



Children from Georgetown Day Care Centre gave two books to the pediatric ward at Georgetown Hospital last month. The children earned the money by doing extra chores at home. From left,

Michael McColl, Laura Lee Rivers, Iva Simmons, and Sean Logan. The children hope the story books will help children who are hospitalized feel less lonely while they are away from their families.

Creative mom shares talents with community

By JANET BAINE

Nora Savage will be sharing a variety of her interests with people in Halton Hills this spring.

She is a new instructor with the Recreation and Parks Department and will conduct several workshops, starting this month.

"My career has been with computers and technology and now that I have small children, I'm resuming my creative interests," the Acton resident said. Savage is secretary for the Ontario Puppetry Association, a member of Visual Arts Ontario and has worked as an artist in schools in Peel. She has received prizes for her wooden carved marionettes and other craft 3-D models.

Savage's first workshop will be on puppets, and is designed for parents or anyone else who enjoys working with children.

Savage said she first became interested in puppets when she was in public school and was asked to put on puppet shows at the library.

The half-day workshop will be Saturday, March 23, and is a hands-on workshop in which participants will design their own puppets. Savage will demonstrate how to use puppets.

"I've always loved crafts. I think it is important to share it, because I don't think kids get it in the schools. They get paper work, but not this other 3-D stuff," she said.

Savage's three year old son, Andrew, loves the puppets she creates out of a garden glove, food boxes and egg cartons. Savage said he can make his own puppets using the same ideas.

Two programs just for children include a Peanut Club for 3 to 5 year olds on Saturday mornings.

The children will play games, hear stories, sing songs, do crafts and make puppets. The club will be held at Ecole Sacre Coeur in Georgetown, between May 4 and June 1.

Kids in the Kitchen will teach 8 to 12 year olds how to put together a complete meal, lunch bag surprises and nutritious snacks. It will be offered both in Georgetown and Acton.

Families can sign up together for Up, Up and Away, a half day workshop on kite making. Savage said she became interested in kites when she was in Bangkok during a kite festival and saw how much fun families had together flying kites, which varied from very simple ones they made themselves to huge kites which took 10 people to fly.

Step-by-step instructions will be provided for building simple kites, depending on the age level of participants. After the kite is finished, everyone will be encouraged to fly their own kite. This workshop will be held on May 5 at Cedarvale Park in the morning or at Prospect Park in the afternoon.

Walk, Talk and be Happy is a weekday morning program offering a chance for tots, parents and seniors to walk and explore the natural environment along the Bruce Trail, June 5 and 19. Each walk is approximately one hour long and snacks will be provided. People will meet at the Civic Centre parking lot to arrange carpooling.

If you would like to know more information about these or any other programs offered by the Recreation and Parks Department, please refer to the Spring and Summer brochure or call the department at 873-2600, ext., 268. Registration has already started.



Nora Savage, who will be instructing several Halton Hills recreation department courses this spring, demonstrates the allure of puppets for young kids including her son, Andrew.

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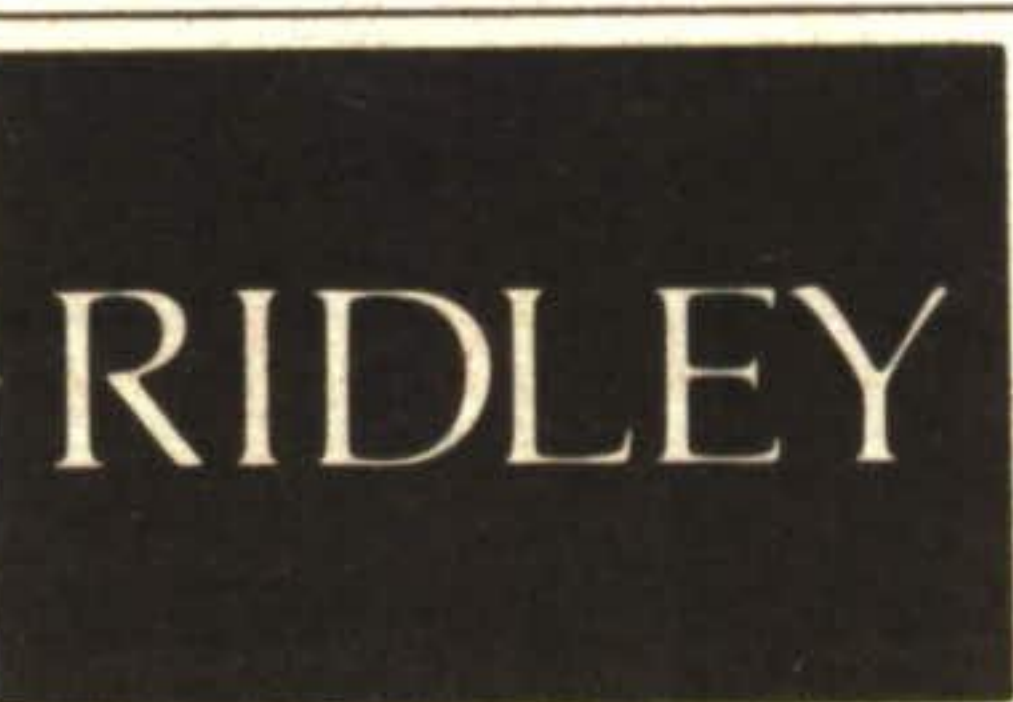
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Coping with Anger

A Presentation on Living with Teens and Surviving is being held at Acton High School on Wed. Mar. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 a single and \$5 a family - payable at the door. For further information call Geoff Sansom at Acton High School at 853-2920.

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