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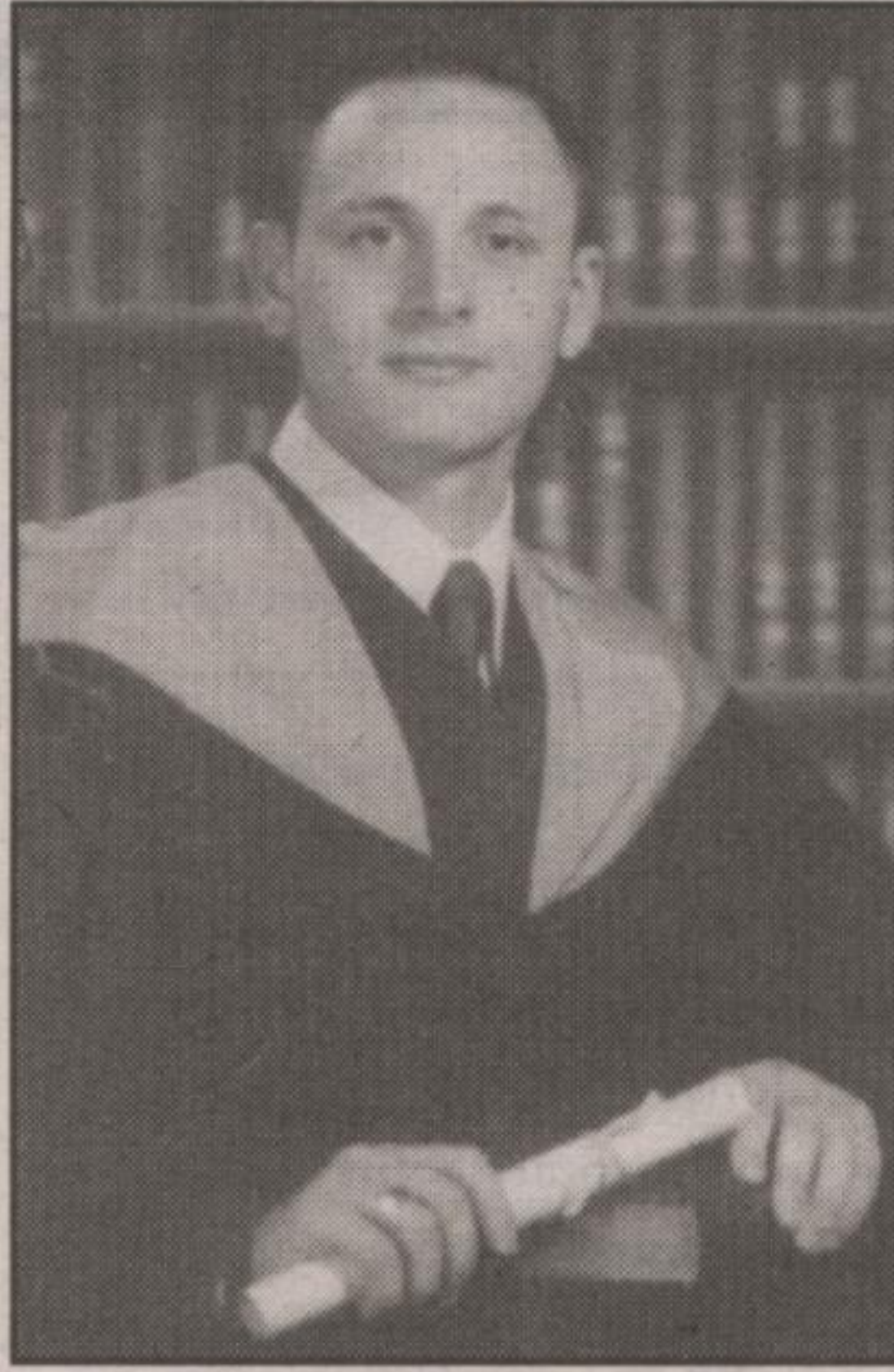
COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE Helen McQueen

by Donna Danielli

CONGRATULATIONS



Fiorella Manchisi graduated June 2001 from University of Waterloo with an Honours B.A. program in French Co-operative, and also from Brock University with a B.Ed. Fiorella has accepted a position with T.A. Blakelock High, Oakville, in September.



Domenic Manchisi graduated June 2001 from McMaster University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematical Science and also an Honours degree (B.Sc.) in Computer Science.

Good luck! Love, Mom and Dad



Happy 40th Cheryl!

