

Volunteer Centre says thank you

To the editor of The Herald:
On behalf of everyone here at the Volunteer Centre, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your staff for your coverage of Volunteer Week.
Because volunteers play such a vital role in our community it is important to take the time to recognize them for a job well done and it is equally important to let others know where they are needed. Both aspects of volunteering were very well covered.
Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Maureen McCullum,
Volunteer Co-ordinator

Letters to the Editor

Free public swim Sunday

Submitted to The Herald for publication:
Dear swimmers:
The recreation department and the board of education would like to thank you for your patience while we have been experiencing difficulties with the heater at the Georgetown Swimming Pool.
The board has finally been able to obtain the necessary parts and the repairs have been made. Swimming lessons are back on schedule, and the temperature is again suitable for recreational swims.

The recreation department is offering a free swim at the Georgetown Swimming Pool May 2. Please join us for Family and Adult Swimming from 2 to 4 or Public Swimming from 4 to 6.
Once again thank you for your patience and cooperation and we hope to see you at the pool.
Yours truly,
Mary Coffin
West Area Supervisor
Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department

Housing crisis identified

To the editor of The Herald:
I would like to thank you for your press coverage of the housing forum which took place at the annual meeting of the North Halton Social Planning Council.
The housing crisis in north Halton was clearly identified by the panelists. We would like to make sure that the dialogue continues until we can produce some housing to fulfill the needs in north Halton.
I would like to encourage anyone with ideas or concerns in the area of housing to contact the Social Planning Council at 877-3219.
Once again I extend our appreciation to you and your staff.
Yours truly,
William Tom,
President

Bette vs. Betty

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the Halton board is unanimous in its opposition to any increase in the foreseeable future. While she believes trustees deserve more money for their time-consuming efforts, Mrs. Fisher said they all agree now is not the time for salary hikes.
The Halton board has already taken big steps toward modifying its administration, she explained, most notably hiring Thunder Bay's much-respected education director, Wally Beever, who by all accounts has renewed board support among Halton educators and holds much promise for the next few years.

The board will also be using "zero-base budgeting" for all its accounts from now on, Mrs. Fisher said. Until this year, most identified needs were accommodated by building a budget for them on top of the current inflation rate. Budgeting will henceforth start at ground zero.

Mrs. Fisher considers the closure of surplus school property one of the board's biggest political headaches. As occurred in Halton Hills in the early 1970s when the board voted to close Norval Public School (the issue which first brought protester Julian Reed to Queen's Park's attention) and as is now the case in Campbellville, the board must weigh limited community needs against ever-increasing school maintenance costs.

Halton's student population is declining, so many schoolrooms sit vacant throughout the year. The larger, centralized school is a viable answer, Mrs. Fisher said, but parents whose homes are near small, "village" schools protest vigorously when closure is considered.

The basic question confronting all educators then arises: should all taxpayers help finance the education system; or just those with children in school? It is here that Mrs. Stephenson's policies begin to differ substantially with the objectives of the Halton board of education.
To be continued.

Bang-o-rama fever builds

Georgetown's business community must have realized it was missing out on a good deal: due to several requests, we will accommodate commercial displays for the first time at the sixth annual Bang-o-rama May 24.

Even though Bang-o-rama is a one-day event, it represents the earliest opportunity of the season for a retailer to show his wares before a mass gathering. It's a great opportunity in particular for dealers in summer-related products, from barbecues to boats. Any entrepreneurs seeking space at the Bang-o-rama or more information is invited to phone Optimist John Kesteloot at 877-6133.



OPTIMIST CLUB

Georgetown

Winner of the Optimist Trip of the Month is Dan Martin of Georgetown, who's heading for Jamaica on a holiday arranged through Roos Travel. D.L. Turner won the consolation prize of \$100.

Suit of the Month winner is Tom Gibbs, also of Georgetown.

Optimist Jim Broughton reports that response to our appeal for entertainers for the Bang-o-rama Talent Showcase has been very good. If you or your group want some free exposure and a chance to entertain the crowds, call Jim at 877-0331.

Our next regular dinner meeting is April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Halton Hills Country Club. There is still time to throw your name in the hat for the 1982-83 executive, who'll be elected that night by attending members. Enter your own or that of a fellow Optimist on or before the 27 by phoning President Bruce.
This is also a good meeting to bring along prospective

members; don't wait for the NOW breakfast.

We want to thank the youngsters who took part in our recent hockey showdown and the parents who took the time to bring their kids to the arena. Over 100 children, from Tykes to Midgets, participated. Congratulations to the winners.
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