

Scottish Games

# 10,000 expected at Highland fling

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Break out the haggis and snap on your kilt for the Georgetown Highland Games Saturday June 13. Officials are expecting crowds of more than 10,000 people to celebrate the games, which include dancing, hand competitions and special athletic events.

This year, Chieftain John McDermid will lead the opening ceremonies beginning at 12:15 p.m. Master of Ceremonies Henry Shannon of CFRB Radio and Assistant MC Jack Carpenter, local broadcaster, will direct competitions in dance, pipe band and drumming for Carling O'Keefe Awards.

The fun starts Friday evening with a free party in the tent at the fairgrounds, with music by Nicol Brown's band.

Throughout Saturday, over 400 dancers will compete in the highland dance competition before a panel of three judges. One of the judges is coming from Washington D.C.

Other events include a tug of war, caber tossing heavy weight events and athletic events. Parking in the fairgrounds is \$3 on the day of the games and limited camping spaces will also be available. The cost is \$10 per trailer for the weekend or \$6 per trailer for Saturday only.

Heavy events test the skill and strength of competitors. There are three throwing events "Putting the Stone", 35 pounds and "Throwing the 28 pounds and 56 pound weights." Each thrower has three chances and the throws are measured by distance. "Fossing the 56 pound weight" is a throwing event measured by height. The weight is

thrown over a bar and each competitor is given three throws.

"Tossing the caber," perhaps the most famous of Scottish events, involves lifting a 22 foot, 250 pound caber and throwing it into an imaginary clock face. The athlete represents the middle of the clock and the fallen abar represents the hour hand. The winner is the athlete closest to 12 o'clock.

This year's Games will also include "The farmer's walk," not a

Highland event, although it is a difficult and skill-testing contest.

Athletes carry a weight in each hand totally 402 pounds. Whoever can walk the farthest distance in a single walk wins.

The Rotary Club is sponsoring a bingo game at 2 p.m. Saturday, a new event for the Highland Games. Also snacks and gifts at Scottish excursions will be available throughout the day.

Plenty of pipes and drums will feature at this weekend's Highland Games at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The games will also highlight Scottish contests of skill and agility including caber tossing, weight throwing and Highland dancing. (Herald file photo)



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## Job boom for pupils

Thanks to a booming economy in Ontario, summer jobs haven't been so plentiful for a long while.

In Halton Hills, job vacancies and registrations are both up compared to statistics from last year, reports the Canada Employment Centre for Students.

The placement success at the Centre has improved by 12 per cent and compared to this time last year there are 53.6 more jobs for students.

The bottom line is that the labor market is good and there are lots of jobs for students say placement officers Teri Lamb and Bev Eccles.

In contrast, only 5 per cent more student registrations have been received by the summer employment centre.

However, the placement officers are happy that more students are using the Centre. Using the same facilities as last year makes it easier for students to locate the building. Publicity from newspaper articles and word of mouth has been good, Ms. Lamb and Ms. Eccles say.

The duo have also gone to both Acton and Georgetown high schools with information about jobs available. Students had to be registered with the Centre to qualify for the employment opportunities available.

Information sessions at the high schools were less successful with students than the "job fair" where teens could actually apply for employment.

Only three pupils attended the Acton employment seminar and in Georgetown there was no response.

The Canada Employment Centre for Students is sending out flyers with student report cards to remind students and parents about its service.

Now is the time for high school students to start applying for jobs, the placement officers say. Some employers are willing to train a high school student part-time until they finish school.

Casual job often turn into full-time positions and employees are paid right away, the officers stress. Meanwhile, the university student flow in the student employment centre is "almost negligible" the officers say. Many university students have already found work.

Although the placement officers have done no employer visits to encourage the hiring of students, job offers are still flowing in from firms. It's too busy for the employment centre staff to leave the office during the peak season but they may canvass firms at a later date.

Some hints for high school students searching for jobs are:

- look on your own besides using the employment centre
- some jobs aren't advertised so ask friends and relatives for leads
- be persistent and be positive about your chances.



White as snow

The Halton Hills School of Dancing was busy rehearsing for their presentation of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on Sunday. Snow White will premier June 13 at 7:30 p.m. and finish on June 14 at 2 p.m.

Both performers will be held at the John Elliott Theatre. Seen here at the wedding scene is groom Dean John Bevans and bride Laura Groskorth. (Herald photo)

## Town paying \$22,000 to help Acton store

The town will be paying \$22,000 or half the cost of putting in a new storm sewer pipe to accommodate expansion of the Acton IGA store.

