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IN THE HILLS

Rug hooking

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild will present its Biennial Show and second sale at the Georgetown Cultural Centre Gallery.

On Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. Audrey Deere, President of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild will officially welcome rug hooking artists and guests at an opening ceremony.

The show will continue through Oct. 1 and during library hours members of the Georgetown Guild will be present to demonstrate their art of painting with wool and to answer questions.

LaLeche meeting

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find information and encouragement at the La Leche League. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 27 Windsor Rd. in Georgetown. Nursing babies and pregnant women are most welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, childcare and breastfeeding. For further information call 878-4732 or 878-3884.

Crusader to speak

Anyone who wants to know just what kind of effect a landfill site can have on their lives can attend a speech by Lois Gibbs, who helped fight the Love Canal crusade in New York State.

Ms. Gibbs will speak at the Georgetown high school on landfill sites on Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available from members of POWER.

Child birth

Child Birth Education classes will begin Sept. 19 for six consecutive weeks.

Classes are limited to five couples per series. For more information or to register phone Better Birthing, Carrie Aiello, 853-4014.

UWC resumes

Calling all women university graduates! If you're interested in educational, social and community affairs, why not join the University Women's Club of Georgetown? Their first meeting of the 1988-89 season is the annual Wine and Cheese Social from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sept. 13 at St. Alban's Church Hall, Glen Williams.

Learn about the Club's exciting program and interest groups. A number of scholarship awards will also be presented.

For more information, contact Nora Lipp (877-5329) or Gail Rutherford (877-6027).

Rewarding work

Committee work isn't always dull. Very often, the result of a committee's work is especially rewarding. The Canadian Mental Health Association, Oakville branch has a number of committees which would benefit from the expertise and input of association members and community residents.

If you are interested in fundraising, public education, personnel, or finance, contact Pearl Wolfe at 85-5044 for details.

Centre re-opens

The Georgetown Parent-Child Centre is re-opening this week, Tuesday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays thereafter. For more information call the Centre or Gail at 873-2989 or 877-9231.

Singles dance

The Milton Singles Club hosts dances each Sunday night, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., sponsored by The Milton Optimist Centre, at 311 Commercial Street, Milton.

The evenings include dinner, dancing and fellowship, and tickets are \$7.50 per person.

DeeJay Jack Younger provides entertainment and the dress code for ladies is dresses or dress slacks and for gentlemen is shirt and tie.

All singles are welcome, and memberships are available for \$12.

Windows smashed

Police say 55 window panes were smashed at Bishop Reding School on Highway 25 near Acton sometime between Sept. 2 and Sept. 4. Although a piece of pipe was found in the schoolground, there are no suspects in the incident. Damage was estimated at \$2,500.

Council accepts cutback for lots

A Mississauga developer has been given the town's permission to knock \$265,000 off an initial tender bid of \$1.5 million to develop the Princess Anne Drive lots.

At a special Halton Hills council meeting Sept. 1, Vairdicon Developments, who won the right to develop the lots in a tender bid in August, told councillors that further soil tests show an extra \$300,000 in construction will be needed to make the land viable for building houses.

The town voted to knock the \$265,000 off the tender price but Vairdicon must produce certified cost invoices showing the extra money was indeed spent on making the lots viable.

If Vairdicon doesn't need the money it must reimburse the town for the difference.

Vairdicon threatened to pull out completely if the town didn't comply, said Mayor Russ Miller.

That would have left the town with the next highest bid of \$750,000 from Aler Investments for the land.

The town is counting on at least \$1 million to help finance the \$6 million Civic Centre.

Vairdicon had submitted a \$150,000 deposit with its tender bid and town councillors were under the impression that deposit was non-refundable, said Mayor Miller. But the town's solicitor indicated the tender allowed for further soil testing to make sure there were no unknowns in the construction, he said.

So Vairdicon could have pulled out and been able to get the \$150,000 deposit back, he said.

Town engineers examined the soil tests performed by Vairdicon to make sure they were legitimate, said Mayor Miller. Included in the extra costs is draining water away from the land and the extra fill which will have to be placed there to elevate the houses.

Asked if reducing a formal tender bid might set a dangerous precedent Mayor Miller agreed there was that possibility. But he said, "we were within our right" to negotiate with the top bidder.

Although the town did reduce the tender, it is still \$500,000 more than the next highest bidder, said Mayor Miller.

"If I was a businessman I would have done exactly what I did as a council member," he added.

"I cannot see anybody saying this council made a mistake by accepting a \$500,000 higher bid."

Benefit dance

The Halton Hills Chinese Cultural Association will be holding a dinner and dance to raise money for the association and Vietnam veterans Sept. 17 at the Georgetown Armories.

The evening will start with a martial arts demonstration followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Then a Toronto martial arts group will perform a "Dragon Dance."

Argo Sunshine girls will man the Monte Carlo Night tables and singers Sherrisse Laurence of Circus and Elizabeth Clark of the Pig 'n Whistle will entertain the guests.

A dance will follow until 1:30 a.m.

