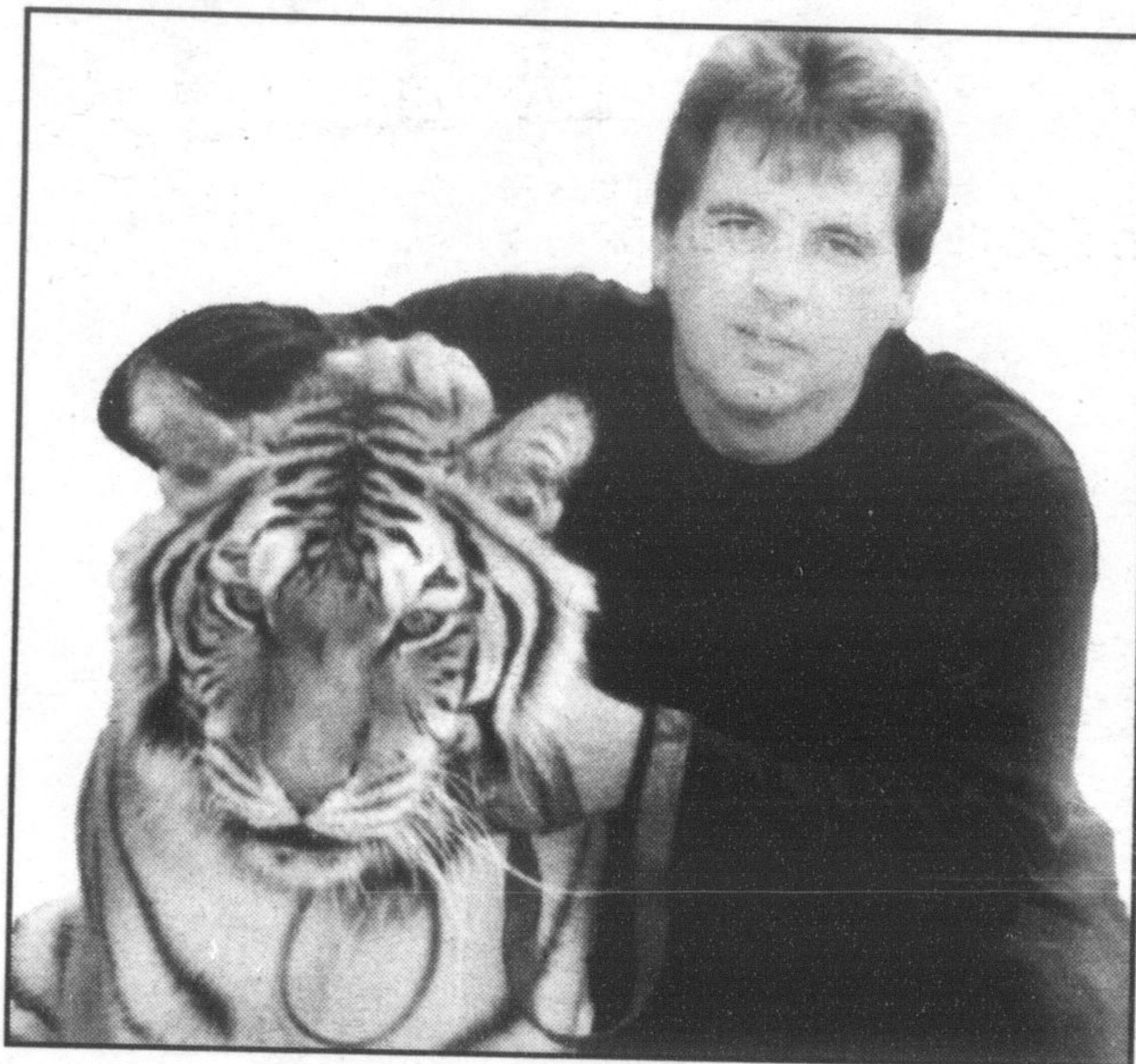




Arts & Entertainment

Magic show with animals to entertain crowd



Claude Haggerty combines his love of animals with his love of magic in his show coming to Milton District High School next Friday. It's a fundraiser for the Optimist Club of Milton.

