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In the Hills

Official opening

The Georgetown Parent-Child Centre is holding its official opening on Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Andrew's Church on Mountainview Road.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10:45 a.m. with cake and refreshments to follow.

For more information please call 873-2960 or Gail at 877-9231.

Subscriptions

available

Georgetown Little Theatre Productions Inc. would like to announce that subscriptions are now available for their 1988-89 season. Remember, the early subscriber gets the best seats and the savings. If you would like to ensure your seat for some of the best entertainment around then give the box office a call at 877-3700. Tickets for the upcoming show "Angels in Love" will be available at Royal LePage Real Estate, 170 Guelph St., Georgetown after Wednesday, Sept. 14.

POWER meeting

The next POWER (Protect Our Water and Natural Resources) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22 at 8:15 p.m. at the Limehouse School.

This will be a very important meeting as Rob Leverty, president of the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment will address methods of fighting the proposed Acton quarry landfill.

The Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment is a lobbying group that encompasses many naturalists groups concerned with preserving the environment of the Niagara Escarpment.

Anyone interested in this important issue is strongly encouraged to attend.

ACALD meeting

The Halton Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities will hold its annual meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, beginning at 8 p.m. at Lord Elgin. High School in Builington.

Topic for the evening will be "Effective Communication With the School." Through open dialogue, a panel of Halton Board of Educated representatives will address the problem of "what to do when communication with your child's school breaks down."

The panel is to be headed by Sr. Dan Dalton, co-ordinator of Special Services, and will include a principal, a school classroom teacher, and a special education teacher, all from the elementary school level, as well as a secondary school special education teacher, a child care worker, and a representative from Psychological Ser-

Since this is ACALD's annual meeting, a new slate of officers will be presented, and nominations from the membership for positions on the board are open. Anyone interested in standing for election can call the resource centre at: 634-0686.

Immunizations

Halton Regional Health Department immunization clinics are now being held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Georgetown office at \$3 Main St. South, and the Milton office at 251 Main Street. The clinics run 3:30 - 7 p.m.

For an appointment, call the Health Department office for Halton Hills at 877-2238

Registrations open

Space is still available in the Lung Association's Better Breathing Club this fall. This free Christmas Seat Program is for adults with lung disease such as asthma, emphysema or chronic

bronchitis. Fall programs begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19, in Milton and Burlington, and on Sept. 28, in Oakville. All clubs are held in the physiotherapy

gym of the local hospital. For more information or to register for the Better Breathing Club phone the Halton Lung Association at 632-8499

Better breathing

The Acton YMCA's popular Parent and Tot Drop In Centre has started taking registration for 1968-89. The Centre is open from September to August and the fee is only \$10 per family for the year. Registration is being held during program hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) at the YMCA, 42 Mill Street East. For more information, call the Y office, 853-1070 between 12:30

Laucus meeting

Region of Halton Chairman Peter Pomeroy, is holding a Halton Caucus meeting on Friday, Sept 15, 1968 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:3 a.m. The meeting is being hosted by Oakville Mayor William Perras and will be held at the Town of Oakville Municipal Offices in the Oakville Room.

Recycling program is put on hold

Halton Hills' blue box recycling program may be delayed until next summer.

The 10,000 plastic recycling boxes that will eventually be distributed to households throughout Halton Hills have been ordered but their delivery has been put on hold because the town doesn't have the trucks to handle a major increase in recyclable materials, said town engineer Bob

The town asked Halton Region to assume the operating deficit of Halton Hills recycling program last November but Halton's budget deadline for the solid waste budget had already passed.

That request, which includes two trucks equipped to pick up recyclable materials, will be considered in the Region's 1389 budget.

The Region runs a recycling program, which includes the blue box curbside pickup for Milton, Oakville and Burlington. Halton Hills runs its own recycling program.

Halton has recognized that Halton Hills is paying twice for recycling, once for its own program and again through its tax base for the recycling

program in the other three municipalities, said Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson.

