

Farm knowledge put to test



It was 4-H Judging Night at Markham Fairgrounds July 20. Close to 50 people participated including Myriam Eluther, (left), of

Guadelope, French West Indies and Christine Dube, Ninth Line North, Whitchurch-Stouffville.



Fourteen-year-old Amy Pritzker of Lémonville looks a nanny-goat squarely in the eye before marking her scorecard. Both adults and teens

took part. Classes included light horses, dairy goats, hay, beans and safety equipment.

Gallant Kelly battles back following near-tragic crash



Kelly Watson, Main Street West, Stouffville, has graduated from a hospital bed to crutches following a near fatal accident on Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill Jan. 12. "The worst is over," says Kelly.

—Jim Thomas

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Jan. 12 is a day in the life of Kelly Watson she can't remember.

The six months to follow is a time in her life she'd like to forget.

Kelly was seriously injured in a two-car crash on Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill.

A sudden 'white-out' momentarily blinded her view. She remembers nothing of the impact, a collision so severe it completely wrecked her car.

Mrs. Watson, 283 Main Street West, suffered a fractured skull, a fractured hip and a fractured left leg. After weeks in York Central Hospital and St. John's Convalescence Hospital, Kelly's graduated from wheelchair to crutches.

"She's glad to be home, even though return trips for X-rays are still necessary.

"Later, they'll take the 'hardware' out," she explains with reference to plates inserted during surgery.

Kelly would always drive with the seat moved forward. This position, close to the steering wheel and windshield increased the severity of the impact. She was wearing seatbelts at the time.

Strange as it may seem, the other driver escaped virtually unscathed.

Kelly's 'memory block' extends over a period of two months. She had one serious setback during this time. Family members and friends were very worried.

"It's marvellous what they, (the physicians), can do," Kelly says. She's particularly appreciative of the skills employed by Dr. Chris Watson of York Central.

Kelly's hopeful she'll soon be back to normal. "I'll take it one

step at a time," she states.

On the 'home front', Kelly's loud in her praise of daughters Darlene, Sharon and Lisa and son Jack. "They all pitched in," she says.

Kelly sees one benefit from her ordeal. She's trimmed down by 40 pounds. "I intend to keep it there," she insists.

A determined person, Kelly prefers crutches to a wheelchair. She also likes to 'do her own thing' around the house.

"I don't like help. That's the way I am," she says.

With husband Jack in York Manor, (Newmarket), and her own recovery painfully slow, Kelly's had little to smile about in the last six months. She'll be smiling Sept. 3, however, when daughter Lisa and John Hilliard 'walk down the aisle' of the Stouffville Missionary Church. Lisa's hopeful her father can attend, if not the wedding ceremony, then the reception.

For a first time in a long time, the family circle will be complete.

"I feel the worst is over," Kelly says of her own return to health and strength.

Two months she can't remember; six months she'd like to forget.

Fair(est)?

MARKHAM — Markham Fair will choose its reigning princess Sat., Sept. 10.

The pageant, dinner and dance will be held in the General Exhibits Building beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person. The princess of '88 will be crowned by last year's winner, Wendy Ford of Markham.

Entry forms are available at The Tribune Office, Main Street West, Stouffville.



This goat appears to be coaxing Chris Little of R.R. 1, Markham, for an A-plus rating. 4-H members from all across York Region attended.

—Jim Thomas

Calgary family 'home' for visit

By EVELYN MILSTED GORMLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Steckley and family of Calgary are visiting with his mother, Mrs. Edith Steckley and with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce vanderBent.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reagle of Ridgeway were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger.

Rev. Marlin Ressler and Lloyd Hogg are assisting this week at the Senior Co-ed Camp at Camp Kahquah, Magnetewan.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Elliott on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter

born to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Morreau.

An evening of volleyball and a barbecue will be enjoyed this Saturday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Gibbins beginning at 6:30 p.m. Young people 16 years and up are invited.

Ron Warder and Tim Bryson presented reports Sunday morning on the general assembly of the Missionary Church of Canada held recently in Toronto.

Sunday evening services will be withdrawn at the Gormley Missionary Church for the next three weeks in favor of the family camp at Stayner. Morning worship will be held as usual.

Valued as pure gold

STOUFFVILLE — Jennifer Gold's enjoyment of books and knowledge of computers has made her a natural for a position this summer on the staff of the Town Public Library.

