



NIFTY NASH: Acton Auto Tech's Cruise Night Friday found some interesting cars. Here Bill Kovacs of Erin displayed his 1955 Metropolitan Nash. - Angela Tyler photo



READY TO RACE: At Cruise Night on Friday, Norm and Sharon Foster showed their pick up truck they race. - Angela Tyler photo

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Catholic school increase 36 per cent St. Joseph's gets 5 new classrooms

The major focus for the Halton Roman Catholic Separate school board this school year is staff development, with special emphasis on assessment and evaluation to meet new curriculum initiatives from the Ministry of Education.

With a projected enrolment of 23,284 students in 32 elementary and five secondary schools, the Board is facing 3.6 per cent growth over last year and attempting to get as many pupils as it can out of portables.

alteration construction project includes five new classrooms.

"The goal is to take the students now currently housed in portables and put them into permanent classrooms and also to do some upgrades," said board spokesman Chris Jewell who said the project would double the size of the school. The projected enrolment at St. Joseph's is 353 students from Kindergarten to grade 8, down from 361 last year.

Jewell said the separate board, like the public one, is

leaner due to provincial education cutbacks.

"All boards had to make sacrifices under the (provincial) cuts. We have tried to maintain services as best as possible and we're looking forward going into the year implementing the changes that have come forth and there are quite a few as far as curriculum and staffing changes," Jewell said.

The board faced a \$1 million cut in money for school maintenance and Jewell said that would probably mean fewer school improvements.

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Drivers, those big yellow buses are on the road again. Drive with extra care. They are likely to stop in unusual places.

The Highway Traffic Act of Ontario states that if a school bus has its red flashing lights activated, traffic in both directions must stop!!! This law applies everywhere, regardless of the posted speed limit on highway, country roads or in town. A motorist meeting a stopped school bus with the red lights flashing and the stop arm extended must stop unless they are on a highway divided by a median strip. At any time a motorist overtaking a stopped school bus with light flashing on any highway (going the same direction for highways divided by a median) must always stop at least 20 metres before reaching the bus. In all cases motorists may not proceed until the bus resumes motion and the red lights have stopped flashing.

Parents, encourage your children to be extra careful when getting on and off the school bus. Check for traffic before crossing the street. Just because the bus is stopped does not mean that all other traffic has, even though they should. The bus driver only has two eyes and cannot watch everything, although they try hard.

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LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197

By Joyce Buchanan
Well, the Golf Scramble went well and the weather cooperated. After the game the golfers returned to the Branch and were well fed, thanks to Carl.

The free Corn Roast also went well, but the guys do not know how to do dishes.

From the number of Stag and Does going on there are lots of couples taking the plunge. The Branch is busy most Friday and Saturday nights.

Your news letter, with any help, will be out this week.

The first General Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13 at 8

p.m. It would be nice to see more than the usual 17 or 18 members there to represent over 600 members.

The Vets from Sunnybrook will be here Sunday, Sept. 12. They will be coming in by around 11:30 a.m. and we need to help them.

We thank the Acton Citizens' Band for playing on the patio the last two Wednesdays. They say they will be back earlier in the summer next year.

Remember the Men's Industrial Darts League winter 2000 starts Tuesday, Sept. 7 around 7:30 p.m. See the sign-up sheet in the Branch.

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Dot Redekop
We had another happy bus last Thursday coming home from Rama.

The seniors have once again contributed to the Acton arena. We have paid for all the new fans. Over time we have paid for the dishwasher, half the cost of the floor scrubber and the flagpole.

We have a Bingo on Sept.

14 at 7 p.m. for members only. I'm sorry I mixed up the Bingo and Euchre dates. Our next evening Euchre is Oct. 6 at 7:30.

Everyone enjoyed the corn roast and barbecue last Friday. There were about 40 people for lunch and Bingo. The shishkabobs were delicious. Our kitchen staff work very hard and do a great job.

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