"I fully expect we'll get money one way or another," she said. Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon is angry about the delay in getting the

blue box program under way. "Halton Hills now has the money for the blue box program but we can't implement the program because we don't have the trucks," she said.

"It's a whole year's turnaround... and the Region is trying to promote (recycling).

Coun. Serjeantson and Mayor Russ Miller argued at the Region in favor of sending a strong message to the next council to support Halton Hills' recycling program.

Although a council decision now could not bind next year's council, a strongly worded motion would impress the necessity of the issue on them, Mayor Miller said.

The Region endorsed a motion calling for the expanded recycling program in Halton Hills to be included in the Region's 1989 budget.

Seniors support recreation centre

Acton fair opens Friday

Ninety-four per cent of the seniors living in Acton believe there is a need for a seniors centre in town

That result was included in the findings of a survey of seniors in Acton conducted by a citizens committee in October.

The survey, which was released at a town council meeting Sept. 6, shows that of the 52 per cent of seniors who responded, most want a seniors centre to be located in downtown Acton, rather than in the outlying subdivisions.

Almost 90 per cent of the seniors who responded to the survey said they would use the centre anywhere from one to seven days a week.

Many seniors indicated their interest in programs like special events and trips, local seniors club meetings, dances, fitness, musical events, arts and crafts, cards, a licensed lounge, shuffleboard and woodworking.

Many seniors also said they would be prepared to share a community centre with all age groups and some seniors even said they would prefer such a centre to keep the age groups integrated. But 267 seniors said they would prefer a separate seniors centre and only 78 said they would not

prefer a séparate centre. The citizens committee, which was chaired by Acton Councillor Gerald Rennle, distributed 900 survey forms on Oct. 1. Boy Scouts

The gates open at 9 a.m Sept. 16

to launch the Acton Fair, an event

local organizer Bill Lasby

describes as being "like

People who have moved away

from Acton returns to Prospect

Park in September just for the

Fair, he said, which this year runs

Events on Friday, Sept. 16, in-

clude quilting demonstrations, a

school children's information

afternoon, and will include some

Mr. Lashy said the Fair will

show urban children "there's more

to a glass of milk than going to

Friday night, the Walters from

Kitchener will entertain with their

music from the '50s and '60s,

described as rock n' roll with coun-

try roots. There will be a variety

show and a horse pull. The

highlight of the evening, said Mr.

Lasby, will be the Miss Acton Fair

Saturday will kick off with cattle

and horses. Beef cattle will be

shown and light horses - hunters

and jumpers - and heavy horser

4-H children, said Mr Lusby.

Christmas.'

Sept. 16-18.

Becker's."

Competition.

and Girl Guldes helped to distribute and collect the surveys.

Of the 900 surveys distributed, the committee received 463 responses (or 52 per cent) but committee members say many surveys were completed by couples which would significantly increase the actual

A similar survey in Milton received only a 20-per-cent response, committee members say.

"The committee believes the survey can be appraised as an accurate indicator of the interest and need of a seniors centre of some kind in Acton," the survey report says.

If such a centre were to be built in Acton 50 per rent of the funding could be obtained from federal and provincial governments. The town would have to pay for 20 per cent of the funding. The remaining 30 per cent of the funds would be generated from local fundraising activities.

The committee has asked for the town's seniors advisory committee to examine the survey.

The committee members are now looking for support in principle for the project, said Coun. Rennie, and he added the committee is seeking status as a charitable organization.

Ward 3 Coun. John McDonald, chairman of the seniors advisory committee said a similar survey will be circulated around Georgetown later this month

displayed. There will also be an

ATV (all-terrain vehicle) pull

Saturday. The evening will finish

Sunday opens with a dairy show,

a western horse show, and a trac-

for pull. Last year, there were over

75 tractors in the event, said Mr.

