

FOCUS ON LINCOLN

Adult Learning Centre wins best program award

The Adult Learning and Resource Centre for Niagara West came home from the first-ever Literacy Link Niagara awards with a feather in its cap.

The Beamsville-based centre earned the Outstanding Adult Learning Program award for 2002 for its Transitional Program.

"The whole program was designed and created by us at the Adult Learning and Resource Centre," explained Susan Buckingham, program manager at the centre.

The program is geared

towards adults who need academic upgrading or are unsure of their goals. Ms. Buckingham said it "fast forwards" participants towards "sustainable development".

"Most often it's people whose long-term goals require a college education. It's all about realistic goal setting and how to overcome the boundaries you run into," she said, adding there are a lot of "40-plus" clients in the program.

The program was piloted about three years ago, and is now up and running

across the province. It is funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Ms. Buckingham said they are also gearing up to present it at a national conference in Ottawa this month. It was also recently featured in the Ontario Literacy Coalition's Best Practices and Innovations bulletin.

"It's really kind of gratifying to win the award because it is something we started here from scratch," said Ms. Buckingham.

She said it gives the centre some "inspiration and strength" to move on to other new projects.

The Adult Learning and Resource Centre is located at 4996 Beam St. in Beamsville.

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Councils can now discuss sale of public property in closed session

Because of changes to the Municipal Act, municipalities will be able to conduct discussions of the sale or disposal of public property behind closed doors.

The change came into effect Jan. 1, 2003.

There are three other existing circumstances under which a municipal council can go "in camera": personnel issues, acquisition of property, and legal matters.

Previously, municipalities could consider the purchase of lands in closed session but were required to consider the sale of lands in open session.

"This is a new authority granted to council under the new Municipal Act," explained William Kolasa, Lincoln's new director of corporate services/clerk during last Monday's meeting of Lincoln Council.

Mayor Ray Konkle was surprised by the change.

"We have always gone into closed session for both the purchase and sale of land," he said. "If we didn't have the right to, nobody told us."

The new process for the sale of land will be: prior to the disposal of any property,

council will have to pass a resolution at a meeting open to the public to declare the property to be surplus.

The town will also have to have the property appraised and will have to run at least one notice in a local newspaper not less than five days prior to the disposal of the property.

Any final decision to sell or dispose of property will have to be made in a meeting open to the public.

KING STREET PARKING

The issue of the missing parking spaces on King Street on the south side of the road near Hixon Street, isn't closed yet, says Alderman Rob Foster.

"I have some grave con-

cerns about the way the region has handled this, especially about the wording in the letter from the region," said Ald. Foster.

He said the letter states that the parking won't be reinstated because Lincoln Council said at one point that the spaces weren't needed.

"We have the right to change our minds," said Ald. Foster.

Mayor Konkle suggested a delegation to the region's Public Works committee meeting might be in order.

"The Public Works chair and the director of Public Works needs to put together a presentation on why those spaces are required and go to the region," he said.

Going Out of Business Sale!

After over thirty years in business, known as the Beamsville Co-op, and now Country Depot, it has been decided to close the doors.

