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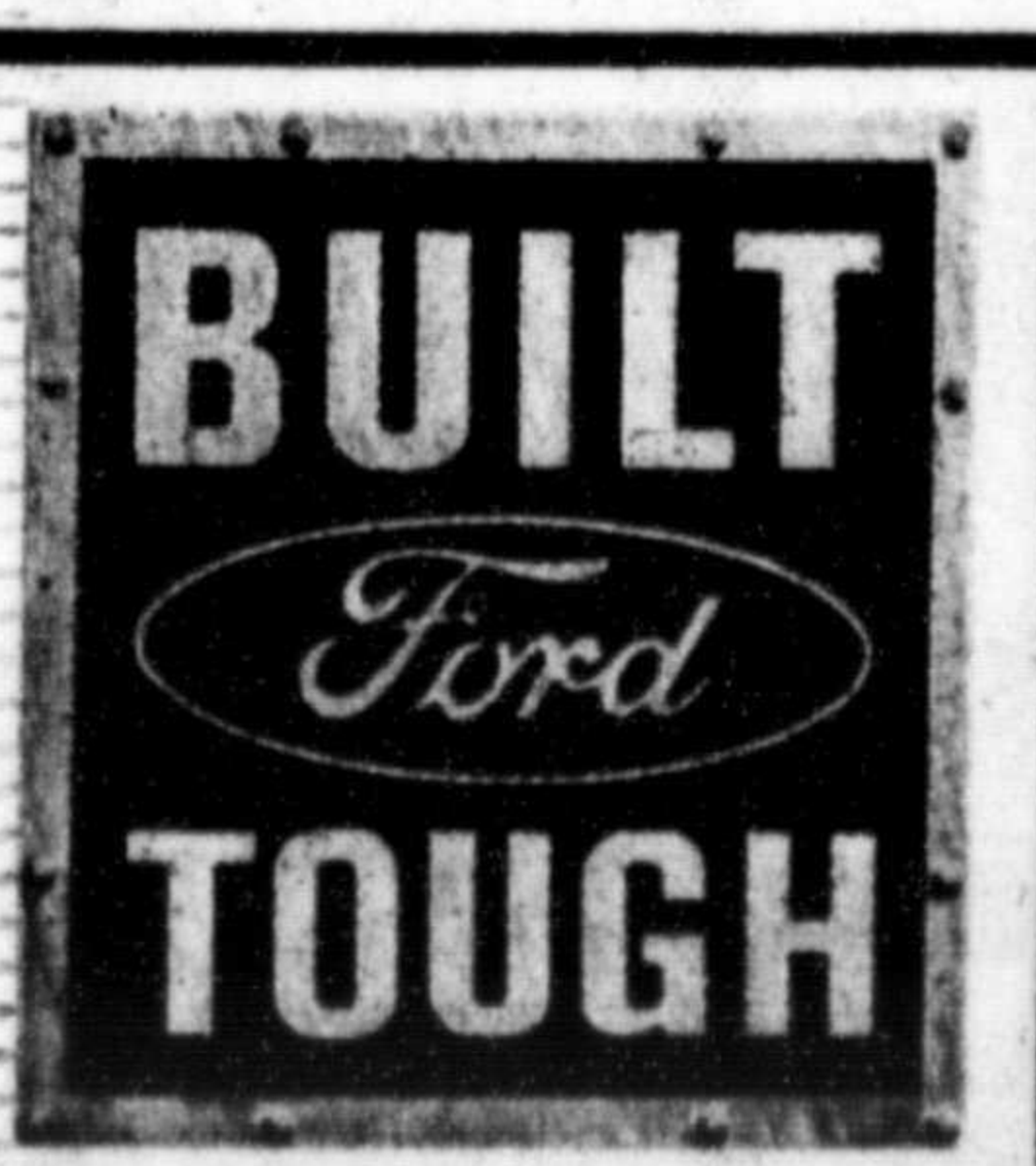
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The 2005 Miss Shawville Fair contestants, from the left, are Meghan McConnell, a 15 year-old Pontiac High School student representing handicrafts; Kallie Dufault, 13, from Sieur de Coulonge representing 4-H; and Rebecca Williams, 14, from PHS representing English Horse. Missing is PHS student Natalie Ramsey, 14, representing Dairy.

Veterans honoured at opening ceremonies

By HEATHER DICKSON
Equity Publisher
SHAWVILLE—"Veterans — they made our country what it is today," said Shawville Fair Board president Mavis Hanna.

"It is the 'Year of the Veteran' and we want to acknowledge them and promote this very special anniversary," said Hanna.

Year of the veteran
The Honourable Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs, has declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran. Throughout the year, Canadians will celebrate, honour, remember, and teach our youth about the contributions and sacrifice of our veterans.

"2005 will be a very special year for our veterans of wars of the last century and Canadian Forces Veterans," Minister Guarnieri said to the veterans. "It is our never ending mission to thank veterans who step out of ordinary times to do the extraordinary and give our nation and other nations an endowment of peace. The Year of the Veteran will enable the Government of Canada on behalf of all Canadians to express gratitude to those whom we owe a tremendous debt, one that only can be repaid through active remembrance."

Every year is an important year to honour veterans and their service, and 2005 is especially meaningful because it marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Special recognition
"Pontiac Agricultural Society will be paying tribute to the veterans of WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Gulf War at the Fair," said Hanna. "We want to include them in our opening ceremonies on Thursday evening and welcome them to our fair".
All veterans are asked to call the Fair Board Office at 647-3213 to be included in the fair's opening ceremonies.

The official opening of the Shawville Fair will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. Please note that the Miss Shawville Fair pageant will start at 7 p.m. preceding the opening ceremonies.

Stompin' Tom and Senators players
"We've been after Stompin' Tom Connors to appear at the Shawville Fair for three years now," said Hanna. "And it's a great opportunity to have him at our Fair."

"He will be a big boost to the community. Everybody, whether you're a country music fan or not, has heard about Stompin' Tom. He's a true Canadian," said Hanna. "And because of his song *The Good Old Hockey Game* Ottawa Senators players will be on the fair grounds on Sunday."

"They'll be signing autographs. Sparta Cat will also be here for the kids on Sunday," said Hanna.
For the competitive visitors in the crowd, the Senators will be bringing their 'Hardest Shot Machine'.
So be there on Sunday to get an autograph from a Senators player or Sparta Cat and to see and hear Stompin' Tom Connors sing *The Good Old Hockey Game*.



The 2004 Miss Shawville fair was Amanda McLachlin.

Welcome to the 2005 Shawville Fair



The 2005 Pontiac Agricultural Society Fair Board directors are, front row, from the left; vice-president Joan Rusenstrom, vice-president George Coles, president Mavis Hanna, 1st vice-president Eason Russell, vice-president, Lynn Lang and office administrator Heather Grant. Second row, front the left; Joyce McCagg, treasurer Donald Lavallée, secretary Beryl Smart, Angela Sally. Back row, from the left; Diane Drummond, Barrie Drummond, Elwyn Lang, Harry Dale, Andrew Simms, Jack Lang, Versel Campbell. Missing from photo: Robbie Beck, Joan Brown, Jim Crawford, André Dulude, Cory Greer, Robert Howard, Scott McCagg, Scott McCagg Jr., Grant Russell, Cindy Smiley, Scott Stephens, Nancy Tubman.

