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IN THE HILLS

Join the parade

Calling all parade fanatics. The Georgetown Fair is putting together a parade for Saturday, Sept. 10 at noon. If you have an old car, a local event to promote, or just want to be part of this fantastic weekend of events, call Al Cook at 877-5753. Don't wait — get involved and make this year's Fair "Great for 88".

Bingo down

A profit of between \$3000-\$3500 was earned by the GMHA at its Aug. 4 Monster Bingo at Alcott Arena, a figure considerably less than the approximately \$10,000 the association gleaned at its 1987 Monster event.

GMHA executive member Wayne Pries said hot weather was likely to blame for keeping attendance down to around 700 at last Thursday's bingo. In 1987 the event drew about 1200 bingo players.

"We were a bit disappointed," said Pries. "But at least we didn't lose money."

Scholarship

Ruth Scott is to be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario. The award will be announced on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the Federation's Annual Meeting in Toronto.

The Federation represents Ontario's 33,000 women elementary public school teachers.

The Joan Sneed Memorial Scholarship, named after a late Director of the Federation, will enable Ruth to attend the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Her study will involve an assessment of the reading and spelling strategies of Grade 7 students in North Halton.

Ruth Scott teaches at the North Education Centre in Georgetown.

Quit smoking

The Lung Association will be running a Smoking Cessation Program at the Oakville Public Library starting Aug. 23.

Participants will quit smoking by Sept. 6. The course is limited to 15 group members.

For further information, or to register, call the Lung Association 622-8499.

Concession space

Concession space is rapidly filling up for this year's Georgetown Fall Fair. If you are a local group or business and would like to display your products at the Fair or raise money for your local group, there will be a registration at the Agricultural Building at the Fairgrounds on Monday Aug. 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Space is filling up so don't delay. Concession space is \$5 per foot frontage and includes two weekend exhibitor passes.

Night viewing

The Halton County Radial Railway Museum will hold a night show on Aug. 20, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This marks the first occasion when the public will be able to view the museum's operation at twilight and evening.

This evening should be of special interest to camera buffs since many of the historical collection of street-cars will be on display with their lights on.

There will also be some car runs through the woods at night. The gift shop and refreshments will be available.

The Halton County Radial Railway is a project of volunteers of the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association.

The museum is located on the Guelph Line, Halton Region Road 1, near Rockwood, 16 km. north of Highway 401, Exit 312.

From Guelph and points west, use Highway 7, turn south on Wellington Road 44, travel south approximately 5 km.

Admission rates are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Police recalled

Vacationing police are returning to the ranks to aid in investigating Burlington's two recent murders, said Halton Region Police Chief James Harding.

In summer "manpower is causing us some critical concern," he said, adding that despite the murders "we still have the safest community in which to live."

Last week's stabbing of a Burlington woman and Sunday's stabbing of a Burlington man have kept police on their toes, said Chief Harding, who reports that Halton Police have got their "key people back people back" to investigate.

Monday morning Halton Police arrested James Otto McInnes, 52, of no fixed address, in connection with the stabbing death of a Burlington man at a townhouse party Sunday around 4:20 a.m. The victim was stabbed in the chest, say police.

But Halton police cite no relationship between this stabbing and last week's murder of 27-year-old Francine Cote on Burlington beach. Investigations on last week's homicide are continuing.



Captain and Company

Capt. Rec visited participants of the Recreation and Parks Department's summer program Friday, and believe it or not, he wasn't the wildest dressed person there. The children were enjoying Special Friday at the fairgrounds and showed up in a variety of costumes. From left are, Hayley Green, Andrew Martin, Neil Dawkins, Capt. Rec, Ashleigh Ridley, Caitlin Dick, and Brittany Younglout. (Herald photo)

Fate of abandoned lines still undecided

CVCA shows interest in rail line

If the town declines to buy 4 1/2 miles of abandoned CN railway line in Halton Hills, the Credit Valley Conservator Authority will consider making a pitch to purchase the land.

The CVCA wants the town to buy the land because Halton Hills is better equipped to develop it as a hiking and equestrian trail, said Ken Owen, the manager of land resources at the Authority.

"This short stretch (of land) could provide town residents and visitors with an ideal hiking, bicycle, cross country ski and/or equestrian trail at little cost. The idea of such a trail seems consistent with, and contributes to Halton Hills' extensive tourism development campaign, furthers the objects of the Niagara Escarpment Commission in providing opportunities for increased exposure to landform, and has the potential for delivering additional visitors to the doorstep of our conservation area," said Mr. Owen in a report to the Authority executive.

The executive endorsed Mr. Owen's recommendation July 22.

The abandoned rail line, which consists of less than five miles stretching from Wildwood Road to the 11th Line (the Halton Hills - Brampton border), is being offered for sale by CN for only \$5,000.

