

ASSIC receives \$18,000 for computers

Acton Social Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) is coming into the age of information with a grant from the Trillium Foundation.

The \$18,000 grant will allow ASSIC to automate its information system and improve client service.

If you call in with a question about scout clubs or government agencies, staff will have the answers at their finger tips, and will no longer have to sort through countless index cards, flyers and file drawers for back-up information.

"It's really catch-up for us. Most other information centres can share

information. One will update all the government information, and then just send the disk to other information centers," executive director Peggy Balkind said. The information will also be easier to update once it is computerized.

Balkind hopes two staff members and one volunteer will take a three-day training course from On-line Ontario, the information system used by all the information centres, within the next month or two. Funding was just approved last

week, and no arrangements have yet been made to purchase the equipment yet, she said.

Then, it will take a lot of staff time to input all the information into the computer system, but that'll begin as soon as staff get some training.

Balkind said the Trillium Foundation is nice to work with. It operates independently of the government, but with full support of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. Annually it reviews applications for funding and ASSIC was selected as one of 48 local social service organizations to receive \$2.6 million in grants.



ASSIC

Schools get funding for asbestos removal

The Ontario government has allocated money to remove asbestos from schools in Halton through the jobsOntario Capital program.

The Halton Board of Education has been allocated \$508,464 and the Catholic board's allocation is \$704,464. This money will allow each board to carry out \$900,000-worth of work before the end of next year.

"It'll enable us to deal with the (asbestos) problem once and for all," said Joseph Birett, superintendent of business for the Catholic

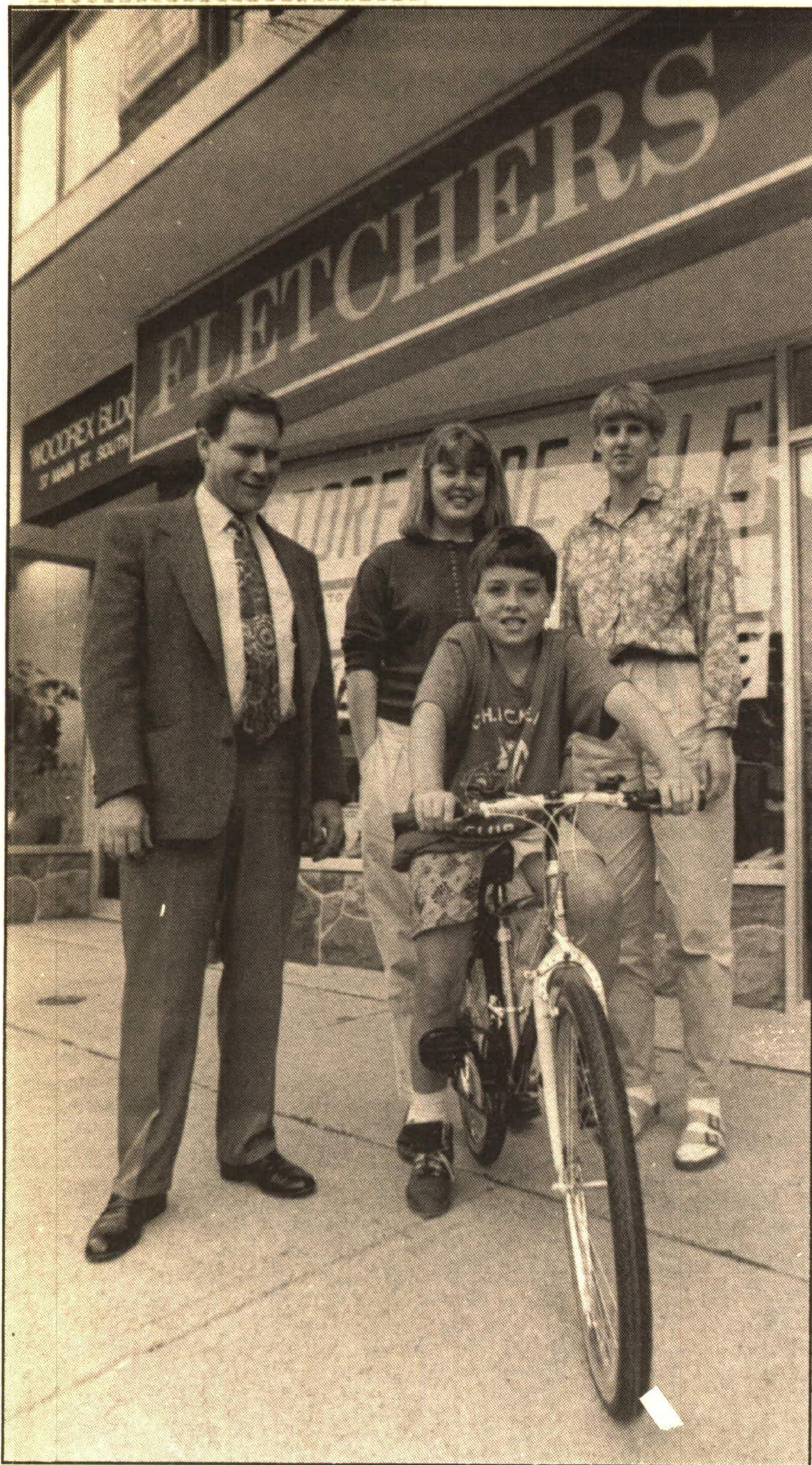
board. Now some schools still contain asbestos, mostly in boiler rooms, where it has been encapsulated so it can't float loose and cause a health hazard, he said. This was considered a safe method of controlling asbestos in the 1980s, but it requires regular inspection and repairs. The newly announced funding will allow the school boards to eliminate the asbestos altogether, Birett said.