By MAVIS HANNA
President
Wow, what a hot summer we have just had. Now fall is in the air with the cooler nights with more reasonable temperatures. I welcome you to the 149th edition of the Shawville Regional Fair of Western Quebec.

This year's board of directors has endeavored to bring the community an excellent and diverse venue of agricultural and entertainment programming. The content of the fair remains agricultural-ly strong by preserving all of the traditional agricultural shows, including the beef and dairy, 4-H calf and steer club competitions. Not to be missed are the great horse shows featured daily. Other agricultural highlights include the poultry building, horticultural, flowers and field crops, plus the amazing handicraft building.

Entertainment remains strong at the 2005 Shawville Fair including The Wilkinsons, Aaron Lines and the legendary Stompin' Tom Connors plus many more bands including the Bowes Brothers, Trevor Baker, The Spurs, Roadhouse and The Mick Armitage Band. Not to be missed are the tractor pull, truck pull, ATV pull, the Ottawa Valley Antique Association display and demolition derby. Bandaloni and Ash Circle performers return to the delight of all.

Family entertainment remains a focus with clown shows, puppet shows, a petting farm and pony rides for the children.

We are fortunate to have the Ottawa Senators at the Fair on Sunday, September 4th with Sparta Cat, the hardest shot game and if we are lucky, even players to sign autographs.

For an agricultural event such as the Shawville Fair to survive and prosper for 149 years it depends on a number of factors. Two key factors are an excellent, progressive and dedicated board of directors, plus strong and committed exhibitors. Therefore, once again I am pleased to thank the 2005 board of directors and their families for their tireless support of the Shawville Fair. The directors spend countless hours developing, planning and implementing a fair that the whole community can enjoy and be proud of.

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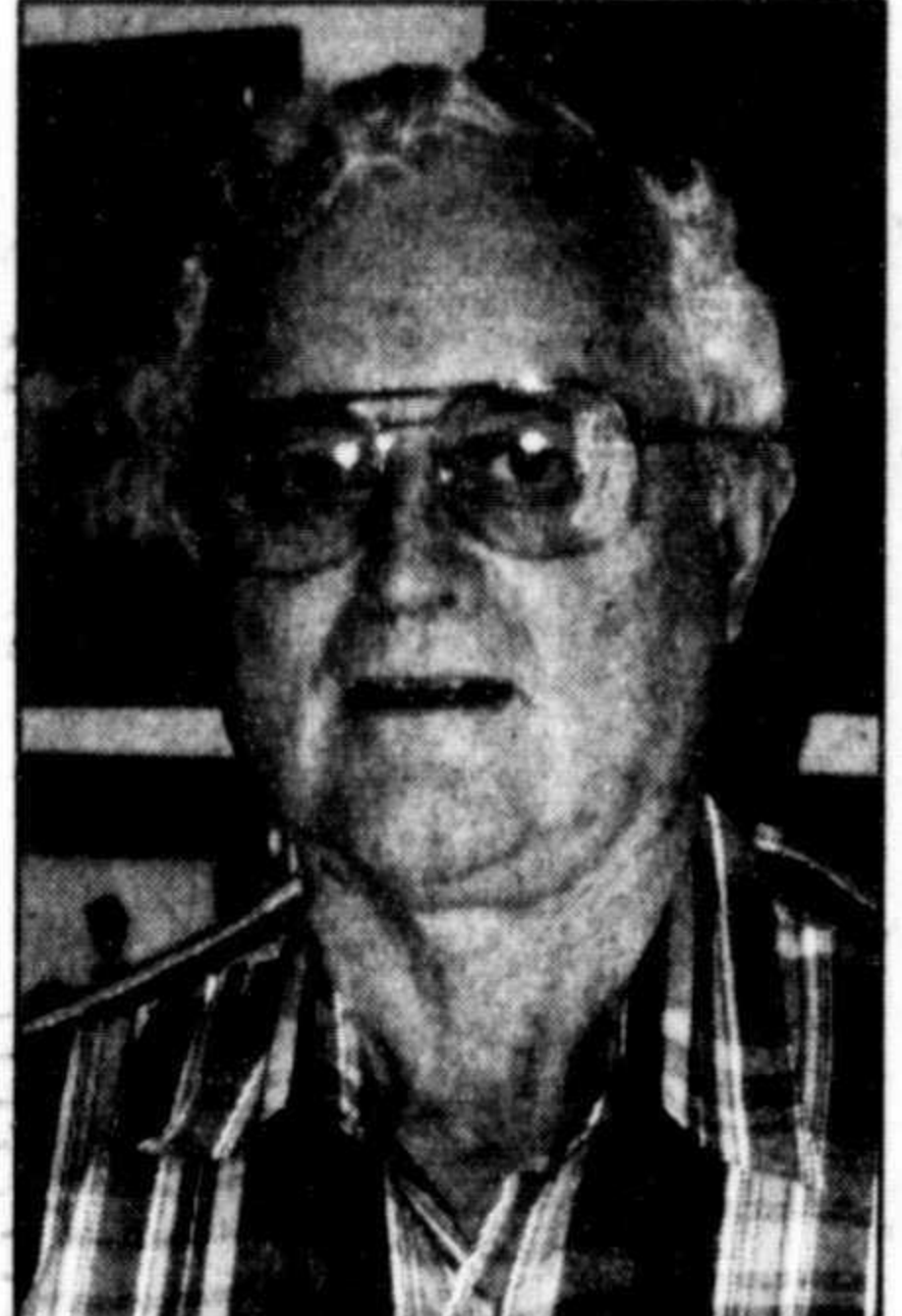
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Long-time fair volunteers honoured

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Editor
SHAWVILLE — In order to run a massively successful agricultural fair like Shawville's, it takes a certain number of hard-working and dedicated volunteers to help the cause. That's why each year the Pontiac Agricultural Society nominates two long-time volunteers to receive the board's appreciation in the form of an award.

Eason Russell and Denzil Yach have been chosen to be this year's Dedicated



Eason Russell
Service Award recipients. "The award is given in recognition of a volunteer

who gives time to the fair and the community," said Ag Society president Mavis Hanna. "The board has an open discussion and votes for who we feel are the best people to acknowledge for that year."

Eason Russell
Russell is currently the vice-president of the Ag Society and has been an active part of the Shawville Fair for many years.

