



ANY LUCK? Acton High Grade 10 students Sharon Kearsey and Scott Snyder, both 15, spent part of Wednesday searching for frogs, tadpoles and crayfish at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Their five-day trip was part of the school's outdoor education class. (Doug Harrison photo)

Logan, Ciglen impressed with McKenzie-Smith

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Chris Logan and Larry Ciglen are giving their first three weeks as McKenzie-Smith Middle School's principal and vice-principal an A-grade.

That's because both gentlemen have been greeted with open arms. "The community, staff and kids have been very welcoming," says Logan, adding "the kids are direct and open and it's easy to communicate with them and their parents as well. They've made Larry and I feel quite at home."

Both men see curriculum as the most important issue for the 1993-94 school year. They will look at the teachers working with the common curriculum, then regroup and tie it in with the Ministry of Education's expectations.

"We want to provide the best possible instructional strategies for the kids," says Logan, a Campbellville resident.

"Coupled with a community growth program for the school, it brings everything together," adds Ciglen, a vice-principal at Milton's E.W. Foster Public School last year.

"Lifelong learning is critical," says Ciglen, who lives in Georgetown. "You don't stop after you finish school. There are tools to expand upon."

It provides a bench-mark for assessing students.

This year, Grade 9 students are required to take a reading and writing test.

"It will put a focus on where their skills are at," says Logan, a vice-principal last year at Sam

Sherratt Public School in Milton. "It doesn't exclude any student. It's an encompassing program which is a welcome feature."

The emphasis is looking at the future of youth and what the kids are going to need to survive in the working world.

"We have to help them be flexible — to be team players," Logan says. "People now are changing careers in their early 40s. The kids today will have to change two, three, four or five times in their lifetime. You can't work in isolation."

Logan and Ciglen are excited with the events already starting at the school. Girls and Boys' baseball, cross-country, volleyball and jazz band already are in full swing.

They are also impressed with the Reaching Other Kids (ROK) program, which sees a McKenzie-Smith student help out a younger

one at either Robert Little or M.Z. Bennett through parts of the year.

"There's a good sense of unity with the feeder schools and the high school in Acton. They are willing to work together with us. You tend to lose that in a big urban school," offers Logan.

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Registration is limited and an advanced registration of \$25 (includes lunch) is required.

The conference is scheduled from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Oakville Centre on Navy Street in Oakville.

Those requiring transportation to and from the conference can call Acton Social Services at 853-3310.

For more information about the conference call Kerry Hayes, Halton Regional Police Services at 878-5511 and ask for extension 5053.

Closer to home, on Oct. 14, a Long Term Care seminar will be offered at St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall in Acton from 2 to 3:30 pm. Speakers from the Vic-

torian Order of Nurses, Halton Helping Hands, Red Cross, Homecare, ASSIC, Placement Coordination Services, and Long Term Care will be featured. This event is sponsored by ASSIC's Senior Activity Committee.

For more information or for transportation, call ASSIC at 853-3310 or drop by our office at 19 Willow St. N., Acton.

Mayor pushes pet clinic at council meeting

BY RICK SOUTAR
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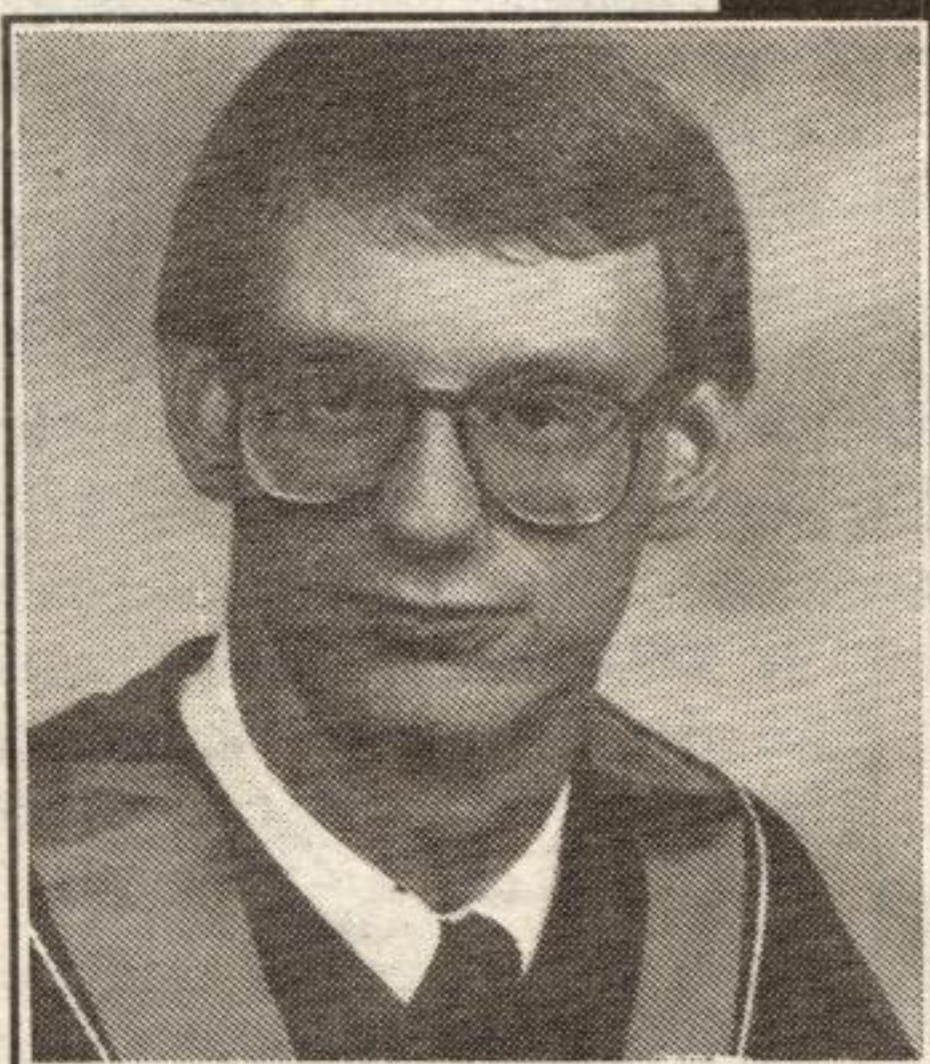
Mayor Russ Miller has asked Halton Hills' community newspapers to help promote awareness of subsidized rabies vaccination clinics.

The mayor announced at Monday's Council meeting that the vaccination clinics will be held on Oct. 16 in several loca-

tions throughout five municipalities, including one at Prospect Park in Acton.

The mayor stated this vaccination effort is particularly important given the new strain of rabies which has infected many pets in New York state.

Rabies vaccinations will cost \$10 between 1 and 3 pm at the Acton clinic.



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