

'Jens' for peanut butter, football after student exchange journey

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Four jars of peanut butter, two baseball gloves and a football. That's what exchange student Jens Hansen, 17, is taking back to Denmark.

The grade 10 student recently finished up a year's stay in Georgetown, living at the Sholdice home on Regan Crescent.

Peanut butter is in short supply back home and Jens is anxious to convert his school chums into avid baseball and football players.

The tall blonde student is also taking back a host of memories about

his trip to Canada. "It's most frustrating going back. I don't know if I'm happy to go or sad because I'm leaving," he said.

A student for one year at Georgetown District High School, Jens found a number of teaching practices different from his homeland. In Denmark, there is no such thing as a pass or fail mark, he said. There are no lockers in his school back home which is a private institution with only 400 students.

Because Jens speaks so many languages fluently (Norwegian, Swedish, English and some German) he had no

trouble with his English classes - in fact, his marks were at the top of his class.

In Denmark there are subtitles on a number of television shows and it's possible to receive radio stations from a variety of nearby countries, he said. By listening to radio and watching television it has helped him pick up so many foreign languages, he said.

One interesting observation he had about life at GDHS is that groups of youths tend to hang out together depending on what type of music they listen to.

During his stay in Canada Jens attended

both an Argo football game and a Blue Jays baseball match. His host family took him to Ottawa during the Spring Break to see the Parliament Buildings and he spent five days in New York.

With the GDHS Outers Club the exchange student camped in Algonquin Park.

"What did Jens learn? "I improved my English and learned another view of the world," he said. "One difference he noticed between the two countries is that Danish people are slower eaters than Canadians. He thinks Canadians do things at a much faster

pace. Originally Jens wanted to go to Alaska to take advantage of a superior cross country season. However the American Scandinavian Student Exchange found a place for him in Georgetown with the Sholdice family. Roger and Ruth Sholdice have two boys, Greg, 15 and Jeff, 17. They offered to billet Jens because their own

son Jeff was interested in an exchange.

Jeff is now in Sweden for the summer and he plans to visit Jens while over in Europe.

"The exchange with Jens made us see our country in a different way - by showing it off to other people. I think you realize your way isn't the only way. We've enjoyed it," Mrs. Sholdice said.

Jens Hansen, 17, from Denmark is bringing back some memorable souvenirs after spending a year in Georgetown. He's got a football to toss around with friends and about a two-month supply of peanut butter. Seen here behind Jens is Greg Sholdice, 15, a member of the host family.



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MOW-TOWN SOUNDS

In the spring, it was once every five days; now, Pat Palmer of Wildwood Road cuts his grass once every 10 days. The Glen Williams resident said his lawn is getting a little brown because of the lack of rain, Saturday.

Town explores use of 'burning' permits

A permit system which would allow you to burn refuse or leaves on your property is being investigated by the town.

As town policy now stands, open burning isn't allowed, not even in the rural areas, unless on a bona fide farm.

From a fire safety point of view, the fire department feels if open burning isn't allowed,

the chance of a potential problem is minimized.

Coun. Pam Sheldon said not allowing burning creates problems in the rural areas and wanted a permit system to monitor open burning.

"I cannot see the difference between a farmer burning and somebody on 20 or 30 acres of land, burning," the councillor said last week.

"The permit would give you more control. You can close your eyes to it, but it seems to me, if a permit's issued, the fire department knows where the fires are going to be and can give advice on how best to have fires," Coun. Sheldon said.

The fire chief said the permit could have a disclaimer in it.

Wave of the future

Computers invade libraries

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Substantial changes are in the wind for the Halton public libraries in the next five years.

"We're in for some very interesting days in the next few years," Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell told The Herald.

Lung project 'Smokeless' declares war

Herald Special
The Halton Council on Smoking and Health, at its recent meeting June 24, declared war on smoking in public places, and affirmed its aim to encourage employers in controlling smoking in the work place.

In addition, it will give active support to the Halton Region's Project Smokeless.

"Uncontrolled smoking in public places and in areas where non smokers are in the majority, is no longer acceptable," said Council chairman Carolyn Keyworth, noting that it was time for the Council to step up its campaign against secondary smoke pollution.

Future campaigns would call for the passing of non-smoking legislation in publicly frequented places such as public buildings, restaurants and bars. "We will also be suggesting to employers that unrestricted smoking in general offices should no longer be tolerated," added Ms. Keyworth.

The inter-agency council has delegated Margaret Youmans to repre-

sent it on the Halton Region "Project Smokeless" Advisory Committee, and mall and library displays in the future will reflect the Council's determination.

At a recent American Libraries Association Conference in Chicago, Mrs. Cornwell said she got a taste of what's to come for Canada.

"They're really ahead of us in the academic and very high powered city libraries," she said. "They're much further advanced in the use of electronic data bases for

information sharing." Although the public libraries in the U.S. aren't using these data bases as much as are the academic libraries, when they can swing the funding, they are.

American libraries are finding themselves facing a pressing problem between data bases operating for profit that use public information in libraries to supply their information.

"It's an interesting moral question," Mrs. Cornwell mused.

Depending on where they rally their funding, public libraries charge for access to these data bases. Some, however, don't.

With their new IBM computer supplied by the province, the town can dial up electronic data bases and get information. The computer is only being used for inter-library work now.

Lorraine Dube of Georgetown said she likes riding on trails and has been riding since she was a youngster. "Geeze, I would like it so much. It would be really fantastic. You want to ride and you want some nice trails and places to go and that would be just super. I hope it pans out," Mrs. Dube said.

Maxine Marita of Stouffville really likes the idea. "It's probably the best idea that's come across. We don't have anything of a central nature (for horseback riding) in Ontario. I don't know if there is in the rest of Canada, but it would be a first-class central theme," she said.

"I'm keen on it because I think it will be a great opportunity for the people of Ontario," Diane McPherson of Ballinacraig said. "It will be internationally known and will put Halton Hills on the map. I know we can run a viable horse park, we just need the opportunity to try," she said.

Frank Bowman of King City said he's on the committee to establish a horse park at Scotsdale Farm. "We feel a horse park is essential to teaching people that don't know anything about horses," Mr. Bowman said. He'd like to see horse shows, and lectures on horsemanship at the farm.

I think it's great", Brenda Pantling of Rockwood said. "It gets awful boring when you're going around the same fields all the time. It's nice to go somewhere new." She also noted that if you have a young horse or one that's not so well behaved, it can get tricky riding on the roads with car traffic.

Councillors support library board

Councillors have decided to leave well enough alone. Last week, they supported the current makeup of the Halton Hills Public Library Board of nine members.

According to the new Public Libraries Act of the province, councillors could have increased or decreased the size of the board and have appointed councillors up to one short of a majority, to the board.

The board will be made up of one separate school, two public school, five public and one town council appointees. There are currently two separate school and three public school appointees on the board.

"The library board functions better than satisfactory as it's set up," Coun. Mike Armstrong said. "I don't think there's a necessity to increase the numbers on the library board."

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson suggested there be two town councillors on the board. She thought it would help at budget times.

"There're so many meetings, I sometimes wonder if there shouldn't be an alternate on the board, so they could fill in if the other councillor is unavailable," Mayor Russ Miller agreed.

However, this suggestion was defeated. The library board appointee from council, Coun. Pam Sheldon said there wasn't enough work to keep two councillors busy on the board.

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