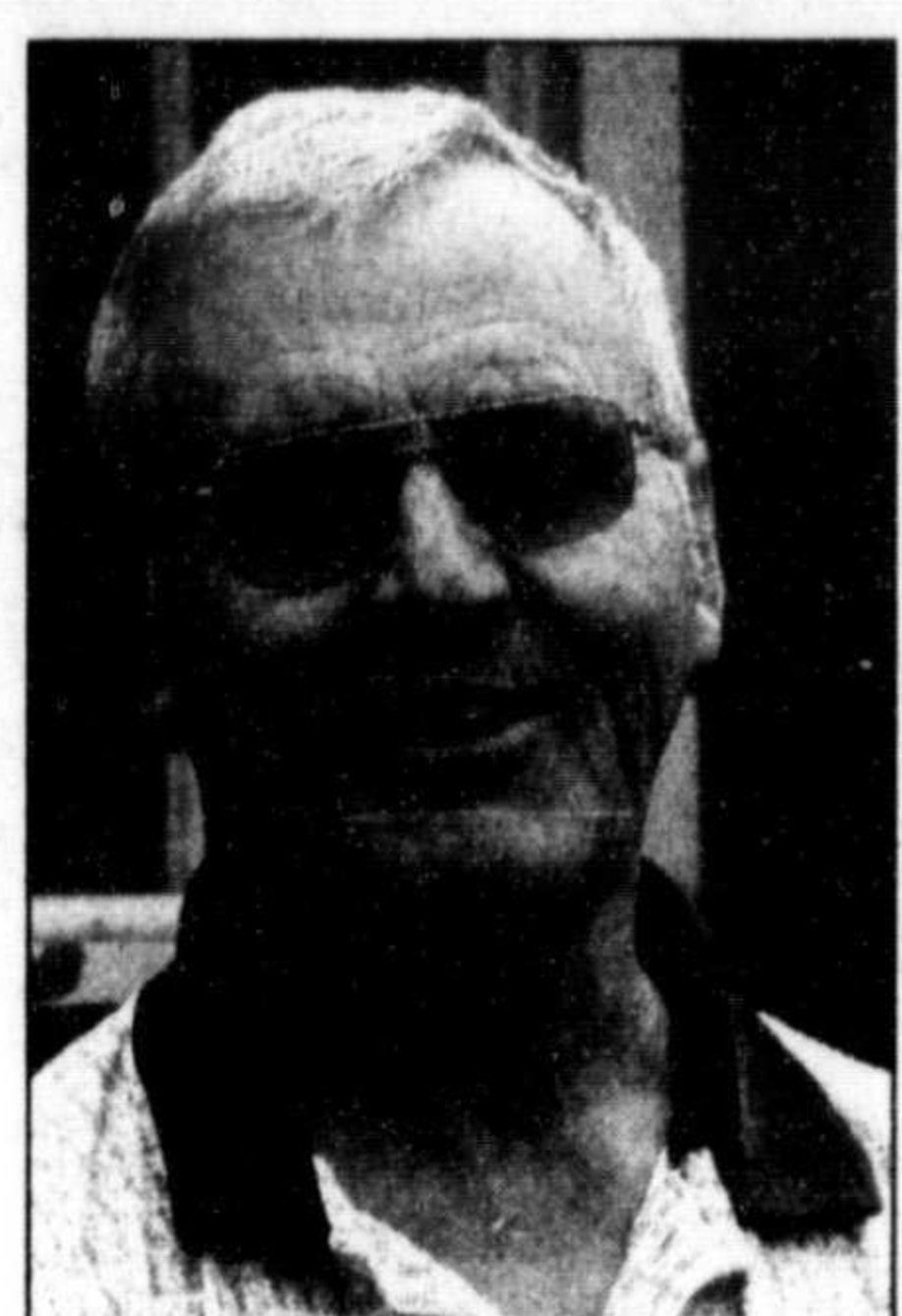
"He goes well above and beyond the requirements of vice-president," said Hanna. "He works year-round for the fair."

Russell has been a fair board director since the 1960s and vice-president since 1990.

"I remember back in the early years when the town wasn't as bright as it is now, I lived in Bristol and when we headed into town by the old Orange Lodge you'd see the lights from the fair," said Russell.

His main responsibility is running the gates with Rotary volunteers.

"The fair has changed since 1990," he said. "Our total made in 1990 is now surpassed in a weekend." Russell is also an active



Denzil Yach

member in the Shawville Curling Club, Pontiac Community Players, Rotary and the Masonic Lodge.

Denzil Yach
Yach has never been on the Ag Society board, but has always been there to lend a hand over the years.

"He's a wonderful volunteer," said Hanna. "He is willing to help us in any way we need."

Hanna said Yach is very ingenious with his solutions to any problems that crop up.

Yach's first memories of the fair was when he went with his 4-H club at the age of 12, and also when he

showed cattle 25 years ago. "It's getting bigger and better all the time," said Yach.

Since 1996 he has been in charge of running the Lions Club food booth. This year he has stepped down to simply work shifts at the booth.

"My favourite part of the fair is the excitement of getting ready for it," he said. "It's like an extra shot of adrenaline — I like to be busy."

Yach is also involved in the Shawville Lions Club and is the Shawville foreman. He also volunteers to take care of the town's flowers and parks.

The awards will be given out at the opening ceremonies Thursday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. There Yach and Russell will receive a gift and have their names engraved on a plaque that sits in the fair board's wall cabinet.

Previous recipients include Ina Kilgour, Ann Rogers, Robert Younge, Dalton Hodgins, George Pirie, Grant Rogers, Hillis Connolly, Rebecca Wilson, John Langford and Everett McDowell.

