. The political instability erupted into rebellion in 1837-38 in both Upper and Lower Canada. The solution was to merge the two provinces into one political entity, the Province of Canada, in 1840. The new unified province, with increased revenues, again became very enthusiastic about canals and the Williamsburg Canals were finally begun in 1843.

The series of canals and locks that were built at the front of Dundas County were collectively called the Williamsburg Canals and they included: the Farran's Point Canal with one lock, the Rapid du Plat (Rapide Plat) Canal with two locks, the Point Iroquois Canal with one lock and the Galouse (Galop) Canal with one lock.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11 am - 5 pm	Midway Ride Bracelet $14
9 am	Fastball Tournament
10:30 am	Heavy Horse Show, Holstein Show
	Scarecrow Competition - Hospitality Tent
11 am	Grandpa's Fantasyland
11:30 am	Children's Cattle Class
12 Noon	Jersey Show, Ayrshire Show
	Petting Farm/ Pony Rides
	PARADE
	"Saluting Volunteers In Our Communities"
	Assemble at the Newington Public School for judging of floats
12:30 pm	Wade Henry "Busker" Entertainer - Grandstand
	Parade departs for Fairgrounds
1:00 pm	Parade arrives at the Fairgrounds
	Opening Ceremonies- Hon. Brian Coburn, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
1:30 pm	Bingo- Stormont Hall
	Blacksmith Demonstration - on grounds
	Juby 'n' Friends - on grounds
2 pm	Wade Henry "Busker" - on grounds
	Line Dancers - Grandstand
2 - 4 pm	Mad Science - Pavilion
2:45 pm	Players Choice Production Ltd. - Grandstand
4:15 pm	Wade Henry "Busker" - on grounds
6:30 pm	Mini Tractor Pull - Grandstand
9:30 pm	ANTRIM - Beer Garden

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10 am	Interdenominational Church Service- Grandstand
11 am	Juby 'N' Friends - on grounds
	Grandpa's Fantasyland
11:30 am	Petting Farm/Pony Rides
	Walk By Faith (Gospel Group) - Grandstand
12- 6 pm	Midway Ride Bracelet $14
12 Noon	Fastball/ 40+ Tournaments
	Antique Car/Tractors/Machinery Display
	Sheep Show
12:30 pm	Horseshoe Tournament
1 pm	Open Hereford and Simmental Show
	ANTRIM - Grandstand
	Baby Contest- Tent near Grandstand
	Kids' Bingo - Pavilion
1:30 pm	Wade Henry "Busker" - on grounds
	Face Painting - Pavilion
	Bubble Gum Blowing - Pavilion
2 pm	MacCulloch Dancers - Grandstand
	HillTop K9 Agility - North Ball Diamond
2 - 4 pm	Mad Science - Pavilion
3 - 5:30 pm	ANTRIM - Grandstand
4 pm	Wade Henry "Busker" - on grounds
4 - 6:30 pm	Beef, Turkey, & Pork Barbecue, Adults $10.00, Under 6 free when accompanied by an adult
	Tent near Grandstand
7 pm	Talent Search - Grandstand

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 am	Light Horse Show
10 am - 5 pm	Buy 1 & friend rides free Midway Rides
10 am	Petting Farm/Pony Rides
10 am	Fastball Tournament Finals
11 am	Grandpa's Fantasyland
	4-H DAY
10:30 am	Beef Achievement Day
10:30 am	Sheep Achievement Day
11:30 am	Dairy Achievement Day
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12 Noon	Horse Drawing Competition
	Bingo - Stormont Hall
12:30 pm	Juby 'n' Friends - on grounds
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Williamsburg Canals

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The canals were constructed to aid vessels ascending the river. Descending vessels only used the Galop canals and at times of low water the Rapide Plat Canal had to be used.

All of the canals had a depth of 10 feet, a width of 100-150 feet and consisted of locks 200 feet in length and 45 feet in width. The locks were of substantial construction and were erected from cut stone. The gates were constructed from solid timbers 15-18 inches in thickness, dowelled and bolted together. It took six years to complete the construction of the Williamsburg Canals at a total cost of $1,320,475.

The construction contracts were tendered to a number of different contractors. The chief contractor of the project was William Elliot(t) and his brother Andrew Elliot(t). Both brothers showed an amazing ability to overcome all obstacles. When other contractors could not complete their work for technical or financial reasons the Elliot(t)s would take over and finish the job, as was the case with the Iroquois Canal. This canal was the most difficult of the canals to construct since it had to blasted out of solid rock. The greatest difficulty came in finishing the bottom. It became an engineering nightmare trying to keep the water out to finish the work. The original contractors suffered heavy losses and left the county. The Elliot(t)s rescued the work and pushed it through to completion.

The Elliot(t)s were of Scottish extraction. William came to North America from Scotland in 1828 settling in New York state before moving to Ormstown, Lower Canada in 1831. By 1840 William was settled in Moullinette where he ran a brewery until 1843. His brother Andrew came to Canada in 1835.

The Farran's Point, the Galop and the Point Iroquois canals were completed in 1847. The entire Williamsburg Canals system was completed by 1849. By the mid 1850s it was decided that the Galop and Point Iroquois canals should from a continuous system. To achieve this, the Junction Canal was constructed in 1859 at a cost of $230,730. This earthen embankment in the river linked the two into one canal 7.5 miles long with three locks.



Chief contractor William Elliot (1800-1891) picture ca. 1860.

Prior to the construction of the canals, a trip down the river from Kingston to Montreal would take about four days but the return trip from Montreal to Kingston via Bytown (Ottawa) would take 14 days. This was referred to as "running the circuit". One of the benefits of the longer journey was the elimination of the St. Lawrence forwarders. For years Upper Canadian merchants complained about receiving damaged goods from Lower Canada, torn bales, broken boxes and unhooped barrels. This damage resulted from the cargo being repeatedly loaded and unloaded from bateaux to stage, back to bateaux and then to a lake schooner. The canals made the forwarding trade a thing of the past.

