

**New business**

**Offering a taste of 'emerald isle'**

By BELINDA SNELL  
Herald Special  
A tiny new shop called The Emerald Isle Bedroom Gallery has recently opened its doors to the public and store owner Ruth Wilson is ecstatic.  
The small store on Guelph Street specializes in bedroom furniture and other accessories including Irish hand-made crystal and Irish table napkins straight from County Tyrone, Ms. Wilson's old home in northern Ireland.  
Although Ms. Wilson claims that this is her first attempt at starting her own business, she is not without experience. Ms. Wilson has worked for several retail stores in the Meadowvale and Mississauga area upon her arrival in Canada six-and-a-half years ago, and it was from this experience that Ms. Wilson's decision to open up her own business originated. "There's not much point in making money for others when you can make it for yourself," Ms. Wilson points out matter-of-factly.

It is quite obvious that Ms. Wilson takes a lot of pride in her work and enjoys the idea of being her own boss.  
What makes her store unique from all the others?  
Many of the products on display have been brought over from Ireland by her husband Bert, who has been back to visit County Tyrone seven times since his departure.  
Apart from this, the store is, in many ways unique itself. It has been beautifully and creatively decorated by Ms. Wilson and her husband, who are both dedicated in making the store a success. Ms. Wilson does not seem to be too concerned at the moment with surrounding competition as she doesn't feel that there are very many stores in Georgetown which specialize in the same type of products as hers.  
Having been open for approximately two months now, Ms. Wilson's shop has already proven successful as there seems to be a large demand for the various pro-

ducts that she is selling. The Emerald Isle Bedroom Gallery is open five days a week and store hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.



**CAR CLUB:** All the stubs are in now, and last Thursday April 21 the catch-up draw was held in the branch clubroom. Winners: March 31 - 436 Ron Cash, 415 Ken Malenfant, 72 Helen Sparks, 389 Jean Reid, 68 Bruno Schmidt, 207 Ron Breen, April 7 - 12 Crystal Thorogood, 64 John Doherty, 22 Terry Layton, 155 Wm. Stansell, 474 Hal Hulme, 002 Albert Bisschop, April 14 - 12 Crystal Thorogood, 160 Eric Smith, 402 Dick Krouse, 399 Ernie Burns, 65 Barb Curry, 002 Albert Bisschop, April 21 - 168 Brad Smith, 346 Paul Yates, 31 Barb Scully, 179 Guy Boyer, 439 Archie Miller, 248 Bill Simpson.  
All of the above are \$25 winners, car club captains will be contacting their club.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT EUCIRE:** A much smaller turnout than usual saw the Ladies High prize go to Jean Miller, Men's High was won by Mike Brown. Don't forget the 8 p.m. start.  
**SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW:** Winners - Buster Hale, Bruce Collins, Pat Chamberlain, Colin Gibson, T. Thibault, Dave Hannah, R. Neal, Bill Kirk, Joe Polier, Denny Wright. The roast was won by yours truly, Jim Hayes.



Let the games begin.

It was a celebration April 20 as trustee Dick Howitt, councillor Marilyn Serjeantson and track coaches Karen Cosgrove and Donna Metcalfe officially opened the Georgetown District High School track. The facility was well-christened, when GDHS hosted the Rebel Relays, with a number of area schools taking part. (Herald photo)

**Down to a science**



Grade 7 Christian School student Trevor Charles captured first in Science Fair '88 for his project on anti-freeze. Grade 7 Christian School student Matthew Woudstra took third in Science Fair '88 for his project on beans. Grade 7 Christian School student Rachel Fishback won second in Science Fair '88 for her project on insulation.

**Framework defined for Sunday shopping**



By WALT ELLIOT  
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The Honourable Joan Smith, Solicitor General for the Province of Ontario announced on April 14 that a provincial framework to regulate retail shopping on Sundays and holidays would be retained when amendments to the Retail Business Holidays Amendment Act were introduced.  
The Solicitor General also announced that in keeping with the diverse nature of the province, municipalities would have their

powers of decision over retail hours expanded through the right to enact bylaws to adapt the provincial framework to their local values.  
The amendments to be introduced will provide municipalities with the right to enact Sunday bylaws to open additional businesses or to close businesses.  
The new law is part of an Ontario tradition of local decision making. Communities already have the power to regulate store hours throughout the week. Sunday sports and liquor availability have both been matters of local decision making. Many communities have exercised their existing option to designate tourist areas and as a result, have extensive shopping on Sundays and holidays.  
In order to protect employees possibly affected by Sunday retail hours the Minister of Labour will be introducing amendments to the Employment Standards Act to

create new protection for retail workers. The new legislation will provide protection to all retail employees in business establishments that open on Sunday to ensure a coherent and fair application of the law throughout the retail sector.  
Some of the larger volume retail outlets have found that the current law could be ignored because the maximum fine was only \$10,000. In an effort to provide an effective deterrent to breaking the proposed legislation the maximum fine has now been set at \$50,000.  
The Retail Business Holidays Act has been in force since 1976. The government has now put forward much needed amendments to prevent the abuses and unfairness which have become such a bone-of-contention under the current legislation. The new legislation will ensure that the spirit as well as the letter of the law can now be enforced.

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