

SPORTS

Carle 14th at National Championships

Helene Carle of Georgetown, representing the Milton Skating Club, placed 14th in the novice women's division at the National Skating Championships in Kingston last month.

**Photo by
Danielle Earl**



Her competitive figure skating season is over for 2014-15, but Georgetown's Helene Carle has plenty to look forward to after making her second straight appearance at the recent national championships.

The 13-year-old Milton Skating Club member competed in the Novice women's category at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in Kingston, placing 14th out of the 18 top skaters in the country for her age group.

The highlight of Carle's season came in December at the Skate Canada Challenge in Montreal when she improved from 34th place after the short program to place 10th following a spectacular free performance with a score of 54.89.

Carle, who attends a high-performance sports school in Milton, where she trains 25 hours a week, has been invited to perform at the Georgetown Skating Club's season-ending ice show on Saturday, April 11.

In other figure skating news, Jackson Ellis of Georgetown captured the gold medal in the Pre-Juvenile men's age group (under 11) at the Central Ontario Section STARSkate Championships held in Milton earlier this month.

Fellow Georgetown resident and Milton club member Audrey Carle, 8, earned a bronze medal in a field of more than 40 skaters in the Pre-Juvenile women's category at the same STARSkate event.

Rebel wrestlers gunning for GHAC

Several wrestling team members from Georgetown District High School qualified for this Friday's Golden Horseshoe meet in Milton thanks to their efforts at last week's Halton championship tournament at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville.

Collecting gold medals in their respective weight classes were Taylor Richard (girls' 54 kgs.), Anja Vesterback (girls' 61 kgs.) and Tara Godfrey (girls' 64 kgs.), Kyle Robinson (boys' 61 kgs.), Davis Rapagna (boys' 83 kgs.) and Myles McVeigh (boys' 72 kgs.).

Silver medals went to Eion Campbell

(boys' 130 kgs.) and Jenna Belshaw (girls' 54 kgs.), with Ariana Papadimitriou (girls' 54 kgs.) earning bronze and Matthew Boorman (boys' 77 kgs.) placing fourth.

At the Ontario Cadet Wrestling Championships held at the Powerade Centre in Brampton earlier this month, Kyle Robinson won the 60 kg. division, with Vesterback (60 kgs.) and Rapagna (77 kgs.) picking up silver medals.

Craig Kielburger S.S. will play host to GHAC Friday. The OFSAA championships will take place in Windsor March 3-4.



SUPPORT FOR TWISTERS
The Optimist Club of Halton Hills presented a cheque for \$2,400 to the North Halton midget BB Twisters to help in part with the team's recent trip to a girls' hockey tournament in Orlando, Fla., at which they finished as runners-up. Pictured with Club President Helen McCormack are Twisters Julia Zebarth, Breanna McGucken, Lexi Duquette and Jacqueline Cousins. Submitted photo

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**My mother has Alzheimer's disease and
needs to move to a residence.
What features should I be looking for?**

Assisted living is an option for individuals who typically can no longer live independently. It provides services to meet residents' individualized needs in ways that promote their independence and reflect their personal choices. Residences will typically provide meals, laundry services, housekeeping and social activities along with some personal help if needed.

Because Alzheimer's disease seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities, the help available in a retirement home will allow your mother to remain independent longer - as long as your mother is not aggressive and does not wander.

Someone who is forgetful may be taking too little or too much of an important medication so be sure that the residence will administer medications. Ask too, if there is an extra cost for this.

It is also helpful if the seating arrangements in the dining room allow residents to sit in the same place for each meal. This makes it easier for your mom to find her place and facilitates staff to recognize if a resident has forgotten to come to a meal. If she does forget occasionally, ensure that the staff will follow up with a reminder.

Assisted living is designed for those who need extra help in their day-to-day lives but who do not require the 24-hour skilled nursing care found in nursing homes. As your mother's dementia progresses, she may be less capable of coping with any move, so you both may want to make this decision sooner rather than later.

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Q: I have recently purchased an older home and keep getting bills for the previous owner's hot water tank. Am I responsible to pay these bills?

A: We have been seeing a number of clients who are surprised by the fact that not only do they not own certain essentials in their home, but that they have to make monthly payments on those items. This problem can often be traced back to one little line found in your Agreement of Purchase and Sale under "Rental Items". The line reads "The buyer agrees to assume the rental contract(s), if assumable..." and goes on to list the specifics of what items in the house are rentals.

The importance of this part of your Agreement of Purchase and Sale is that if the Agreement says you are "assuming" the rented item (such as a hot water tank), then you will be responsible for those payments. It is important that you know up front what items in your home are rented so that you can deal with them right away and won't be surprised with a bill for hundreds or even thousands of dollars down the road.

One of your greatest resources for sorting out ownership of these items is your real estate agent, who can offer you great advice and help with preparing your Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Your lawyer can also provide you with proactive advice and guidance on dealing with these issues and getting them resolved.