

18 children enjoy playshop program

Pre-school playshop at the Y was a successful program, according to supervisor Linda Bowen, and it is hoped it can be repeated after Christmas.

Mrs. Bowen and another supervisor Michelle Johnston take charge of 18 kids, for two hours a week. It is a time for the youngsters to meet other children and participate in play, creative arts, songs and other activities.

The Y has stressed it is not a nursery school, and the purpose is merely to supply the mother with a free afternoon while the child is involved in a meaningful pre-school program.

Children must be toilet trained and between the ages of 2 and five.

The program is sponsored jointly by the Y and the Halton Hills recreation department.



KATIE OMERA enjoys juice and jello at the Y's pre-school playshop. Seventeen other youngsters join Katie every Tuesday.

Venturers are few but have big ideas

By Jennifer Rowe
Acton's only Venturer troop is doing things this year. With only three members, the boys have participated in many activities both on their own and together with the seven Venturers in the 5th Georgetown troop.

Venturer advisor, Rick Saville feels that the organization gives the boys the chance to open doors to things they can't do on their own. It allows them to work with other boys their own age and to set up a system where they make their own decisions and rules. The boys are able to plan their own program with the help of an advisor when needed.

The Acton group have been organizing and carrying out activities that are interesting and challenging this year.

They took part in a drugs and alcohol seminar presented by Sargent McQueen from the Halton

Regional Police earlier in the year.

They also arranged a trip to Overland-Western Trucking company for an insight into the transportation industry. An all-day trip to Toronto took in both the Royal Ontario Museum and the planetarium.

Other outdoor activities include canoeing on Fairy Lake and a trip to Fort Erie to take part in the Venture camporee along with Georgetown Venturers.

The boys have nearly completed their goal of building their own meeting room in the basement of the new scout hall addition. With much time and effort the boys have been able to construct their own room where they can hold meetings and store equipment.

The Venturers are now planning fund-raising activities to make money for the purchase of archery equipment.

Guide news

By Monica Musselle
Second Acton Girl Guides last Monday, a few Brownies came and were our audience for our dress rehearsal of the history of guiding. Everything went smoothly. At 9 it was time to go home.

\$15,500 for cow

Buyers from Italy, Japan, England and Canada bid for top quality Holsteins at the Royal Canadian Holstein Sale, following the judging of Holsteins at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, Nov. 16, where 31 head grossed \$143,250, an average of \$4,620.

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M.Z. Bennett news

by Diana Dunn
Last week, on Friday, several of our grade five students worked during the noon hour with Mark Beaton, a high school student. They are helping him with a research project for one of his school subjects. The pupils have been split up into groups during the lunch hour, and each group works on a task with Mark. He is recording some of the groups on videotape.

Our house league volleyball games are off to a good start. So far this season, the Expos are winning.

On Wednesday, November 23rd, our second film night was held. The movie was called "The Great Locomotive Chase". This time we didn't make as much money as the first film night.

Our Junior Division Skating Program has begun for the year. Everybody seems to be enjoying it.

Robert Little news

By Krissy Dawkins
The float in Saturday's Santa Claus parade was considered by all at Robert Little to be a great success. Everyone from kindergarten to grade 5 helped to make the decorations for the float.

These are the representatives who rode on the float: Scott McGregor, Denise Corkum, Kelly Matthews, Donny McLean, Tammy Corkum, Donny Muro, David Leslie, Heather Ormsby, Mike Cunningham, Denise Crooks, Paul McClelan, Tammy Calvert, Steven Campbell, Gaynor Jenkinson, Joanne McGregor, Charles Hitchcock, Stephanie Vogel, Bruce Hepburn, Gary Sanwald, Emma-jane Martin, Rosemary Hynne, Ben Ubbink, Mary Beth Dowell, Brenda Grahame, Troy Winters, John McLeod, Tracey Neil, Mike Ormsby, Leann Doberthien, David Lawrence.

Janice Perrin, Veronika George and Scott Nowlan. The cage is a big cage. The colors are red, white, and green. Holly is on each corner and snow is on top. It has candy cane posts, red bars and a bricked bottom.

The gingerbread house, made by John Krul, our janitor, has snow on top and holly on each corner. It is decorated with cookies, candy kisses, taffy, gingerbread, and smarties along the sides and plain candy.

There are four Christmas trees. They are decorated with chains, bells, balls, stars, candlesticks, angels, snowflakes, birds, candy canes, stockings and tiny trees.

Handball standings
Boys: Flyers, 11; Sabres, 12; Islanders, 10; Rangers, 7; and Redwings, 4. Girls: Leafs 14; Jets, 11; Canadians, 8; and Canucks, 6.

High school news

by Janet Rowe
After the first heavy snowfall on Monday and the beginning of December in a few days, students have begun to think Christmas at Acton high.

The grade 13's are busy planning the annual Christmas assembly which takes place before Christmas holidays.

On November 22 and 24 it was parents' night at Acton high. At this time parents could speak with their son or daughter's teachers.

The movie "2001 A Space Odyssey" was enjoyed by the people who attended. Next

movie should be coming soon.

Last Friday the student council at Acton high held their second dance of the year. The disc jockey was Dick Joseph from CFTR. The music was great and turned out to be a fantastic dance.

Last Wednesday a grade nine theatre arts class went to Hamilton Place and saw a play called "Arsenic and Old Lace".

