

# Water levels here back to normal

Ontario farmers are planting their seeds and hoping for the best as low prices and yields cause some concern about this year's crops.

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, agricultural representative John Smith said "generally speaking" there was adequate rain - timely and sufficient - last year and yields were average to above-average in the Acton-Rockwood area.

"Ideally, on average, we would like to have approximately half-an-inch of rain per week during the growing season. If you're in an area that got sufficient rain, you got the yield," Smith said.

"As far as this year, I haven't a clue," Smith readily admitted,

adding the recent warm weather means there's no snow cover on the ground and water tables are down.

Limehouse area cash cropper, Frank Anthony, said ground water levels don't seem to be an issue in the Acton area where swamps are filling up and well levels are higher than this time last year.

"As far as cropping conditions go, this time of year we've got enough moisture, if the weather was warm the crop would germinate and them we

depend on timely rains," Anthony said, adding Acton did have timely rains last year and most farmers had good yields.

While farmers in southwestern Ontario are worried dry conditions will mean poor crops, Anthony said locally, things are better.

"We dug a pond this winter for a guy and we were seeing dry conditions down 10-12 feet but, normally we wouldn't count on moisture coming from that anyway to carry our crops."



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## What's Inside



A consultant's report recommending Halton School Board sell 3 acres of Acton school yard has people boiling. See photo on Pages 4, 5, 6 and 10.



Hockey players got a thrill Saturday when football star Mike Vanderjagt visited the Acton Arena. See photo Page 13.



Friday's St. Patrick's Day and The New Tanner has a story about the history of the Irish here. See Pages 8 and 9.

## WEEKLY CHUCKLE

"I understand," said the judge to Casey, "that you refuse to renew your dog licence." "Yes, your honour," said Casey. The judge said, "It's the law. You must renew it annually. Your licence has expired." Casey said, "Yes, and so has the dog."

Hal Roach.

# Local eateries get clean bill

## MSB lands on agenda

The fate of three acres of Halton District School Board land on Churchill Road, adjacent to McKenzie-Smith Bennett school, will be decided by school board trustees at their regular meeting next Wednesday (March 22.)

The Board deemed the land surplus after the amalgamation of McKenzie Smith with M.Z. Bennett. The Board must sell surplus land and under-utilized schools in order to be eligible for cash for new schools in high growth area. Selling the Acton land, as well as other surplus sites, is part of the Board's strategic plan that was on the agenda for trustee debate.

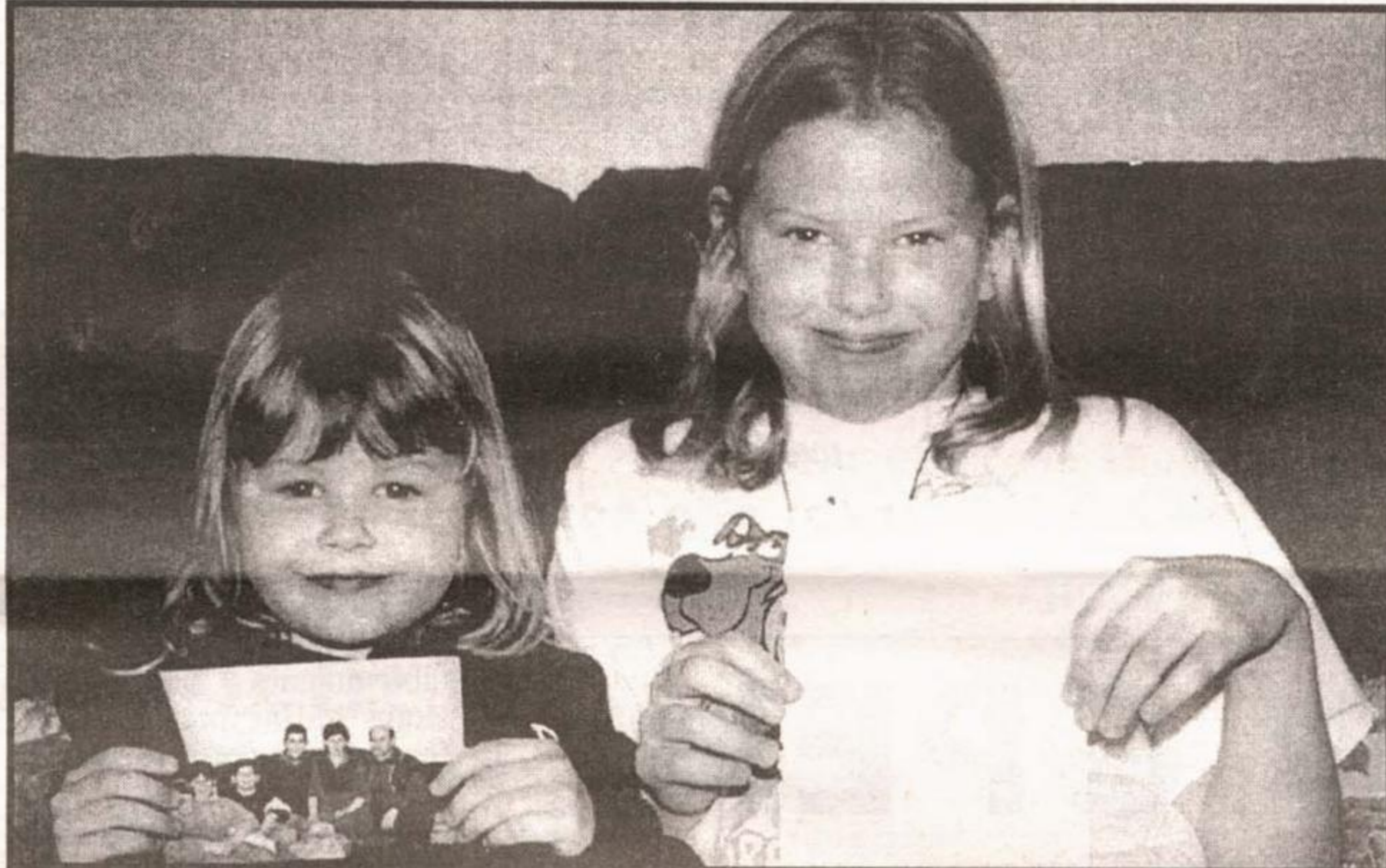
Before the meeting, board chair Ethel Gardiner said she'd do all she could to try to save the land used as both school playground and for soccer.

