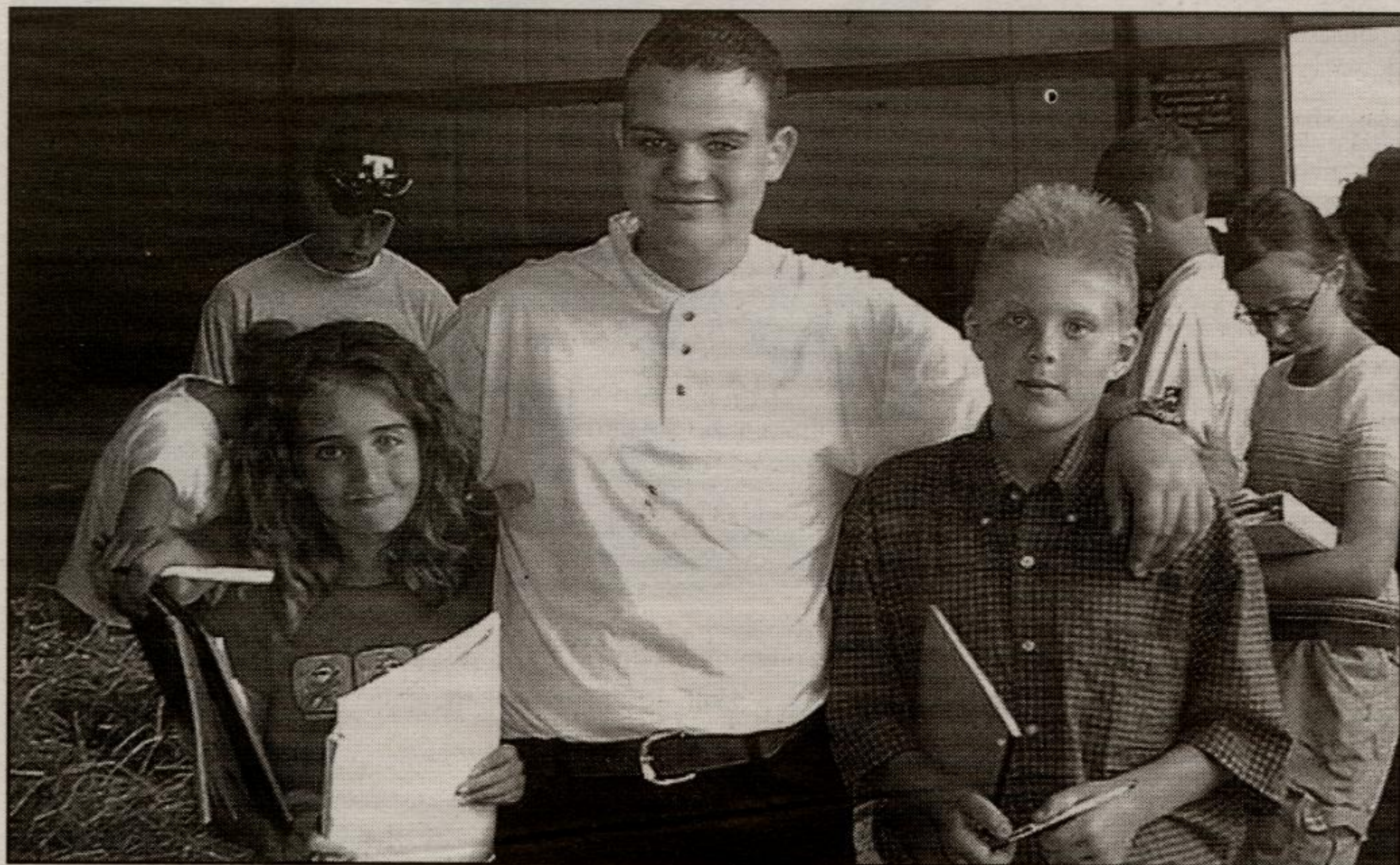




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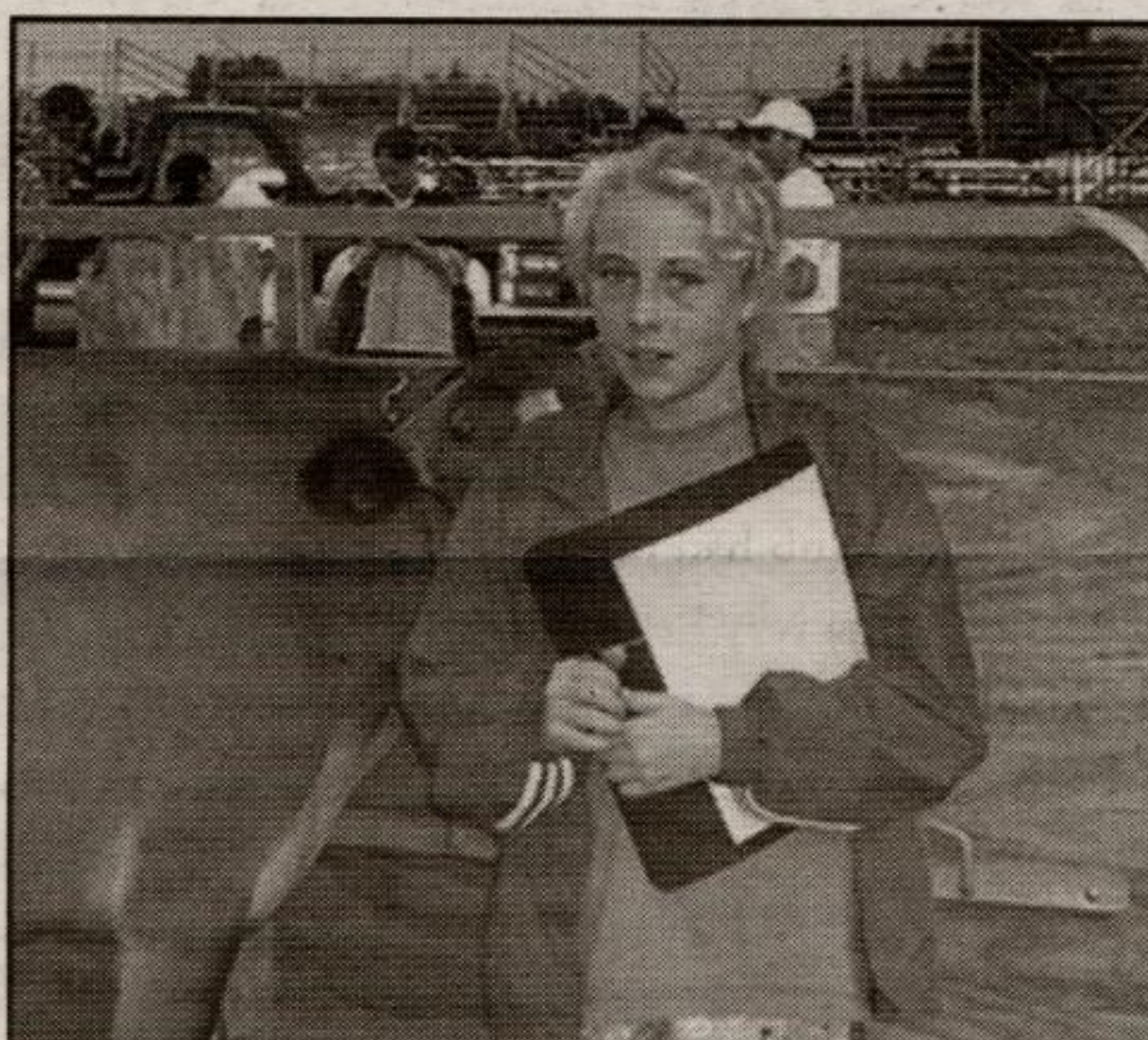
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