Lasby. The pull is a major event,

and will run from about noon to 6

At noon Sunday, there will be a

children's pet show, an annual

event that Mr. Lasby claims

children wouldn't want changed. A

pedal pull for children will give

them the chance to simulate a trac-

tor pull. Last year an eight-year-

old girl beat out a big 11-year-old

boy, said Mr. Lasby. Watch out

In addition to the daily events,

Exhibits, handicrafts and baked

goods will be included. A special

Sunflower project begun in the spr-

ing will bring the flowers to the

"It's given the kids a chance to

grow something," said Mr. Lasby.

weekend displays will be available

at the Acton Fair, as well.

this year!

Fairgrounds.

with a dance at the Acton Arena.

It's a bird! It's a plane!

No. it's Moni Jackson of Air Fan- that held Georgetown Fairgoers tasy, the dazzling trampoline troupe spellbound Sunday ofternoon.

Town to review tendering

Halton Hills should review its policy on the tendered bidding of land sales, says Coun. Pam Sheldon.

process

Coun. Sheldon's remarks arrive in the wake of the town's emergency negotiation Sept. 1 with a Mississauga developer. Vairdicon Development demanded, and won, a \$265,000 discount from their original tendered bidding price of \$1.5 million for municipally-owned Prince Anne Drive lots at an emergency meeting scheduled with the firm.

Vairdicon, originally demanding \$300,000 off the agreed price because soil testing showed the land needed additional preparation for houses on the property, threatened to pull out of the deal if their demands weren't met, said Mayor Russ Miller last week.

Coun. Sheldon, while ensuring that she's not criticizing the town's decision to settle with Vairdicon, requested a review of the tendering process.

"If we start negotiating with our tender process, we really open up a can of worms," said Coun. Sheldon, adding that there has been "public question about the integrity of the (tendering) bylaw."

"Because it's a public process, you lose the ability to negotiate," said Coun. Sheldon.

But other town councillors disagreed. "Why remove a system that may work in the form of a sale?" asked Coun. Joe Hewitt, adding that town council should review aspects of negotiation instead of reviewing the entire tendering pro-

And Coun. Norm Elliott sald the system should be "flexible. Tendering should be an option," he said.

Coun. Sheldon argued that the tendering process should be "open" and "fair," calling into question the present policy.

The town agreed to review the issue through a recommendation brought forth by Coun. Sheldon, Actin chairman Gerald Rennie sald the review will show the "pros and cons" of the tendering system.

Fall fair a "great success

Almost 18,000 people - the equivalent of the population of urban Georgetown - poured through the gates of the Georgetown Fall Fair on

the weekend The three day event, which Georgetown Fall Fair Board President Bob Malcolmson termed, "a great success," never stopped entertaining adults and children alike.

The attendance was up about 8,000 people from last year's fair, said Mr. Malcolmson. Fairgoers weren't given a chance

to get bored because every day was different, said Mr. Mulcolmson On Friday night the rock bands were successful in bringing in their fans and the Conklin midway laun-

ched the excitement on the rides. The Ontario Provincial Police Golden Heimets motorcycle club put on a dazzling performance for 3,000 to 4,000 people on Saturday, said Mr. Malcolmson

The Air Fantasy trampoline team from Mississaugu drew throngs of people on Sunday and the Centennial Alumni Choir, the parade on Saturday, the pet show and the mini tractor pull were all popular with the crowds, said Mr. Malcolmson.

The agricultural events were also a popular draw led by the heavy horse show which was one of the biggest in years, said Mr. Malcolmson. The agricultural shows drew peo-

ple from as far away as Windsor, Sarnia and the Cornwall area, he

On Sunday the fairgoers were kept busy with entertainment exhibits all over the fairgrounds, he said, "No matter where you were on the

grounds there was something going

The final tally is not in yet on the financial aspects of the fair but "it will come out on the positive side,"

The fair board hopes to build a 40 feet by 100 feet barn on the site to attract agricultural exhibitors who need the indoor space, he said. A new permanent building, which

would be built alongside or perpendicular to the existing building would play a big part in attracting more agricultural exhibitors, he ad-

The fair board hopes to have the barn ready for next year's fall fair. Mr. Malcolmson said the 40 volunteers who sit on the fair board, plus help from other clubs and service groups helped to make the fair

such a huge success. In one case the fire department responded on short notice to water down the track to control dust for the Golden Helmets, Mr. Malcolmson explained.

