



### Trailer fixed

Three grade nine students are nearing the completion of a trailer to be used by archaeologists at a Huron Indian village. The students completely rebuilt the trailer, which shop teacher Garry Laurin says was "old

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### Grade nine students fix archaeologists' trailer

A group of grade nine students at Midland Secondary School are busy fixing up a trailer to be used in archaeological digs.

Woodworking teacher Garry Laurin and his class of 15 students have totally rebuilt a trailer used by archaeologists from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University.

The archaeologists are digging a site just off Highway 12 near Mount St. Louis.

The Ball site (as it is called) is an old Huron Indian village circa 1610. The dig is unique, says Laurin, because the entire village will be removed from the ground.

"It's the first entire village to be completely excavated," said Laurin.

The trailer the students are rebuilding was "old and rotten" after years of use when it came to them, according to Laurin.

But now, after students spent weeks fixing it in Laurin's 53-minute shop

classes, the trailer looks good as new.

It should be ready to tow back to the dig "hopefully by the end of (this) week," says Laurin. All it needs now is a door and roof panels.

"This whole thing is a great experience for the kids," Laurin says.

## St. Marie opens Saturday

The doors open at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons at 10 a.m. Saturday May 16. In 1987, this nationally significant historic site marks its 20th anniversary. Changes and innovations have made the venerable attraction more fascinating than ever.

A pictorial chronicle of the progress from early excavations to the finished reconstruction brightens the Sainte-Marie foyer this summer. The photographs

taken by Midland's Lorne and Budd Watson represent a first-ever collection. Several of Watson's Georgian Bay landscapes complete the exhibit.

On the historic site, newly arrived Canadienne cows are ready for the interested scrutiny of visitors. Calving time seems near for one of them.

The interpretive museum which completes and compliments a visit to

Sainte-Marie has been renovated and is brighter and more easily navigated than ever before. All signs are now bilingual and most labels have been enhanced in size and legibility.

Sainte-Marie's team of historical interpreters is eager to meet visitors and to share the story of this unique living history site.

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