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No big rush to attend RC schools

By SANDY CAMPBELL Herald Staff
 Despite promises of extended funding, students from public schools in Halton Hills are not flocking to Catholic high schools.

Funding is expected to be extended to Catholic schools in January when the government's fiscal year begins.

This means that Grade 11 students will not have to pay tuition costs of about \$750. Extended funding has caused some alarm among those who thought many public school students would transfer to Catholic schools, said principal Larry Kelly of Guelph's Catholic high school, Bishop Macdonnell.

Some Acton and Georgetown students attend Bishop Macdonnell Secondary School in Guelph. Georgetown students wanting a Catholic high school education travel to Cardinal Leger Secondary School in Brampton.

Wayne Marchand, is the principal of Cardinal Leger High School. He hasn't noticed any increase in the number of Halton Hills residents at his school because of extended funding.

Students who grow up in the Catholic system through Grades 1 to 10 rarely leave the system, just because they have to pay tuition in Grade 11, he said. Consequently there are few students returning to the Catholic system to take advantage of a free Grade 11, Mr. Marchand said.

Between 40 and 50 Halton Hills students attend Cardinal Leger Secondary School, Mr. Marchand said. And between 60 and 70 Halton Hills students go to Bishop Macdonnell Secondary School, principal Kelly said.

Based on enrollment figures it appears Georgetown District High School's enrollment has not been affected by the extended funding. Enrollment thus far is 1,633, which is up from last year's end of September figure of 1,624. Figures will be higher at the end of September because not all students return until the end of the month.

Acton's enrollment is down this year. An estimate of 653 attending Acton District High School in September '85 was given last year, principal Karel Sury said. Last September 698 enrolled.

The 653 figure was projected before separate school funding was passed, Mr. Sury said. "Only a very few would have gone to Bishop Macdonnell," he said. Mr. Sury explained the decline was due to a lack of development in Acton.

Mr. Kelly explained that more Acton students decided to go to his school after St. Joseph's elementary separate school opened in Acton. St. Joseph's students wanting to continue in the Catholic system go to Bishop Macdonnell.

Both Catholic school principals Larry Kelly and Wayne Marchand said they were somewhat surprised at the number of Halton Hills students who continue to attend their high schools when public schools are so much closer. They admire the commitment of the students making the long bus ride.



THE COOL ONES

If you weren't quick enough with the licks, you couldn't even enjoy your ice cream Saturday. The hot weather didn't bother (left to right) Tanya Melykuty, 12, Jackie Hatcher, 13, or

Adrienne Harris, 13. The Grade 8 pupils at St. Francis of Assisi school showed themselves to be pros at eating ice cream, except Tanya who had a bit of a problem with a soggy cone.

(Herald photo)

Jury wants land issue resolved at Cataract

Herald Staff

A jury recommended that land surrounding the Cataract Falls near Belfountain be purchased by the Ministry of Natural Resources, after investigating the deaths of two Brampton men.

The jury completed their report Friday after two young men, ages 21 and 19, drowned in the Credit River in May.

About a 30 minute drive from Halton Hills, the Cataracts are a favorite spot with locals and many who live outside the region.

Any of the land not owned by the ministry should be purchased and a park be built without delay, the jury recommended.

Admitting the area is heavily used by the public, the jury suggested a number of extra fences need to be constructed on the side of the river where an old powerhouse is located.

The report said access to the old buildings near the river should be blocked by an 8 foot high fence angled at the top by barb wire.

Signs should also be posted near the powerhouse indicating that violators will be prosecuted, the jury said.

The Ministry of Natural Resources needs to erect a plaque noting the history of the abandoned powerhouse and emphasizing the deaths that have occurred at the Falls, the report noted.

Signs should be placed up and down the river near the falls indicating that no swimming or alcoholic beverages are allowed, the jury suggested.

Consideration must be given to hire a part-time person to help the park attendant, the report noted.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Lucky draw winner

A Georgetown area resident has become a Lottario second prize pool winner. Stanley Hancock of Glen Williams claimed \$19,763.50 in the Aug. 24 draw.

The draw offered 135,387 cash prizes worth a total of \$1,942,138.30, which included seven Jackpot prizes of \$54,673.90 and nine second prizes of \$19,763.50.

Lottario is Ontario's on-line number selection game. Since its inception in 1978, over \$299 million in profits have been generated, for sports, fitness, cultural and recreational activities within this province.

A's curfew extended

It looks like the Acton A's fastball team is going to get its 11 p.m. curfew extended to 11:30 p.m. for its play-offs.

Members of the town's general committee extended the curfew for Prospect Park in Acton. Council is expected to confirm that decision Monday night.

Pomeroy decides Friday

Is Peter Pomeroy going to run in the Nov. 12 municipal elections?

He hasn't said yet. He told The Herald he would be making his decision public Friday.

The regional chairman could run for the same position. In the spring, he made a bid for the Halton-Burlington provincial seat, but lost out in the Liberal wave that carried contender Don Knight to Queen's Park.

