Coming of spring marked by Jaycee's Crazy Boat Race



One sure sign of spring is symbolized in the Jaycees-sponsored Crazy Boat

It's back and it's as absurd as ever!

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer

Georgetown's Jaycees have unveiled plans for this year's Crazy Boat Race, a kind of poor man's regatta down the frigid spring waters of the Credit River.

April 9 has been set as race date and it already promises to attract the unique bunch of sailors whose skills in nautical architecture come up with a genuinely bizarre collection of craft. There are those who prefer to really "slum it", and travel the route in canoes.

Once again, the Jaycees have enshrined the Muscular Sclerosis Soc-

iety of Canada as the charity which will benefit from race proceeds and pledges. Participants in last year's event raised \$7,000 for MS research. There were 290 of them plying the Credit's chop in . sub-zero weather and in 87 craft which formed one of the oddest flotillas the

SPONSORS Participants are encouraged to gather sponsors and, if they collect more than \$50 in pledges, the \$7 entry fee will be

race has seen in its 16-

year history.

waived.

There have been some slight changes to the race this year, changes which will be imperceptible to all but the most senior

veterans. The community service club craft and the commercial entries are no longer listed as separate classes and will com-

pete jointly. Meanwhile, the traditional race dance has moved from the Acton Legion Hall to the Holy Cross auditorium lo Georgetown. The dance begins at 8:30 p.m. following the afternoon race.

Canoes which will form

Class A, start from a point along the river above Sideroad 27 near Cheltenham. Class B is the "comic" category, open for homemade rafts, barrel boats, bath tubs and other oddities. Prizes in this class will be awarded to the first place

finisher and to the "best presented" craft. **ALL TYPES**

Boats of all types, including rubber craft, fall under the Class C: Awards in this class will also be presented to the first place finisher and "best presented" boat. Crazy boats will launch from the Tenth Line bridge near Glen Williams and finish at the Glen's Main Street

Winners will be awarded at the victory dance and presentations are expected to begin at 10 p.m. Criterion Carpets, a Georgetown firm, is adding its sponsorship to the race, along with Moison's

bridge.

Brewerles.

Crazy boat race publicity chairman Bob Sullivan told The Herald that race officials hope to draw as many as 100 craft this year. There's a chance Premier Bill Davis will open the race along with Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy.

PLEDGES Gathering pledges for the MS fund-raising efforts is not a prerequisite for entering the race, but there are a number of rules to keep in mind before the race gets underway at 1:15 (for crazy boats) and 12:30 for

canoes, Among them: -all craft must be registered at the launch sites, starting at 11.2.m. -a \$3 deposit must be paid on the racing bib -all boats must be manually powered (no

motors) - registrants must sign a waiver releasing the club from responsibility in the event of injury or

even death -registrants must be 18 years old or have a waiver signed by their parents -life jackets must be worn and helmets and wet suits are RECOMMEN-

NO ROUGHNESS -deliberate rough housing and dunking will cause officials to disqual-

ify participants. Throughout the race, a shore safety patrol will be on duty, but competitors Continued on page A3

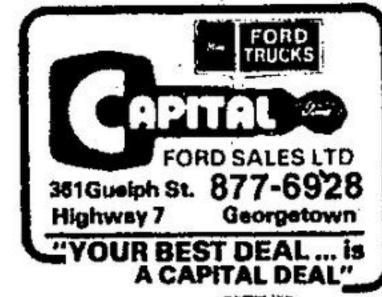


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Rural residents organize

Citizen's promise: rough roads ahead

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer A newly-formed citizen's group has promised rough roads ahead for town council unless something is done about the state of disrepair on the Ninth and Tenth Lines and Sideroad 27.

Lynn Aiken, a Ninth Line resident, presented council Monday night with a 187-name petition calling for extensive road works in the northeastern corner of the town, She said she was speaking on behalf of the Rural Road Improvement Commit-

While she was told that there are plans in the town's 1983 capital works

budget to gravel large stretches of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Lines, as well as Sideroad 27, Ms. Aiken said that her committee is "appalled

The gravelling proposal for which the town expects to pay about \$110,000 to blanket stretches of the roads with a four-inch layer of Granular A crushed stone has not been approved by town council. But the roads issue, Ms. Aiken said, is "so serious, (the committee) is prepared to look at a wide-range of alternatives to bring about a satisfactory soluDECLINED

She later declined to elaborate on what the committee would do if the gravelling proposal is

Mayor Pete Pomeroy, who was presented with a bag of sand and mud from one Tenth Line resident to underline the state his road is in, said the gravelling would be part of a longterm program to upgrade rural roads in the area.

