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ABOUT THE HILLS

Parenting stress talk

Want to pick up some tips on handling those youngsters at home?
Parents Information Exchange (North Halton) has invited Bonnie Brown of Parental Stress Services to speak on "Stress in parenting" Thursday (tomorrow) at 7:30 p.m.
The talk is included in the Exchange's general meeting at the Milton Optimists Centre at 311 Commercial St.

Israel night

Are you interested in a tour to the Holy Land but you're not sure what's involved?
There will be an Israel Night May 2 at Knox Presbyterian Church starting at 7:30 p.m.
During the night you will be able to see films and slides and discuss travel in the Holy Land.
Guest speaker will be the Canadian director of the Israeli Tour Office. On hand will be tour hosts from Golliger's travel agency. Trips to the Holy Land will be leaving from the Georgetown area Sept. 22 and Nov. 21 for 14 days each.

Sundays at the library

The library will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. until May 13 inclusive.
Sunday openings will start again Oct. 20 after the summer is over.
The Library board decided to close Saturdays prior to a statutory holiday: June 29, Aug. 3 and Aug. 31. It will be open for all other Saturdays preceding statutory holidays.

Bowl-a-thon challenge

Between invitations to baseball games and bowlathons, town councillors will get fit this spring.
Recently, councillors were invited to take part in the Rotary Club's annual fund-raising bowlathon.
It's being held May 11 between 2 and 6 p.m. at the Georgetown Bowl.
Funds raised through the event will finance community projects.

Time to be active

Get your running shoes out. Not only is the snow gone for the season, but national physical activity week is around the corner.
The nine-day celebration of physical activity takes place May 23 to June 2.
The week is co-ordinated by Fitness Canada and municipal and provincial governments and many national health and fitness associations.
The town declared its participation in the campaign Monday night.

Peel opposes site

The region of Peel has written a letter stating its opposition to a landfill site for Halton being located in Oakville.
Three of the six sites identified by Halton's consultants for use as a future dump were around the Burnhamthorpe and Trafalgar Roads.
Peel Regional Council said the Oakville sites A, B and C would have "a serious negative impact on the prestige industrial park known as Erin Mills West Business Park", and that it would have "further negative impact on the now developing residential community known as Erin Mills West and the existing residential community of Erin Mills South."

Respect for law

Respect for Law week was proclaimed by town council Monday night for the Georgetown Optimist Club.
The week runs from May 26 to June 1 and is intended to focus public attention on the dedicated law enforcement officers, and the need for citizens to get involved in crime to be controlled.

Trace your family tree

Tracing back your family tree is a long and arduous job.
Two members of the Halton Peel branch of the Ontario Genealogy Society will be speaking on "How to begin research in genealogy focussing on Ontario and England", April 29 at 2 p.m.
The talk is being held at the Chinguacousy Branch Library at 150 Central Park Drive in Bramalea.

Correction

There was an error in the April 17 edition of The Herald on page C7. In a story about Meals on Wheels an information number was incorrectly printed.
The number should have been 877-8321. The Herald regrets the error.

Camp for many interests

Don't wait any longer. The Georgetown YMCA is taking registrations for Kelso daycamp. Daycamp options include Computer Camp, Sailing Camp, C.I.T. program and French Immersion.
Also available is Creative Arts Camp and new this year Riding Camp. Stop by the Y office today to pick up a daycamp brochure or call 877-6163 for more information.

Tourism study VIA, leather theme attracts tourists

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Re-instating the VIA Rail service to Acton would increase tourism to the area, a regional study released last week says.

The Peter Barnard Associates study notes trains pass through Acton five times a day en route from Toronto to Stratford and London.

The 50-55 minute ride would cost about \$7.50 return and would make Acton attractive to those unable to drive from Toronto to Acton, like seniors, young families and those dependent on mass transit.

With the creation of a train station in downtown Acton, the study says it should be a high profile, privately and publicly supported visitor reception area.

"Not only would the train station serve the needs of VIA passengers, it should also be the location for travel and visitor information, escorted tour pick-up and car rental or bus connections," the report says.

Acton is strategically located at the crossroads of Highways 25 and 7, and this location should be developed as a major staging point for tourist visits to North Halton.

Peter Barnard Associates note besides Acton's own tourism attractions like the Olde Hide House, Jack Tanners' and Trail Winds livery stable, Acton is near many other areas of interest to tourists.

Acton's leather industry is a central part of its heritage and makes a strong tourism theme that should be developed.

In keeping with the theme, local tanneries should be encouraged to allow public access and viewing. Working displays, industrial tours and informative craft-people increase the credibility of the leather-town theme and make more of an impression on tourists to Acton.

As well, there should be special events promoting Leathertown like craft shows, rodeos, and fashion show, which can encourage new tourists to come to Acton, the study says.

A tourism study by Peter Barnard Associates says the Acton Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Area have promoted the leathertown theme and developed a logo for it, and the Olde Hide House has promoted Acton as "Leathertown", but this is only a start.

The leathertown theme needs to be expanded with beautifying Acton's downtown.