"What we have is an air of cooperation throughout the lown," he said of the volunteers.

Town will share in \$800,000 repairs to 1 km stretch of road

The town will pay \$200,000 to help reconstruct a one-kilometre stretch of Winston Churchill Boulevard so it can be transferred into the ownership of Halton Region

The stretch of road between Highway 401 and Steeles Avenue is badly in need of repair and Halton Region will only take over maintenance of the road if it is upgraded to regional standards

The town's general committee decided Sept. 6 to pay one-quarter of the necessary \$800,000 needed to repair the road. The City of Brampton, Peel Region and Halton Region will each pay \$200,000 for road repair if an agreement worked out between the four municipalities is passed.

But some town councillors balked at paying \$200,000 just so the Region can assume responsibility of the road. "We're talking about \$200,000 for a

stretch of road with no houses on it," said Ward 2 Coun Pam Sheldon There are many rural roads which could be repaired with that money,

Ward t Coun Norm Elliott agreed. "I would be willing to drive over a lew potholes (on Winston Churchill Boulevard) to improve our own in-

frastructure (of roads)," he said Town Engineer Bob Austin said Halton Hills owns half the road now and it is paying 50 per cent of the resurfacing costs. Brampton pays the other 50 per cent of the repairs,

The road will need continual resurfacing if it isn't reconstructed and it is already earmarked for

he said

\$50,000 in repairs, he said

said Mr. Malcolmson

Ward 4 Coun Marilyn Serjeantson said the recently completed interchange at Highway 401 and Winston Churchill Boulevard has increased

traffic on the road and it's now used by many Halton Hills residents,

"We can't opt out of paying our share We're obligated to do it," she

Bell Canada "shocked" by contract rejection

day night.

contract offer to the CWC . the Com- when someone says 'give us A, B and munications Workers of Canada - C and we'll go back to work," said leaves the union, 12 weeks on strike, Mr. Matthews, adding that he "pounding the pavement," said believed Bell had given the union CWC Local 26 President (of Halton everything they asked for but they Hills, Mississauga, Oakville and rejected the offer anyway. Orangeville) Ray Mortimer

The union voted 52 per cent in favor of rejecting the Sept. 2 offer since they rejected a May 25 offer which included cost of living in made by Bell. The federal governcreases, pension indexing increases, ment has since appointed a mediator job security for part-time workers to negotiate talks between Bell and and decreased hours for operators, striking union members who have said Mr. Mortimer

But Bell didn't offer decreased hours for all shifts of operators and didn't offer pension index parity with Northern Telecom, he added

Bell Canada, still stunned by the "shock" of the contract rejection, has not made plans to meet with the just go on from day to day," he said union to discuss a new offer

Communication lines between Bell "It came as a shock that they and its striking technical and elec- would turn down such an offer, an oftrical workers are broken following fer that met all their demands dura rejection of Bell's latest offer Sun- ing the strike," said Bell's Ontario. media spokesman Geoff Matthews.

The defeat of Bell Canada's latest "It puts you in a difficult position

CWC workers have been on strike been without a contract since

December of last year. "We've already approached Bell and they don't want to talk to us right now," said Mr. Mortimer.

"We're back on the picket lines .. no meetings are scheduled. We'll

Balloons, smiling staff and candy celebrated its birthday bash in style. bars awaited visitors to Delrex Left to right are Fran Guest, Sally

25 years in the family

Smoke Shop last Friday. The store, Burns, Carol Padrelo, and Freddle. family owned for 25 years. Helen and Ruth Harris.