Although the town wants to re-surface the roads with asphalt, it may take as long as ten years for this to happen, Mayor Pomeroy said. Under the

town's rural roads improvement program which began about five years ago, the town has tried to build ditches and "hard surface" at least one stretch of rural road each year, he added.

Ms. Aiken, expressing doubt that the town has alloted enough funds for the gravelling proposal, described the \$110,000 as a "drop in your pothole". She also charged that the town's public works department is sanding lcy roads too late in the day when conditions are bad. The department should follow an especially thorough sanding policy along routes well-travelled by school buses, she

maintained. RENAME ROADS Ms. Alken dryly suggested that committee members are ready to rename the Ninth and Tenth Lines and Sideroad 27 Miller Mud Run, Ruts by Hill and Pomeroy Potholes respectively in "honor" of the mayor and Esquesing councillors

Tom Hill and Russ Miller. Esquesing Coun. Sheldon, who has pressed for a more aggressive rural road maintenance by the town and the region, appealed to urpan councillors to support the gravilling project. For rural residents, she said, road repairs provide the only visible gauge by which they can see how

their tax money is spent. "I'm awfully glad to see these people here tonight," Coun. Hill commented, "It explains to you how bad the roads really are."

He asked town staff to prepare a report on how much money the town has spent on rural roads in the last ten years.



Scouts Russell Law, 11, of Main Street, (he's the one who's armed) scouting groups and guide companies turned out for the carnival, in and 12-year-old Chris Metiale indulged in war games of a sort at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of scouting in Canada. See page 10 'Scout-A-Rama' on the weekend at Cedarvale Park. More than 156 for more pictures. (Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

Council will form task force on aggregate position

Mayor is 'cautiously optimistic'

Mayor Pete Pomeroy is "cautiously optimistic" that future aggregate policies from the province won't undermine local official plans and will consider the rights of private property owners.

Members of regional, Milton and Halton Hills councils, as well as staff, met Feb. 15 with officials from the province's natural resources (MNR) and housing and municipal affairs ministries.

The secsion was sought by regional council late last year when it balked at approving an amendment to the Halton official plan which would have protected about 14,000 acres of land for possible aggregate extraction in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENT Among the assurances the province gave the municipalities' delegati-

-- on announcement is expected shortly about a new mineral aggregate



MAYOR PETE POMEROY

policy to replace the controversial "Ten Point Mineral Aggregate Policy for Official Plans".

Although full details about the new document were not given to the delegation, he was assured that the onus will now

be on aggregate producers to prove aggregate resources lie beneath private property. Property owners will not be obliged to prove that the resource doesn't exist -the mineral resource protection maps will not be added as a schedule to

licensed for aggregate operations. Aggregate areas will have to be identified by geological designations instead

the region's official plan,

except for areas already

-official plans, like Halton Hills' which do not show mineral protection areas will be supported by the ministry of housing and municipal affairs -provincial officials

maintain that it was never their intention to put aggregate interests ahead of agricultural ones. New policies may more closely recognize Provincial Foodland

Guidelines -high priority aggregate areas can only be added by amendment to the local official plan -answers to the delega-

tion would be confirmed in writing. Meanwhile, Halton Hills council has agreed to form a special task

force to review town and region official plan positions in light of the new information received from the province. It will also respond to the hear-ing officers' report on the Niagara Escarpment proposed official plan. OFFICERS' REPORT

Because the officers report supports the concept of protecting areas of land for mineral resources, limiting the kind of interim development which can take place, it is already obsolete, Coun. Pam Sheldon said, noting the province's shift away from protective designations on aggregate-rich property.

