

North Halton Happenings

ONGOING

Rockwood Cruise Night, 4th Saturday of every month. 50's/60's music, door prizes (1st, 2nd & 3rd, plaques), 50/50 draw with proceeds to Guelph Wish Fund for Children. Runs to September 25th, 7 to 9 p.m., Hwy. 7 & Alma St.

Bible Discussion Group in Rockwood Monday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., 139 Henry Street. Learn more about the Gospel of Mark. Please arrange ahead for children's program by calling Rev. Bill or Barb Lewis 763-6147, or Gord or Wilma Tosh at 856-9056. You are welcome any time!

JULY 30TH AND 31ST

7th Annual Mill-Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music, downtown Cambridge. Kickoff events Friday night from 8 p.m., Saturday from 1 p.m. Free admission to arts and crafts, children's stage, and six outdoor stages rain or shine! Call Cambridge Tourism at 1-800-749-7560.

AUGUST 8TH

8th Annual Leathertown Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Acton. An outdoor summer street party offers 6 continuous blocks of entertainment downtown! Over 60 craft vendors, sidewalk sales and festival millennium souvenirs. The streets will be alive with the music and motion of buskers and clowns, dance and musical entertainment on stage all day. Have you ever eaten an elephant's ear? Well, you can try one (and lots more delicious food) at the Leathertown Festival. Children's Village, pony rides, candy floss, bouncy castle and pet show! To celebrate Acton's last festival of the century, the Halton Hills Camera Club will capture the family with a festival photo keepsake. Join in the celebration of the last Leathertown Festival of the century!

AUGUST 10TH

Nasagieweya Historical Society presents guest speaker Reid Kennedy, editor of *The North Halton Compass*, discussing the research and compilation of his historical work for **Shoebox Memories** each month. Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, 15th Sideroad, just east of Guelph Line, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 11TH

Project Read at Rockwood Library, Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. An afternoon of fun under the Reading Tent for children aged 3 and over. Stories, face painting, and other fun activities, all free! Call 519-856-4851 for more information. Sponsored by Project Read Literacy Network.

AUGUST 13TH TO 15TH

Fergus Scottish Festival with traditional Tattoo Friday evening, crafts and wares, entertainment artists including Gaelic Storm (the hit band from the movie *Titanic*), talent and strength events and more. Call 519-787-0099.

AUGUST 18TH

Nature Hike/Scavenger Hunt for Tot Time, Rockwood at Conservation Area, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Lists of things to look for and everyone walks until they find each item. Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it!

SEPTEMBER 11TH

The Arboretum Auxiliary **7th Annual Plant Sale** at R.J. Hilton Centre, College Ave. E., Guelph from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Lineup starts at 8 a.m. Thousands of hardy plants, wide variety of native and exotic perennials, rock garden plants, alpines and grasses, and a selection of trees, shrubs and vines, many native to Ontario. Catalogues available in August for \$2. Silent Auction from 9 to 11 a.m. of rare and unusual specimens. Please call 519-824-4120, ext. 2113.

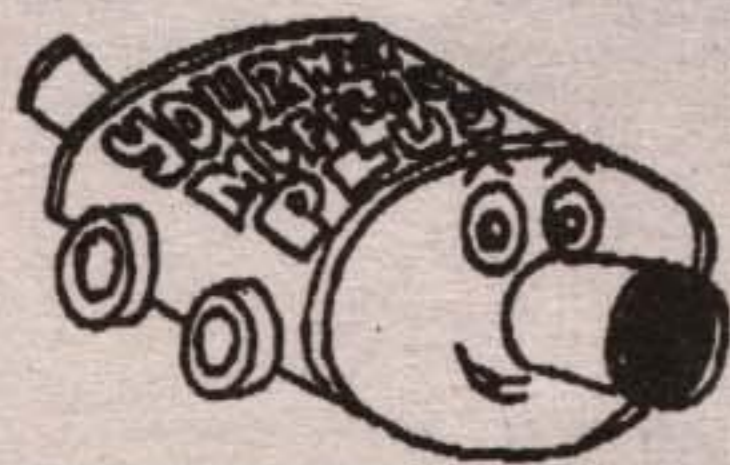
SEPTEMBER 16 TO 18TH

Great Canadian Brewing Festival at the University of Guelph, \$12 (19 years of age and older). Thursday 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday, 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 2 to 11 p.m. Call Amy Savage at 519-824-4120 ext. 2219 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 14TH TO 16TH

Growing Native Plants from Seeds at the Arboretum, University of Guelph, Tues. OR Wed. OR Thurs., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Grow your own native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Cleaning, treating and sowing seeds and how to protect them; detailed manual available for purchase. \$65 registration payment by Thurs. Sept. 2. Call 519-824-4120, ext. 4110.