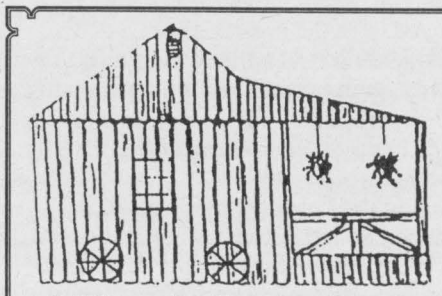
James Croil in his book, Dundas or a Sketch of Canadian History, published in 1860, recounts the attempt of the steamer Dolphin in 1838 to return to Kingston from Lachine via the St. Lawrence river. "Much difficulty was found at the Long Sault, a particular part of which seemed to defy all their efforts to get the vessel up. The current shot down with such rapidity that the Dolphin was at times in danger of being towed under water, and was dashed with violence on the river bank. After four weeks, however, of incessant toil, and, with the aid of twenty yoke of oxen, besides horses, capstans and men, added by her engine, she got up, the first and most likely the last steamer that will ever accomplish the feat."

By 1859, competition from the Grand Trunk Railroad for moving freight and passengers between Montreal and Detroit was starting to have an effect on the canal system. In that year after paying all cost of maintenance and management, the net profit to the government from the all of St. Lawrence Canals was $728.86. In 1860 an Order in Council was passed that removed all tolls from canals to make them more competitive with the railways.

In 1872, following a board of inquiry on the role of the St. Lawrence Canals, Parliament decided to enlarge the system so that ocean going vessels could travel from Montreal to Lake Superior. It would take 30 years to complete this work. Under this new initiative construction began in Morrisburg on the Rapide Plat Canal in 1884 and was completed in 1905. The work involved constructing a new lock beside the original. The new lock had a length of 270 feet with a depth of 14 feet. The original lock was also updated and repaired, and was used by vessels drawing less than nine feet of water.

The enlargement work on the Farran's Point Canal was contracted in 1897 and was completed in 1901. A new lock 800 feet long, 45 feet wide, with a depth of 14 feet was built beside the original. As with the Rapide Plat Lock, the original was repaired and preserved for use by vessels drawing less than nine feet of water. The Galop Canal had minor improvements made to the upper entrance in 1888. The enlargement work was begun in 1897 and was completed in 1905, allowing for 14-foot navigation along the entire length of the system. The total cost of the enlargement work on the Williamsburg Canals was $10,185,853.

The Morrisburg and District Historical Society meets the last Wednesday of each month in Morrisburg. For additional information about the society please call 543-4103 or 543-0169.



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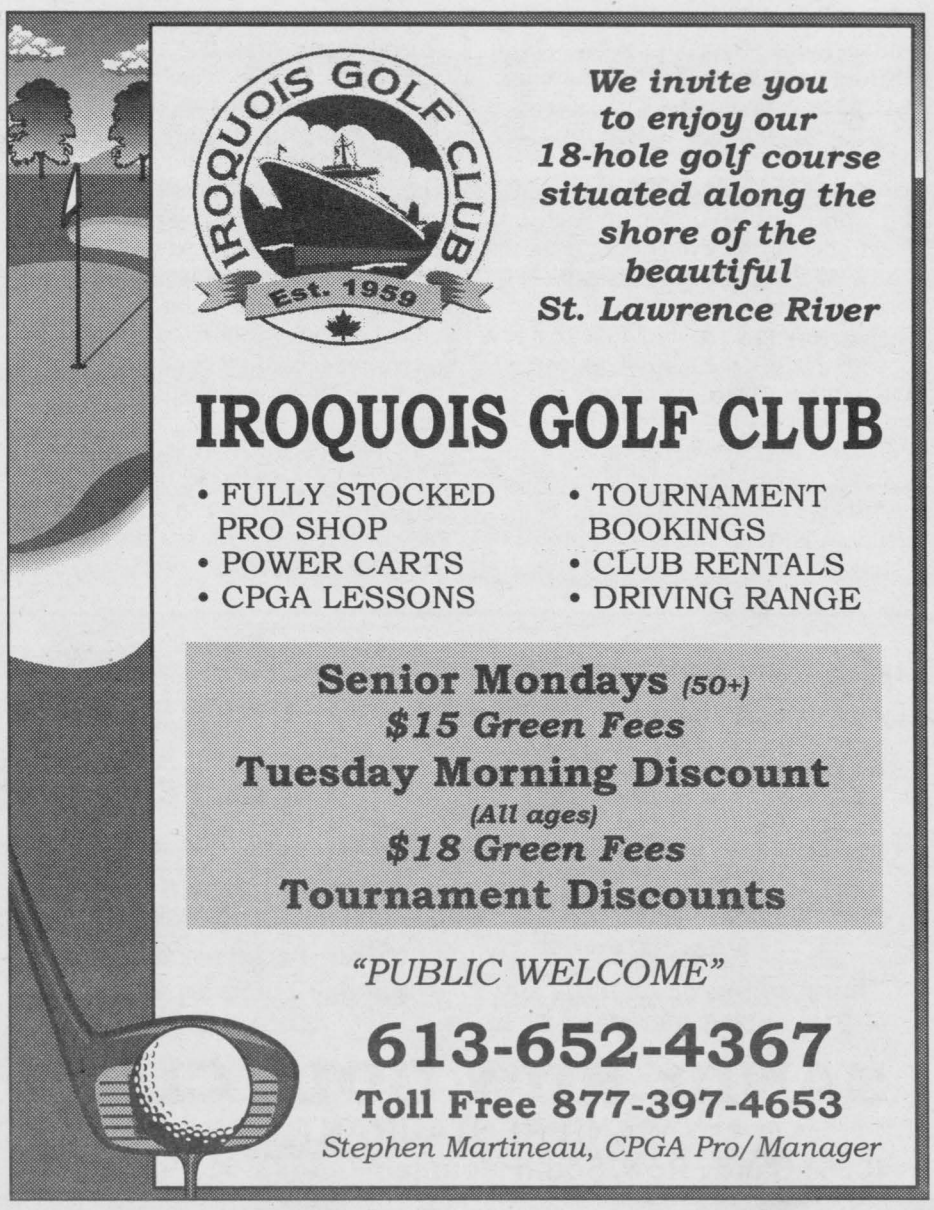

