

Letter was false: editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald printed a letter last week which incorrectly outlined the Georgetown Memorial Hospital's emergency department admittance procedure. Both doors leading to the emergency department are open 24 hours per day.

The letter mentioned there is a bell which is inconspicuous and unlit outside the building. This is untrue. No bell is required for admittance.

The emergency room doors are always open and patients wishing to get in may go to the emergency ward at any time.

Jim Kenzie remarkable guy

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

I am not a subscriber to your newspaper, but your article about Jim Kenzie has been brought to my attention by one of my friends who lives in your market area.

I taught with Jim at Ryerson during his 9 year stint. Jim was a remarkable teacher. He had the ability to stimulate his students into really digging into his subject. I had the pleasure of teaching follow up courses and was always impressed with the enthusiasm and knowledge of the students that he had taught. His move to the literary theatre was our loss.

I still remember how he used to change some of my examples of inventory control in a winery to examples from the automotive parts industry. I had the pleasure of co-authoring a text on programming with Jim that turned out to be a modest success.

I am writing to you to suggest that his 9 year stint teaching at Ryerson was a period in which Jim made a bigger contribution than even he realizes.

Sincerely,
Peter Williams

Teenager cared for young son

Dear Sir,

All too often we hear of all the things wrong with teenagers today. An incident which happened today to my son demonstrates, that most of our young people are responsible and caring.

My son who is 12, was riding his bike at the Fairgrounds when he had an accident, and landed on his back knocking the wind out of him. As he lay on the ground recovering, a young lady approached him and helped him to his feet. He was still not feeling well, the young woman then offered to help him get home and walked Chris and his bike across the park to our home by the hospital.

Chris didn't tell her name but we hope she sees this letter and knows that we appreciate what she did for him.

Yours truly,
Doug Penrice

Family Fiesta successful day

Dear Sir,

Sat., May 23, the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held their third annual Family Fiesta in the recreation room and the cafe.

The day started at 9:30 a.m. with a good number of people in attendance. The bake table, convened by Fran Allen and the nurses was a huge success. Baking was donated by nurses, doctors' wives, hospital staff, plus Auxiliary members.

Ward A—a raffle—good girls. Fry-to-sold tickets on a number of articles, again very successful. Crafts were well patronized. Plant market convened by the Hair Salon ladies always proves a very popular corner and colorful. New and nearly new (White Elephant) had great bargains for everyone. Book stall had lots of books to choose from. The bottle stall was fun, fun, fun.

For the penny sale, gifts were donated by local businesses, doctors' wives and Auxiliary members. The cafe was a busy place. The food was delicious, made again by Auxiliary members.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, I would like to thank each and everyone for their support and co-operation in making this another outstanding day in the life of our hospital and Auxiliary. Also thanks to all who attended. God bless.

Vi Haines
Fund-raising chairman
Hospital Auxiliary

Citizens' forum

Reader defends hospital board

Dear Sir:

I would like to commend Dave Rowney for his editorial in this past week's issue of the Herald regarding the hospital program. He has shown his insight into this very important matter, and recognises the procedures that must be followed.

This issue, from the start has been surrounded by inaccuracies and speculation and I would like to clarify some of these.

1. Directors are elected by the shareholders to be responsible for decisions in the best interests of the corporation they represent. Since its inception that public has had the right to participate for a nominal fee. Where have you been?
2. Clearly, Directors must not place themselves at risk by speaking on this matter. They are following the legal process. If there is fault with the process, get involved and change it by writing to your M.P.P. and the ministry involved.
3. Any board of directors operates with a quorum as outlined in their by-laws. This is no different from council.
4. Corporations have long had closed meetings. This is not unusual, but the norm. We give millions of dollars through taxation to fund corporations (provincially and federally) but never hear or receive copies of their financial reports or minutes of directors meetings.
5. The ministry has enough confidence in the local hospital to allocate funding for the chronic care ward. It was the foresight and dedication of many of these same board members who ensured we would have the floor space available.
6. If the board were doing anything illegal they would quickly be shut down by the ministry.
7. The Bennett Health Care Centre is a privately funded institution and not part of the hospital. It can use your donations.
8. Hospital annual reports are published as are the dates of the annual meeting.
9. It is a credit to the board that the hospital is not operating at a large deficit as other hospitals are.
10. No delegations have ever been refused by the board.
11. Volunteers had nothing to gain in making a decision like this - except community outrage. Decisions are based on facts and not innuendos or emotions.
12. This community has long been a community full of willing volunteers who make and stick with their commitments to make this a better community to live in. As volunteers, these board members spend several hours weekly on hospital business as they serve on the various sub-committees.
13. In the past year it has not been unusual for some members of this board to spend in excess of 20 hours per week on hospital business. That takes commitment and dedication.
14. The business of running the hospital is not based upon one issue but on many. If you get involved you will find out this job is not as easy as it looks.
15. The present Board of Directors is made up of capable people from all walks of life. They are not left wing radicals. They are not one issue people. They are concerned, thoughtful citizens trying to do a job for our community.
16. This board has proven they can make decisions.

I encourage you to wait until all the facts come out before judging so critically this volunteer board.

Plan to attend the annual meeting and listen to this board's accomplishments over the past year. You may be surprised.

Yours truly
D.M. Clark

In the dark about Dr. Ford

Dear Sir,

In April of 1987, Dr. J. A. Ford, gynaecologist/obstetrician was revoked of all his privileges at Georgetown and District Memorial

Hospital. To this date, we as taxpayers are in the dark as to why?

