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"A RURAL PAPER TO CALL OUR OWN"

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## Georgetown's new field of dreams

THH announces land purchase to accommodate sports park

BY REID KENNEDY  
THE COMPASS

The Town of Halton Hills has added a major piece of the puzzle for the future of sports and recreation in Georgetown.

Halton Hills Council and staff announced on July 23rd its approval to purchase a 98 acre property adjacent to its existing Operations Yard.

Brian Shynal, THH Director of Recreation and Parks, said the property, situated at the north west corner of 17th Side Road and Trafalgar Road is "ideal to meet the expansion needs of the Yards Operation and provide a large number of playing fields."

Council will also consider if the property is feasible for a new recreational centre. Town water is available to the site from the THH Operations Yard.

Shynal said the Town had been actively seeking a site for the last two years and had looked at 262 properties before selecting the part of the East Half of Lot 18, Concession 7.

The parcel of land is currently under crop and zoned for agricultural usage. Town staff said the sale is conditional and subject to a title search and environmental assessment.

Staff anticipate finalizing

the deal in October. THH staff and Council attending the press conference refused to reveal the price of the purchase until the deal is finalized.

In reference to the ongoing search for a sports park site for Acton, Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said "Obviously, we would have even a larger smile today if we had a two property purchase to announce." The Mayor added, "It may have taken a long time to find the Georgetown site, but Council remains positive of finding a site in the Acton area in the near future."

