

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
MIKE REID**



**MEMORIAL SOFTBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

**Michael Franklin Reid**  
**4 September 1963 - 12 June 1984**

*Everyone is set upon this Earth for a purpose. Michael Reid's purpose in life was to live it, however short, to its fullest, ensuring along his way that he touched the hearts of as many people as he possibly could. Upon his death on 12 June 1984 at the tender age of 20, with his family and a close friend by his side, he could rest peacefully, as his goal was achieved. Michael's approach to life while struggling daily with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy was a simple one. His caring personality, sarcastic wit and his determination to live the life of a "normal" young boy and then young man, gave people something to look up to.*

*Michael occupied much of his time at The Mackay Center where from September 1st, 1971 to the 12th June 1984, he studied, played, interacted with the students and also made momentous impressions on the teachers and staff... However, it was on his Graduation Day from Mackay in 1984 that Michael passed away leaving behind many years of triumphs and sorrows. Two years previously, in 1982, Michael was awarded with the "The Prudence Baxter Award". An honor which he was very proud of. Then, after his death, the school decided to have an annual dedication to be made at the Graduation Day Ceremonies to a student in the school who is outgoing, friendly, enjoys life, honest and is compassionate and sensitive to the needs of others and shows exceptional determination. "The Michael Reid Memorial Award" would then become an annual tradition and the presenter would be one of Michael's family members.*

*During Michael's early days at Mackay, he was chosen to be "Quebec's Muscular Dystrophy's Poster Child" for the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Michael, along with his family, traveled to the WPTZ T.V. Studio in Plattsburg, New York, to appear on national television. It was there, during an interview, that he expressed his dream of someday becoming a T.V. Sportscaster.*

*Passing time at home was not a problem for Michael. He could be found many times in front of the T.V. or listening to music. M.A.S.H. and the Carol Burnett Show were his favorite shows at that time. The Carpenters and Jim Croce could be heard regularly on the stereo. But, Michael's real passion was his love of sports. He actively participated in sports himself, often changing the rules along the way to benefit his needs. Wheel Chair Hockey was his favorite activity, however, being a spectator of any sport was just as fulfilling. Michael was also found allowing his dad's local softball team, keeping the stats on the players (often to their dismay), or going to the Montreal professional teams games like the Expos, Alouettes and Canadiens. His favorite players were Bobby Orr and Gary Carter. He was a very fortunate boy, for to his delight over the years, he had the opportunity to meet in person some of the great sports stars.*

*It was because of Michael's love for sports that initiated his family and friends to want to continue Michael's enthusiasm. The idea of an Annual Softball Tournament in his memory was the ideal. The Tournament would be held in his community - Greenfield Park, where many people knew him, and would be participated by the people who loved him most - his family, friends, and The Mackay Center. To make things more perfect, all proceeds would go back to where he gained much support - Mackay. Since the first Annual "Michael Reid Softball Tournament" in August 1985, The Tournament Committee, 32 Teams from Quebec and Ontario and the hundreds of volunteers have been able to earn over \$300,000 for the Mackay Center and other charities.*

*Now this was right up Michael's alley! Playing Softball and making lots and lots of money while doing it!!*

*Hello Everyone,*

*It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to welcome all of you to the 25th Annual Mike Reid Softball Tournament. As you may know, Mike Reid was my best friend while growing up. Mike passed away from Muscular Dystrophy at the tender age of 21 years old. Mike was an avid sports fan and attended the Mackay Center, (which was a very special place to him and many others).*

*When Mike passed, Garry McLarnon mentioned to me what better way to keep Mike's memory alive than to hold a Softball Tournament with all proceeds going to the Mackay Center. The first year we started we had 8 teams and a make shift beer tent. We raised \$5000 and thought this was tremendous. As you can see today the event has grown over the years to 32 men's teams and 10 women's teams and we are proud to say to date we have raised over \$ 600,000.*

