## Grants are available for corn trials

Despite this year's planting challenges, the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's 2004 Independent Corn Adaptability Trials (ICAT) are well underway and participants are continuing to see value in the results.

The goal of the program is to provide a learning opportunity for growers. Those who are able to get out to see the trials at different times throughout the season can view different varieties, compare plant emergence, weed control and vigour.

The BASF ICAT Grant Program is the perfect vehicle for the educational component of the ICAT program.

Through continued BASF support, local associations are able to host field days to display the progress of their ICAT plots and learn from their trials.

The application deadline for a BASF ICAT grant is November 30.

Up to 12 local associations are eligible for the BASF ICAT grant. To date, three counties have applied for the grant, includ-Bruce Wellington, Northumberland counties.

On July 22, the Wellington County Soil and Crop Improvement Association held a twilight meeting at president Stuart Wright's farm near Kenilworth. The tour highlighted alternative crops including cranberry beans and winter canola, as well as barley, wheat and the ICAT.

Attendees had the chance to view poncho seed treatment and BASF crop protection products in action and learn about the

different corn varieties seeded at the plot, including Pioneer, Mycogen, NK, DeKalb and Pride hybrid varieties.

All BASF ICAT grant plots receive signage for plot recognition. Grants are still available for associations interested in this year's program.

Participating associations must hold a field day and BASF products must be applied on the plot at labelled rates in order to qualify.

BASF has a diverse product portfolio including crop production products for corn, soybean and specialty crops.

For more information on BASF products, call 1-877-371-BASF (2273) or visit www.agsolutions.ca.



When it comes to exercise, many of us don't get enough. It's the same story when it comes to having fun for many stressed-out workers.

On October 3, the Toronto Bruce Trail Club will host an event designed to bring the two together, leaving participants physically and mentally invigorated.

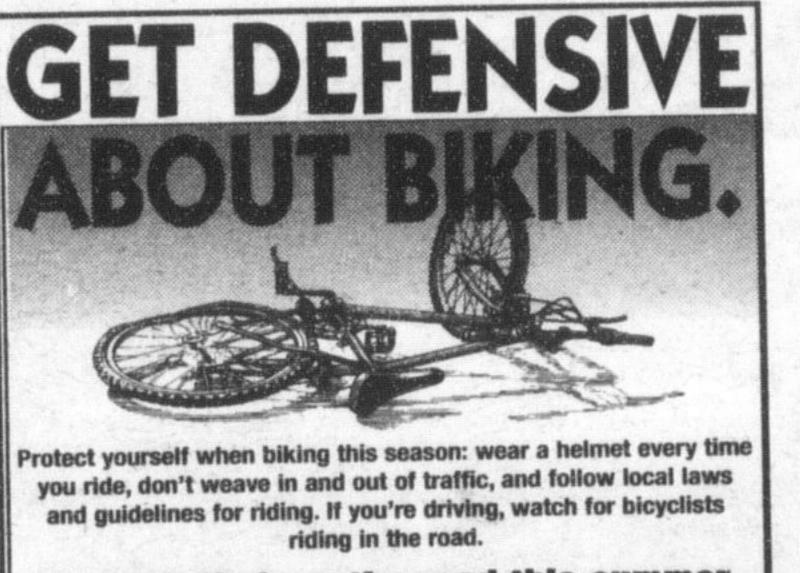
Designated as Bruce Trail Day, which falls on the last day of Ontario Hiking Week, the club is inviting the public to 'Hike For The Health Of It'.

Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., numerous hikes will be offered along the Bruce Trail, Canada's oldest footpath. Hikers should meet at Limehouse Memorial Hall. The small group hikes will be led by certified first-aid trained volunteers who know and love the trail.

The area of the trail that will be explored is known as the Hole-in-the-Wall at Limehouse, just northwest of Georgetown. The hike will travel along the Black Creek, over waterfalls and alongside historic lime kilns.

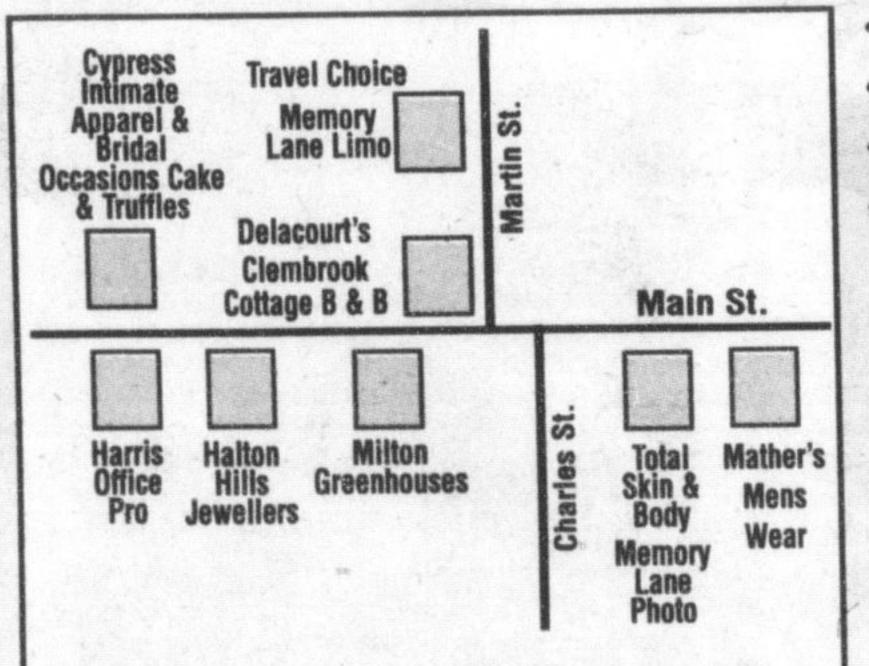
To get to Limehouse Memorial Hall, take Hwy. 401 to Trafalgar Road and go north 14 km to the stop lights at Hwy. 7. Turn left on Hwy. 7 and travel one km to Country Road 43 and the Limehouse sign. Turn left on Country Road 43 and take it 3 km to Limehouse.

Participants can park in the lot below Limehouse School just before the railway bridge and then walk over the bridge to Limehouse Memorial Hall.









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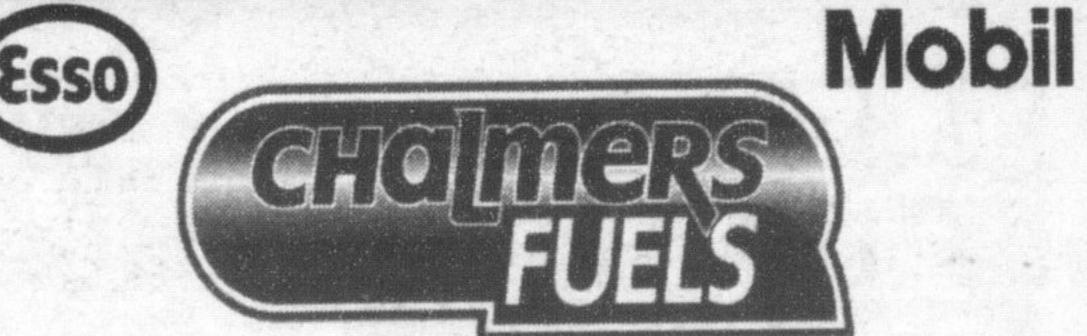
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