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Full of GAS

It's been said that silence is golden, but in the case of the Georgetown Agricultural Society (GAS) it's more like silence is infuriating.

Monday night, in an 8-3 vote town council reversed an earlier staff decision which had given the GAS exclusive rights to the fairgrounds Sept. 10-12.

That, of course, meant the Kinsmen Girls Softball League's Day of Champions were to be bumped from the place they called home for the past 35 years.

We stated earlier our belief that the intransigence on the part of the GAS (fair board) was ludicrous and that they should be working with the town and the Kinsmen ball league to work out an amicable solution to the problem of having two events at the fairgrounds on the same weekend.

But, the fair board, or at least its executives, preferred to remain mute on the matter. They wouldn't consider alternatives suggested by the Kinsmen ball representatives, they wouldn't offer their view on the matter to this newspaper and at Monday's meeting again wouldn't speak to council.

We can't help but wonder why this group is so stubborn and arrogant. Perhaps GAS members should be questioning their executive, but then again, if recent history is any indication, they're not likely to get many answers.

Various groups in town work together all the time to make Halton Hills a great town. The GAS in this matter has been nothing short of an embarrassment.



What happened to the idea of sharing?—reader

Dear editor,

I am writing in regards to the story on the front page of the Sunday, March 14 Independent and Free Press regarding the Kinsmen Girls Softball and the Georgetown Agricultural Society.

It is a shame that after 35 years the girls are getting the heave-ho. Whatever happened to sharing? This is a fine example we are setting for our young people. After all, Kinsmen Girls softball has been there for 35 years. Is this a sign of the times for Georgetown, that the bigger we get the less we care about the things that have been in the community for years? I hope not, we have seen too many changes and not all for the good of the community.

I believe the tournament brought a lot more people out to the fair, other than the players and their immediate families. The Kinsmen have done a great deal for the youth of the community over

Letter of the day

Guiding volunteers praised

Dear editor,

With Volunteer Week set for this month, I would like to take a moment to recognize a group of dedicated Guiders who take many hours from their busy work week schedules to provide opportunities for the girls of this community.

They spend countless hours planning weekly meetings, attending district events, organizing camps and countless hours of other trainings to help the girls develop the self-confidence and skills required to succeed in today's and tomorrow's world.

The talents, flexibility and capabilities of these people are endless and they provide a wonderful role model that can influence academic and athletic achievement of girls. Their reward is the smile on the face of a child who has met another challenge and is ready for the next one.

On behalf of the girls I would like to thank the Guiders of Georgetown East for all their many hours of dedication. Guiders of Georgetown East, you are the best.

Lynn Clark,
District Commissioner,
Georgetown East District

the years and it is a shame they cannot get any co-operation from the Georgetown Agricultural Society to continue as it was agreed upon in 1982.

Carol Hall, Georgetown
A parent of a former

Kinsmen Girls
softball player

(Editor's note: Town council reversed staff's decision this past week and the girls will be allowed to use the fairgrounds this September. See story on page 1.)

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