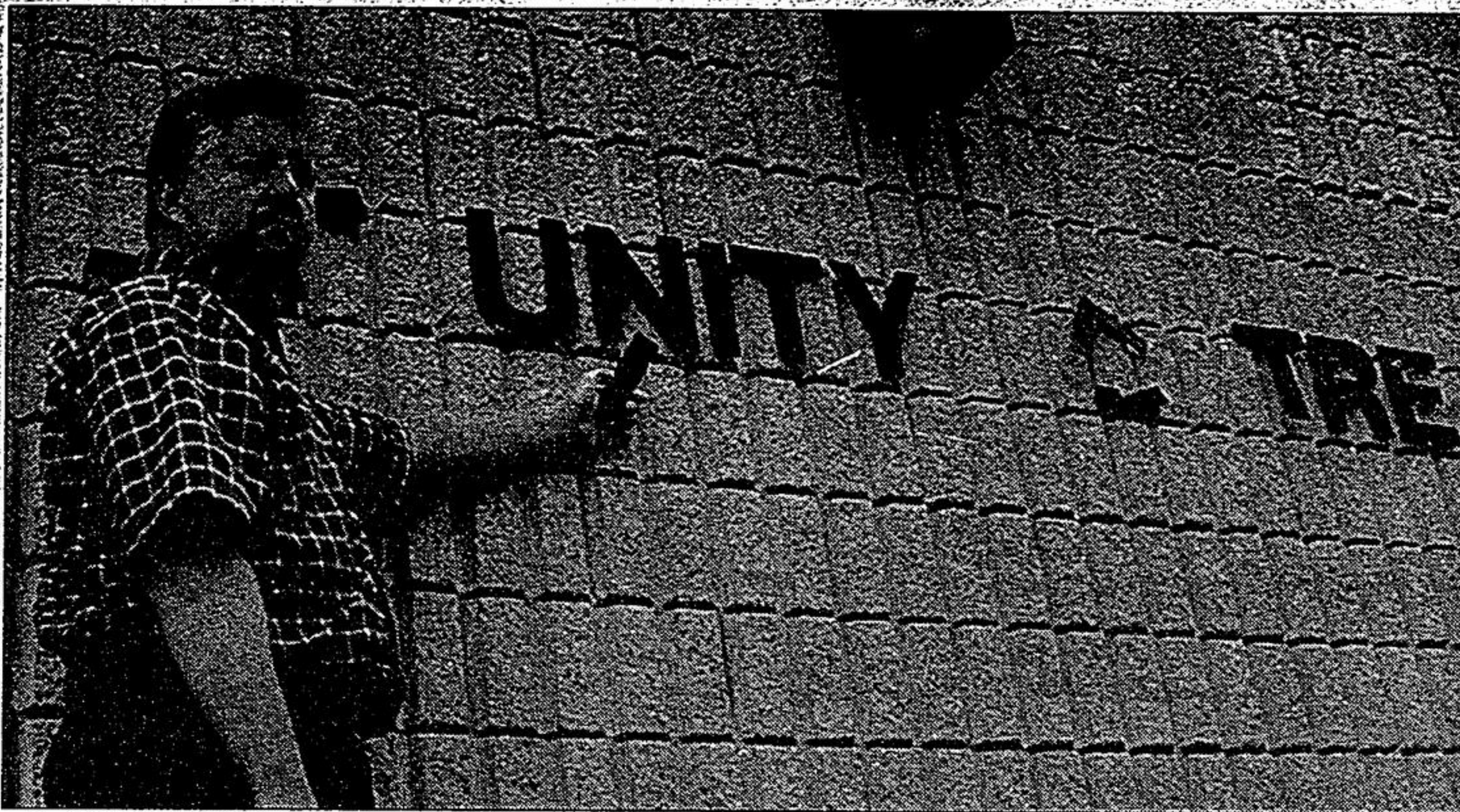


Kelly Batt of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville with damaged lettering at the Ballantrae Community Centre Tuesday. Latcham Hall, Vandorf Park and Stouffville Memorial Park were also hit by vandals.



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# Vandalism wave hits town again this summer

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done in Whitchurch-Stouffville with additional officers coming out of Markham and Newmarket.

Vandalism is mindless, Mr. Manchee said. "But we can't emphasize enough how very hazardous this is."

"If someone comes in contact with (electrical) current, his safety is jeopardized. Parents need to keep their children away from it."

Other incidents of vandalism were reported recently at Latcham Hall in Stouffville Memorial Park, where people were spotted climbing on the roof, damaging shingles and eaves. Flower boxes, trees and

shrubs were also destroyed in the park area.

Toilets and washroom walls were vandalized in Vandorf Park.

And, once again, town staff is repairing damage at the gazebo on Main Street in Stouffville's downtown.

"It's very discouraging," said Mr. Batt. "It's very expensive and it's very time consuming and, now, it's very dangerous. The vandals seem to start up after the long weekend in May and they carry on until after Labour Day weekend."

