

Milk producers recognized

Dairy producers in Halton were awarded for top production and milk quality at the Halton County Annual Milk Meeting Wednesday at Hillcrest Church near Hornby. Halton Hills winners included: (back row, left to right), Ken McNabb of Callumlea Guernseys for the second top BCA herd, Peter Reichlmayr of Alexholme Farms at R.R.2. Georgetown for milk quality, Don Brander of W. Donald and Ronald Brander Farm in Norval for quality milk production; (front row, left to right) Ken Ella of Rockella Farms in Hornby for the

highest increase in BCA and Ernest Alexander of Maple Acres Farms in Norval for quality milk. Other farmers who received awards but were not present at the meeting include: Roy Brooks of R.R.2, Acton; Robert Linham of R.R.1, Limchouse; Ria Farms 1.td. of Georgetown; Lloyd McEnery of R.R.1, Limehouse; Jeffrey Nurse of R.R.2, Georgetown; Lessia Farms Ltd. of Georgetown; Cormdale Farms 2000 Inc. of Georgetown and Allan Cook of R.R.4, Georgetown, (Herald photo)

Ontario Municipal Board likely to decide McClure application

It appears as if the Ontario Municipal Board will decide if Halton Hills residents, Kent and Lois McClure, will be permitted to build a 20 estate lot housing development in the rural area of Ballinafad.

Halton Region Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday Beechbrook Development proposal be referred to the OMB at the request of the Hickory Falls Ratepayers Association which opposes the application.

The recommendation will go before Regional council this Wednesday for final approval.

Mr. McClure, who spoke to committee members before the recommendation was approved, said he had no objection to the OMB being the final arbitrator.

In defense of his application, however, Mr. McClure told committee members Halton Hills council approved the application last September. As well, only one of the 22 government and other agencies asked to comment on the proposals' suitability for the area opposed it, according to Mr. McClure.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission was the one opposing agency. Mr. McClure noted the NEC opposed the application six months after it originally "overwhelmingly" supported the development proposal. He went on to say opposition by the commission contradicted the position of its staff.

Brampton lawyer Ron Webb, who appeared before the committee members on behalf of the ratepayers association, said his client wanted the matter referred to the OMB because the application doesn't conform with the Halton Hills Official Plan and would have a negative impact on the area's water supply and agricultural lands.

According to a Regional staff report on the application, the request made by the association should be granted because it meets the criteria set down by the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The Ministry guidelines state the Region would only be prevented from granting the request if it was in any way "frivolous, vexatious or for the

purpose of delay."

The staff report states, "planning and development staff are satisfied the request for referral is legitimate and arises from sincere concerns of the neighboring property owners ..."

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By WENDI GOODHEW Legion Ladies Auxiliary P.R.O. Let us Honor our Vets ...

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These men and women have endured punishments and seen events, most of us never witness, even in our worst horror shows. They lived and survived our worst nightmares.

Even though for many their war is over and they are unable to actively fight, I know that in their hearts they are right there in the Gulf walking side by side with our servicemen and women guiding them every step of the way.

Although many returned disfigured or maimed and some never returned, they show no feelings of regret for going. They would do it again for family, friends and even strangers, to enjoy peace.

If you get the honor to meet a vet, look past the maybe aged and disfugured outside view and you will meet the most beautiful human being you'll find.

One who stands for the true meaning of honor, one who lives with his or her handicap so that you may enjoy life to it's fullest. A person who gave you a gift no money could buy, the chance to live and bring our family up knowing peace and freedom.

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May our servicemen and women in the Guif be the last of the best, may they return safely to enjoy what they fought so hard to keep. May all vets be repaid with the love and respect they deserve. Let's not forget those who lost so much so we could have so much. No man has walked so close to God's footsteps as a man who fought for peace.

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