

Art on the farm

Bruce student's design chosen by 4-H

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PAISLEY — Painting is something Jeff Schwass does in his spare time but all his paintings reflect his life in a farming community.

"It's where my main interest lies," he said.

And it's Schwass' use of the agricultural theme that earned him top prize in the 1995 4-H Report Cover Design Contest.

Schwass used old snapshots of a barn raising as the basis of his design. The final result ideally illustrated this year's 4-H theme of working together, said Angie Friend, co-ordinator of the 4-H council's Communications and Development.

Schwass' design has been used on the 4-H annual report and Friend said the cover hot off the press Tuesday "looked fabulous."

"The color combination he used is truly amazing," she said.

The winning entry brings Schwass an expense paid trip for

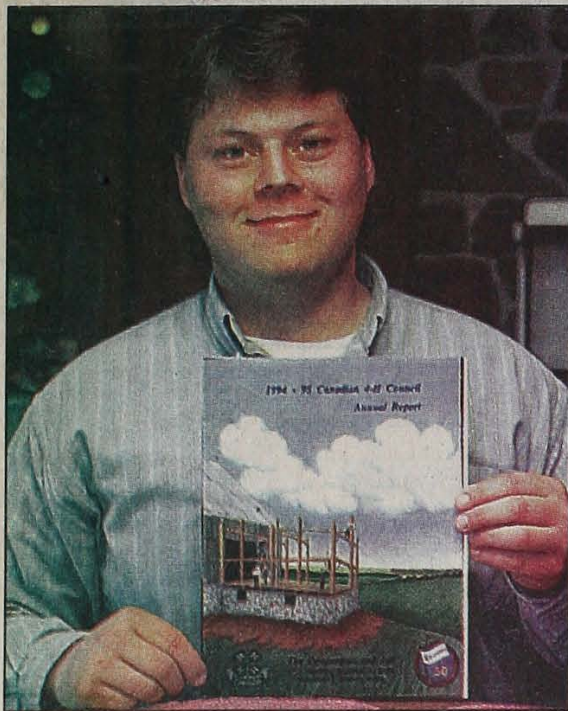
two to Alberta June 1 to attend the 4-H annual meeting. His design will be unveiled at that time and he'll be presented with a matted and framed version, said Friend.

Schwass, who is a first-year student at the University of Guelph, will be taking his sister Krista with him on the trip but says he's a bit apprehensive about the flight.

"I've never had to fly before," he said.

Schwass, who lives on the family's 100-hectare farm and has been involved with 4-H for many years, is a horse club member and a youth leader.

His acrylic and color pencil design beat out 65 entries from across Canada with submissions from Manitoba and Saskatchewan taking second and third prizes respectively. Schwass' design will be seen across Canada when the annual report is distributed to more than 2,500 4-H staff, leaders and sponsors.



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Jeff Schwass shows his design on report

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Several awards were presented at the 340 Air Cadets Squadron annual inspection recently. Front from left, most improved FSGT P. Robinson, band award Sgt. N. Dejong, best 3rd/4th year cadet Sgt. T. Voisin, biathlon award Sgt. T. Voisin and WO2 B. Beacock, best overall WO2 B. Beacock and FSGT J. Kosloski. Back row, best first year cadet LAC M. Chappel and LAC P. Seaman, peer award SGT V. Robinson, marksmanship award CPL C. Buckton, best dressed SGT J. Belrose, best 2nd/3rd year cadet CPL B. Freiburger.

Book devoted to Bruce County history on sale

Still in time for your summer vacation in the beautiful Bruce is Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County, edited by Shirley McClure, Marion McGillivray and Isobelle Underwood and published by the Bruce County Historical Society.

Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County is a must for the traveller in the Bruce. The book is divided into five main areas: The Lake Huron

Shore, The Bruce Triangle, The East Side, The Lower Peninsula and To Land's End. Arranged to follow the main routes through the County, it provides interesting bits of information on the places through which you pass. Take the opportunity to get off the highways and stay a while. Enjoy Bruce County's spectacular scenery, investigate an old mill, a line kiln, a ghost town or two.

Don't worry about getting lost. Each chapter has excellent maps by Donald McSpornan showing the exact location of every site. Even so, a helping hand is never far away in the Bruce.

Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County contains over 150 photographs accompanied by a brief text telling each site's historical or cultural significance. This book will make a wonderful souvenir item for visitors, as well as a great gift for those who live in the County. It is available at the Bruce County Museum and Archives in Southampton, local bookstores, or from the Bruce County Historical Society book custodians, Donald and Irma McSpornan, R.R.1, Paisley, 519-363-2294.