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IN THE HILLS

Break-ins reported

Police report several break and enters in the Georgetown and Acton areas during the last week.

A suspect entered an Acton home early June 29, tearing the screen from the living room window. Nothing was stolen, say police.

A break and enter at a Guelph Street gas station after closing time Wednesday night, resulted in \$50 damage to a smashed bay door, and the removal of a cashbox containing \$100.

A sports fanatic removed the shed door latches at the Croatian Centre on Winston Churchill Boulevard, June 28. Missing are 25 soccer balls with a value of \$1,100.

Halton police say an unknown person entered the roof of the Georgetown Marketplace and headed into a styling shop sometimes Thursday night. The hair salon is missing a roll of quarters (value \$10) and two straight razors.

A shoe shop at the same Guelph Street address was entered and \$10 change and a white handbag were removed, say police.

Golf tourney

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce members will take to the fairways for a golf tournament to be held July 18 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$35 per chamber member for green fees and the dinner. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the day.

Little sisters needed

Five Georgetown Big Sisters are now waiting to find "a special friend" in a Little Sister.

Girls from age six to 16 could benefit from the Big Sisters organization, and families are welcome to contact the Big Sisters Association of North Halton to obtain more information.

Little Sisters need not necessarily be from mother-absent homes. Every type of family circumstance is represented, and the deciding factor is the need of the child.

For more information, call Lois at 878-0378, or Cynthia at 878-7772.

MacMillan show

Children's entertainer Jim MacMillan will be performing songs, games, and stories for children of pre-school age through Grade 3. Presented by The Georgetown Parent-Child Centre, the performance will be on Saturday, July 9 from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Andrew's United Church. Tickets are \$3 and available at the Delrex Smoke Shop at Georgetown Market Place. For more information call 873-2960 or 877-9231.

Better birthing

Better Birthing is now accepting registration for July 18 classes, the sixth in the series. It is limited to five couples per series.

For information and registration phone Carrie Aiello C.C.E. at 853-4014.

LaLeche meeting

La Leche League of Acton welcomes all women interested in breast-feeding information to the next meeting on Monday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Highway 7 and the Sixth Line.

Discussion will include the art of breast-feeding and overcoming difficulties.

We welcome all pregnant women as well as nursing babies.

For more information call 878-4732 or 878-3884.

Buyer beware

At this time of the year, people can not only expect fine sunny weather but also the presence of "door to door" sales approaches.

The Halton Regional Police Force wish to remind the citizens of Halton that while these sales approaches may not necessarily be illegal, they are in the "buyer beware" category.

Citizens are reminded that to release details of credit accounts such as Visa, including the credit card number, may be dangerous.

Warnings may be coming down

Signs warning swimmers to stay out of the water on the new beach side of Fairy Lake in Acton could come down today (Wednesday).

Neil Pattullo, the area supervisor for Halton's Health Unit, said samples of the water behind the wading pool are now below accepted standards for fecal bacteria but the signs will remain up until results from the July 4 samples are reported.

Regulations say there must be less than 200 fecal bacteria per 10 litres of water and samples at the new beach now register 105, said Mr. Pattullo.

The signs warning swimmers to swim at their own risk went up for the first time in recent memory June 13 after sand dumped in the water to create the new beach, stirred up fecal bacteria lying in the bottom of the lake.



Birthday Blast

A number of parties were held to help Canada celebrate its 121st birthday on the weekend. Sunday night, the sky over Prospect Park was lit up by fireworks as the Acton Firefighters staged their annual extravaganza. Saturday morning, Scott Gibson was in Sten Williams to enjoy a pancake breakfast, and it was obvious he enjoyed it. This doesn't look like anyone who's about to share. (Herald photos)

Board chairman looks ahead to year of challenge for hospital

The new chairman of the Georgetown Hospital Board is going to have his hands full in the upcoming year.

Frank Allen replaced outgoing chairman Robert Clipham but he has already set out some of the major issues which must be tackled this year.

The first is a \$6 million debt incurred by the Bennett Health Care Centre when it was first built five years ago. The Centre is paying for its own operating costs but it has been unable to pay much of the \$6 million needed to build it, said Mr. Allen.



Frank Allen

who has sat on the hospital board for 12 years.

