

The way we were



Wilber Park Lake

Many people from Georgetown would be surprised to learn there once was a large pond in the middle of town. Part of Silver Creek, Wilber Park Lake was bordered by Guelph, Mill and Park Streets. It was formed by the damming of the Credit River at the Barber Woolen Mill and became a favourite spot on Sunday afternoons, as seen from the photo from 1908.

Information provided by Heritage Halton Hills/Photo from Esquesing Historical Society

From our readers

Participants in the Georgetown Cruise Nights raised a total of \$2,355 this year for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. From left, are Lynne Boyd, Megan Caitlin from Nashville North, Mike Adams, Sharon Gower, Rick Thompson, Victoria McDonald, Georgetown Hospital Foundation board member, Heather Kaufman, Georgetown Hospital Foundation board member, Mike Boyd, Shelley Phipps, Georgetown Hospital Foundation board member, Paul Aguiar and Dale Grower.

Photo courtesy Jackie Fox

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CRUISIN' ALONG



Liberals blowin' in the wind

Across small town and rural Ontario, people are feeling ignored and abandoned by their provincial government.

Whether the issue is wind farms, horse racing, or rural jobs and economic development, Liberal policies are tearing at the social and economic fabric of our part of the Province.

On the first day the Legislature resumed sitting after the summer recess, I was on my feet in the House, holding the Liberals accountable for their Green Energy Act.

This law, passed by the McGuinty government and perpetuated by the Wynne government, has stripped away democratic rights and divided communities.

Stubbornly, the government continues to refuse to listen to health concerns associated with wind farms, and forges ahead before credible scientific health studies are completed.

At the same time, the cost of generating intermittent and unreliable wind power continues to put upward pressure on hydro rates. Soaring hydro bills are worrying seniors and driving out industry.

Ontario now has a surplus of electricity generating capacity, and we're paying neighbouring jurisdictions to absorb our excess power. Yet the development of the wind farms continues, with the government in complete denial.

It can be argued easily that the Liberals lost their majority in the House two years ago, because of their mishandling the electricity file in rural Ontario. Many Liberal incumbents lost their seats to Progressive Conservatives where opposition to wind farms was a big issue.

One would have expected that following the 2011 election, the minority Liberal government would have made an effort to extend an olive branch to rural Ontario.

But when it comes to wind farms, horse racing, and rural job creation, the Liberals have instead effectively turned their backs on us.

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On September 14, I was pleased to attend the United Way of Halton Hills' President's Ball. Also in attendance were Mayor Rick Bonnette, and Halton Hills Town Councillor Moya Johnson.

For a quarter of a century, our local United Way staff and volunteers have done an extraordinary job of raising funds. Today, they support no fewer than 21 local social

service agencies.

This year, their fundraising goal is an ambitious \$370,000.

In order to achieve this goal, individuals, local businesses and workplace campaigns will need to give generously. It is worthy of note that every dollar designated to the United Way of Halton Hills stays in Halton Hills.

For more information, visit www.unitedwayofhaltonhills.ca or call 905-877-3066.

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My newsletter to the residents of Wellington-Halton Hills, Keeping in Touch— Fall 2013, was sent out earlier this month. Included in the newsletter is a survey. I hope everyone received their copy and I look forward to reading your thoughts and replies.

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