

## In the hills

### Zoning approval

Town councillors have approved a zoning amendment for a two storey detached single family home on the east side of Main Street South between Park and Mill Streets in Georgetown.

The rezoning changes the property from Third Density Residential to commercial residential. It allows use of the home for business or professional offices.

The application to amend zoning was made by Anne and H. Starret, an accounting firm.

### Pioneer party

Pioneer Days will be back in downtown Georgetown this June. Halton Hills councillors have approved the Business Improvement Area request to close off a portion of Main Street between James and Church Streets and a portion of Wesleyan Street from Main to Market Streets June 18, 19 and 20, from 8 a.m. until midnight each day.

### TV guests

Watch for Pat Wood's Against the Odds cable television 4 show May 6 at 7 p.m.

The local advocate for the disabled will be interviewed by Doug Brown of the Children's Assessment and Treatment Centre (CATC) of Burlington. Also on the show will be Sherryll Hyde, Chairman of the North Halton Children and Adolescent Services Task Force.

The speakers will be interviewed about the mental health needs of children and adolescents in North Halton.

The show will also be on Halton Cable May 21 at 7 p.m.

### Cheque change

April is the month when changes may take place in senior income supplements. The basic Old Age Security payment is now \$300.34, anything over that amount will be a supplement payment. An April cheque will have an attachment with a code number. Look at this for an explanation of the cheque amount.

If for any reason you are unable to deal directly with the Chatham office, the Social Service and Information Centre, 19 Willow St. North, in Acton is still available to answer your questions. Drop in or call 853-3310.

### Injured workers

The North Halton Association of Injured Workers will meet today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Optimists' Hall on Commercial Street in Milton. For information, phone 877-9637 or write P.O. Box 444, Milton.

### Chicken barbeque

NORVAL-May 23 is the date for the 20th annual chicken barbeque sponsored by Norval United Church to be held at the Huttonville Community Centre.

### Get well wishes

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Bruce Thatcher of RRI who has been transferred from Peel Memorial Hospital to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. Welcome home to Chester Early who spent two weeks in Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton. Chris House of Norval has been back in Peel Memorial Hospital for a hip operation April 21. Chris is coming along fine and will be home soon to oversee his paper route.

### 92nd birthday

NORVAL-Happy birthday to Guy Wilson who celebrated his 92nd birthday April 23. Guy is a patient at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to Russell and Irene Goodfellow of RRI who are married 40 years May 3. To celebrate the occasion they spent the Easter weekend at the Oak Inn in Niagara Falls with 17 members of their family.

### Family reunion

NORVAL-Gettrude McGee of Georgetown visited in New York on the weekend with her son John who has been to Japan but was on a business trip to the United States.

### Ruprecht speaks

Tony Ruprecht, Minister without Portfolio for the Physically Disabled, will be the guest speaker at the social evening sponsored by the Physically Handicapped Citizens Association. The event is May 1 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 49 Mountainview Road South. Tickets are still available. Call 877-1436.

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# Rabid fox scare for rural women

People should be warned if a rabid fox has been seen in their community, says a Terra Cotta woman who found one alongside her porch last Wednesday evening.

Terry Husinek came home from work, but it wasn't until her nephew, 23, came home afterwards that they found a brownish red fox laying by the porch.

When the nephew came home, he noticed there was blood splattered on the lawnchair, along the door and doorknob and blood on the plastic cover over the woodpile.

Although Miss Husinek had touched the blood splattered doorknob, a visit to her doctor Friday confirmed she was okay. She had no open wounds to allow infection.

The animal was laying on its side, dead, with its mouth half open, when they discovered it about 6:30 p.m.

"I tried to call the Caledon Animal Control Service to pick it up but I got a recording. There was no emergency or night number to call," Terry said.

With the help of the operator, she was put in touch with Joe Curley of the Halton Hills Animal Control Service. Although the animal was beyond his jurisdiction, he agreed to come out.

Mr. Curley told her this was the second rabid fox he had picked up this month. The other one had been picked up just up the road, also in the

King Street area. A dog has been quarantined as a result.

In this case, the fox on the Husinek property was seen in a scuffle with neighbour Linda Legare's cat the same day, around 11 a.m. The farm's pet had to be put down afterwards.

"Really, if my mother had gone out with the dog, Thank God, she was away for the week," Miss Husinek said.

Terry's 70-year-old mom takes the dog out two to three times a day for a walk.

