

# Mackinnon captures top science award

St. Joseph School student Rebecca MacKinnon won the Aubrey Daniels Memorial Trophy at the Area 3 Kiwanis Science Fair.

The trophy goes to the student with the best Intermediate Division project.

St. Joseph won the trophy for best over-all school.

Rebecca's project asked: Can the computer replace the teacher?

The 61 projects from 11 elementary schools - described as "the cream of the crop" - on display in Midland Secondary

School were judged last Friday.

The fair was divided into two divisions: junior and intermediate. Each division was divided into four categories: life, physical, applied, and computer.

## Junior Division (Grades 4 - 6)

Life: 1) Aaron Wasyluk, Victoria Harbour; 2) Melissa Dolezel, Bayview; 3) Maggie Holden, St. Joseph.

Physical: 1) Ayesha Rollinson, St. Joseph; 2) Christy Allen, Huron Park; 3) Jeff Golisky, Bayview.

Applied: 1) George Lee, Bayview; 2) Sean Truax, Wyevale; 3) Adam Richie, Burkevale.

Computers: 1) Keith Diver and Chris Greppmayr, Huron Park

Bayview School won the Junior Division trophy.

## Intermediate (Grade 7-8)

Life: 1) Kerry Atkinson, Bayview; 2) Jennifer Atkinson, St. Joseph; 2) Laura Evans, Victoria Harbour.

Physical: 1) Andrew Boucher, St. Joseph; 2) Alison Fairbrother, Burkevale; 3) Michael

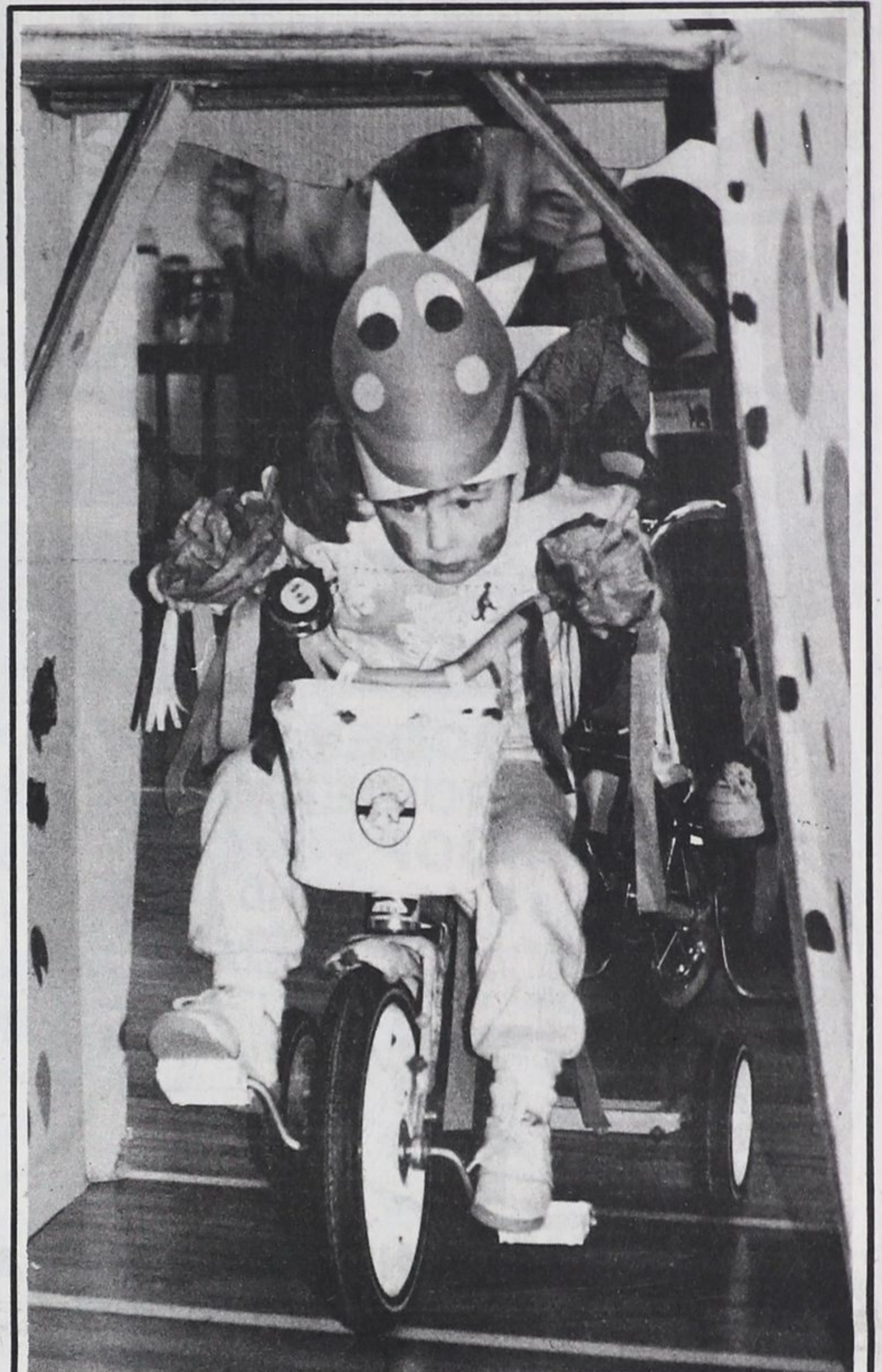
Reynolds, Parkview.

