Why not Speyside School for a principals' retreat?

Dear Editor:

According to the New Tanner, some trustees didn't know about the \$48,000 spent on a twoday retreat workshop. Who runs this board?

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The principals and vice principals need a place to get away from traffic and the distractions of modern day life; how about one of the closed schools? Speyside for example-sur-

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The \$48,000 could have provided one lunch room supervisor at five hours a week (one hour a day) for approximately 20 years, or 3 lunch room supervisors for 7 years thus allowing teachers to hold clubs at lunch instead of extra lunch supervision.

Does the public also know that prinicpals are allowed five extra days off during the school year if given permission by their supervisor? The summer, Christmas and March breaks are not enough? Principals and Superintendents work together and they have too close a connection. Maybe the Parent's Council at each school should be giving the OK for these vacations thus eliminating any conflict of interest, especially considering most superintendents were principals at one time and they are close friends. (PS Lunch supervisors make \$9.79 to \$11.32 per hour, principals make \$87,000 to \$93,000 per year)



BOUNITFUL BUNNIES: Krystal Kurz, 14, and Racheal Matalashewski, 9, cuddle dwarf rabbits at Saturday's Trunk Sale in Acton while owner Jane Rivers smiles here approval. All three are from Rockwood.- Ted Tyler photo

Crowned Queen of Furrow

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on how great the Halton Plowman's Association competition was Friday, August 23, 2002. Many people from all over came out to support the event on Steeles Ave. near the James Snow Parkway.

in education" and "kids come first" seem to have been lost and replaced by Talisman Resort and more ice in the drinks.

> Sincerely Joe Morrow, Retired Teacher

President Ian Brake, Secretary/Treasurer Dwight May and all the directors put on a fabulous plow match and Queen of the Furrows competition.

I would also like to introduce myself. My name is Sheena Butler and I was lucky enough to compete in the Queen of the Furrows competition and was successfully crowned. I would like to congratulate the other competitor, who did a fantastic job at the competition and made the judges' decision very difficult.

I would also like to thank all the judges for their support. But, most of all I would like to thank the Plowman's Association and Carrie Roberts for hosting the competition and helping throughout the

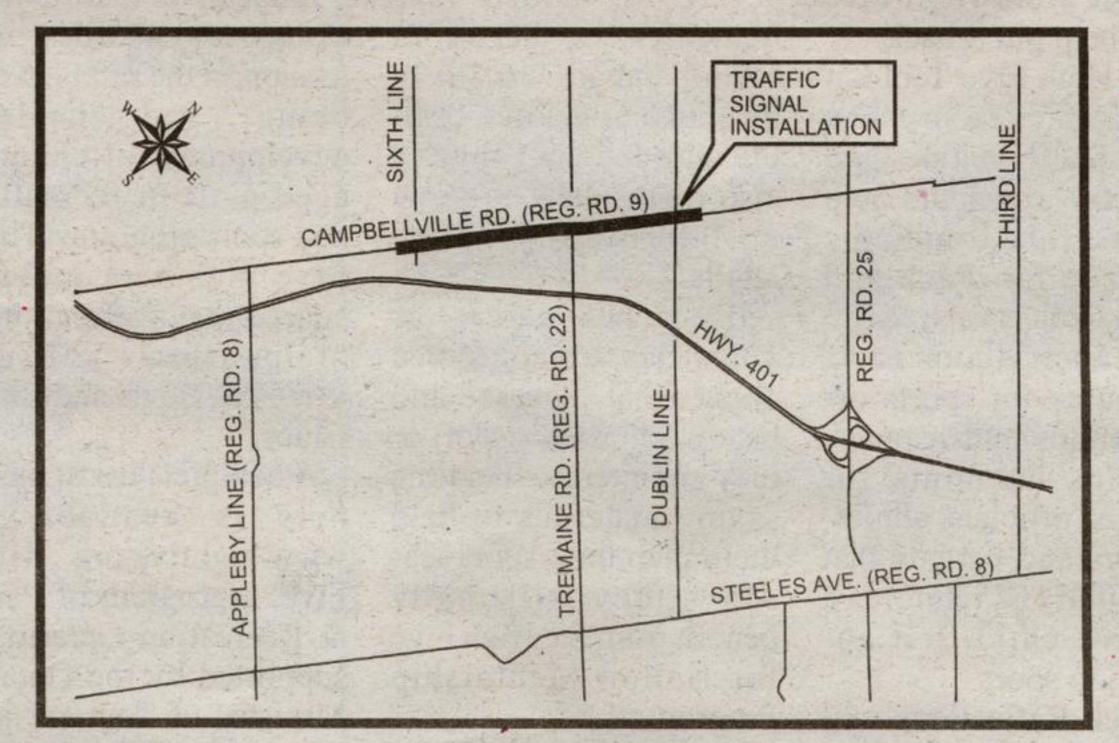
I am very happy for wining and I plan to do as much as possible for the Halton Plowman's Association in my term this year. I am looking forward to a great year.

Sheena Butler, 2002 Queen of the Furrows.



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