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In The Hills

Immunizations

The Halton Regional Health Department Immunization Clinics are continuing to be held on regular intervals throughout the month, in Burlington, Georgetown, and Milton.

Clinics are held the first Wednesday of each month, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Burlington office, 460 Brant St.

On the second Tuesday of each month, also from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., clinics are alternating between the Georgetown office at 93 Main St., and the Milton office at 251 Main St.

For an appointment call Burlington 639-5141, Halton Hills 877-2238, Milton 878-7261, or Oakville 827-2151.

Coping with cancer

Wayne Allen, B.A., M. Div., M. Th., a psychotherapist, will speak on the lifestyle changes in the individual, and the family as they learn to cope with a life threatening illness.

The meeting will be held at Halton Centennial Manor on Wednesday, June 22 at 7 p.m. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. This public awareness event is sponsored by the North Halton Hospice.

For further information call 1-519-853-3310.

RIDE on

Police are cautioning people who drink and drive that it takes little alcohol to become impaired. Police are operating the RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) Program and will be continuing spot checks throughout the summer. Persons caught driving while impaired can lose their driver's license for a minimum of a year, could be fined or receive a jail sentence. If you intend to go out drinking, make certain to have someone capable to drive, who has not been drinking.

Three hurt

Three people were taken to hospital following an 8 p.m. accident Saturday at Main Street North and Moore Park Crescent.

Chris Caron, 23, of Georgetown was transferred to the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital while Harold Ashley, 63, of Georgetown and Marion Flude, 60, of Georgetown, were treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Halton Regional Police say a 1985 brown Pontiac, driven by a 63-year-old Georgetown man, was northbound on Main Street and attempted to turn left onto Moore Park Crescent. The vehicle was hit by a 1983 green Pontiac, driven by a 24-year-old Bramalea man. After the collision, the Pontiac continued west and hit a 1985 blue LTD, driven by a 39-year-old Georgetown man, which was stopped at a stop sign.

A charge of failing to yield the right of way was laid by police.

Book sale

Used books will be available at amazingly low prices this Saturday, June 18 at the Georgetown Library, 9 Church St.

The sale is being conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 873-2681.

Appointments

There has been a new appointment of clergy at Holy Cross Church, which will take effect Wednesday, June 29.

Rev. A.F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton has announced that Rev. David Reilander has been appointed to Holy Cross in Georgetown, after serving at St. Patrick's in Burlington.

Leaving Holy Cross is Rev. Ken Miskiewicz, who has taken a posting at Regina Mundi in Hamilton.

Open house

The family of Ethel and Elmer McEachern invite friends and neighbors to a special open house being held at St. Andrew's United Church hall, on Mountainview Road South in Georgetown, on Sunday, June 19, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The open house is being held to celebrate the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern. Best wishes only.

Berries galore

This Saturday, June 18, the Huttonville Strawberry Festival will be held at the Huttonville Public School, and it promises to be a treat for the whole family.

A wide range of entertaining musical groups have been lined up to perform throughout the day, and there will also be a pancake breakfast, food and craft booths, games for all ages, and a beef and chicken barbecue from 4-8 p.m.

Admission to the grounds is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children and a maximum \$3 for families. Tickets for the barbecue are available at the gate, or can be obtained by calling Jan Knechtel at 453-3946.

For further information, call Nigel Eves at 456-1968, or John Hutton at 640-1679, or 451-6232.



Highland Fling

Scottish tartans were shown in all their splendor Saturday as Georgetown hosted the 13th Annual Highland Games. Weather was ideal for the various events that were staged, including the Highland dancing competition (above). But for Kevin Woytax of Bramford it was a little more physically exerting as he took part in the stone throw event at the games. For more photos on the Highland Games, see Pg. B6. (Herald photos by Mike Turner)



Reactions mixed on rail line purchase for recreational trail

Residents are taking up sides in the proposal which calls for the town to purchase 4½ miles of abandoned railway line.

Halton Hills is considering buying the line from Canadian National Railway for \$5,000 in order to turn it into a hiking and horseback riding trail.

The line, formerly known as the Cheltenham Line, extends from Wildwood Road to the 11th Line (the border between Halton Hills and Brampton).

