

Green Lane WI, Prescott District

Local O.P.P. Officer, Det. Lise Durocher, joined Green Lane WI for a presentation on Identity Theft and Power of Attorney Fraud. She demonstrated how easily a person's identity can be stolen, and showed the audience a "skimmer" which was confiscated from a local bank. Those attending were very appreciative of the many questions she answered and experiences she shared!



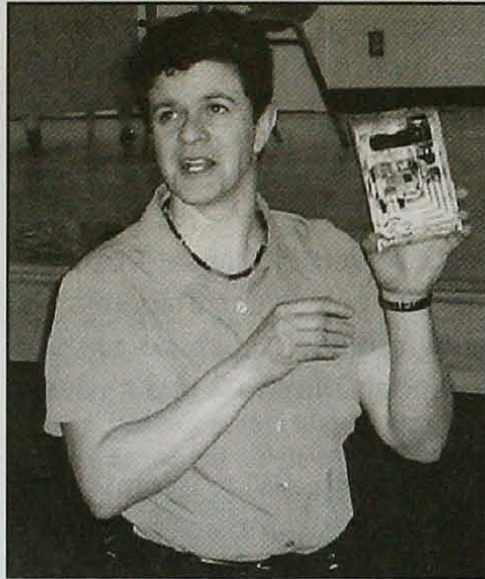
Reynolds Creek WI, Middlesex East District

Ron Watts joined Reynolds Creek WI for a Tweedsmuir History Meeting. Speaking on the lives of militia members from 200 years ago, he certainly looked the part! Ron wore his Royal Scots 1st Battalion uniform and even brought his musket and canteen!



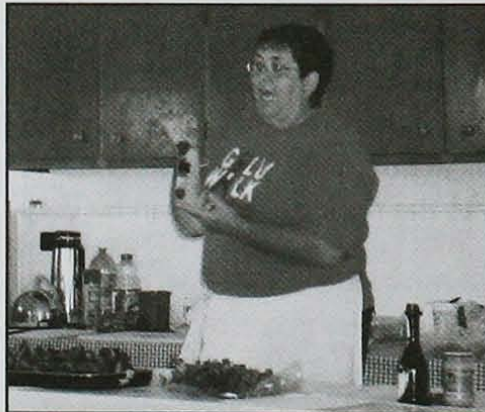
Kerwood WI, Middlesex North District

Marion Perrie poses in front of the Royal Memorabilia display at Kerwood WI's 3rd Annual Community Ladies' Night Out in June. Among many topics, the event also included the celebration of 100 years of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), and guest speakers who have donated their hair to Locks of Love. All enjoyed a very fun and informative evening!



Reidville WI, Lennox-Addington District

"The WI is Coming to Lunch" was the theme at Reidville WI's ROSE Session in June. The ladies enjoyed a food demonstration from Wanda Gyde, who stressed the importance of food safety. Guests received a copy of Canada's Food Guide and recipes to take home with them!



Thanks to a groundbreaking new program, help is on the way for some beleaguered farmers coping with deepening emotional distress.

Starting September 1, farm families in three test areas will be able to access AgResolve, a free, confidential service that will put them in touch with professional support. Experts will offer help with stress reduction, better relationships, improved communication, parenting skills, money management and personal debt counseling. Consultations will be available for individuals, couples, children and families.

At first, the assistance program will only be available to registered farmers in Haldimand and Norfolk, Cornwall (Stormont, Dunda and Glengarry) and Chatham-Kent. But the hope is to turn the pilot project into a province-wide initiative and perhaps even a national program.

AgResolve was designed by Norfolk R.E.A.C.H (a rural multi-service organization) in response to a province-wide survey in which 84 percent said there was urgent need for a free, confidential service to help producers experiencing stress.

According to AgResolve Coordinator Rick Gamble, farmers are entitled to the new services. "Through employee assistance programs, benefits like these are provided to almost everyone else from auto and postal workers to engineers, doctors and nurses," he says. It's time agriculture was included.

Families seeking farmer-to-farmer support will find it through the Farm Line (a confidential, toll-free number 1-800-451-2903). Professional help is also available from experts by contacting the offices listed below.

- Haldimand Norfolk 1-800-265-8087
- Cornwall Area 613-932-4610
- Chatham-Kent 519-354-6221