*The money raised goes directly to the children for field trips and extracurricular activities that they would otherwise not have a chance to experience.*

*We have a display table in which I would encourage all of you to take the time to view the beautiful booklets the children have put together of their outings.*

*I would like to take a moment to thank Frank, Susan, Kathy & Linda for allowing us to honour their cherished son and loving brother.*

*I would also like to thank the other executive committee members, Brenda Philp, Devin Misztal, Adam Misztal, Garry Maclarnon, Mike Lee, Raymond Lee, and Janice Zatylny for their unbelievable hard work and dedication throughout the years.*

*A special thank you to the Town of Greenfield Park, our esteemed Mayor and councillors for accommodating our every need throughout the tournament. We would also like to THANK our volunteers and participants. Without their hard work and devotion this Tournament would not be the success it is today.*

*I am very proud to have known Mike, and to be part of this great event. Once again on behalf of our committee THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. We know Mike is looking down on all of us, lifting a glass of cold beer, wearing his BOSTON BRUINS SWEATER and enjoying this 4 day event in his memory.*

*Sincerely  
Wade Wilson  
Chairmen*

## Félicitations pour vos 25 ans d'implication Congratulations on your 25 years of involvement



**Jacques Goyette**

Vice-président du comité exécutif  
de la Ville de Longueuil

À l'occasion de cet anniversaire mémorable, je tiens à vous remercier pour votre dynamisme et votre fidèle engagement auprès de la communauté, en particulier pour les enfants handicapés.

Grâce à vous, ils peuvent améliorer leur qualité de vie, mais également croire en leurs rêves.

Toutes mes félicitations, et longue vie à votre tournoi annuel !

On the occasion of this very memorable anniversary, I wish to thank you for your enthusiasm and your loyal commitment to the community, and particularly to handicapped children.

Thanks to you, not only can they improve their quality of life but they can also believe in their dreams.

My heartfelt congratulations and long life to your annual tournament!

**longueuil**

*The Reid Family would like to thank Wade Wilson for all his dedication and hard work to keep Michael's Memory Alive.*

*When Michael was growing up, he depended on Wade for his friendship and his caring. Wade was there for Michael every day to play games with him, to talk to him, to take care of him when he had many surgeries but most of all to love him. To us Wade is a Brother from another mother.*

*The day Michael left us Wade knew that we had to do something to keep him alive. Hence the "Mike Reid Memorial Softball Tournament" was born.*

*The Reid Family along with some close friends started 25 years ago to raise money in Michael's Memory. The handicapped children at the MacKay Centre are now able to go to camp and on trips that they would not be able to go on without the financial support that we give every year. Over the past 25 years the tournament has grown and so has Wade's spirit. He is the back bone of the committee and has done all the hard work behind the scenes that many of us could not even imagine. Due to Wade's hard work the now 42 teams (32 men's and 10 woman's) have become branches of the Reid Family tree for those 4 days every August, and it is all thanks to Wade Wilson.*

*Thank you Wade for being you.*

*Love  
The Reid Family*



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## Un parcours exceptionnel An Exceptional Journey

*S*outenir les enfants handicapés... à coup sûr ! Voilà la mission du Tournoi de balle molle à la mémoire de Mike Reid, un sportif de Greenfield Park atteint de dystrophie musculaire et décédé à 20 ans. Chaque année, l'événement remet ses fonds au Centre Mackay, qui aide les gens handicapés à réaliser leurs pleins potentiels.

