

Herald picture parade



Victoria Lane officially opened its doors last week at the Old Bank Building on Main Street in Georgetown. Debbie Rome is the owner of the store, which caters to people looking for youngsters' attire in sizes infant to 6X. Among the lines carried are Beatrix Potter and Paddington Bear, and outfits include pajamas and special occasion dresses. (Herald photo)



Fellow employees at Smith and Stone give Margy Tyler a warm send-off to mark her retirement after working as an assembler close to 30 years with the company. Seen here, cutting the cake with Margy are Dave Finn (left) Manufacturing Manager, and Gary Robertson, Senior Supervisor of Assembly. (Herald photo)



The River Road Cloggers, seen above, will be one of the guest performers at the Georgetown YMCA's International Festival at the John Elliott Theatre Oct. 18 starting at 7:30 p.m. The evening of music and dance features a variety of people and groups from different cultural backgrounds. You will also be able to sample the cuisine of many countries at the festival. For tickets call 877-6163

Landfill hearings face costly delays

Consolidated Board Hearings examining potential landfill sites in Halton may not wrap up until July.

When the hearings started in May, they were expected to finish this year. But that was revised to March when the board's chairman suffered a heart attack in June.

Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming told flabbergasted councillors Oct. 7 that one member has a "longstanding commitment" for the month of February and that the hearings may not finish until the end of July.

Each month the hearings go on costs the Region about \$250,000. The Region will also pay over \$1 million a month to export its waste when the Burlington landfill site closes in January.

The hearings were originally supposed to cost the Region just under \$1,800,000 but that has now been increased to more than \$2,111,000.

A final decision may not come until well after July, Mr. Fleming said.

Board members will have to consider all the evidence then write the decision. That could be followed by court challenges or appeals, Mr. Fleming said.

Milton councillor Bill Johnson said it has been his experience that it takes five years following a board decision before a dump is operational.

"You will be lucky if you get a garbage dump or an EFW (energy from waste plant) by 1992," Mr. Johnson said.

Oakville Councillor Kevin Flynn was outraged.

"I don't believe July now," he said of persistent setbacks to the hearings.

"It just isn't working and I don't think we've been expressing ourselves strongly enough that it isn't working."

"Somehow we need to get through to these people that we need a decision quickly," he said.

"Council seems to throw up their hands and accept it, he said of the continuing delays.

Burlington Councillor Rob Forbes wants the board member to fulfill his or her (the board member is unidentified) commitment to the Region.

"It's simply not acceptable that he (or she) take the month of February off," Coun. Forbes said.

"I would expect them to say yes to the Region and no to the other commitment," he added.

Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy wants to cut off funding at a specified time.

"I can guarantee that it would be finished if there was a chance that they wouldn't be paid," he said.

"It would be totally irresponsible to back out now," replied Milton Councillor Bill Johnson.

"I declare myself not to be a prisoner of consultants and civil servants," Burlington Mayor Roy Bird said.

Mayor Bird said the Region is spending money to defend its case at the hearings because it is "dedicated to keeping that landfill site right where it is."

The Region's preferred site for a new dump is right next to the Aldershot dump which closes in January.

"Every time we (Burlington) lay our case out the Region comes out with another million or two (dollars)

for more studies," he said.

Coun. Flynn wants the board to sit overtime.

"It's the decision of the board members themselves how they carry out their responsibility," Mr. Fleming said.

Customers happy with Hazen's new owner

After eight years in the manufacturing end of outdoor equipments Nick Valerio is finally looking at the business from the retail side.

Mr. Valerio jumped at the opportunity to purchase Hazen Lawn and Cycle from John Postma last May.

"I always wanted to get into the business," Mr. Valerio said.

"It's dealing with people. Every time I make a sale I'm happy."

Hazen Lawn and Cycle sells single stage and dual stage snowblowers, lawnmowers, gas trimmers and chain saws.

Hazen services everything it sells but Mr. Valerio along with mechanic Clay Migue, a Georgetown native, also repair motorcycles.

Mr. Valerio picked up his insight into the business by spending eight years working at Canadiana Outdoor Products in Brampton as an assembly foreman.

"When I worked there I wore about 20 different hats," he said.

Mr. Valerio is proud of his willingness deal on prices.

"You come and say hello and you'll get a good buy," Mr. Valerio says of his customers.

"There hasn't been one customer I've had that's come back and said I found it cheaper somewhere else," he said.

The Streetsville resident got off to

a good start in the outdoor products business. In 1985, Canadiana President Bill Czeban awarded Mr. Valerio a snowblower for his "unselfish effort assisting Canadiana Outdoor Products achieve record sales and production in December 1985."

The native of Italy plans to move into Georgetown in the future.

"I want to be part of this town," the minor soccer coach said.

Mr. Valerio is currently working on his 3,000 square foot building at 55 Sinclair Avenue. The 1,000 square foot showroom has 35 snow blowers and several chain saws on displays now.

But traditionally, spring is the busy season for outdoor equipment, Mr. Valerio said.

"All year round people will get excellent deals on machines and service as well," he said of his business.

Hazen also has a pick-up and delivery service.

An open house is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22-24.

A salesman from Canadiana will be on hand to help customers select the right equipment for their purposes.

Customers can also indulge in coffee and donuts while their looking over the showroom.

Hazen is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

PHCA group helps disabled cope

By JULIE HOLMES

Herald Special

Many people believe that everyone is treated equally.

But a special group of individuals in Georgetown faces a constant battle each day, fighting prejudice and coping with disabilities.

The Physically Handicapped Citizens Affiliation is a self-help group which President Pat Woode, says, "represents anyone who has a disability, whether it be hearing loss, mobility or visual impairment, or a mental, emotional or hidden disability."

The organization has five main objectives:

—Work with agencies, committees, and governments to bring about positive changes for the disabled

—Creates public awareness about handicaps

—Promote changes that benefit the disabled

—Acts as a source of information for the handicapped, their families and other groups

—Offer support to PHCA members and their members

Mrs. Woode explains that the organization is looking for volunteers who are "interested and enthusiastic. We would discuss with them the areas that they are interested in, and the times that they are available," she says.

People interested in the area of publicity would help with mail displays, fund-raising events, write articles, and creating public awareness. Other volunteers would participate in the "Outreach" program, and visit handicapped people in their homes. Individuals with knowledge and skills in sign language would assist at PHCA's meetings.

Positions are open to anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors. "The majority of our members on the board are

disabled," says Mrs. Woode. "However, we do need assistance from able-bodied people."

The Physically Handicapped Citizens Affiliation was formed in March of 1984 and now has a membership of approximately 7,000. The group serves Acton, Georgetown, Milton, and other surroundings areas in North Halton.

This Fall, the PHCA will seek funding from the Secretariat for Disabled Persons, to open their own office and hire a part-time person to computerize all of their information. The

computer service interacts with 500 other agencies and organizations across Canada.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the PHCA may contact Mrs. Woode at 877-1436

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