

# BIG dance on June 4 Chill out with the sound of Lowdown

When the band Lowdown starts a show, they do it with a bang. And the fireworks just keep coming until they bring a swinging night to a close.

The three-man band, consisting of Doug Varty, Brian Salt, and Ted Floyd, has wide audience appeal, and for a very good reason. No one wants the great hits of the 50s and 60s to be forgotten, and Lowdown does their part to ensure that rock and roll, the surfin' sound, the classic love ballads of a generation past can continue to be enjoyed.

For this year's BIG celebrations, Lowdown will provide considerable pleasure as a welcome complement to the Business In Georgetown (BIG) theme.

The group will perform for what is being termed a BIG Chill dance, at Memorial Arena on Saturday, June 4, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

When the movie, The Big Chill, was released several years ago, it touched a nostalgic string in many moviegoers' hearts. And Lowdown will accomplish the same feat with their energetic act.

Lowdown has built themselves quite a following, particularly in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, and around London, where they are based.

To their credit, they've opened for such acts as Roy Orbison, Johnny Rivers, Del Shannon, the Beach Boys, and Franki Valli and the Four Seasons.

And it's from these stars of rock and roll that they draw upon for some of their material, and mix in a generous supply of their own, original works.

When Lowdown plays, they like to see the audience get involved, where ever possible. And often, the audience is accommodating. Whether they're cranking out the tunes for a high school crowd, or for an audience of baby boomers, people have immersed themselves in the rock and roll theme, by putting together their best "greaser" get-up, or going "surfer" for the evening.

The Georgetown dance to Lowdown is being put together by six local non-profit sport organizations from the community. Through the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce, these groups will be able to raise funds to support their respective sporting activities.

Refreshments of nachos, chicken



Lowdown will set the Memorial Arena rockin' on June 4, when they play for the BIG Chill dance, as part of the BIG celebrations. The band consists of Doug Varty, Brian Salt, and Ted Floyd, and plays a wide variety of music, largely from the rock and roll years of the 50s, 60s and 70s.

wings, and pizza will be available at the dance, and a BIG Chill specialty bar will serve up a wide variety of palate-pleasers, including some original ice cream cocktails.

The mood at Memorial Arena will be properly set with appropriate decorations, and "leis" will be sold to help add to the atmosphere.

There will also be door prizes to be won during the course of the evening.

To help dance-goers get into the true festive spirit, Jack Baker Distillery is offering a bus service, so driving to and from the dance won't be a problem.

A total of 1,000 tickets will be sold

## Entertainment

for the dance, at \$6 per person, and a sellout is highly expected. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce at 877-7118, or by contacting people from the following organizations: Dave Martin, Georgetown Minor Hockey; Elaine Matthews, Georgetown Figure Skating; Bonnie MacLeod, Georgetown Minor Ball; Wayne Pries, Georgetown Jr. B Hockey Club; Lim Lindsay, Men's

Fling Football; and Janet Arnold, Ladies' Fling Football.

Tickets are also available from Up, Up and Away Balloons, situated on Main Street in Georgetown.

With the success of this June 4 dance, there is consideration being given to making this an annual event, as a means of helping community sports organizations, and providing an enjoyable evening. So don't miss out.

## Crash course

Serving liquor in Halton Hills may soon require a crash course in law and human behavior.

Organizations which apply for a liquor licence permit from the town for special events now must make sure there is an anti drinking and driving sign on display at all times.

But Coun. Betty Fisher said last week that may not be enough to save the town from liability.

The law says someone who becomes impaired at such an event is automatically the responsibility of the server until that person sobers up, said Coun. Fisher.

She wants the town to hold training sessions for anyone who serves alcohol at those events.

The town's anti drinking and driving committee gave training sessions to restaurant owners last year, said Coun. Pam Sheldon.

Coun. Fisher wants organizations that apply for permits to identify any potential servers and have them take the training session on serving alcohol before the event.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said the town is organizing a community workshop dealing with special occasion permits. He wants servers to know that liability rests with everyone, including the server, the permit holder, the landowner and the town.

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## Hats off to Centennial

The Centennial Alumni Choir will take the stage at John Elliott Theatre this week for two performances of their Spring Concert. The choir, comprised of former-Centennial School students, has been practising for several weeks in preparation for the show, which will

feature a good selection of tunes. Tickets for the Thursday and Friday night performances are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, and are available by calling 877-5313, or 877-4976. (Photo by Joanna McTaggart)

## Hydro strengthens their environmental commitment

Ontario Hydro is strengthening its commitment to protect the environment, Chairman and President Robert Franklin said in releasing the corporation's 1987 Annual Report.

Mr. Franklin pointed out that there will be greater pressure on the environment over the next 10 years, given that electricity demand is expected to climb by a cumulative 29 per cent.

"While environmental protection has always been a priority for Hydro, we must do more," he said. "We must seek new and ingenious ways to minimize the impact of our operations on the environment. We must continue to seek the best solutions for every dollar spent."

Mr. Franklin emphasized that Hydro wants to reduce the forecast growth and will also be launching new programs to promote energy efficiency.

The Annual Report reflects Hydro's commitment to a clean environment. The report details environmental initiatives taken during 1987, including the installation of low nitrogen oxide burners at the Nanticoke coal-fired generating station and the start-up of a mobile decontamination unit that removes low-level PCBs from insulating oils.

"By the end of the year 85,000 litres of contaminated oil had been cleaned. Over the next five years,

Hydro will eliminate two million litres of stored, low-level PCBs," Mr. Franklin said.

Mr. Franklin said he will announce new programs for the protection of the environment over the next few months.

On the financial side, Ontario Hydro's total revenues for 1987 were \$5.3 billion, an increase of \$427 million. Approximately half of the increase came from a 4.8 per cent growth in electricity demand.

Total operating costs, including financing charges, amounted to \$5 billion, an increase of \$403 million over 1986. Slightly more than half of this increase was due to higher fuel costs, especially coal. Increased demand and lower availability of hydro-electric generation because of exceptionally dry weather resulted in higher coal-fired generation.

The net income rose to \$271 million from \$247 million in 1986. Mr. Franklin said that Hydro's long-term debt increased to \$25.1 billion from \$24.6 billion but noted that the increase was offset by a larger increase in assets to \$32.7 billion from \$31.4 billion.

"Hydro's financial position is very strong," Mr. Franklin said. "The utility continues to be financially self-sufficient while maintaining electricity rates as low as feasible consistent with high safety and reliability standards."

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