



COMMUNITY AWARD: Don Milton, (left) Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus received a Community Service award from Acton Agricultural Society representative Bill Nelles during a ceremony Friday night. The Knights of Columbus were honoured for more than two decades of dedicated service working on the gate and as security at the fair. — Frances Niblock photo



VOLUNTEER HONOURED: Long-time fair supporter Hank Walsma (right) received a lifetime membership in the Acton Agricultural Society from president Ron White during a ceremony in the old arena Friday night. Walsma has worked at the fair for more than 25 years. — Frances Niblock photo



CANOLA COMPANY: Pankaj Mehta (right) of Pioneer Hi-Bred Production Ltd. accepted an Ontario Agricultural Society Service award from Acton Agricultural Society representative Bill Nelles during a ceremony Friday night at the fair. Pioneer was honoured for its work in promoting canola production. — Frances Niblock photo

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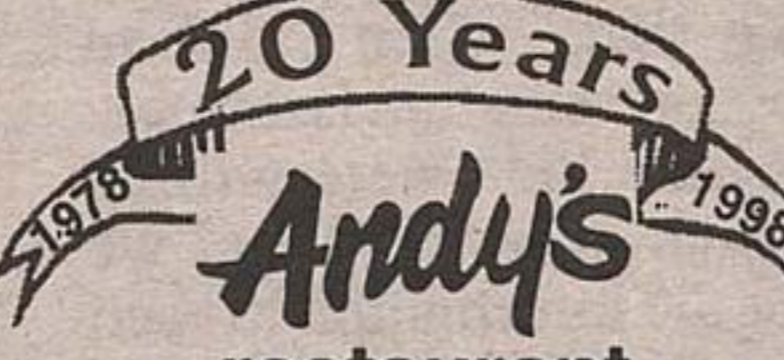
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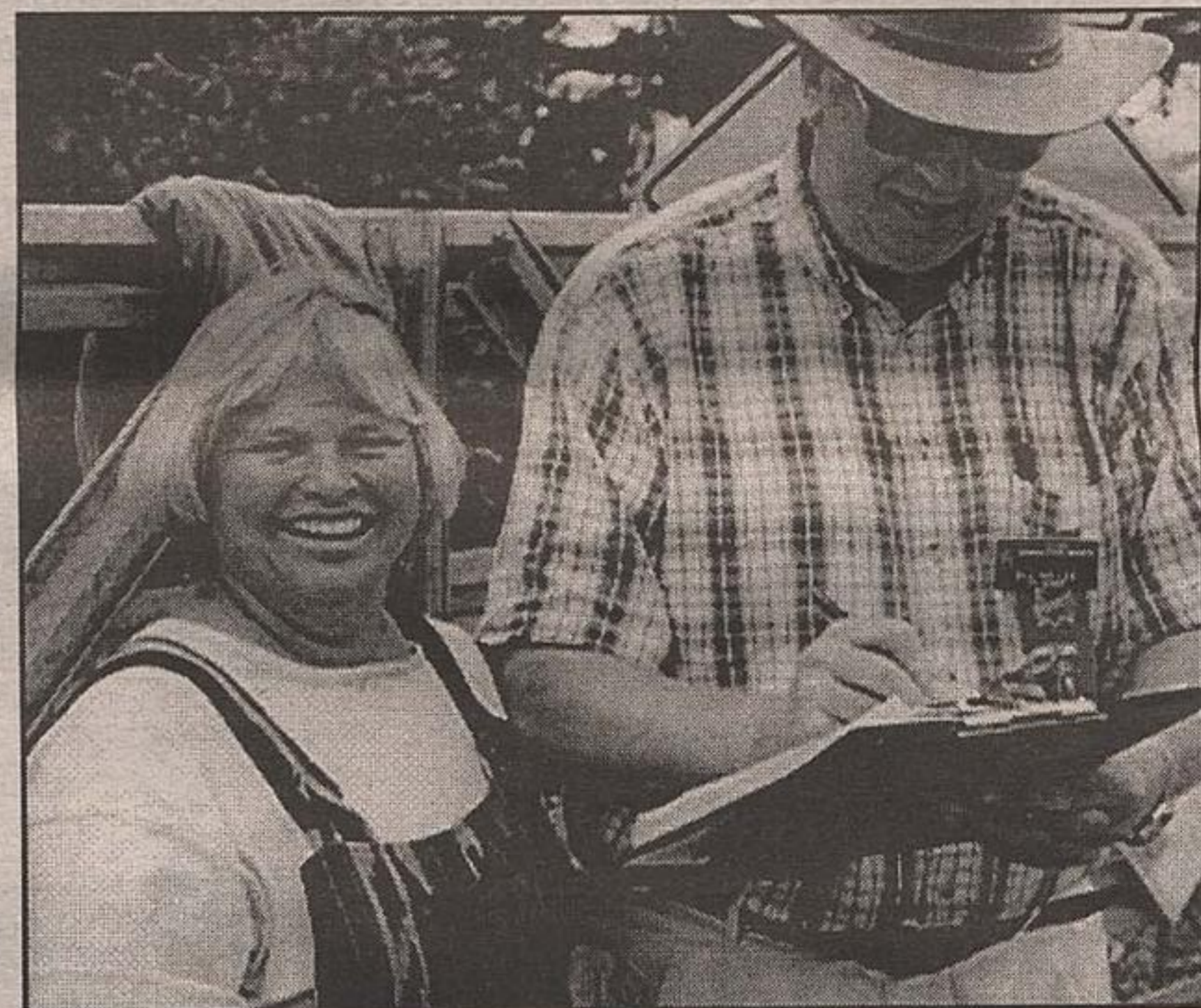
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS enjoyed the many midway rides at this year's fair. — Angela Tyler photo



SIGNING THEM UP: Members of the Heritage Acton subcommittee collected 1,034 signatures from supporters for their campaign to save the old Acton Arena during the Acton Fall Fair. Dolores Black, who collected more than 500 of those signatures, signed up former Agricultural Society president Bill Nelles.

POET'S CORNER

By Wes Fountain

My Autumn Friend

I sit at my window and my friend I behold,
that once was so green, but now so gold.
For autumn has come and its colours are cast,
a glorious sight, but not does it last.

Its coloured leaves dance to a breeze so slight;
to melody unheard; a symphony of sight.
Its bark is stained so by ages long past.
A struggle to live; determined to last.

I sit by my window, and my friend I behold
Its branches now bare; without trace of gold,
for its covering once valued, of unknown its worth,
once again covers its mother, the earth.

There it so stands with silhouette now free;
its skeleton of wood for all to see.
For spring's labour frenzy, and summer so fleet,
now lies with contentment at its hidden feet.

I sit at my window, and my friend I behold.
A warrior yet standing, so brave and so bold.
Winter has come, but its life does it keep;
perhaps no thought dead; but only asleep.

As I turn from my window I cherish the thought
of all the pleasure my friends has brought.
And I know in my heart this enduring one thing,
my autumn friend awakes at the warmth of next spring