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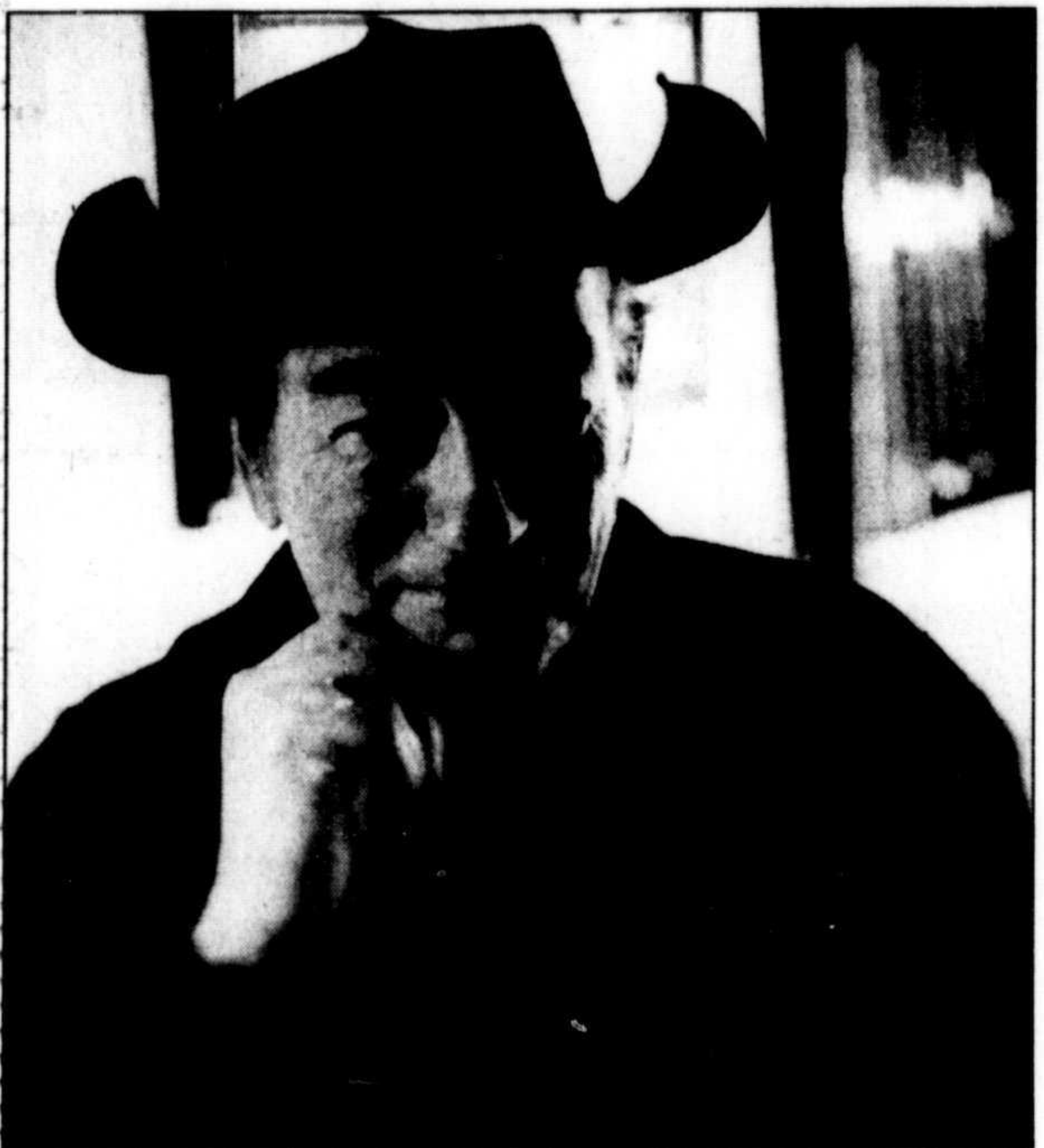
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All-Canadian Stompin' Tom headlines Shawville Fair



Stompin' Tom hits the stage Sunday night.

SHAWVILLE — One of Canada's most legendary entertainers will be gracing the stage of this year's Shawville Fair along with his belt buckle, guitar and stompin' board in tow.

Stompin' Tom Connors is headlining this year's entertainment line-up at the fair.

He hits the stage Sunday night after the Bowes Brothers.

True Canadian idol
Connors has been in the music industry for longer than most bands, enabling him to reach a wide range of fans. "I never have been scared to

adopted him in Skinner's Pond, Prince Edward Island, he left home to hitchhike at the age of 15.

Connors travelled across Canada for 13 years, writing and singing songs about the people he met along the way.

His first on-stage appearance was in the 1950s at a bar in Timmins, Ontario. Being short on cash to buy a beer, the bartender agreed to give Connors a beer if he played a few songs.

The set got him a 13-month contract to play at the The Maple Leaf Hotel, a weekly spot on the CKGB radio station in Timmins and eight 45-RPM recordings.

Connors first signed in 1969 with Dominion Records and released six albums, a compilation, and a five-album set of traditional music.

Connors got his nickname from stomping his foot while performing so hard that he now places a board to prevent damage to the stage. He periodically auctions off his stompin' board for charity.

He then moved on to help form Boot Records where he recorded 10 more original albums.

After the release of Gumboot Cloggeroo in 1979, Connors returned all six of his Juno Awards as a statement of protest against the Americanization of the Canadian music industry. He

also stopped touring and recording.

"The fans who believed in me all those years deserve something," said Connors. "Then there are all the university kids and others who appreciate what Stompin' Tom has been trying to do... that Stompin' Tom has stood by his guns and is just as determined as ever to reclaim the message."

In 1986 he was encouraged by fans to step back into the spotlight and formed A-C-T Records to help promote Canadian music.

Connors began touring and releasing records again in 1988.

Over the years, Connors has put out 20 albums of original material, children's books, an autobiography, a movie and a television series. His latest release was an album called And The Hockey Mom Tribute last year.

Some of his most famous songs are *Bud the Spud*, *The Hockey Song*, *Big Joe Mufferaw*, *The Ketchup Song*, *The Consumer*, *Margo's Cargo*, *I am the Wind* and *Sudbury Saturday Night*.

He currently resides in Erin, Ontario. "Canadians need more than just a Stompin' Tom," he said. "They need people who will write about their country and make people feel proud right across from coast to coast, of being who they are."

Local firefighters show off life-saving talents

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Editor
SHAWVILLE — A show that is not to be missed at this year's Shawville Fair is the Pontiac Firemen's Challenge.

The challenge starts at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5 and features real firefighters from across the Pontiac competing in various fire-fighting contests.

Firefighters from 19 local municipalities are invited to put their skills to the test in competitions assessing skills in strength, endurance and team work.

During the challenge, firefighters work in their full firefighting suits.

Teams will be competing to win the eighth annual Bill Black Memorial Trophy. Black was Shawville-Clarendon's fire chief who lost his life while on the job in 1998.

Usually eight teams compete in challenges like rolling and pulling fire hoses, spraying pressurized water at a target and rescuing injured mannequins.

The event is always a real crowd pleaser, so make sure to come out and cheer on your local fire department.

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The Way We Were At The Fair

COMPILED BY HEATHER ALBERTI DICKSON, PUBLISHER

25 Years Ago

August 27, 1980
This weekend! This week, Friday, Aug. 29 through to Sunday, Aug. 31 the 124th edition of the Shawville Fair will open drawing enormous interest from agricultural circles in the Pontiac, Gatineau and Renfrew counties.
 During the three days of activity, all roads will lead to the fair, not only for farm producers and their products, but also for the hordes of visitors expected to fill the fair grounds each day to sample the joys of a country fair.

Two new attractions to this year's fair will be featured Sunday with a Mutt Show at 12:00 noon and a Purebred Dog Show Fun Match at 2:00 p.m.

A Country and Western Show in the arena at 7:45 p.m. Sunday evening, featuring Myrna Lori, Ron McMunn "The Silver Fox", and Terry Carese and Trak. Admission to this show is \$5.00. Bring your own lawn chair and spend an enjoyable evening with these top recording artists.

Spread around the grounds will be exhibits of farm machinery. The midway, operated by Cavalcade Canadienne d'Amusements, features nine major rides.

50 Years Ago

September 8, 1955
Fair opening tonight! Minister of Mines Bill Cottingham will be in Shawville tonight to officially open the Shawville Fair for 1955. The opening ceremonies will take place soon after 8:30 p.m. and Frank Ryan will be here in person with his radio technicians to supervise the broadcasting of the opening over CFRA. The CFRA equipment and crew will remain in Shawville until Friday afternoon at which time they will conduct a broadcast to be used over the popular program Farmers Notebook.

