

# Glen celebrates Canada Day twice

Rain postponed much of Glen Williams's Saturday Canada Day celebrations until Monday, but at least the opening ceremonies were launched, though slightly dampened, on schedule.

Dignitaries at the Saturday morning festive kick-off included MPP John McDermid, MPP Julian Reed, and Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

Mayor Pomeroy left the ceremonies astride a 10-speed

bicycle, officially sending off the Georgetown Jaycees fund-raising bike trek to Ottawa. The Jaycees were trying to raise \$1,200 for a continuing education bursary.

Meanwhile, back at the ballpark, the Glen Williams Ball Association was holding its pancake breakfast and pancake eating contest.

Lisa Shishis, Jamie Lowri and Paul Glass placed first, second and third in the six to eight year old category of the

contest. Lisa Sheppard and Stephanie Poloc finished in first and second spots, respectively, in the nine to 13 year old division, while Terra Hancock and Tracey Tupio tied for third place.

Kelly Doyle won the ladies division of the flap jack eating competition and Jim Lowrie will see his name engraved on the contest's trophy for finishing on top in the men's division.

Keeping the contestants and general breakfasters fed with pancakes required the hard work of Gloria Sargent, Betty Stafford, Marie Engleby, Bev Hancock, Neil Best, Don Hancock, Doug Bryant and Fred Hammond at the grill.

Games got underway Monday afternoon following a parade. Dave Rogers and Gary Slaven teamed up to win the wheelbarrow race, followed by the duo of Brian Doherty and Jamie Franks.

Gary Slaven was again in the winner's circle for his performance in the watermelon seed spitting contest. Allison Irvine also shared the limelight in the competition.

The ladies' nail-driving contest was won by Audrey McDonald, followed in second place by Peggy Rawlings and Jillian Rawlings in third. The ladies had to drive four-inch spikes in the shortest time possible.

Paul Mastalerz' and Monica Poloc finished in top spot following the egg throwing contest. The team of Mark Bertrand and Brian Doherty finished in second place while Rod Deforest and Kent Talby pulled up in third.

In the baby bottle drinking contest, Larry Sobanski and his nurse Jacky Thorp claimed top honors. Peter and Jean Conway finished in second place.

Partners in Rhyme entertained revellers with old fashioned barbershop melodies late Monday afternoon while the crowds filled the beergarden and sampled ample food provided by such organizations as the Boy Scouts, Georgetown Little Theatre, the Optimists, the French Canadian Association and St. John's Church.

At suppertime, square dancers took to the streets for two hours of lively jigs and reels.

The Sensation Jazz Band, working out of Kitchener, but with a couple of local boys in its line-up swept the crowds to New Orleans with Dixieland music. The event was popular with kids and adults alike.

Finally, at 12:15 Tuesday morning, the events came to an end for another year as the celebrants rose to sing O Canada.

Commenting in the festivities organizer Richard Nowina said he was pleased with the ways things turned out Monday despite the two-day postponement.

"We're really happy that everyone came out on Monday," Mr. Nowina said.

Plans will soon be underway for next year's slate of events, he said, adding that the organizers will have to "sit down and analyze what went right and what went wrong."



## ALL-ROUND GUIDES

Five members of the 6th Georgetown East Guide Company received their all-round cords in a ceremony at a banquet on Monday evening at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The girls are, back row, left to right, Edie Frank, Robin Fortellow and Gillian Johnston. Front row, left to right, are Leanne Ross and Barbie Sunnucks.

(Herald photo)

# Canada Day plans delayed in Ballinafad

By WINIFRED SMITH  
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The community centre board with their committee's had prepared a well-planned schedule and arrangements made for their third Canada Day celebrations.

The day was planned for Saturday, but the weatherman had a different idea. Just about the time the activities were to get underway for the fun day, as every one knows, it rained, first a shower, then a downpour. It looked by this time as if it would be a whole day's rain.

It was decided then to postpone it until the following day. The parade started at the Community Centre at 10 a.m. Instead of noon, which was the original time set. The weather at this early hour looked somewhat unsettled and because of the fact that some had planned other events for the Sunday, the parade was not a long one.