However, the purchase has become a contentious issue with residents bordering on the land who say it's a haven for drunks, drugs, vandals, minibikers and snowmobiles who trespass on private property, and partake in other noisy activities.

Residents whose properties border on the land want the town to buy the land, divide it up and sell it to adjacent landowners who will then close it down to trespassers.

But local equestrian and trial associations want the town to develop the land as a hiking and horse riding trail.

The town deferred a decision on

the purchase June 6, pending a report from the parks and recreation department.

That report is expected to come before council later this month or early in September.

Caledon recently purchased 26 kilometres of the same abandoned line to develop it as a horse riding and hiking trail.

Opponents say no one would use the 4 1/2 miles in Georgetown because the Bruce Trail is only a short distance away.

But the CVCA says the line would be an ideal access park, as well as a corridor at the base of the Niagara escarpment which links Georgetown to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area and the Silgo Hill Resource Management Area at Inglewood.

The line also provides an opportunity to link up with a Credit River Heritage Trail, which is an effort by Peel Region to establish a trail along the Credit River watershed, said Mr. Owen.

Maple Lodge expands again

One of the oldest and largest poultry producers in Southern Ontario is getting even bigger.

Maple Lodge Farms, on Winston Churchill Boulevard, south of Norval already employs 925 people but with a \$15 million addition expected to be completed by early October, the firm's work force will increase by another 10 per cent, said Maple Lodge Farms President Larry May, whose eight family members cooperate in running the farm.

The addition on the north side of the building will add more than 150,000 square feet, increasing the production and storage space by about 30 per cent, said Mr. May.

Maple Lodge plans to expand into the delicatessen market producing "further processed" chicken, said Mr. May.

Maple Lodge already produces some delicatessen products but now white and dark meat roast, sausage and cooked chicken - all 100 per cent chicken - will be produced and sold to restaurants, fast food outlets and grocers, said Mr. May.

The farm ships poultry products all over Ontario, and to parts of Quebec, and western Canada.

Currently, Maple Lodge produces complete chicken products, such as raw and whole chickens which are shipped to grocery outlets and restaurants.

Maple Lodge also supplies a substantial amount of chicken to Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets, including the outlet in Georgetown, said Mr. May.

Future plans call for Maple Lodge Farms to produce the popular

chicken nuggets and fingers, he said.

Maple Lodge Farms started out as a family operation in the late 1860's and the firm has in the past produced dairy products and eggs.

"We're pretty confident in the poultry industry in Canada," Mr. May said of Maple Lodge's decision to expand.

Maple Lodge is now seeking "career-oriented" people to work with the bigger operation, he said.

Heat causes alarm

An Aug. 2 fire at Hyde Park Drive in Georgetown brought fire fighters to an alarm activation "caused by extreme heat and humidity," fire officials say.

An Aug. 2 rubbish fire at Lot 6, Concession 9 around 10:20 p.m. brought firefighters to put out a rubbish fire started by a resident burning without a permit.

Fire officials plugged a gasoline leak in a 1983 Dodge pick-up at 56 Guelph Street in Acton Aug. 3. The department plugged the leak and washed down spilled gasoline, officials say.

See U at the X

If you or someone you know is going to be at the Canadian National Exhibition this month to compete in events, why not let us know.

Through our Toronto News Service, we'll be doing our best to capture the excitement of the CNE, and let the people at home know how local entries are faring out in the competition.

Give us a call at 877-2201, and we'll do our best to have someone on hand to cover your particular event.

New position with United Way

Fisher named executive director

Ward 3 Councillor Betty Fisher was hired as Executive Director of the Halton Hills United Way and began her new job Friday.

"There was an ad in the paper for the position and I applied for it," said Mrs. Fisher in an interview Monday. Her position will be "dual" she said.

"My duties will be to assist the Board (of Directors for the United Way) in implementing its policies and to act on their behalf when requested."

She added that her secretarial skills will be required for the new position which includes answering telephones and typing.

"I'm the only staff person. The United Way is largely volunteers," she said.

Mrs. Fisher described the United Way appointment as an "honor" and said she gives the organization her full support.



Betty Fisher

Georgetown fairs to display information booths, she said. October will be "the main campaign", with canvassing door-to-door. The Chamber of Commerce will assist the United Way, said Mrs. Fisher, and the season will wrap up with a Regional Chairman's Ball in November.

The United Way has already surpassed its special events fundraising goal for 1988, but more contributions are required, said Mrs. Fisher. The overall goal this year is \$130,000 so far, \$13,000 has been raised.

Mrs. Fisher, although in a first-time position in Halton Hills, says she can look to her Halton region United Way counterparts for instruction. And although she speculates little change in her position of "advisory and implementation", she "would like to see communication" with counterparts in other areas.