75 Years Ago

October 2, 1930
Two great days! Shawville Fair goes over the top with record-breaking attendance - the 74th annual exhibition of the Agricultural Soc. No. 1, commonly known as Shawville Fair, held on Friday and Saturday, was one of, if not the best attended in the history of the old Society, whose founders with many of their successors have disappeared from the stage. Friday, the first day, it is estimated, saw the largest crowd that ever before assembled on the spacious grounds, and the number of autos was in like proportion. The weather, too, on Friday, gave no indication that we were on the threshold of the Fall season, despite the autumnal tints that now adorn woodland scenes.

The main hall, as usual, became the objective of the majority of the grown-ups entering the grounds, the fair-sex predominating in this stream of humanity.
 The dairy department was well filled with a variety of exhibits coming under this head, that looked most tempting, and in some lines competition was very keen, making the task of judging

none too easy.
 In reference to the stock exhibits there was a fine showing of horses in nearly all classes, and in some cases the competition was keen, this apply particularly to the light classes.
 The sheep department contained a comparatively large exhibit, but of swine the same cannot be said as two lonely porkers comprised the sum total of the exhibit.
 The lack of a band or music of some kind on Friday, commented on as making proceedings rather flat and dull, was compensated for, in a measure on Saturday by the presence of Renfrew's noted Pipe Band, which gave a program of breezy airs that seemed to harmonize with the character of the weather, which during the night and following a thunderstorm had changed to a condition anything but balmy.
 A more dangerous element than crooks was the presence on the grounds of pick-pockets, who, when notes were compared at the end of the Fair, seem to have plied their nefarious trade rather profitably. All told amounts totalling a sum of about \$300 was flicked from the pockets of the unsuspecting. As similar experiences were met with last year, Shawville Fair has evidently become a fruitful ground for the operations of these quick-fingered artists.

which our farmers are now giving to this important branch of the agricultural industry. And these remarks are equally applicable to the cattle exhibits, which were both numerous and choice, in many respects.
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100 Years Ago

September 28, 1905
Exhibition notes: The estimate of the gate receipts, when the shekels came to be counted up the wad amounted to \$646.00. This is \$90 better than last year.
 The stock exhibits, were generally acknowledged to have been the best ever seen on the grounds excepting, perhaps, the poultry department, which was not as full as we have seen it on some former occasions, all the others contained larger exhibits than ever before. Especially was this noticeable in the horse ring, around which the great interest centered. Compared with 10 or 15 years ago, the Society has reason to feel proud, indeed, with the great development which marks this feature of the exhibition. The large number of young horses, of the various types that were shown, was a most convincing evidence of the particular attention

McDowell students embrace agriculture at fair

By LEAH MILLER
 Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE — Heading to the fair for reasons other than the adrenaline pumping rides or risk-taking games doesn't always happen for the local youth, but a program organized by the Pontiac Agricultural Society aims at changing that.

Students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 from Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School are invited to visit the fair grounds on an agricultural education tour the morning of Friday, Sept. 2.

"It promotes agriculture and gets kids to realize where our food comes from," said Ag Society board director Diane Drummond. "Some don't know where an egg comes from." The students are divided into several groups and move through the grounds visiting 4-H Club speakers.

Grade 4 students will learn about cattle, chicken and dairy.

Grade 5 students will learn about horses, beef and horticultural crafts like vegetables and flowers.

Grade 6 students will



McDowell students get agriculturally smart.

learn about 4-H and 4-H homemakers.

"Agriculture awareness takes place over the entire weekend at the fair," said Ag Society president Mavis Hanna. "We have information about Canadian farming practices and the Pontiac at kiosks and buildings on the grounds, but Friday morning each child can learn about agriculture."

She said the tour helps promote agriculture to fairgoers and local children.

"Although they live in a rural community, some children may not be as agriculturally savvy as we think they are," said Hanna.

During the tour, students are given a questionnaire to fill out as they learn from presentations.

Honour roll of past presidents

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| William Clarke, 1856 | Clifton Dale, 1970-72 |
| John Young, 1901-02 | Robert Younge, 1973-74 |
| Dr. Alexander, 1903 | Clarence Knox 1975-76 |
| William Hodgins, 1909 | Philip Thompson, 1977-78 |
| F. W. Thomas, 1926 | Dalton Hodgins, 1979 |
| John Horner, 1927 | Nellis Stewart, 1980 |
| H.G. Young, 1930-31 | Kenneth L. Kilgour, 1981 |
| W.H. Corrigan, 1933 | John Langford, 1982 |
| Lorne Armstrong, 1940 | George Coles, 1983-84 |
| J.R. McDowell, 1942-43 | Elwyn Lang, 1985-86 |
| Hursty Hodgins, 1944-46 | Lucille Hodgins, 1987-88 |
| Lee A. Hodgins, 1950-51 | Paul Bretzlaff, 1989 |
| Arthur Dagg, 1952-54 | Edgar Schwartz, 1990-92 |
| Vertal Smiley, 1955, 1960 | Ronald Hodgins, 1993-94 |
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Demolition derby a must-see event

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE — One of the noisiest, dangerous and most destructive events is at the top of this year's Shawville Fair must-see list. The demolition derby is one of the most popular events, attracting hundreds to watch drivers crash and bang old vehicles until there is only one left standing. The show begins at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5 in the outdoor rings. Last year about 70 cars competed in three different heats: heavy class, mid-size class and mini class, winning cash prizes in each category. "Last year it went real good," said fair director

Scott McCagg. "Everybody competed well." Each driver has to supply their own car and provide proof of ownership and a driver's license. Cars that compete can be of any stock, hardtop or station wagon. No trucks, jeeps, convertibles, hearses or limousines are allowed. Before entering the ring, cars must have all glass, lights and the bottom of the rear seats removed. The doors must be fastened shut by wire straps or welding for the driver's safety. As well, no direct hits to the driver's side door are permitted during the derby. The hood, trunk and tailgate must also be fastened. Some drivers prefer to have



2004 Demolition Derby was a smokin' success.

the driver's side door reinforced with a steel bar or pipe. Other regulations that drivers must follow to enter include cutting an opening in the hood above the carburetor in case of fire, and driving with a seat belt, helmet, goggles and a fire extinguisher at all times. The winner of each heat is allowed 20 minutes to work on cars before starting the final heat.

Charity auction spreads over two days

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE — The Shawville Fair does its job in bringing the community together, but it also gives back by holding its annual charity auction. Each year fair directors collect items from the community to auction off for a good cause. This year the money raised through the auction will be going straight to the palliative care project at the Pontiac Health Centre. "We get everything from local artist paintings to crafts in a wide variety of values," said fair director Cindy Smiley. "People are quite generous." The auction set up is differently this year. Usually the auction takes place in the arena, but this year organizers have decided to make the auction a silent auction. "Bids can be made Thursday and Friday in the main lobby," said Smiley. "We are hoping it will be better and more interesting." Some items that are up for auction



The indoor charity auction from 2004 will be changed to a silent auction for this year.

