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HALTON HILLS SHOPPING CENTRE

OMB reviews tract of land for housing

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

Highway 7 and Fifth Line goes through, a nearby farmer says he's willing to buy most of the property's top-class

agricultural land, saving it from development.

Frank Anthony, who lives south of the 100-acre property owned by Almond Developments Ltd., already rents about 15 acres per year to raise hay and other forage crops on the property.

Testifying before the Ontario Municipal Board hearing reviewing an application to build large estate-type homes at the site, Mr. Anthony commented that anyone wanting to begin full-scale farming on the land would have to start from scratch.

Not only is part of it covered with poorer class soil and suffers from too many rocks and too little drainage, but the existing barn is too dilapidated to be of much use.

If the price is right, Mr. Anthony said, he would buy a 45.6-acre L-shaped slice of the property containing, he says, 80 to 90 per cent of the prime farmland. The best fields are located in the southwest section of the land, he told the hearing.

AWAIT DECISION

The hearing began Wednesday and adjourned Friday. A decision from the hearing officers about whether the development proposal can go ahead is expected in about a month.

The case underlines an integral difference of opinion between town and regional planners and councils.

Halton is concerned that regional policies to preserve farmland will be undermined if the Almond plan is passed.

On the other hand, Halton Hills argues that rural estate subdivisions, gatherings of larger houses, each with about two acres of land, should be judged on their own merits.

Halton Hills has supported Almond Development's proposal, but the region has balked, forcing the OMB hearing and prolonging an issue which is already about 10 years old.

Both Almond Developments and the region called expert testimony to back their respective cases at the three-day hearing. On behalf of the developer, Mr. Anthony testified that from some of the poorer soil sections of the property, crop yields were about 50 per cent of normal yields.

Mr. Anthony said the remaining property "is



MOONLIGHT MADNESS SPARKLES

Pyjama clad shoppers padded their way from store to store Friday till midnight. Sponsored by the Georgetown downtown merchants, the "Moonlight Magic" sale featured 10-25 per cent discounts and prizes for the wildest sleep

ensembles on Main Street. No sleep in their eyes, (left to right) Devon Craig, 13, Angie Cook, 9, and Roni Cook, 13, took part in the annual event.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

ABOUT THE HILLS

Disarmament meeting

Halton Hills' new "Action for Nuclear Disarmament" group (HAND) will meet Monday, August 29 at 162 Prince Charles, Georgetown at 8 p.m.

Plans for booths at the local fairs will be discussed, and the group's new buttons will be available. All welcome. For information call 877-5982.

No inquest

There will be no inquest into the double fatality fire Aug. 7 in Acton, Coroner Dr. Allister MacIntosh has decided.

Eugene Miller, 56, and Kathy Wears, 14, died in the blaze which destroyed a Willow Street North home. The fire is believed caused by improper disposal of smoking materials.

Legal aid clinic

A legal aid clinic is going to be open Fridays in Milton. Appointments for legal counselling can be made with the Georgetown Legal Aid Clinic on Wesleyan Street. For appointments or more information, call 877-5256.

Older man punched

An 18-year old Acton man was arrested Aug. 16 in connection with an assault on a 51-year old Acton man Aug. 12 outside the Sittling Bull Tavern.

The older man had walked out of the tavern, seen a fight going on in the road. His attempts to stop the fight resulted in his being knocked to the ground by the accused, being punched numerous times in the face, and transported to hospital by police.

He was detained overnight at Georgetown Memorial Hospital where he was treated for facial cuts and bruises. The younger man has been charged with assault causing bodily harm and appears in Milton provincial court Sept. 19.

Saw accident

A 20-year old Hawkes Place, Georgetown, man sliced off his right index finger while cutting through wood Aug. 17.

The man was using a Black and Decker arm saw and reaching for a second piece of wood when, he told police, the saw jumped forward slicing his finger. He was treated at Georgetown Memorial Hospital where he was rushed by ambulance.

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Acton's Ciderfest celebrates harvest

Ever eat appleauce with no hands? Come out this weekend to Acton's Ciderfest and you'll get a chance to try it.

You can also try your luck apple bobbing, apple rolling and cider drinking—other contests on Saturday's agenda.

A first in Acton, Ciderfest celebrates the crunchy red-skinned farm fruit that rounds off the summer's produce.

Downtown Acton is going to be dotted with cider tents, like the ever-popular beer tents at fall fairs. The three-day community celebration has been organized by Heritage Acton and follows up on the one-day Leathertown Market of two years ago. Proceeds from Ciderfest go towards the restoration of the Acton town hall on Bower Street.

The activities start with a dance Friday

evening at the Acton Arena for young people. A local group will provide the dancing music.

Saturday's events begin with an opening parade down Mill Street



led by the Acton Citizens Band and Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

Following the short parade, shoppers can browse through the displays of local and out-of-town vendors selling everything from farm fruit and vegetables to baking, antiques, crafts, and handmade treasures.

All day Saturday, Mill

Street will be blocked off to car traffic from the railroad tracks at Bower Street to Main Street.

At 2 p.m. that afternoon, there'll be an auction sale on the YMCA steps. The community auction will get rid of anything you've been meaning to either throw out or sell at a garage sale. You're urged to bring in your goods for auctioning Saturday morning to the Y. A percentage of the sale proceeds go to Heritage Acton.

