

Letters to the Editor

Reader wants an entertainment page to better highlight local arts activities

To the editor of The Herald
It is with despair that I am writing to protest the drastic lack of reporting by both Georgetown papers in the area of the arts. During the past year there have been several events of cultural importance to Georgetown. The performances of such widely renowned groups as the St. Michael's Choir School and the Second City Review were highlights. The most recent was Summerfest with approximately 200 to 250 local performers and artists. The guest for the evening performance was Rob McConnell and his group the "Jive Five," five of Toronto's best

jazz musicians. In all of the above cases, as well as for many other local concerts, there has been minimal or scattered newspaper coverage, although the pertinent information has been supplied. Articles, pictures and advertisements have been randomly placed so that only those who search diligently even notice them - a system not designed to inform the public and enlarge audiences. I would like to suggest an entertainment or arts section, to enable those who are interested in the performing and creative arts to see easily what is happening in those fields. There is a large sports section

in each paper I realize there is a large interest in sports. I submit there is also considerable interest in the arts which is not being served by the local newspapers. For a large community event such as Summerfest, a feature page with all the available information on one page with a large headline does not seem unreasonable. The event is news; a newspaper is supposed to provide an information service to its readers. With regard to the quite

active cultural life in Halton Hills, I believe you have failed. I am writing to this time-out worked on the Summerfest Committee over the past three months. The committee put together an excellent program. Summerfest was held at the superb facilities of the Acton High School. The turnout was abysmal. I am sure that with exciting news coverage of the preparations and the groups involved, more

people would have attended and enjoyed an exciting day. If a newspaper does not have this power - of piquing the interest of its readers, of supplying enough information to arouse their curiosity and move them - whether to a new store, a soccer game or a concert - I suggest that the necessity for its existence is very much in question.

Yours truly
Mary Lou Brock

Women's Place thanks for editorial support

To the editor of the Herald.
On behalf of the Board of Halton Women's Place I should like to express my thanks to you for printing your recent editorial "Women's Place deserves our local support." Since that editorial was published we have received a donation of \$120 from the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Xi Delta Beta Chapter, in Halton Hills.

We are optimistic that this will be the first of many from organizations and industries in the Northern part of the Region.
The Board is especially aware of the contribution made by the media in informing the public and gaining its support both by generating active volunteers for our organization and also in eliciting financial

and other donations, to establish this much needed facility for abused women and their children in Halton Region.
Thank you again for so actively publicizing our project and the need it addresses, in your newspaper.
Sincerely,
Ann Burlison
Executive Co-ordinator
Halton Women's Place



Michael Hollett
Herald editor

Highland Games modifications

I'm rapidly becoming convinced that Scots are at least a little nuts.
Blame it on this weekend's Speyside Highland Games, which I was covering for the Herald but I figure any people that call this "Farmer Marks Walk" a game have to be crazy. Imagine people voluntarily trying to carry a 200 pound weight on each hand and basically walking until they drop. Sound like fun? I call it torture. Maybe it's something in the baggies that makes them do it.

For the fourth year running contestants flocked to compete and spectators turned out in droves to watch grown men subject themselves to assorted forms of torture, all in the name of the games.

OTHER GAMES
In case you missed them, other games included grappling with a 26 pound weight and throwing it as far as possible and later, as high as possible, directly over your head. I'm convinced that the weight has landed on the head of more than one of the contestants, otherwise why else would they subject themselves to the physical agony of the games.

Then there's the infamous cabre toss. In this delightful game, contestants attempt to hoist a modified telephone pole, run with it down the field and then fling it, hopefully to see it flip end over end. Of course, you're considered an utter failure if you can't manage to make the log tumble over its end. I'd have had my hands full - literally - just trying to balance the awkward pole on the ground, forget about trying to lift it.

The other fun game the highlanders play is the one handed toss of a 35 pound stone. This game, like all the highland games is a throwback to ancient times when the highlanders spent their days worrying about attacking English rather than North Sea oil.

However, I don't think the highlanders should let tradition stand in the way of progress. I think it's time they considered introducing some modern fun events for next year's competition.

I think the "Kiladon Car Stop" would be in the spirit of the ancient games. In this event, a member of the organizing committee would drive a Ford Cortina (it's British made) directly into a quitted competitor standing in its path. The highlander able to stand or survive, after being hit at the highest speed wins.

And then there's the "Aberdeen Cabre Catch". In this event, only a slight variation of the already well-known cabre toss, competitors would attempt to catch a cabre, hurled at them by the previous year's winner, if he has healed in time. And of course, catcher's mitts would not be allowed.

Finally, I'd like to see the "Kirk O'Kincardine Cannonball Grab" added to the games. This would be both an individual and team effort. The individual competitors would stand 10 yards downwind from a cannon. A cannonball would then be shot at the gamester who would attempt to catch the ball. Additional points could be earned by his teams if teammates are successful in catching him.

Even without my innovations I found my first Highland games extremely enjoyable, even if the weather was oppressively hot and muggy.
Congratulations to all involved in the organizing this year's highly successful and entertaining games. I'll be there next year either on or off duty.

Cemetery is deplorable, reader tells Mayor

The following letter to Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy has been filed with the Herald for publication.

Dear Mayor Pomeroy:
I am writing this letter to ask if you have any idea the deplorable condition Georgetown's Greenwood Cemetery is in.

Just inside the gates, what is supposed to be a flower bed is overgrown with weeds. The roads are terrible. The road at the back was under water last week. The tap was running and I couldn't get out of the car to turn it off, if it would turn off. By the look of it I doubt if

they had opened the grave beside my mother's and father's plot. Mr. and Mrs. Win Forgrave, instead of putting the board down for the earth it was leaning against our monument - the earth on the grass.

I managed to shove the board back enough to put the wreath up against the stone, and tied it around the base thinking they would have the courtesy to not damage it. I have been up twice since, they put the sod neatly back on the new grave, while ours is plain mud all over the stone and wreath.

At one time Georgetown had a beautiful well kept cemetery. It is sad to think who ever is responsible has so little respect, they would let it get in the condition it is now.

Maybe you are not aware of this, but trust you will see it is returned to the well kept cemetery it was. After all our loved ones are buried there, I for one and am sure many more people care. I would like this letter read at your council meeting, I am sending a copy to the Georgetown Herald, My mother and father's (Mr. and Mrs. Win Forgrave) plot number is 173A Section J.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. Connely,
2220 Marine Dr., Apt. 707
Oakville

Acton Days coming

Herald special
Back to Acton Days organizers have received permission from Halton Hills Council to close Mill Street, the town's main road, for two days during their three day celebration in July, but one of the conditions attached to the closing might force a change in their plans.
Traffic will be allowed to cross Mill Street at Willow Street, where the organizers had planned to put up a wooden platform for performers. Organizing committee co-chairman Paul Nielsen said the committee would probably move the platform one block to John Street, assuming there is no problem there.

Police use John Street, south of Mill, but that section would be left open, according to Mr. Nielsen. Mill Street will be closed from Main Street to Elgin from 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30.

Council's move to keep Mill Street open at Willow was

made in the interest of fire safety. The fire hall is near Willow Street and trucks use the street to get out to fires.

The three day Back to Acton celebration is held downtown during the July 1st weekend. Prospect Park will be made available for a fireworks display Sunday. This year the display is being sponsored by local service groups as well as the fire department, so there will be no charge at the gate.

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