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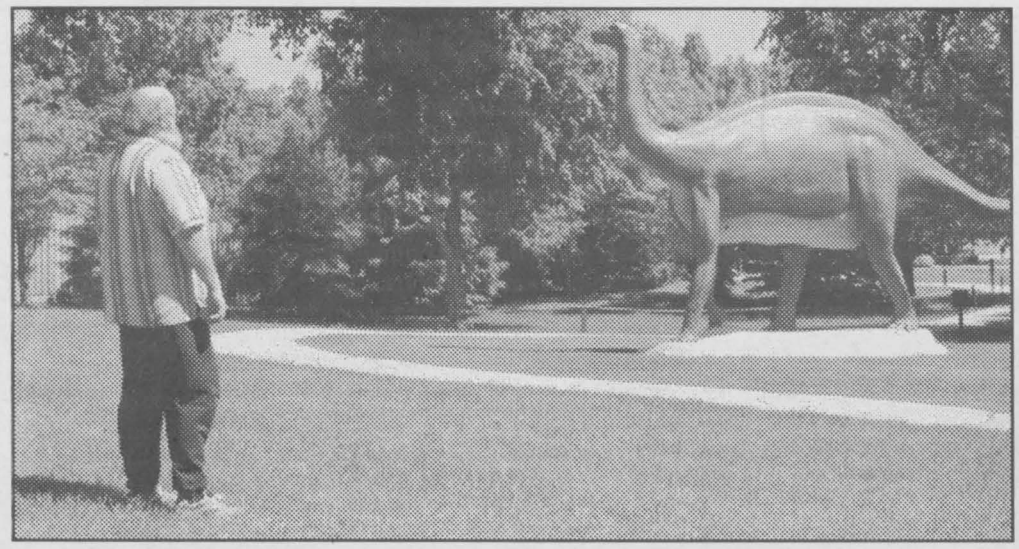
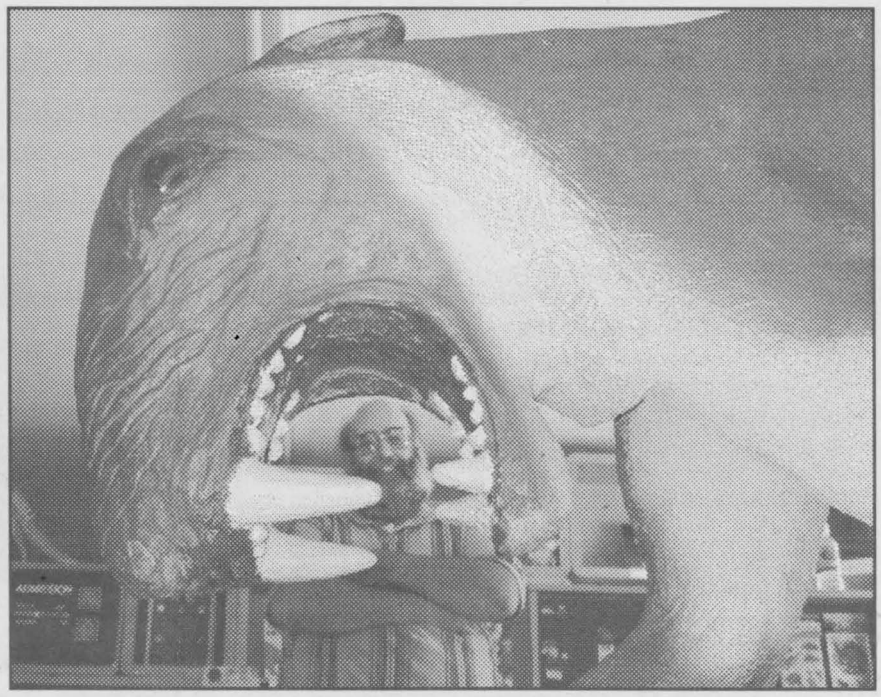




Prehistoric World owners Paul and Serge Dupuis are dinosaur fanatics who create sculptures, such as this Shunosaurus, from scratch. There are over 50 such replications in what Paul (above), lovingly refers to as his backyard. Right: Paul built this sabre-tooth tiger for the Canadian Centennial in 1967. It now resides in the entranceway of his attraction. *Photos — Easterbrook*

Prehistoric World: A unique learning experience

by Matt Easterbrook

MORRISBURG — Once upon a time, millions of years ago, dinosaurs walked the earth. Now, even though the species are extinct, they live on through Prehistoric World.

A dinosaur theme park, Prehistoric World is one of the most impressive attractions in eastern Ontario. Created in the early 1980s by brothers Paul and Serge Dupuis, the park is well-known in the paleontology world for its lifelike approximations of dinosaurs both large and small, famous and relatively unknown.

It's also well-known to young families in the area. Dupuis says not only are many of his customers return visitors, but some of his earliest ones now bring their own children for a day at the park.

For the Dupuis brothers, however, their work goes beyond mere business. In fact, they aren't even doing it for the money. They consider themselves artists first and foremost. Paul and Serge are doing what they love to do. They've made it their life work to indulge their artistic endeavors, and if they can make a little money from their work, that's an added bonus.

As Paul says, "We wanted to prove as artists we could do the whole thing ourselves, with no sponsors, patrons, or stuff like that."

The exhibits themselves are life-sized, and the park is always expanding. Even though the park is only open during the summer months, it doesn't mean the Dupuis brothers are resting on their laurels during the off-season.

On the contrary, they spend the winter months researching meticulously, deciding which creature or creatures to create for the coming season.

Once the decision has been made, it's time to create the dinosaurs. This involves making frames by doing lots of welding and shaping to create the general shape. After that comes tons of reinforced concrete, usually weighing at least twice as much as what the animal originally weighed.

Next comes the painting process. Although they try to make their creations as realistic as possible, Paul admits that there is no way of telling what color or patterns were in the dinosaurs' skin. The paint often to be retouched every four or five years, due to erosion caused by children's touching and meteorological conditions.

