

Track finals

GDHS team tops at Halton

See Sports C3

Rain couldn't stop the show

Rain didn't dampen spirits or put a halt to the annual Optimist fireworks display. Bang-O-Rama saluted Queen Victoria's birthday in style. For a pictorial record of the event, see page A5.

Legion debut

Boogie band' charity gig

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ABOUT THE HILLS

Newspaper cops another award

The Halton Hills Herald received media honors last Tuesday, for an editorial, at the Halton Regional Police Force annual awards night.

The function held in Burlington honors members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution to the maintenance of law and order or public safety.

It also incorporates the distribution of the police exemplary service medals, first annual media awards, community club awards and special awards.

The Herald received a first runner up award for an editorial about police action taken to curb loitering.

The Hamilton Spectator captured four awards, while the Oakville Beaver also placed in four categories. Thanks to the on-the-spot work of Milton Champion photographer Jon Borgstrom, that newspaper placed in three news photo categories.

Summer pipe dreams

A Georgetown resident will be teaching others how to blow into bagpipes this summer.

Virginia Hulme is an instructor with the Sheridan College school of piping summer school. The program runs from July 6 until July 14.

A teacher by profession, Mrs. Hulme is a resident instructor at Sheridan College. She has been Pipe Major of the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band.

For information about the course call 277-1883 (evenings).

Town's racing, are you?

Have you started your training yet? Time's running out.

The annual mayor's road race is June 9.

The region is expected to voice no objection to the road race using part of Mountainview Road at Delrex Boulevard.

The Halton Hills recreation and parks department has arranged for Halton regional police control at the intersection.

Tourism study chat

How can Halton lure more tourists into the region to spend little and big bucks?

Find out May 30. Carolyn Kearns and Steve Chait of Peter Barnard Associates will be making a detailed presentation on a tourism study recently undertaken for regional councillors.

From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., "A Tourism Strategy for Halton" will be presented to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required with Cathy Nunn with the Halton Business Development Department at 827-2151, extension 319.

There's no charge for the seminar. It takes place at the Holiday Inn in Burlington.

Write about park use

If you've got some ideas on how the Ontario Heritage Foundation should be using the 540 acres of property bequeathed to it by Stewart and Letty Bennett, Jane Holmes wants to hear them.

Ms. Holmes is a planner with Sears and Russell Consultants, a Toronto company hired to do a feasibility study for the Ballinacree farmsteads.

Written submissions should be sent to Jane Holmes, Sears and Russell Consultants, 145 Davenport Rd., Toronto, M5R 1J1.

The company will be holding a public meeting once viable options for using the property have been narrowed down, Ms. Holmes said.

Otto will participate

The Honourable Otto Jelinek, Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport, will perform his fifteen minutes of physical activity for the Great Canadian Participation Challenge in his riding of Halton.

Joining Mr. Jelinek Wednesday, May 29, at 1:15 p.m. will be Oakville Mayor B.H. Barrett. Mr. Jelinek will start off leading the fifteen minute outside exercise class at the Oakville Town Hall.

After completing these fifteen minutes of continuous physical activity, all participants must telephone in their participation to 842-5180. Over 183 communities across Canada will be participating this year.

House aflame

The owner of an Ashgrove gas station, Vince Panetta, found his house ablaze on the corner of Sideroad 10 and Trafalgar Road Saturday.

Damage to the house is estimated at about \$30,000. Firefighters battled the flames from around 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Seventeen men responded from the Georgetown-based station.

The blaze is thought to have started in the area of the furnace, said Fire Chief Bill Cunningham.

Y Kelso camp

Don't wait any longer. The Georgetown YMCA is taking registrations for Kelso day camp. Day camp options include computer camp, sailing camp, CIT program and French immersion.

Also available is creative arts camp and new this year, riding camp. Stop by the YMCA office today to pick up a day camp brochure or call 877-6163 for more information.

Two Legion parades

June is parade month for the Royal Canadian Legion of Georgetown.

June 9, the Legion wants to hold a "Decoration Day Parade" at 2 p.m. from the Go Station parking lot to Greenwood Cemetery and back.

June 22, also at 2 p.m., at the Georgetown Fairgrounds a second parade

Brand new sewage digester means Georgetown can grow

CLIMB A-BOARD



David Chapman may be the king of the castle, but Duane Erler (left) and Andrew Crabbe will soon be at his heels. The threesome were trying out some equipment erected at Bang-O-Rama by the Boy Scouts in Georgetown.

By ANI PADERIAN
Herald Staff

Without too much argument at last week's regional planning and public works committee, Halton Hills councillors got a commitment for a new digester for the Georgetown sewage treatment plant.

The \$1.3 million machinery breaks sewage down into sludge. Rich in nitrogen and ammonia, sludge is used by the agricultural community to fertilize and enrich soil.

The digester now in use in Georgetown hasn't been fully operational for a long time, planning and public works director Bob Moore said.

"It's worn out, in poor repair," he said.

A planning and public works report last week recommended that instead of a new digester, \$467,407 be spent to upgrade the water pollution control plant digester.

"We were suggesting it be delayed pending other studies," Mr. Moore said.

He said the region has been looking into

Georgetown using Peel's sewage treatment plant and water system. Instead of forking out \$1.3 million on a new digester for Georgetown this year, Mr. Moore wanted money to be put towards studying this alternative.

However, councillors felt such a study would take at least five years, if not 10. It would need co-operation between staff at the two regions, and politicians, besides approval from the Ministry of the Environment.

Councillors overturned the planning director's suggestion and pushed forward with the new digester.

Problems with sewage treatment capacity could mean no further growth for Georgetown and no increase in the tax base, despite Secondary Plans and Boundary studies being complete, Coun. Mike Armstrong said.

