

Lifestyle

Wednesday May 31, 1989

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245 MAIN STREET EAST
MILTON, ONTARIO L9T 5P1
876-2730

Community Notebook

Adopt a Bird: Visitors to Mountsberg Wildlife Centre on Saturday will have the opportunity to "adopt a bird" and support wild bird research. They will also have a chance to see some of these wild birds close-up as Martin Wernaart and his assistant Phil Roberts catch and band birds from 7-11 a.m. Call 854-2276 to register for this program. The wildlife centre is located west of Campbellville on Milborough Line.

Attention Anglers: More than 400 rainbow trout have been released at the Burns Conservation Area pond in preparation for the annual Burns Fishing Derby. This Saturday's event is sponsored by RamBows of Milton and the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Anglers may pre-register at RamBows on Main St. or at the conservation area beginning at 6 a.m. The derby runs from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To arrive at the derby take Guelph Line north of Highway 401 to No. 10 Sideroad, turn left and proceed for two miles to First Line and turn right.

For Youth Only: Milton Youth Place, otherwise known as M.Y. Place will officially open Saturday (June 3) from 1-5 p.m. at W.J. Dick School. Tickets will be sold in advance only and are available at the Leisure Services Dept. at town hall for \$3 each until Friday. Opening-day events include a beachball volleyball and non-sense games, a cafe, movie and a dance featuring the *Modern Rock Road Show* at 3 p.m. M.Y. Place is open to youth age 10-14 years. For details call 878-7211.

Carnival Time: The Hospital for Sick Children is the beneficiary of the annual Safe and Sound Children's Centre walk-a-thon and Penny Carnival. The centre's young students will walk through downtown Milton beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and end their hike at Safe and Sound's First Line location behind Milton District Hospital. The carnival begins at 11:30 a.m. and will include a barbecue, pony rides, face painting and musical entertainment. To find out more call 878-0537.

Police Auction: Bicycles and a variety of other items will be on the auction block Saturday at the local police station, 155 King St. Viewing will start at 9 a.m. and the auction begins at 10 a.m.

Lend a Hand: Halton Children's Aid Society requires volunteers for a variety of jobs. Bingo workers are needed in Milton to work one evening every six weeks. No experience is required. An office worker is needed at the CAS Oakville headquarters four hours a week. People who enjoy children would be ideal volunteers at the CAS day camp operated at Bronte Creek Provincial Park from July 10 to Aug. 18. The staff needs volunteer support in supervising trips, swimming, games and craft activities. Camp helpers can contact Joan Fortney at 844-8211 and other potential volunteers should contact Heather Smith at the same number.

Access Awareness Week: National Access Awareness Week is being recognized in Milton with a display at Milton Mall Thursday June 8 from noon to 9:30 p.m. There will be a display of crafts created by participants in the Recreation Committee for Special Needs program operated by the Town of Milton and Halton Hills at Acton Legion.

Preschoolers play while students teach at MDHS program

By KAREN SMITH

IT'S A TOSS-UP in determining who enjoys a Milton District High School course more, the students or the children.

In a Grade 11 course called "parenting," students learn first-hand skills about dealing with children. Local kids visit Milton District's playschool twice a week and are looked after by students in the class.

The course isn't new to the school, but the playschool is. In previous years, students travelled to day-care centres where the programs were already in place, says parenting teacher Glenda Wood.

thought he'd give the course a try.

The Grade 10 student believes more males should take parenting to prepare for fatherhood.

Mrs. Wood said the amount of interest in post-secondary early childhood education programs has increased since MDHS started offering parenting.

The program is free and next year the playschool will have room for approximately 32 children.

Photos by
Steve Uhraney



Sometimes it's hard to tell the students from the teachers at Milton District High School's parenting course. The students supervise and instruct preschoolers during the week. Here, Grade 11 student Tina Falkenstein works with four-year-old Kelsie Leamen.

Students involved

"With the playschool, they (students) get to plan the program and do all the preparation," adds Mrs. Wood. "Then they get to administer what they planned and follow up afterwards."

Students learn about child development and parenting skills, but benefit most from two-and-a-half hours spent with the children (aged two to four years) every week. In between recreation times, students teach children how to count and the alphabet.

The course is appreciated by parents, who leave their children at the school for an hour knowing they're in good hands, says Mrs. Woods. Parents then have some time to themselves and can run errands or go shopping.

Overall, she said, the course is popular among students, and many learn a great deal.

"I've heard a lot of students say they've learned they're not ready to have children after taking the course. People don't realize children are a 24-hour responsibility."

Wanted to learn

Grade 11 Student Lou-Ann Woods took the course to learn more about how children progress.

"I like kids and I wanted to learn what they do in the different age ranges," said the 16-year-old. "I learned how different kids of the same age can be."

Her colleague Shawn Bourgeois, 16, one of the few males in the course, always related well with children and



When some students go to high school, they view it as a chance to get away from their younger brothers and sisters. However, for many others the reverse happens. More and more students - including boys and girls - are taking parenting courses such as the one at Milton District High School. It's become quite popular among students and parents willing to leave their youngsters at the school to play for a few hours every week. Here, (left) Angie Jones (Grade 12) and Lynette Finnie (Grade 11) work with Jeffrey Foster, 2 1/2.

For Blue Jay games

GO adds special trains to SkyDome

Toronto's SkyDome will be more accessible to Milton residents using public transportation.

GO Transit will operate special trains on its Milton line for major concerts and events, including Blue Jay and Argo games, according to GO chairman Lou Parsons.

"Public transit will be an extremely convenient way to go to SkyDome, and we're sure our trains will be popular," said Mr. Parsons.

"We've pulled out all the stops to offer the best level of service possible."

In the past, the Milton service only ran for commuters during weekday rush hours. Now, a round-trip train for select major events will run both weekday evenings and weekends. No trains will run for weekday afternoon events.

Trains for 1:30 p.m. Blue Jay games on the weekend will depart from the Milton GO sta-

tion (Main St. near Thompson Rd.) at 12:01 p.m. The homebound train will leave 30 minutes after the game ends.

Go Transit plans to provide special trains for 83 major events at the SkyDome this year and 110 in 1990. June events include opening day ceremonies, Molson's Supercross on June 23 and 24, the Argonaut game June 29 and all Blue Jay home games for the month.

For more information, call 853-0572.

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Monday-Friday 10:00-9:30

Saturday

9:00-6:00

55 Ontario Street