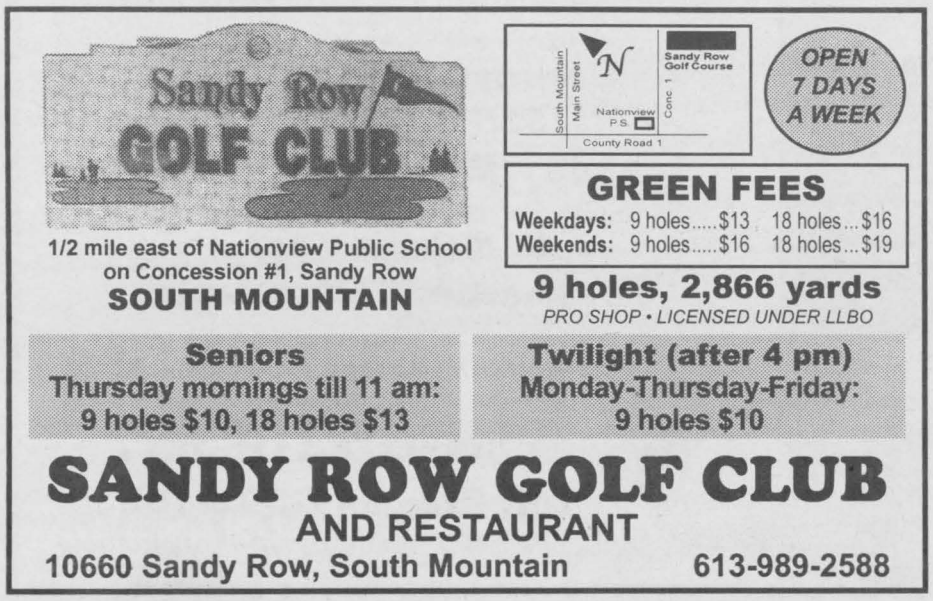
Finally, during the spring months, the recreation is planted on the grounds of the park. Often, it can take up to three or four years for one animal to be created from scratch.

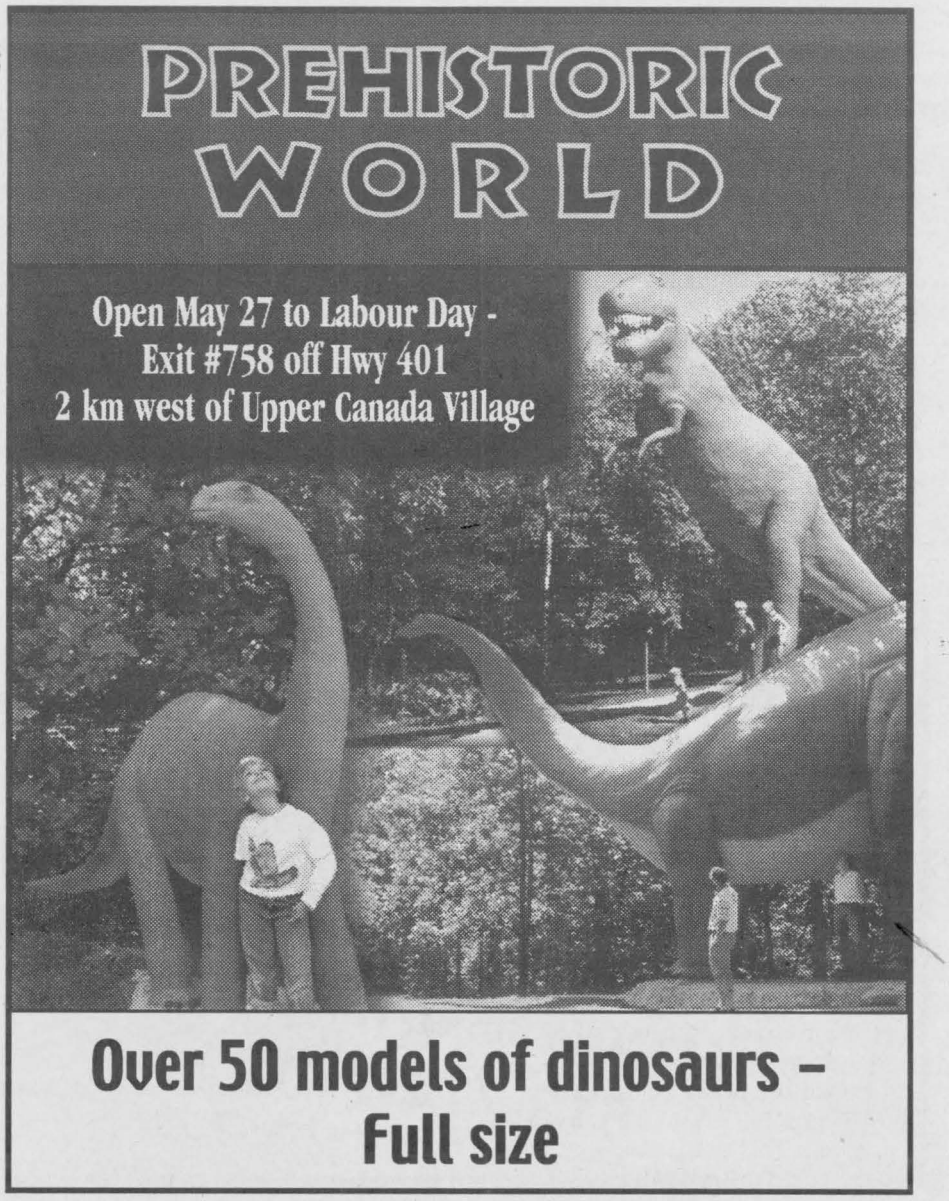
The grounds just keep expanding. Instead of replacing exhibits, the brothers add to their collection. In fact, in the entrance hallway to Prehistoric World is the first sculpture they ever created, a sabre-tooth tiger, for Canada's Centennial.

Visitors to the park should not only walk through the grounds; if they can, they should talk with one of the Dupuis brothers. They are a fountain of information and minutiae about anything and everything relating to dinosaurs.

One of the joys Paul Dupuis gets from his job is the admiration his work receives from the children. "Often, adults will say something nice but not always mean it. But when a little kid comes up to you and says, 'I like your backyard,' it's really something special."

Prehistoric World is located just off the 401 near Morrisburg. It's open daily until Labor Day weekend from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets are $6 for adults, $4.25 for seniors and children ages four to 15. For more information call 613-543-2503.