The study suggests Acton develop a street-



GOOD OLD DAYS
Diane (Newton) Denhart (left) and Nancy (Skippen) Jones were thrilled to see their 85 year old math teacher pop (Ed) Evans Saturday afternoon at the Acton High School reunion. The two women were in Grade 13 together and graduated in 1959. Today, they both live in Toronto. "We didn't like math, but we liked Pop Evans," Mrs. Jones said. (Herald photo)

Owners leaving keys to be fined: police

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

Halton regional police will be "strictly enforcing" a town by-law which could mean \$2,000 fines for owners leaving their keys in unattended vehicles.

In an effort to curb a 77 per cent increase in thefts from cars during the last three months in Georgetown, crime prevention officer Bob Ustrzycki said the local detachment will begin a "blitz" effective immediately.

Constable Ustrzycki said the 77 per cent figure represents 58 thefts from vehicles and an estimated \$14,500 in property loss.

A whopping 82 per cent of vehicles entered in the thefts were left unlocked which is the prime motivation for the enforcement of the by-law.

Introduced in 1983 the by-law carried a minimum fine of \$25. Commercial vehicles are exempt from the law.

Many local businesses will be carrying advertisements against leaving cars unlocked and theft prevention pamphlets will be available.

Not only aimed at victims, the local thief will also be targeted.

Along with increased police patrol cars in the problem areas the Halton regional police will begin a foot patrol.

Const. Ustrzycki said four officers (sometimes undercover) will be pounding the pavement solely to prevent the thefts.

"We have used foot patrols before but not as extensively as we will use here," he said.

Stereo systems are the hardest hit in thefts from vehicles and the majority are not recovered due to a lack of description for the units.

"We're only as good as the information we receive," Const. Ustrzycki said.

Georgetown Custom Car Sound has already thrown their support behind the "blitz" and will engrave an owner's drivers licence number on a car stereo system free of charge.

The only stipulation is the company asks owners to phone ahead for an appointment (877-2425).

Const. Ustrzycki said a number of the units turn up at second hand sales and flea markets. He warns buyers of the systems should be wary, as a charge of possession of stolen property falls under the criminal code.

"It can be an awfully embarrassing situation and it's up to them to prove they had no knowledge it (the system) was stolen," he said.

Carney tells PC crowd 150,000 jobs on the way

By AZZO REZORI
Herald special

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Pat Carney predicts her government's new energy agreements with western and eastern provinces will create up to 150,000 jobs in central Canada.

Speaking at a \$100-a-plate fundraising dinner by the Progressive Conservative association for the federal Brampton-Georgetown riding, the Vancouver MP boldly described the energy accord as the unshackling of Canada's energy giant.

She said as many as 53 companies in Brampton alone will benefit from increasing reinvestment by the energy industry, encouraged by the removal of taxes such as the petroleum and gas revenue tax under the previous government's National Energy Program.

Removal of a special Canadian ownership charge and cancellation of two price increases between now and August mean natural gas will cost 25 per cent less than it would have under the Liberal program, she said.

And with world prices falling, Canadian consumers can expect to gain from the deregulation of the price of crude oil, as have their neighbors in the U.S.

Carney said the accord shows energy can be used to unite Canada.

"For too long energy has been seen as a dog-fight of competing interests - the big producers, the small producers, the provincial governments from the west, the centre and the east," she said.

"We've just shown it doesn't have to be that way."

'Rural roots' would promote our heritage

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

"Rural Roots Ontario" is the slogan being recommended for Halton by a regional study.

A play on words (rural routes), the theme line was suggested by Peter Barnard Associates, a firm hired by the region last May to undertake a tourism study for Halton.

"Rural Roots Ontario" is a slogan which can include all of the region's four municipalities.

"In the search for the appropriate theme, it became clear that one element of community pride which was common to all four municipalities is the local heritage and rural-small town links," the report said.

In the north, antique and craft shops, "pick-your-own" farms, country stores, nature trails, museums and the hilly terrain can be played up with this slogan.

This theme line puts in a capsule why tourists would be drawn to the area.

The report recommends incorporating the slogan on highway and local signs, like "Welcome to Rural Roots Ontario Tourist Area".

Tourists spent about \$7.3 million in Halton Hills last year.

They could have spent a lot more, according to a report on tourism released last week.

Prepared for the region, the study by Peter Barnard Associates showed Halton Hills, along with the rest of the region, isn't tapping its tourism potential.

The firm interviewed 572 tourists visiting Halton last summer and found tourists spent, on average, \$20 during a visit to Halton Hills, and most of it on groceries.

Legion ladies

By MARJORIE TUTTY

A Mini Bingo and a Mini Auction was held April 11 as the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Spring Social.

Rose Green, Zone Commander was in attendance and urged all to attend the Zone Convention being held on April 30. Our entertainment for the evening was provided by Fred Bootle, son Dave and Roberta Burke.

Many thanks to Mary Ann Roy, Carol Gregory and all their helpers for an enjoyable evening. Our General Meeting was held on Thursday, April 18.

Friday April 26: Industrial Crib Banquet - Conventor M. Clarke.

Saturday April 27: Boy Scouts Dinner and Dance - Conventor E. Murray.



BOWLING FOR DOLLARS
The Lionesses had fun Friday night bowling while raising funds for the Bennett Health Care Centre. They staged a bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Centre. Seen here are three participants (left to right) Lena Connors, Erica Williams and Lil Chapman. (Herald photo)

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