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In The Hills

Flash fire at Standard Products

A flash fire at Standard Products on Guelph Street caused at least \$15,000 damage June 18.

The fire, which began about 1 p.m., was likely caused when vapor from glue or resins ignited, said Halton Hills Fire Prevention Officer Bob Meads.

Fire department officials are not sure what ignited the vapors but it appears the vapors did build up in the area which houses a machine designed for making weather stripping for cars, said Mr. Meads.

"It was a flash fire. It burned very quickly and it was over," he said.

The sprinkler system at Standard Products sprung into operation and virtually extinguished the fire, he said.

Three fire trucks and about 15 firemen responded to the alarm which went off with workers in the plant.

However, there were no reports of injuries, said Mr. Meads.

Only pieces of insulation were burning when the fire department arrived, he added.

There was additional damage caused by smoke and water but that has not yet been totalled, he said.

Plaque unveiling

Everyone is invited to attend the dedication of a special bronze plaque, which will be unveiled Wednesday, June 29, in honor of members of the Georgetown District High School community, who lost their lives serving in the Second World War, and Korean War.

The dedication is scheduled for 3 p.m. next Wednesday at Georgetown District High School.

The plaque has been donated by the GDHS Centennial Committee, which staged a successful school reunion last year.

Members of the Georgetown branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will be on hand to assist the committee with the ceremony.

Grant approved

Walt Elliot, MPP for Halton North announced recently that a grant of \$10,000 has been made on behalf of Energy Minister Bob Wong to a local entrepreneur. The money will be going to David Garthouse of RR2, Norval and will be used for the purchase of a fully automatic control system for his firm, Eccles Elevator. The funding was secured through the Grain Dryer Retrofit Assistant Program.

"This is an indication of the type of assistance the Ontario government is willing to provide for interesting individuals and companies in this province," said Mr. Elliot.

Becker clean-up

Owners of Beckers on Delrex and Mountainview Road will clean up their property, Ward 4 Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson says.

The property has fallen into a state of disrepair recently and area residents have complained, she said.

But the owners promised to fix up the property as soon as possible, she said.

Art auction

A fundraising art auction will be held at the Ballinafad Community Centre this Saturday, June 25.

Val Kirton, fundraising chairman of the upcoming event, says the proceeds will go towards the expansion of the Ballinafad Hall and will help with the renovations for the park's old playground equipment.

The preview will begin at 6:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies by Mayor Russ Miller. The official art auction, which will include various limited edition prints, some originals and a few sculptures by international as well as Canadian well-known artists, will commence at 8 p.m.

International artists will include Toller Cranston, Marc Schagall and Victor Vasarely while the works of such Canadian artists as Grant Hillman, Ken Danby, Shirley Deaville and Jack Reid will be featured in the building.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door and can be purchased at the Ballinafad General Store or obtained by calling Val Kirton at 877-7725.

Living with cancer

The Halton Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses will conduct a group discussion for patients, family, and friends on the subject "Living With Cancer."

The next meeting will be held July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main Street in Milton.

The discussion is designed to clarify misconceptions regarding the disease and its treatment and introduce patients and families who are living with cancer. It will also give support in coping with the emotional and social problems often associated with cancer, and provide practical guidance.



ERA OF THE CLASSICS

The history of the automobile was virtually on display Sunday at Cedarvale Park as the Classics for Cancer car show was held. Warm weather brought out a large crowd, and many exhibitors who were more than happy to show off their pride and joy to the adoring public. Kathy Shier was one of the people who enjoyed the show, and found an interesting perspective between the spokes of an 1898 Atlas, owned by Charles Bussell of Georgetown. Proceeds from the event go to the Canadian Cancer Society. (Herald photos by Myles Gilson)

Watering restraints urged

Halton Region is asking residents to cool it on the water. Due to the recent dry spell, Halton wants residents to voluntarily restrict watering their lawns.

