

# Fire department gets jaws of life

Last Saturday, the Lucknow and District Fire Department took possession of a new heavy hydraulic rescue system known as the "jaws of life".

The Holmatro equipment is a Dutch system and is used around the world. This equipment, used in conjunction with the department's Holmatro air bag lifting system, gives the firefighters a wide range

of rescue capabilities.

Fire Chief Peter Steer said the system is made up of a 4 h.p. pump, a spreader which spreads up to 27" wide with a force of 17,000 lbs., and a cutter which puts out a force of 63,000 lbs.

The total cost of the system was \$18,619 and was entirely funded by the generous donations of the Lucknow and District Lions Club, Luck-

now Legion Branch 309, Lucknow Agricultural Society, Lucknow Lions Ladies and the Lucknow 1992 Canada Day Celebrations.

Chief Steer said an open house is planned for the summer. It will give the public a chance to tour the renovated fire hall, a project of the Lucknow and District Kinsmen; to view the new jaws of life and the recently acquired pumper truck.



The Lucknow and District Fire Department took possession of a new heavy hydraulic rescue system known as the jaws of life. Members of the department participated in a practise session on Saturday afternoon at the fire hall. (Pat Livingston photo)



Gordon Anderson has his truck filled up with ethanol by Peter Van Diepenbeek during the Lucknow District Co-op's grand opening of their fuel bar service last Saturday. Although he hasn't noticed any difference in vehicle performance, Mr. Anderson believes it is important to support the farmer-oriented business. Another positive aspect, he said, is ethanol fuel is "environmentally friendly." (Pat Livingston photo)



The Lucknow and District Fire Department took possession of the new 1993 Volvo GM pumper truck with crew cab last Friday. Fort Garry Industries, Winnipeg, delivered the truck and completed a training session with members. The net cost of the truck to the four municipalities is \$118,441. The old pumper truck was sold to a northern Ontario township for \$34,000. (Pat Livingston photo)