He made a 6,000-pound elephant vanish in front of hundreds of people, and counts tigers, lions, jaguars and cougars as members of his family.

Next Friday, illusionist Claude Haggerty will bring his magic show to Milton District High School, 396 Williams Ave.

The show, presented by the Optimist Club of Milton and Wallace Pontiac Buick Cadillac, will begin at 7 p.m. and will delight both the young and the young-at-heart, said Optimist Club president Jeff Knapman.

"If adults without kids want to come, they'll have just as good a time," he said.

Mr. Haggerty performed his first card trick at the age of 12 and immediately began researching, studying and performing the art of magic. By the age of 25, he had combined his love of animals with his love of magic by adding his first exotic cat to the show. Since then, he has raised several exotic cats — including tigers and lions — from infancy, bottle feeding and training them.

Two animals will accompany Mr. Haggerty when he performs in Milton, Mr. Knapman said, aiding him with his "magic."

"He's an illusionist. He makes things dis-

appear. First there's a cat in the cage, then a drop cloth goes down, and then his assistant is in there," Mr. Knapman said, giving an example.

All proceeds from the show will go to the Optimist Club of Milton's projects. The Optimist Club is dedicated to the creation and promotion of programs that benefit youths, including the Santa Claus Parade and various sports programs and sponsorships.

Tickets for the show cost \$12 for children aged 13 and under, and \$15 for adults. They can be bought at the M&M Meat Shop at 420 Main St. E. For further information about the magic show, call Mr. Knapman at (905) 878-9490.

Dance-a-thon to raise funds for MD

Participants can either get pledges or pay \$10 admission at the door

There'll be shamrocks and shenanigans — all in the name of raising money for muscular dystrophy — next week at Shake the Shamrock, a dance-a-thon and karaoke party.

The event is a fundraiser organized by

CAMEO (Canadian Association of Mobile Entertainers and Operators) and the Halton-Peel chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada (MCAC).

Shake the Shamrock is scheduled to take place Tuesday at Burlington's Club 54, 3345 Harvester Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m.

It'll include dancing, karaoke, free food and door prizes.

Participants who get a minimum of \$25

in pledges get in free. Those who don't get pledges are charged \$10 at the door.

CAMEO is a non-profit group of DJs and entertainers who participate in workshops to promote business standards and ethics in the industry.

The group was looking to help out a local charity and heard about the MDAC's newly-formed Halton-Peel chapter.

The Halton-Peel MDAC chapter formed over the last few months to give a voice for MD patients and people with other neurological disorders in the area.

This is the first fundraiser organized jointly between CAMEO and the Halton-Peel MDAC chapter.

Anyone interested in attending 'Shake the Shamrock' can visit www.cameodj.com or call (905) 546-5538.

Local artists' works shown in NE exhibit

Three Milton artists and photographers will participate in an art exhibition in Hamilton next month.

Presented by the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre, the exhibition entitled 'A Sense of Place' will take place at the Hamilton Art Gallery from March 18 to May 4.

The purpose of the exhibition is to bring together art and photography inspired by the Niagara Escarpment.

Milton's Neil Hester is a photographer who will showcase his works, Milton resident Brigitte Schreyer is an artist who will display her interpretations, and Campbellville resident Gayle Hutchings is a visual artist taking part in the exhibit.

The exhibition has attracted 49 of Ontario's premier artists and photographers who have captured the Niagara Escarpment from Queenston to Tobermory in their works.

The Giant's Rib is an interpretive centre proposed for development in Hamilton. It's to be a museum of natural history, culture and heritage for the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Biosphere Reserve.

Admission to the Hamilton Art Gallery is free. It's located at 123 King St. W.



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