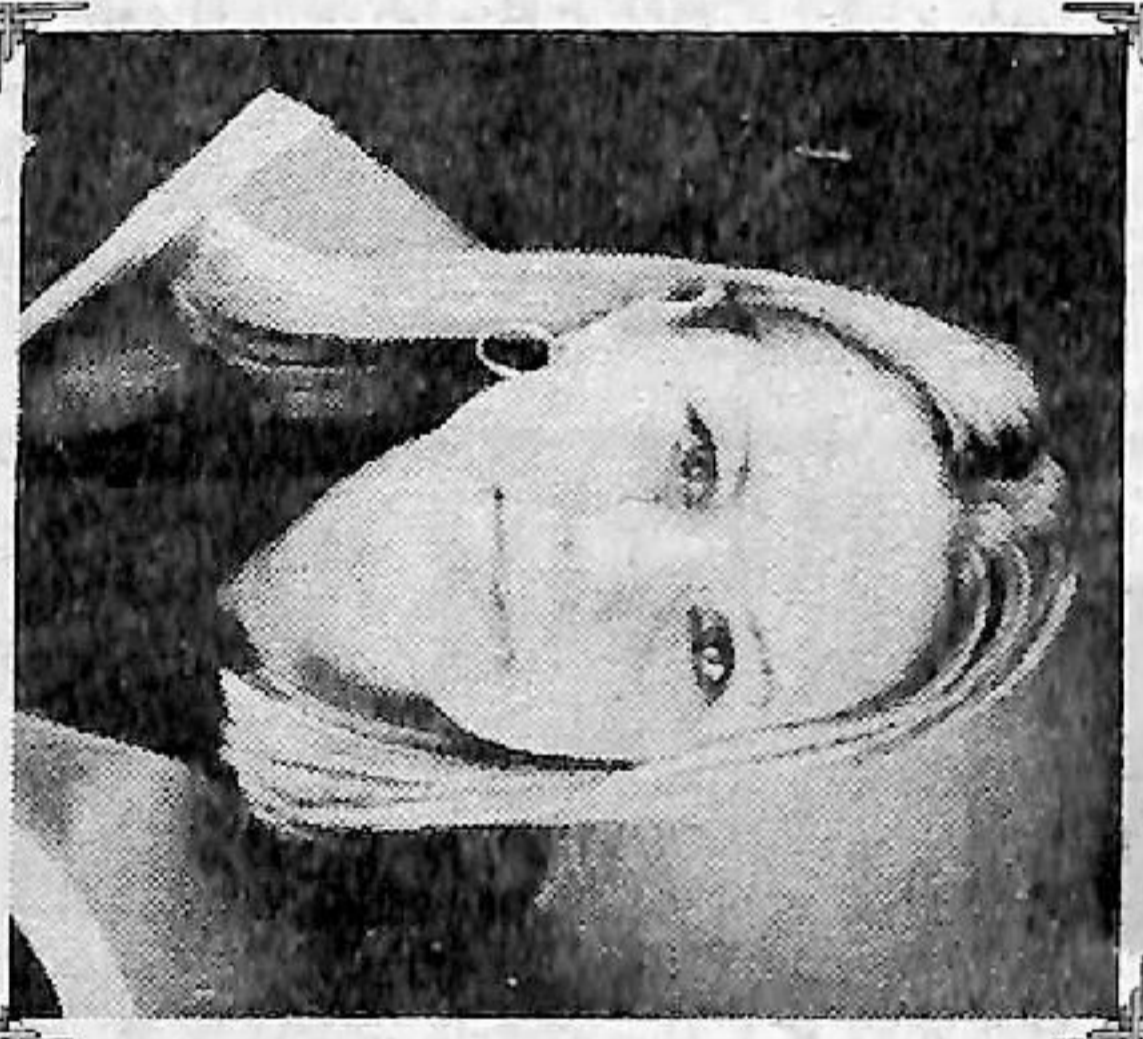


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David and Mae Dingwall are pleased and extremely proud to announce their children's graduations!