Soldiers disembark their bateaux prior to action at Crysler Farm.

The other Nov. 11

The Battle of Crysler's Farm

by Donald E. Graves

The American offensive against Canada which culminated in the battle of Crysler's Farm fought on November 11, 1813 was the most serious attempt to conquer Canada during the War of 1812. In terms of the number of regular troops involved – 13,000 – it was also the largest military operation mounted by the United States prior to the Civil War. The plan called for two armies to move on Montreal in a gigantic pincer movement: General Wade Hampton would advance north from Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain while General James Wilkinson would move by water from Sackets Harbor down the St. Lawrence.

Unfortunately for American aspirations, the plan went wrong from the outset. Hampton was turned back by a small but well-positioned force of French-Canadian regulars and militia under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Charles de Salaberry at the battle of the Chateauguay on October 26. For his part, Wilkinson was delayed and did not get into the St. Lawrence until the first week in November when his 7,300 troops, conveyed in an armada of more than 300 boats, slowly moved down the river.

The American army was tailed by a small force of British regulars from Kingston under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Morrison. Early on the morning of November 10, Morrison caught up to the invaders on the property of John Crysler, the local member of the provincial parliament, and a desultory rearguard action broke out which continued on and off through a rainy November day. In the late afternoon, the Americans broke off the action and withdrew down the river to camp for the night on the grounds of Michael Cook's tavern. Morrison then moved forward and established his headquarters in John Crysler's yellow-painted farmhouse.

The British commander was in a quandary as he had received that day an order from his superior at Kingston to break off the pursuit. He decided to deliberately disobey this order but took out the insurance of sending all correspondence on the matter to the Lieutenant General Sir George Prevost, the governor general, who was then at Montreal. This done, Morrison and his army settled down for the night, trying to make themselves as comfortable as they could under a hail of rain and sleet. Morrison's little army consisted of just under 1200 men – 929 British regulars, 30 Mohawk warriors from Tyendinaga and 270 Canadian regulars – and he had three artillery pieces.

Not more than two miles to the east, there was confusion in the American camp as a grey wet dawn came on November 11, 1813.

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Hostilities renewed July 14 & 15

MORRISBURG – Crysler's Farm Battlefield Memorial will resound to the fire of musketry and the roar of cannons on the weekend of July 14 and 15 as War of 1812 historical re-enactors from across Ontario and the U.S. converge on the site.

The lawns of the battlefield memorial, immediately west of Upper Canada Village, will be converted to armed camps as British and American "armies" camp under canvas and stage three battle re-enactments as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Village and Memorial.

More than 200 re-enactors will be travelling to South Dundas Township for the historical weekend. Re-enactors have already registered from as far away as New Orleans, Rhode Island, Boston and Winnipeg.

They will be dressed in exact reproductions of the uniforms worn by American, British and Canadian troops of the era of the War of 1812 and will be carrying firearms that are exact – and functioning – replicas of the smoothbore, muskets, flintlock rifles and cannons of the era.

Both armies will be accompanied by their musicians and will march into battle accompanied by their fifes and drums, flags flying and the sun picking out polished brass.

The battle demonstrations will be held in the vicinity of the Battlefield Memorial Building at 3 and 8 pm on Sat., July 14 and at 1 pm on Sun., July 15. Each will last about an hour. The Sunday re-enactment will be a re-creation of the Battle of Crysler's Farm, fought on November 11, 1813, in which a vastly outnumbered Anglo-Canadian army under Joseph Morrison defeated an American force on its way down the St. Lawrence to attack Montreal.

There is no charge for the weekend's events, which is co-sponsored by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and the Friends of Crysler's Farm, a registered charitable group working with the commission to enhance the visibility of the battlefield.

For more information, check out the Friends' web site at www.cryslersfarm.com.

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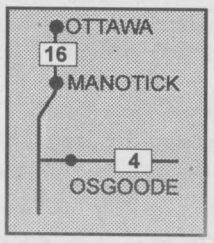

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Crysler's Farm

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Wilkinson had dispatched about 3,000 of his best troops down the river to clear the bank of snipers and he wanted to wait for word that they had accomplished this task before proceeding. To complicate matters both Wilkinson and his second in command, General Morgan Lewis, fell sick and command of the force devolved on Brigadier General John Boyd, an officer known for bravery, not brains. At about 9 am, Boyd assembled his troops intending to march along the Canadian bank of the St. Lawrence while the boats of the armada ran the rapids below. Before he could set out, he received a series of contradictory orders from Wilkinson and Lewis, both laying sick on their boats in the river, ordering him to march, and then not to march. Uncertain what to do, Boyd did nothing while his men stood in their ranks for more than five hours under an intermittent drizzle of rain. Shortly after noon, word came that the British were advancing from the west and a desperate Boyd rode to the riverbank and shouted across to Wilkinson's boat for orders. The response was to turn and attack the British and beat them back. Boyd therefore ordered his 3,000 men to turn in their tracks, march west through a small wood between the two armies and attack. It was about 2 pm.

Harassed in the wood by Canadian skirmishers and Mohawk warriors who fired and fell back before the American onslaught, Boyd's columns lost their cohesion. When they emerged at the other side of the trees, they found themselves in view of Morrison's line of British and Canadian infantry posted behind wet, muddy farmfields cut across by ravines and gullies. Boyd did not wait for his artillery to come up but ordered an immediate advance and his subordinate generals then launched a series of separate attacks against, first, Morrison's left flank, then his front and, finally, his right flank by the river. Each attack was beaten off by the superior fire discipline of the British and Canadians who waited patiently until the Americans were in range and then let loose a series of rolling volleys that decimated them. Sheltering for safety in the cellars of nearby farmhouses, local civilians could distinguish between the musketry of the two armies as the British volleys came "at regular intervals like tremendous rolls of thunder" while the American fire was "irregular, a pop, pop, popping all the time."

Seeing it was no use, Boyd pulled his infantry back to the edge of the wood to wait while his artillery softened up the British line. Morrison promptly moved forward to capture the American guns which hastily retreated, one being lost to the redcoats. In an effort to save the remainder, the American cavalry mounted a charge directly against the open flank of the advancing British line but were shot to piece by artillery and musketry fire. By now it was about 4 pm and Boyd decided to withdraw from the action. As the Americans disappeared into the wood, Morrison sent forward his warriors and light infantry.

