

Fox IGA sold

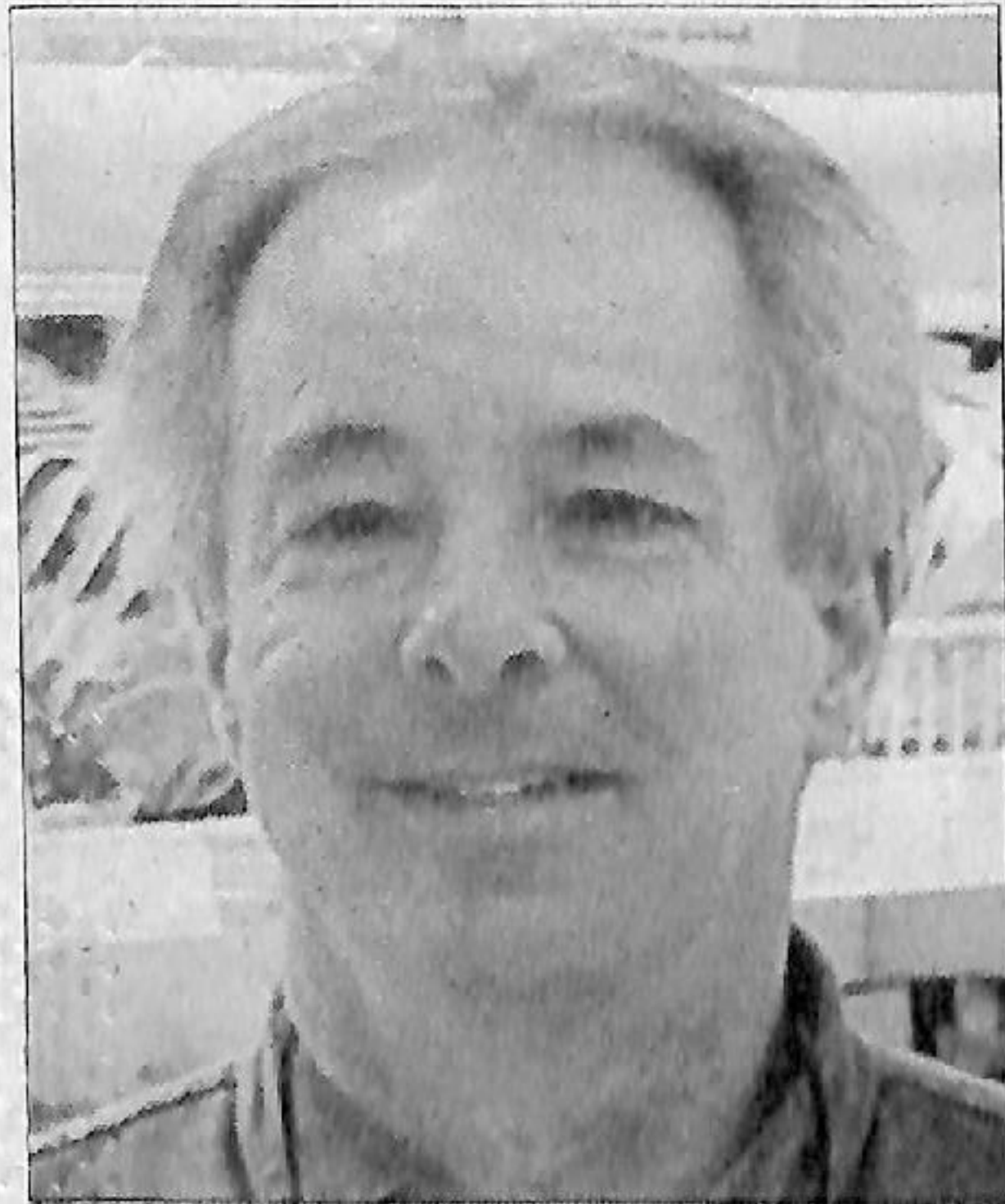


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John Fox

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It's true. Fox IGA in Colborne has been sold. Owner John Fox confirms he has sold the store, effective Feb. 24.

Mr. Fox confirmed the sale Jan. 24, one week after he signing the papers with the new owners, Sobey's.

The store will continue to operate independently, Sobey's District Manager David Bald has assured staff. He added it will be status quo for staff and for operations in general.

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A LEGION OF POSTER KIDS



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The students of South Cramahe Public School were highly successful in the Legion Poster and Poetry Competition held late last fall. The results came in just before school was dismissed for the Christmas vacation. The winners posed this week for a group photo to commemorate their success. In front, from left, are: Jesse Steacy, Jon Samis, Tiffani Badgley. Middle row: Karli Voskamp, Christie Mutton, Danielle MacDonald. Behind: Jennifer Morgan, Jordan Jones, Sierra Aldworth, Lance Kuschnik.

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Booze bottle returns pose sorting headaches

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Starting Feb. 5, liquor consumers are entering a new world of recycling. Gone are the days when you threw a case of empties of all description into the back of the truck and hauled it off to the Colborne Eastside Variety for refunds.

New bottle deposit schedules for wine and liquor bottles take effect Feb. 5. In addition, the Beer Store has issued new policies about just what beer bottles, and in what condition, will be accepted for deposit payback, Brice Cotter, co-owner of Eastside, explains.

The Beer Store once cleaned and sorted the bottles it received. Now, it sends them directly to the beer producers. Now, to cash in on the return deposit, you must

ensure the bottle is in its original box, is clean and contains no lids or cigarette butts.

Ditch bottles will no longer be accepted unless they have been cleaned.

Beer cans will continue to be collected indiscriminately, as they are all tossed in together for shipping.

Wine and liquor bottles must come in lid-free.

With the new regulations, Mr. Cotter expects his staff will be turning a lot more bottles away.

Starting Feb. 5, the variety store staff will begin giving deposits of 10 cents and 20 cents back on liquor and wine bottles. Everything over 630 ml is worth 20 cents, 10 cents for the smaller sizes of bottles.

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Cobra's ice request approved

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Cramahe Township council found itself between a rock and a hard place Jan. 24.

The Colborne Cobra Junior C hockey team is having its best-ever season and is a virtual lock to top the Empire B league. Ranked fourth in the province, the team has set its sights on a provincial championship. If it gets that far, it will need ice until mid-May.

Traditionally, Cramahe has taken the ice out at the end of March.

Keeping the ice in for the extra six weeks isn't a physical problem. But, other commitments made for use of the pad presented council with a logistical dilemma.

Using past experience as her guide, Banquet and Special Events Coordinator Donna Rusaw booked two major events on the pad in mid-April. These commitments were made months ago.

In his report to council, Community Services Director Terry Scott outlined the parameters of the situation.

It costs about \$6,600 for the hydro to keep the ice in for a month. The Cobra team will be the primary user, renting the ice for about 5.5 hours a week at \$90 per hour. Concession sales are increasing as the team approaches the playoffs, bringing in about \$600 a week to the township from Cobra games in January.

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Trent Hills plow pinched

A Trent Hills municipal employee awoke Monday to find the plow truck he routinely drives had been stolen from the driveway of his residence on Wellington Street in Campbellford. Northumberland OPP were contacted shortly before 6 a.m.

The truck is a white 1996 Chev half-ton with the green Trent Hills logo on the side. It is equipped with an eight-foot plow on the front and a heavy duty sanding unit in the box.

While officers were investigating, a resident of Kent Street, a short distance away, reported the theft of a snowmobile, a green and black Arctic Cat Sabre 600 in a black enclosed trailer made by Easton. Police feel the same parties may be responsible for both thefts.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Campbellford OPP detachment or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).