Council was told last week they had to make a decision by June 15 but the town deferred a decision on the issue. The town has now received a 60-day extension on the option to buy the land.

Last week several residents appealed to the town to buy the land and set it up as a trail, but others who live near to the property are vehemently opposed to a riding trail there. They say vandals and motor vehicles, such as all terrain vehicles, snow mobiles and minibikes are causing havoc with the land.

Dave Desmond, a resident next to the property for the last 2½ years, told council June 13 that the ratio of motor vehicles to hikers on the 4½ mile stretch is 10 to one.

In the past few years Mr. Desmond said vandals have cut fences, left gates open in fields for live stock to escape and littered the area with garbage and beer bottles.

"The property is perfect for motorized vehicles," said Mr. Desmond.

And posting signs doesn't deter the motorists. Residents have placed a boulder in the way to prevent entrance of vehicles in to the field but that was pulled out of the way. A chain placed there was cut and now there is a cement wall blocking their path so the vehicles go across Mr. Desmond's property to get there.

He disputed the need for a walking park since the Bruce Trail is only 2½ miles away. He has spotted only one horse using the land.

"This place has been open to anybody and everybody for 35 years. Why hasn't it been used?" he asked.

It's unlikely hikers and horseback riders would use the trail in the future, he said.

Problems with purchasing the land for public use include liability, policing, upkeep and maintenance, weed control and fencing, said Mr. Desmond.

He asked councillors to put the land "back into private hands."

Another longtime resident, Paul Brown, echoed Mr. Desmond's sentiments.

It will be impossible to police as public land, he said.

"At night when the other elements move in there I defy any of you to walk down that track because you're taking your life in your hands," he said.

Meanwhile, town Deputy Clerk Delmar French told councillors the town is getting letters from residents throughout Halton Hills in favor of purchasing the land.

Chamber digs into garbage issue

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce will address a "sticky" situation at their noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, June 21, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The topic will be garbage, and the Chamber has invited representatives of Reclamation Systems Inc. to discuss their proposal of using the Acton quarry as a solid waste landfill site.

The subject is, without a doubt, topical.

Everyone makes garbage, but nobody wants it, and Halton Region is no exception. Presently, Halton Hills trucks garbage to Burlington, and some waste even makes its way to New York State.

Certain measures have been taken to lighten the garbage load.

Most notable is the ban on corrugated cardboard at the Halton dump sites, beginning in September of this year, and the implementation of a recycling program for residential pick-up.

But even with these efforts being made, the simple fact is the region is running out of places to put garbage.

The Chamber does not profess to have any magical solutions to the problems being faced, but it is their intention to keep the business community informed of possible solutions that are in the works.

Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) has made their proposal to turn the Acton quarry into a solid landfill site, and claims the dump site will be environmentally sound. They have also stressed that the Town of Halton Hills will reap many

benefits.

Some of the advantages RSI is claiming are savings of up to \$500,000 per year for disposal costs to the town, increased sewage capacity for Acton, allowing growth of the community, and a provision for quarry garbage to be brought in by rail, using available lines.

When the landfill is completed, RSI maintains the area will be returned to its natural state, as it was before the quarry began operation.

The representatives from RSI will discuss their proposal and also answer questions from the floor.

Anyone wishing to attend this luncheon meeting on June 21, may call the Chamber office at 877-7119 for further information.

Bacteria counts up Warnings up at Fairy Lake

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

For the first time in recent memory signs have been posted on Fairy Lake warning prospective swimmers to take the plunge at their own risk.

The fecal bacteria count on the side of Fairy Lake behind the wading pool, where the new beach is being created, has exceeded government guidelines and "swim at your own risk" signs went up Monday, said Halton Hills Recreation Director Tom Shepard.

The signs were posted at the request of the Regional Department of Health.

Mr. Shepard thinks the high fecal count on that side of the lake is being created partially by sand which is being added to make the beach.

The sand is stirring up sediments which normally lay on the bottom of the lake, he said.

The other side of the lake, near the old beach, is so clean it is virtually "drinking water," said Mr. Shepard.

The town will be adding more sand to the new beach so sediment may not settle until the work there is done, he said.

Another major factor contributing to the high fecal count on that side of the lake is the water fowl that tends to congregate there. Ducks and swans are being fed by the public on that side of the lake so almost all of them swim on that side, said Mr. Shepard.