"We can't do much until next summer when the students are not

at school," he said. He doesn't know which schools will have asbestos removed, because the board requested more money.

Superintendent of Finance for the Halton Board of Education Jerry Jenkins said he also doesn't yet know which schools will benefit from the money.

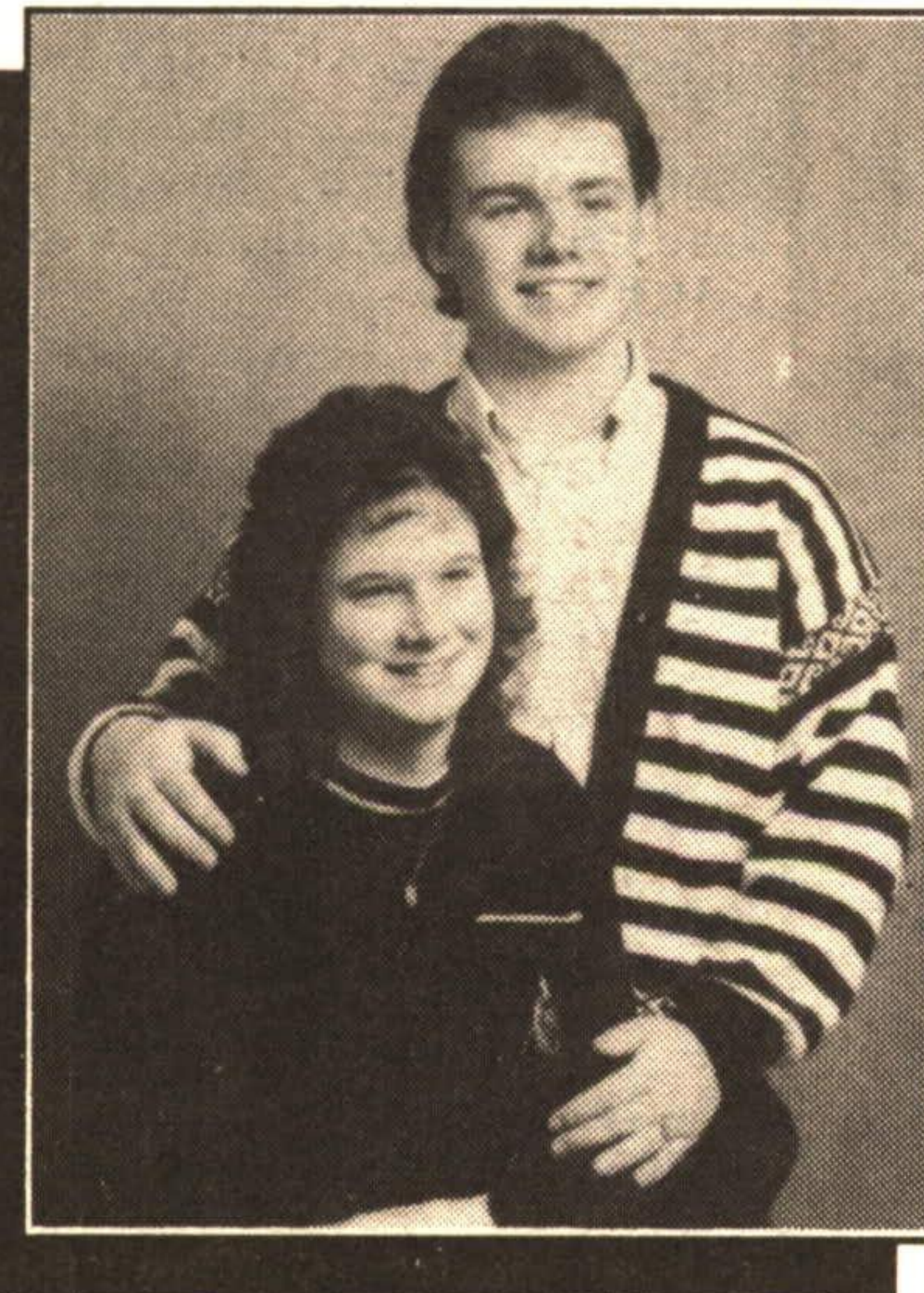
These funds are part of the five year, \$2.3 billion infrastructure investment program announced by Treasurer Floyd Laughren last month.



Fletcher's awards winner

Sean Ashbee, 10 of Georgetown was the proud winner of a new Raleigh 12 speed mountain bike from Fletcher's Family Shoes and Buster Brown Shoes, at the Pioneer Days draw. On hand to present Sean with his bike were owner Ralph Fletcher, and employees Lisa Numan and Nancy Vandermeer.

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Robert and Janet Chaisson are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Robert Patrick, to Tina Ann Kirkeby, daughter of Bruce Kirkeby and Carol Kirkeby.

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