Mr. Allen hopes talks with the province and with the banks holding the mortgage on the Centre will make the debt easier to service.

And the hospital plans to sell off lands to the south of the building to help pay off part of the debt.

When the Centre was built mortgages in the early 1980s were substantially higher, making servicing the debt even harder, said Mr. Allen.

When the Bennett Centre was first built, plans called for a chronic care wing which would bring in more government funding, said Mr. Allen, who will retire from the board once his term as chairman is up next June.

But efforts to get the chronic care wing built are paying off, he said. The government has approved the idea but the hospital is definitely going to turn to Halton Hills residents to help the hospital board improve facilities, said Mr. Allen.

The hospital needs new X-ray equipment and a new roof and it is already packing a \$200,000 debt, according to a March report by the Board's Finance Committee Chairman Graeme Goebelle.

Bu hospital debt doesn't pose a significant problem, according to Mr. Allen.

The province should pick up part, or all of the operating debt for the hospital, said Mr. Allen.

That debt does look small beside the whopping \$800,000 in debt the Bennett Centre is incurring annually - mainly due to interest on the original \$6 million.

Halton Region has already kicked in \$848,000 towards the chronic care wing but the hospital is going to need more.

Hospital board members stressed at their first open meeting in March that the community is going to play a big part in the future of the hospital, especially when it comes to fundraising.

The hospital also faces an accreditation committee towards the end of this year, said Mr. Allen.

A provincially appointed committee reviews hospital procedures and general operations and awards a one, two or three year accreditation on the basis of that review.

Mr. Allen isn't expecting any problems with the accreditation but he wants to make sure the hospital has its house in order for the review.

Watering restraints remain in effect for Halton Region

Halton Region wants residents to continue restricting the use of their water.

Two weeks ago Halton asked residents to start voluntarily restricting watering their lawns with even-numbered houses watering their gardens on even calendar days and odd-numbered houses watering on odd days.

The move was just a precaution to make sure there is enough water in Halton's reservoirs in case of a major fire, said Halton's Manager of Water Plant Operations Vince Suffoletta.

Residents have responded well to the request but this week will be a tougher test, said Mr. Suffoletta.

Environment Canada is not predicting any significant rainfall this week and temperatures are expected to remain around the 30 degrees Celsius mark, he said.

The hot temperatures, added to the dry spell, will mean people might want to water their lawns more frequently, said Mr. Suffoletta.

Georgetown has storage capacity of about 1.2 million gallons of water while Acton can store about one million gallons. Milton has storage capacity for 3.2 million gallons, Oakville has reservoir capacity for 10 million gallons and Burlington's reservoirs can store about 15 million gallons.

Halton likes to make sure those levels don't drop below 40 per cent of capacity.

Typically water levels drop between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. each night, said Mr. Suffoletta.

But reservoirs can usually be restored to between 90 and 95 per cent capacity within an hour, he added.

Water restrictions were lifted in neighboring Peel Region June 27.

However, if the dry weather remains, and reservoirs can't keep recharging fast enough, Halton may enact mandatory lawn watering restrictions, said Mr. Suffoletta.

Trailer park residents may get new home

Willow Park residents may have found themselves a new home.

About 47 acres of land just east of the northeast corner of the Sixth Line and Sideroad 20 may be where the 30 families now living in the Norval trailer park will call home.

Willow Park Community Association Chairman Roger Perryman said Monday that the land owned by Hank and Bill Lenstra is a "prime location."

The Lenstras responded to an advertisement placed in local newspapers earlier this year asking for prospective developers of a trailer park, said Mr. Perryman.

The Lenstras would be landlords, similar to the arrangements Willow Park residents now have with owner Norm Guthrie, said Mr. Perryman.

The location is excellent for what could be a much expanded park, because Silver Creek runs through the property and there are plenty of trees to shelter the trailers, said Mr. Perryman.

Willow Park is being expropriated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority because the land would be exposed to dangerous flood levels when the 1,200-home Halton Hills Village is complete. A heavy storm would increase the surface water run-off into Silver Creek which then flows into the Credit River exposing the low lying lands on which Willow Park sits to severe flooding.

Last year, Willow Park residents enlisted town council's help in their search for a new location but residents found this site themselves,

said Mr. Perryman.