"I wouldn't go out now, and this is broad daylight," Anne Husinek said. "I know if I had been home I would have gone out and been bit."

"Why don't they let people know about them?" she demanded.

Her daughter was also upset she didn't know animal control people had been on the lookout for this fox.

"I think it's everyone's business," Terry said. "People should be warned. Let us know and we'll be a little more careful."

She suggested a note to be put in residents' mailboxes, since they all have to go to the Terra Cotta General Store to pick up their mail anyway, or a notice up at the Store.

Marilyn Hughes has been working at the Store for about nine years and said this is the first year she's heard of rabid foxes being in the area. There could certainly be a notice posted at the Store, she agreed.

## Children and teens

# Task force explores mental health needs

A North Halton Child and Adolescent Services Task Force has been formed by a group of concerned citizens to address the mental health needs of children and adolescents in North Halton.

Families with children who are experiencing emotional, learning, developmental, social, speech and language difficulties have few services in North Halton for assessment and treatment. The search for services outside the area can be long and frustrating due to geographic and financial limitations, and selective admission criteria in institutions, say task force members.

Agencies such as the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, the Children's Aid Society and the Halton Board of Education all indicated that, at this time, there are 197 children who could immediately benefit from these services, if they were available. This figure is considered to be estimated as only professional were contacted by the task force.

It is estimated that one in five children have mental health problems, according to a recent study done in North Halton in 1986 by the Children's Services Coordinating and Advisory Group and the Halton District Health Council.

Dr. Doug Brown, executive director of the Children's Assessment and Treatment Centre in Burlington, is submitting a proposal to the Minister of Community

and Social Services to address the mental health needs of children and adolescents in North Halton. This proposal would provide assessment and treatment services to children from pre-school age on up to adolescence in North Halton on emotional, learning, developmental, speech and language problems.

For more information about the proposal and the mental health needs of children in your community tune in to Pat Wood's program, Against the Odds, on cable 4, May 6 at 7 p.m. Pat will be interviewing Dr. Brown and Sherryll Hyde, chairperson of the task force.

Concerned citizens may also telephone: 853-3535 or 877-3754

### Minor injuries

An accident at the intersection of Guelph Street and Maple Avenue resulted in minor injuries to a Georgetown man April 24. A 1986 Oldsmobile was making a left turn at the intersection when it was struck by a 1980 Toyota which was proceeding through the intersection on a green light. One of the drivers, Timothy Rogers, of Georgetown was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released. Damage to the Oldsmobile is listed at \$1,000 while damage to the Toyota is set at \$1,500. The other driver was charged with making an improper turn.

## Beardmore plans unveiled next month

Within the next month, there should be a formal plan before councillors for the Beardmore property in Acton, anticipates Town Planning Director Ian Keith.

"I've met with their planner who is preparing a scheme, and is reviewing water and sewer services with the Region now," Mr. Keith said. "I expect a formal submission from him within the next 30 days."

Mr. Keith was replying to questioning by Coun. Rick Bonnette who noted it's been almost three months since the town received any information from the firm.

Councillors want to know what Canada Packers intends to do with the Acton property since closing the Beardmore Tannery last September.

### No lot levies

Lot levies won't be collected for two basement apartments being added to Herwick Hall at 139 Main St. S. in Georgetown, councillors decided last week.

Owner Bruce Reed has renovated the building so as to add the two basement apartments to the 14-unit rental building. He has received provincial funding to make the renovations.

### Children's hour

The Bramalea Little Theatre is performing The Children's Hour April 30 to May 9 at the Lester B. Pearson Memorial Theatre in Brampton. For more information call 793-4600.

## Bridge to be repaired by Board of Education

Expressing disappointment that Halton Hills isn't interested in sharing the cost of a single new bridge to serve both the Acton Public Library and the Robert Little Public School, the Halton Board of Education says it will now go it alone.

In a letter, dated April 8, Board superintendent of business services Jerry Jenkins says the Board will be taking the "necessary steps" to open the bridge used by Robert Little students as soon as possible.

The bridge had been closed for safety reasons. When the Board offered to contribute \$15,000 for a new joint bridge to replace the aging library and school bridges, the town wasn't interested. At the time, councillors noted although the school bridge was owned by the town, the Board had agreed to maintain it.

"It seems stupid to have two bridges so close together," Coun. Gerald Rennie said at last week's general committee meeting.

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