

ATV occurrences

OPP to track

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There is no easy way to track occurrences involving ATVs, but Northumberland OPP Inspector Doug Bourton is going to try.

The need for a way to track complaints came up at the Cramahe Police Services Board meeting May 28. Cramahe Township is the only municipality in Northumberland to approve the use of ATVs on roads and council wants to track the number of incidents in the one-year trial.

Tracking them under the category of ATVs is problematic for the force. It uses a computerized system of reporting. There are 95 categories under which an officer can report an incident. None of the categories is specific to ATVs.

Inspector Bourton explained any manual method of recording incidents will take additional time. At the end of each shift, his officers will e-mail details of any ATV incident into the office where a record will be kept.

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A thunder storm rolled through Northumberland County late last week, parking tractors and delaying the start of haying.

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School board looks at four site options

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The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will consider three options when it makes its final decisions regarding a new school site in Cramahe Township.

It was recently revealed the board has added a third site to the two discussed at a meeting of the South Cramahe/Castleton Public School Amalgamation Committee Apr. 10.

The school siting committee failed to reach a consensus in its deliberations over two possible sites at the Apr. 10 meeting. Now, a third has been added to the list, with the inclusion of a portion of the property owned by Roger Forget Jr. on the east side of County Road 25 just north of Telephone Road.

The Forget property was one of two properties reviewed by board staff after the April meeting.

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TALL TALES AT THE FUN FAIR

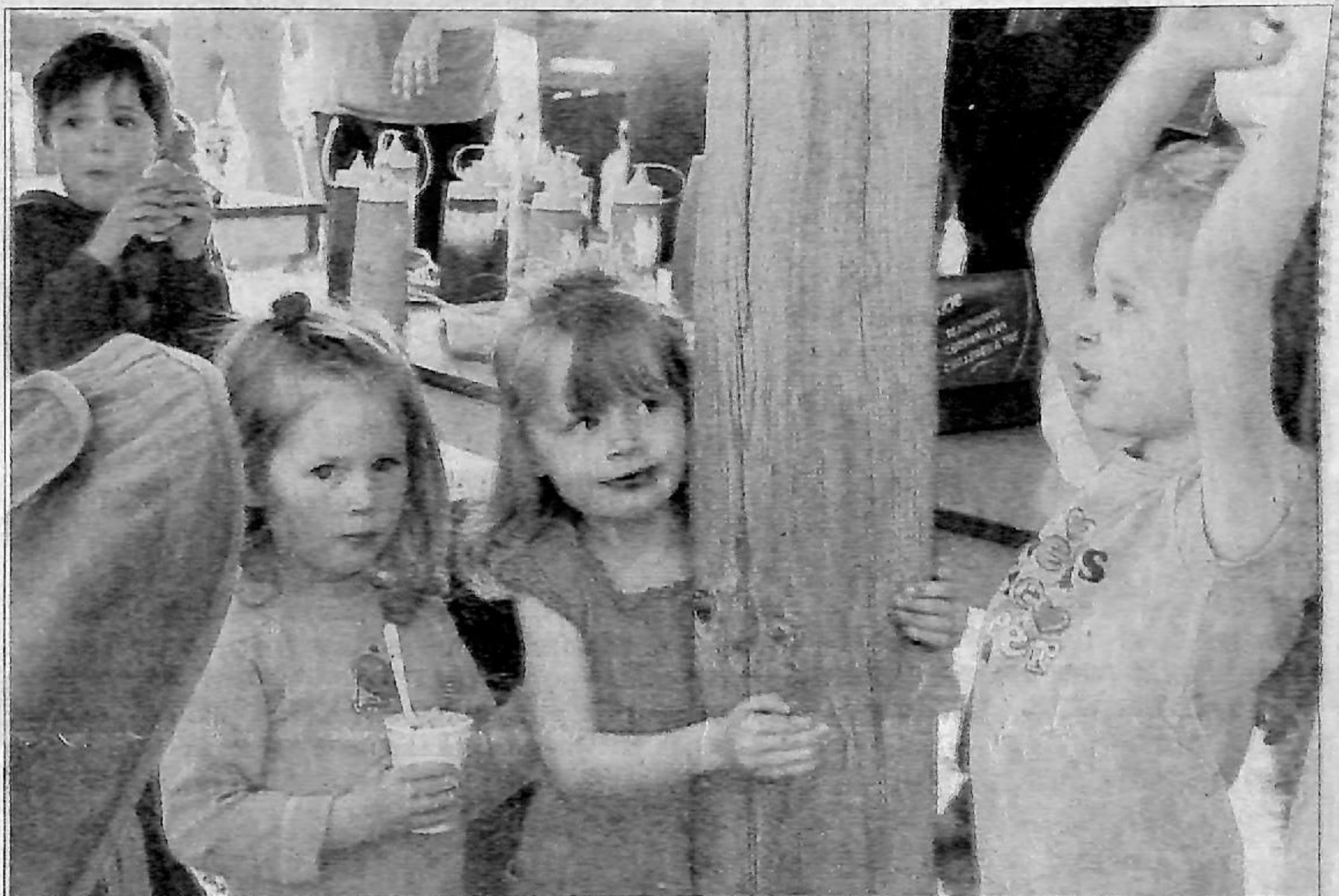


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It was this big! Candice Harnden seems to have some big ideas at the Castleton Public School Fun Fair on May 29. With her, from left, are Summer and Brooke Carscadden and happy muncher in the background.