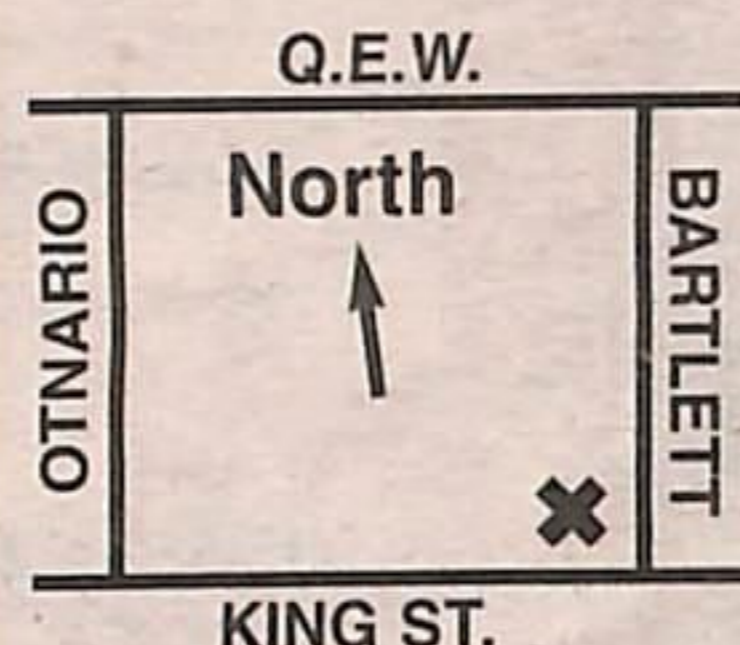
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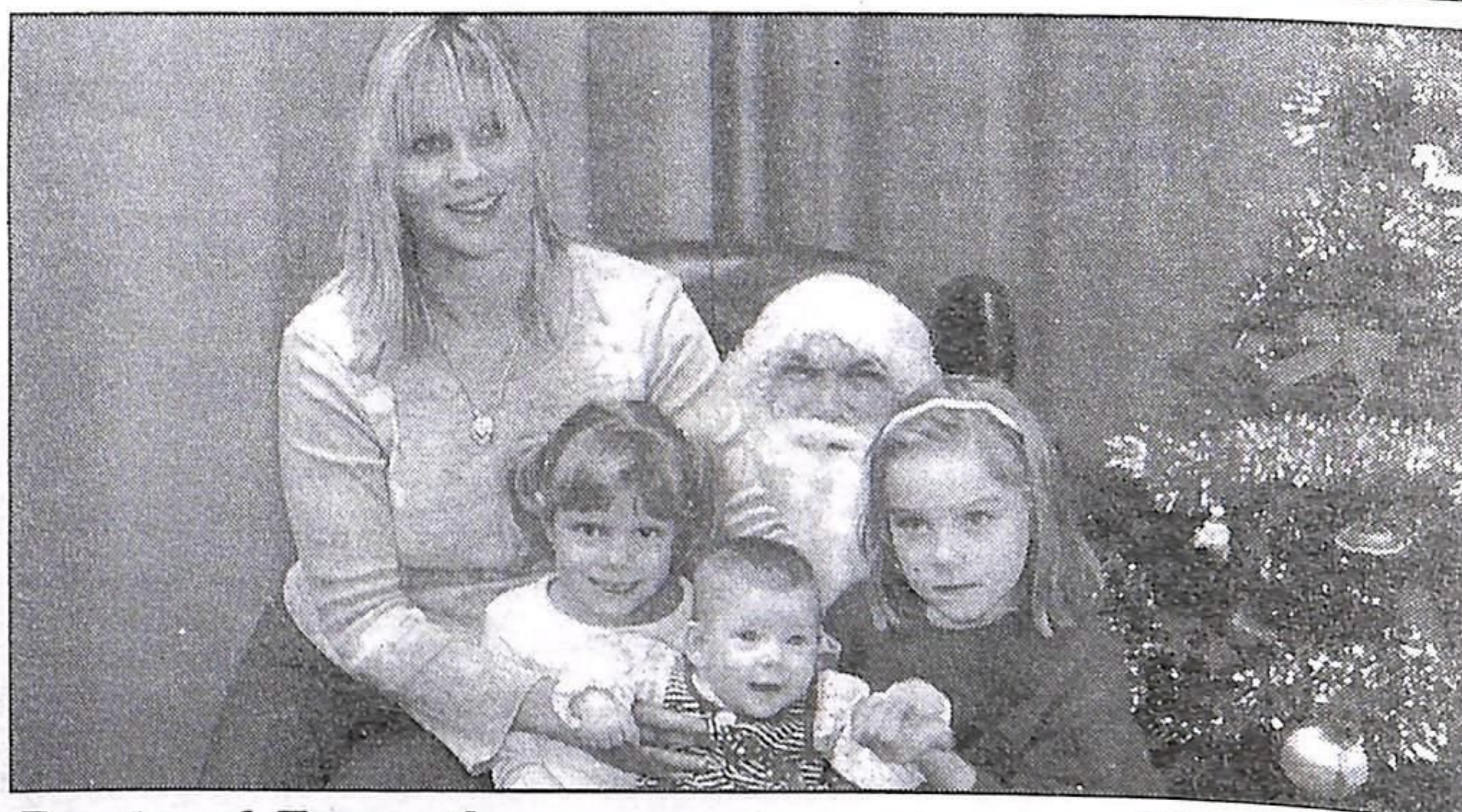


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Roots of Empathy

Gainsborough Public School is running a program from November to June called Roots of Empathy, in which a parent and baby come and visit the Grade 1 class once a month. The December 12 visit coincided with Santa Claus being at the school, so six-month-old Michaela had her photo taken with Santa, her mom, and two of the Grade Ones. Pictured with Santa are Petra Perry-Schalle, 6-year-old Carly McCollum, baby Michaela, and Michaela's sister, Meaghan, who is 6 years old.