

Entertainment features variety

Fall fair ready to rock



Rug hooking

Marge Willis, the publicist for the upcoming Rug Hooking exhibition in Georgetown and Jan Colbran, a rug hooker, proudly present their handiwork. Members of the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild encourage new

members to join, and will supply information at their exhibition and sale at the Georgetown Cultural Centre Gallery, beginning Sept. 13. (Herald photo)

The art flows from imagination

Here's a craft you can really get hooked on.

Rug hooking involves small strips of colored wool, patience and a good dose of imagination. You can use grandmother's checkered wool skirt, uncle Fred's woolen pants or fabric purchased from a fabric store.

"There are thousands of hours in these pictorials," said rug hooker Marge Willis, Terra Cotta resident and a member of the Georgetown Rug Hookers Guild.

"It's a craft that goes back 6,000 years, and we still do it the same way today," she said.

Rug hooker Jan Colbran described the method used by the Guild as "traditional."

"There are many people who use modern equipment, but we stick to traditional methods," she said.

There are over 100 varieties of rug hooking, including something as 'simple' (so the ladies claim...) as a flowered mat, or something as complex as what looks like a small Persian carpet.

"This would sell for about \$55 a square foot," said Mrs. Willis of the five-by-three foot patch of florally-adorned carpet.

"But after all that work, you get attached to the piece," she added. This causes some rug hookers to refuse to sell their work.

Mrs. Willis is a good example of this attachment. She proudly displays the two lions in her rug

hooking masterpiece. The carefully-detailed scene is given an edge of realism by the genuine fangs and whiskers protruding from the canvas.

But there are also more conventional pieces. Audrey Milward and Elsie Evans enjoy the colorful and quaint environment of landscapes in their rug hooking. Their pieces are brilliantly colored, perfectly manicured, and could be mistaken for oil paintings. The ladies from the Rug Hooking Guild will exhibit their works at a Sept. 19 to Oct. 1 display and sale at the Georgetown Cultural Centre Gallery.

The exhibition will be opened at 8 p.m., Sept. 19 by Audrey Deere, president of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild.

Number killed on highways remains concern for police

Although the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Halton have been cut in half this year the number of people killed on the road is down only slightly, Halton Regional Police report.

Eight people have been killed in traffic accidents in Halton between January 1 and July 31 this year, police say.

Ten people died in the same period last year.

But the number of fatal accidents involving alcohol has been reduced drastically from 66 per cent to 33 per cent, police say.

About 38 per cent of the fatal collisions occurred in District 1, which includes Halton Hills and Milton. Oakville has 25 per cent of the Region's fatal collisions and the remainder occurred in Burlington.

Motorcycles were involved in 25 per cent of the fatal accidents and almost 38 per cent of all fatal accidents involved only one vehicle, police say.

Last year at this time 33 per cent of the fatal accidents in Halton involved motorcycles.

"Although statistics indicate another decrease in the total number of collisions, as well as alcohol-related collisions, we must

still concentrate on continuing our efforts in the area of education," said Sergeant Garry Bogue of the Regional Traffic Bureau.

"Educating the public on the consequences of drinking and driving and promoting the safe operation of motorcycles is a great concern to our force."

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Gasoline spill

Halton Hills firefighters were called to the Canadian Tire gas bar on Guelph Street Aug. 23 to wash down 30 to 40 gallons of spilled gasoline. Fire officials say a truck unloading gas around 11:40 a.m. backed up while its hose was still in the ground. A valve was snapped, but there was no other damage, said the fire department.

Firefighters rushed to Delrex Boulevard Aug. 24 to find that a reported school fire was a "malicious false alarm." Fire officials were called to the scene at 9:35 p.m.

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The Georgetown Fall Fair opens with a blast on Friday, Sept. 9 - a blast of rock 'n roll, that is.

Youth Night will showcase two of Georgetown's up and coming bands, St. Xavier and Smalltown Bringdown. (The fairboard has arranged for clear skies and warm weather so last year's rainout won't re-occur).

Door prizes donated by MCA Records Canada will be drawn from ticket stubs collected at the gate on Friday evening. MCA handles such entertainers as Huey Lewis, Elton John, Belinda Carlisle, Pat Benatar, Pebbles and Eye Eye.

At 7 p.m. Smalltown Bringdown will take the stage and, start things rockin' and rollin'. A dance-oriented band with a very special sound, The Bringdown plays songs by bands such as INXS, Rolling Stones, The Clash, 54.40, The Cult and The Cure.

First formed in May of this year by Sean Cotton and Andy Jones, Smalltown Bringdown had their debut at Pioneer Days in front of a very receptive audience. Since then they have played gigs at Night Crossings and the McGibbon Hotel.

The band is made up of six members - Sean Cotton, Shane Oldrieve, Greg Fisher, Mike Belling and Greg Lawrence all attend GDHS while Andy Jones has completed his high school education. The members are influenced by many styles of music including jazz, reggae and of course, rock 'n roll to create a sound that appeals to a wide range of people. All six members have played in local bands and Sean, Shane, Andy and Mike have played professionally in other bands.

At 8 p.m. St. Xavier will take over

with a harder rock sound. A versatile band, they can alternate between the heaviest of heavy metal tunes and mellow bluesy songs. Their music is influenced by bands such as Van Halen, Led Zeppelin, Kim Mitchell and Rush. St. Xavier was started three years ago by guitarist Russ Gray and Andrew Stoddart. The other members include bassist Brian McIlravy and singer/rhythm guitarist Dax Urbzat. The band has played many clubs such as the Gasworks, Hot Rods, The Cassanova Club and Spanky's and have been the opening act for several other bands - Universal

Juveniles, Maximum Overdrive, Shattered Heart and the Lynx to name a few.

St. Xavier is a multitalented group displaying the right mix of dedication, perseverance and talent.

Between Smalltown Bringdown, St. Xavier, the Conklin Midway and the chance to win door prizes donated by MCA Records Canada, there will be plenty of music and action to make Youth Night at the fair fun for all attending. A weekend pass for just \$4.50 will enable you to come back on Saturday and Sunday for even more attractions at the 1988 Georgetown Fall Fair.

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