*Nous félicitons les organisateurs pour leur excellent travail. Ce tournoi d'envergure a des retombées significatives dans notre communauté. Votre générosité et votre engagement méritent d'être soulignés. Merci aux bénévoles et à tous ceux engagés au cours de ces 25 ans dans la poursuite et la réussite de cet événement.*

*Félicitations, et nous vous souhaitons de nombreuses années de succès !*

**Les membres du conseil d'arrondissement de Greenfield Park**

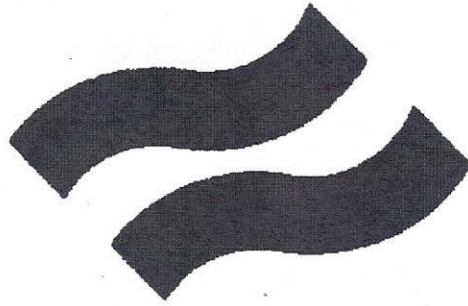
*S*upporting children with special needs... all the way! This is the mission of the Softball Tournament held in honour of Mike Reid, a Greenfield Park athlete who passed away at the age of 20 from muscular dystrophy. Each year, the event's proceeds are given to the Mackay Centre which helps children with special needs realize their full potential.

*We congratulate the organizers for their outstanding work. This tournament has always had a very positive impact on our community. Your compassion and your dedication certainly deserve to be underscored and recognized. We also thank all the volunteers and those involved in the success of this event for the last 25 years.*

*We applaud your tremendous work and we wish you many more years of continued success!*

**The members of the Greenfield Park's Borough Council**

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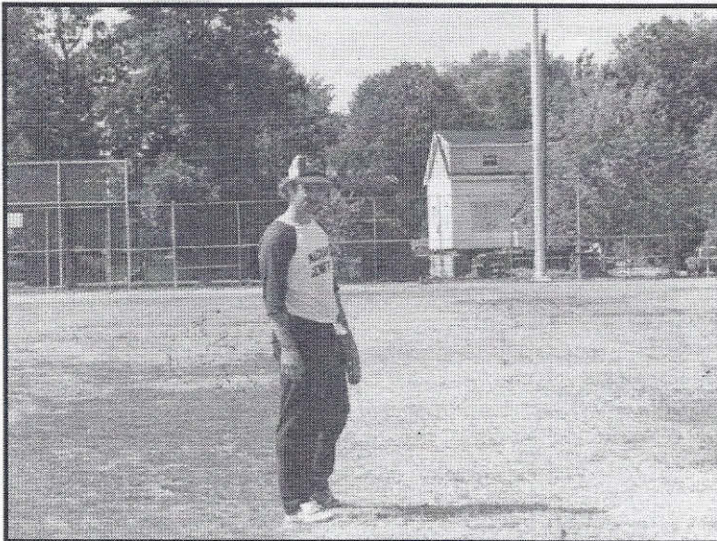
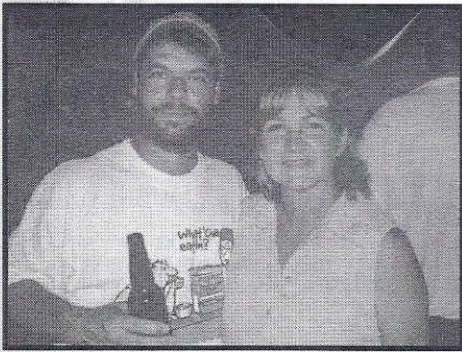
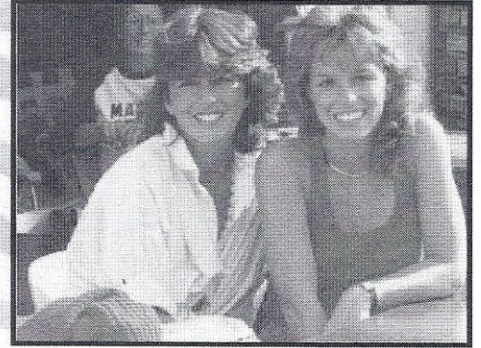
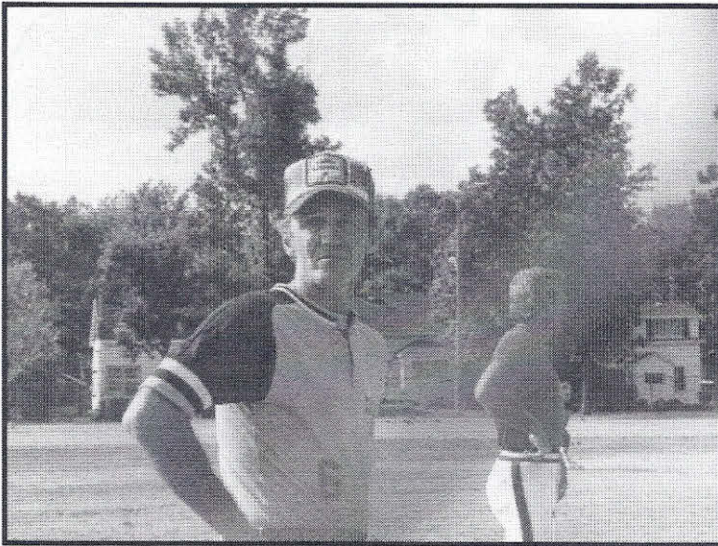
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*For the past twenty-five years the Michael Reid Fund has raised thousands of dollars to send our students on several field trips every year. From the Biodome, to apple picking, visits to the museums and concerts held at Place des Arts, including overnight stays at Camp Massawippi, students from the Mackay Centre School have benefitted and been able to have enriching experiences that compliment their learning.*