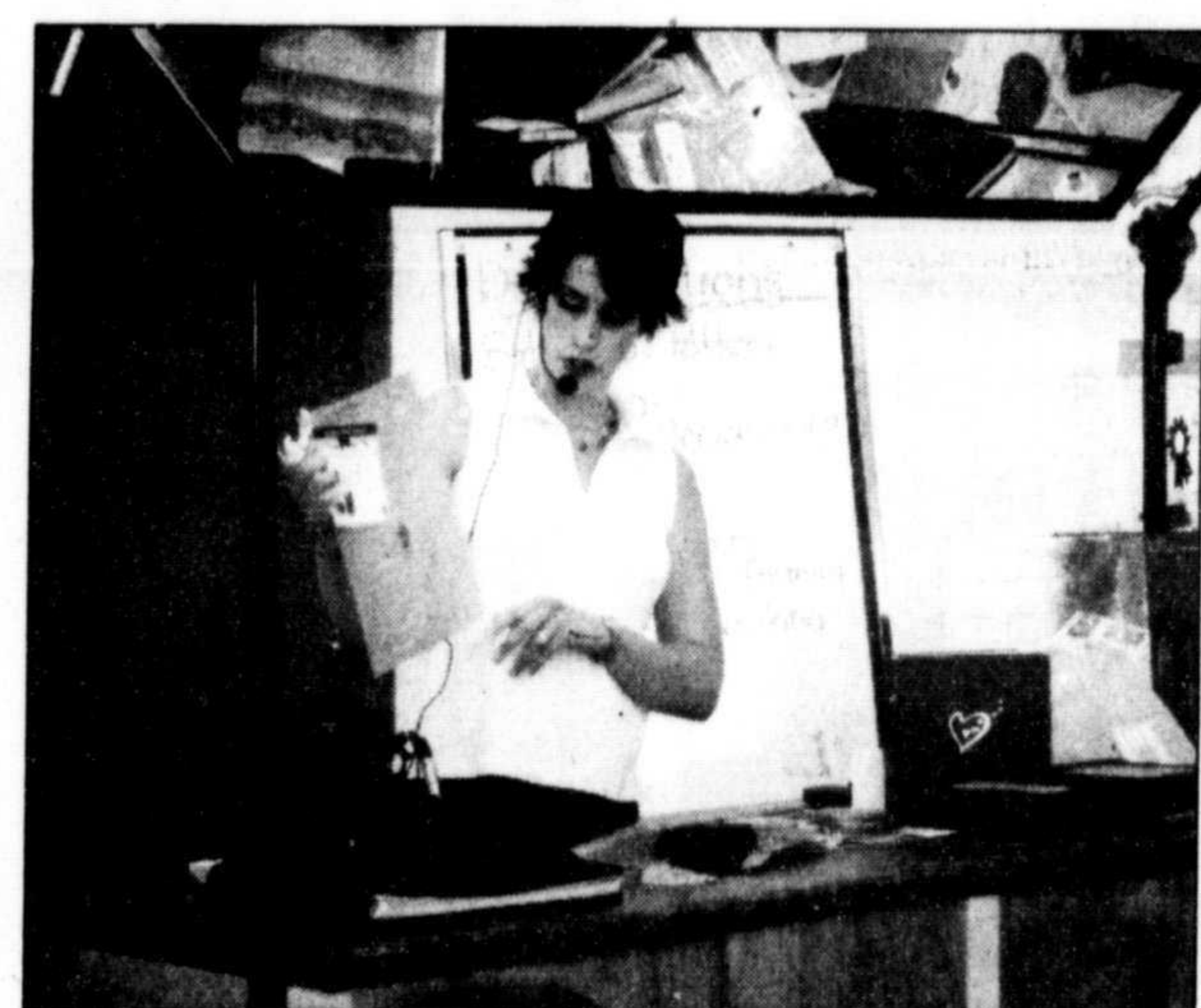
are on display now in the fair board office's wall cabinet. Fair directors are still welcoming donations for the auction. "We'll try to have a display as people come into the office so they can have a peek at the articles," said Smiley. "We accept any handcrafted items," said Smiley. For more information call the fair board office at 647-3213.

More inside than meets the eye

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE — Many head to the Shawville Fair to see displays of agriculture — spending most of their time at the cattle shows in the arena or at horse competitions outside. But an integral part of agriculture does not include animals, it is the crops and what we can make from our harvests. The exhibition hall and horticultural building are filled with the best of Pontiac's vegetables, fruits, crops and crafts and should be one of the first stops during a visit to the fair. Handicrafts In the handicraft section there are contests in quilts, kitchen accessories, accessories, traditional handicrafts, art work, folk art, tole painting, heritage crafts, machine or handsewn articles, hand knits, weaving, spinning, basketry, photography and penmanship. There are many handicraft classes that children under 16 and schools compete in. For Pontiac Agricultural Society members who are entering in competitions, items must be submitted Wednesday, Aug. 31 between 7 and 10 p.m. according to the category's specifications. About 50 volunteers help organize about 1,400 entries from 200 exhibitors in the food and handicraft competitions. Two or three of these volunteers help sort out entries as seven judges evaluate each item. "The night before we count for each category to make sure that nothing is missing," said fair director Lynn Lang. "When the judging is finished we set the entries out on display." A new part of the handicraft division is a new trophy in the name of Clarence Wilson who will be given to the competitor with the highest points in three or more wood and handicraft division categories. Wilson, who died earlier this year, was an annual competitor in the handicraft divisions. The handicrafts building opens at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1.

Demonstrations will be taking place during the afternoons of Saturday, Sept. 3 and Sunday, Sept. 4. Tentatively, on Saturday the Pontiac School of the Arts will present an overview of its year and next year's courses, Roxanne Paré will present Creative Memories in scrapbooking and there will be a quilt demonstration. Tentatively, on Sunday there will be a second Pontiac School of the Arts presentation. Christine Meisner will demonstrate cooking with lamb and Jean Coles will talk about cutting and piercing lampshades. Baking division In the baking division there are 56 classes to compete in with winnings of up to \$100. A new addition to the baking division are a few new classes: Dr. Oetker homemade coffee cake baking contest, Robin Hood best fan favourite berry muffins and Crisco butterscotch pie. Other divisions in the food section are contests in preserves and pickles, honey, maple products, eggs, wine and beer. Horticulture In the horticultural building, members compete in flower, produce, herb, seed, corn and field crop contests. Three volunteers will be helping judges sort through to find winning entries in vegetables and garden produce as well as corn, crops and seeds. "We make sure each bundle of corn has eight stalks," said fair director Joan Rusenstrom. "Then we lay them out on the floor in each class and the judge goes through them." She said judges check many things to evaluate an entry, such as stripping back the ears of corn, smelling seeds and comparing weights. There are also special classes for junior competitors such as fruit and vegetable trays designed to look like a farm vehicle or race car. "Exhibitors aged three to four can show anything," said Rusenstrom. "It's good to get kids interested and get them keen early so hopefully they will continue showing."



