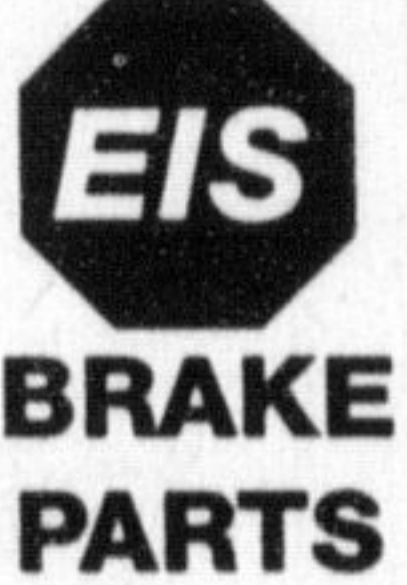


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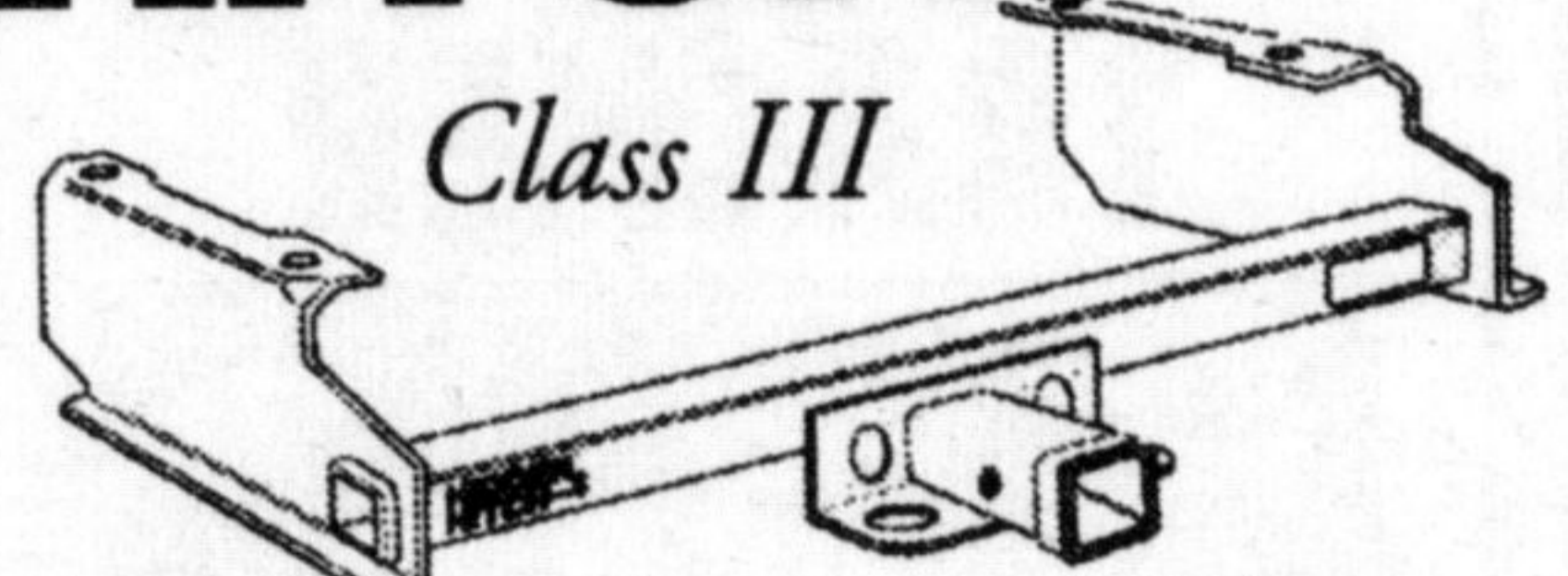


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# Steam Era is aiming at pulling a younger crowd

By KAREN SMITH  
*The Champion*

The Milton Steam-Era will embark on its 38th show with a new marketing strategy geared for younger audiences.

The Steam-Era organizers — the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association — have adopted the slogan, 'Show your kids something older than you', said Brad Clements, a director with the group.

"The antique equipment keeps getting older, but fortunately our audience seems to be getting younger every year," Mr. Clements said.

"Increasingly, we're finding younger people are interested in the novelty of farm life of the early 1900s and the war years."

That's a good thing, Mr. Clements added, and it needs to continue for the show of puffing steam engines, chugging gas tractors and humming gas engines to survive.

Steam-Era, traditionally held on Labour Day weekend at the Milton Fair Grounds, has also been attracting younger volunteers over the past decade, Mr. Clements said.

The president of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association, Jamie Arnold, wasn't even born when Steam-Era started, he said.

As part of the new focus, more of an emphasis will be put on children's activities at the September 4 to 7 show.