*In the name of the entire staff, the students and parents, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and express our heartfelt appreciation to the Reid Family and to Brenda and Wade Wilson. This is truly a momentous occasion celebrating twenty-five years of dedication and commitment to the well being of our children.*

*Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in making this a special event.*

*Sincerely,  
Patrizia Ciccarelli  
Principal  
Mackay Centre School*



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Frank Reid, front right, with the team that helped organize the four-day, 32-team event.



Raymond Bourque, left, of the Boston Bruins, r

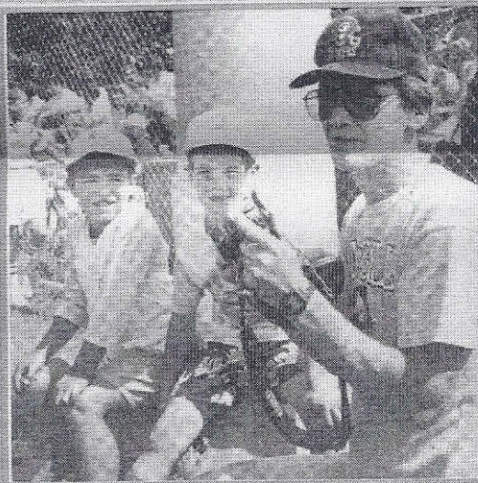
# PLAY

A softball tournament in Greenfield Park last weekend featuring seven professional hockey players raised \$11,000 for new equipment for

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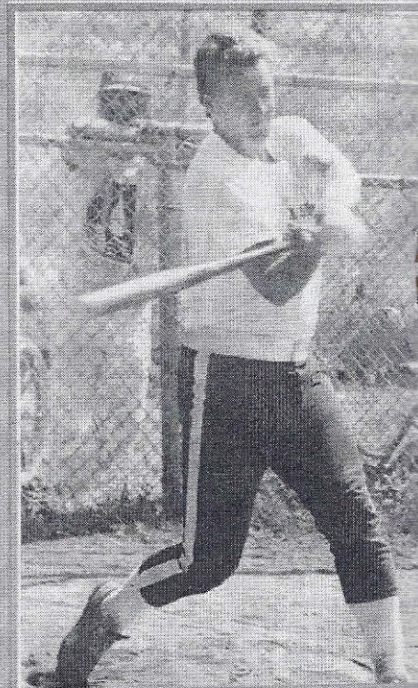
Volunteer Diana Dunham serves up suds.