## Happy Birthday, Campbellville!

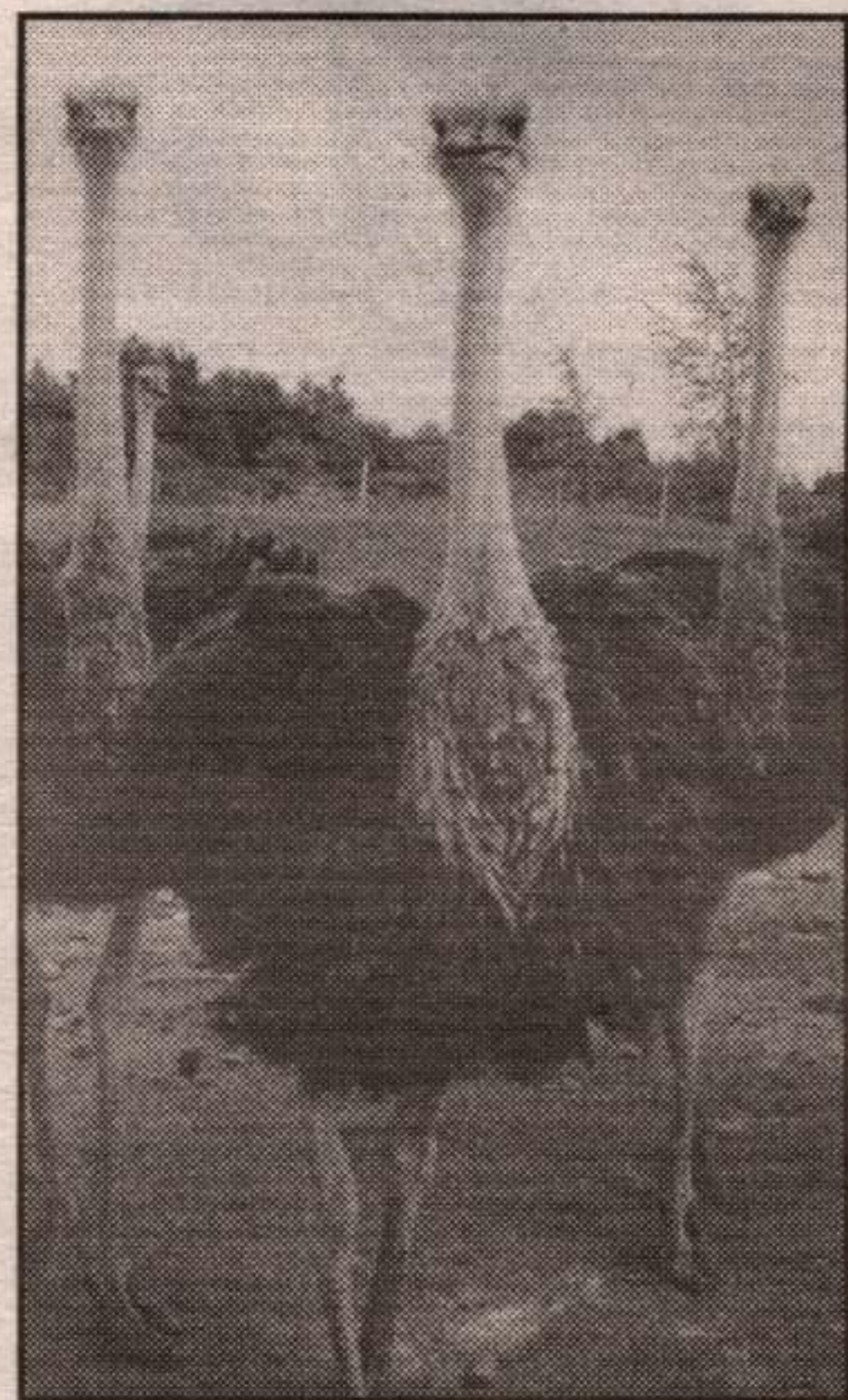


PHOTO BY DONNA DANIELLI

**AND MANY MORE** - Hundreds flocked to Campbellville on the weekend of June 26 & 27 to celebrate the village's 85th Birthday and enjoy the festivities. Cake cutters pictured L. to R. are Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau, Doug Agnew, Regional Councillor Barry Lee, Town Crier Allan Freeman, Halton M.P.P. Ted Chudleigh, Alice Smith and CABA Treasurer Marilyn Goodale. The weekend event was sponsored by the Campbellville & Area Business Association.

## Ostrichfest 1999 Welcome to redneck country!

BY DEBORAH QUAILLE  
THE COMPASS



Even the birds look inquisitive about all the happenings coming up at White Rock Ostrich Farm.

White Rock, a working tourist farm that raises Rednecks, is located in the heart of Escarpment Country just outside Rockwood. Their 2nd Annual Ostrichfest will be held on Civic Holiday weekend, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday July 31 & Sunday August 1.

"This is a unique family experience and an interesting example of alternative farming and livestock," says Deborah Simmonds, owner of White Rock.

"Last year at Ostrichfest we had an incredible turnout from all over Ontario. This year unique craft vendors offering stained glass windows, antiques, teddy bears, soaps & bath crystals, kids' tattoos, fudge, farm toys and ostrich hand puppets will be featured for the first time," she continues.

Tobi, who hand carves their ostrich eggs with a dentist drill, will be doing live demonstrations. The egg "Victorian Garden" was featured on C.F.T.O. TV at Easter and the

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## Inside This Month's Compass

### Milton Fair Ambassador

Winning the title of the 1998/99 Milton Fair Ambassador made this a whirlwind year for Ember Johnstone, one of non-stop fun and excitement that has allowed growth and personal development.

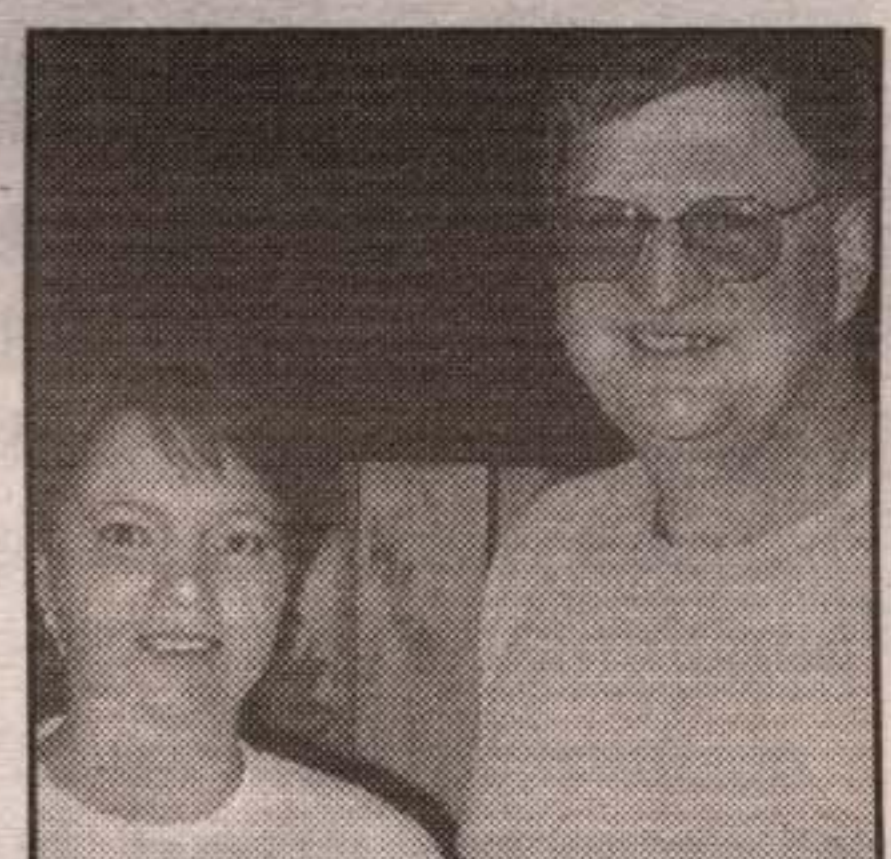
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### Everyday Heroes

