

Cramahe singer develops her sound in L.A.



Cramahe Township's Samantha Moore has signed with Geffen Records. She was home for a few days before heading back to Los Angeles to write and record songs.

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It's been a very busy 12 months since Samantha Moore was 'discovered' last September.

After singing at a Kingston talent show, Samantha was approached by the former manager of Avril Lavigne. After exchanging phone numbers, Samantha called Cliff Fabri.

That started a round of plane trips for her and her mom Margo Twitchett to New York, Nashville and Los Angeles to meet various record label representatives.

By early spring they had settled on Geffen, a subsidiary of the Universal label with offices around the U.S. The company has such artists as Blink 182, New Found Glory, Finch, Rooney and Cheryl Crowe on its roster.

According to Margo, the decision was unanimous. She and Samantha and her father Fred Moore agreed with Cliff and Ken Krongard from Romanline Productions that the fit was perfect. Geffen was willing to understand that Samantha, at 14, was a "work

in progress". She would take time to develop.

Once that was agreed, Cliff and Ken went to work to get her signed with the company. That happened this summer and she's been busy ever since.

Geffen has given Samantha 10 months to find her sound. They've set her and Margo up in an apartment in L.A. that rents for \$4,000 U.S. They have a car and all expenses paid, even a trip home at Thanksgiving. Margo pressed for that so they wouldn't miss the fall colours.

Since school ended in June, Margo and Samantha and her younger sister Anna have been in L.A. Dad has remained in Colborne operating his metered concrete business. Now, Anna is back at school, completing the same French immersion program Samantha finished in 2002. They will join Samantha and Margo for Christmas.

Since the contract signing with Geffen, Samantha has spent most of her weekdays writing songs, rehearsing and recording them as demos.

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Twp. orders new truck

This might be a year to hope for a light snowfall in Cramahe Township. Knowing that one of the current trucks used for ploughing was unlikely to be serviceable much longer, the municipality decided to purchase a new one. Five tenders were sent out. Two returned.

After some discussion council decided to purchase the cheaper truck offered by Winslows in Peterborough. The only problem is that it won't arrive until well after most of the winter has passed.

Councillor Johnston brought that to council's attention. He wondered aloud if it made sense to go with the current vehicles this winter.

Roads Superintendent Jim Black replied that it probably wasn't. Chief Administrative Official Merlin Dewing added that both Roads Superintendents (Jim Black and Brian Williams) envisioned getting the truck by January 1, never in the fall. It is scheduled to arrive in March.

The new vehicle will cost \$151,829.62. That's with a trade in. It does have a wing and will dump from the side and back. The wing will be a time saver. On some roads, with the new plough, a truck will only have to make two passes instead of four, Mr. Black observed.

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Harvest Auction nearly sold out

The 19th annual Apple Harvest Auction is coming home to Colborne September 20. Plans are underway to convert the ice pad of the Keeler Centre into a wonderland.

As usual, there will be silent and live auctions. A vast array of items have been purchased by the Colborne Rotary Club as well as several donations from local businesses and private sources. From rugs to paintings, from a large wine rack to a room dividing screen, from turtles to dogs, from clocks to music boxes, Rotary has tried to please everyone.

To provide extra fun for the evening there are three draws. One will be for a handcrafted made-to-measure set of golf clubs, another will be for a hand made