The Region is asking residents with odd street numbers to water their lawns on odd calendar dates and those with even street numbers to water their lawns on even calendar dates.

Vince Suffoletta, Halton's manager of water plant operations, said there is no major threat to the water supply yet but the Region wants to preserve reservoir water to make sure there is enough for fire fighting capabilities.

Weather forecasts predict no significant rain until the end of June, said Mr. Suffoletta.

He expects the voluntary restrictions to solve the problem but if it doesn't Halton will consider mandatory restrictions on watering lawns.

Each ballot - there could be as many as three - is expected to last about one hour, he said.

Organizers have planned to leave 15 minutes between ballots to give candidates time to consider their position.

The candidate with the lowest vote count must drop out after each ballot and other candidates can drop out between ballots if they wish, said Mr. Fraser.

The newly formed riding of Halton-Peel has no incumbent but Georgetown has been represented by PC John McDermid for the last ten years as a part of the Brampton-Georgetown riding.

Tonight's events begin at 7:30 p.m. but the doors will open at 8 p.m. to let all voters register.

PCs decide candidate tonight

Almost 2,000 people have signed up as members of the Halton-Peel Progressive Conservative riding association for their nomination meeting tonight (Wednesday).

Halton-Peel PC President Ian Fraser said memberships were closed June 17 and only renewals from last year may now sign up for the nomination meeting.

Norval's Carlo Testa, Halton Hills' Ron Pinkley, Caledon's Warren Hillard and Campbellville's Garth Turner will battle it out at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena starting at 7:30 p.m.

Halton-Peel Liberals chose Pierre Klein as their candidate in the next federal election at their nomination meeting June 10.

The meeting will be chaired by National Director for Ontario Glen Wright, said Mr. Fraser.

Each candidate will speak for 15 minutes starting at 8 p.m.

Acton ambulance prepares for action

After months of searching, the town has finally found a home for the Acton ambulance service.

As of June 20 the new ambulance van, which has been waiting in an ambulance bay in Georgetown since last year, began operating out of a renovated loading bay behind Beckers at the corner of Queen Street and Churchill Road.

The town secured a five-year lease for the space at \$300 a month.

About \$35,000 worth of renovations were done on the building to ready it for use by the ambulance volunteers, said Halton Hills Volunteer Ambulance President Doug McLeod.

But those costs will be shared with taxpayers throughout the province because it is entirely funded by the Ministry of Health, said town treasurer Ray King.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller lauded Beckers for playing the role of a "good corporate citizen" for renting the space for only \$300 a month when apartment space in Acton costs much more.

The 853-sq. ft. facility features a bedroom with two 30-inch beds for overnight attendants, a bathroom with shower, living room quarters with a television, a desk and other furniture, and a bay for the ambulance.

The ambulance will actually pull

out from the bay at the side of the building onto Churchill Road.

The service will run out of Acton from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday to Thursday, but Acton residents will have 24-hour coverage on the weekends. Attendants will man the station from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday morning, said Mr. McLeod.

The search for an ambulance headquarters in Acton was initiated last year following a study by the Emergency Health Services Committee which identified Acton as having a response time of more than 10 minutes.

Volunteer ambulance workers from Georgetown responded to calls in Acton, and will continue to respond to Acton calls during business hours.

Moya Johnson of the Halton District Health Council, urged the town to provide ambulance service in Acton, following the study.

The Halton Hills Volunteer Ambulance Service is now looking for volunteers to man the station, said Mr. McLeod. There are about 10 volunteers from Acton now but about 20 more are needed, he said.

It takes about six months to train an ambulance attendant.

The public is invited to the official opening of the ambulance service on Queen Street on June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bridge repairs won't take as long

Repairs to the bridge deck near the intersection of Prince Street and Confederation Street in Glen Williams later this summer, should be completed in just 18 days.

Canadian Construction Controls Ltd., of Breslau, Ontario will complete the work in 18 days for just under \$75,000.