Pomeroy Mayor commented that it is doubtful the province will establish aggregate pollcles for local municipal plans and different, less restrictive policies for the escarpment planning

The apparent softening

ing to listen," Mayor ly due to last year's public reaction in Halton Hills to Pomerov commented. ABOUT THE HILLS

of the province's aggre-

gate stance, Mayor

Pomeroy said, is probab-

Red Cross campaign

MNR's mineral resource

"Maybe they are start-

protection area maps.

On Monday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. there will be a March Campaign-for-Funds kick-off night in St. George's Anglican Church Hall.

Excellent entertainment by Julian Reed, Hazel Gorin, Chris Gorin, Christine Gorin, Joanne Tucker, Alan Gotlib, Ken Gorin, Al Jolson, Pat Friend - plano and Ralph Ursel.

Interested persons welcome. Coffee and cookies served. Door prizes.

Toy lending

Plan to attend an Open House for the North Halton Toy Lending Library, on Thursday March 10, 7-9 p.m. The Toy Library which is located at George Kennedy Public School on Weber Dr. Georgetown, is a project of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded and is funded by Winterio and various community organizations.

Books needed

Want to clear those shelves? The Georgetown University Women's Club is ready to help you. If you call 877-0453 or 877-8729 or 877-3246, they'll come and pick up the books you no longer want,

The women are looking for soft or hard cover books for their annual book sale coming up in April.

Airedale theft

An Airedale Court home in Georgetown was broken into sometime between Wednesday and Friday by thieves who broke a basement window to

get in. Stereo equipment and a home computer system were stolen. Total value of the robbery was \$2,000 and damage to the window was \$20.

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A number of residents voiced their concerns to Ward 3 councillors at a recent drop-in meeting. Page At.

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Enid Williams Nicholas was the woman behind the curtain in Globe's 'Oklahoma'. Page At.

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Economic woes increase caseload for Family Services stress to losing a home, By ANI PEDERIAN With a staff of seven, having not enough money Herrid Staff Writer for food and accepting a new cut back lifestyle.

Unemployment puts a lot of stress on families and brings out problems that might otherwise have lain dormant for a number of years, says a social worker.

Halton Family Services' (HFS), asistant exective director Jack



JACK KNIGHT

Knight said the number of cases being handled by HFS has nearly doubled in one year.

In January 1982, the counselling service was handling 23 cases. This past January, 41 new cases were opened. "The problems people are coming with are

multi-facetted," he said. "People usually come saying there's some other stress at the moment, but end up relating it to unemployment."

The service sees people for Individual, marriage, family and group coun-

three full-time and four part-time social workers. the regional service also offers a full-time credit counsellor.

We've seen a definite increase in the number of people coming to us who are unemployed," Mr. Knight said. "It's not only the Stelco laboring people but a lot of people in management and middle management positions who are unemployed."

From January to December 1982 HFS was running a waiting list from 12 to 35 cases, Mr. Knight said, "It peaked in the fall at about 30 cases so that we hired two part-time staff this January. The walting list is now down to ten."

"We thought we could cope with the waiting list for most of the year, but by fall we thought, 'My God, we can't go on like this," he said. HFS handled 2,378 cases in 1982. INCREASED COSTS

With increased costs, many familles depend on the two incomes, so that if one spouse becomes unemployed it means a substantial cut in carnings. The financial stress on families has meant an

increase in requests for credit counselling, Mr. Knight said. The financial implications of a lost job are

many, ranging from

Parks dept. brochure ready

On Wednesday, March 9 the recreational and parks department will be issuing the spring and summer community recreation brochure. Program YOURS this issue.

The department is also offering a new registration system for your convenience. "Mail in" registration forms can be found inside this brochure.

it okay, others need help, he sald. "It's a really ripe situ-It's been much worse.

ation for people to feel Mr. Knight said.

to enjoy life.

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discouraged and has a lot of implications on marrlage and what people want for their family," He said people enter relationships with certain

Some families cope with

expectations and goals: that they'll be able to have a family; they feel it's a right to own a home; they expect to have some freedom with their money

TRULY

crammed box was no easy feat for (left to right) Daniel School. With their playmates they enjoyed a pink leed

Stuffing Valentines Day wishes into an already three-year olds are students in the Halton Hills Nursery Young, Chris Coleman, and Lesley Watson. The heart-shaped cake and other treats Feb. 15.

area itself. (Herald photo)