

## People

## Saddlemaker a certified professional

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Correspondent

happy about the way things have turned out," he said.

A local saddlemaker, who convinced the Ontario government to recognize saddlery as available trade in 1990, celebrated the graduation of the first certified Canadian saddler recently.

John Banbury, a 24-year-old employee of Schleese Saddlery Ltd., was presented with his certificate of apprenticeship by Charles Close of the Apprenticeship Branch of the Ministry of Skills Development.

The presentation was made during a special wine and cheese reception held in honor of Banbury at the Schleese shop on Kennedy Rd., south of Bloomington Rd., Oct. 14.

## Three-year course

The ceremony represented a much sought-after goal for Jochen Schleese, a European-trained saddler who set up a three-year program in conjunction with the ministry.

"Saddlery has been recognized as a skilled trade in Europe for many years," said Schleese. "With the introduction of this in Canada, skilled saddlemakers can uphold the high level of craftsmanship needed to produce a top quality saddle."

Banbury started working for Schleese in September of 1989.

"I had been a client of Jochen's," recalled Banbury.

"I had been interested in stitching leather, and I always enjoyed working with my hands. I had considered university, but I decided to get into a trade."

While Schleese had been offering the apprenticeship program for several years, it wasn't recognized by the government until May of 1990.

## Accomplished rider

As well as being a certified saddler, Banbury is also an accomplished rider. "I've been involved with riding horses since I was 10, and I was an apprentice dressage rider at one point."

Banbury, who lives in Orangeville, was a Pony Club B certificate holder who competed successfully nationally and internationally in the tetrathlon. In 1989, he represented Canada at the Inter-Pacific Pony Club rally in New Zealand, where he placed first in dressage and won a silver Team Nations Cup medal.

He was also first in the Young Riders' Dressage Team Trial in 1989, and competed in the North American Dressage Championships that year.

He said business is brisk at saddlery, with customers coming from across the country to have saddles made.

Canadian Olympic dressage rider Christilot Honson Boylen, along with renowned German dressage champion and trainer Udo Lange, have recently made it possible for the Schleese name to be recognized overseas.

"They have endorsed our saddles," said Banbury. "Our saddles will now be sold in Germany. It used to be that German saddles were sold in Canada."

Banbury said he plans to stay with Schleese for several more years, and may eventually move to Vancouver to open another Schleese branch. "I'm

TOWN OF  
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLETHE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE  
NOTICE OF CHANGING OF STREET NAME

TAKE NOTICE THAT: The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to pass a By-law to change the name of the street known as Kennedy Lane North, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, to Spring Vista Lane.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT: The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville shall, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10th, 1992, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Buildings at 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario, hear any person who claims that he/she will be adversely affected by the By-law and applies to be heard.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 2nd day of October, 1992.

Michele Skinner, Deputy Clerk  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
19 Civic Avenue, Box 419  
Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7Z6

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