Halton Regional Police officers Sergeant Ray Hendry and his wife Constable Diane Hendry step in to educate multicultural members of the community about Canadian policing.

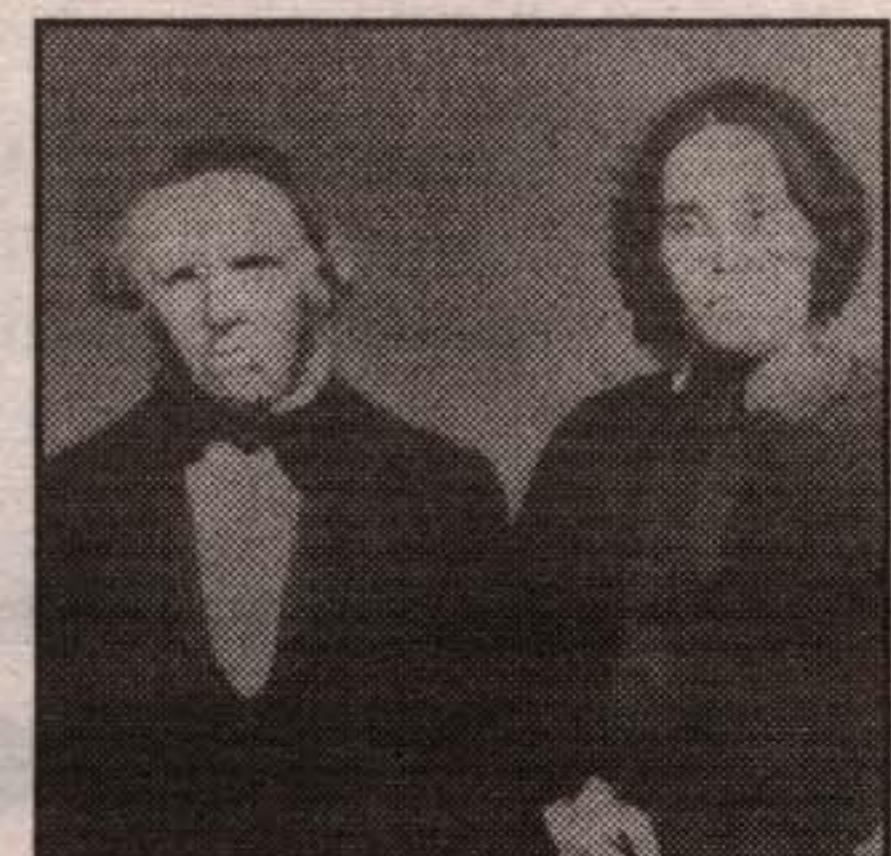
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### Shoebbox Memories

Robert Howden, his three brothers and three sisters came to Trafalgar Township in 1826 from County Fermangh, Ireland. Robert married Jane Reid and settled on Lot 2, Conc. 5, Esquesing.

