

COMMENT

The way we were



The Lorne Scots pipe band welcomes a Credit Valley steam engine to Georgetown Station for the inaugural run of the GO Train in April 1974.

Text courtesy of John Mark Benbow Rowe, *Georgetown: Reflections of a Small Town.*

Photo courtesy of Esquesing Historical Society



From our readers

MATES ON A DATE

Ross Pezzack took this photo of swans swimming on the pond on the Bruce Trail near Speyside.

Got a photo you want to share? Email cgamble@theifp.ca

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community

National Volunteer Week takes place April 12-18 and the Town of Halton Hills Council and staff would like to extend their sincere thank you to the volunteers within our community.

Thank you for your time, energy and compassion. An act of volunteerism is like a stone thrown in a lake. Not only does it have a direct impact, but like ripples, a volunteer's efforts reach far and wide to improve communities. Undeniably, volunteers rock.

Volunteers make our community healthier by strengthening our organizations, mentoring our children and creating a more resilient and inclusive society.

As part of the Town of Halton Hills' annual compliance requirements to the Ontario Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, the Town held an emergency planning exercise on March 30.

The emergency exercise was a simulation of a multi-car train derailment occurring on the rail corridor running through Georgetown with a leak of dangerous goods.

The event was a combination of live and tabletop exercise. Fire, EMS, Police and Council were all part of this exercise.

We have had many Emergency Planning Exercises over the years from large fires, tornadoes, plane crashes etc.

We must be prepared with an attitude of 'not if a disaster strikes, but when.'

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) needs your help with this year's "Give Where You Live" campaign from now until the end of April.

All of the funds raised for CASHh remain in Halton Hills and are used to provide practical services at no charge to Halton Hills residents who are living with a cancer diagnosis. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marilyn Inglis at the CASHh office, 905-702-8886.

April is also Daffodil Month for the Canadian Cancer Society.

During April, volunteers raise funds for the fight against cancer. Money raised during Daffodil Month helps local patients living with cancer and their families.

Congratulations to Constable Laurel Barnett, Halton Hills Community Support Officer, on her upcoming retirement.

Thank you for serving our community. Wishing you all the best.

If you're near the Civic Centre, be sure to check out some of the stunning PhotoArt competition winners from the Halton Hills Camera Club.

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