



Pet of the week

RAGS, A PART sheep dog and poodle, receives attention from Titi Jago of Clair Court and her cousin Lori (on the left). Rags, who is white in color, is the Pet of the Week. The five-year-old pooch just had his hair cut. Rags is gentle with children and cats, according to Titi, but he chases ducks. So far they have eluded him. He also likes to swim in the lake.

Summer spent in traction for car/bike accident victim

It took 15 weeks with his leg in traction, but 14-year-old Michael Rusiani and his family have discovered there are still a lot of good, kind people in the world.

The eye-opening summer began last May 28 as Michael, son of Marilyn and Jules Rusiani, 24 Storey Dr., was waiting to sign up for baseball practice. The schedule was running late, and the first day mix-ups meant some youngsters had to wait for a while before they could register.

Bored with waiting, Michael, then a grade eight student at McKenzie-Smith Middle School, borrowed a friend's bicycle and rode it up and down Churchill Rd. N., behind the middle school and M.Z. Bennett public school. On his last trip up the street, someone called him, causing him to turn his head and swerve, right into the path of an oncoming car.

Neither the car driver nor Michael had time to do anything. The impact came from behind, sending the young lad flying through the air. When he landed, he broke his left femur (bone), leg, and sustained a huge gash in the

back of his head. Michael remembers seeing the bone sticking through the skin and some pain, but says he was in so much shock the pain did not bother him too much.

By luck, Dr. Van der Bent was in the area and rushed to the scene. He arranged with Guelph General Hospital to have a specialist waiting for their arrival in the ambulance. A friend of Michael's telephoned his mother, who got the message confused and headed to Georgetown hospital. In the meantime, Michael was calm enough to tell the Halton Regional Police on the scene where to get in touch with his father. He was playing baseball in Brampton. Halton police notified Peel Regional Police who went out to the park to get Mr. Rusiani. Information was vague, but he managed to find the right hospital.

For the next seven weeks, Michael lay in a hospital bed with his leg suspended in the air at right angles to his body and the bed. He had 45 pounds of weight holding his leg up. After seven weeks, the leg was lowered a bit and the weight reduced to 15 pounds.

Three weeks later, it was at five pounds. A total of 92 days were spent in the hospital.

During that time there was not a day went by that Michael did not have visitors. He was to graduate in a few weeks from the middle school into high school. Teacher Ean Gibson arranged for the graduation ceremonies to be tape recorded so he would not miss anything, and then drove some of his fellow students to the hospital to visit him.

Michael was to spend the summer at his aunt's cottage at Sault Ste. Marie, so instead, they came to visit him. His grandmother, also from the Sault, came down for a visit, too.

Next week, Michael is finally going to get his long postponed holiday. He has received permission from the high school and his teachers to miss the first week of classes while he and his parents go to Sault Ste. Marie.

There are three shelves of gifts in his bedroom and an entire scrapbook of cards and greetings. There are also two gifts forthcoming. A neighbor, who works at Labatts Brewery, told Michael's story to his boss, and mentioned the fact the boy is an avid Blue Jay fan. As a result, Labatts has arranged for Michael and three guests to have box seats at the Blue Jay New York Yankee game on September 21. They also are giving him dinner for four.

Members of his father's baseball team in Milton chipped in and got him tickets to the Boston Red Sox - Blue Jays on September 23. Other friends in town knew Michael was a Boston Bruin fan and wrote to the team, telling of his situation and got an autographed picture of Terry O'Reilly, and facts on the entire team.

"There are still some good people left in this world," Mrs. Rusiani said. The family had moved from Streetsville to Acton last January, and now feel part of the town thanks to all the kindness shown by friends and neighbors.

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Michael had anesthetic three times during his ordeal: once when the pin was put through his knee; another time when the doctors were lowering his leg; and a third time when the pin was taken out. He is on crutches for another three weeks at least, but he doesn't care. He got home August 28 and is grateful to be there.

