

Outlook on Lifestyle



Against the odds

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Winterlude takes place in the National Capital Region from Feb. 5 to 14, 1988 and a list of events are planned.

The needs of seniors and the physically challenged have been addressed in terms of available equipment and assistance. The Host and Hostess Service is co-ordinated by the Capital Commission and designed to provide assistance to all visitors with special needs. They will act as escorts for senior adults and the visually or mobility impaired at Winterlude. As an example, one might book a guide to escort them through Ice Dream on Dows Lake or the Crystal Garden in Confederation Park.

Their guide book can help you plan your own itinerary to make the most of both indoor and outdoor activities. The listed itineraries include weekend and weekday events that are directly related to the festival or throughout the National Capital Region.

The following equipment, specially adapted to the disabled is provided through the Host and Hostess Service: sledge, push bars (for Ice Dream) mobile units and cassettes or tape recorders (for the visually impaired), boot grippers, wheelchairs, wool and electric blankets, adventurers, as well as kickstands.

To book the service, adaptive equipment or make further enquiries call (613) 239-5120/5035.

While we are on the topic of recreational opportunities, it is good news to know that Halton now has a horse back riding program for the disabled.

After three years of organization and promotion the Thomas Remedial Equestrian Centre has found a home on a hundred acre farm near Mohawk Raceway. The founder and driving force behind the program is Mavis Nicholson, a Georgetown resident who conceived of the idea as a result of her involvement with CARD.

At present, six people are taking the weekly lessons and another fifty are on the waiting list. There are plans to expand the program and any assistance in this endeavor would be welcome (e.g. financial, volunteer support, etc.). Since its opening in September, participants have derived enjoyment, self-satisfaction and, most importantly, therapeutic benefits to all ages.

Mavis Nicholson and Tom Sutherland, Chairman of the board of directors for TREC are my guests on Halton Cable 4 "Against The Odds". Air time is Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m.

If you wish to register for the program, volunteer or make a donation call 854-0880.

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NORVAL-In last week's account of Wayne Laidlaw and Debbie Newman's forthcoming marriage, we omitted the name of Cheryl Thompson who hosted a shower for Debbie.

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W.I. concerned with garbage issue

By KAY WILSON
Herald Special

NORVAL-The Brampton West Women's Institute held its Jan. 12 meeting at the home of Dorothy Ostrander at 1 p.m. Margaret McClure, Charlotte McClure and Alma Doane assisted the hostess. President Isobel McKay opened with a message for the new year. Secretary Isobel Fraser read the minutes and correspondence.

The provincial board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is asking program coordinators or public relations officers to meet May 13-15 at Kingston. The theme is educate and initiate.

The roll call "how I reduce the amount of garbage from my home," revealed that members are aware of the need to recycle and reduce the amount of garbage.

Alma Doane, a branch member who has followed very closely the Peel Region landfill site search, told members of the many important decisions that have to be made to prevent future problems.

Recently, a toxic dumping station, the second permanent one in Ontario, has been made available on weekends at the Britannia Road location where there are containers for specific toxic materials.

Members were reminded of the Peel South District March 1 Hare euchre.

The layette articles are to be

ready for the March meeting. A contest to recognize members' baby pictures was won by Janette Struiksma. Alma Doane was scout for the meeting and Florence Hutton gave the courtesies.

Feb. 9 the members will meet at the Dominion Seed House in Georgetown at 10:45 a.m. for a tour. Husbands and friends are invited.

NORVAL-Pinegrove Community Club met at the home of Spencer and Kay Wilson Jan. 11. President Gertrude McGee chaired the meeting and welcomed the 19 members and Prairie Bessey read the minutes.

Kay Wilson introduced Fred and Gisela Malchin of RRI Norval, who showed slides and gave a commentary on a trip they had to Spain last April when the temperature was well over 20 C. They visited with their daughter Janette, who was studying Spanish for a year.

The slides showed the cities and towns with very narrow streets, just room for a small car or motor bike to get through. The streets looked as if they were swept every day; no litter, or garbage on the ground, but Spain doesn't have to contend with junk food containers, either.

Every window had window boxes, no matter how high. There were flowering plants and a long pole with a rope to pull was used to water the floral arrangements. Their type of farming is very primitive, with

donkeys or horse power and there is high unemployment.

Plantations of olive groves can be seen in the valleys and on the mountain side, as well as an abundance of citrus fruits, which are grown in abundance. Gypsies make their rounds still, and camp in caves around the mountains.

(Gypsies used to frequent the area of Norval some 60 years ago too, and

used to set up camp for the night with their wagon teams of horses, on the jog at the Fifth Sideroad, west of Winston Churchill and near a spring creek.)

Gertrude McGee thanked the Malchins and presented them with a plant. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Jean Harrop. Irene Hunter thanked all involved with the evening.

Forthcoming Scout events

By JEAN LAYMAN
Herald Special

The north Halton district council of Scouts Canada met last Wednesday evening at the Optimist Hall in Georgetown with president Ric Golding chairing the meeting.

Many of the forthcoming events were discussed at the meeting:

- Craft workshop for first year Cubs at St. John's United Church Hall Jan. 23.

- Winter camp for Scouts Jan. 23-24.

- Provincial ski jamboree Feb. 5-7 at C.F.B. Borden.

- Kub Kar Rally Feb. 20 at Knox Presbyterian Church Hall.

SCOUT CHURCH PARADES

- 1st Georgetown Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church.

- 1st Hornby Feb. 21 at 11:15 at Hillcrest United Church.

- 2nd Georgetown Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at St. George's Anglican Church.

- 1st Glen Williams Feb. 28 at 10

a.m. at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

- 4th Georgetown Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's United Church.

These services are in observance of Scout-Gulde week in Canada.

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