Once the new beach is finished, Mr. Shepard is hoping that swimmers and boaters will create enough activity to effectively chase some of the water fowl away from that spot.

Another contributing factor to the high fecal count in the new beach is relatively still water flow. The other side is near the dam so water flows quicker on that side, said Mr. Shepard.

The health unit will monitor the lake weekly to determine whether swimmers can safely go into the water on the new beach side, said Mr. Shepard.

Meanwhile, John Joyner of the

University of Guelph, warned councillors about the possibility of almost irreparable damage to Fairy Lake through a process called "eutrophication."

Eutrophication is the process of sedimentation, nutrient enrichment and high organic productivity that can lead to the loss of the water body.

Guelph University professor Don Stevens said in a study conducted by students on the lake that he was "very surprised at the lack of fundamental information on the lake."

Mr. Joyner said eutrophication is a natural process in lakes but the balance in Fairy Lake could be upset easily.

Normally in lakes there is a layer of water in the bottom which has no oxygen and that layer can dissolve organisms like algae, said Mr. Joyner. But Fairy Lake is very shallow and it does not have a layer of water without oxygen. That means small organisms cannot be dissolved. They simply die and pile up on the bottom of the lake, he said.

But that process should take hundreds of years to make a noticeable difference in the water body, he added.

A eutrophic lake is actually a stable lake and the high oxygen content is better for the fish, said Mr. Joyner.

He also said there is no evidence of any damage by acid rain to Fairy Lake.

Mr. Joyner cautioned the town to closely monitor any new developments around Fairy Lake. Runoff from more developments can highly enrich the nutrients in the lake and speed up the eutrophication process, he said.

That essentially is what is happening to Heart Lake in Brampton, he said.

The study did not test for different pollutants in Fairy Lake and Mr. Joyner urged council to work with Guelph University in future years to conduct more studies on the lake.

The first limnological survey just "touched the surface," he said.

Ready to square off with Tories

Klein earns Grit nomination

By MIKE TURNER
Herald Editor

Although the final vote tallies weren't released, it was apparent Friday night that Pierre Klein was the strong favorite in the race for the Halton-Peel Liberal nomination for the next federal election.

Mr. Klein, a 28-year-old trustee with the Peel Board of Education, earned the right to carry the Halton-Peel banner for the Liberals after defeating Oriena Currie of Milton.

Following the nomination meeting Friday, which concluded with Mr. Klein being named the nominee just before 11 p.m., the Caledon resident said he was "ecstatic."

"There was a lot of hard work and energy that went into this," he said. "It's not something you do half heartedly."

Reaction to the candidates' opening speeches were quite varied.

The crowd, which included 352 voting riding association members, sat quietly during Mrs. Currie's speech.

But when Mr. Klein took the podium, and a short time into his oration proclaimed, "I am a proud Canadian," he was greeted by cheers and hardy applause.

At times, his speech took on the appearance of a "revival meeting" with sporadic applause throughout.

Mr. Klein spoke against a dependency on the US, which he feels will happen with Free Trade. "Eighty per cent of trade is free," he told the gathering. "As Canadians, we didn't have to give up our sovereignty to attain it."

His eagerness was again rewarded by a burst of applause when he told the audience, "My fellow Liberals... I want to get on with the



Pierre Klein

job of fighting the Tories."

Following the proceedings, Mrs. Currie said she was "not bitter" over the loss to Mr. Klein. But she stated she was considering a request for an arbitration from the Liberal Party of Canada in Ontario, due to suspicions over the eligibility of some voters at the meeting.

Mrs. Currie had 72 hours from the time of discovering any improprieties in the proceedings, to forward her claim, which if upheld, could result in the meeting being nullified.

Chief Returning Officer Nick Masciantonio said late Tuesday afternoon that no such arbitration had been filed for, and the matter was considered closed.

Earlier, Mrs. Currie had filed for arbitration two days before the nomination, but her request was rejected.

The claim pinpointed infractions of eligibility, said Mr. Masciantonio, June 22.



Pierre Klein strikes a victorious pose as the results of the Halton-Peel Liberal nomination are announced by Wendy McLean. At left is Oriena Currie, the other candidate in the race, held Friday at the Alcott Arena. (Herald photo)