

Area equestrienne to compete in national championships



Kim Casselman of Victoria Corners, R.R. 1, Sunderland, will enter her family's purebred Polish stallion 'Ecstasy' in the National Arabian Championships. The event takes place at the C.N.E. Coliseum, Aug. 5 to 10. Kim, 21, overcame her fear of horses to become an accomplished trainer. —Jim Thomas

By JIM THOMAS
For someone once "terrified of horses", 21-year-old Kim Casselman of Victoria Corners, R.R. 1, Sunderland, has mastered those fears to become one of the top trainers in Canada.
Lovely Kim, daughter of Wayne and Inger Casselman, will rub shoulders with the best in the business when she places three entries in the National Arabian Championships at the C.N.E. Coliseum, Aug. 5 to 10.
Notables likely to attend from south of the border include Kenny Rogers and Wayne Newton.
Kim will be showing the family's beautiful three-year-old purebred Polish stallion "Ecstasy", purchased in February from Scotsdale, Arizona. She'll also show "M.A. Elkazonna", a purebred Arabian mare owned by Ron and Marilyn Garlick of R.R. 1, Unionville and an entry from Cherry Hill Arabians, R.R. 3, Stouffville.
The competition will bring together many of the top Arabians from across Canada and the United States. Kim also plans to participate in the U.S. Nationals next year in Kentucky.
"It was eight years ago, that the Cassel-

man family moved from Scarborough to Victoria Corners, Scugog/Township. Mr Casselman started Kim on her way when he bought her a purebred Arabian gelding called "Electric Model". The horse, now thirteen, won many awards and was much sought after by would-be buyers, Kim said.
"Was he never for sale?" Kim was asked.
"You wouldn't sell your pet dog would you?" she replied.
Kim values "Ecstasy" at \$45,000. Stud fees presently stand at \$1,000.
"A lot of people will be looking at him," Kim says.
"Admitting that a National Championship would be "a dream of a lifetime," Kim says she'd be happy with a placement in the Top Ten.
While she's made considerable sacrifices to reach her level of training excellence, Kim says it's all been worth it. "My parents are a wonderful help," she says. They attend most shows.
Regardless of what successes lie ahead Kim says horses will always remain the "love of her life". For someone who, eight years ago "was terrified", Kim Casselman has come a long way.

Late Kathleen Gostick

A caring person

CLAREMONT — The late Kathleen Isobel Gostick was known for her caring ways among a wide circle of friends and family members.
Miss Gostick, killed in a tragic June 24 automobile accident, was born on the family homestead farm in Claremont.
She attended school there and was a member of the congregation at Green River Baptist Church. Kathleen taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and held a 'happy hour' for children.
In 1943, she graduated from Toronto Bible College, later known as Ontario Bible College.
After teaching at the elementary school level for a number of years, Kathleen retired to care for her aged parents until their

deaths. When her sister, Edith, took ill Miss Gostick cared lovingly for her until her death in March of 1985.
Her death at age 65 leaves a large vacancy in her family and in the community of Cannington, where the Gosticks settled after their property was expropriated in 1975 for the proposed Pickering Airport.
Left to mourn are three sisters and one brother — Myrtle (Mrs. Walter Foote of Woodville; Nellie (Mrs. William Hopkins), Ashburn; Ada (Mrs. Fred Hodgson) of Brougham; and Russell, Claremont. She is also survived by two nephews: Gary Gostick and Maurice Hopkins.
Kathleen was predeceased by an older brother, Maurice, and two sisters, Muriel and Edith.

Exchange student returns to English speaking reality

by BRENDA LITTLE
STOUFFVILLE — It's difficult to imagine a responsive teen, born and raised in an English-speaking home, having trouble conversing in her native tongue.
But that's what happened to Lori Thompson, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, when she returned two weeks ago from a three-month stay in Germany.
"I became so accustomed to thinking and speaking in German I found it hard to speak English again," says Lori. "The mouth movements are so different it physically hurt me."
Lori left Canada three months ago knowing very little German. Now she is almost fluent in the language.
"It was difficult for the first couple of weeks," says Lori. "People didn't understand me and I didn't understand them. But I picked it up quickly after that."
It wasn't the language barrier that Lori found hard to break; it was the cultural barrier.
"Their way of life is so different," explains Lori. "They live at a much slower pace."
"They seem to know how to enjoy life more," adds Wendy Thompson, Lori's mother. Wendy was also treated to a taste of German living when the Thompson family joined Lori in Germany for a month.
Lori also found German teens much different than those in Canada.
"Young people there don't watch television," says Lori. "When they do, it's an event. They would much rather socialize."
The little lakefront town where Lori stayed, like most German towns, had a place where all the teenagers met in the afternoons and evenings to talk or party.
Lori's family also found the German people to be more social.
"They'll go out to a restaurant for dinner then sit talking all through the night," says Wendy. "They also have many picnics and get-togethers."
One of the first things Lori noticed about German teens, and German people in general, is they don't abuse alcohol.