Brad Clements

On average, about 15,000 people come through the Steam-Era gates annually, Mr. Clements said.

"We'd like to see more," he added. Steam-Era is based on rural life, but many show-goers come from cities — another trend that needs to continue, Mr. Clements said.

"Maybe it's Canadiana mania but our agricultural pioneers are definitely attracting attention from city dwellers as much as rural."

This year's Steam-Era will offer a steady supply of action and entertainment throughout the Milton Fair Grounds, he said.

In addition to steam engines, gas tractors and gas engines, antique tractor pulls, threshing contests and twice-daily parades of rolling stock will be ongoing.

Families will be invited to participate in games and activities every afternoon in front of the grandstand.

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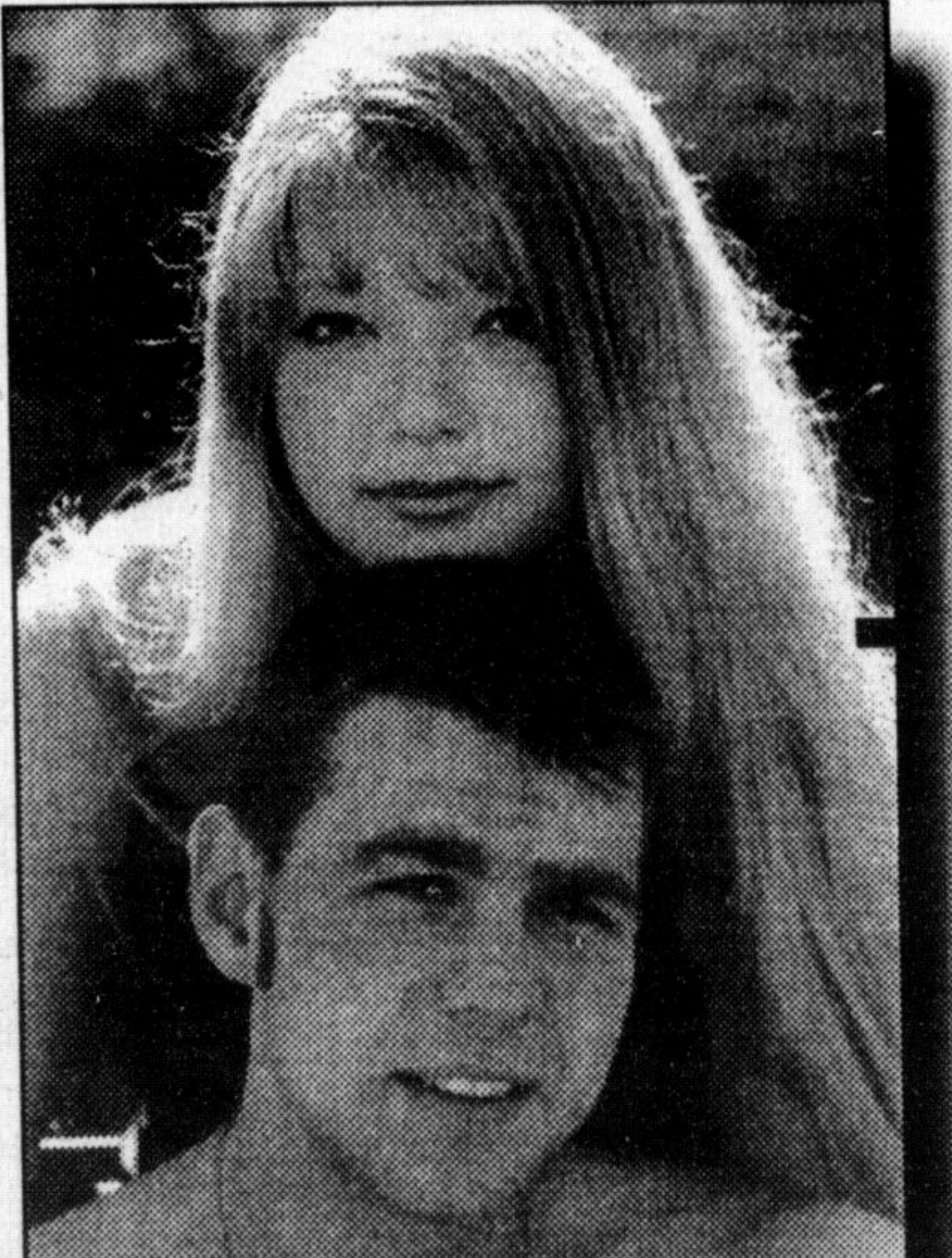


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**Property Tax Update.....**

The 1998 Final Tax due date schedule has not yet been finalized, however, it is known at this time that there will NOT be an installment due during the month of June. Pending receipt of applicable legislation and approval from Council, a tax due date(s) for the 1998 final billing will be established. **Further information will be posted when received.**