The town had budgeted about

\$112,000 for the work but the construction crews can accelerate the time needed from 25 days to 18 days because they will have an extra crew freed up just when the project is scheduled to begin, said town Engineer Bob Austin.

Businesses located on Prince Street in Glen Williams asked coun-

cil to reconsider doing the bridge repairs in the summer because closing the bridge for a long period of time would hurt business, due to rerouting tourists around their street.

Business owners wanted just one lane closed at a time but the extended time and drastically increased costs to the town was prohibitive.

Sheldon to make bid for mayor's position

After weeks of speculation, Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon has announced she intends to run for Mayor of Halton Hills in November's municipal election.

Coun. Sheldon told a small group of supporters at the North Halton Golf and Country Club June 20 that leadership will be the crucial issue in the upcoming campaign.

"There are only three crucial issues to be dealt with in the upcoming municipal campaign. They are leadership, leadership and leadership," she said.

Coun. Sheldon admitted she had been considering seeking the Mayor's position for the last year and she made up her mind about four months ago.

Coun. Sheldon first became active in politics eight years ago when she was elected to Halton Hills council representing Ward 2 following two years sitting on Halton Region's Land Division Committee.

In 1985 she was acclaimed as Regional Councillor for Ward 2.

Coun. Sheldon lives on Sideroad 15 with her husband Jim, an airline pilot, and her daughter Tami and son Duff.

She has chaired some high profile committees of the town and Halton Region in the past term including the Property Committee, the Pits and Quarries Committee and the town's Anti-Drinking and Driving Committee.

At Halton Region, Coun. Sheldon is the vice-chairman of the Planning and Public Works Committee and the Solid Waste Management Committee.

Coun. Sheldon identified protecting Halton Hills water supply, increased growth, protecting agricultural farmland, and deteriorating roads as prime issues facing residents.

Most Halton Hills residents see drinking water quality as the most important issue and the proposed garbage dump in the Acton quarry is a direct threat, said Coun. Sheldon.

"That is a risk I am not prepared to take... only strong leadership can protect us from this threat."

Coun. Sheldon also favors more industrial growth. A healthy town has an industrial to residential ratio of at least 30 per cent to 70 per cent but Halton Hills is sitting stagnant at 20

per cent industry assessment and 80 per cent residential assessment, she said.

"What that means to you and me is that the residential tax base continues to bear the burden of increased expenditures."

However, agriculture must be protected from growth pressures, she said.

The threat of having Halton Hills hooked up to a pipeline from Lake Ontario looms in the future and the results of development could spell the "demise of agriculture in Halton Hills," she said.

Coun. Sheldon criticized the aggregate industry in Halton for the deteriorating condition of the town's roads.

The industry "relies on our local transportation network but refuses to pay for it," she said.

She wants more provincial subsidies to repair the roads most travelled by sand and gravel trucks in Halton Hills.

The regional councillor believes she has enough support in the community to unseat Mayor Russ Miller.

"I have a great deal of support. A great many people have come to me," This, she says, was what made her think about running for mayor.

Mayor Miller will not be making a formal announcement on his intentions until August but he said Monday, he will be running for mayor again in November.

Mayor Miller was appointed to the position in 1983 when then Mayor Peter Pomeroy was appointed as Regional Chairman.

Mayor Miller defeated former councillor Mike Armstrong in the 1985 elections to retain his position.

The Mayor confidently predicted Monday, he would defeat Coun. Sheldon in the municipal election.

"The town has been progressive since I've been mayor. I'm probably as accessible to the public as anyone," he said. "I let my record stand on its own."



Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon receives a good luck hug from husband Jim at the North Halton Golf and Country Club after announcing her intentions to take a run at the

Mayor's position June 17. Coun. Sheldon said she believes she has the support to unseat incumbent Russ Miller, who has declared he will seek re-election in November's municipal elections. (Herald photo)