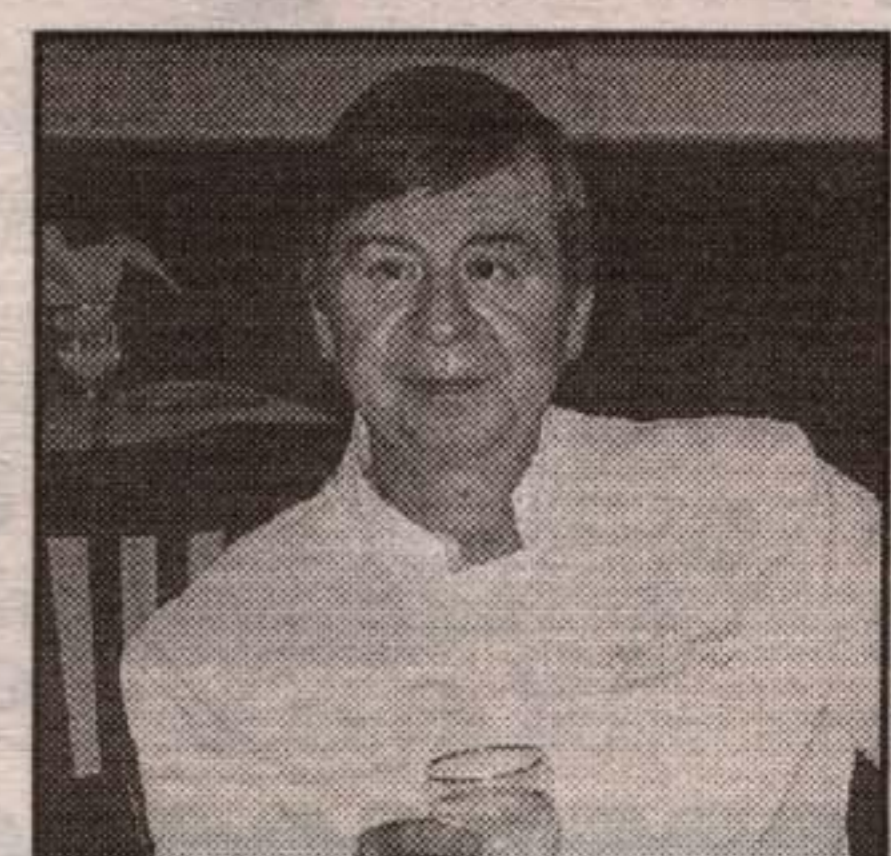
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### Dining on the Mountain

The ambiance is cozy as Executive Chef Alan Bennett at The Halton Country Inn welcomes diners to try his delicious casual country meals at the top of the escarpment.

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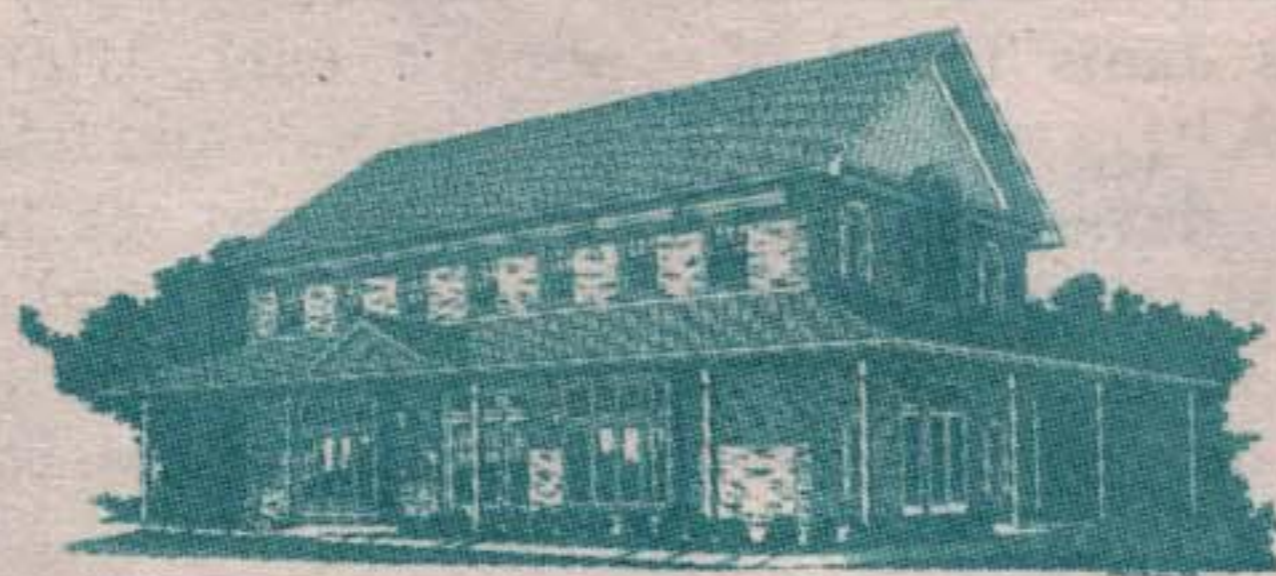


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