

A fair bit of fun

Tess Myers-Eno and her cousin Venessa Eno enjoyed a minute's rest on the Airbounce Pirate Ship, part of the amusement area at Milton District Hospital Auxiliary's 21st Strawberry Fair on Saturday, June 16. There was a full day of fun and entertainment, including local artists with crafts, business displays, dancers, a great barbecue and - of course - plenty of delicious strawberries. The fair is to raise money for new hospital equipment.

Photo by Kim Pickering



Hornby Co-op Nursery School celebrates 25 years

by Kim Pickering

Months of planning and numerous letters sent to former students and parents all paid off on Saturday, June 2 with a great turnout for Hornby Co-op nursery School's 25th Anniversary.

When Pat Thornton moved from Georgetown to the rural area outside Hornby, she was concerned about the social development of her second son, Bradley, then aged three. With few children to play with and long distances to travel for social contact, nursery school was an obvious answer for the qualified teacher. After talking with the principal of Pineview School where she volunteered in the kindergarten

class, Thornton found that there was no nursery school in the area and believed there was a need for one in the community. She decided to take action, contacting interested parents and starting the organization. Research determined requirements and costs of setting up a cooperative nursery school.

The Town of Halton Hills turned down an application for a \$1000 loan for materials but that did not stop the now large and enthusiastic group. By staging a dance and other fund-raising activities, the parents managed to raise money to purchase the necessary equipment. The Halton Recreation

Department was very supportive of the nursery school; they put up a fence and installed the necessary fire equipment in the community centre. The volunteers donated their time and items that Hornby Co-op needed. Thornton said that the commu-

nity was drawn together by working on the project. In September 1976, after a great deal of hard work, Hornby Co-operative Nursery School opened at the Hornby Community Centre. On December 29, 1977, the Hornby Nursery School became incorporated under the Co-Operative Corporations Act of the Government of Ontario, as a non-profit organization licensed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. In September 1980, the school became a member of the Shoreline Co-operative Preschools Corporation. Four years ago, Hornby Co-op took over the managing of the Hornby Community Centre for the Town of Halton Hills. Twenty-five years later, Hornby Co-operative Nursery School is still thriving. For more information, contact Ruth-Anne Wollaston at 905-878-5211.



Speaker Pat Thornton-Jones, first president of Hornby Co-op Nursery School, with John and Melissa Harrington, first year students of the school and now married.

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