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

4:00 pm Gates Open
Midway Opens
Exhibits Open
Miss Shawville Fair
Truck and Tractor
Pull
Evening Silent Charity
Auction in Lobby
8:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
of Shawville Fair

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

9:00 am Gates Open
9:00 am - 11 pm Monalea
Petting Farm
9:30 am Agricultural
Awareness Morning
- 10 pm Exhibition
Hall/Handicraft Exhibits
10:30 am Steer Judging
Heavy Horse Classes
Midway Opens
12:00 pm Local 4H Achievement
Day
1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pontiac Museum
Opens
1:30 pm Maine Anjou &
Limousin - Beef Show
5:00 pm - 8:00 am Bingo
6:30 pm Heavy Horse Show
Bandaloni - One Man Band
The King's Kids Puppet
Show
7:00 pm - 1:00 am Entertainment:
• Mick Armitage Band
THE WILKINSONS
Evening Silent Charity Auction in
Lobby
7:30 pm ATV Pull
8:00 pm Steer Auction

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

8:00 am Gates Open
9:00 am - 11 pm Monalea Petting
Farm
9:30 am Regional 4H Judging
10:00 am Heavy Horse Show
Western Horse Show
10:00 am - 10 pm Exhibition
Hall/Handicraft Exhibits
Midway Opens
12:00 pm Pet Show
1:00 pm Regional 4H Show
Afternoon The King's Kids Puppets
Sharey & Carey Rosietoes
Clowns
Bandaloni - One Man Band
Ash Circle Fire Performers
Craft and Cooking Demos
Free Children's Pony Rides
1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pontiac Museum
Opens
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Entertainment
• Trevor Baker
Roadhouse
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Bingo
5:00 pm Directors' Showmanship
in Arena
Invitation Fun Event with
local Fair Boards
6:00 pm Beef Show
7:00 pm Holstein - Dairy Show
7:30 pm - 1:00 am Entertainment:
• Roadhouse
AARON LINES
Mick Armitage Band

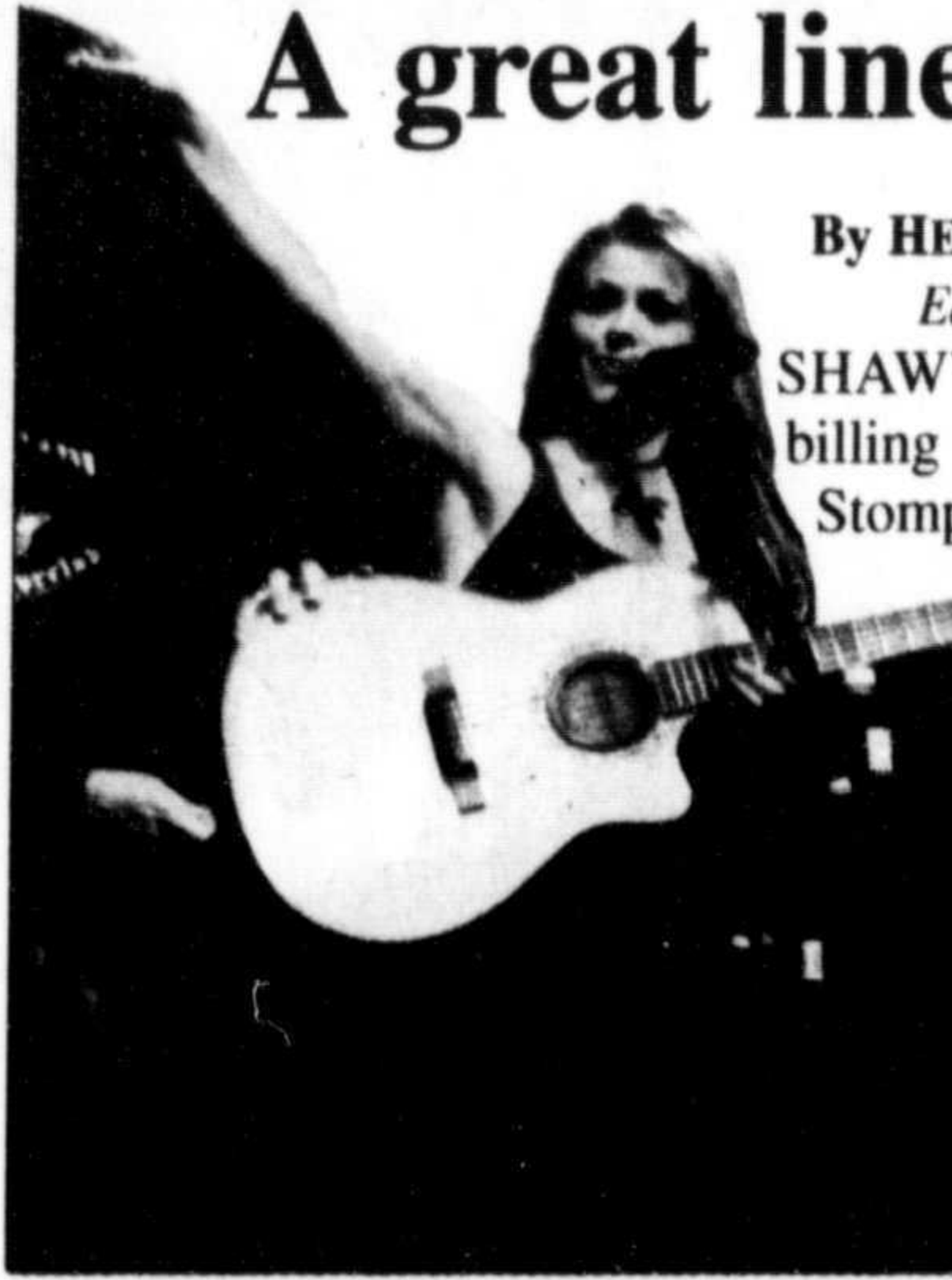
SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

8:00 am Gates Open
9:00 am - 11 pm Monalea Petting
Farm
10:00 am - 10 pm Exhibition
Hall/Handicraft Exhibits
10:00 pm Light Horse Show
12:00 pm Midway Open
1:00 pm Horse Drawing
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm Entertainment:
• Bowes Brothers
The Spurs
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Bingo
1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pontiac Museum
Opens
Afternoon Armprior - NcNab Pipes &
Drums
Bandaloni-One Man Band
The King's Kids Puppets
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Clowns
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Ladysmith Oktoberfest
Dancers
Craft and Cooking Demos
Cattle Exhibit Closes
6:00 pm Rodeo Penning
Competition in Arena
7:30 pm - 1:00 am Entertainment:
• Bowes Brothers,
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MONDAY, SEPT. 5

8:00 am Gates Open
9:00 am English Horse Show
10:00 am - 2 pm Exhibition
Hall/Handicraft Exhibits
11:00 am Midway Open
Pontiac Firemen's
Challenge
Afternoon The King's Kids Puppet
Show
1:00 pm Demolition
Derby
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Pontiac
Museum
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Michelle Wright
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Carolyn Dawn Johnson wows
the Shawville crowd.