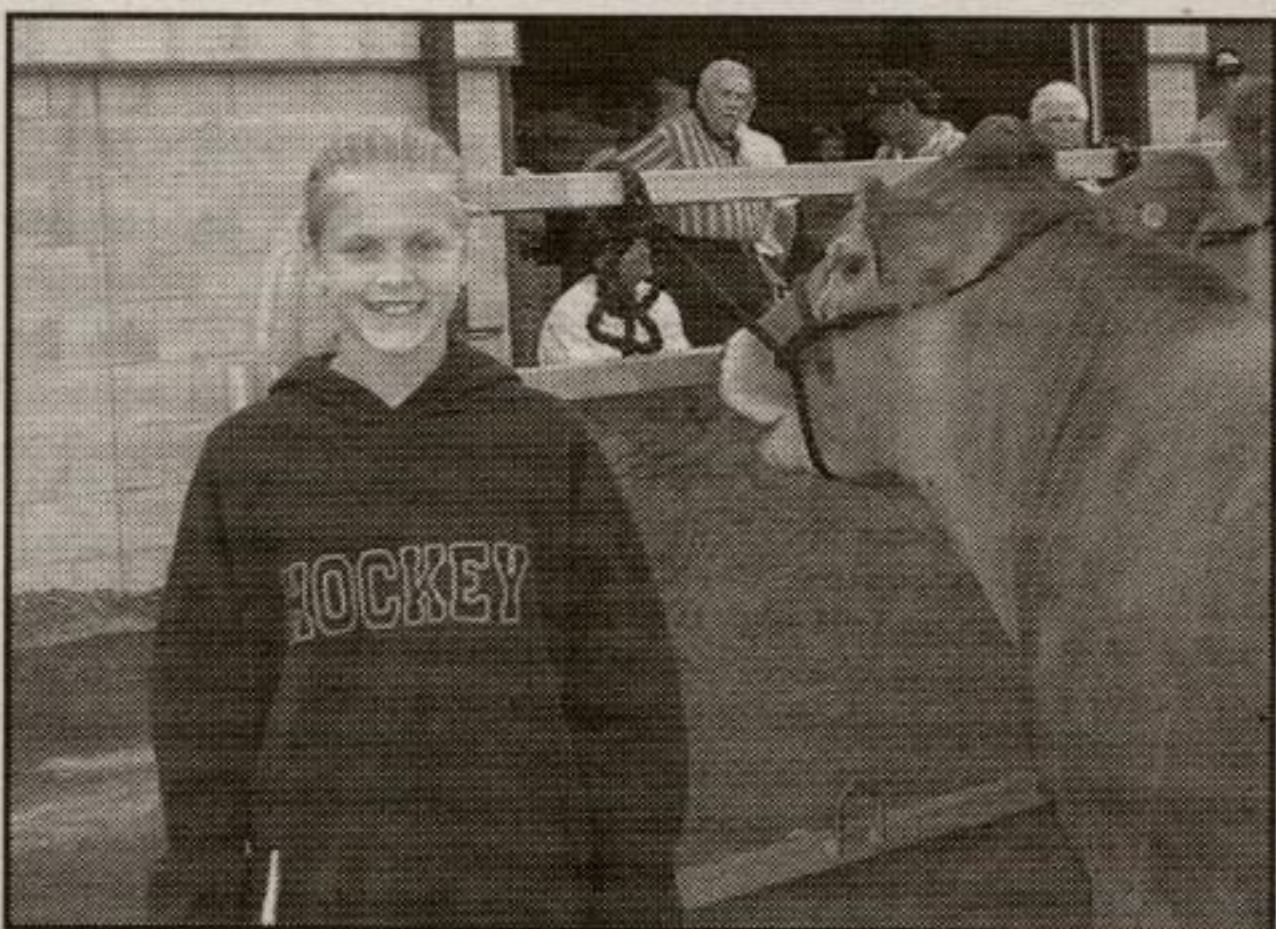
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## Halton Region exceeds Ontario Works placement targets