Proceeds after costs will be split between the Canadian Vietnam Veterans Association and the Chinese Cultural Association.

Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from Ed Cochrane at the Miracle Mart grocery store on Guelph Street.

Chambers contemplate amalgamation

Business owners in Halton Hills will decide this week whether or not to unite the Georgetown and Acton Chambers of Commerce, as one body.

Acton chamber president Mike Manes said Tuesday that the two chambers should reach a decision by Friday.

The businesses belonging to the Acton chamber were polled on Sept. 5, about their ideas on the joint chamber, said Mr. Manes.

Both the Acton and Georgetown Chambers have agreed not to release details of the proposed amalgamation until a final decision is reached.

Georgetown chamber president Murray Lawton said should the proposed amalgamation go through, it would simply mean the two organizations would "join hands" to speak as one voice when dealing with municipal or Regional government.

"Being able to speak as one would give us more clout. People listen to you, especially government," he said.



All revved up

An old-fashioned motorcycle drew the attention of Daniel Carter at the Steam Era show in Milton over the Labor Day weekend. Daniel hopped aboard the well-preserved antique to get a feel for

what the ride may have been like several decades ago. Daniel attended the popular steam show with his grandfather D. Long of Acton. (Herald photo)

Hydrogeology findings

Some leachate will affect local water

Georgetown residents were told for the first time Aug. 31 that their drinking water supply will be affected by leachate leaking from the proposed Acton quarry dump.

Hydrogeologist Vern Dixon told Acton quarry landfill study group members and about 100 people in the audience at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena that two or three gallons of leachate a minute will leak into Georgetown's water supply anywhere from 30 to 100 years after the second phase of the dump is filled with waste.

But Mr. Dixon, who was hired by dump proponents Reclamation Systems Inc., cautioned the effect on the town's drinking water will be so small "it would be questionable if you would detect it."

"We cannot see any significant change or any threat to the water quality of Georgetown," said Mr. Dixon.

Previously, committee members were told that the Cabot Head, a shale rock formation at the bottom of the quarry would contain leachate seepage.

The leachate leak will occur like this: when waste is put into the landfill it will take anywhere from 30 to 96 years to seep through the 18-metre thick layer of shale called the Cabot Head and reach the edge of the Niagara Escarpment. The Cabot Head is the least permeable of all the layers of materials under the dump, therefore it will take the longest for the leachate to travel through that relatively small area.

Once the leachate reaches the edge of the escarpment just east of the quarry, it will move east into a "buried valley" surrounding Black Creek and "move fast" across the lower plains to the Credit Valley water system from which

Georgetown draws its water - within three years, according to Mr. Dixon.

The leachate from the second and third phases of the dump will reach Georgetown much faster than the leachate from the first phase. That's because leachate from the first phase, at the south end of the dump, must move through much more of the more impermeable Cabot Head, which is the major material slowing down the leachate, he explained.

Leachate from the first phase could take anywhere from 60 to 240 years to reach Georgetown, he said.

He described the effect of contaminants on the water supply. Chlorides, the most concentrated and highly traceable contaminants will be watched closely. The chloride count in Georgetown's water supply will increase from 44.5 milligrams per litre to about 45.7 mg/l, said Mr. Dixon. Government guidelines dictate a safety level of 250 mg/l and "reasonable use" levels for a landfill site are around 146 mg/l, he said.

"We see very, very little change in the water quality."

Asked by one audience member if the leachate would negatively affect the integrity of the Cabot Head shale, Bill Clarke, the president of Waterloo Geosciences said tests have not yet been done to see how much damage leachate would do to the shale.

The committee will meet again on Sept. 15 at the Acton Legion to discuss socio-economic impacts of the landfill.

The remaining meetings will be held on Sept. 28 (dust and noise) at the Lions Club Hall in Milton, Oct. 12 (monitoring and contingency plans) at Gordon Alcott Arena, and Oct. 27 (review meeting) at the Acton Legion. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Fall fair gets rolling this weekend

The 142nd running of the Georgetown Fair is ready to roll this Friday, Sept. 9. Conklin Midway is set and the two rock bands will start the Fair off with a blast starting at 7 p.m.

The exhibitors space is all laid out and there have been several last minute additions to the exhibitors. The OPP Crime Prevention Trailer will be set up Friday and is open to the public throughout the Fair. The Halton Hills Gymnastics will be doing two demonstrations on Saturday and two on Sunday so drop by and watch the children tumble and turn. Also the Olde Hide House has arranged for their hot air balloon to be on the grounds Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Rides will be available for a nominal charge.

The parade on Saturday at noon will start at the Dominion Seed House and proceed west on Maple Avenue to Main Street and, north



on Main Street to Mill Street and west again to Charles and south on Charles to the main gates. The parade will be led by the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band followed by such entries as the Halton Hills Fire Department, the Shriner's Go Karts, Acton Citizens' Band and local members of council along with the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club.

