

# Ballinafad gets us into the spirit



With a souvenir from a previous Canada Day celebration in Ballinafad, two-year old Dorothy McClure was ready for action at this year's event, held Saturday at Burnett's Field east of the hamlet. There was no shortage of things to do and while rain threatened to wash out events in the morning, the weather demons which have haunted other area events for the last seven weekends failed to show up in Ballinafad.

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The village was alive with activities this past weekend.

First a young Georgetown couple, Kathy Hart and Randy Bergeran, decided they would like to exchange their marriage vows in the century-old church at Ballinafad. Saturday was also the day for the community to celebrate Canada Day.

Canada's birthday was celebrated in fine style. The participants taking part in the parade started to form shortly after 11 a.m. The weather looked a bit unsettled first thing in the morning but by noon the sun appeared from behind the clouds and the rest of the day turned out to be perfect.

Paul Schwarz was on hand to direct the line up of the parade at the Community Centre where it started from. It was headed by the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, following was the float of the Ballinafad Women's Institute.

The girls' home-making club which is sponsored by the W.I. helped decorate the float and rode along with them. It portrayed how the pioneers kept house in the old days.

The cubs were also represented with a float. This was followed by a covered wagon with children of the pioneers, riding along at the back was a young one armed in case of trouble along the way. The horses with their riders from the Milne Ranch added much to the parade.

had an abundance of food prepared. The booth was well patronized.

It was a big day for the children as they took part in a variety of races planned for them. The owners of the Milne Ranch showed a fine community spirit when they stayed on the grounds with their horses and ponies so the kiddies could have rides.

A group of young musicians from the community entertained with their band during the afternoon.

Following are the results of some of the events that took place:

Slow-Bicycle race - Paul Schwarz. Decorated Bicycle, girls - Susan Durrell, boys - Owen Lewis. A trophy was awarded to the Ballinafad W.I. for their float. The best dressed pets went to Dave Walker for his black calf and to Mark Durrell for his collie dog "Frisky".

The soccer trophy went to Ivan Bird's team. In the horseshoe pitching contest for teens, Kelly Loughlan and Jim Brown won. In the ladies contest the team of Shirley Brown and Ruth Scrammage was awarded the trophy. The men's team of Archie Lawr and Stan Douglas won the trophy.

Dave Walker's team won in the tug of war contest. The judges had a hard time picking a winner for the best one dressed in old time clothes. There were at least 12 ladies in the line-up and one gentleman, finally it was given to the senior one in the group, Winnie Smith. It was the unanimous decision of the judges and all that the lone man, Rene March should have the other prize.



"Judy" was among a number of horses and ponies providing rides for youngsters at Burnett's Field in Ballinafad as part of the community's Canada Day festivities Saturday. On board is seven-year old Trevor Lewis, led by Karen Brown.

en to the senior one in the group, Winnie Smith. It was the unanimous decision of the judges and all that the lone man, Rene March should have the other prize. If there had been a prize for the best dressed couple in pioneer clothes, I'm sure Rene and his wife Joan, would have won. The committee and all those in charge of the events are to be congratulated, without the help of many others the day would not have been such a success.

Herald photos by Chris Agaard

PLEASE NOTE: Winifred Smith's report on the 90th birthday party held Sunday for Phidela Snow will appear in Friday's Weekend Extra, as will this week's Ashgrove news. Our Limehouse and Norval reports appear today on page C3.



Scott Bleiby's marksmanship earned him a prize at the balloon-breaking game at the Ballinafad Canada Day celebrations Saturday. The idea is reasonably simple: take aim and fire a dart at one of the abundant balloons pegged to a board. One factor working against shooters was the wind which, slight as it was, played havoc with the darts and the balloons.

## Vandal pollsters liked coverage

Dear Mr. Dorsey:  
We would like to thank you for your extensive coverage of our vandalism studies. You faithfully

covered all our activities and reported them very accurately. Thankyou very much, the industrious enrichment students of

Centennial. Suzanne Parker, Chris Harris, Christian Wassermann, David Rumsey,

Greg Held, Barry Yerxa, Mike Thier, Cathy Lyons, Scott MacLean, Joel Brown, Janice Norris, Carey Parker, Jennifer

Henwood, Linda Wenham, Diane Koszicka, Pete Kovacs, Steve Cook, Julia Bellegem, Stephanie Kentner.