However, the CVCA wants residents out of Willow Park when their lease with Mr. Guthrie runs out in September.

Mr. Perryman said that's impossible.

"There's absolutely no way that we're going to be able to do that," he said.

Residents hope to move onto the new land by the spring of 1989 if the move is feasible at all, he said.

"We're saying we don't mind (that) we're being expropriated but you have to give us a fair shake," said Mr. Perryman.

The CVCA is willing to comply, according to General Manager Vicki Barron.

As long as it looks like there is a definite date for the residents to move out, the CVCA will likely grant an extension until the spring, said Ms. Barron.

However, if the deal falls through and residents have not found another location by the time the lease is up, then "they will have to be up and gone," said Ms. Barron.

"We want to see some reason to believe that they will be leaving. Otherwise we may have to force them out," she said.

Town Planning Director Ian Keith said the application for developing a trailer park will be handled by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

One concern is that the CN rail track to Acton runs right behind the land, said Mr. Keith.

Other concerns about the land which will have to be addressed at the NEC is availability of water, the feasibility of septic tanks, drainage and traffic flows, said Mr. Keith.

Mayor supports relocation

The town of Halton Hills will be supporting a possible move by Willow Trailer Park residents to a 47-acre parcel of land near the Sixth Line and Sideroad 20 if Mayor Russ Miller has his way.

The development application will be subject to all the usual conditions but if it's feasible the town will support it, said Mayor Miller.

The land is surrounded by the protected area of the escarpment

but NEC planning staff say they would not object to a trailer park in the rural area of the escarpment, said Mayor Miller.

The proposed development does lie in the rural area of the NEC plan, he said.

The Mayor met with Housing Minister Chaviva Hoxek yesterday (Tuesday) to discuss the trailer park and new initiatives in affordable housing in Halton Hills.

War time casualties remembered

Plaque unveiled at GDHS

Georgetown District High School students who gave their lives for Canada in the Second World War and the Korean War were remembered in a plaque unveiling ceremony at the high school last Wednesday.

The ceremony opened with "O Canada" and a procession by the Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion Color Guard. Councillor Pam Johnston addressed the audience and expressed appreciation for the plaque donation.

Georgetown high school principal Barb Singleton spoke of the "historic wealth" that the plaques bring to the high school.

Rev. Peter Barrow of Knox Church led the group in "The Lord's Prayer".

Rev. Arthur Dayfoot, pastor of a former Georgetown Church, and a former Georgetown high school student, read the memorial prayers.

This was the second such plaque dedication for the high school. In 1921, a plaque was put up to honor those who served in the First World War from the school.

Miss Jean Mackenzie, a member of a family with four generations to have attended Georgetown high school, read the poem in Flanders Fields at the ceremony Wednesday.

Miss Mackenzie also read the poem during the dedication of the First World War plaque in 1921. She was involved with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War.

Funding for the memorial plaque was provided by the Georgetown District High School Centennial Committee. Surplus funds from last year's centennial reunion were used to purchase a plaque from a Milton brass casting shop, said committee member Mrs. Jessie Glynn.

Mrs. Glynn, Miss Jean Ruddell from the Esqueving Historical Soci-

ty and several other members worked for weeks to contact the families of the dead soldiers who attended Georgetown high school.

"We wanted to honor the boys who had lost their lives," said Mrs. Glynn.

Miss Ruddell said being a "lifetime" resident of Georgetown helped her in the search for missing soldiers.

Allan Edmunds unveiled the plaque and Bill Bingham read the Honor Roll.

Those students who died in the Second World War are F.O. Norman Baily, Pte. Clarence Beaumont, F. Sgt. Lawrence Beaumont, Lt. John Bowman, F.O. John T. Evans, Pte. George Latimer, P.O. James Louth, Sgt. Stewart MacLaren, F.O. William Murphy, P.O. Carman Sutcliffe (teacher), Sgt. Hubert F. Test and Lt. Bruce Zimmerman. The remembered Korean War soldier is Cpl. Ron Edmunds.



Bill Collier and Shell Lehr of the Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion Color Guard pay homage to the former high school students who died in the Second World and the Korean Wars. The plaque was donated to Georgetown District High School last Wednesday by the GDHS Centennial Committee, and sits beside the plaque installed in 1921 after the First World War. (Herald photo)