There were members of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band, who headed the parade and a decorated open car following in which members of Halton Hills and Erin Township council were riding. An added attraction in the parade this year, were some of the Ballinafad horse lovers, who had their ponies in shape, so they could go along and be part of the celebration.

The stage was set up in the centre of Burnett's field. Dan O'Connor, as president of the hall board, welcomed those present, the introduced Jo Schneider, representing Erin council and Russell Miller from Halton Hills. Previous to that, Paul Schwarz led in the singing of O Canada. It turned out to be a great day for families. The children were enjoying themselves as there had been many activities planned for them. Games and contests were enjoyed by the adults too.

The lunch booth run by the W.I. and the U.C.W. was well patronized. The community as a whole had an active part in the success of the day, as they donated pies and tarts, one lady living in the village made and donated five dozen butter tarts, which indeed was a labor of love for Canada and Community.

Besides the lunch booth, the baseball Lassies had barbecued hot dogs for sale and the Hall board members had a popstand.

Those interested in arts and crafts enjoyed looking at the different articles created with colored glass that were on display and for sale. All in all there was something to interest everyone. For all those responsible the work

involved was appreciated and a special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, who made it all possible.

Ballinafad's Canada Day celebrations Sunday ended with plenty of weekend athletes and artisans in the winners circle.

The winning float in the fog-shrouded parade Sunday morning was the soccer float, an enormous paper mache facsimile of a soccer ball.

Kevin Burnett's dog "Whisky" was named the best looking pet, while Lori Shortill, and Tristan and Holly Sones received accolades for their bicycle decorations. Kevin Burnett was the winner of the "slow bike race".

Dan O'Connor and Gord Colton won the men's horse-shoes tournament for the third year in a row. The women's horse-shoes tournament was won by Donna Metcalfe and Bev Patullo.

In the men's open marathon, Ian Wilde placed first, followed by Brian Buckrell and Neil McKenzie in third. The women's open marathon was won by Cathy Buckrell. Karen Smith finished in second place.

The 11-17 year old marathon was won by Brent MacPherson, followed by Kevin Burnett and Lorne Buckrell. In the girls' teen division Chris Williamson and Sara Voughts finished in first and second place respectively.

In the men's over-30 marathon, Martin Lewis finished in first place with Brian Buckrell and George Root completing the race in the second and third spots.

Kathy Buckrell and Terry McCallum finished in the first and second positions of the women's over-30 marathon.

Finally, the kids' marathon was won by Tristan Sones. Martin Toogood and Brad Burnett finished a close second and third.

Chris Wilde's "seven aside" kids and parents soccer team won top honors in that division. The adults could only kick the ball with their left foot.

# Fun despite the rain at Back-to-Acton Days

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special

A little rain wasn't enough to dampen residents' spirits in Acton over the weekend and Back-to-Acton celebrations went off well in spite of the weatherman.

Organizer Terry Grubbe said all the events with the exception of the log-sawing contest, went off as scheduled.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed took part in Saturday morning's Callithumpian parade and spectators also turned out to await its arrival downtown. Mrs. Grubbe says everyone was soaked by

the end of the route but no one minded: they were having too much fun.

Friday night's opening ceremonies went well, as did the Legion beef barbecue and the Optimists' dance Saturday night.

Sunday the park was full for the lengthy list of events starting with a fishing derby and ending with fireworks, Mrs. Grubbe said.

Halton Hills councillors Grubbe, Ross Knechtel, Russ Miller and John McDonald defeated teams from Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Optimists and the Acton Free Press to win the waterball competition.

They then tackled the firemen and almost beat them, Mrs. Grubbe said.

Sunday's downpour waited until ten minutes after all the scheduled events ended in the afternoon, she said, then "the heavens opened." By the time spectators should be returning for the fireworks it had stopped raining and everyone came back.

"I knew this town had spirit," Mrs. Grubbe said, "but they were fantastic. We were the only place who didn't cancel. I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be part of this little town. They really came through for me."

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