Among the things to see will be a vintage auto display by Bill Yundt, a local pharmacist with a Model T collection.

Saturday will wrap up with a dance at the Becker's plaza parking lot on Highway 7 and Churchill Road.

Activities start up again Sunday with baseball, tennis and horse-shoe pitching tournaments. At noon, an

Acton woman, Nancy Patterson, will swim 10 kilometres in Fairy Lake to raise at least \$1,000 for the Cancer

Society's patients' services. The swim is in memory of her sister Sandy who died in 1979 of cancer, at age 23.

Ciderfest will draw to a close with an Acton Citizens Band concert at 5 p.m. in the Prospect Park bandshell.

Five Acton men injured in collision

Five young Acton men were injured and one of them is still in hospital

as a result of a single car collision Aug. 13 at 6 a.m. Edgar Wilson, 20, was admitted for observation and is in satisfactory condition at Georgetown Memorial Hospital where he is recovering from lacerations to the scalp.

Thomas Stere, 16, suffered head injuries and was admitted overnight for observation.

Martin Belanger, 18, sustained multiple abrasions and lacerations and was admitted and discharged from hospital last week.

Maurice Longpre, 16, and Jeffrey Balkind, 17, were treated and released by the emergency department.

Firefighter's show

Firefighters across Ontario are pitching together to raise funds for a new burn centre at the Toronto Wellesley Hospital.

They're selling tickets to a firefighter's show at the Canadian National Exhibition Oct. 8, the earnings from which will go towards their \$2,500,000 project goal for the burn centre.

Local firefighters will be selling the \$3 tickets at the Georgetown fall fair.

The vehicle was east-bound on Sideroad 22 at a high rate of speed when it became airborne, because of the speed, at the crest of a hill near Highway 25. The 1973 Volvo hit the roadway and the driver lost control of it.

The car left the road after crossing the centre line, struck a tree, became airborne again and rolled over end until it finally came to rest at a fence.

The car was totalled, Halton regional police reported, with damages of \$3,700.

The driver has been charged with dangerous driving and consuming liquor under age.

If you'd like to help sell the tickets, contact Doug Farragan at 877-8491. There is a slight commission in sales.

Wellesley Hospital is providing 8,287 square feet of space for patient rooms, operating rooms, hydrotherapy facilities, treatment and medication rooms, convalescent areas and for a skin bank. The Ontario ministry of health is paying the operating costs of the centre.

Happiness is... a crowd-pleasing annual fall fair

Happiness is... a fall fair with all the ingredients to please the most excitable 6 year old while keeping grandma comfortably engaged in a friendly two hour game of bingo.

Young or old, the Georgetown Fall Fair board is hoping this year's lineup of events will attract record crowds come September 9, 10 and 11.

The 137th annual Fall Fair is, in short, bigger and better than in previous years. The fair board has set their goals at changing some attractions while adding others in an effort to hold everyone's attention over the three day event.

The fair board presi-

dent Ian MacCallum is enthusiastic about the promising array of talent lined up for scheduled grandstand shows Friday and Saturday nights.

In previous years the evening program wasn't strong enough to attract a large following. But thanks to the tireless work of Steamer Emmerson, the fairgrounds will be humming with the excitement of magicians, bluegrass bands, singers and the

popular OPP Golden Helmets. "The Friday and Saturday evening performances will be really exciting. We have a good variety of entertainment," Mr. MacCallum says.

"The community supports the fair so we were able to expand our program," he says.

Under the direction of Paul Armstrong, the fair gained renewed support from Georgetown businesses, many of them from the "urban" sector, not usu-

ally thought of as having strong ties to the agriculture-oriented event.

Service clubs have been active in lending their organization abilities. The Kinsmen, Optimists, Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs are

all committed to keeping fairgoers entertained and well fed.

The Rotary club have launched a new program bound to be popular with senior citizens and families by establishing a giant bingo booth. Judging from the recent local appeal of bingo and crowds vying for seats at the CNE in Toronto, the board game should fare well.

The Optimists have contributed by helping out with a new beer garden for those wishing to wet their whistles. Proceeds from selling the suds will go towards the Georgetown District High School elevator fund for handicapped students.

On Saturday a new

event is sure to draw crowds when the heavy horse pull slides into town. Belgians and Percherons weighing nearly a ton will compete for prizes by towing 10,000 pounds of weights on

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FRIENDS FROM AFAR

There was plenty of international camaraderie at the Georgetown YMCA day camp, at the Kelso Conservato Area in Milton. A trio of visitors from the Lima, Peru YMCA have been in Ontario for the last few months as part of a special exchange program. Gathered in the photograph above are (front row, left to right) Stephanie Hedley-Smith, a Guelph resident who's off to Lima as part of the exchange; Rosa Ponce, a Peruvian visitor from the Lima Y; Myriam Allain, the Canadian co-ordinator

for the Peru team, Canada World Youth; Ada Murrugarra, also of Peru; Michelle Armstrong, a Pembroke resident who will be helping out in Peru as part of the exchange; (back row) Cesar Salgado, of the Lima Y, and Ms. Allain's counterpart in Peru; Georgetown Y director John Wood, Collette Malo, in charge of international development for the Toronto Y, Georgetown Y's Irene Fairless, Ana Piqueras (who translated) and Ruth Law.

(Herald photo)



The 137th Annual Georgetown Fall Fair has activities suited for both young and old.

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