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MPP Johnson explains OHIP

by Jack Johnson, M.P.P., Wellington-Dufferin-Peel Deputy Government Whip

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I was recently talking to a constituent who, in passing, mentioned that she had not realized that she was eligible to receive OHIP premium assistance. When I discussed her case with her, I came to realize that many people in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel in a similar position. In fact, a brief submitted to the Committee on Health Care Costs in Ontario was told recently that some 220,000 OHIP subscribers (individuals and families) failed to take advantage of their eligibility for total or partial premium assistance.

While I do not condone people finding ways to "beat

the system", I firmly believe that individuals and families who qualify for assistance should consider taking advantage of it. The OHIP premium assistance program is after all intended to assist those individuals and families whose income level is limited. However, the program is in place to ensure that all residents of Ontario have available to them the medical coverage which they and their families need.

Under the premium assistance program individuals with a taxable income below \$2,500 and families with a taxable income below \$3,000 pay no premiums. Individuals earning less than \$4,000 before taxes and families whose income before taxes is below

\$5,000 are also eligible for assistance. Of course, all people 65 and over receive free (OHIP) coverage. This coverage is extended to some 750,000 senior citizens across Ontario.

As you know, the Select Committee on Health Care Costs is currently examining the problems of financing health care. OHIP premiums, for instance, cover about a third of the health care costs. Revenue from the Provincial Lottery is used to support health research projects. During the past few years the Ministry of Health has placed increased emphasis upon the decentralization of the health care system to make it more responsive to community needs. Greater emphasis is also being placed upon

preventive health care programs and home care programs. In the briefs presented to the committee, it has been the general consensus that Ontario residents are beneficiaries of one of the best health care systems in the world. The quality of the health services and the value which is received for the dollar spent on health is among the best in North America.

Should you think that you might qualify for OHIP premium assistance, pamphlets are available at banks, government agencies and liquor stores. If you require more information, please write Jack Johnson, M.P.P., Room 251, Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, M7A 1A2

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Milton Steam Show gets older, better

"This show's not getting older, it's getting better," beamed a tired but pleased president Dennis Webb of Beamsville as the 18th annual Steam-Era steam and antique reunion drew to a close in Milton fair grounds Monday night.

The sponsoring Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association's second four-day show was an unqualified success - with exhibitors, organizers and visitors alike.

Attendance this year soared above the usual 20,000 and unofficial estimates place the total attendance in the 23-25,000 range. Accurate figures are not possible, due to the hundreds of passes issued for daily or weekend admissions.

Saturday and Monday crowds were definitely above last year's, said treasurer Marjorie Webb, the president's wife, based on gate receipts. But a decrease in the Sunday attendance had organizers puzzled.

Last year, the first time a Sunday show was held, the club found the total attendance was equal to the previous year, but being open on Sunday spread the crowd factor over the three main

days. The Sunday opening had the same affect this year, but Sunday saw a smaller crowd than last year's. Yet overall attendance figures were up.

Highlights included a parade through town Saturday morning, the official opening ceremonies held Saturday afternoon, exciting threshing competitions staged each day, a country and western talent contest that drew 2,000 to the chilly grandstand Saturday night, a gospel hymn-sing hour Sunday evening, daily parades in the grounds, and many new old pieces of machinery on exhibit.

Fair skies shone over most of the show. A slight rain Sunday was hardly wet enough to settle the dust in the fair grounds, but it did send crowds scurrying for shelter during the mid-afternoon - for only 10 minutes. A rain through Saturday night didn't bother the show at all. Parking space was at a premium all weekend and the parking lots in the fair grounds filled up early each day, with spillover parking occupying all the nearby streets and the Denyes school yard. Traffic was heavy, but orderly.

There were no serious accidents to mar the show. St. John Ambulance crews were

busy treating bee stings, however, hundreds of them were reported. Officials figured the crowd of people and the food booths disturbed the bees and they swarmed around food outlets and garbage pails.

More steam engines, tractors, cars, trucks, gas engines and models were exhibited than ever before. Well over 100 gas engines puffed away, while close to 30 steamers were registered.

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