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# How now, brown cow

## OAFE hopes to RAFFLE off agri-illiteracy

Chocolate milk comes from brown cows? You can't always believe what you see on TV and Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) is going to make sure that students know the truth about agriculture.

OAFE's upcoming General Store Professional Development Day and Resource Fair for Educators is one way the organization reaches students. This day-long event for teachers combines a variety of workshops, resources and educational displays related to agriculture. With topics such as Food Safety, Healthy Eating and Literacy & Numeracy, teachers will learn how to connect these subjects to the Ontario curriculum and will be able to pass this knowledge on to future consumers. Teachers will also have the opportunity to tour local farms for a true agricultural experience. This year's General Store event is being held on August 30th at Country Heritage Park in Milton and registration ends August 17th.

In support of initiatives like the General Store and to reduce "agri-illiteracy", OAFE is holding a raffle for the following prizes: a John Deere ATV, Kubota lawn tractor, Cub Cadet lawn tractor, Cub Cadet snow blower, and a John Deere self-propelled lawn mower. Tickets are being sold for \$20 each or three for \$50, the draw will be held on September 23rd, 2005.

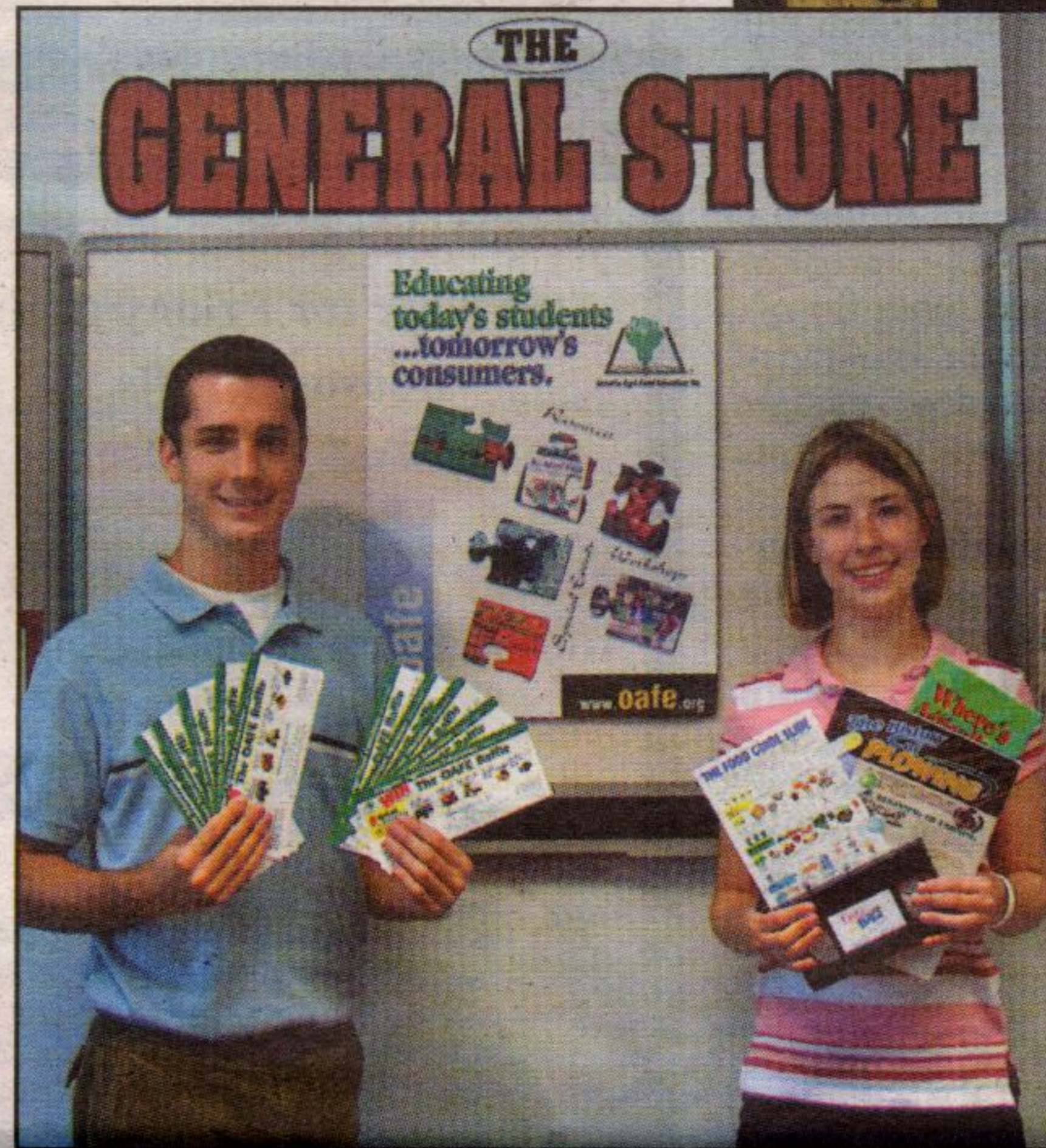
To purchase tickets or register for the General Store event, please visit [www.oafe.org](http://www.oafe.org), contact [info@oafe.org](mailto:info@oafe.org) or call (905)878-1510.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY LORNA WILSON