Council agreed with the recommendation of the town's development review committee to contribute half the cost of the reconstruction work. The existing 10 inch sewer line on Mill Street is to be replaced with an 18 inch one.

The pipe now in the ground is quite old and would need to be repaired soon anyway, administrator-clerk Joe Simon said. Acknowledging this was setting a council precedent, to fund such works for the commercial sector, he said the town also will be deriving benefit from a larger storm sewer pipe.

The original recommendation from the town engineer was that there be town funding of \$7,300 towards this project. The development review committee chaired by Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, didn't think that was enough of a contribution. Neither did Dave and Mike Manes of the IGA.

Coun. Gerald Rennie noted the town can apply for a government grant to cover its share of expenses. Otherwise, the reconstruction funds will come from any monies left over in the town coffers at the end of the year, or in the 1988 budget.

## Region off the hook for pothole accident

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A Campbellville woman suing the Region of Halton for poor road conditions had her case dismissed last Wednesday.

Judge H.W. King told the court Judith van der Veen failed to prove the Region was negligent in caring for its roads despite damages to her car. She ran over a pothole on Guelph Line last November.

"It was a pothole I was expecting," Mrs. van der Veen told the Herald. "I felt the car was extremely symptomatic to the cause, but I couldn't prove negligence."

Mrs. van der Veen had a six inch deep, 2 1/2 foot wide pothole in her way to work at about 10:30 a.m. on the front left wheel of her 1984 Buick was damaged and repairs cost her \$142.52. She

told the court that at least five other cars hit the same pothole that morning and waited for police to arrive. Another 12 drivers changed their tires without waiting for officials, she said.

Mrs. van der Veen based her case on the police report, her insurance claim, the bill from the repair shop and several photographs of the section of road on Guelph Line, north of 401, taken on June 1. The photographs showed nine potholes that had been patched indicating, Mrs. van der Veen said, that an underground waterway must run beneath the road.

Mrs. van der Veen also produced a Ministry of Transport report from 1981 which identified sections of Guelph Line as being below adequate road standards.

Defence counsel John Cox produced job assignment sheets showing regional sign crews patrolling for the week of November 25 and for certain days during the week later and after sign crews are responsible for replacing damaged or lost road signs. He also produced financial reports showing the Region spent just over \$140,000 on road

maintenance last year.

"At first glance, it appears those figures are low based on other municipalities the court is aware of," Judge King said. He added, however, that Halton's road system, which totals 250 kilometres, may be smaller than other municipalities, but he had no way of knowing justly.

Just because sign crews travelled the road on November 26 (the day before the accident) does not mean they were working on the road, the judge said. "I don't very much whether those drivers were looking for potholes."

The judge sided with the Region, however, because he said he was satisfied roads are an on-going concern for the municipality based on the evidence produced.

"If the plaintiff could have proved the pothole was there even 24 hours before she hit it, I would have favored her," he said.

Mr. Cox said later he was pleased with the decision and felt the case was handled in a civil manner by both sides. ("Mrs. van der Veen had a point to make and so did we," Mr. Cox said.)

## Rec. dept. educates public

The town's recreation and parks department has published its first annual report, and so far it's being well received.

The 66-page booklet contains information on town facilities, recreation services, parks and cemeteries as well as a 1986 financial review.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said the project was begun last year, but turned out to be too time consuming to complete in time. It was put on the shelf and picked up again this year.

There have been 100 copies of the annual report printed up, at a cost of \$400, Mr. Shepard said. Because the project was done in-house, there were no other costs, he said.

All the department staff worked on the report.

"A lot of it was done on their own time. We just didn't have time during the day," Mr. Shepard said.

Putting out an annual report next year shouldn't be as difficult, he anticipated. The current one is on the word processor, so that will help.

"Hopefully it gives people a better understanding about the kind of things we're involved in," the recreation director said.

"We feel good we got it out. It's like finally finishing a paper for school," Mr. Shepard said.

The recreation department is the only town department to put out an annual report.

"We didn't do it to embarrass anybody else to do one," Mr. Shepard said. "Or to look for an accolade from council or anybody else."

## Anti-drinking theme aim of student group

Students at Georgetown District High School are organizing in an attempt to halt the alarming number of injuries caused by drunk drivers.

SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) is a program organized by GDHS students in the wake of a May 30 accident which left 17-year-old Philip Hughes dead and 16-year-old Greg Little in critical condition in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Drivers of both cars involved in the accident have been charged with impaired driving causing death.