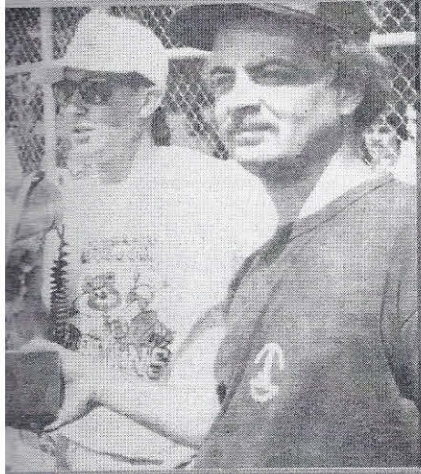


Star-gazers brought their cameras.



Front row: Mike Cantatore, Roy Leaver, John Oxley, Jeff Kolofsky, Mark Lavalliere, Marvin Fruchthandler.





...ads the winning ticket in slick draw.



Front: Raymond Lee, Gary Galley (Boston), Doug Smith (Vancouver). Back: Ray Bourque (Boston), Steve Casper (L.A.) and brother Dave, Mike Dagenals (Chicago), Cory Foster (Edmonton), Jeff Chychrun (Philadelphia) and his dad John.

# BALL!

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attracted 32 teams  
and lasted four  
days.

Draws for auto-  
graphed hockey  
sticks were among  
the fund-raising  
projects.



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The Casper clan: Iris, Dave with Mark, Steve with Jordan, Karen and Hubert.



Vancouver's Doug Smith delivers his pitch.



Ray Bourque and stick winner Kim Burton.



Lucky Lynn Wilson and Steve Casper.

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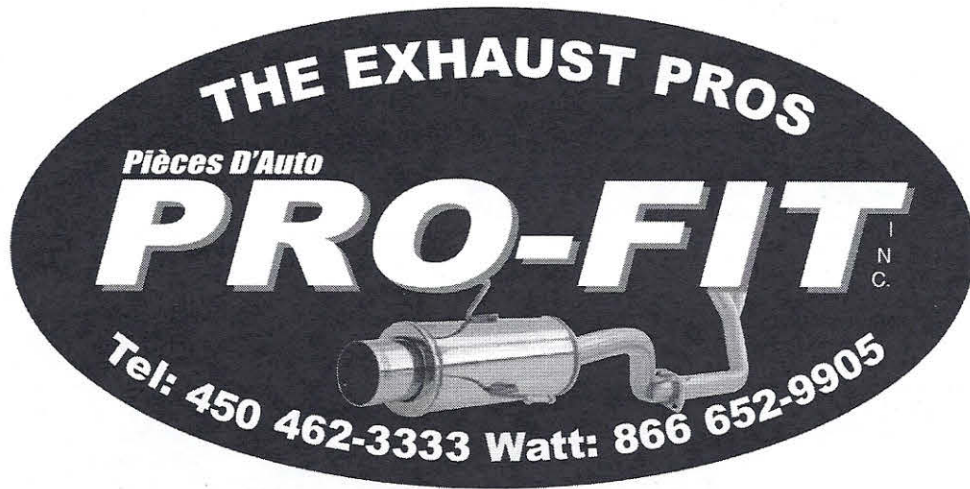


*For the last 25 years it has been a pleasure for us the Hennessy Boys and*

## **EASTGREENFIELD TEAM**

*to participate in the Michael Reid Tourney. We are very proud to give back to the Children that need support, but what we also love very much is the fact that we can count on this, once a year, to have the chance to meet all of you, over a friendly and action packed weekend. Very few events give us all the opportunity to get together as a family and share drinks, laughs and stories not to forget the great competition and camaraderie that all the teams bring to the park. We love it all and look forward to it each and every year.*

*Thank you!*



*Pour 25 ans ce fut un grand plaisir pour*

## **L'EQUIPE EASTGREENFIELD**

*De participer au tournoi Michael Reid. Nous sommes très fiers de supporter les enfants et d'avoir l'opportunité de rencontrer toutes nos amies en famille a chaque années.*