Are we, as well as Dr. Ford, not entitled to some answers? In our opinion Dr. Ford is not only a competent man but shows the utmost concern for the well being of his patients.

There are all kinds of rumors you hear about our hospital and some of its staff. However, we have never heard anything but praise for Dr. Ford.

Until the birth of our first child, we were extremely hesitant about going to Georgetown hospital for anything, more than a "hang nail". Now after we have seen the manner in which this matter is being handled, it strengthens our already dim view of the administration at our hospital.

We are now expecting our second child and would like to see some immediate action on behalf of Dr. Ford, so he can clear his "tarnished" name and get on with his life and do what he does best!

He brings joy and happiness to the homes and lives of everyone he comes in contact with.

Yours sincerely,
Rick and Lu-Ann Near,
Acton

Host families still missing

Dear Sir:

Interculture Canada's representatives in Ontario are still actively looking for families willing to host young students from abroad. Despite the volunteers' tremendous efforts, 23 host families are still missing.

As part of its international hosting programme, Interculture Canada is offering families and couples the opportunity to host a foreign participant for the 1987-88 school year. The host families will be able to choose among 168 students coming from 35 different countries.

The students, aged between 15 and 18, are carefully selected for their ability to adapt, their open-mindedness, and their self-confidence. They all show a keen interest in knowing a different country, and are eager to share the everyday life of a family in Ontario.

All Interculture Canada asks is that the family consider the teenager as one of its own and help him in his new experience. "It is so refreshing to host a youth from another country. Our everyday life is changed. He wonders at things which we actually take for granted," says a host father.

Every year, many families in Ontario welcome an international student. They can be two-parent families with children, young or older couples, single parents, etc. The hosting programme applies to families from all walks of life.

In addition to preparing the families for the hosting experience, Interculture Canada will introduce them to the volunteers. The latter give support to the participant and the host family in every community.

For more information, families should call toll free 1-800-361-7248. Interculture Canada, a non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation, is a member of AFS International Programmes, the world's largest intercultural exchange network.

Harry Qualman
National Director

WRITE US A LETTER

What do you think about what is happening in Halton Hills...across the nation and around the world? We are interested in your opinion. All letters must be signed and include an address. Your phone number should be listed in order for us to verify the signature. Please keep your letter brief and to the point. The maximum length is 400 words.

Send your letters to: The Herald, 45 Garph Street, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

Water drop still mystery

It's still a mystery why an Acton resident's pond and wells went down between 1982 and 1984.

Gail Maltby says someone had to be using a large quantity of water to affect her 120-acre farm so severely.

Not only did the wells go down, so did the creeks and springs and even the fields on the property.

There's no one else in the area who could possibly be drawing heavily on the aquifer in the area, other than Halton Region, Mrs. Maltby says. An aquifer is an underground river of water.

The Region's Davidson wells and the Fourth Line well are in the area. They are the main water supplies for Acton. The Fourth Line well was drilled in 1956 and put into operation in the early 1970s. The Davidson wells were drilled in 1957 and put into operation in 1958 and 1960.

However, a Regional study undertaken following Mrs. Maltby's complaints concludes these wells aren't responsible for the water level drops at the Maltby pond or wells.

The study was done by International Water Consultants Ltd. and completed last summer.

Regional staff, the consulting firm, and Mrs. Maltby have been left with the mystery. Today, the Acton resident's water levels are back to normal.

"Last year, I didn't experience any significant problem whatsoever," Mrs. Maltby told the Region's planning and public works committee last week. "But, if the water levels are going to continue bouncing around, it does cause me great concern."

Committee members invited her to submit her losses over the three years concerned to the Regional treasurer for reimbursement. Halton's insurance will cover the claim.

"We have gone to the extent and expense of doing all this testing and the professionals say interference can't be proven. The only resolution is for her to file an insurance claim," Burlington Coun. Joan Little said.

The consulting firm undertook two drawdown tests, a seven-hour test in May 1985, and a 72-hour test in August 1986.

"All I know is, I know that farm. It was my father, and my grandfather's farm. We've had dry summers previously, but it was always a wet farm," Mrs. Maltby said.

A neighbor downstream from the farm removed about 10 acres of trees from his property. A University of Guelph professor told Mrs. Maltby that would not affect her property to the extent experienced.

At its May 21 meeting, the Chamber also discussed donating additional funds if the annual Chamber golf tournament earns more than \$500.



The best, highest, largest and smallest kites were picked out of 30 home made kites last week. Unraveling and rewinding the string for their sailboard kite were Park Public School pupils (left to right) Kale Carney, 9, Meg Whitton, 8, and Tina Quail, 8. They are Grade 3 students. (Herald photo)

Dry summer could mean Acton water restriction

If it's a dry summer, residents in Acton may be facing water restrictions.

Last week, Halton Region's planning and public works committee gave approval for the water restrictions, should demand exceed supply.

Halton Hills Coun. Rick Bonnette noted that over the past 14 years, the town has never had water restrictions implemented.

Public Works Director Bob Moore said the restrictions are approved by Halton council as a safety valve, just in case they are needed.

As in past years, should there be a water shortfall, lawn watering will be restricted to homes with odd and even numbers on alternate dates. If that's not enough, then a total restriction on lawn watering would be imposed, then, car washing and air conditioning cooling prohibited.

Acton residents will be getting a notice on these prohibitions in their June utility bill, advising restraint in the use of water.

These steps will be taken by the public works director in consultation with the Mayor of Halton Hills and or the Regional chairman.

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