A great line-up of entertainment at this year's Fair

By HEATHER DICKSON
Equity Publisher

SHAWVILLE — Top
billing this year goes to
Stompin' Tom Connors,
but headliners
Aaron Lines and
The Wilkinsons
are great attrac-
tions too to
Shawville Fair's
entertainment
line-up.

Actually there
won't be a dull
moment at the fair
as other musical
acts are scheduled
throughout the weekend.

Local favourites, the Mick Armitage Band, kick-
off the entertainment weekend on Friday at 7:30
p.m. They are followed by headliners The
Wilkinsons.

The Wilkinsons

The Wilkinsons, a father-son-daughter trio
(father Steve, siblings Amanda and Tyler) from
Kingston, Ont., have taken home numerous
Country Music Awards and scores of nominations
from the U.S.-based Country Music Association.

In a world where music groups are constructed
and contrived, it's a wonderful change to see a
group with the chemistry and enthusiasm that are
the Wilkinsons.

Tight families are something of a rarity these
days, and to see one that puts together solid lyrics,
soaring vocals, and tight harmonies may be even
rarer still!

The Wilkinsons understood that blood-ties and
blood harmonies are thicker and richer than any
amount of record business calculation. Their
music not only captivates but also shows there can
be a sense of peace with the way life evolves.

With their first album, *Nothing But Love*, they
established themselves as an act with a firm grip
on both the sound and direction of what their
music was all about. Listening to their first single,
26 Cents, it's easy to see why the group and the
self-penned tune garnered so much attention from
record labels and resulted in so many nominations
and awards. From writing seven songs on the first
album to the 12 that they have written for the
brand new project, *Highway*, all three Wilkinsons
have shown that their creativity goes beyond
singing.

"We're really trying to stretch the boundaries of
our music," says Amanda. "Both in singing and
writing, there is a need to keep things fresh and
interesting. The last thing we would want is for
our listeners to say 'there's another one that
sounds just like *26 Cents*.'"

That probably explains the reason why the
Wilkinsons are stretching out in other areas of
music. With this album, Steve gets his feet wet in
the production world. "I've always had some input
into our previous records, but on *Highway*, I
pulled out the stops trying different things with
musical arrangements and our sound in general.
Producing will certainly be a part of my future."

Amanda is also growing with a new solo project
released last year. "Even though I love singing as
part of the family," Amanda explains, "I felt that I
had some things that I wanted to say as a solo
artist. Working with Tony Brown on my first
record for Universal South was wild and some-
thing that I needed to do. I guess it's a growth
thing - a little scary, but exciting."

Tyler is testing out his creative wings, as well -
writing and starting pre-production for a solo-
project. "The music I'm making is different from
what we have made together in the past, but Dad
has always encouraged us to take music where our
hearts tell us to. He has given us the freedom to try
new things."

"For me," Amanda says, "when we were little
and just starting out, it was about the reaction. In
30 or 40 minutes, if we could bring out smiles on
the faces of our audience, it was the best. In fact,
it still is the best feeling in the world."

This kind of camaraderie is a mark of the
Wilkinsons as much as their drop dead harmonies
or a focused song sense. For the Wilkinsons, what
you hear - and see - is definitely who they are.

"For us, we're just a family that hangs out
together and we really enjoy each other, on and off
stage."

In 2001 the Wilkinsons were Canada's Juno
Group of the Year. That September they were the
headliners at the Shawville Fair and entertained a
record crowd.

This year they appear on stage Friday evening.

Aaron Lines

Aaron Lines is from Fort McMurray, Alberta.
He's the youngest of four children of a school-
teacher and the town's first dentist. He says it was
a great place to grow up, but he always dreamed of
playing music. And he knew that dream would
mean moving away. "It was a small city, you pretty
much knew everybody, and everybody knew
you. I went to school with the same 30 kids until
eighth grade."

When he was 12 years old, the shy, soft-spoken
young man who "never got in trouble" told his
mother that he would like to learn to play guitar.
The idea came out of the blue. "Well, no one in my
family was particularly musical, I don't remember
my parents ever playing records, though my older
brother and sisters did. They had all taken piano
lessons, but didn't like them and never wanted to
practice, so, by the time they got to me, my moth-
er had given up. When I asked about guitar, she
actually found an old acoustic one that my dad had
and signed me up right away for lessons."

Though he hardly knew it then, it was that gui-

tar and those lessons that would fuel the vehicle to
lead Lines out of Fort McMurray, eventually to
Nashville, Tenn. and RCA Records, the legendary
label that signed him to his first recording contract
barely ten years later, and released his debut album
in 2002.

Lines' mother didn't have to push her youngest
child to practice. "I liked it right away," he remem-
bers. "I just took to it naturally. I would practice
every day, for hours. It was all I wanted to do. My
instructor was great. He taught me all the basics and
he also taught me how to play songs from some of
my favorite artists like Alabama, Shenandoah, and of
course Bryan Adams. I loved their music and their
style, and they had a great influence on me as I was
learning."

"I started singing right from the start, just to sing
along with what I was practicing." Lines devoted
earnest efforts to songwriting, and starting a band
with his brother Jay, who was the singer, and his
brother's friend. "We played in public about three
times, and it was pretty awful. But I learned a lot

about the art of writing songs through that period."

He began testing the waters with occasional
appearances on a taped one-hour show, McMurray
Music, which aired on his hometown station KX-
98. On one of those shows, he performed a song he
had written, called *I Know I Shouldn't*. "I wrote it
after my girlfriend dumped me. It was pretty painful,
and of course, at 17, I thought it was the end of the
world, so to deal with it, I wrote a song about it."

The station began to get requests for the song, and
placed it on their "Top Six at Six," which asked lis-
teners to call in votes for their favorite song. *I Know
I Shouldn't* ended up at number one for four weeks
in a row, and boosted Lines' confidence in his per-
forming and writing abilities.

For the first time, he set his sights outside of
McMurray, with an assist from his brother Jay.

In record label limbo, Lines went on the road,
opening for fellow Canadian Paul Brandt's tour,
"Small Towns, Big Dreams." He also put out a cou-
ple of independent singles, which went top ten on the
Canadian charts. That tour and those singles led to

his Chevy Truck Rising Star nomination at the
Canadian Country Music Awards in 2001 and his
Best New Country Artist nod at the 2002 Juno
Awards.

Aaron Lines is the featured entertainer on
Saturday evening.

Musical line-up

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Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. check out Trevor
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At 7:30 p.m. Roadhouse appears again before
headliner Aaron Lines. Catch the Mick Armitage
Band afterwards in the beer tent.

Sunday: 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. the Bowes Brothers and
the band the Spurs will be entertaining. At 7:30 p.m.
the Bowes Brothers open for Shawville Fair's main
headliner Stompin' Tom Connors.

The Mick Armitage Band will close off the night
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