

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten is a 2 year Program. Advanced registration for those children who will be attending Year 1 (Junior Kindergarten) or will be new to Year 2 (Senior Kindergarten) in Halton Catholic elementary schools will be held on:

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 & Wednesday, January 27, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Year 1 (JK): Children must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

Year 2 (SK): Children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

Please note: Children currently registered in Year 1 (Junior Kindergarten) are not required to register for Year 2 (Senior Kindergarten). Placement in the Year 2 program will be processed by the school, unless otherwise notified by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

The **Kindergarten Program** will be offered at 46 elementary schools across the Board in 2016-2017. To determine your home school, the requirements for registration and more, please visit: www.hcdsb.org

For language assistance regarding registration, please contact Halton Multicultural Council: 905-464-3187.

Si requiere de asistencia con el lenguaje para inscribirse, por favor contactar al Halton Multicultural Council 905-464-3187.

Jezeli panstwo potrzebuj pomocy językowej w rejestrowaniu, proszę skontaktować się z Halton Multicultural Council 905-464-3187.

Para assistência na sua lingua a fins de registo, favor contactar Halton Multicultural Council 905-464-3187.

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COMMENT

Rats, water pipes and a guy from Manitoulin

By Ted Brown
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A Ted Bit

This past week, I feel like I've been living in the barn.

Now it's not like The Sidekick has banished me there, or any other wild reason.

It's just that there have been a number of things happening that seemed to draw me back to the barn, over and over during the day.

The first, as you've already read in the headline, is rats.

Now every barn, no matter how clean or pristine, has rats. They're a fact of life, and those who have barns must deal with them. I've written about them here before, so I'm not going down that road again, except for in this case, the little marauders have taken the battle a step higher, and instead of chewing feed, digging holes and making a general mess of things, they've moved to digging out where the water pipe to the pump comes in from the well.

To repair that problem, I had to dig out the gravel they've pushed out of the hole beside the pipe—it was a wheelbarrow full of dirt.

I spent a full day, digging out the dirt, vacuuming out the opening, and pushing some wire screen into the hole, and filling it with very wet concrete, to flow down into the hole.

I was pleased, after two days (and counting) that I've stopped the rats from digging around the water pump.

But the next problem was the water pipes.

In keeping with being proactive (a column from a week ago) I had all the heat cables on the water pipes checked out, and up and running, in anticipation of keeping them from freezing with the coming cold weather.

The pilot lights were all on, and all was clear on the 'warm water pipe front'.

One morning, I went to the barn to find two of the five water bowls had no water. Seems the water pipe supplying them was frozen.

How could that be? I had all the heat straps up and running. After some investigation, I found the cause—the heat strap on the one line feeding those two water bowls was cold—no heat.

It turns out that SOMETHING HAD CHEWED THROUGH THE WIRES!!!

And we all know who that would be.

Rats really like the taste of the rubber insulation on the heat straps, and take great delight in chewing through it, into the copper wire that provides the warmth. In doing so, the strap no longer heats.

I had to take apart the water pipe, the old strap, and all the hangers holding the pipe in place, as well as dealing with two pens of sheep who complained bitterly about being thirsty.

I hate rats...

After purchasing a \$50 plus heat strap, and rewrapping it to the pipe, etc., I thought I was making progress.

That night, while watching television, the phone rang. The fellow on the other end of the line was calling from Manitoulin Island, to see if I had a sire ram for sale. I never turn down the opportunity to sell a sire ram—they bring the most money. We talked for a bit, and I determined what he needed. I checked my records, he emailed me his flock's pedigrees, and I calculated the most appropriate rams for him. Next day, I photographed those rams, and emailed him the photos. He said he'd drive down Friday night, stay in Guelph overnight and then see the rams Saturday morning.

(Now imagine for a minute, driving from Manitoulin Island to here, a six-hour trip, the first week of January, during a snow/ice pellets storm. That's dedication!)

Saturday morning, our customer arrived, he looked at the rams I had available, and after some discussion, he selected a ram, and started his six-hour return trip back to Manitoulin Island—this time with a ram in the crate in the truck.

As The Sidekick and I prepared to return to the house, I noticed a wet spot under one water bowl—it appeared lunch was gonna be late...

Oh well, at least this time I had company.

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