"Everybody drinks beer over there every day like they do water," says Lori. "The big difference is they don't abuse it!"
Lori was puzzled one rainy evening when she saw a German girl going to an outdoor park party with a sleeping bag. The girl told Lori there was no way any of them would drink and drive; they'd rather sleep in the rain.
One of the first things Lori noticed, being thrown into a foreign classroom, was the differences between German and Canadian education systems.
German students go to school from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday to Saturday. The system is also geared entirely to academics and is very impersonal.
"There are no sports teams," explains Lori. "Also, I missed talking to the teachers. They don't get to know their students like Canadian teachers do."
Although there were many barriers to overcome, Lori enjoyed her stay. She travelled a great deal when school was dismissed for the summer.
The German government organized trips for the exchange students to West Berlin, East Germany, Hamburg, Switzerland and Munich, Lori's favorite.
Lori's exchange partner's parents, also sent the girls to Finland to attend a relative's party.
While travelling throughout Germany, Lori appreciated the beauty of the country.
"There are flowers everywhere," says Lori, "and there's no pollution."
She was also surprised by the mannerisms of the people.
"Everyone is so friendly," says Lori. "They are also very polite. They always shake hands when they meet and they show Canadians a great deal of respect."
Despite the warmth and generosity of the German people, Lori is glad to be home.
"I've really learned to appreciate Canada," she says. "Unlike Germany, we have clean lakes and our country is more advanced technologically."
Lori was shocked when one of the host families became excited over an ice cube

tray. She found it hard to believe that, until recently, Germans had never seen them.
Lori also found the fridges in Germany very small and there are no computers in the homes or schools.
"Germany has its good points and its bad," explains Lori. "Everything considered, I'd like to go back some day."



LORI THOMPSON

Hosts win ball tourney

It was appropriate that Grace Church, Newmarket and the Missionary Church, Gormley, should square off for the tournament championship, Saturday.
On the strength of Paul Boynton's pitching and John Tyndall's hitting, Gormley came out the winners. The score was 7-3.
Boynton held his opponents to six hits and appeared to improve as the game went on. He shut out his rivals in the sixth and seventh.
Tyndall was a powerhouse at the plate, belting two triples and a single. He drove in three runs and scored one himself. He also played brilliantly in the outfield, especially in the third inning when he gloved a well-hit ball from the bat of Paul Crosby and doubled base-runner Don Crosby with a perfect throw to the plate.
Other potent Gormley hitters included Steve Sayers, (three singles); Mark Simpson, (one single, one double); Paul Boynton, (home run); Dave Elliott, (two singles) and Ken Rumble, (two singles).
Don Crosby was Newmarket's best with a single and a double. Ron Smith had two singles.
Les Downing, toiled through seven innings on the Newmarket mound. He was clipped for twelve hits.
Grace Church build up a 2-1 lead in the early innings but Boynton evened the count with a towering home run over the left-field fence in the fourth.
Both teams completed several defensive gems during the contest. The most spectacular was a sliding one-handed grab by Newmarket's Ron Scane in the fifth on a drive by Gormley third-sacker, Ron Elliott. The catch prompted applause from both benches.
In addition to Gormley and Newmarket, other teams in the tourney included New Dundee, Tavistock and Listowel. Gormley went undefeated while Newmarket won two and lost a pair.