Anyone with information about the vandalism, especially to the hydro boxes is asked to call York Regional Police at 905-881-1221.



Eleanor and her daughter Laurie

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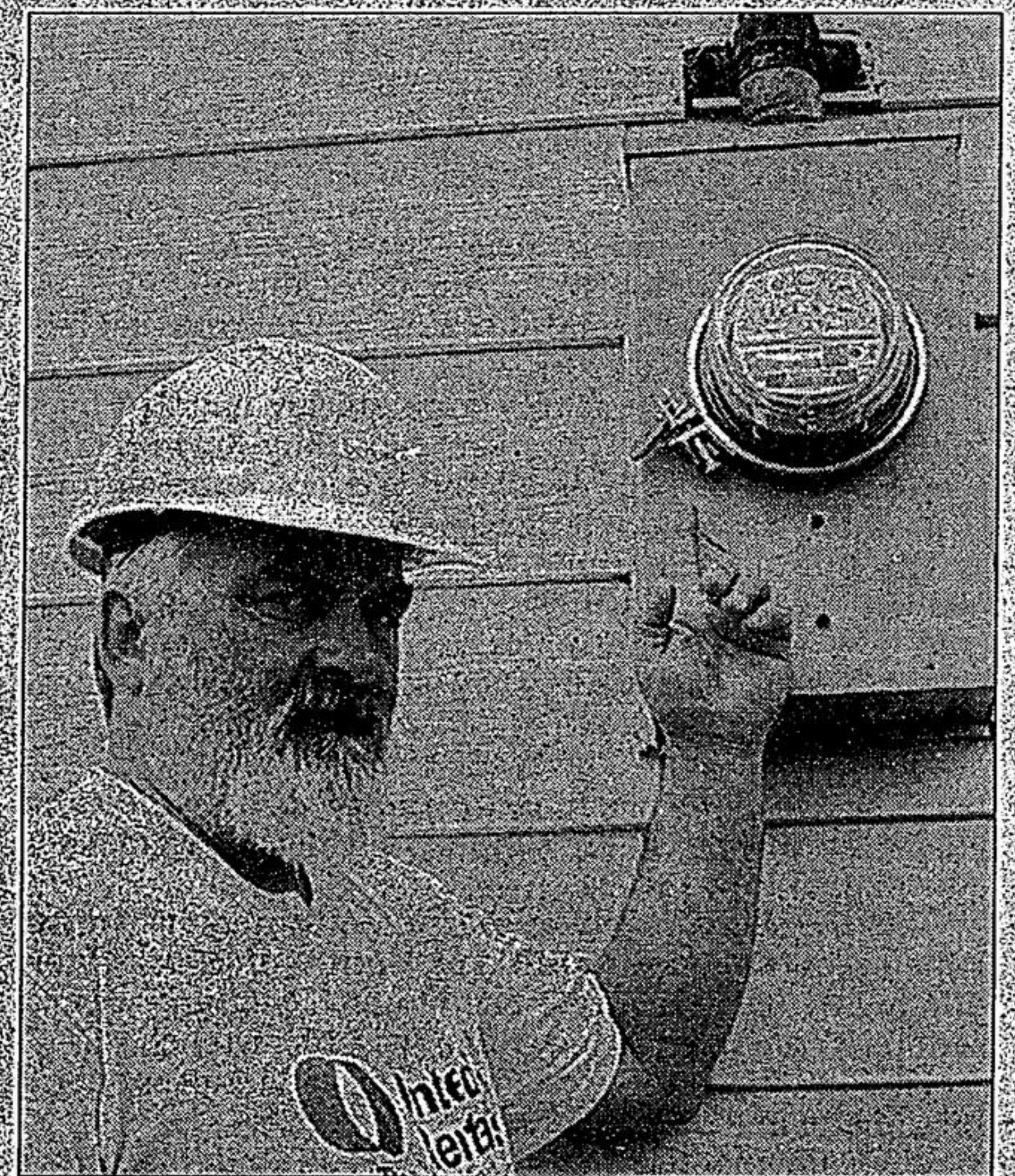
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Construction supervisor Pierre Meilleur shows hydro box like the ones destroyed by vandals at the Ballantrae Community Centre last weekend.

## Students raised funds for African journey

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Michael, who has been involved with the youth group for the area Mennonite churches for several years, is starting his first year at the University of Waterloo in the fall in the honours arts program.

It is the 18-year-old's first trip overseas and it will give him an opportunity to see whether he would like to do missions or minister-

al work in future.

"I also wanted to go someplace exciting, out of the way and challenging," he said.

The students held a variety of fundraising events to help defray the \$4,100 per person cost of the trip, said Sue Fallon, the youth pastor for the area Mennonite churches, who is accompanying the group.

The group will stay in Zimbabwe until Aug. 25.