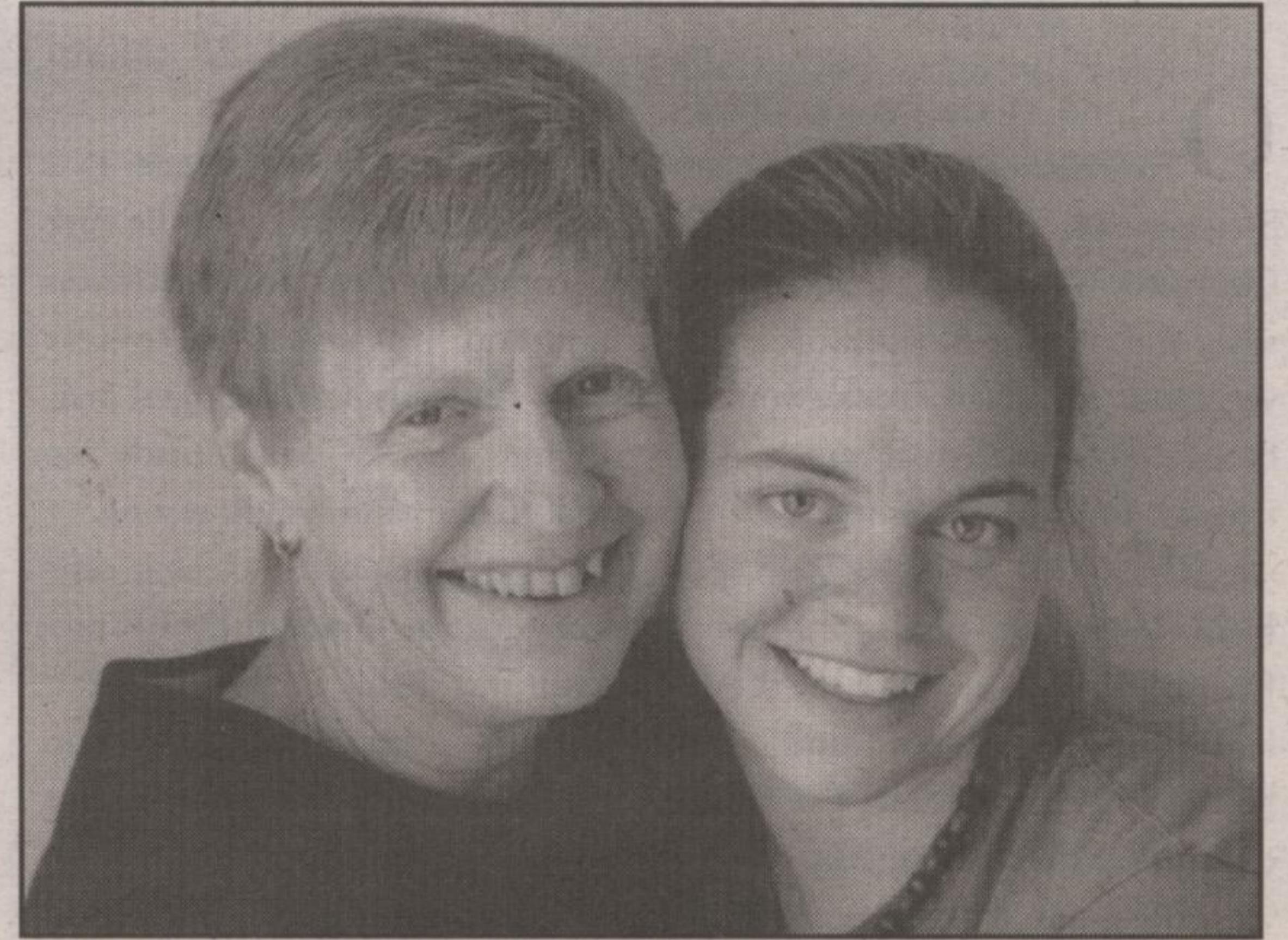
Cord Tea in Eden Mills

by Deborah Quaille

It's the highest honour that a Pathfinder can receive, after three years of dedicated work. On June 7, 2001, the South Wellington Division Girl Guides of Canada held their Cord Tea at Eden Mills Hall. Twenty-five girls received the cord, marking one of the largest number of girls in South Wellington division to ever do so.

The evening's guest speaker was Linda Hendry, a local children's author/illustrator. She spoke on the theme for the evening, "Reach for the Heavens and Hope for the Future." In reflections of her childhood in small-town Saskatchewan, Hendry got the audience laughing about her own difficulties in reaching for the career that she wanted, deemed unsuitable by everyone else. Whatever your dream may be, Hendry emphasized to the audience, don't give up - follow it.

"Believe in yourself," she concluded, "and your dreams. If you find yourself asking, Why me? Well, why not you? You can do it!"



Helen McQueen and daughter Erinn.

Submitted Photo

Arthritis is the most common cause of long term disability in Canada, striking people of all ages. Four million Canadian men, women and children have been diagnosed with this painful and often debilitating disease, one of whom is 23-year-old Erinn McQueen. Erinn was diagnosed at age 21 with rheumatoid arthritis, an auto-immune disease which increases the amount of fluid within the joints, thus breaking down the joint itself. While medication can help to control the rate of speed of the disease, once the damage is done it's irreparable. Erinn, once a varsity athlete, has been forced to re-invent her lifestyle to accommodate the effects of arthritis, such as immobility and difficulty dressing and walking. In doing so, she has also become a role model for her mother, Helen.