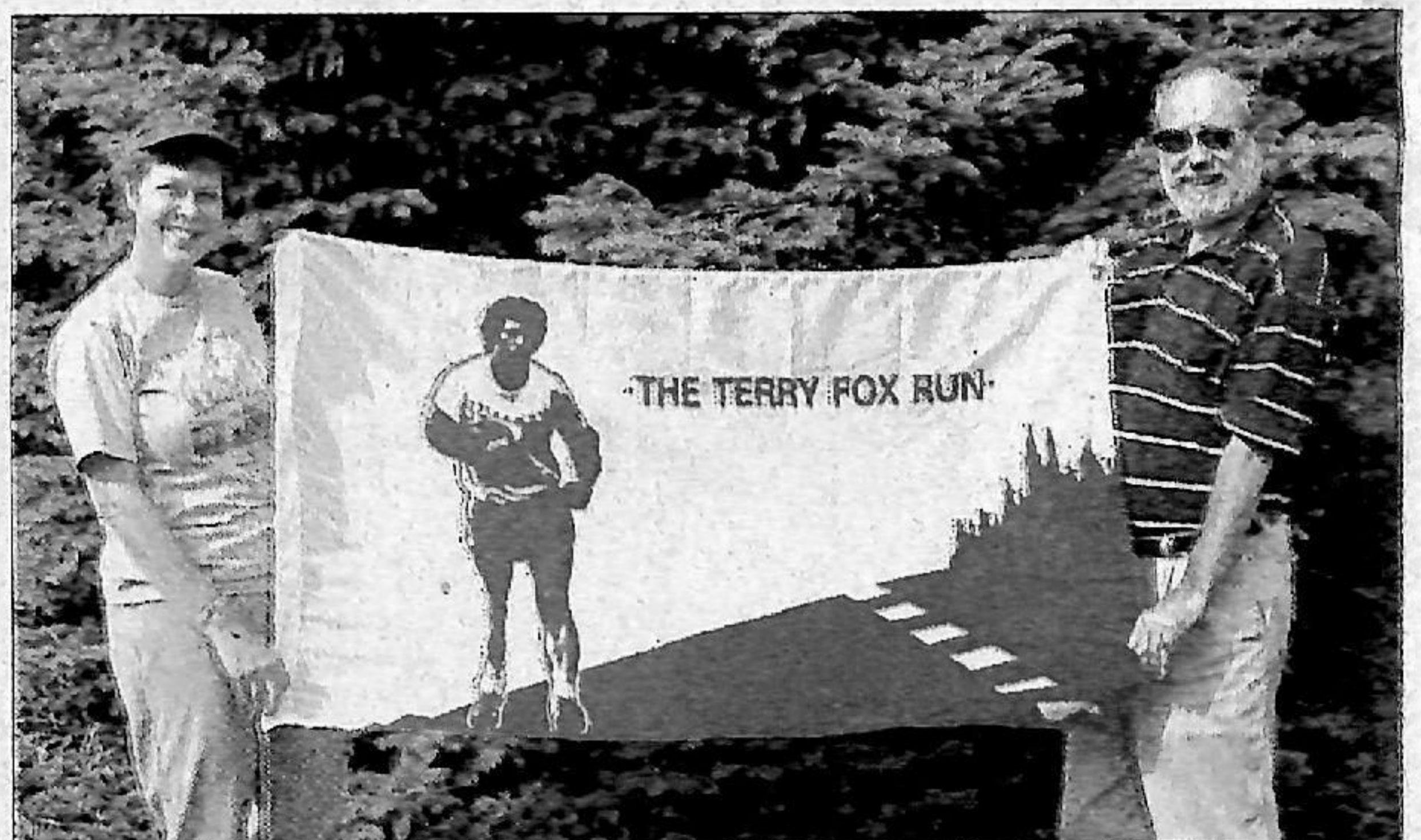
chair foot stool and side table for outdoors. The third will be for a wheelbarrow of spirits including the wheelbarrow.

Ticket purchase also entitles you to a chance to win a theatre weekend in Toronto or a weekend at Casino Rama.

This is the major fundraising evening of the year for the Colborne Rotary Club and it is therefore important for it to be a success. The Club is committed to help several local projects. Tickets are going quickly and only a few are left. The price of \$40 per person includes wine with dinner.

Reservations are possible for a table of eight or twelve.

For tickets or information, call Ann or Len at 905 3553622, or Graham at 905 344 7000.



TERRY TIME: Janice McKnight and Graham Norcutt display one of two Terry Fox Run flags paid for by Colborne Rotary. Janice has set modest goals for this year's run, hoping to collect \$2003 in 2003. Last year the run netted over \$4,000. The Terry Fox crew is manning the phones this week, blitzing the community for donations. The run will go rain or shine, Janice says.

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