Applied: 1) Peter Kitay, St. Joseph; 2) Tracy Wolfenden, Medonte West Central; 3) Jeff Hancock, Victoria Harbour.

Computer: 1) Rebecca MacKinnon, St. Joseph; 2) Christy Lavin, Huron Park.

Eighteen of the 61 projects will be entered in the Simcoe County Regional Science Fair, April 8 at Innisdale High School, Barrie.

Aubrey Daniels was a dedicated teacher and founder of the Area 3 Science Fair.



## Through the tunnel

Youngsters who attend the Penetanguishene Co-operative Nursery School raised \$1,000 for the nursery last Saturday, by pedalling around a course in the gymnasium of James Keating Elementary School.

## Students have choice for essays

Essays in one of the Native Canadian languages, as well as English and French, are being solicited by Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

Elementary school students in Quebec and Ontario are invited to answer the question: What is the significance of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons?

The essay contest is part of the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Jesuit mission.

One of the gold anniversary Sainte-Marie coins (valued at \$245) will go to first prize winners in both Grade 4 - 6 and Grade 7 - 8 categories.

Both essays and

graphic art will be considered by judges selected by the Huronia Education Foundation and the Huronia Historical Advisory Council.

The contest has been organized with the assistance of local boards of education and the education ministers in both provinces.

"The anniversary

awards will strengthen existing links between native francophone and anglophone communities in Ontario and Quebec," Rob LaMarre, the anniversary co-ordinator, said. "Certainly they will intensify existing awareness of Sainte-Marie and its education programs."

## New vet clinic opens



## A little off the top

Vicki Sparrow, a veterinary assistant at the Penetang Veterinary Office, gives Charlie a trim. The new office, open for two weeks, has already been busy with a steady number of appointments every day.

Penetang's only veterinary clinic opened its doors Feb. 27 and is already busy with clients.

The office is the second one for owner Ken Storimans and his wife Barbara Chidiac, the first being the Elmvale Veterinary Hospital, which they took over in April.

Storimans said he and his wife decided to open the second location after being told of the need in Penetang by their clients.

"There's a lot of growth in this area. We've already had an average of 6-8 appointments every day even though winter is supposed to be a slow time for business."

The Penetang office, at 5 Robert St. W., is mainly for small animals and their grooming, as well as examinations, vaccinations and minor surgery.

What Storimans enjoys the most about the business is that every day is different.

"It's a very varied profession. You're always seeing weird and wonderful things."

For now, his wife will manage the Elmvale office while he takes care of the Penetang business.

"My wife does grooming, which we have a bath for here, but it's difficult moving back and forth. After a year, we'll hire another vet."

He pointed out that there is plenty of room at the new office, both in the basement and towards the back of the building.

If the summer is as busy as expected, Storimans predicted expansion would likely be in the works.

"It should be a lot busier with the numbers of tourists that come up. We've already put \$25,000 into renovations and another \$15,000 for equipment, so we'll have to see how things go."

## School trustee retires after 27 years work

Oscar Ross, a Burkevale Protestant Separate School trustee for 27 years, is getting a farewell send-off this weekend.

The party, at Inn at Bay Moorings Saturday, is being arranged by people connected with Burkevale, the province's only protestant separate school.

Ross said his five children attended the school, part of the reason he became a trustee.

"It's a duty that somebody has to do. Back then, the job was a public service, we didn't get paid for it like they do now."

His biggest accomplishment, said Ross, was getting the new school built, which opened in 1965.

"We really needed it. The first one was built over 100 years ago (1882), so obviously a new one was in order."

Burkevale is a small school compared with those in the Simcoe County Board of education, but it has its advantages, said Ross.

"We have about 170 pupils and 10 teachers. It's better to be one among a hundred than one among 10,000."

You're just a number without a face at the county level."

Ross, 67, said he will miss handling the school's challenging and

interesting problems and is already deciding what to do next.

"I'll do whatever comes into my head. It's time a younger man took over."

## Youths sentenced for gas fraud

Two youths were sentenced to four months of open custody and 15 months probation last Thursday for defrauding the Canadian Tire gas station in the Mountainview Mall on Highway 93.

In passing sentence at the Provincial Court in Penetang, Judge Leonard Montgomery said breach of trust was one of the most serious charges under the young offenders act.

Also, the nature of the thefts played a part in his decision. A total of \$629.22 was stolen over the course of 22 separate occasions.

"It didn't happen just once, it happened many, many times," said Montgomery.

The judge also instructed the two youths, who cannot be named according to the Young Offenders Act, to repay the

gas station for the cash that was stolen.

## Light wins a holiday from Rotary

Penetanguishene might have to do without its fire chief for a few days.

Fire Chief Ted Light won the Midland Rotary Club's March Trip-of-the-Month draw.

The prize is a \$1,200 letter of credit to be used toward any holiday package to anywhere at anytime prior to April, 1990.

Dave Scanlon of Midland was the minor prize winner.

Proceeds of the monthly draws is being used to pay for a jogging and bicycle track through Midland's Little Lake Park.