



Not everyone who showed up at Guelph's Roller Alley last Tuesday to help raise funds for Acton Guides and Brownies were proficient in the sport. Moms Isabel Gallant, Maureen Crawford and Sandra Balnes depended a lot on the outside walls to hold them up. Almost \$100 was raised for the local group. The Roller Alley donated \$1 a person for every person who skated that afternoon to the organization.



Jason Crawford takes a break from roller skating at Guelph's Roller Alley last week.

Mckenzie-Smith

Departing teachers squash school conflicts speculation

Rumors of conflicts and misunderstandings at McKenzie-Smith Middle School could not be substantiated last week after this newspaper received an anonymous letter and heard tips hinting there may be problems.

The letter, from "An Interested, Concerned Parent", pointed out the school had lost eight teachers for next month's opening and suggested the leavings "should tell us all some- thing about the school and the local administration."

Investigation by this newspaper, however, revealed the eight teachers all had valid reasons for leaving.

Mckenzie-Smith principal John Simpson pointed out no-one had bothered to approach the school, the teachers or himself as to why the teachers were leaving. Had they asked him about the seemingly mass exodus from the school, he would have explained each individual case.

Shop teacher Doug Hines admitted that Acton enrolment is declining and Milton is expanding, so he jumped at the chance to teach his subject at Sam Sherratt in Milton.

He explained that with the predicted no growth in Acton, the program would eventually become only a parttime job, and he would have had to teach in two schools. He explained he did this for nine years previous and did not want to go back to that. While the Milton course is currently only part-time, it will become full time in the near future, as compared to Acton's job being part-time in a few years.

The opening in Milton was a good opportunity for him.

Gail McHugh is also transferring to Sam Sherratt as a step in career advancement. In order to better herself and open up new fields, she must have primary experience. By leaving the middle school, she will be teaching grade three.

Physical Education teacher Dave Boycott will be replacing Acton High's Rick McArthur, who will be teaching at Lester Pearson high school. The promotion was a natural one for Boycott, who assisted McArthur on many occasions.

Dave Mashinter, the music teacher, will be at M.Z. Bennett, also in an effort to gain more experience.

Of the four others who have recently left the school, Ron Turner has quit teaching and moved to British Columbia to go into business with his brother. Patty Hall has left the profession to raise a family, and Marjorie White has retired. Marian Brooks, the eighth teacher to leave was hired last October on a one year contract to teach the surplus grade eights. She was under the understanding she would be leaving in June according to Simpson. She is now teaching in Wellington County.

R. G. Stoness, superintendent of instruction for the Halton Board of Education claimed he was not aware of any problems at the Acton school. He noted the four transfers were not unreasonable in today's mobile society. In fact, he said, transfers are the policy of the board. The fact that the three teachers quit the profession and another went to another board has made the situation look worse than it really is, Stoness said.

Four day deer hunt set for North Halton

This year's deer hunt in north Halton will run four days, November 2 to 5.

The province has announced 985 hunters will be selected in a lottery draw for the hunt near the end of September. Farmers and landowners with a minimum of 50 acres are automatically eligible for a hunt permit in the zone in which they live and 75 per cent of all the permits are allocated for residents.

Shotguns and muzzle loaders are the only fire arms permitted during the hunt and dogs can't be used.

Permits attached to 1981 Ontario Resident or Farmer's Deer Licence are valid for only one zone, aren't transferable and entitle the hunter to just one deer.

Hunters must contact landowners well before the four day hunt to ensure they have permission to hunt on private land.

People who aren't farmers or landowners with 50 acres or more can obtain applications for the hunt lottery from the Ministry of National Resources office in Cambridge after September 1.



Nici Heasser tried her hand at roller skating last week, only to find she needed help from her older sister Tina once she fell.

This week thru the lens

Rolling for dollars

Photos by Helen Murray



Christine Sleep adjusts her skates at Guelph's Roller Alley.

Police seek driver or witness to accident when woman hit

Halton Regional Police are asking the driver of a car which recently hit a woman at the corner of Main and Church Streets to come forward. Police are also seeking a witness to the mishap.

On August 14 at 12.10 p.m. Betty Hemsworth, RR 2 Rockwood was on the south-east corner of Church St. waiting to cross the street, when she was struck, Constable David Hamer said.

Mrs. Hemsworth believes either the driver or the passenger of the car got out and asked her if she was hurt and she said no. The person who spoke to her was a woman. She didn't realize the extent of her injuries. Pain forced her to go to the hospital two days later and it was discovered the 65-year-old woman had suffered a broken wrist and broken foot. She reported the accident on August 16.

Mrs. Hemsworth has been able to supply no information about the vehicle which struck her.

Constable Hamer said police are appealing to the driver or a witness to come forward so "we can clear this matter up."

Inspector Matt MacPherson said police didn't release the report on this accident earlier because they were investigating the matter hoping to learn the identity of the driver.

It's not a disaster

It wasn't a disaster film but it was a bit of a disaster for the film crew when lighting equipment valued at \$5,000 was damaged in a early morning fire at Waterfalls Playground.

Police say Humungus Film Productions was filming at the Limehouse location at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday. A dock with lighting equipment was left floating in the water and police were called to the scene at 7:45 when the dock was reported burning. Careless smoking is suspected.

Leathertown tour Saturday

The first Leathertown history or walking museum tours will take place this Saturday afternoon.

The three students hired to research Acton's history this summer by the Leathertown Committee have mapped out the 31 stop tour and will conduct two or three tours in conjunction with the Leathertown Market. People interested in taking the tours are asked to sign up at the Leathertown booth at the market.

Leathertown meeting tonight

There will be a Leathertown Committee meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30 p.m. at 21 Mill St. West. All business people and interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting.

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