Planning and public works committee also approved additional funds of

—\$10,675 for detailed engineering, required because of the railway

crossing near the watermain being built on Eastern Avenue in Acton. The \$10,675 is in addition to \$64,000 already approved for the 150 millimeter diameter watermain.

—\$10,613 for a water distribution study in Acton. In 1983, \$5,000 had gone from the waterworks emergency fund for this and more money is not needed. The upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing and the ongoing water shortage in Acton make the study necessary.

—\$10,675 for a feasibility study for servicing

from Peel region in Georgetown. The town needs more water and more sewage treatment capacity.

—\$358,680 to replace sanitary sewers on Durham, King, Sarah and Union Streets, and Ostrander Boulevard in Georgetown.

—\$45,720 to reconstruct a 200 millimeter diameter sanitary sewer on Edward Street from Delrex Boulevard to Guelph Street in Georgetown. An underground look at the sanitary sewer shows it should be replaced.

—\$52,308 to relocate a sanitary sewer

Cable hike?

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has been asked to approve an increase in cable television installation charges in Georgetown.

Halton-Triangle Investments Ltd. has applied to the regulatory agency for permission to increase the cable television hook-up charge from \$25 to \$35.

The rate now in effect was approved by the CRTC in July, 1979.

The commission has not yet decided whether or not to hold a public hearing to consider the proposal by Halton-Triangle.

Tax exemption for Witnesses challenged

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

An Ontario Supreme Court Justice has been asked to find that the national headquarters of the Jehovah's Witnesses and a farm which supplies food to that headquarters are entitled to a tax exemption as a "seminary of learning".

Paul McInnis, counsel

for the International Bible Students Association of Canada and the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Canada said the society's main purpose is to educate interested people about the Bible. Part of their workshop service is always devoted to teaching and the materials used for lessons are produced at the national

headquarters near Georgetown.

Mr. McInnis said the association does not claim to have a seminary at the headquarters.

There are meeting rooms there and some teaching does occur on site but the main learning is done in all the congregations, private homes and street corners across Canada where witnesses teach the public about the Bible.

Mr. McInnis described the Association as a seminary and said the fact witnesses actively go out to teach their religion separates them from other churches. They are a teaching group rather than just a religion, he said.

Chris Schulze, counsel for regional assessment commissions which cover Halton and Wellington County, said the commission disagreed with the association's interpretation of the word seminary.

While all sides agree that seminars for religious learning are exempt from taxation,

the commission feels that means a place, an actual physical location, not a concept such as the association is saying.

Mr. Schulze said the organization's primary purpose is the promotion of its particular religious views and the headquarters' purpose is to control the faith of adherents and members. If the court finds the association is like that of other churches then the case is lost. If the court finds the organization's prime purpose is teaching the commission still takes the view the teaching must be done on site.

Don Robertson, counsel for Erin Township in which the farms are located which supply food to the headquarter staff of 200, said the seminary's need for the supporting lands are the test which will determine whether the farms should be classed as "grounds and premises used in connection with and for the purpose of" the seminary.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

Grease fire

A grease fire at 5 Lilac Lane in the River Run townhouse complex in Georgetown caused \$8,000 damage.

The fire started May 15 around 5:30 p.m. when a pot of grease was left burning on the stove.

Firefighters had no problem extinguishing the blaze, but there was extensive smoke damage throughout the house.

Mushroom worker dies

Herald Staff
A 21-year old Toronto man is dead after an accident at Meadow Glen Mushrooms, located on Mountainview Road North.

Antonio Silveira was transported by ambulance to the

Georgetown District Memorial Hospital Thursday morning but he was pronounced dead on arrival.

At the time of the accident he was working inside one of the buildings preparing the mushroom beds. One of the workers was operating a

piece of equipment used to cultivate the soil.

An investigation is being continued by the Halton Regional Police and the Ontario Ministry of Labor.

Ontario Hydro were also called in to investigate the accident.

Cellular mobile telephone

Even E.T. could use it

If E.T. had wanted to phone home in a hurry, he should have used a cellular mobile telephone.

The signal would have been strong in Georgetown, because a 175 foot antenna was recently put up on Armstrong Avenue.

Jim Taylor of the Halton-Peel Computer Club demonstrated a new mobile telephone that is hitting the market, to his fellow club members last Wednesday.

Cantel, a Canadian-owned company recently received permission from the CRTC (Canadian

Radio-Television Commission) to operate on a frequency with 333 channels.

A computer automatically switches the transmission signal from one of the three antennas sites in the region: Toronto, Hamilton and Georgetown.

The Georgetown site was chosen because it is part of a triangular path necessary for complete coverage with a mobile phone.

The system, which costs about \$2,000 to \$2,500, has a number of advantages over the usual type of mobile car

phone, said computer club president Collin Davenport.

A regularly operated mobile phone only has a limited number of channels. It is necessary to call a mobile operator to connect the call and often there is a waiting period before the line is free, Mr. Davenport said.

Another disadvantage of the old system is that it's easy for others to listen in to your signal.

The Cantel cellular phone automatically scans for an open frequency and it's completely private, he said.

Cellular phones have been in use in the United States for almost two years. Canada will have 23 transmission centres across the country by July.

With the high cost of using the equipment, the telephone is only useful for those who travel quite a bit, such as a sales manager, Mr. Davenport said.

However, he's confident the price of the cellular mobile phone will come down, the same way many personal computers and VCRs did after initial introduction.



Is Collin Davenport calling home? With a new type of telephone that doesn't require wires, Jim Taylor (left) describes a new device to his fellow members of the Halton Peel Computer Club. (Herald photo)