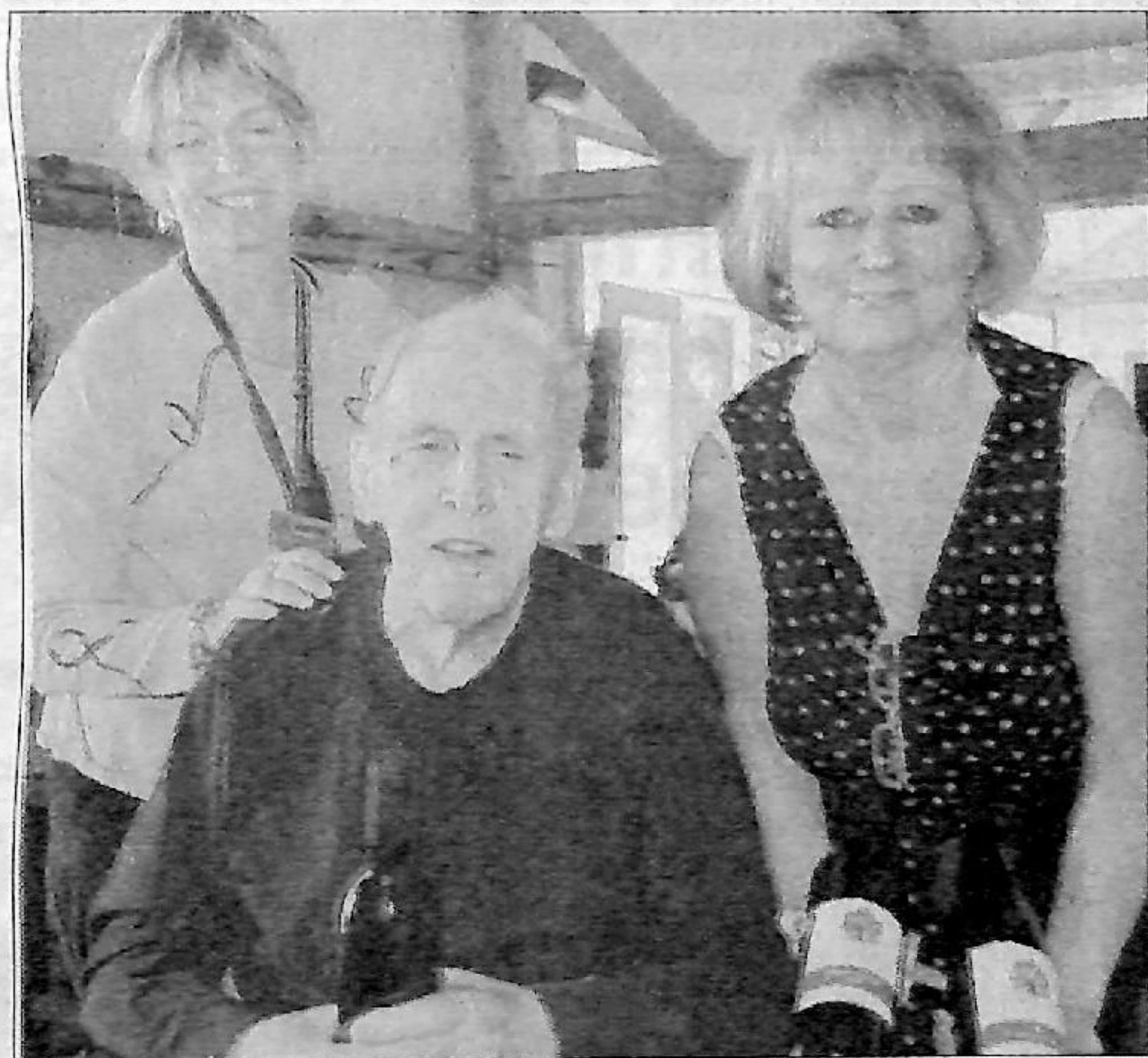


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Oak Heights names new wines for former owner

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It's not every day a person has a wine named after him. At age 86, Ed Covert can now say he has two - and they're boutique wines from Oak Heights Estate Winery west of Warkworth in Alwick/Haldimand Township.

Mr. Covert and some of his friend from the Community Nursing Home in Warkworth and his daughter Gail Covert to celebrate the occasion May 29.

Oak Heights owner Ian Fraser recalls the many times Mr. Covert stopped by to help him out when he first bought the 100 acres of Covert land where the vineyard now grows.

Mr. Fraser wanted to find a way to thank Mr. Covert for all of his help. It seemed natural to name a wine after him.

Sales and Special Events Manager

Phyllis Gosling says the company has actually named a red blended house, and a white vidal, under the Covert Hill label.

Oak Heights is the only winery in Northumberland County, growing grapes since 2002. Considered a boutique winery it now produces seven wines, six of which are on the Vintner Quality Association approved list. They include a chardonnay, meritage and a pinot noir.

The winery restaurant takes reservation seven days a week for lunch and dinner food and wine pourings. Picnic baskets are available for lunch by the pond. The winery celebrates its first anniversary July 21.

Ed Covert continues to own land nearby. He was born in the farm house now used by the winery and is the second generation of his family to farm in the Oak Heights area where his daughter continues to live.

Valued for his expertise on the lands he farmed for most of his 86 years, Ed Covert was honoured May 29 by Oak Heights Estate Winery near Warkworth. Mr. Covert holds one of two new wines named after him. With him on the left is Programs Director for the Community Nursing Home in Warkworth, Joanne Brown. On the right, Phyllis Gosling, Sales and Special Events Manager for the winery displaying the new wines with their distinctive Oak Heights labels.