If he decides to run, this would be Mr. Pomeroy's second election in 1985.

Acton concert okay

The Acton Arena is okay for the concert planned by the minor hockey association for Sept. 15.

Recreation director Tom Shepard said Monday night that he and the fire chief had resolved their concerns about the safety of the arena with organizers.

However, Mr. Shepard is still waiting for extra insurance requested of concert organizers to come in, and a surety bond.

"The facility is okay for the concert and we've got verbal assurance that the two items we've asked for are coming," the recreation director said.

Drug abuse opening

Everybody is welcome to the grand opening of the Drug Abuse Committee Office. The ceremonial ribbon cutting takes place at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16.

The address is Suites 11 and 12, 164 Guelph St. Immediately following there will be an Open House.

There will be a Celebration Dinner in honor of the grand opening. Tickets are \$10 each. For more information call 877-0915 or 877-8960.

Perform on stage

Oct. 16 at 7 p.m., residents of Halton Hills are invited to bring their talents to the stage. Whether you sing, dance or like to act, we would like you to be part of our show.

Entry forms are available at both Georgetown (25 James St.) and Acton (40 Mill Street) Recreation Offices. Deadline for entering is Monday, September 23, 1985. Don't miss out on all of the fun and talent! For more information call 877-5185 ext. 276.

Scouting registration

The first Georgetown Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will hold registrations Sept. 16 in the St. John's United Church Hall at 7:15 p.m.

For more information phone Don Bucklin at 877-4724.

Four empty municipal seats

By ANIPEDERIAN Herald Staff

Wards 1 and 4 have no contenders declared yet for town councillor. That's four empty seats. Each ward has two council representatives.

In Ward 2, a newcomer to the local political scene, Joe Hewitt, announced his intentions to run for town council Monday.

In Ward 3, Phil Carney has declared his interest in representing the area for another three year term at council.

Another undecided town councillor is Finn Poulstrup. The Ward 3 councillor said he

is undecided, indications are the regional councillor for Ward 2 may be running for town council this November.

"I probably will run for the local (council), but I haven't confirmed it, even with myself," Mr. Kulken told The Herald.

ELECTION REPORT

Two long-time local councillors recently declared they're quitting the council chambers - Ross Knechtel, a Ward 1 councillor, and Harry Levy, a Ward 4 councillor.

expects to be making a decision Sunday. Mr. Uddin introduced the sport of arm wrestling to the hard-drinking, fast-talking truckers and shippers. He was unbeaten during his stay with the company, even though they had some real heavyweights, like a man named Joel who weighed in at 340 lbs. and was 6'7".

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An article in the Toronto Sun prompted him to try professional arm wrestling.

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As a pro you can use the whole body and can climb 'up' on the hand, he said. In addition, competitors use high-heel shoes to try and gain 'leverage' on their opponents.

In the Canadian competition, Mr. Uddin beat his first partner, but he had to start from a defensive position after being caught off guard by the professional rules.

"I dropped him, but it took almost everything out of me," he said. In the second bout Mr. Uddin went down to defeat, but it was a long match. Speed and technique are very important in arm wrestling, but Mr. Uddin also found that it was important to understand when the ref says 'go!'

Most of the competitors lift a lot of weights and eat mostly health food. Not Mr. Uddin - "Here I was watching them compete with a hot dog and Coke in my hand."

Town bullies leave Bee alone

By DAVE ROWNEY Herald Staff

Even if you're a big bully, you won't want to mess around with Bee Uddin.

The Georgetown resident recently came back from the World Arm Wrestling Championships in Detroit on Labor Day.

Although he didn't win his two bouts in the featherweight division, Bee (short for Belal) was just happy for a chance to compete.

After all, his Varian Inc. co-workers had been cheering him on and they'd put up \$200 to help pay for the trip.

"Everyone was sure I would come back with a broken arm," said the cost accountant.

Mr. Uddin earned the right to compete in Detroit after a spirited performance at the Canadian championships in Etobicoke Aug. 24.

He didn't win his final bout in the Canadian meet, but the promoters were impressed by his fierce competitiveness. They offered him a chance to wrestle the best in the world.

Since he was six years old, Mr. Uddin has been wrestling and winning against much taller and heavier opponents.

As a child in Bangladesh he remembers challenging the neighborhood bully to a match - and winning.

The rest, as they say, is history. At 18, he served as a commando during his country's war with Pakistan in 1971. After the war Mr. Uddin was sent to England for more army training, but he opted instead to take a course in accounting.

In 1981 he arrived in Calgary and landed a job as a salesman with Wholesale Warehousing Industries. A tradition around the firm was for the

staff to bring in beer to the warehouses on Friday nights to celebrate the end of the week.

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Bee Uddin, 30, is considering another try at the Canadian featherweight (under 145 pounds) championships, but next time he wants to do more training, he said. In the meantime, he and his wife Ana will be waiting for the arrival of their first child, due in November.

(Herald photo)



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