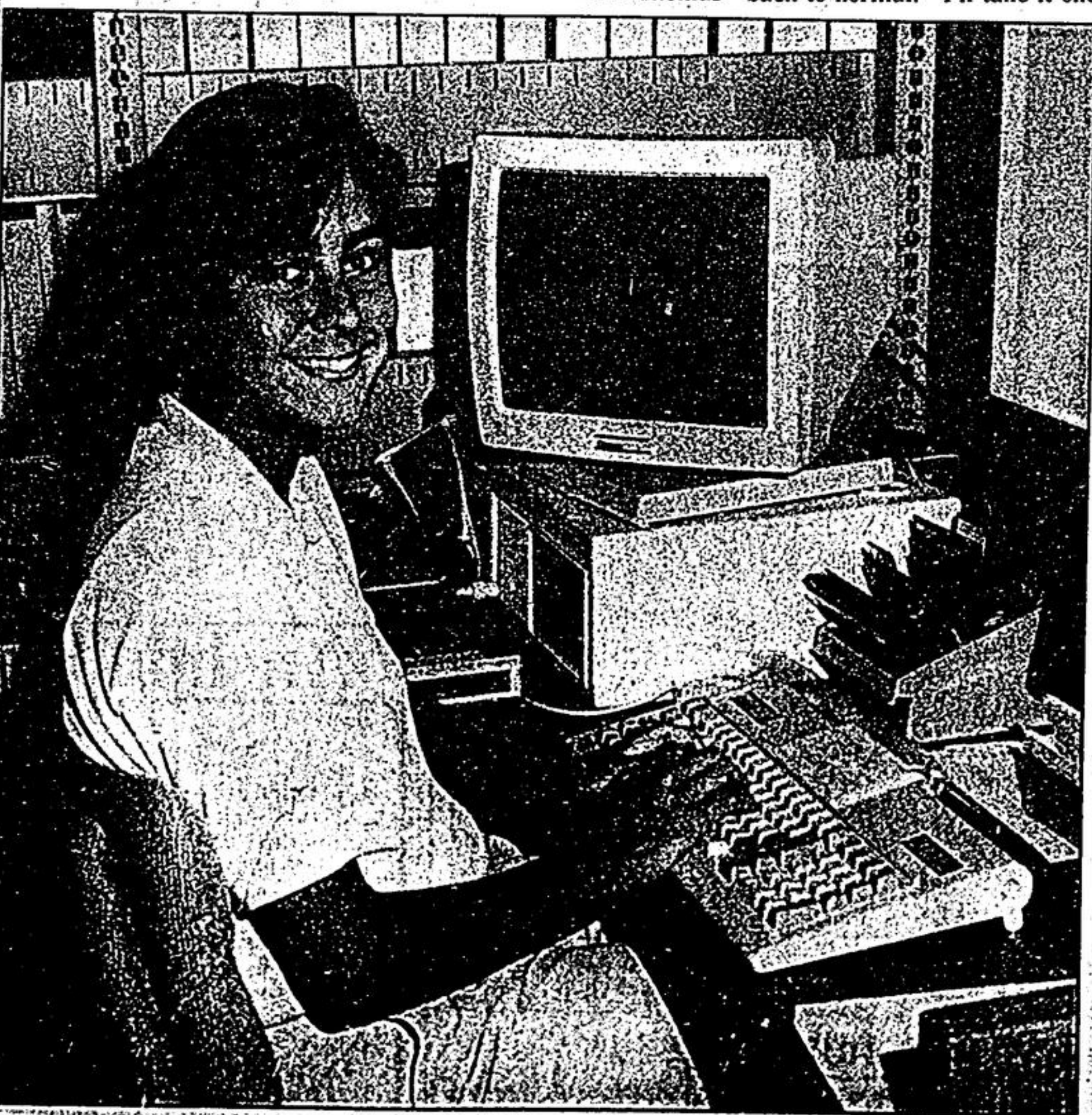
Jennifer, 15, of Hemlock Drive, Stouffville, commenced work June 27 and will continue over a period of nine weeks. She'll enter

Grade 11 at SDSS in September.

Jennifer's main responsibility is creating a data base for the Library's projected automated circulation system. Her assignment is funded through a \$3,000 grant from the Ministry of Culture and Communication's "Experience '88" program that generates work for local students.

The position is proving a two-way benefit. The Library staff requires Jennifer's help. At the same time, she's gaining a valuable education that could assist her in the future.

While undecided as to a career, the Library will always be 'home' to Jennifer thanks to "Experience '88".



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