

TRASH: Free dump passes now good for 100 kilograms of garbage

Cramahne residents will see

waste voucher program halved

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There's less free in the free dump voucher program in Cramahne Township.

Last year's 200-kilogram weight freebie for trash is reduced to 100 kg effective immediately.

Cramahne council voted to accept the 2009 County of Northumberland waste voucher program of Feb. 17.

This year, the county has looked at the administrative costs of the system and opted to mail every residential unit in the county one voucher good for 100 kg of waste.

The voucher entitles the bearer to take up to 100 kg of waste to the landfill sites free of charge.

In the past, Cramahne has issued two 100-kg vouchers to any township resident who came to the Toronto Road municipal offices to request them.

Cramahne Mayor Marc Coombs explained to his council that the

old system was too costly for the township and the county. It was estimated the vouchers took the time of half a staff person at the county level, and administrative time at both levels of government.

By eliminating the second 100-kg voucher, it was suggested in treasurer Mora Chatterson's report to council that the township would save itself \$22,230 in voucher fees paid to the county, assuming 2,000 vouchers are used. The more likely scenario is 1,000 vouchers or so issued with a savings of around \$9,500.

The county proposal did offer the municipalities the option of adding the second 100-kg free voucher and doubling the amount of refuse allowed.

Chatterson advised council that she knows three of four municipalities in the county are expected to turn down the second voucher, and the fourth council has not yet decided. Seven lower-tier municipalities are eligible for the plan.

SKATING: Local teen heading to national event

Harren-Stevenson to compete at STARskate

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Grafton's Kirsti Harren-Stevenson is headed to the 2009 Homesense National STARskate Figure Skating Championships.

Perhaps it's a year later than she would have liked, but nonetheless, the 17-year-old accomplished the incredible feat of qualifying this time around.

Harren-Stevenson, who is a member of the Bowmanville Figure Skating Club, won the Silver Triathlon event at the Eastern Ontario championship this past weekend in Whitby. The victory means she'll compete at the national championship in Fredericton, New Brunswick in April.

"It's still really surreal," Harren-Stevenson said yesterday. Only the winner of her Triathlon event qualifies for the national championship. The runnerup is deemed an alternate, in the event the winner can't attend.

Last year, Harren-Stevenson was the alternate, but never got the chance to skate at the national level. She remembers the 2008 Eastern Ontario competition well. She led after the skills and interpretive stages, but struggled during the freeskate.

"I let the nerves get to me and I didn't have a good skate," Harren-Stevenson recalled. "I was really shaky and stumbled on everything."

As you might expect, Harren-Stevenson was glad not to receive a dose of déjà vu at this year's competition. Once again, she was in first place following the skills and interpretive stages.

"This time I just tried not to think about what I had to do," she said. "I just focused on what I could do."

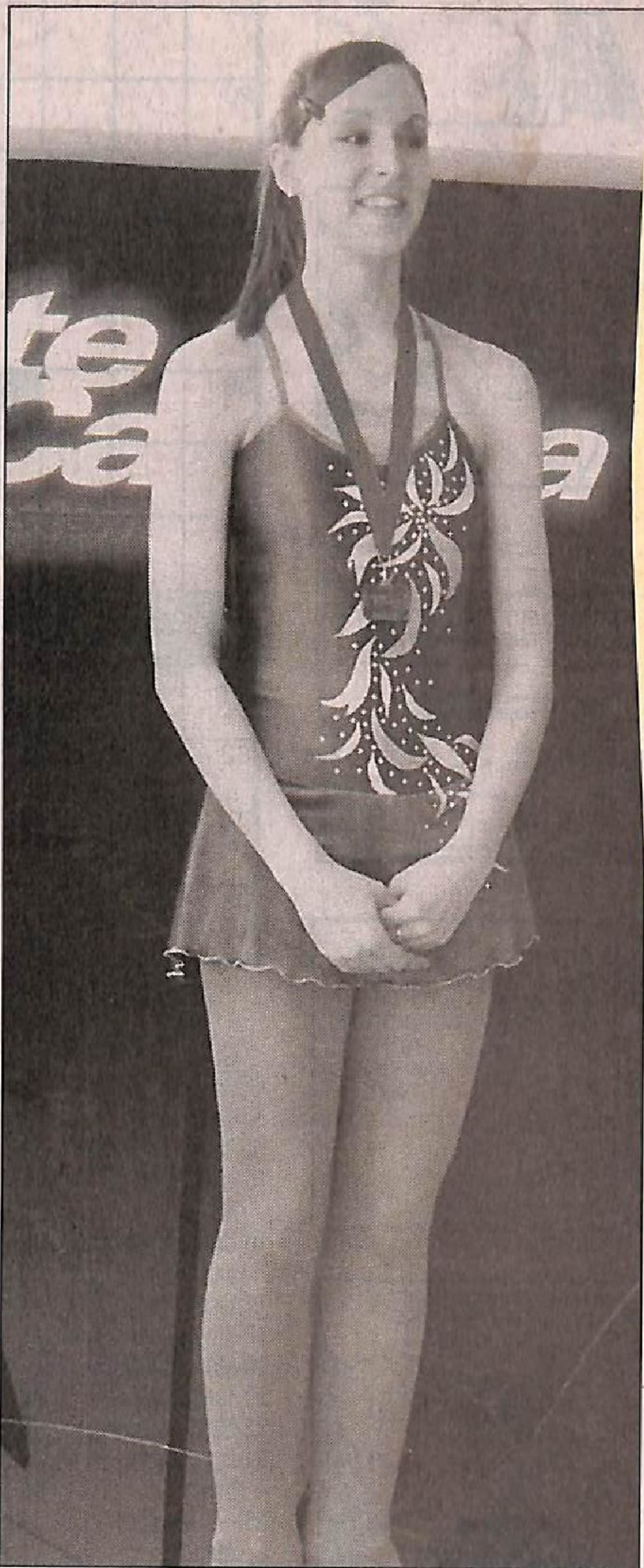
Harren-Stevenson has proven to be a very well-rounded student-athlete. The Grade 12 Cobourg District Collegiate Institute East student was named the most promising athlete in her first year of high school and won the female athlete of the year award last year.

Each week, she trains three or four days in Bowmanville with her coach, Mike Gillman.

"It takes a lot" of dedication, she noted. "A lot of late nights with school work and other school sports, but I love to skate."

At the national championships, Harren-Stevenson is not afraid to place high expectations on herself. She's hoping for a Top 5 finish and will work hard to give herself the best chance possible to achieve that.

"I just keep on practising the same things over and over to make it the best I can. I'm trying to focus on making my program more clean," she said. "I'm expecting some really good skaters. It's definitely going to be tough."



Submitted Photo

Kirsti Harren stands on the podium after winning the gold medal in the Silver Triathlon event at the Eastern Ontario figure skating championships in Whitby on the weekend.

DIAMOND, JAMES REGINALD
Passed away suddenly on Feb. 16th, in his 78th year, at Bethesda Hospital, Boynton Beach, Florida. Jim attended Lakeport Public School and Colborne High. With his bride, he moved to Cobourg where they made their home and raised two sons. In 1971 they moved to Florida, where they eventually settled in Boynton Beach. Jim leaves his beloved wife of 58 years Bernice (Hady), and dear son Robert Gary. Jim will be sadly missed by sister Aileen and her husband Doug Rutherford of Colborne.

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