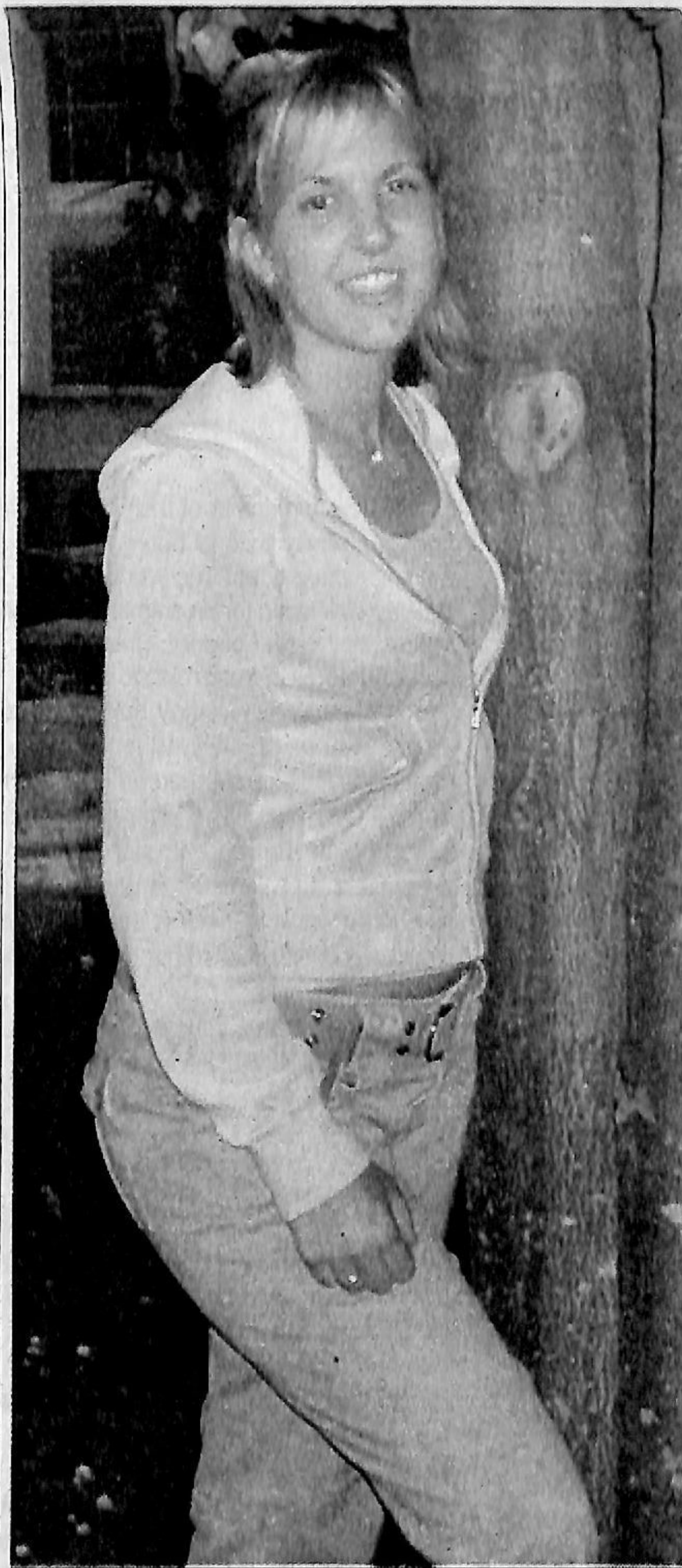
Davey completed his Heavy Equipment Technician Certification at Sir Sandford Fleming College, Lindsay in December 2003 and has commenced Mechanic Apprentice with Premier-Peterbilt, Brampton, Ontario. Well done son!



Margie obtained her Bachelor of Commerce, Honours Degree, Management Economics from the University of Guelph in June 2004 and will soon begin a Management Trainee Career with Toromont-Cat Industries, Concord, Ont. You go girl!

Congratulations to both and best wishes for your futures!
Love a very lucky Mom & Dad and your support teams!

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KATIE PLANS A CONCERT

The first Northumberland Idol, Katie Chapman, is returning to Colborne this summer, and she's bringing her gift of song along with her.

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PHOTOS BY PETE FISHER
Heidi Behan of Moore Orchards near Cobourg shows an apple damaged by hail in last Thursday's storm. Orchards across the area were hit hard by hail, rain, and high winds during the Canada Day storm. BELOW: A damaged strawberry at Moore Orchard.

Area farms ravaged by hail storm

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A number of local farmers have seen their crops decimated as the result of a freakish hail and wind storm that ripped a path through the area last week, destroying crops and in some cases uprooting full-grown trees.

Moore Orchards, east of Cobourg on County Road 2, experienced heavy losses. The farm, owned by Patrick and Heidi Behan, produces 20 varieties of apples, strawberries and raspberries. The 25-acre apple crop, and six acre strawberry crops were virtually wiped out. The owners estimate 99 per cent of the apples are damaged or destroyed, and 75 per cent of the strawberry crop has been wiped out. The damage to two acres of raspberry crop is still being assessed.

"We're still trying to salvage what we can," said Ms. Behan, who seemed shaken by the recent events as she assessed the damage on her property.

When the storm began on Thursday the

couple knew their farm, which they purchased from her parents three years ago, was in trouble. What she described as a "solid wall of wind," swept across the property accompanied by 15 minutes of hail which did most of the damage.

When the storm broke the couple went outside, and their suspicions were confirmed.

"The more you looked the sicker you felt," she said.

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