Landfill proposal

NEC wants proof of necessity

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has lined itself up against the proposed Acton quarry dump.

The Commission said July 28 that dump proponents, Reclamation Systems Inc., must prove the dump is an essential utility because it lies in a mineral resources extraction area of the plan.

To do that, RSI must investigate alternatives to landfilling and putting a dump at that location to "show that there is a need to use the subject property because no suitable (environmentally sound) alternative methods or sites can be found," according to NEC recommendations.

"No alternatives have been documented by the proponent to show that it is essential to use this site for a landfill operation. Therefore, the proposal is not an essential utility and therefore is in conflict with the Niagara Escarpment Plan," a staff report adopted by the commission says.

The proposal would then need an amendment to the NEC plan and that would require investigating "alternative methods for disposing of garbage and alternative sites for the landfill method of garbage disposal," the report says.

NEC Chairman Terk Bayly thinks RSI has a lot of work to do.

"The proponent has got a long way to go in our opinion," he said.

Since the Ministry of Environment told RSI they will have to investigate alternatives to the dump in July, Eco Logic Laboratories, the consulting firm conducting the en-

vironmental impact studies, has talked about using the information from the study conducted by Halton Region in its search for a landfill site.

That study, conducted by the Walker, Wright, Young consulting firm, looked at virtually every potential landfill site in the Region and it had strong objections to the Acton site.

Asked if RSI could simply use that study once more, Mr. Bayly replied: "I think that's most unlikely."

If RSI doesn't satisfy the terms set out by the NEC then it will be up to the Environmental Assessment board to decide how much weight to put on the NEC recommendations.

Despite the setback, Eco Logic doesn't seem to be worried.

Public Liaison Officer Jillian Daffern said RSI will look at alternatives but the company stuck to its original position that any alternative sites which require expropriation will not be examined.

Dump opponents say that severely limits the scope of the investigation RSI would have to undertake because they would only examine land RSI already owns.

However, Eco Logic wants "more explicit guidelines" about alternative methods and sites from the NEC, said Ms. Daffern.

Eco Logic wants to clarify what the NEC wants, said Ms. Daffern. "It will go back and forth a lot to see how this develops."

The NEC will be represented at the consolidated hearings which will examine the proposals so their recommendations will likely be important, said Ms. Daffern.

Vicki takes break between crossings

By DONNA KELL
Herald Staff

Vicki Keith was in Georgetown Friday to practise the winning stroke that will take her through icy Lake Superior, a portion of her historical crossing of the five Great Lakes this summer.

"Cold's a state of mind," said the 27-year-old Kingston swimmer who has already conquered three of the five Great Lakes this summer. Her swim co-ordinator and pacer Drew McGowen from Georgetown will help Ms. Keith gain "20 to 30 pounds" before her 20-mile swim across the 15-degree-celsius Lake Superior.

"She burns off a lot of calories in the water . . . soup and hot chocolate won't keep it on," said Mr. McGowen. Ms. Keith will bulk up with pasta for the next week until she begins across her next lake.

Ms. Keith recently completed 53 hours on Lake Michigan where she was bitten by water bugs and sunburned while crossing the 46 mile stretch. An entourage of reporters and fans met Ms. Keith and her team as they emerged along the Chicago shore.

Accompanying the swimmer for safety is a flotilla of rafts, and a small vessel loaded with soup, hot chocolate, fruit cocktail and arrowroot biscuits to feed Ms. Keith as she swims. Campbell's Soups, Hasty Market, Coca Cola, McDonald's and Ford Canada have contributed to Ms. Keith's swim to aid Variety Village, a fitness and training centre for the disabled. Ms. Keith's swim will help fund the aquatic wing, said Mr. McGowen.

"Hopefully we can reach our goal of \$600,000," he said. Contributions so far tally \$65,000.

Having conquered Lakes Huron, Erie and Michigan, Ms. Keith has Superior and Ontario left to battle. She will begin her Lake Ontario swim August 28, and her Lake Superior challenge Saturday, Aug. 13.

The Variety Club, the same organization that presents the annual bike-a-thon for the disabled, are asking for contributions to the Variety Village fund, supported by Ms. Keith's swim. They can be reached at 1-961-7300, or \$3 contributions can be made directly through Bell Canada by calling 1-976-9669.



Swimmer Vicki Keith, who is challenging all five of the Great Lakes this summer, was in Georgetown last week for a little recreational swimming between crossings. Vicki is seen here with her swim co-ordinator Hugh McGowen of Georgetown, prior to her departure Saturday morning for the shores of Lake Superior, the next challenge in her schedule to raise money for Variety Club. (Herald photo)