"One's children can often become an inspiration to the parents," comments the Puslinch resident, who will walk a 13½ mile marathon in Lausanne, Switzerland this October to raise funds for and awareness of Arthritis Research. The marathon is held by Joints In Motion, a division of the Arthritis Society. Helen was inspired by a family friend who walked in a similar marathon last year in Florida.

"I knew that I needed to do something about this. Realistically, I believe the cure for this is somewhere down the road and funds need to be raised."

Both the Florida and Switzerland marathon carry minimum requirements for participants, and Helen opted to take part in the Switzerland marathon even though that meant raising \$7,500 to be allowed to participate, a role with which she wasn't entirely comfortable.

"I'm never good at asking people for money, but when you go to Mount Sinai and see young people in rough condition, you believe in the cause. And you believe 'Yes, I can ask for money for this cause'."

The response to her request for pledges has been good so far, but very emotional for Helen.

"When the mail comes in, the response is so humbling. You learn that people out there are very concerned and kind. So many people include a note that says 'Thank you for allowing me to contribute'."

At age 56, Helen is a breast cancer survivor. "I have dealt with life threatening disease myself and that has changed me and caused me to adjust my goals."

Erinn echoes her mother's statement when she says, "It's made me realize that even though something unplanned happened in my life, you can turn it around. That's an important lesson. One of the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis is weight loss and muscle loss. Now that I'm feeling better, I'm training with my mom... while she's training for the marathon, I'm training to get better and strong again."

The Arthritis Society is spending more than \$7 million dollars annually on research and is leading the way to successfully control and treat arthritis. "My bottom line goal is to raise money for arthritis research. For Erinn, for other young people like her, and the other 1.4 million people in Ontario that are afflicted with this disease. With investment in research, the cure can be realized. I'm delighted to be a part of this. I am also learning to embrace new opportunities and this opportunity is close to my heart. Our daughter, like many others, needs a cure, and she is convinced she will beat this disease. I believe in her."

To learn more about Helen's marathon or to contribute to the Joints In Motion fund call Helen McQueen at 519-821-6590 or e-mail her at imcqueen@uoguelph.ca.



"Congratulations Hitherfield grads!"

We extend our best wishes & congratulations to Robert Andrew, Adam Beale, Tyler Campaigne, Jonathan Condren, Michael Dougherty, Nate Grenke, Julie Lord, Jarred McCall, Jonathan Pietrobon, Christine Police, Brittany Van Koot and Alex Williams.

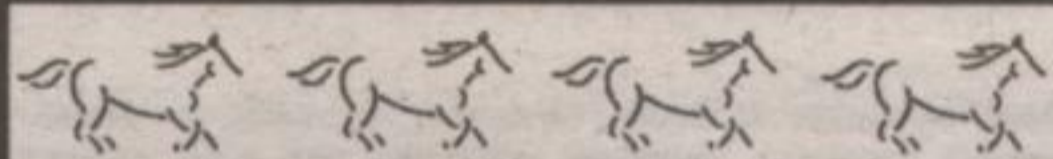


Jarred McCall stands with his mother Doreen. Jarred is the first Hitherfield student to attend from Kindergarten to Gr. 8, June 2001

This photo: Jarred McCall, Hitherfield's first graduate to have attended the school from Kindergarten through Gr. 8. He's shown here with his mother, Doreen, at our annual Ontario Place trip.

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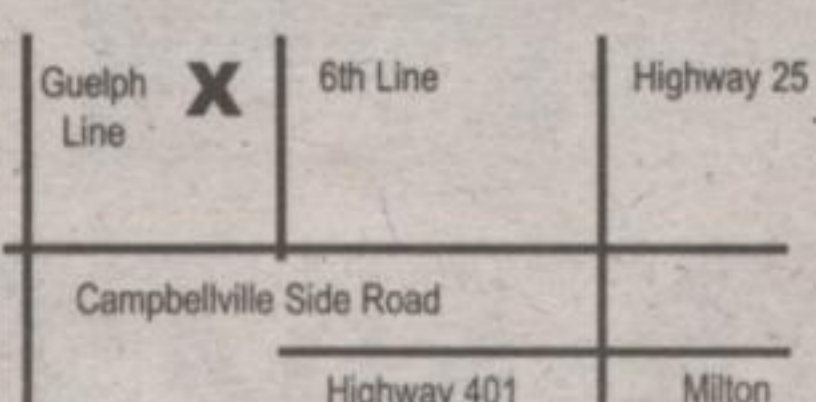
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