Parade organizers are also hoping the OPP Golden Helmets will be in the parade if they arrive in Georgetown in time. Fair organizers are also expecting Bossy for the Annual game of

Bossy Bingo. Come try your luck to see if you can guess where Bossy will place her Cow Chips. If your guess is right you could be a winner.

Also at 5 p.m. the draw will be made for the Hind of Canada Grade A Beef from Al's Meat. If you don't have a ticket drop by the Information Booth and get your tickets, three for \$2 or \$1 each. Also on sale at the Homecraft Building, Info Centre and Old MacDonald's Farm will be T-shirts honoring none other than Wilbur.

The Golden Helmets will present their show on the main track at 2 p.m. followed later in the day by the Mini Tractor Pull at 5:30 p.m. Once the Tractor Pull is over the "Remember Then" family dance kicks in to bring the Saturday festivities to a close. Party Pac will be playing the classics of the '60s and will be giving away door prizes of tapes of original and rare '60s classics.

The refreshment garden operated by the McGibbon Hotel

will also feature a buffet. At 9 p.m. the Country Band Gary Poot and Country Syde will give the crowd at the fair some down home country music until 11 p.m. when the refreshment garden closes. Sunday sees the second battle for the Farm Olympics Title. To date there are five teams entered - the Town Council, Optimists, Kinmen, Lions Club and NRS Real Estate.

They will battle to see who can toss the meadow muffs the farthest or milk a goat. Admission to the Fair is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children seven to 16 and children under seven are free.

The best buy by far is the weekend family ticket for \$9.50 or the Single Weekend ticket for \$4.50, which will be on sale until noon Saturday. There are only 400 weekend tickets remaining so don't delay, get yours today.

Georgetown, YOUR FAIR will be GREAT FOR 88. See you at the Fair.

Mayor outlines track record

Miller kicks off re-election campaign

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller launched his re-election campaign with a kickoff barbecue Saturday which drew over 200 people to the Cedar Springs Motel.

Mayor Miller, who was first appointed mayor in 1983 after Peter Pomeroy vacated the position to be Chairman of Halton Region, said he has provided strong leadership over his five years in office.

"I have credibility at the province level and at the Region 1 level and credibility at the Town of Halton Hills," said the Mayor, who pointed out that 10 town councillors attended his campaign kickoff.

The Guelph native has lived in Georgetown for 41 years. Mayor Miller first entered politics in 1964 when he was elected to the Halton Board of Education.

He was elected to Esqueving Township council in 1969 and served as Deputy Reeve from 1971 to 1973.

He was elected to town council in 1974 and Halton Region in 1977.

Following his appointment as mayor in 1983, he subsequently defeated former councillor Mike Armstrong two years later to retain his position.

He now lives on Raylawn Crescent with his wife Gerry, and they have four married children who all live in Halton Hills.

Mayor Miller favors industrial growth especially along the Highway 401 corridor. He also wants seniors drop-in centres for both Acton and Georgetown and new arenas and sports fields "within our financial ability."

The mayor also wants to ensure residents of Willow Trailer Park are successfully relocated and he has recently contacted Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek regarding new affordable housing projects for Halton Hills.

Focusing on the high profile issue of growth in town Mayor Miller said he has been a "positive influence on

development in Halton Hills" in both the residential and industrial areas.

The mayor said he has negotiated the release of 100 acres of rural industrial land on the Highway 401 corridor to help attract industries.

Mayor Miller said he was "instrumental in producing a sewage allocation study for Acton's industrial lands to speed up the process and maximize the industrial area."

Mayor Miller also encouraged the town to make a pitch to Toyota, when the firm was looking for a location for a new plant.

The way has been cleared for Acton to grow since the province has approved a well at Prospect Park to draw water from Fairy Lake, he said.

Mayor Miller also vowed to fight the proposed landfill site in the Acton quarry. He wants to "ensure no such use will be developed on the Niagara Escarpment, not only in Halton Hills but in Ontario."

However, he does support the substantial aggregate industry and the job opportunities it creates in town.

"I will continue to argue that these two uses (landfilling and aggregate producing) are not compatible," he said.

In the midst of industrial growth Mayor Miller said he has "strived to maintain the family farm."

The Mayor, whose family has farmed in the area for over 100 years, is a long-time member of the Halton Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Bringing an ambulance station to Acton was another achievement Mayor Miller cited in his term in office.

"I offer the residents of Halton Hills proven leadership with a team approach - not a dictatorship," said Mayor Miller.

"I will continue to be accessible, responsible and accountable and

show financial responsibility in the administration of Halton Hills.

Mayor Miller believes he can deliver enough votes to defeat his

rival, Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon, who said at her campaign kickoff in June she has enough support to

defeat the incumbent mayor.



Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller helped serve up beef to 200 people at a barbecue to kick off his re-election bid at the Cedar Springs Motel Sept. 3. The mayor will be seeking his second full term in office. He was appointed mayor in 1983 after Mayor

Peter Pomeroy was appointed Regional Chairman. He subsequently defeated former councillor Mike Armstrong in 1985. This year he faces a challenge from Ward 2 Regional Coun. Pam Sheldon. (Herald photo)