Scattered across the muddy, ploughed fields and ravines were nearly 600 dead and wounded men from both armies. But that same night, a chastened Wilkinson withdrew to the American bank of the St. Lawrence and, a few days later, called a halt to the offensive.

Through the efforts of an outnumbered but well commanded and well-positioned little army of British and Canadian (both French and English-speaking) soldiers, and their Mohawk warrior allies, Canada had been preserved. As for Joseph Morrison, his commander in chief approved his decision to disobey orders and thereby win a major victory.

The reader who would like to learn more about the battle of Crysler's Farm should consult my book, Field of Glory: The Battle of Crysler's Farm, *1813 published in 1999 by Robin Brass Studio of Toronto.*

South Mountain hosts ND Canada Day celebrations

by Matt Easterbrook

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — North Dundas Township will hold its Canada Day celebration at the South Mountain Fairgrounds this year.

Highlights of the day will include the Airbounce Express (a miniature train from Airbounce Amusements), an all-terrain vehicle pull-off, pony rides, and an airbounce for the kids called "Millie the Centipede," also from Airbounce Amusements.

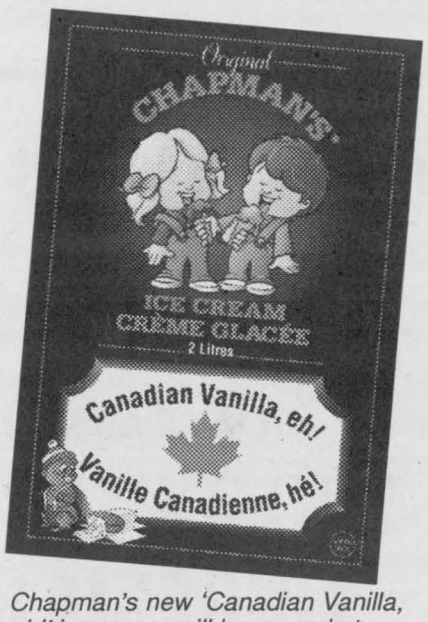
Chapman's Ice Cream has generously donated 128 boxes of the yummy stuff to Dundas County's Canada Day celebration. What makes this donation even more special is that the ice cream is a special "Canadian Vanilla" flavor, with a red maple leaf in the center. The ice cream will be served with cake to celebrants, free of charge.

The Eastern Ontario Horses of Course Club will host a games event where all breeds of horses can participate. Events include wagon rides, pole bending, obstacle courses, barrels, walk/trot, boot scrambles and log skidding. There will also be breed displays in the livestock barn.

There will be craft stalls (including some where participants can create designs on T-shirts), an all-day barbecue, musical entertainment and perhaps a skateboard demonstration.

For the fourth straight year there will be a three-pitch tournament, which will start at 8 am and run all day. Proceeds from the Travis Dumoulin Memorial Tournament will go to the dialysis unit at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Local dignitaries will be on hand starting at 8 pm, including MP Bob Kilger, MPP John Cleary, North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau, and North Dundas Ward 2 councillor Estella Rose.



Chapman's new 'Canadian Vanilla, eh!' ice cream will be served at Dundas County's Canada Day celebration.

Prizes and draws will also take place, including a draw for a child's bicycle, a family pack of movie passes, a draw for three meat packages from Neil's Butcher Block and a home run competition co-sponsored by Labatt's.

Event co-organizer Heather Erwin says this year's celebration is the only Canada Day celebration in North Dundas Township. The event was recently adapted by council as the township's official Canada Day.

To that end, there will be a giant birthday cake, and a huge fireworks display to close out the day's festivities, according to Erwin.

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Bearbrook Farm caters to exotic tastes

by Lori Gillespie
Press staff

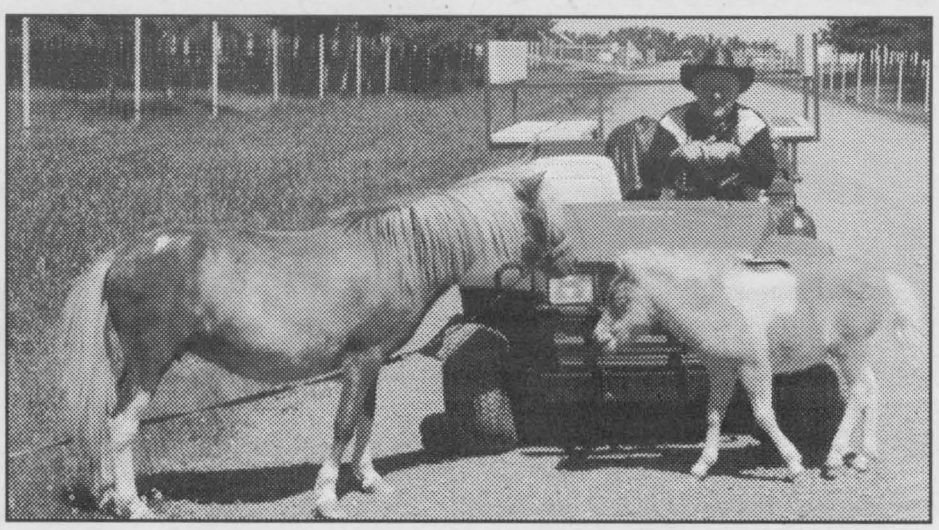
NAVAN — What began as a desire to gaze at deer grazing on his property has turned into a unique and popular escape near Navan, 20 minutes east of Ottawa.

Bearbrook Farm is a game farm featuring a variety of exotic game animals to look at and, in some cases, touch. It's a luxurious bed and breakfast that attracts international visitors as well as local residents. It features an exotic butcher shop specializing in game raised on the farm, including ostrich, buffalo, wild boar and deer. And it's a great place to have a wedding, with beautiful banquet facilities and breathtaking photographic opportunities.

It all started in 1973, when Walter and Inge Henn purchased the farm near Bearbrook, in the Navan area. The farm went through several phases, from dairy to hog to cash crop and poultry. The couple came to Canada in 1960 from Germany.

