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Hospital gets a major face-lift

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Health care services at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital will undergo a major face-lift that includes establishing a chronic care centre and a new nursing home and plans are in the works to wipe out the Bennett Health Care Centre's \$6 million debt.

The changes were announced by Georgetown Hospital Board Chairman Graeme Goebelle at a press conference attended by Halton North MPP Walt Elliot and Mayor Russ Miller at the Bennett Health Care Centre Friday.

Under the arrangement with the Ministry of Health the Bennett Health Care Centre will merge with the Georgetown hospital as

one corporation. The two act as independent entities now.

The 47-bed health care centre will be converted into a 36-bed chronic care centre. However, hospital Executive Director Mark Rochon said no one will be moved out of the facility. "Nobody has to move. All commitments to our current residents will be honored."

The number of beds at the centre

will be reduced by "attrition," he said.

The hospital will then construct a 57-bed nursing home - which includes an additional allocation of 10 beds from the Ministry of Health.

The residents of the current nursing home will remain in what will become the chronic care centre and their services will be increas-

ed as a result, said Mr. Rochon. Under the current nursing home designation, each resident receives two hours of care daily. Chronic care facilities give four to five hours of care per person each day, said Mr. Rochon.

The new nursing home is expected to be constructed near the current Bennett Health Care Centre, probably connected with a service tunnel, said Mr. Rochon. "The whole concept of an integrated facility is maintained. Everything is just down the hall."

The 30-bed retirement home will continue in its current capacity, but it will have a separate entrance, said Mr. Rochon.

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Run for Terry Fox on Sunday

Over 250 Halton Hills residents are expected to be among the over 90,000 Ontario participants walking, running and cycling this Sunday to carry on Terry Fox's traditional Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research.

Acton is the leader in town, raising over \$27,000 last year toward cancer research. "We're hoping to equal last year if we can," said organizer John Hurst. He said the money raised at the Acton High School track in 1988 was "phenomenal."

"We're emphasizing that it's not just a run. People can walk or ride it."

Acton's ninth annual Terry Fox Run begins Sunday, Sept. 17 at 8 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. The course is 10 kilometres on the track, but people can do "whatever they want," from one kilometre to 10 km, Mr. Hurst said.

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Hot dogs and hamburgers, along with coffee and soft drinks will be sold at the event. The refreshments are donated by local companies. The profits will go to the Terry Fox Run.

Georgetown's version of the Terry Fox Run is on a slightly smaller scale. Last year, the run raised under \$2,000. But enthusiasm runs high.

"We're hoping that just the general interest will encourage people to come out," said Susan

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Fiery trails

Coco the clown hangs on for dear life during a stunt at the Georgetown Fall Fair Saturday night. Coco didn't actually get dragged through the fire but another stunt driver actually did just that. Over 16,000 people attended the highly successful three-day fair. Stunt

drivers crashed, bashed and jumped to thrill the audience during the show. Even Mayor Russ Miller and fall fair secretary-treasurer Bob Malcolmson got in on the act. They were taken around the track as high-speed passengers. (Herald photo by Brian MacLeod)