*Merci*

**Bill \* Frank & JP Hennessy**



Garry Galley  
*President*

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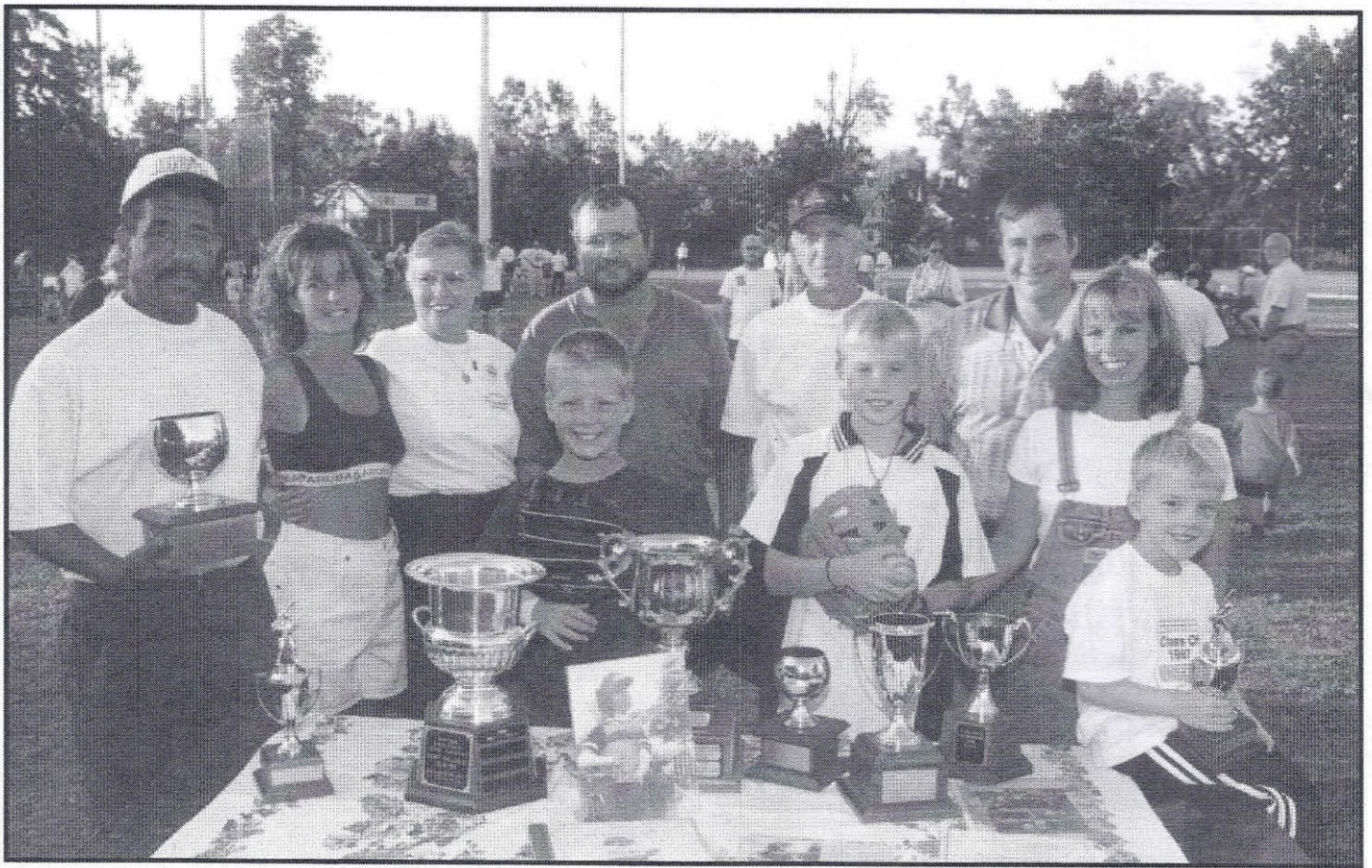
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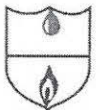
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 in our thoughts"*

