

of domestic creatures

"The papers used to be printed gravura, which meant you had limited colours and colour separation calling for a different kind of design. Now, the papers are printed offset, which means it's just like a printing press, capable of a lot more detail and colour."

Martha has designed what she calls "the ABC prints", the letter illuminated by borders and depiction. "Over 12,000 have been sold," she says modestly. The print designs are marketed by Lipman Publishing of Toronto, a world leader in the selling of framed prints.

An avid birdwatcher, Martha's haunting of Presqu'ile Park gained her a job last summer heading up the children's program at the park: "I really enjoyed the freedom of going in different directions with that," she says happily.

The serendipity of it all is not lost on Martha. "I'm gradually working on panels

and a wall mural in Grafton that features bird feathers. It's amazing how much detail and difference there is in a feather. And people bring feathers they find interesting to me to look at."

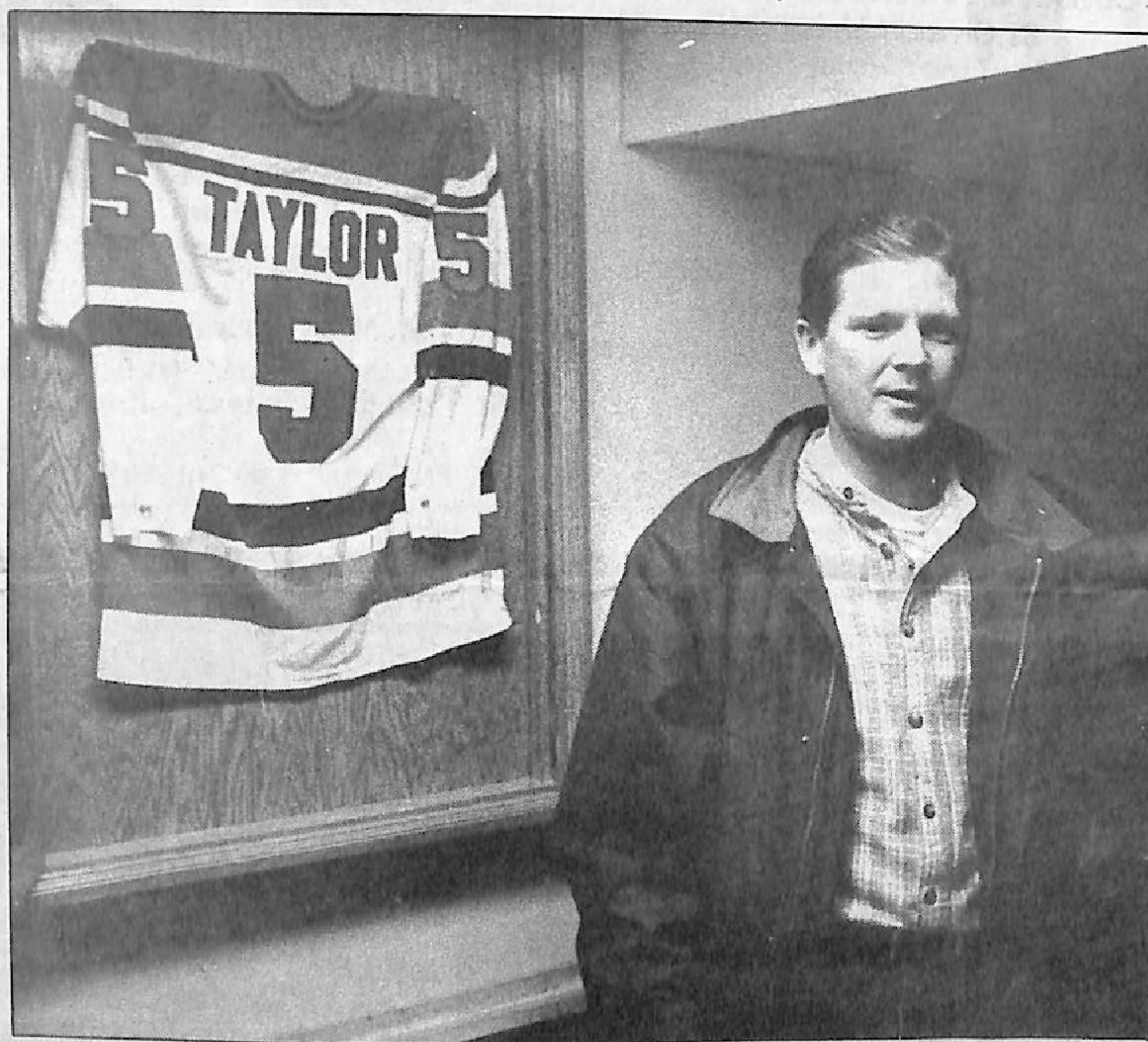
The OCA grad went to work for Irwin Toy Company in Toronto on contract. Asked to construct a three-dimensional toy, she went on to work for the company three and one half years. She returned to OCA as an instructor for two years as well as at a Toronto private school.

Now, living at the Lakeport home of her parents, the rural setting allows her to more readily indulge her ornithological interests, pursue personal projects and commissions - and check in with domestic livestock that captures her interest.

Perhaps Martha will never hang any of her work on the massive blank walls in her studio. Her talents are too much in demand.

Sweater retired

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Jamie Taylor stands beside the sweater his brother John wore when playing forward for the 1986-7 OMHA Provincial Juvenile Champions. The sweater was officially retired in a special ceremony held at the Colborne Cramahe Arena on Saturday. Members of the Taylor family and close to 50 friends gathered for the tribute. The family continues to support minor hockey and ball in the community. John was killed in an automobile accident on June 25, 1995. PHOTO BY BOB OWEN