

# PROFILES

with

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A large percentage of teenage girls spend more time enamoured of equestrian sports. Few actually make a career out of horses.

Donann Morgan, a 19-year-old Rockwood resident, has been saving her money for years to enter the famous Horsemasters course in England. She's succeeded and will be leaving this summer for Windmill Hill Stables in Stratford upon Avon.

Qualifications for the course are sticky, it's expensive, entrants far exceed places available and a great deal of discipline and hard work is needed. But by the time she takes her exams, she hopes to have her BHSAI (British Horse Society Assistant Instructor) diploma. If all goes well she will go on for her intermediate level certificate, followed by a full instructor's diploma.

When she's learned all she can in England, Donann plans to return to Canada and study for her Canadian horse show judge papers. The field is then wide open for her to teach English riding at various levels, manage a stable and judge recognized shows.

Donann has been interested in horses most of her life but says she's been riding seriously for the past eight years. She received her first instruction at Mountain View Farms south of Acton continuing lessons when the family moved to Montreal in the early 70s. Since returning to Rockwood five years ago, Donann has taken her own horse Pacha through all pony club test levels to an enviable "B".

Canadian Pony Clubs were organized a decade ago under the auspices of the well-respected British Pony Club Association. Youngsters learn not only riding, jumping, showing and cross country work but they study horse and stable management, nutrition, care and handling. Working through various D and C levels good students progress to a B level by the time they are 18-years-old. Donann hopes to earn her A level—a coveted and rare award—on her return from England.

The fact that she is a "Pony Club B" helped Donann qualify for the Horsemasters program. She also had to be 17 years or over and a graduate of grade 12. Donann finished school at CVCI in Guelph and has been working as a secretary at ITT in Guelph saving every cent for her course.

She needs a minimum of \$5,000 for the initial 14 week assistant instructor course (including air fare). If she wishes to continue her studies she'll worry about additional money then, she says. She can become a working student unless she meets her prince, she chuckles adding, "there's always Prince Andrew."

Donann's parents, Dave and Camille Morgan, think their daughter's plans are "fantastic". Dave is English bred and Donann had a chance to visit England for the first time last year when she attended a family wedding with her grandmother and enjoyed three weeks of British browsing.

The only sad part of the adventure is the need to sell the family horse Pacha. The Morgans will be moving to Calgary in July as Donann leaves for England. Her younger sister Alison also rides Pacha but both girls have grown too tall for their 15.3 h.h. mount and it's been decided to find him

another home. Originally a western games horse, the 13-year-old gelding was retrained four years ago by Donann and her teacher Donna Ledger. Since then he has been a consistent ribbon winner in hunter classes, pony club rallies, and cross country trials.

A member of the Guelph Pony Club, Donann has been assisted in her studies by father Dave who, till his recent Calgary move, was the club's district commissioner.

While in England Donann will be part of an eight student class learning everything from rudimentary veterinary work to dressage. She'll be mucking out stables, cleaning tack, writing exams and riding, riding, riding. She even has to wear a uniform consisting of navy work cords, navy sweater, riding boots and tie!

It'll make a change from borrowing her mother's clothes as she's been doing for the past year while saving her own money. Donann has even been working weekends caring for the north Rockwood stable of dressage star Lorraine Stubbs—all extra cash and experience.

Donann is determined to reach her goal—a refreshing outlook in today's world—and she's proved herself a hard worker.

Watch the equestrian world in a couple of years and you may see the name of Donann Morgan on the national team. Unless she meets her prince, of course.

## Switch Glenlea for Cobblehill

Storm sewer work and reconstruction of Cobblehill Rd. has been delayed five or six years and replaced in the Halton Hills capital forecast for 1982 to 1986 by the same work in Glenlea subdivision. Monday night Halton Hills council gave final approval to the capital forecast after deferring the matter the previous week to make the switch in Acton priority projects.

Engineer Robert Austin reported there is a drainage problem in the Cobblehill area and while part of the project could go ahead as scheduled, the storm sewers, they wouldn't work properly

until the road is reconstructed. Councillor Terry Grubbe said she wished both projects could proceed right away but the town can't afford both. She noted Acton councillors have received many calls about Glenlea drainage problems, including about ditching done last year, and it is a serious problem and solving it is very important.

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Halton Hills Library Board member Norm Elliott wants to see some landscaping done around the Acton Library. He told a recent board meeting he has discussed the matter with a Toronto landscaping firm to get some ideas.

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## Women's Place meeting

Halton Women's Place will hold its third annual general meeting on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Halton Region Building in Oakville. The guest speaker is Judge James Fuller.

We need your personal. Call Helen for 'On the Leavell' 863-3224, 863-2010 or drop off a note at the Free Press office.



The Golden Age Club held its annual bake sale at Dawe Reut Estate on Saturday. Many baked goods were sold. Many tickets for the quilt draw were also sold. Ticket sellers Lillian Berry, left, and Emma Near were busy during the sale. They stand in front of the quilt.

**Guide clean-up**  
Acton Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders will hold a clean-up at Acton school yards and parks this Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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## Decoration Day set for June 7

by Jessie Coles  
The annual Decoration Day parade and service will be held in Acton the first Sunday in June, June 7.

The Lakeside Chapter of the IODE first envisioned Decoration Day in 1954 through a letter in The Acton Free Press and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197, came to their aid and agreed to inaugurate a Decoration Day service for Acton and area.

There was a call to other organizations to participate. The Duke of Devonshire IODE Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Women's Institutes, Y's Men, Firefighters all joined up. Most organizations

came forward to take part in the day's celebration.

The Acton Citizens' Band marches the parade from the post office to Fairview Cemetery where the Acton Ministerial Association conducts the service.

Decoration Day is a community effort when family and friends remember and honor the dead with tributes and flowers. After the service the organizations plant red geraniums on mem-

bers' graves. This can be a personal and almost private act. This shows the distinction between Decoration Day and Remembrance Day.

Details for June 7 will be completed at the next meeting of the organizing

committee at the Legion on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. All organizations are invited to send a representative to the meeting and all citizens are asked to meet at Fairview Cemetery for the service on June 7 at 3 p.m.

### Presidents' club

Acton Chamber of Commerce will launch a presidents' club tonight (Wednesday) at a meeting at Acton Library at 7 p.m. Presidents or representatives of all service clubs, social groups and community organizations are urged to attend the meeting. The presidents' club is slated to meet several times a year for the coordination of fund raising events.

## Back-To Acton Days

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