

'Girl Next Door'

Super batter

By Ed Schroeter
CLAREMONT — Lenni Pilkey is a swinger, so to speak. She's one of the top batters on the Claremont Intermediate Ladies' Softball team, and one of the prettiest. The 19-year-old Brock Road girl explained she's been playing ball since she was "just a little tyke." She became involved in the sport largely through the influence of her older brother, Larry, one of the top hitters on the men's intermediate team.

"I could never have a better brother," she said. A grade 12 graduate of Pickering High, Lenni's just completing her first year as supervisor of the Claremont Villa Day Care Centre. In the fall, she'd like to attend college or night school. She hopes to be a child care worker when she graduates.

"That's my goal. Someday I'd like to open my own day care centre."

"I've always loved kids. I feel like I've accomplished something when they learn a new word, or how to count to ten. Day care just tops the world off. I enjoy the job."

Lenni also enjoys swimming, horseback riding, macrame, and especially dancing.

"Dancing makes me high," she said.

Despite the fact she's travelled to Florida, Kentucky, and Canada's Atlantic provinces, she's never been west. That's one of her ambitions.

And if the truth were told, she'd like to go to Hawaii on a honeymoon, when she gets married.

Lenni is the daughter of Earle and Shirley Pilkey. Besides her brother Larry, she has two sisters, Tracy and Terri. Of her family, Lenni says she "loves them very much."

Nineteen-year-old Lenni Pilkey, Brock Rd., is not only one of the cutest players on the Claremont Intermediate Ladies' Softball team, but she's one of the best. She hopes to become a child care worker.
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Karen Ann Smith

Tops in skating competition

STOUFFVILLE — Her figure skating pro told her it was a magnificent performance, and 15-year-old Karen Ann Smith agreed she had done her best. The judges thought so, too.

The Elm Road girl placed first ahead of 41 other figure skaters from across Canada and the United States in the novice ladies' A-2 division of the Canadian Figure Skating Association's central Ontario competition.

The event, held in Thornhill last weekend, attracted 600 skaters, some from as far away as Brussels, Belgium, and Korea.

Karen, who's with the Unionville Skating Club,

captured the Pidge Herrington Memorial Trophy.

Other local skaters who did well include Ruth Thorne, 11, RR 2, novice ladies' B semi-finals; Cindy Wilson, 18, Rose Ave., first in the senior A ladies; and Glen Buddingh, 16 Crestview Rd., first in the senior A men's.

Top swimmer

STOUFFVILLE — athletes with no handicaps. Thirteen-year-old Mark Ludbrook, RR 2 Stouffville, has won a gold medal in the Canadian National Championships for Amputees in Vancouver.

Mark, who lost one leg below the knee about a year ago, completed the 100 meter free style in about 1 minute, 32 seconds.

Mark competed against athletes from across Canada, the U.S.A. and New Zealand in the 100 meter run, standing long jump, breast stroke, and relay swim.

Mark's mother, Jennifer Ludbrook, says there are some double amputees who have almost broken world class records set by



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Judy Barrett, Whitchurch - Stouffville Canine Control Officer, says terrible fates can befall dogs that are allowed to run loose.

Chances are it will be stolen, poisoned, shot, hit by a car, or contract rabies, a disease which is especially bad this year.

She said most pet owners don't realize their dogs are running loose creating a nuisance, because when owners return from work the old pooch is sitting innocently on the front door step, looking for dinner.

She's been kept fairly busy answering complaints about roving dogs who are making a nuisance of themselves.

"I've also picked up a few skunks," she said. "That was fun."

She said local by-laws state that dogs are not permitted to run at large (they don't have to be on a leash as long as the owner can control it), in order to protect both the animal and property owners.

She warns that pets should be vaccinated against rabies, and must have tags, which cost \$6 for a spade animal, \$10 if it's not fixed.

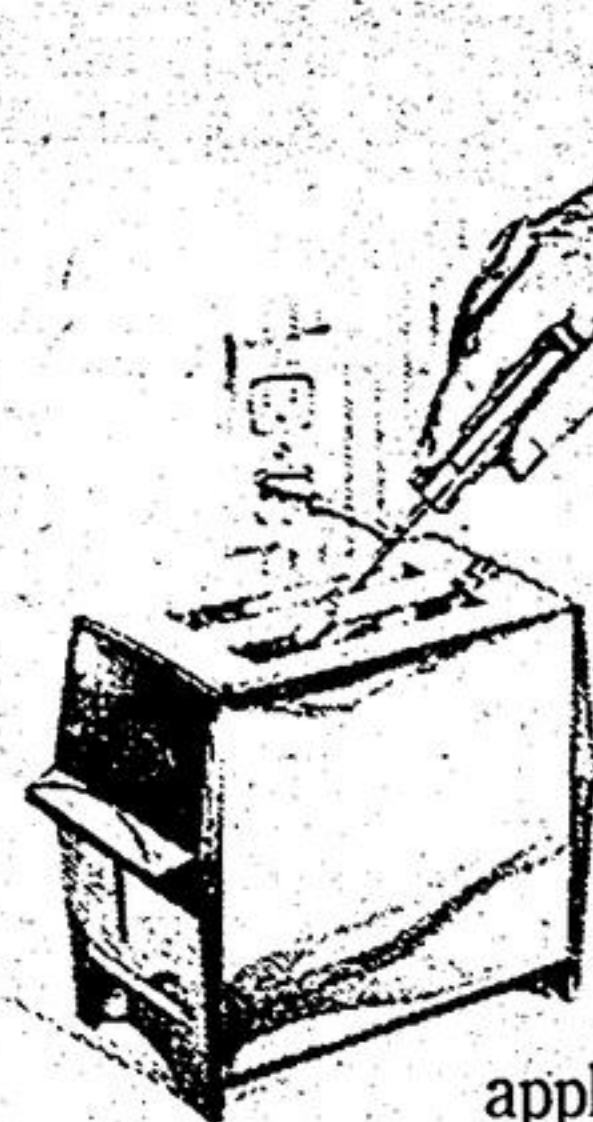
Fines for second offences cost owners \$25, and a third if worth \$50. The cost of board must also be paid.

If you think your pet's been picked up, or there's a stray in the neighborhood, you should call 640-1900 during the day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. After hours and on weekends call 640-1914.

Many pets, about 50 per cent, aren't picked up. If homes aren't found for them, they're destroyed.

Judy says there are many beautiful purebreds looking for new masters. People interested in acquiring a pet should call her. She's adopted three animals herself.

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Common sense.

Think about it, please.

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Purchase equipment

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch - Stouffville Home Support Services recently acquired much-needed office equipment.

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