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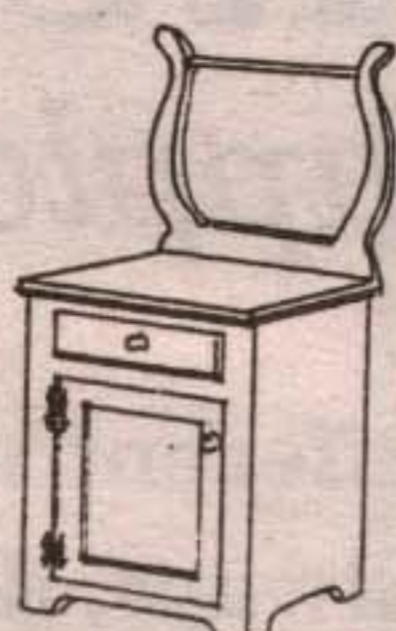
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HALTON CREDIT UNION OPENS NEW BRANCH

SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

Halton Credit Union is opening one of the most modern financial and banking service branches in Halton with the completion of its new Acton office. The new expanded facility features the convenience of a drive-through ATM (automated teller machine), in addition to the ATM in the front lobby.

Customer service will also be enhanced with the addition of a greeter, to meet people as they arrive, to facilitate their banking transactions and book appointments. In addition, more, private offices have been incorporated in the new design to allow for one-to-one financial planning. These will also be used by the three on-staff licensed mutual fund specialists.

"Convenience and the best customer service possible have always been the mandate of Halton Credit Union," states CEO Peter Buwalda.

"Our surveys show that is what our members appreciate most about banking with all three of our HCU branches in

Acton, Georgetown and Milton."

"We are very excited to have finished construction of our new branch to serve our Acton members. They have proved to be very loyal to the Halton Credit Union and they deserve to have bright, new, state-of-the-art banking facilities."

Halton Credit Union was founded more than 40 years ago and has nearly 9,000 members and assets of more than \$60 million. Its members, who are customers who join the Credit Union by purchasing a \$50 refundable 'share,' come from all walks of life throughout Halton.

They share the belief that the business that handles all their banking - savings, chequing, mortgages, loans, RRSP's and mutual funds - should be accountable to them, as shareholders. Members value the fact that the Credit Union is locally managed and controlled in Halton.

"Halton Credit Union has shown steady growth in cus-

tomers and transactions over the years as more and more people find the Credit Union to be a competitive alternative to traditional banking institutions," Buwalda explains. "As our new Acton branch demonstrates, we are constantly upgrading our services and facilities for our members in order to offer topnotch personal service."

The official grand opening of the Halton Credit Union, Acton branch (350 Queen Street East across the street and east of the old offices), takes place Saturday, August 14th with festivities from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There will be entertainment for the children including face painting and shows at 10 and 11 a.m., plus ballots for door prizes and a grand prize of a weekend getaway in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Live radio remote will be provided on site by CJOY-FM and the ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring the mayors of Halton Hills and Milton will take place at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



The Nasagieweya Historical Society enjoyed an informative presentation on "Beginning a Family History Project" from Rick Roberts of Global Genealogy Supply, Milton, on July 13th at Ebenezer Church. Mr. Roberts also informed Society members that Global Genealogy will be hosting a Family History Forum at the Farm Museum in October. Pictured with Rick Roberts is Jean (Frank) Sommerville, formerly of Brookville and author of "And the Band Played On."

What Really Matters

in
Guelph/Eramosa Township
with
Councillor Alan McDonald



I have asked myself this question. Would we all be better off if there was no alcohol?

Guelph Eramosa Township manages and owns several parks and centres that lend themselves to occasions that service the consumption of alcohol. If you have been recently involved with the organization of an event at one of the facilities owned by the township, you will most certainly have noticed a tightening of the "bar" and alcohol servicing rules. As the community-owned parks and recreation centres across our township move toward a common set of policies, the opportunity for improvement must be seized. Our first success with this effort is the introduction and acceptance of a "Municipal Alcohol Policy." The goal of this policy is as follows:

"The Township of Guelph/Eramosa and its Parks and Recreation Department want residents and visitors to enjoy the various facilities and parks available. In order for the Township of Guelph/Eramosa to ensure the health and safety of its participants and the protection of municipal facilities, a policy for the orderly use of alcohol during events and functions has been developed."

I am certain that adoption and implementation of this policy will have a measurable effect on the quality of life in our community.

I am involved with emergency services. The misuse of alcohol contributes to one half of all serious accidents. Don't take this as a fact that I rhyme off from a pamphlet of statistics - I have seen it.

Live long and prosper.

Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please contact Alan McDonald at 519-856-1167 or at 125 Princess Street, P.O. Box 268, Rockwood, ON, N0B 2K0.

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