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Community Notebook

Musical at Mall: A musical for teenagers presented by 72 teenagers from Nashville, Tenn. will be presented at Milton Mall tomorrow (Thursday), 7 p.m. The new musical titled *People Need the Lord* deals with positive peer relationships. The visit by the youth group from Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, is being sponsored by Grace Baptist Church in Meadowvale.

Strawberry Fair: Fresh strawberries from Andrew's Scenic Acres topped with ice cream are a guaranteed crowd pleaser at the annual Milton District Hospital Auxiliary Strawberry Fair. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victoria Park, in front of town hall this Saturday (June 23). There will be a 50/50 draw, knitting and crafts, barbecued hot dog and hamburgers, home baking, preserves and candies for sale. Milton District Pipe Band will supply the musical entertainment.

Extravaganza on Track: The first big event of the season rolls in on Sunday, June 24 at Halton Radial Railway Museum. The annual Summer Extravaganza will feature rides on vintage streetcars between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The museum is located on Guelph Line, 16 km north of Highway 401. For information call 1-519-856-9802.

Battle at Museum: Military drills, 19th century games and pioneer cooking will contribute to the celebration of Canada's Birthday on Sunday July 1 at Halton Region Museum. Live military action to the sound of the fife and drum will highlight the day's events running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free to the museum located at Kelso Conservation Area. Visitors will have a chance to spin and weave and the Friends of the Museum will operate a snack bar.

Froggy Kids' Club: The summer's reading club at Milton Public Library will have participants hopping into many froggy programs this summer. The program will be held at the library hall which has been transformed into a swamp for the club's "Read It! Read It!" frog theme. Children aged five to 12 receive points for books read and earn prizes. Children can also report on French books this summer. For information call 875-2665.

Salvation Army Grows: A \$50,000 start-up grant will help the services of the Salvation Army to grow. The funds go toward the construction of an addition to the Citadel in Oakville which accommodates a family violence counselling program. The expanded program goes into full operation this fall. The grant was announced by Halton Centre MPP Barbara Sullivan and Doug Carrothers, MPP for Oakville South last week.

Rotary Pool Opening: Miltonians will be able to take the plunge for the first time this season at Rotary Park outdoor pool this Saturday (June 23) at 1:30 p.m. Public swimming hours are 1:30-4 p.m. weekdays and 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. weekends. There's a special family swim weekends from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and an adult noon hour swim weekdays from 12:30-1:20 p.m. beginning Monday, June 25.

Young Authors Conference

Creations of young students

Young minds went to work at Bishop Reding Secondary School Monday. More than 200 students from Halton schools participated in the Young Authors Conference. The event, organized by the Halton Roman Catholic School Board, included several young writers from Milton's St. Peter's, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Victory schools. The students, in Grades 5-8, chose among 100 workshops to attend. They spent the day writing various kinds of stories and poetry. Here are some excerpts from their work.

The Year Santa Claus Retired

It was December fifteenth, ten days before Christmas. We were sitting on the couch, reading the paper, when something caught our eye. It was an article about Santa Claus. It read:

"Well, it has finally happened. Good old Santa has just turned sixty-five and he will be retiring this year. Will we still have Christmas? We were both surprised and upset.

The next day at school, everyone had heard about the news. We all wanted to help, but no one knew what to do. Was there something we could do?

The day after tomorrow would be the start of the Christmas holidays. That day, we were both waiting for letters from Santa explaining that he wouldn't be coming this year; but instead, we got our letters back. That was it! No more Mrs Nice-Guys!

We wrote a petition about Santa's retirement. We took it around the neighborhood, asking kids to sign in. When we had one hundred signatures on our petition, we mailed it to the Prime Minister of Canada, hoping that he could do something about it. We received a letter back answering that he too was disappointed about Santa's retirement. He was hoping to receive a pair of plaid boxer shorts.

Jennifer Masale and Katrina Juhasz
Grade 6, Holy Rosary School

The Raindeer Bob Story

It was a pleasant Guemerday (meaning Thursday in English) on the planet Krutoff. I was kicken back and relaxing in my favourite recliner when all of a sudden, I received a call on the zwieback (a two-way radio which allows you to see the person that you are talking to). It was the Orbit Guard General. He said that we would be attacked in a matter of flickynakes (a form of time meaning hours) by our arch enemy, the Zithers, and that I was picked from 5 other Krutlings to represent our planet.

I hung up and ran into my room at the far end of my house and put on my Orbit Guard uniform which consisted of anti-gravity belt, lazer gun and a full pack of M&Ms and ran out the door and jumped into my zephyr (car) and sped off.

I reached headquarters in approximately 30 seconds and immediately ran and jumped into my spacecraft, shut the canopy and took off into the empty sky. I was about 20 miles up when I noticed some bird like objects on my radar.

Sean Deoni
Grade 8, Holy Rosary School

Stacey's Dilemma

One day at dinner father gave the big announcement, "I have good news and bad news. I know you will all be very grieved to hear the bad news but unfortunately that can't be helped."

"Get on with it dad I'm hungry," wailed Stacey who was the youngest.

"Stacey!" her mother said, "don't talk to your father that way!"

"Sorry," mumbled Stacey.

"O.K. now where was I? Oh yes, the bad news is that your grandfather has just died," he paused.

"Yippe," thought Stacey. "He was an old sourpuss anyway."

"The good news is that we have inherited the old mansion!"

"Oh no!" said Stacey. "My E.S.P. tells me something is wrong."

"Don't talk nonsense," her dad said but he sounded worried.

"No!" said Anne, Stacey's older sister, "I refuse to move anywhere!"

Melissa Wright
Grade 5, St. Peter's School

The Mystery of the Stolen Bananas

One nice morning in the summer, Jill and her brother Billy went for a picnic in the jungle. Jill and Billy packed bananas, oranges, apples, and some orange juice.

When they finished packing their bags, they went to the jungle. They decided to go for a swim in the pond. So off they went. When they were gone, some monkeys came down. They found the bananas and took them to the monkey village in the trees.

When Billy and Jill came back from swimming in the pond, they decided to have their lunch. When they opened the basket, they found that their bananas were gone.

From the trees came a banana. Billy said, "Are there bananas falling from the trees?" Then a monkey came down from a tree and said that all the bananas in the jungle were gone and they took the bananas so they could practice their juggling act and by accident, it fell and hit him on the head.

Sabrina Mascarin, Grade 6, Our Lady of Victory School

Katie Lee

Katie Lee is 14 and in Grade 9. She has red hair and freckles. Katie Lee is an amputee. Katie Lee has always thought of herself as a winner even though she lost her left arm to cancer. When she was 5, she tried to wear a bio-electric arm, but she hated it because it was so uncomfortable. It was a Thursday afternoon, the day of the school gymnastics tryouts. Katie and her friends were all going.

Libby, a girl in Katie Lee's class, overheard their conversation and said, "If I were you, Katie Lee, I wouldn't even bother trying out. You'll never make it with only one arm."

Katie walked away in tears. She thought to herself, "I'll show them. Three minutes later the bell rang, and it was time to go to class. Katie Lee put up her hand for every question and answered every one correctly to show her friends how much of a winner she was."

Cindy Patterson and Jennifer Wolkowski, Grade 6, Holy Rosary School

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