

ABOUT THE HILLS

Chicken barbecue

Feathers will be flying when the Norval United Church prepare for their annual chicken barbecue June 4. For advance tickets, call 455-8354. Cost is \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children. At the gate, tickets are \$5 adults, \$2.75 children.

The feast is being held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Huttonville Public School on Embleton Road, just west off of Mississauga Road.

Residential theft

A 16-year old Acton man was charged with break and enter, theft, and possession of stolen property in connection with a residential break-in May 8 where there was \$50 damage and \$60 worth of liquor stolen.

Halton regional police said a home south of Acton, off Highway 25, was broken into after the glass in a rear door was smashed.

He's not guilty

A Georgetown man was found not guilty of attempted murder last Wednesday in Milton provincial court. Michael Blake Ryall, 35, will be sentenced June 14 on a charge of wounding.

He was charged in connection with a domestic dispute Dec. 30 in a Main Street North apartment. Robert Currie, 24, of Guelph Street, a nephew of the man, suffered a knife wound to his abdomen and underwent surgery at Georgetown Memorial Hospital following the stabbing incident.

Air gun sharpshooter

An air gun cracked the windshields of three vehicles overnight May 10 at Baz Motors on Georgetown's Guelph Street, Halton regional police report. There was \$500 damage to two Hondas and a LeMans sports coupe.

Dangerous driving

A Guelph man was charged with dangerous driving and mischief following an incident on Elizabeth Drive in Acton, where he cut in front of another car.

There was \$250 damage to the two cars which collided, Halton regional police said. The accused had chased a 17-year old driver from Rockwood to Acton and after the collision, smashed the windshield of the victim's car, police said.

The 17-year old accused surrendered to police last Wednesday, police said.

Save your tickets

Save your old Wintario tickets: They'll get you into the Halton Regional Museum at discount prices.

Halton's finance and administration committee last Wednesday decided that the museum should join the province's Half-back program. The province's ministry of culture and citizenship describes the program as "turning losing Wintario tickets into cultural savings for consumers".

Normally, the admission at the museum is \$1.50 for adults; 75-cents for seniors and students and 50 cents for kids.

Wintario tickets will shave 50-cents from entry fees, letting children in for one used Wintario stub.

The family fee would be two tickets plus one Wintario ticket. The program, if endorsed by regional council today (Wednesday) will run from June to December this year.

Downtown businessmen confused over Town Hall

Downtown Georgetown businessmen feel snubbed and betrayed that a recently completed study on a future office space needs for Halton Hills' municipal administration suggests the downtown area is not an appropriate site for a larger town hall.

They held a public meeting at the John Elliott Theatre last Tuesday night to express concerns with some of the study's recommendations.

The businessmen, members of the Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) say they feel the location of the municipal centre could affect the survival of their businesses in the years ahead.

A Walker, Wright, Young and Associates study for the Acton and Georgetown BIAs a year and a half ago urged council to locate a municipal centre and supermarket in downtown Georgetown as a means of drawing business into the area. The BIA has suffered from the recent recession and the tendency of residents to shop in plazas and malls in

Georgetown and nearby Brampton. But the Walker firm, along with Robbie Architects and Planners, collaborated on the space needs study which doesn't favor the BIA as the location for a new municipal centre.

That "180-degree about face" has Georgetown BIA members confused and embittered, BIA treasurer George Markou told the meeting.

"It's totally unbelievable that the same firm can reverse a decision like that," he told approximately 30 people who turned up for the meeting.

Ward 4 (Georgetown) Coun. Finn Poustrup, chairman of the committee looking into the town's administrative space needs, stressed that the Robbie report, adopted by council, is not an "outright commitment" to keep the municipal centre out of downtown Georgetown.

Selling trees

Close to 6,000 students from the public and separate school system in Halton Region are selling seedling trees — to help raise money for the Crawford Lake Indian Village and Conservation Centre project.

It is expected the students will raise about \$10,000 for the project. The youngsters will sell the trees for \$2 each — and have the option of keeping \$1 from the sale for school projects, or donating the entire amount to the Crawford Lake project.

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Seniors meet June 23

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The morning program includes an address from Douglas Rapelje, director of the Senior Citizens Department in the Region of Niagara, followed by a panel discussion which will discuss nursing home admissions, the recently introduced Home Care Program in Halton and the Halton Regional Study on Services for the Elderly.

and speak to representatives of Halton's agencies which provide support services for the elderly. Brochures and registration forms will be available after June 1 at local libraries, Seniors' Drop In Centres, Information Centres or by calling the Health Council office at (416) 842-2120.

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