

Dust busters



The warm weather and melting snow allowed Fred Webster the chance to sweep away the winter dirt March 7. Mr. Webster of Bard Lane in Georgetown is seen here with his dog Kate. (Herald photo)

A bridge too far

A single bridge to meet the needs of the Acton Public Library and the Robert Little Public School is being suggested by the Halton Board of Education.

Right now, there are two bridges, both in poor condition, and both belonging to the Town of Halton Hills. The Board has offered to contribute up to \$15,000 to put in a new bridge.

The location of the bridge would be subject to mutual agreement and walkways would be adjusted to meet the new configuration, Board Business Superintendent Bob Jenkins writes.

Friday afternoon, the town's budget committee members voted to receive Mr. Jenkins letter of Feb. 19 and to tell the Board to spend the \$15,000 on maintaining the bridge used by Robert Little Public School students.

"If that means it needs replacing, so be it," Coun. Norman Elliott said as he wrapped up his motion.

He said replacing the bridges and relocating a walkway for a new single bridge would cost a lot more than \$30,000.

The two bridges were closed last year because of safety concerns.

Although owned by the town, the bridge used by the Robert Little students is under an easement agreement with the Board, in which the Board agreed to maintain the bridge. The bridge came with the Stone School property bought by the town from the Board.

"That bridge happens to be a Board of Education responsibility," Coun. Pam Sheldon objected. "I think they're shirking their responsibility."

Coun. Gerald Rennie said he didn't think having two bridges was necessary. One to serve both public institutions would be fine.

"To me, it's totally irrational if we own two bridges 200 feet apart and we replace both of them," he said.

Although to replace the two bridges with one is much more simple, it will cost a lot more money, Town Engineer Bob Austin warned councillors. If the new bridge is placed half-way between the two existing bridges, it will triple costs because it will need a new walkway for pedestrians, and a new parking scheme for school buses, and for patrons of the library.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said she wanted dialogue with the Board to continue.

Operation Snowman test our readiness

Want to learn how Halton Hills handles emergencies? Then come our tomorrow (Thursday) night for Operation Snowman.

The Region's emergency planning co-ordinator has organized an

emergency training exercise at the Georgetown District High School and needs lots of "evacuees or victims" of a pretend blizzard.

The exercise will help train members of organizations like the Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, volunteer radio groups, and the Region's health and social services department to handle real emergency.

Volunteers are invited to drop in at the Georgetown District High School's cafeteria between 7 and 9 p.m. The high school is located at 70 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

June 13 games

The 12th annual Georgetown Highland Games are scheduled for June 12 and 13 at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Features of this event include a Cheergarden, with both beer and liquor and authentic Scottish games.

Bang-a-rama coming

Georgetown's Optimist Club will be sponsoring the annual Bang-a-rama on May 18 this year at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Proceeds from the events, which include a fireworks display and a midway, will go towards youth programs and community service projects.

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Don Brander new publisher of Herald

Don Brander has been appointed publisher and general manager of the Halton Hills Herald, effective April 1.

He succeeds Garnet Cowhill, who has been named publisher and general manager of the Cambridge Daily Reporter.

Mr. Brander, 33, his wife Dianne, and daughters Mesghian, 5 and Heidi, 4, moved to their home on Delrex Boulevard, Georgetown, about 10 months ago. For the past 10 years, Mr. Brander has been employed by Thomson Newspapers Ltd., in Halifax and Toronto, as a newspaper consultant, specializing in circulation. A

native of Prince Edward Island, Mr. Brander was earlier employed as circulation manager of the Pembroke Observer and The Charlottetown Guardian-Patriot.

"We've been very happy living in Georgetown," Mr. Brander said this week during a visit to The Herald offices. "And we're extremely pleased with the opportunity to stay in Halton Hills and help The Herald maintain its long (since 1860) and successful tradition of service to the community. The Herald will continue to grow with the community and the future looks most promising for both."



Don Brander Garnet Cowhill

High-power Varian contract

Federal Communications Minister Flora MacDonald has announced that a \$1 million contract has been awarded to Varian Canada Inc. of Georgetown to develop and manufacture high-power earth-station amplifiers for the European Space Agency's Olympus satellite program. The funding will be provided through the Satellite Communications Applications Program of the Department of Communications (DOC) and the Unsolicited Proposals Program of Supply and Services Canada.

order to forge closer industrial links with Europe and gain experience in this important new area of satellite technology.

After the launch of Olympus in mid-1988, DOC will use the Varian amplifiers in field trials at the Communications Research Centre at Shrileys Bay Ontario and several remote locations in Eastern Canada.

Olympus is one of a new generation of large, multi-purpose spacecraft designed to carry a variety of payloads. Canada is participating in the program along with eight European countries, in

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