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MUSTANG REPORT

Senior girls run to first

The Milton District High School senior girls cross-country team placed an outstanding first at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) championships at Kewa Conservation Area last week.

The girls beat out M.M. Robinson, who had beaten Milton previously by only one point. The GHAC champion Mustangs will move to the provincial championships in Woodbridge Saturday.

Team members are Nia Llewellyn, Susie Farrell, Tobina Elliott, Lindsay Simpson, Sarah Vinge, Sadie Chrisman, Julie Van Creda, Jessica Meltzer, Sandra Martin and Sylvia Sprenger. Good luck to all the girls in their upcoming competition.

The junior and senior girls basketball team has been busy this week, playing three games in their week opener, the junior girls beat Burlington 37-22. Nicole Wells was particularly outstanding.

In game two, through extremely strong team effort, Milton downed Assumption 49-30. In the third game of the week, Milton battled the E.C. Drury Spartans and, after falling behind by 19 points, down by as much as 21 points by only two points, 36-34. The junior team’s record stands at five wins against only one loss. The team has three games remaining to close out the season.

The senior girls played Burlington Central and edged them 41-40. The seniors then knocked off Assumption 49-30. In the final game of the week, the Mustangs thumped the E.C. Drury Spartans, 62-44.

Coaches Keith Swarbrick and Ryan Camati are pleased with both the team’s unity and strong defence.

Downhill racer

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Bishop Reding cross country midget runner Andrea Handy heads for the finish line in the midget girls 3,000 metre event at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference cross country championships at Kewa Conservation Area last week. Reding was second in midget girls, junior boys and senior boys.

The fire of fear becalmed in the water

THE FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL had leukaemia and knew she was dying. But she smiled with the unfading smile of a little girl. She decided she wanted to learn how to swim. The reason? Just in case there were swimming pools in heaven.

Carole Murray recalls that story in her office at her new facilities on Bronte Road, while reflecting back over some 20 years of swim instruction.

Now, of course, her name is synonymous with swimming in Milton, but it all started by accident. An almost fatal accident.

Some people were visiting her home when their son fell into her pool and almost drowned. After that day, the boy, quite naturally, refused to go anywhere near water. His mother came to Mrs. Murray and asked for help. Both for her son and for her so that if anything similar happened again at least she would be able to save him.

Mrs. Murray was able to help both of them, and from that small beginning her reputation started to grow. Soon, she was giving lessons regularly in her own pool and eventually had to keep a waiting list.

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ON THE LOOSE

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NOTHER SOURCE OF PRIDE with Carole Murray is her record with the Milton Swim Team. The town contacted her about 16 years ago and asked her to coach. She did right up until this year. They trained 122 members and worked their way up to 164 at one time. They were extremely successful in various meets over the years and had Carole Murray high on their ranks. Alicia Themsen was a member of the team until she went, at Mrs. Murray’s urging, to Hoboken and eventually California. Another former student, Amy Pawson, is likely a future Olympian, now working out of the renowned Pointe Claire pool near Montreal.

In 1988 Carole Murray’s efforts were rewarded when she received the Order of the Year award from the federal government. This year, she’ll be coaching her own son.

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