Walter Henn had a fondness for the tranquil image of deer grazing. So he bought some deer and enclosed them in a field at the front of his property, so that he could look at them.

"I noticed that people were stopping on the road to look at the deer, so I said to my wife we should move the deer back on the property and charge people to look at them," Henn recalls.



Entrepreneurial Bearbrook Farm owner Walter Henn gets around his exotic game farm and bed and breakfast on a John Deere Gator. A friendly miniature horse and its colt have free reign of the park, and love to welcome guests.

That was the beginning of the game farm.

About seven years ago, the enterprising Henns opened the bed and breakfast portion of their business.

"The bed and breakfast was not planned," Henn says. "We had an apartment over the butcher shop, and we decided to offer it as a bed and breakfast. We made four rooms in the apartment."

The next year, six more rooms were built. "People kept coming," Henn says. "The next year we built eight more rooms, and the next year 16 more, so that we could handle bus loads of people that were coming."

Now there are 68 rooms built in cabins, and seven suites. Each room has its own bath. Henn recalls that the first year the bed and breakfast was open, they had 100 guests. The second year, 300 guests. By the fourth year, 5,000.

Last year, 15,000 people from all over the world stayed at Bearbrook Farm. Sometimes three busloads are accommodated at the farm in one night. And to accommodate international guests, English, French and German are spoken at the farm.

During the peak season, from mid-May until mid-October, the farm employs about 40 staff, 20 of them full-time workers. Throughout the rest of the year, the Henns and their staff are kept busy with Christmas parties, conferences and seminars.

The cuisine is German and Canadian. "We have a wonderful chef from Switzerland who makes the best meals from our meats here," Henn says. "He prepares dishes from all over the world."

There is no restaurant at Bearbrook Farm, but the public is invited to make reservations to dine there when tour groups are staying there. There is a fine-dining room and a banquet hall where meals are presented. The farm also offers special Mother's Day and Father's Day brunches, by reservation.

There are several banquet halls available for meetings, conferences and small weddings, but there is also a beautifully decorated, 400-capacity wedding dome tent in the park, which will be busy each weekend throughout the summer.

But there is much more to Bearbrook Farm than food and accommodations. Visitors are welcome for the day to walk through the 75-acre farm and visit the exotic species that live there. The walk is about three kilometres, but there are also golf carts available to be rented.

It's a beautiful walk, as Bearbrook Farm has a resident gardener who makes sure that the lawns and gardens are well looked after.

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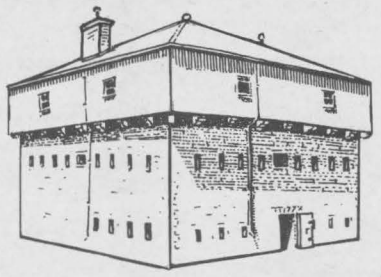

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Bearbrook Farm

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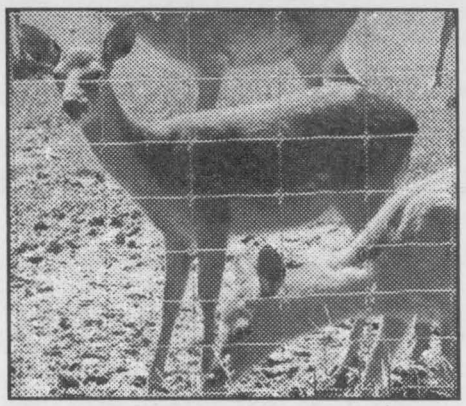
In the park, there are five specimens of deer from various parts of the world. There are elk, buffalo, llamas, ostriches, emus, wild boars, several breeds of sheep and goats, miniature horses, miniature cows from Indian and Pakistan, and Scottish Highland cattle. There is also a team of Clydesdale horses that often greets special guests to offer a wagon ride through the park.

The animals are bred and slaughtered on the farm, with a government licensed abattoir on site to complement the game meat shop. A snack bar also offers samplings of the exotic tastes that await.



The game park is filled with several species of deer, as well wild boars, ostriches, buffalo, emus and llamas. Above are a hybrid deer — a cross between red deer and elk, making for a hardier species of deer.

The name of the farm comes from the nearby village of Bearbrook. "The people in Bearbrook were always very nice, so we named our farm for the village, for welcoming us to this area," Henn says.

For a special guest, Henn offers a tour through the game park on his Gator, a John Deere vehicle the size of a golf cart. Setting off for the tour, a miniature horse and its colt can be seen in the playground, mingling with children visiting the park.

Next there is a pen of about 20 emus, and then some white-tailed deer. The animals are all fenced in their own areas, but are kept in a natural environment with plenty of grass, water and shade. Signs on the fences of each area describe the species and its history for visitors.

Further down the path are hybrid deer — a cross between red deer and elk, making for a hardier species of deer.

More signs offer directions and let you know that you are on Fallow Deer Road, Ostrich Lane or Billy Goat Drive.

Soon, another sign will point guests down the road, where Henn is planning another natural park. This one will be a drive-through park, leading guests through a forest to view 30 buffalo and about 50 elk and deer. As well, that park will feature fully stocked trout ponds, where guests can fish. That park is expected to be open soon.

You can find out more about the unique Bearbrook Farm and its exotic animals and welcoming atmosphere on-line at www.bearbrookfarm.com.