Special to The Compass

Halton Region has exceeded the provincially-set target for finding workforce placements for welfare recipients by 169 per cent and will receive \$298,000 in extra funding.

Halton Region placed 520 Ontario Works participants into community and employment placement opportunities during the March 2000 to April 2001 time frame, far exceeding the 307 targeted by the Ministry of Social and Community Services.

"The continued support of the Halton community combined with the efforts of our staff make the Ontario Works program so successful," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"Our participants gain valuable work experience and secure employment through participating

local businesses and non-profit organizations. The additional funding will allow us to continue delivering this quality program."

Ontario Works is an employment program for people who are receiving social assistance. The program offers a variety of services to help people prepare for and secure employment.

Community Placements provide work for Ontario Works participants with non-profit organizations. Employment Placements provide paid jobs for Ontario Works participants.

Local businesses and organizations can get involved by contacting the Halton Region Business development Centre at 905-825-6300 or via email at [www.haltonbusiness.com](http://www.haltonbusiness.com)

## Family fun at Steam-Era 2001

by Kim Pickering

Most of the 500 members of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association will be planning to attend Steam-Era 2001 at the Milton Fairgrounds, August 31 - September 3. Steam-Era is the largest steam show in Ontario and in its 41st year, it's one of the oldest.

"Steam-Era will have something for everyone. It is good family entertainment at a reasonable cost," says member Brad Clements.

This year farm equipment from Minneapolis Moline Power Company will be featured. This company was formed in 1929 and was known for its technological innovations.

Over 200 gas tractors will be proudly displayed for interested visitors. Along with them, tractors pull, a flea market, indoor trading post, a fashion show, a country and western talent show, home cooked meals and much more will be offered.

A special event this year will be entertainment by Milton's own country music and recording star Jamie Hamilton.

For a weekend of family fun, enjoy Steam-Era 2001.

## Curly horses: a unique breed

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seldom suffer from common ailments including Nevicular. The hardy breed does not require indoor accommodations. They are happiest outside and can remain their year round regardless of wind, snow or rain.

"They are an extremely tough and hardy breed," Mrs. Oakes said. "It's wonderful. They're so much easier to look after."

Mrs. Oakes said another important aspect of the breed is their freeze instinct. Unlike most horse breeds, curlies do not possess the flight instinct. Instead the horses freeze, assess the situation and then react accordingly.

Mrs. Oakes says she can recall a time when a boggy area pulled her mount in like quick sand. She found herself below her horse and just inches away from each hoof. But her curly horse was smart enough to figure out how to change the situation without causing Mrs.

Oakes harm and she returned to the barn safe and sound.

Likely the most notable difference of curly horses (aside from looks) is their attitude. Mrs. Oakes compares the attitude of a curly to the attitude of a dog. They are curious and loving. They will follow people around the paddock and enjoy all the attention they can get.

"As long as they have never been abused, you'll always have a good horse," she said.

The indication of an enormous heart and their unique hypo-allergenic coat make it hard not to fall in love with the breed. After working with curly horses Mrs. Oakes says she would never have anything else.

"The more time you spend with them, they become addictive. They really grow on you," Mrs. Oakes said.

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