

## Honour for farm leader

The Wellington County Historical Society will host on July 2 the unveiling of a plaque to honour area farm leader J.J. Morrison.

Morrison (1861-1936) entered local politics in 1900 and helped found the United Farmers of Ontario.

The ceremony will take place in Arthur.

# Rockwood dancers ready for year-end show

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The Rockwood Miller

The sequins are sewn, the routines rehearsed and the dancers ready to strut their stuff as Rockwood's Dance Spirit Studios prepares to stage its year-end recital.

Studio owner Angel Ottema would rather have the recital in Rockwood, but had to go to Guelph to find a large enough stage.

"We are expecting 500 people and although Rockmosa (Community Centre) could probably handle that crowd, there is not a stage large enough to dance on," Ottema said in an interview on Thursday.

Ottema's 70 students go from pre-kindergartners to middle-agers who take classes in ballet, jazz, tap and step dancing. Their talents will be showcased in the recital, which will have a "four seasons" theme.

"The highlights will be the opening and the finale with all of my students on the stage. The opening is a song called "Get Ready For This" and the finale will be danced to a medley of classics," Ottema

said.

Although the recital is the big event of the year, the dancers have performed before live audiences on CKCO TV's Big Top Talents, at the Eramosa Community Players Christmas pageant and in several Pioneer Day parades.

While putting the final touches on this year's recital, Ottema is already planning next year's production.

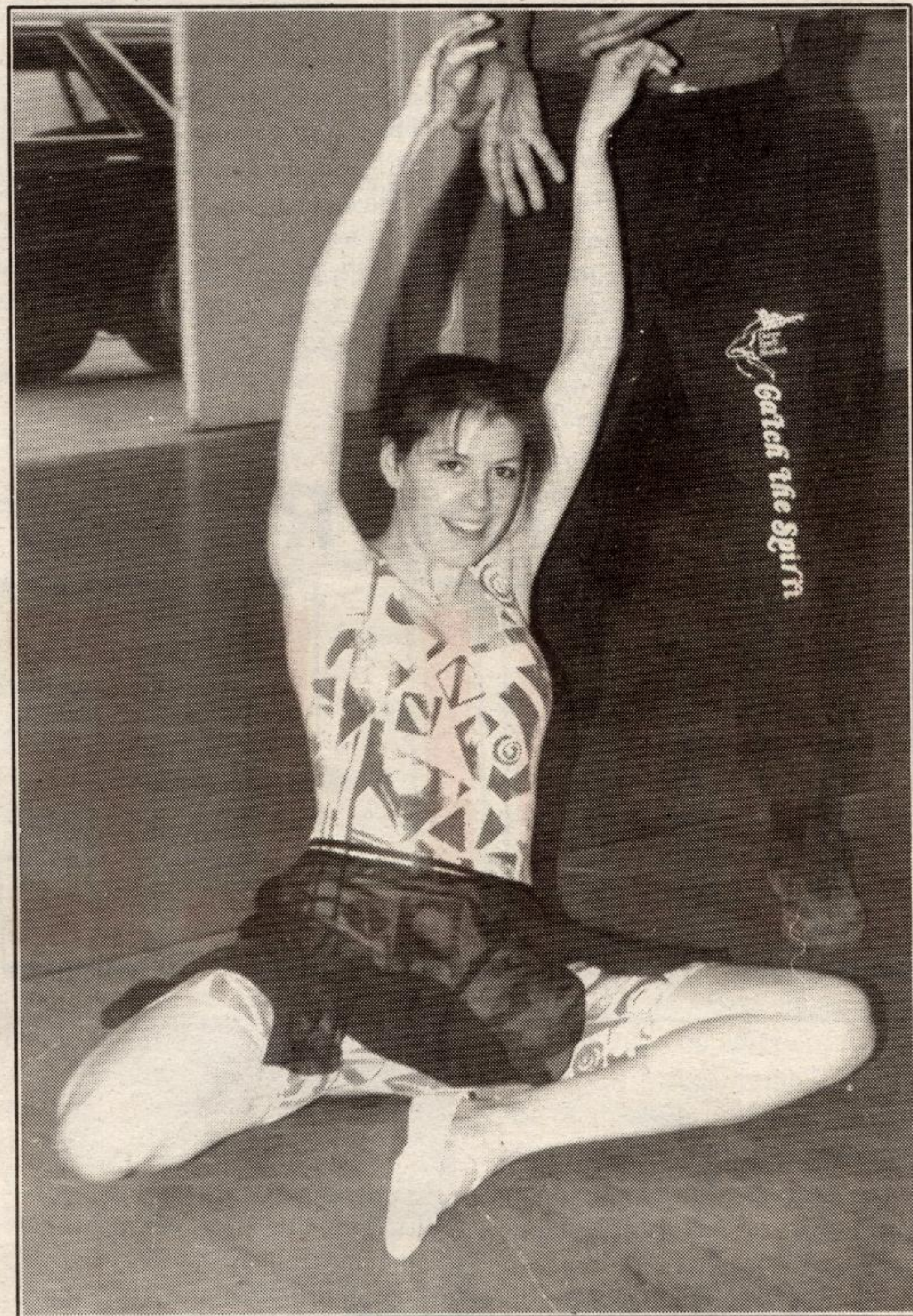
"Before the term ends I already have several ideas for next year. Once this recital is over I will pick a theme and then choose the music over the summer" Ottema explained.

