



Close landing

A skydiver makes a perfect land amidst a crowd of young onlookers at Port McNicoll Public School Satur-

day. Three divers landed as part of Porterama's annual Spring Festival.

New manager soon

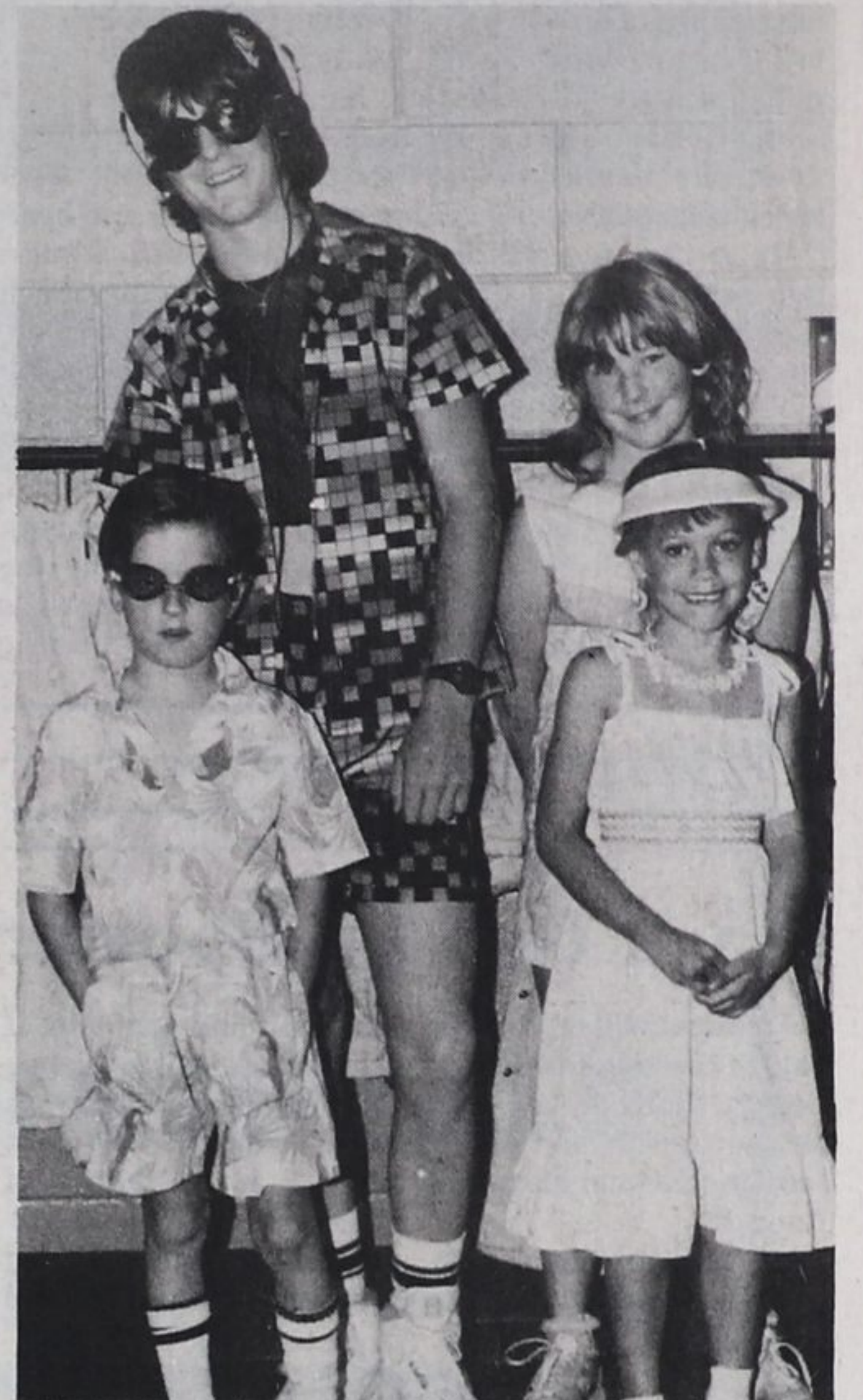
Midland Chamber of Commerce President Brian Downer's hope is that the chamber will have a new manager by June 1. Thirty-two people responded to the advertisement for a manager placed by the chamber. The selection committee has to come to an agreement on the work that it wants its new employee to do, Downer said. There has been "a change of plan, of heart," about how the manager should function, he said.

Contract talks begin

Negotiation on a new contract between the town of Midland and its employees who are members of OPSEU has begun.

Proposals were exchanged during a meeting held last Wednesday. Representatives of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union members and the town meet next on May 27.

Both sides are observing a news blackout about details of the negotiation.



Summer daze

You're looking at the winners of the Summer Costumes Contest at Port McNicoll Public School. Back row: Shawn Wilson and Stephanie Henderson. Front: Christopher Bartlett and Becky Wilkins.

Bills could end 'double-dipping'

Allan McLean, Simcoe East MPP introduced two private member's bills which will, if passed, eliminate retirement allowances for a person entitled to them if that person is employed and/or receiving other compensation

from the public service or other government agencies.

The purpose of McLean's bills is to end a practice - commonly referred to as "double dipping" - where people, who are receiving retirement pen-

sions from the government are also being paid as a member of another government commission, committee, board or other agency.

McLean actually presented two private member's bills. One deals with elected officials while

the other focuses on civil servants.

He said it is morally wrong for people retiring on pensions to use the 'inside track' to appointments. McLean said he believes there are plenty of capable people in Ontario

with little or no pension who could qualify for these appointments.

This 'double dipping' is improper, McLean says, and in such a case, that person's government pension should be withheld.

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