Exams start this Thursday for all students in grade 12 and 13.

Hope you didn't miss the opening of the new school last night.

St. Joseph's

by Carol Chaisson
Vera Vancilem
Our girls' volleyball team put in a lot of effort in the games they played last Thursday.

It was a close game between Holy Rosary and ourselves.

The score was 15-11 for them. Then our girls played Holy Cross. They won 15-2.

We played St. Michael's and the score 15-7 for us. Great game girls.

The boys played volleyball last Wednesday. They played St. Michael's and lost 15-7.

St. Joseph's and Holy Cross played a very good game. St. Joseph's won 15-11. Holy Rosary won 15-11. The grade fives and sixes are having a school mass tomorrow. There will also be a mass at the church on December 22 at 9.30 a.m.

Your parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend at our Christmas mass.

Report cards will be given out the last week in December.

This Wednesday the boys are playing at Holy Cross, best wishes boys.

Thursday the girls are playing at Oakville. Good luck girls.

Madame Maronese is taking the grade eights to a French restaurant. The name of it is "Le Papillon" and it is located in Hamilton.

Choir, newspaper, at McKenzie-Smith

The McKenzie-Smith choir sponsored a bake sale last Wednesday at noon. The homemade sweets and popcorn were fast-selling items. The choir was pleased with the results.

A large number of students were involved in the Santa Claus parade. Students spent time in art classes and in "cheering" practices in preparation for the parade.

McKenzie-Smith cheerleaders were chosen this week. They are: Chris Baginski, Donna Cavlovic, Andree Charlebois, Sue Civiero, Lynn McCord, Tyra McKinnon, Rhonda Parsins, Chris Rinder, Gail Robb and Shelly Winters. Some of the cheerleaders attended the field hockey game at Brookville on Thursday. It was a cold, wet day but the mud didn't really matter because we saw our girls bring home McKenzie-Smith's first

championship.

A junior cheerleader team will be chosen in a couple of weeks.

by Paul Carter
The school newspaper, the McKenzie-Smith Observer will be on sale some time before the Christmas break. The theme for this issue is Christmas, the Winter Season, and New Year.

The paper has four sections: news, sports, art, and feature articles. Our over-all editor is Tony Saxon. The news editor is Darren Gillis, sports editor is David Weaver, art editor is Jamie Dawkins, and feature articles editor is Paul Carter. Other students are involved in writing columns, stories and poems, reporting and doing artwork. Our staff advisor is Mr. Fisher.

by Chris Baginski and Carole Lovell
The McKenzie-Smith field

Free Press Youth page

Outers club activities continue

Acton high school Outers Club are busy planning winter activities. Not even the cold snow can stop this adventuresome group from continuing on with their outdoor activities.

They are planning a sunset hike for one afternoon after school. Also in the planning stages is the annual Outers winter camp in January. The Outers usually get sub-zero temperatures for this camp, however not even this can alter their plans.

Glass drives are carried out on the first Saturday of every month. The next drive will be on Saturday, December 3.

Cliff Britton, president of the club, expressed his thanks on behalf of the club to Goy Cartage Limited for the use of their trucks for transporting the glass to Dominion Glass in Brampton.

The boys' basketball team is practising under the direction of Mr. Turner.

The girls in the school begin try-outs for the M-S girls basketball team Tuesday. Coaches for this team are Mr. O'Driscoll, assisted by Mr. Roche. The school is hoping to win a few more County Championships before the year end.

The macrame club has been operating for four weeks now. The group includes both boys and girls. Many lovely pot hangers have been completed and the students are now making Christmas tree decorations and bead chokers.

Outers enjoyed back-packing trip

Acton High school Outers were happy when they arrived home to the comforts of a hot bath and a warm bed on Sunday, November 13.

Sixteen members of the club spent the Remembrance Day weekend hiking from Lions Head, near the Bruce Peninsula, to Hope Bay, a distance of 25 miles.

The group left Acton by bus, which was driven by Wally Rowley, a teacher at the high school. Arriving in

Lions Head Thursday evening, the group set up camp for the night.

They set out on Friday morning, covering about 10 miles of rocky terrain. Members carried their own pack weighing between 25 and 30 lbs.

The second day, Saturday, they covered about 12 miles through cold, wet and unpleasant weather. Many of the new members found that they suffered from blistered and tired feet.

On Sunday the group finished off the hike, covering three miles to their bus.

The damp cold weather caused the hikers' feet to become uncomfortable since the water soaked through the hiking boots.

Taking part in the hike were Paul Moore, Nick Wagner, Laurie Moreau, Patti Tufford, Karen Hinkley,

Scout, Guide Mothers presentation on trip

In appreciation for donations to aid their trip to the Canadian Jamboree 1st Acton Scouts gave a slide presentation of the Jamboree to the Scouts and Guide Mothers last Tuesday, November 22.

The nine scouts and their scoutmaster attended the pot-luck supper and did the presentation as a "thank-you" to the organization.

The Canadian Jamboree was held in Prince Edward Island from July 1 until July

9. The Acton troop was represented by Paul Carter, George Garton, Mark Dawkins, Greg Cowan, Yves Savard, David Fuller, Michael Henry, Frank Goulding, Antony Saxon and assistant scoutmaster Mark Rowe. This group of ten were part of the 17,000 scouts who attended the Jamboree.

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