"I have a pre-registration for next year's dance term on Wednesday, June 1 and once I have a rough idea of how many students I will have, I can narrow my choices."

Ottema predicts it will be a sold-out show, but will not pick a favourite act.

"I can't say which of the dances I like best. There won't be any solos because we are strictly a team oriented studio. My older students are very polished, but it's always the little ones that steal the show," Ottema said.

Tickets for Sunday's recital at the Evergreen Centre in Guelph can be ordered by calling 763-6828.



GOOD FORM! Kerri Stewart rehearses at the Town Hall on Thursday for Dance Spirit's recital. (Doug Harrison photo)

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## Students gear up for track and field

### ERAMOSA P.S. NEWS

The Grade 2 class went on a hike! They went to the McDuffee hard-

wood bush to observe wild flowers. Even though they got black fly bites and sore feet, it was a beautiful day for a hike. They all

had a great time except they were a bit disappointed at the amount of garbage they had to pick up!

The Grade 5 class is going to the Science Circus on Friday. We will be seeing the winning science projects from Grades 7 and up.

The Grade 5 class is also expecting a surprise from Mr. Goudie (the Grade 5 teacher) along with the Grade 4 and Grade 6 classes.

The recesses have been very busy around Eramosa.

Everybody is getting prepared for the upcoming area "Track and Field Meet.

Good luck, Eramosa!

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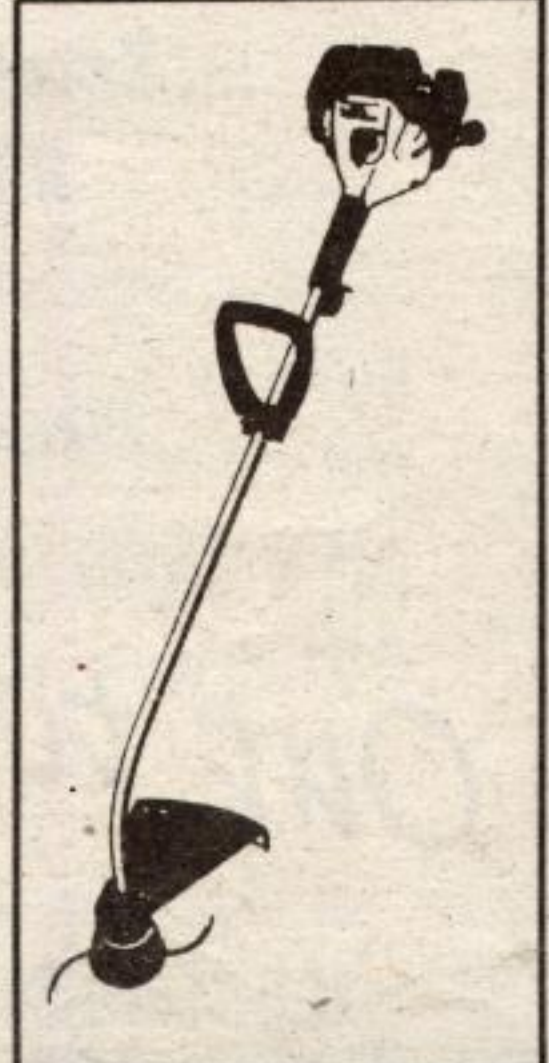


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