

COMMENT

The Way We Were



In this photograph from 1966, Brigadier-General F.C. Wallace sits atop his horse at Rolling Hills Farms, which was recently designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The property features a Gothic Revival stone home built in 1883 (partially visible on the right in this photo), a barn circa 1890, a pond once used as a quarry, and a former fishing camp. It was during her tour of southern Ontario in 1973 that her H.M. Queen Elizabeth II stayed at the farm as a guest of the Brigadier and Mrs. Wallace.

Photo courtesy of Equestrian Historical Society/Text courtesy of Heritage Halton Hills

From our readers

BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON



Professional photographer and Independent & Free Press freelancer Ray Lavender took this photo of last week's super moon near Acton.

Have a photo you want to share?

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GTA mayors pushing back

The holiday season is fast approaching.

December is right around the corner how quickly we forget the short days, cold nights and cloudy skies.

For most, Christmas is a time of joy with friends and loved ones. For some though, it is a reminder of what they don't have, of how hard life can be.

As Christmas approaches, please remember to support organizations that serve our community, such as food banks, The Salvation Army kettles and Sharing Trees.

What's often lost in the statistics is the number of children who are in need as their families struggle to make ends meet.

Many of those needing assistance are working people like you. As the holidays approach, be in good cheer and help others to be in equally happy spirits.

The province is at it again, planning our communities for more growth. In 2007, the province came up with the Places to Grow plan where Halton Region will almost double in size. Halton Hills was legislated to grow by 20,000. Now they have amendments for the growth and Greenbelt Plan that will see intensification targets of 80 people, 80 jobs per hectare.

We all agree that intensification is part of the equation, but 80/80?

Recently, I attended a summit of GTA Mayors hosted by Hazel McCallion, ex-officio advisor to the Premier.

We are pushing back. We clearly stated that the intensification tar-

gets are ill conceived. One size does not fit all, if you will. We have major concerns of what our cities and towns will look like under the proposed plans.

The premier has demonstrated that she wants to hear from municipal partners.

I hope she takes our message seriously.



RICK BONNETTE

With Councillor Jane Fogal's leadership, we had a fourth successful year of the Halton Hills Bike Challenge where 1,900 biking participants had the goal of biking over 400,000 kilometres.

In the end, we logged 415,500 km.

A whopping \$85,000 was raised for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation thanks to the generosity of local sponsors.

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Large crowds came out for the Santa Claus parades in both Acton and Georgetown.

Kudos to the Georgetown Lions Club, Acton's Al Scott and his team along with the Acton Firefighters Association.

Congratulations to: Wild Wing on their grand opening in Georgetown South; Couture Cupcake Boutique on their grand opening in Georgetown.

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