Bearbrook Farm offers a 400-capacity dome wedding tent, which keeps weekends busy at the farm throughout the summer. Press Photo — Gillespie

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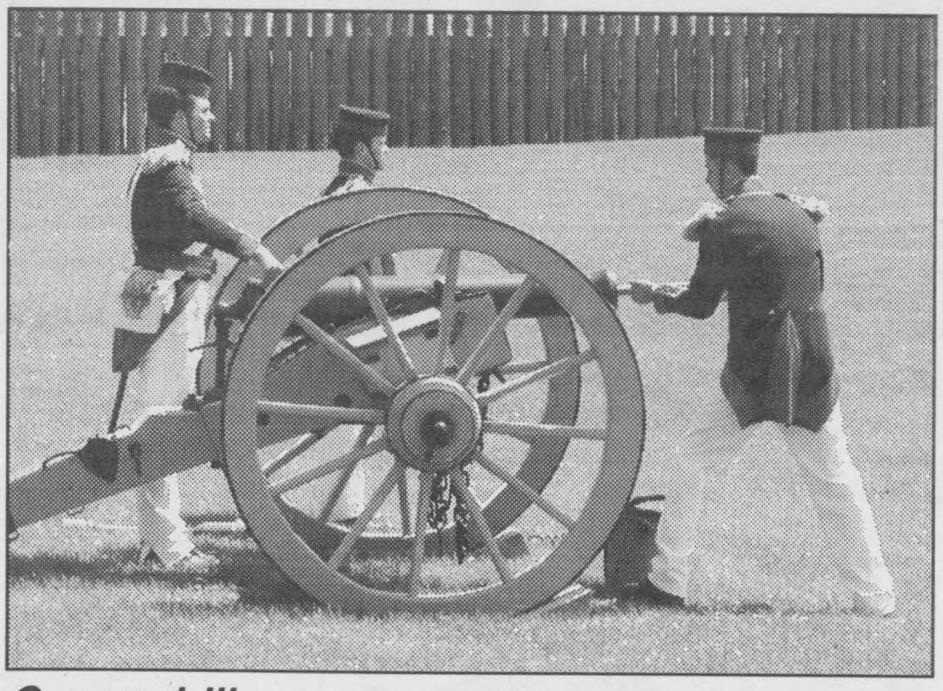
Guides bring Fort Wellington to life

PRESCOTT – Fort Wellington continues to offer a glimpse of its longtime role as Guardian of the St. Lawrence.

The national historic site located in the east end of Prescott, just north of County Road 2 and the river, is open from 10 am to 5 pm daily until Sept. 30.

The fort was built to protect against American attack in the War of 1812. Fort Wellington also guarded the vital St. Lawrence shipping route in the 19th century.

Original earthworks remain at the present-day site, as do a blockhouse and outbuildings constructed in response to the rebellions of 1837.



Canon drill

Visitors to Fort Wellington in Prescott over the summer will be impressed by the reproduction of cannon drills as they would have been done in 1846. These members of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment prepare to fire a six-pound British field gun.

Knowledgeable guides dressed in authentic reproduction costumes help visitors discover exciting stories of Fort Wellington's past. Period furnishings and engaging exhibits are on display.

Fort soldiers will march and drill as part of Canada Day festivities July 1. A cannon will be fired that day by the royal artillery. Special activities will be offered for the kids, as well as a Canada Day cake. Admission to the fort will be free on July 1.

Fort Wellington will present Shadows of the Fort on Thursday evenings beginning July 12. Staff bring fort stories to life during a guided walk by candlelight at dusk or after dark. The final performance of the season is set for Aug. 16. Reserving tickets in advance is recommended.

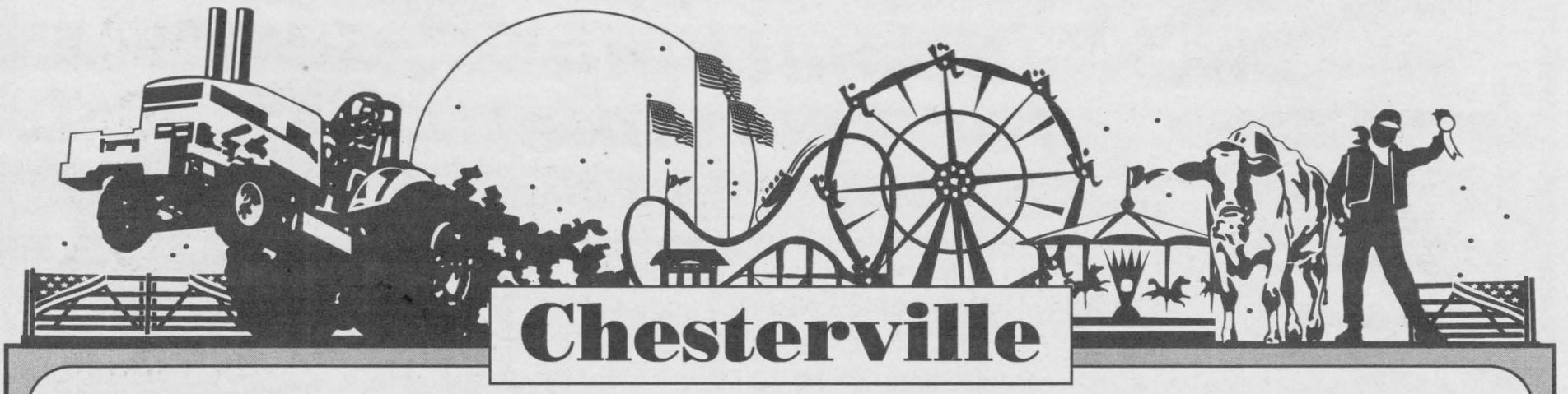
Parks Day – Take a Hike, a national celebration of historic sites and parks, will take place on July 21. Local festivities will feature a hike along the historic waterfront to the Battle of the Windmill Historic Site east of Prescott.

Two sessions of the fort's heritage day camp will be offered July 24-28 and Aug. 7-11. Children will discover what life was like in the 1840s by playing period games, dressing in period costume and making period crafts and food. Registration is required.

For more information on Fort Wellington, call 613-925-2896.



At Fort Wellington in Prescott, historical interpreter Ben Hart wears the uniform of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment.



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9:30 pm-1 am	Dance in Arena Circuit (minors allowed)

Saturday, August 25

9 am	Volleyball Tournament
10 am-4 pm	Miniature Horses
10 am-4 pm	4-Wheeler Pull
10:30 am-2 pm	4-H Achievement Day
Noon-7 pm	Pig Roast & Corn on the Cob
7-9 pm	Helldrivers - Grandstand
9 pm	Dance in Refreshment tent featuring 'Ambush' - Age of Majority

Sunday, August 26

8 am	Registration - 5 K Run/Walk/Rollerblade
8:30-11 am	Pancake Breakfast
9-11 am	Baby Show - Grandstand
10 am-5 pm	Gymkhana Horse Show
10 am	Tractor Pull
10 am	Automotive Show Arena
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