Paul Boynton, (right), of the Gormley Missionary Church, fastball team, exchanges pointers with Newmarket Grace Church pitcher Les Downing. Their two teams met in the final of Saturday's church tournament, won by host Gormley 7-3. —Jim Thomas

Neighborhood notes

What a shock

It was nine weeks ago that a tornado cut a swath of death and destruction through the Barrie, Grand Valley and Shelburne areas. Yet stories are still being told of personal experiences, some tragic and some heroic, related to people there.
Cathy Wilson, Farm Management Specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food at Newmarket, knows the intensity of the storm. She returned to her parents' farm near Shelburne on the Friday evening (May 31) to discover all the buildings levelled, the house damaged beyond repair and her father and one brother in hospital. "It was unbelievable," Cathy said. "She had picked up news reports on her car radio and had heard Shelburne mentioned. However not until she turned in the laneway did she realize her family was one of the hardest hit. In typical country fashion, neighbors had been wonderful. Cathy said assisting in the clean up and rebuilding operation. "It's something my family will never forget and neither will I," she said.

Mother criticized

A mother was the target of criticism Thursday afternoon when she entered a Stouffville store and left her baby unattended in a cartage on a nearby parking lot. A lady from Holland Landing observed the incident and took the mother to task. In defence of her action, the mother indicated no one would take a child of that size (twenty pounds), to which the accuser replied: "Christine Jesson was nine years old and look what happened to her."

They're on a roll

The Oakland A's are on a roll. Not the Oakland A's of the American League West, but the Oakland A's of the Stouffville Monday Night Slow Pitch League. After going through half the season without a victory, Jim Brazier's club has put together a win and a tie. "I may not want a ride on the town fire truck," says Jim, "but maybe they'd let us stand beside it." Should the A's continue their winning ways and take the title, a celebration will follow unequalled in Stouffville sports history. "Stranger things have happened," I think.

A friendly fight

I received a call from a Tribune reader in Brougham, Friday, saying it would be improper (maybe even illegal) for Whitchurch-Stouffville to adopt "The Friendliest Town in Ontario" motto when Belleville already lays claim to this theme. The gentleman said it's already enshrined on their welcome signs. "I'd hate to see a battle develop between the two places," the caller said. If this should occur, Belleville would surely win. It's a city while we're only a town. However, because of this difference, the friendliest town proposal might still apply. "Anyway, I understand Mayor Tom Wood was a pretty potent pugilist in his day."

Opens the door

By declaring herself a candidate for Mayor, Town Councillor Fran Sainsbury has opened the door to Ged Stonehouse as a possible successor in his home ward. Although Ged wasn't immediately available for comment, I hope he goes for it. Whitchurch-Stouffville can use someone with his vision and vitality. Besides, he's earned his stripes through involvement with Canada Day Celebrations, the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement Association. Who knows, it could even be an acclamation.

Better in Ballantrac

The slogan "Better in Ballantrac" has become a motto in the community while folks living in Vandorf, Bethesda, Lemonville and Bloomingdon might argue the point. On one thing, they must agree, the Ballantrac lions produce the best hamburger and cheeseburgers in the county. Next time you see the Lions, I'll be a fly on the wall. I did at the horse show held there recently and almost went back for seconds.

Band members

The famous Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps at Newmarket, recent winners in competition at Washington D.C., has six area young people in its ranks including Nicki Willson, R.R. 4, Stouffville; Tina Buchanan, Stouffer Street, North Stouffville; Paul Purdy, Dickson Hill Road, R.R. 2, Markham; Alan O'Donnell, Elliott Street, Ballantrac; Stephanie Schauer, R.R. 3, Stouffville; and Janine Bell, R.R. 2, Stouffville. Understand a recruiting drive is planned in Whitchurch-Stouffville schools this fall. Involvement in this band is a marvellous experience. One, all parents should seriously consider.

It's a beauty

Parked in the garage at 89 Thicketwood Boneyard, Stouffville, is a car with few comparisons. It's a 1931 Plymouth deluxe sedan. Proud owner of this dark blue beauty is Robert Davis. An original with spoked interior, a roll over of the assembly line, a four door, it's a beauty. A custom window frame and equipped with custom air conditioning, Robert put the car on a special drive. He's having a road test and will be available for a test drive. He would be glad to show it to anyone interested. Call him at 89 Thicketwood Boneyard, Stouffville, for more information.

Beautiful flowers

Many Whitchurch-Stouffville home owners floral beauty spots in their yards, but few can surpass the beauty of the Maryvale area. The south side of the highway, some of the most beautiful and well-maintained gardens in the area are located in the Maryvale area.