## Students appreciate police escort

To the editor of The Herald:  
We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Georgetown division of the Halton regional police force for the assistance offered on our bike ride to Cedarvale. Officer John Lyver accompanied us on the

ride through Norval, south on Winston Churchill Boulevard and west on Sideroad 5 to Main Street and Cedarvale, where we

enjoyed a barbecue lunch. The friendly and efficient assistance given by Officer Lyver was truly appreciated by the staff,

parents and students. We had a very enjoyable day, enjoying the excellent facilities of our own Cedarvale.

Sincerely,  
Rudy Lipp,  
Staff and Students of St. Francis of Assisi School

## Letters to the Editor

## Neighbor verifies Queen hazard

To the editor of The Herald:  
I would also like to add my comments to the letter

published in The Herald last week, "Careless GO commuters endanger street's residents".

I have lived on Queen Street for 50 years. It is not only the GO commuters that are dangerous to the residents, but other car and truck drivers going to and from their place of employment. The other morning I was a passenger in a car driving up King Street when a car passed ours at very high speed and turned up Mountain-

view Road toward the highway.

Also regarding the fact that a person could be killed on the road, I would like to inform letter writer A. Mallouk, that a child was killed on Queen and Murdock Streets in the winter of 1937-38. I remember it so vividly, as she was a playmate of mine.

My suggestion to the problem would be that the police set up speed traps along Queen and King Streets to Mountainview Road, or speed bumps like they have up at the plaza parking lot. That would really slow them down.

G. Davis,  
Queen Street,  
Georgetown

## Reporter misunderstood

To the editor of The Herald:  
With reference to last week's article on Jennifer Doyle, I would like to clarify your last paragraph. The money given to the Doyles by the Normandy Boulevard kids did not "enable" them to visit their daughter at Sick Children's Hospital. They would have visited her regardless.

The kids also asked me to point out that they raised \$150 through the generosity and support of our neighbors, \$15 of which was held out to buy Jennifer the toy they had selected at the outlet. We all love Jennifer very much and are touched by the concern shown for her by The Herald.

Yours very truly,  
Laurie Norrie,  
King Street,  
Georgetown.

## Problem was resolved before it was noticed

To the editor of The Herald:

In regards to "Worthwhile but Messy", I should like to say that on receipt of that letter, Mr. Roberts was contacted immediately and thanks extended to him for bringing this state of affairs to my attention.

Long before publication of this letter, plans had been made for each boy to spend the day of July 24 cleaning up the Bruce Trail in the sections that they travelled on the explorer's hike.

The Scouting program is very much orientated in having respect for the environment and other people's property. Only in positive criticism and response from the public

can we keep up with this ideal.

The leaders and the boys are just as concerned over this matter and wish to express that in spite of the error of a few boys, it

should not be taken as a normal occurrence for the rest of the movement.

Sincerely,  
John Sharples,  
District Commissioner

## Canada Day

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community on the other side. Too many factors oppose the notion that history repeats itself, so we can look forward to at least marginal progress once these times of crisis have passed.

It is perhaps in this spirit - one of faithful optimism - that we should observe Canada Day tomorrow (Thursday). For a nation only now cutting its apron strings, Canadians have done quite well celebrating the July 1 holiday and relegating the old Victoria Day holiday to second place.

And thanks to a small group of patriotic and fun-loving Glen Williams and Ballinafad residents plus helpers from across town, we in Halton Hills have enjoyed just the right settings for our celebrations. Two attractive hamlets send out the big annual invitations and a good time is had by all.

Canada Day is ultimately a time to have fun. We are Canadians and it's our country's birthday, so let's have fun. Hard times and bad politicians may have brought the nation to a financial standstill, but the future is still bright for all of us and our children's children.

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