Pictured above are the John Deere ATV and the Kubota lawn tractor that are the two major prizes in the OAFE General Store raffle.

Pictured left holding raffle tickets are OAFE summer students Chris Charles studying genetics at the University of Guelph and Adrienne Robertson, a media and journalism student at Humber College.



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor

Re: Bowen article

Just wanted to thank you. The article looked great. Your paper is obviously enjoyed by many people and is certainly a great way to reach the community. I have had a number of people calling asking for more information on the technique.

Thanks again.

Kim Vivian BSc ND  
Naturopathic Doctor  
Advanced Bowen Therapist

### EDITORIAL

We Canadians do a lot of things with great style. The popularity in Hollywood of shooting major motion pictures in Canada is only partly explained by the cheaper union pay scales. The second but most important reason is that the stars feel comfortable here. We have a reputation for treating visiting celebrities with a politeness and decorum that is sadly lacking in many other parts of the world. We are generally embarrassed by displays of over familiarity and by the demands for attention that some fans feel is their right to inflict on anyone who has already had their 15 minutes of fame. We feel that a gentle tip of the hat is about as emotional and as intrusive as we should get.

Sadly we carry this 'cool' into areas where a little raw passion would not go amiss. We do get politely enthusiastic when one of our own wins Olympic gold but feel it indelicate to enquire about the financial sacrifices that athlete made just to compete that day. We expect our competitors to rise fully formed and ready on the day of competition, not realizing that the supreme effort made to win gold is just a repeat of the same effort made every day prior to that for the last 5, 10, or even 15 years. We obviously don't feel that this level of sacrifice and dedication deserves our financial support. We cluck loudly over the stinginess of Canada's federal funding of our sports programs, but all we do is cluck.

I'll let you into a secret, guys, politicians are not a breed known for their ability to go against public opinion. If we really wanted to win medals we would give the athletes the means of paying their rent and buying luxuries like food, and the politicians would tag along.

We don't, so they won't.

### Gary Carr report

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the Paul Martin economic record.

First, as Finance Minister and now as Prime Minister, here are some of the highlights of his truly impressive record:

Eliminated the deficit of \$52 billion dollars left by the Brian Mulroney Conservatives. This made Canada debt free for the first time in 3 decades;

Paid down the debt by \$52.3 billion dollars;

Cut taxes by \$100 billion over 5 years. This is the largest cumulative tax reduction on Canadian history;

Reformed Canada's Pension Plan to secure the future pensions of Canadians for the next 75 years;

In June 14,000 new jobs were created in Canada. The unemployment rate is 6.7 % this is the lowest in 3 decades;

Since 1993 over 3 million jobs have been created.

Now let's take a look at how we compare to the other G-7 countries. The G-7 includes Canada, United States, Britain, France, Japan Italy, and Germany. The G-8 includes Russia.

Canada has the best job creation and the fastest growth in living standard of all the G-7 countries. In addition Canada is the only country to have a balanced budget.

The Edmonton Journal headline of June 22 says it best, "Canada dazzles G-8 with its economic performance". In addition Canada is the only country to have a balanced budget.

These are accomplishments that make a real difference in the lives of Canadians, low interest rates, stable employment and more disposable income.

This record has now allowed the government to reinvest the dividends in priority areas such as health care, childcare, cities and communities, defense and foreign aid.

If you have any questions or comments on any issue please feel free to email me at [carrg@gc.ca](mailto:carrg@gc.ca) or call 905-693-0166

Sincerely,  
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