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Boyes trial remanded

The trial date for Scott Boyes, of Toronto, has been remanded to this coming Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Milton District Court.

Boyes has been charged with two counts of criminal negligence causing the death of two Georgetown women and criminal negligence causing injury to a third woman.

The May 28 morning accident, on Guelph Street just east of Hall Road, resulted in the death of mother Sheila Bull, 41, and daughter Amanda, 14, of McInyre Crescent. Daughter Harmony Bull, 17 was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

The trial set for yesterday morning (Tuesday) was adjourned by Justice James Clarke.

Police bust crime ring

Halton Regional Police have solved at least 30 break and enters committed in the Town of Halton Hills in the last two weeks.

Police have arrested a 21-year-old Georgetown man, two Georgetown young offenders and one Bolton young offender.

The 21-year-old was charged with attempt to break and enter, and the young offenders were all charged with breach of probation. One Georgetown young offender was charged with attempt to break and enter and the other local young offender was charged with break and enter and theft. The Bolton

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Residents question region stance

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

Concerned Georgetown residents remain convinced Halton Region staff has taken a stance on the proposed waste water collection system of twinning the Silver Creek Trunk Sewer to service Georgetown West, despite assurances from Regional staff,

this isn't the case.

Georgetown resident Marilyn King, who represents approximately 500 people who oppose the twinning, said that she along with another resident met with Regional staff in August and were given information by Regional staff supporting the twinning. The

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Neilson's insists jobs to increase

Despite having to lay off eight people currently working at the Neilson's plant in Georgetown because the manufacturing company sold its ice cream division to Ault Foods Limited, the number of people working at the Georgetown plant will actually be larger than the existing number by the end of this year said the company's chairman, Jim Fisher.

The expected overall increase in the number of Neilson's employees working out of the Georgetown plant is a result of the company moving its entire corporate staff to Georgetown, said Mr. Fisher.

The eight Neilson's employees to be laid off from the Georgetown plant worked in the sales and marketing division of the now sold ice cream division, said Mr. Fisher. Although the sales and

marketing staff of the company's ice cream division worked out of Georgetown, the plant only produces milk, cream and yogurt.

As a result, none of the Georgetown production employees will be laid off because of the sale to Ault, explained Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher predicted that the Neilson's plant production operation will expand because of the sale.

"The company explored every option to maintain its ice cream business. We concluded that our business base was just not strong enough to justify the sizeable new capital investment required to survive in the industry. Instead, we will be concentrating our resources in the dairy and confectionary businesses where we have a larger, stronger and growing position," he said.

Although optimistic the Georgetown plant would expand, Mr. Fisher wouldn't say when the expansion would happen or the predicted extent of it.

For the laid-off employees, the company will be providing a severance package, said Mr. Fisher. The company is also assisting the employees to find alternative employment. "We have established a special fund payable to employers who provide our people with permanent jobs to assist in meeting their needs for retraining," said Mr. Fisher.



A helping hand

Rachel Robertson, 8 came from Toronto last Saturday to help out her grandmother, Georgetown resident and local Batik artist Jesse Milton sell her colorful and interestingly designed silk Batik scarves, at the 18th Annual Arts and Crafts of Georgetown Exhibition and Sale at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Between 600 and 700 people attended the

event and saw a variety of crafts including candles, clay jewellery, lace making, pottery, tole painting, quilts and much more. Batik is a form of painting in which the silk is waxed and then dropped in dye. The dye fills in the cracks left by the wax creating a distinctive design. (Herald photo)

Local food banks still in need

Despite the goodwill of Georgetown residents who donated more food over the Thanksgiving weekend, it was still not enough to feed the hungry in the town's own backyard.

Approximately 3,330 lbs. of food was dropped off at the Georgetown fire station by local residents, an increase over last year. However, president of the Georgetown food bank, Love of Christ, Laura Ellison, said the food donated will not last much more than a week to feed the 400 who use the food bank.

The donation is a slight increase over last year, Mrs. Ellison said, thanking the Lord for reaching the hearts of the people of Georgetown. But she is saddened

by the reality that the donation is only a drop in the bucket, lasting about a week.

The food is greatly appreciated, Mrs. Ellison said, but families also need things everyone takes for granted such as toilet paper, salt, sugar and toothpaste. "Sometimes these people don't have a thing to brush their teeth with when they get up in the morning," she said.

The food bank must also shop for fresh fruits, sugar and salt, which Mrs. Ellison said are rare treats for many local families. Eggs come to the table in some households as often as Christmas, she explained.

In Acton, approximately 23 bags and four boxes of food and two

bags of potatoes were dropped off at the local fire department. The food was taken to the Acton Social Services and Information Centre.

Peggy Balkind, a director at ASSIC, said it is difficult to say if there is an increase in donations over last year. About 12 more bags were donated last year, however, she said there may be more food in the four boxes donated this year than in those extra bags.

Part of the non-perishable food donations will be kept at the centre for an emergency fund and the rest of the donations will be given to the new Acton food bank, The Food Chair, which opened yesterday, (Tuesday). The food bank is located in the Beardmore Tannery.

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