

Good as gold

As a result of his placing first in the 15 year and under high jump during the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field Meet held in Windsor, July 28, 1991, Matt Brain, from Georgetown, represented Ontario at the Royal Canadian Legion's 15th Annual National Dominion Command Athletic Camp held at York University from August 8 to August 15.

This camp was attended by athletes from all across Canada. During the track meet which was held August 10 and 11, Matt won a gold medal in the 15 year and under 4 x 100 relay with teammates Jason Krist from Perry Sound, Zayd Rouse from Pickering and Chris Robinson from Scarborough. Their winning time was 43.1 seconds.

Matt Brain also received a bronze medal in the high jump and placed 5th in the javelin.



Don't shoot the clowns

Lindsay Norris of Georgetown covers her ears in anticipation of a gun shot report during one of the comedy acts of the Kelly-Miller circus which set up the big top at the Alcott Arena in Georgetown Thursday. As soon as the clowns with their toy guns stepped out of the ring, she joined other children in oohing and aahing at the trapeze, balance and elephant acts at the circus which was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Georgetown. (Herald photo)

The Herald has changed

The Halton Hills Herald is changing, to meet the changing needs and changing concerns of both our readers and our advertisers.

It goes without saying, that for a community newspaper to survive, it must meet, and address, both the concerns of its readers and its advertisers. A community newspaper cannot survive without addressing these concerns.

Realizing this, Halton Hills Herald Publisher, Bob Malcolmson is ready to meet the challenge head-on while continuing to provide the scope in news coverage our readers demand - and warrant - while also satisfying our advertising clients' desires.

To this end, the look of the Herald has been changed.

Our Wednesday edition will be a blockbuster, chock full of news and sports, with entertaining and informative features and it will include our special columns that normally would appear in our weekend edition.

Our weekend edition, for the most part, will be geared more towards the Halton Hills consumers with special advertising features which we are sure our money-conscious readers will appreciate.

The changes have been made to ensure the Herald is, and always will be, in tune with the Halton Hills community's desires.

We are, after all, your newspaper, and have been so in this community since 1866.

We intend to continue with this community tradition and commitment.

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Joe Hewitt rates a '9' on council attendance

Results of a recent survey of Halton Hills councillors attendance at town council meetings since elected in November, 1988, shows that Halton Regional councillor Joe Hewitt has missed the most meetings with nine while councillors Ann Currie, Alf Spence and Norm Elliot have missed the least with two absences.

Since the last municipal election in 1988, there have been 67 town council meetings. Councillor Hewitt also missed the most Regional Council meetings of any Halton Hills Regional Councillor.

"Getting involved in the decisions is what is important," explained Coun. Hewitt in a recent interview. "Attending every single council meeting means absolutely nothing to me. My attendance has been pretty consistent," he added.

Mr. Hewitt, who also sits on the Halton Regional Planning and Public Works Committee as well as subcommittees such as the Regional Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Regional Building Expansion Committee, stated his absences were due to his attending site plan committee meetings and other seminars as well as holidays. He explained that while attendance for town council meetings is good, there is more to being a town councillor than just attending meetings.

"With attending council meetings, reading necessary materials and all of the calls I receive, I spend at least 15 hours a week on town council business," said Coun. Hewitt, a full-time firefighter with the Mississauga fire department.

Mr. Hewitt explained that before being elected to town



Joe Hewitt

council three years ago, he spent six straight months attending meetings along with reading the accompanying reports. He feels it is important for people running in the upcoming municipal election, slated for November 12, to realize being councillor is more work than just attending the meetings.

"I was on vacation at the time of my absences," said Coun. Currie who has missed two meetings since the last municipal election. "I understand that some councillors have to miss more meetings because they have more responsibilities elsewhere. Personally, I would like to attend every meeting."

Coun. Spence, who also missed two meetings since the last municipal election, is retired. He said some degree of leniency has to be given for councillors missing town meetings.

"It's kind of circumstantial," Coun. Spence commented on a survey of councillors' attendance. "Councillors may be attending seminars or courses that will benefit town council. You also have to allow for holidays. I have no problem with councillors missing a few meetings."

Attendance for town council meetings since the last term by other councillors is as follows: three absences by Pam Johnston, Lil Bowman, and Pat McCarthy, Rick Heaton missed four meetings, along with Gerald Rennie. Rick Bonnette had five absences, Al Cook missed six, and Marilyn Serjeantson missed eight meetings.

Mayor Russ Miller missed eight town council meetings and nine regional council meetings since last term. As of January 1, 1991, the Mayor of Halton Hills receives an annual salary of \$35,208 while town councillors make an annual average salary of \$10,277.

"I think it's very important for councillors to attend all meetings so they can speak up for their area," said Halton Hills resident Grant Emmerson, who will be running for a town councillor position in Ward 3 in the upcoming municipal election.

"If elected, the only situations where I would miss town meetings would be an illness or funeral."

Mr. Emmerson has been semi-retired for a year-and-a-half since a job-related injury. He worked as a driver for MSO Construction in Rexdale.

He said one of the reasons he decided to run for town councillor is because he has a great amount of free time.

Cunningham behind bars

Victor Cunningham, the Georgetown man who robbed Mac's Milk in Georgetown with a knife, pleaded guilty to robbery in Milton Court, criminal division Aug. 12 and was sentenced to two years in jail.

He'll appear in Milton Court again December 4 on three charges of break, enter and theft in relation to a series of break-ins at The Smoke Shop in Acton where over \$7,000 worth of cigarettes were stolen.

Mr. Cunningham, 30, was arrested July 29 at his Prince Charles Drive home in Georgetown after Halton Regional Police's Tactical

Rescue Team (TRU) had surrounded the home for over an hour.

Police investigators had planned to only search the house for clues to the July 25 Mac's Milk robbery when Mr. Cunningham opened the door and darted back inside. Fearing he could be armed, the TRU team was called in. Mr. Cunningham surrendered just over an hour later.

In the house, police found a carton of milk, and a carton of cigarettes that had been stolen from Mac's as well as a T-shirt which a store clerk said the robber had worn.

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