

**Letter to the Editor**

**Georgetown Fair organizer says thank-you to supporters**

To the editor of The Herald:  
On behalf of the Georgetown Fair Board, I should like to extend our appreciation to all those people who braved some very chilly, wet weather to attend the Georgetown Fair, and special appreciation to those exhibitors, competitors, judges, entertainers and workers who stuck with us and made their contribution despite very adverse conditions. Attendance figures are up over last year's and we are very gratified that so few decided to support the boycott of the Fair and stay home beside their fireplaces.

Also, the Board was very pleased that so many people turned out for our new Saturday morning children's program: Baby Show, Pony-rama, Little Miss Halton Hills and Pet Show. Each proved quite successful and enjoyable. Special thanks to Rita and Jim Parrett who did an excellent job with their Baby and Miss Halton Hills competitions. You could see a great deal of time, thought and effort had gone into these events and I, personally, have only praise for their contribution to the 1980 Fair. It was unfortunate that the wind chill factor was so high in the middle of the fair grounds because Old MacDonald's Farm (arranged by Mona Milne and the Timlecks) was fun, as always, but the musical entertainment scheduled for the backstage could not be enjoyed. Special thanks also to the Bell Telephone and Fire Department who were out there as well. (Possibly, they are all still

thawing out!)  
Next year will be the 125th anniversary of the Georgetown Fair. What a fine, old tradition our ancestors have established for us! Perhaps 1981 should be the year that we follow the example of many other Fair Boards and go to a three-day fair in the hope that two-out-of-three days will be "fair" weather.  
Perhaps 1981 should be the year that everybody gets behind the fair for a real bang-up anniversary celebration. Or perhaps, 1981 should be the year that we observe our anniversary and then quietly fold up our tents and fade away like many other fairs have done in the past.  
I guess the future of Georgetown Fair is up to Georgetown and Halton Hills and if we are

a community of supporters or a community of others: those who stay away. Whether in anger or apathy, both bring about the same results.  
Due to many different people, the 1980 Fair was successful and enjoyable, despite the weather conditions. If you stood in the middle of the fairgrounds about 4:30 Saturday afternoon, and if you closed your eyes, you would never know if you were attending a fair in Georgetown, Ontario or in Inuvik, N.W.T. If you were there, you know what I mean and you have the gratitude of every member of the Agricultural Society.  
Yours very truly,  
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**Minister ends cider recall against Norval producer**

**Herald Special**  
The ministry of health has ended its recall of apple cider produced at Lloyd Laidlaw Orchelaw Farms in Norval.  
Dr. Gordon Martin, chief health inspector for Ontario, said Friday he saw no reason to continue the recall.  
The ministry investigation indicated that 40 gallons of apple drink produced at the Laidlaw farm Sept. 6 was linked to the mysterious kidney ailment that sent 14 youngsters to the Hospital for Sick Children two weeks ago.  
Laboratory tests showed that only one specific batch of cider was linked to the potentially fatal disease, and Dr. Martin said the recall of the product has been effectively carried out.  
Tests are continuing, he said, and are as yet inconclusive.  
Although the recall has ended, the public health inspection role of the Peel

health unit remains unchanged. Local health officials have asked Laidlaw to discontinue production of the cider until certain health criteria are met at his facility.  
Howard Beatty, the unit's supervisor of public health, declined comment on what those requirements were, saying it is a confidential matter between the health unit and Laidlaw.  
Six children have since been released from Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, while only one remains in critical condition. Two are listed as serious, two are satisfactory, and three are in good condition.  
A similar outbreak occurred in Calgary, but only four youngsters were involved. Three recovered while the fourth victim was reported in critical condition earlier this week.  
Doctors say there is no specific cause for the disease,

known as hemolytic uremic syndrome. It usually occurs in small outbreaks.  
No new cases have been reported in the Toronto area, but doctors warn parents to report suspected cases.  
Symptoms are abdominal cramps, vomiting and bloody diarrhea.

**Soap box derby slated for Sunday**

Entry forms for the Halton Hills Grand Prix for soap box cars, being held this Sunday on Maple Avenue, are available at McDonald's and at Young's Pharmacy.  
The competition is open to youngsters aged seven to 14 who pay the entry fee of \$2.50, and who have had their parents sign a parental consent form. The completed entry form and consent form should be brought to the track Sunday at noon for registration.  
The race will be run from the hill at Holy Cross School, with registration taking place at the foot of the hill between noon and 1:15 p.m. Racing will begin at 1:30 p.m.  
The entry form includes a copy of the rules and regulations, and the specifications for the cars. The race is limited to Halton Hills residents and strict safety regulations will be enforced.  
Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in junior, senior, junior sportsman and senior sportsman classes.

**Esqueuing estates plan quashed**

A bylaw to amend the Esqueuing official plan to permit an estate residential development on the corner of Highway 7 and the Fifth Line east of Acton was defeated at council Monday night by a tie vote.  
Almond Developments had planned to build 20 estate homes on part of the property while leaving the remaining land for agriculture.  
The proposal was opposed by neighbors who feared the additional homes would put their farms too close to houses and cause them problems under the Agricultural Code of Practice.  
Despite vigorous opposition from Ward 2 councillors George Maltby and Russ Miller, the proposal passed planning board and council. However, Ward 1 councillor Ross Knechtel was absent from Monday's meeting which permitted a tie vote and the bylaw was lost.

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