About 15 students have so far joined the organization which, according to spokesperson Theresa Gale, has received the blessing of GDHS student council member Mike Sherlock.

The group's activities will key on urging students to sign a "Contract For Life" with their parents, Theresa said.

The contract, signed by the son or daughter and their parents, asks teenagers to call their parents if they or their driver have had too much to drink. Parents agree to pick up their son or daughter "hassle free" with a discussion at a later date.

SADD members hope to go into local schools and talk to students about drinking and driving. "We will give them the contract for life and see what they say about it. I think most parents would be happy to pick up their kid and talk about it later," Theresa said.

The students also intend to send out flyers to every household in Georgetown warning about the perils of drinking and driving, she said.

To send flyers to all 6,642 homes in the Georgetown area SADD will incur a cost of \$504.79, Theresa said. So they are seeking donations from the community.

Also in the plans is a trust fund for the SADD group. Organizers are currently consulting a lawyer to see if they can be listed as a non-profit group eligible for charity status.

SADD members also hope to put posters up around Georgetown High School and they intend to approach the local beer and liquor stores about putting up notices warning against drinking and driving.

Sadd plans to hold their first official meeting tomorrow to elect an executive and set the program's wheels in motion.

SADD is a national organization which began in the United States. The local chapter intends to affiliate itself with the national organization so the students have a format to follow, said local SADD member Rob Reid.



CAMPAIGN BEGINS — Students at Georgetown District High School have organized SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) in the wake of a recent death of a Georgetown teenager on May 30. Impaired driving charges were laid in the incident. The students hope to get parents and their kids to sign a Contract For Life. Holding a copy of the Contract are Susan Mulligan and Theresa Gale. In back are Shane Watson and Cathy Neill. (Herald photo)

## Firms can't be choosy

Students used to scrounging for summer work are experiencing a new phenomenon: lots of jobs.

Job listings for 1987 are breaking all records so far into the summer, according to the Halton Hills Canada Employment Centre for Students. In May of 1978 there were 66 job orders placed by firms compared to 93 for the same time this year.

The placement centre for students is off to a great start, according to officers Teri Lamb and Bev Eccles. Most university students have already found work, but high school pupils are often being hired on a first come, first served basis, the officers say.

"It's mainly a time element — employers are willing to compromise and they're not used to having so few students to choose from," says Bev Eccles.

Any office job is being picked up immediately, such as secretarial positions or work involving personal computers. "Anything high-paying goes fast," added Ms. Lamb.

"Wages are also higher than last year," because of the competitiveness, she said.

Companies may have to pay more to find the right people, but some

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## YES gathering

The North Halton Youth Employment Service (YES) will hold its Third Annual Open House on Thursday, June 25.

This event is slated for 3 to 5 p.m. at the Acton YMCA.

## Serious condition

Greg Little, the Georgetown teenager injured in a May 30 crash that left one person dead, is now listed in serious condition in Sunnybrook Hospital's neurological intensive care unit.

Little was critically injured in the two-car collision that killed 17-year-old Philip Hughes of Georgetown.

The crash occurred early May 30 at the Sixth Line and Highway 7.

## Minor injuries

A Georgetown woman received minor injuries in an accident on the Eighth Line near Sideroad 15 shortly before noon May 31. Mary Bard, 22, of Georgetown was treated and released at

## In the hills

Georgetown District Memorial Hospital after her 1985 Buick struck a farm vehicle towing packers. Police say the Buick came over the crest of a hill and the driver applied the brakes after seeing the slow moving farm vehicle. The brakes locked and the car skidded sideways striking the packers on the rear. The car then bounced into a ditch on the left side of the road. Damage to the Buick was \$3,500 while the packers received \$2,000 damage.

## Farm festival

Couns. Pam Sheldon, Peter Norton and Joe Hewitt are to attend the Halton Farm Festival July 19 as the guests of the Halton Region Federation of Agriculture.

The Festival is to take place at the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton. Organized by Halton's farm organizations, it will begin with a barbecue lunch

## Safety week

Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week is set for June 14-20.

The Region of Halton and Halton Hills Town Council have officially declared the safety week which was initiated by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers.

## Housing appeal

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is appealing to town council for publicity for its \$6 million residential rehabilitation program.

The CMHC has made the money available to Toronto, Halton (excluding Burlington), Peel and York Regions for 1987.

But demand for the service has not reached projected figures and the CMHC wants council to help publicize the program locally.

The CMHC program will loan up to \$25,000 for repairs made by homeowners.