

Parent-Aid group offers Acton parents support

Be the best of whatever you are!

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, be a scrub in the valley; But be the best little scrub by the side of the rill.

Be a bush if you can't be a tree!

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of grass and some highway happier make.

If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass;

But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains; we've got to have crew.

There's something for all of us here.

There are big jobs to do and there's lesser to do

And the task you must do is there near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail.

If you can't be a sun, be a star.

For it isn't by size that you win or you fail;

Be the best of whatever you are!

The subject of this poem — motivation and self-esteem — is one of many subjects covered at meetings of Parent-Aid, an Acton organization. Others include peer pressure, teens leaving home, substance abuse, sexual relationships and parents' legal responsibilities.

Parent-Aid is a support group for parents who are having problems relating to their teenagers. The group's goals are to encourage parents and to help them understand their teens and improve communication. Also, to find ways to help and encourage teens in order to improve their self-esteem.

If you need some support and encouragement and feel like sharing your experiences with other concerned parents in the same boat who care, if you need some helpful advice or can offer any positive suggestions, plan to attend the group's next meeting at the Acton Curling Club on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 pm.

If you are unable to attend, please take note that the following meeting is at Acton High School on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7:30.

Parent-Aid is open to parents of teens from any school, so everyone is welcome!

The group's motto: "Building a loving future together."

Fire Dept. offers safety training

Portable fire extinguishers are only as effective as the person using them. In a life or death situation it is the operator, not the extinguishers, that makes the difference.

The Halton Hills Fire Department strongly advocates the need for all members of our community to have an understanding of the basic principles associated with extinguishers. In support of this philosophy, a training program has been developed and is available free of charge to all Acton residents. The program provides an opportunity to the participants to use an extinguisher to combat small fires, in a controlled environment, under the guidance of trained professionals.

The Fire Department is accepting applicants for their August programs. Reserve your spot now! Class size is restricted and sessions will be filled on a first call, first confirmed basis.

For more information, contact the Fire Department at 877-1133. They will be glad to assist.



JUST WATCH ME! Four-year-old Caitlin Bowen of Knox Ave. prepares to soak a summer camp leader with a wet sponge at the Parks and Rec. Carnival last Tuesday night at the arena. (Frances Niblock photo)

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permit application, with the proviso that the proposed "cheer-garden" meet all requirements of the Liquor Licensing Board, Halton Police, the fire department and health department. The Stingers will also have to display anti-drinking and driving slogans during the Sept. 25, 26 and 27 tourney.

Local association praised

Acton councillor Rick Bonnette has high praise for the new service directory from the Halton Hills Construction Association. At Town Council last Monday Bonnette described the directory as "terrific and excellent" and a great tool to encourage out-of-town developers to use local construction companies and services. Bonnette also suggested the brochure be handed out to all developers building in Town.

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