95 years young



Georgetown's Eric Jones (seated) celebrated his 95th birthday last weekend at Sargent Rd. home. The spry Jones (shown with his brother Ernest) still does his own shopping and cooking. Photo submitted

DBIA pays off loan

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was spent this year on office and administration, but that also represents an overexpenditure of \$1,500 as the 1992 budget had proposed

The good news in the budget is that the BIA has paid its final installment on a loan which it obtained about 10 years ago to start the downtown association and make improvements to the downtown streetscape. Martino announced the pay-off of the loan, with \$16,500 taken from the 1992 budget of \$61,000 to close the loan.

In response to a question from a downtown business person who wanted to know why next year's budget actually represents a 10 per cent increase over 1992 when the loan repayment costs are discounted, Martino said that BIA board members want more money directed into promotions "to bring people into the downtown area." Downtown beautification is also a priority, she said.

Downtown businessman Ollie Tuchel said he agreed with the board's priorities. "Promotions and advertising are needed now, especially since we're competing with the new mall (Georgetown Market Place)," he said. "There's no argument about the need for downtown beautification (amongst BIA members)."

During Thursday's interview, Stephens told Halton Hills This Week that the BIA budget is covered by a special levy paid by BIA members.

"It is taken out of business taxes," she said.



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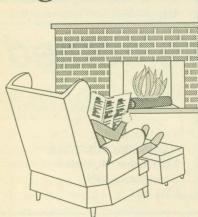


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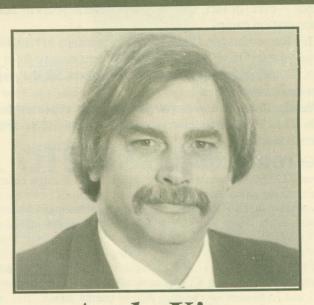


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