

# Open Door programs to be modified to enhance interaction

The Open Door's programs, Young Mother's Program and the Teen Drop-in Centre, will be modified starting in October to enhance interaction among the participants in each group, said Open Door Executive Director Vanessa Bell-Smith.

The Young Mothers program is a support group for young mothers

between the ages of 15 and 24 that runs Monday, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Starting in October, explained Ms. Bell-Smith, Mondays will be run as a regular drop-in during which the participants can meet new people while their children

can participate in a play time. The Tuesday session, however, will be dedicated to a specific theme, that will be focus of discussion among the group for a month.

October's theme is Family Law, said Ms. Bell-Smith. As part of this theme the executive directors will be inviting a police officer, a fami-

ly law specialist and a volunteer from victim services. By focusing the discussion - participants will be more encouraged to take an active role in the session, predicted the executive director. Ms. Bell-Smith also prefers to centre discussion on a month-long theme rather than just bringing in a speaker once in a while because the participants have a chance to really learn about a topic.

The Young Mothers program is run out of St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road in Georgetown and it's free. As well, transportation is provided free of charge.

The Teen Drop-in Centre is held at the St. George's Anglican Church on Guelph Street in Georgetown. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Unlike in the past, the Wednesday and Friday sessions will be closed groups of 12 to 15 teen. The participants will discuss their problems more readily in a small group, said Ms. Bell-Smith.

The Thursday session will continue to be open to all teens and provide them with a place to make new friends; play ping-pong, listen to music or do their homework, she said.

To sign up for the Teen Drop-in, closed sessions or the Young Mothers Program call 873-2966 or 853-3669.

## Graduates



Kelly Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor of Georgetown, graduated from Conastoga College in Guelph with a degree as a Welding Engineer Technician and is presently employed with Ontario Hydro in Pickering as an Assistant Construction Technician.

## Music students pass exams

Pupils from Joyce Hutton Studios were active this year in the Peel Music Festival and with the Royal Conservatory exams.

Competing in the Peel Music Festival were: Holly Verhaegen, Lindsay Reinelt, Jody Johnson, Diana Patten, Elaine Collins, Andrea Skeen, Merry Anne Hutton, Steven Teves, and Jane Bates. Scholarship winners were: Holly Verhaegen, Andrea Skeen, Merry Anne Hutton, and Steven Teves.

In the Royal Conservatory Exams the following results were attained: Preliminary Theory; 1st Class Honours - Steve Teves; Honours - Monique Quigley; Grade 1 Theory; Honours - Holly Verhaegen; Grade 2 Theory; Excellence - Ruchi Garg; Grade 1 Piano; Honours - Carl Patten; Grade 2 Piano; Elaine Collins; Grade 3 Piano; Jennifer McKinney; Grade 4 Piano; Monique Quigley; Grade 6 Piano; Honours - Ruchi Garg; Grade 8 Piano; Mark Atkinson. Grade 1 Singing; 1st Class Honours - Andrea Skeen and Lindsay Reinelt; Grade 2 Singing; Honours - Jody Johnson and Andrea Skeen; Grade 4 Singing; 1st Class Honours; Stacey Duggan and Merry Anne Hutton; Grade 8 Singing; 1st Class Honours - Holly Verhaegen.

These pupils come from Georgetown, Limehouse, Glen Williams, Huttonville and Brampton. Congratulations to all of them.



Vanessa Bell-Smith

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