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WEDNESDAY...

Halton Hills Hawks are hosting a fast-pitch tournament at the Georgetown Fairgrounds this weekend. Check out the results in Wednesday's sports section.



Summer job

Local fruit markets might want to be forewarned of upcoming competition, as a bunch of young entrepreneurs decided to set up their own retail outlet beside the stop sign at the corner of Calvert Drive and Mountainview Road South earlier this week. Putting up the signage took some teamwork by (clockwise, from left) Mathew Haynes, 9, Brandon Johnson, 9, Joel Vanofwegen, 10, Jake Claer, 10, Mark Vanofwegen, 10, Nicholas Campbell, 11 and Travis Hatcher, 10 (seated). The boys were selling cherries they had picked from their backyard, as well as peanuts and mints.

Photo by Ted Brown

Homecoming 2007 gets bigger as more groups sign on

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What started with an idea to celebrate Georgetown District High School's 120th anniversary with a reunion called Homecoming 2007, has expanded to include many other community organizations in Halton Hills that are marking a special occasion.

Slated to take place July 27-29 of next year, the weekend's schedule of events has been filling up as more groups come on board. Because GDHS and the Halton District School Board will likely wait until the school's 125th anniversary in 2012 to officially stage celebrations, organizers decided to take an inclusionary approach to putting together the reunion.

Local resident Don Fendley, who started up Georgetown-online.org in May 2000, began circulating the idea for the homecoming and has received over 10,000 hits on his website forum over the past few weeks.

"Some of the people who were initially interested in the idea told us, 'I didn't even go to Georgetown High and I've lived here all my life.' So what do we do then?" recalled Homecoming 2007 co-chair David Smallwood. "The school hasn't had a reunion since 1987 and we want to follow up with another because we're losing people who we'd like to connect with again. It has kind of expanded from there and now it's become a pretty big weekend."

The non-profit Homecoming 2007 committee has partnered with the Halton Hills Public Library and proceeds will go to the town's planned library expansion.

With the Mold-Masters SportsPlex and Memorial Arena serving as the homecoming's headquarters, organizers are hopeful of drawing thousands of people to the area that weekend, with activities planned for the Friday night through to the closing ceremonies at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 29.

A golf tournament on the Friday afternoon at Eagle Ridge starts off the weekend's festivities, followed by opening ceremonies in the evening. Saturday's itinerary has several events planned for

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