

OPINION

Rock the Hills

For many years some residents of Halton Hills said that there are not a lot of activities in the community geared towards youth. There are some people who talk about doing something and then there are people who roll up their sleeves and do something.

Such is the case with a dedicated group of about 20 youths from the three local high schools who have organized this Saturday's Rock the Hills Music Festival at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The teens have partnered with the Optimist Club of Halton Hills, Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable and the Town of Halton Hills.

"It will be like nothing Halton Hills has ever seen before," said event co-lead John Muirhead, who's also a Christ the King student and member of local band Casual Disaster. Muirhead noted that the festival won't be like your average small-town musical event—with a line-up of juried local musical acts and headliner, Juno-nominated band, Hollerado. In addition to the music, a variety of activities have been planned for throughout the day, including hot air balloon rides, henna tattoos, an inflatable 'mega-slide,' vendor shopping opportunities and a mini Colour Me Rad-style race, where participants are sprayed with colours as they run.

"We're really trying to erase that stigma. This will be a professional show with staging, lighting and sound," he said.

Tickets cost \$25 and are on sale now at www.rockthehills.ca. Anyone interested in signing up as an event day volunteer, sponsor or vendor can also contact the festival through the website.

The festival will cost an estimated \$60,000 to \$70,000, which will be recouped through ticket sales, grants and sponsorships.

So buy a ticket, enjoy good music, and support our youth.

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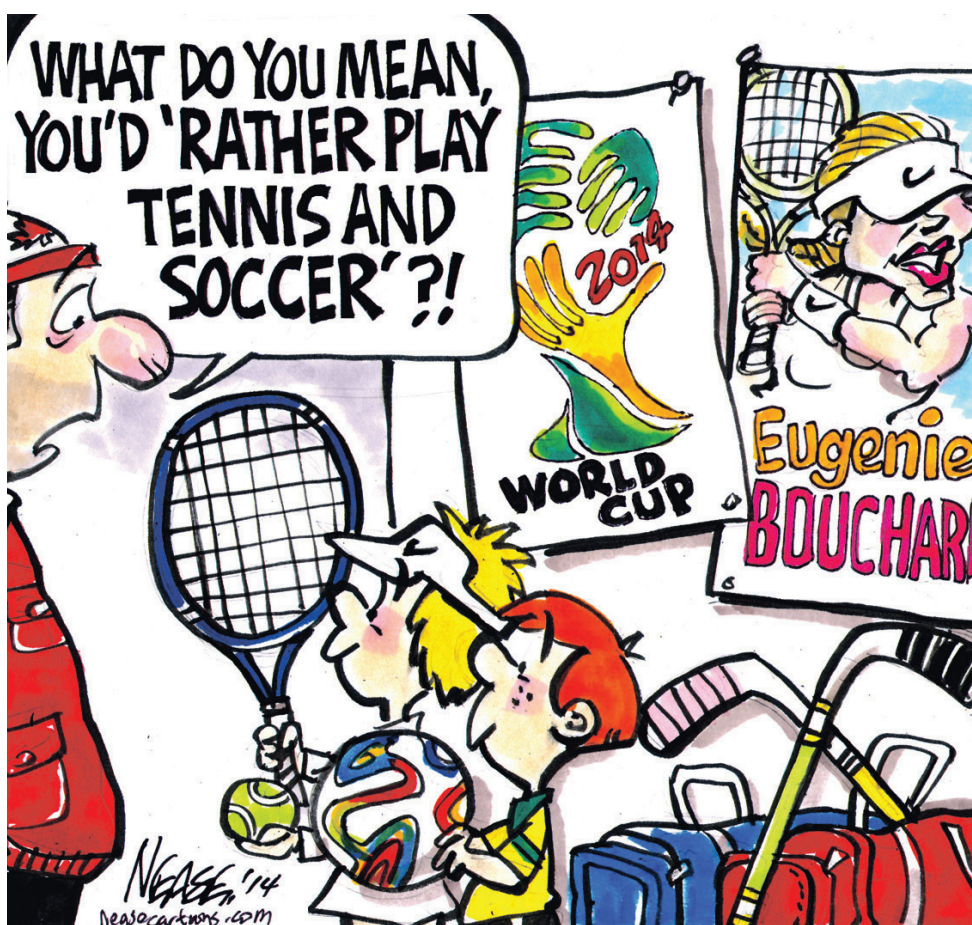
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- Yes (42%)

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Letters to the editor

Rotary Georgetown committed to improving park

Rotary Georgetown was dismayed to learn of a recent attempt to significantly damage the rubberized base at the Dominion Gardens play area.

We thank the Halton Hills firefighters for quickly responding and limiting the damage, and the Town for completing the necessary repairs quickly.

Rotary Georgetown is a local service club whose members are committed to improving our community. One of our ongoing projects has been the conversion of the Dominion Gardens play area into a Universally Accessible Children's Playground by adding equipment and a rubberized base suitable for all levels of mobility.

Many local residents have

seen us around town recently as we raise money for this playground by selling raffle tickets for a 2014 Honda Civic.

Proceeds from this raffle will go towards finishing the rubberized base under the entire play area.

Should you wish to assist us with this project, or learn more about Rotary, please visit www.rotarygeorgetown-on.ca

We will continue to promote "It's Better to Play Together" as our motto for this exciting project in Town...but, please...no more vandalism!

Doreen Govas,
President

Rotary Georgetown

Hospital COPD clinic helps reader

I like to thank Georgetown Hospital COPD clinic for letting me take its course. I went to it and it was good—improving my breathing. Thanks again.

Norman C.R. Foote
Acton

Turnbull family appreciates special park dedication

We wish to thank Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty for the wonderful gesture of donating a red maple tree, a bench and a plaque with such a beautiful verse that is so appropriate for Dale. He spent many hours in Cedarvale Park, which was a form of meditation for him. Thank you once more for showing all your love to a special person—our Dale.

Edna Turnbull (mom),
and his sisters and brother

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