

Cramahe student third in province



Kate Oliver stretches before she releases the javelin in practice.

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Cramahe Township high school student, Kate Oakley is the third best junior javelin thrower in the province. She proved it at Etobicoke Centennial Park at the OFSAA Track and Field Championships which were held there on June 2-4.

This was Kate's second trip to OFSAA as a member of the ENSS track and field team. Last year she was eighth in the province.

At this year's event she threw four metres further than last year and missed the silver by half a metre.

Her 35.6 metre throw was six metres short of the winner. That doesn't seem to phase the diminutive thrower. She's aiming for the top next year. And there's no reason to believe she can't do it.

She took third with very little weight training, relying instead on technique and a naturally strong upper body. And next year she hopes to be injury-free. Last time around she lost some practice time due to subluxing in her shoulder caused by an injury in volleyball.

Kate isn't a one sport wonder. In track this year she entered three throwing events, and went to OFSAA in two. Discuss is the only event where she failed to qualify.

She was there in shot where she placed 16th.

Last winter she could have gone to OFSAA as a wrestler in the 64 kg class, but got sick. At 5'5", she's a good height for wrestling, able to use her strength to lever other girls to the mat.

Two years ago in grade eight, she turned a lot of heads, playing tackle football in the Belleville Minor Football League.

She impressed the Commissioner so much that she won the award for leadership, initiative and sportsmanship.

In softball, basketball and rugby it's much the same, playing the game with an edge. Kate admits she doesn't like to lose; she's very competitive.

She played goal in ball hockey last winter and came home after every game bruised because her pads were too tight - but she loved it and would like to do it on the ice.

CROMBIE JULY 1/04

Bear ambles by in Castleton

New to Castleton, the Brooks were discussing black bear sightings in Colborne with dinner guests June 19.

"We were seated at our dining room table, my wife and I, my sister and her partner. We had just been talking about the reports of bear sightings in Colborne earlier," David Brooks relates.

"We were just getting up from the table when my sister's partners said, 'Bear!', and we were like, 'Oh, yeah. Right.' But there was the bear!"

The black bear, estimated to be five feet in length, "which is five feet longer than I really want to see", wasn't fully grown, maybe a year old, Mr. Brooks says.

"It ambled down the driveway 18 feet from the dining room window, crossed over a neighbour's lawn and then into a woods. The bear continued on, strolling through a nearby trailer park the Bropoks later learned.

"But here's the really silly part!" Mr. Brooks says. "We went outside to get a better look at it!"

The Brooks' property has a pond which attracts other wildlife of more benign reputation.

"We're city folk. We just moved here end of February, We're seeing all sorts of things!" Mr. Brooks observes.

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GORD CELEBRATES HIS 90TH

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May 8, Gordon Smith, a resident of Colborne for 58 years, celebrated his 90th birthday.

One of seven children, he is pictured above with his remaining brother Bruce and sister Doreen before the cake was cut.

Joining Gord for his celebration were numerous relatives from Bethany and area, friends, neighbours and over 30 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gord is known locally for his gardening expertise - especially with the gladiolus flowers.



All poll

Macklin
wins with

321 votes

CHEBODICE JULY 1/04

Paul Macklin won

Monday's federal election with 321 more votes than his nearest contender.

At 2:30 a.m. Tuesday the Northumberland-Quinte West Elections Canada office reported the following unofficial final count.

Total votes cast:

57,693.

Macklin: 22,996

(39.9 per cent);

Galt: 22,675

(39.3 per cent);

Christianson: 9,006

(15.6 per cent)

Haylestrom: 3,016

(5.2 per cent)

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