## Rash of vandalism in Rockwood

The school March break has unleashed a rash of vandalism in Rockwood and area, Village Constable Heather Nellis told The New Tanner on Tuesday.

Sometime late on Sunday evening or early Monday morning someone removed the stop sign at 20 Sideroad and the Fifth Line of Eramosa township. A deer crossing sign was also taken.

Monday, six fire emergency numbers were stolen from the front of homes on the Third Line, Eramosa. Several



**RESPONSE RECEIVED:** Members of St. Alban's Church sent parcels to Kosov at Christmas through the Samaritan's Purse program. Included with the small items in those shoe boxes of gifts for children in distressing circumstances were photos of the donors and an address where recipients could write to start corresponding across the world. Well, Olivia Smith, 4, left, and sister Edie, 9, of McDonald Boulevard, got a letter from the 14-year-old boy who received their box. Since postal service is disrupted in Kosov at the present, he told them, they can't continue their letter exchange for a while. - Maggie Petrusheysky photo

mail boxes were also vandalized the same day.

## Power out briefly on Saturday night

Damage to a hydro transformer on Danville Avenue (hydro officials say it was hit but have no other details) knocked out power to the Lakeview - Danville area for approximately an hour at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Halton Hills Hydro received about 15 calls from customers whose power was off for less than an hour. The transformer was replaced and power restored.

Vandals also put the torch to 10 picnic tables in the Rockwood Conservation Area, burning them to ashes. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

Constable Nellis is asking residents to Rockwood and area to report any suspicious youths they may see driving erratically in the rural areas. "If you don't call, we don't know," she reminds people.

Any information on the above crimes can be reported to Crimestoppers and the tipster's identity is protected.

## Subway franchise a winner

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The New Tanner

Acton's Gus Galimanas could be the poster boy for clean, sanitary restaurants. In the wake of stomach-turning dirty dining stories in Toronto, Halton restaurants have been given the all clear, and Subway leads the way.

For seven years running, Galimanas and wife Maria, have kept their Subway franchise, located in the IGA plaza, so scrupulously clean they've won awards from head office.

"We like it clean. We can't have it any other way," Galimanas said when asked why clean is so important, adding they have monthly surprise inspections.

"The customers expect it to be clean. The washrooms are as clean as the kitchen and we're proud of our awards," Galimanas said, pointing to the most recent Halton inspection hung on the wall.

Halton health officials didn't order any restaurants closed last year, but two voluntarily shut down to comply with clean-up orders and six were issued offence notices for contravening food service regulations.

Halton's food safety inspection control program

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