

## Ukrainian hoopla



## Sparks are flying in Halton

If you haven't heard already, the Sparks are really flying as the Girl Guide movement has advanced into a new era.

The newest branch of the Girl Guides of Canada is Sparks, designed as a one-year program for girls who are five years old.

Girls are being encouraged to join the group as soon after their fifth birthday as possible, as a prelude to joining Brownies once

they reach the age of six.

At present, up to 10 girls and two leaders gather on a regular basis for weekly one-hour meetings.

The forming of Sparks units now allows Brownies' little sisters to become members of the Girl Guides of Canada.

One unit is already in full operation in Acton and another has started in Milton.

Guiding also offers programs for girls from age six to 18. Brownies

takes in girls aged six to nine, Guides is for girls nine to 12, Pathfinders is for 12 to 15-year-olds, and the senior branch, comprised of Rangers, Cadets, and Junior Leaders, is for young ladies between 15 and 17.

Halton Division, which includes Halton Hills and Milton, currently has 1,363 girls and guiders involved.

For more information on Guiding in Georgetown or Acton, call Crys Doupage (Georgetown West Commissioner) at 877-9664; Helen Rehberg (Georgetown East Deputy-Commissioner) at 877-8440; Wendy Van Vliet (Acton Commissioner) at 856-4217; or Ann Totten (Credit Valley Commissioner) at 877-6038.

## Big Brothers host brunch

Big Brothers of Halton will be hosting its annual Recognition and Recruitment Brunch for all Big Brothers on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Deerfield Golf Club, 2363 North Service Road, Oakville.

During the luncheon, a special thankyou will go out to all Big Brothers who have offered the unique gift of friendship and guidance to father-absent boys. Merit will also be given to all those gentlemen who have worked as Big Brothers for five years. As well, special appreciation will be paid to Ron Johnston for his 10 years of participation and Paul Channen for his 20 years of involvement with Big Brothers.

The cost is free to all Big

Brothers and everyone is encouraged to bring along a friend who he feels may have an interest in becoming a Big Brother.

For further information concerning The Brunch or on becoming a member of the team contact Big Brothers of Halton at 847-7267, 9 - 5 p.m.

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The entertainment was spirited Saturday as the Georgetown Lions Club held their Ukrainian Night at the Lions Club Hall. Along with Ukrainian food, the crowd was treated to dancing by the Vatra Ukrainian Dance Ensemble of Brampton, which

has members from Mississauga, Toronto, Georgetown, and Brampton. It was a full night of entertainment as the dancers displayed their gymnastic abilities in the Ukrainian folk dances. (Herald photos)



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