

Playground for Castleton sports field

\$15,000 spent on equipment

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Major renovations are taking place at the Castleton sports field in preparation for an expanded parking lot, new playground equipment, a larger soccer pitch, as well as a proposed canteen/washroom and shelter.

Castleton Sports Club Inc. is putting a donation from the Castleton Colborne Optimist Club towards the installation of the first section of equipment to be delivered at the end of September. The price tag is \$15,000. The club was formed over 10 years ago, and since then volunteers have turned 11 acres of wooded land into a viable sports facility. Volunteers cleared the land, removed the stumps and started planning. The facility currently has two completely fenced ball diamonds, three soccer pitches, a drilled well, hydro, utility shed and new bleachers. Next on the wish list is a canteen

"By adding a canteen and washroom, the facility can be better utilized for both soccer and baseball tournaments," said Steve Clark, vice-president of the club.



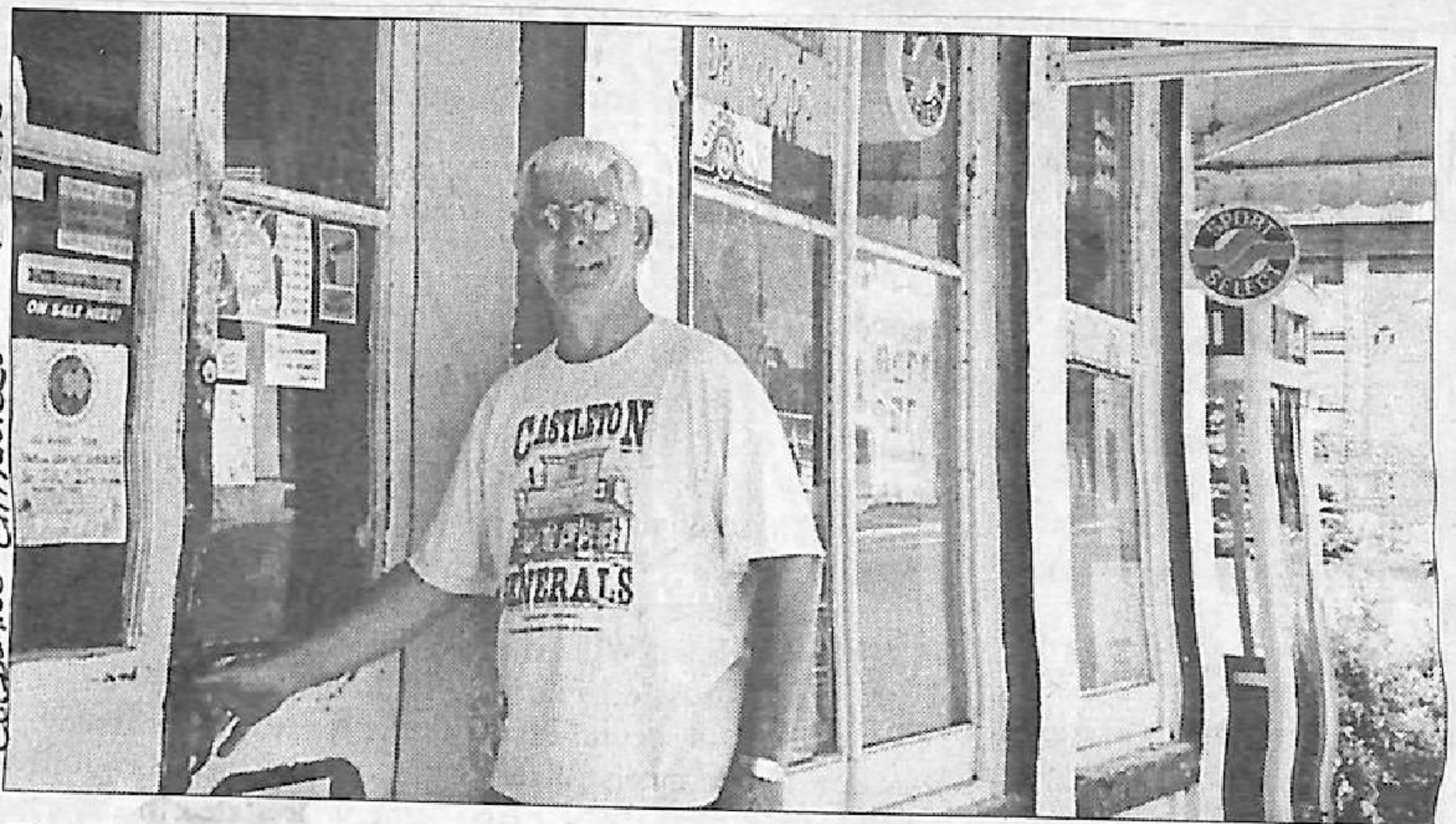
Jack Audenaert of J&B Excavating works on the Castleton site.

Building of the new structure will be dependent on funds raised by volunteers.

The organization raises its annual funds through events such as Bingo, Nevada tickets, Barn dances, "You Host, We Roast" draw, soccer tournaments, private donations and grants from Cramahe Township.

A major fundraising effort is in jeopardy, however, as the club currently has no Bingo Chairperson.

Volunteers are needed to help once a month in Port Hope. Bingos have been cancelled since last March. Anyone wishing to volunteer, should contact Clark at 905-344-5971.



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The Grand Old Lady of Castleton has had a facelift - and it's been quite a case of liquid makeup. The Castleton General Store repainting

required 326 litres of paint - a figure Regan Wilson guessed exactly. As a result, says owner Keith Olan, Mr. Regan wins 100 free video rentals and two Castleton Generals T-shirts.

Photo by Mandy Martin

The origin of Cramahe Township's name

Removing the backing from a 1970 photo of Cramahe Township council and municipal staff, current Reeve Stu Oliver discovered a typewritten explanation of the township name.

Hector Theophilus Cramahe was active in what is the politics of the late 1700s - 100 years before Canadian Confederation. Stu Oliver doesn't know who wrote the mini-history, and believes the township was actually named after Cramahe's widow.

The text of the history follows:

"Cramahe Township, 1972, was called after Hector Theophilus Cramahe, a Swiss Protestant, who had

been a member of Governor Murray's Council and also his secretary and whom Murray described as a gentleman, an excellent scholar, master of the French language and valuable assistant to him.

Cramahe administered the government during Sir Guy Carleton's absence from the country 1770-74, the period in which the Quebec Act was under consideration,

Garneau states that Cramahe in 1772 permitted the consecration of a co-adjutor to the Catholic Bishop, and in 1773 he recommended that the French Canadians should be treated

liberally and with justice in the matter of religion and Lord Darmouth promised to follow a generous policy.

Mrs. Cramahe received a pension of 150 pounds, the warrant stating it to be given her "as widow of the late Hector Theophilus Cramahe, Lieutenant-Governor of Detroit, pursuant to the order of the Lords of the Treasurer, 31 May, 1790."

Cramahe took the oath of office October 12, 1785, but, so far as can be traced, never entered on the government of Detroit. The last warrant for his salary is dated May 1, 1787."

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