*Sue & Kathy*

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Sheridan, Ian, Sean*

*and many others over the years,  
who combined skill with endurance we  
dedicatedcate our "VICTORY" this year to our brother,*

***DAVE 'DAWG' PEARCE***

*"We miss you brother, but you are always with us"*

*We also have 3 other weekenders who will be  
cheering from the picnic tables above;  
Rollie, Timmy, and J.B. Knowing  
heaven might be busy this weekend!*

*Cheers to all and merci!*

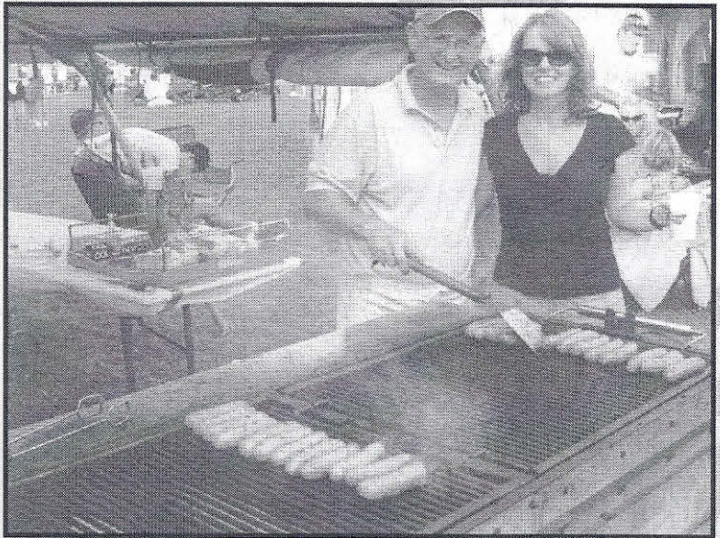


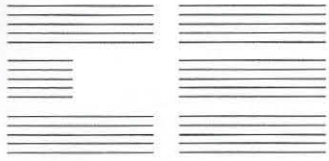
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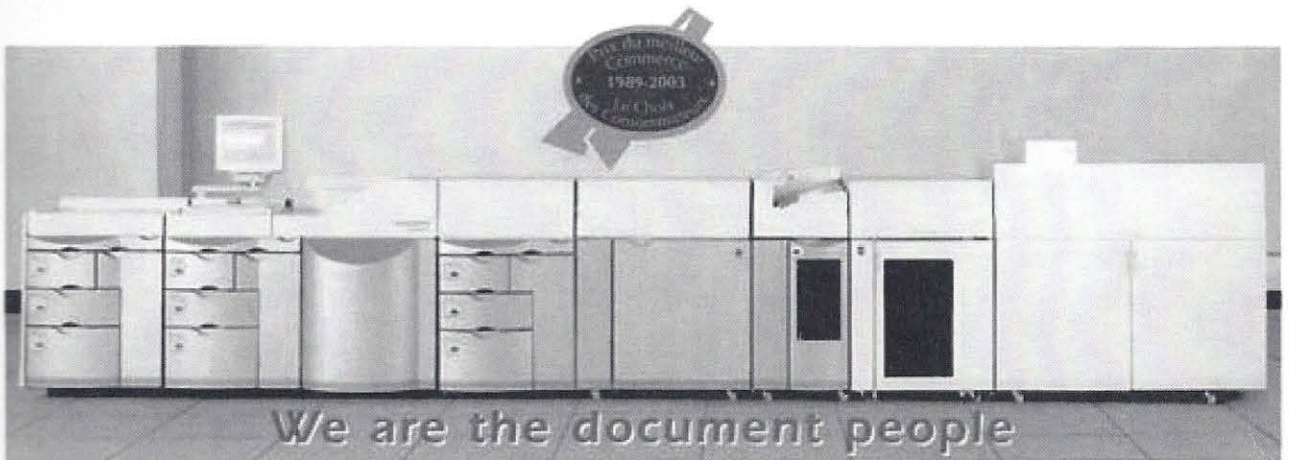




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