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Who's up for the municipal election

BY DONNA DANIELLI
THE COMPASS

The 2000 municipal elections for Milton will be held on Monday, November 13 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. with advance polls on Saturday, November 4 and Wednesday, November 8. Anyone proposing to be a candidate must file a Nomination Paper and \$100 Filing Fee with the Town Clerk before incurring any expenses or collecting any monies for their campaign. This must be done by Friday, October 13 at 5 p.m.

At press time, only one registration was on file. Joyce Savoline has thrown her hat into the ring for the position of Regional Chairman, a position she has held since 1994. For the first time since Halton Region was formed in 1974, voters will elect the Chairman, instead of the position being decided by elected councillors. Ms. Savoline, who was first elected to Burlington's city council in 1982, is pleased with the changed process that will have her campaigning for voters in Milton and Halton Hills, as well as in Oakville and Burlington.

"One of our democratic rights is to choose at the allocated time, the candidate we wish," she stated, adding that she was looking forward to the upcoming campaign. "I'm still passionate about my job. With every year in public life, I'm enjoying it more. My focus has always been people."

While registrations haven't been filed yet, incumbents were generally confident about their plans to run for re-election. Mayor Gord Krantz feels he has a great deal of knowledge and

expertise to bring to a new campaign as his career as mayor for 20 years and as a councillor for 15 years before that can attest. He cites such issues as the proposed industrial/commercial development in Milton and re-structuring of the G.T.A. when he states, "The next term is going to be critical to this municipality. We're right on the cusp of new growth; it has to be properly guided and I'm qualified to do that. I'm always acting in the best interests of the people in Milton and the people of Halton. It's important to make sure that the jobs, lifestyle, and social fabric for a community still exist in the face of increased development."

Regional Councillor Barry Lee also plans to file his registration for re-election.

"I've given it a lot of thought and I think that I still have something to offer. Experience helps me to do this job. With the governance changes threatening us, it's important to have people with some experience to deal with the proposed changes." Councillor Lee currently represents the largest rural area in Halton. As Regional Councillor, he is responsible for Wards 1 and 3 which cover the entire rural area of Milton and all of the agricultural lands. A member for nine years of the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee, Councillor Lee expressed his concerns about the issues of urban development and the possible negative impact on the rural area.

"My goal is to maintain the spirit of Nassagaweya. People

realize that we have the best of both worlds here and it takes increasingly more effort to maintain it."

Ward 3 has two incumbent Councillors, Cindy Luñau and Lieven Gevaert. Councillor Lunau stated, "I haven't filed yet, but my intention is to file... I'm finding it exciting and interesting work and I would certainly like to continue to represent Nassagaweya."

Councillor Gevaert, who has been the subject of criticism in the past over his absences from the country due to job demands, isn't sure yet what he'll do.

"Now that I'm stably home, I'm debating: do I run or not?" Councillor Gevaert calls his last three years on Council "time well spent" and voiced concerns about what the next term will hold.

"There's continuing pressure on good farmland from urban expansion and such things as golf courses. Within three years, decisions will be made about what the government of Halton will look like. In 2003, we will likely have a different government structure than we do now."

Voters can check the Preliminary List of Electors which will be posted for inspection as of Tuesday September 5 at the Clerk's Department. Any Elector (voter) wishing to add, delete or amend their information on this list must do so at the Clerk's office between Tuesday, September 5 and Monday, November 13. Nominations for candidacy must be made by October 13.

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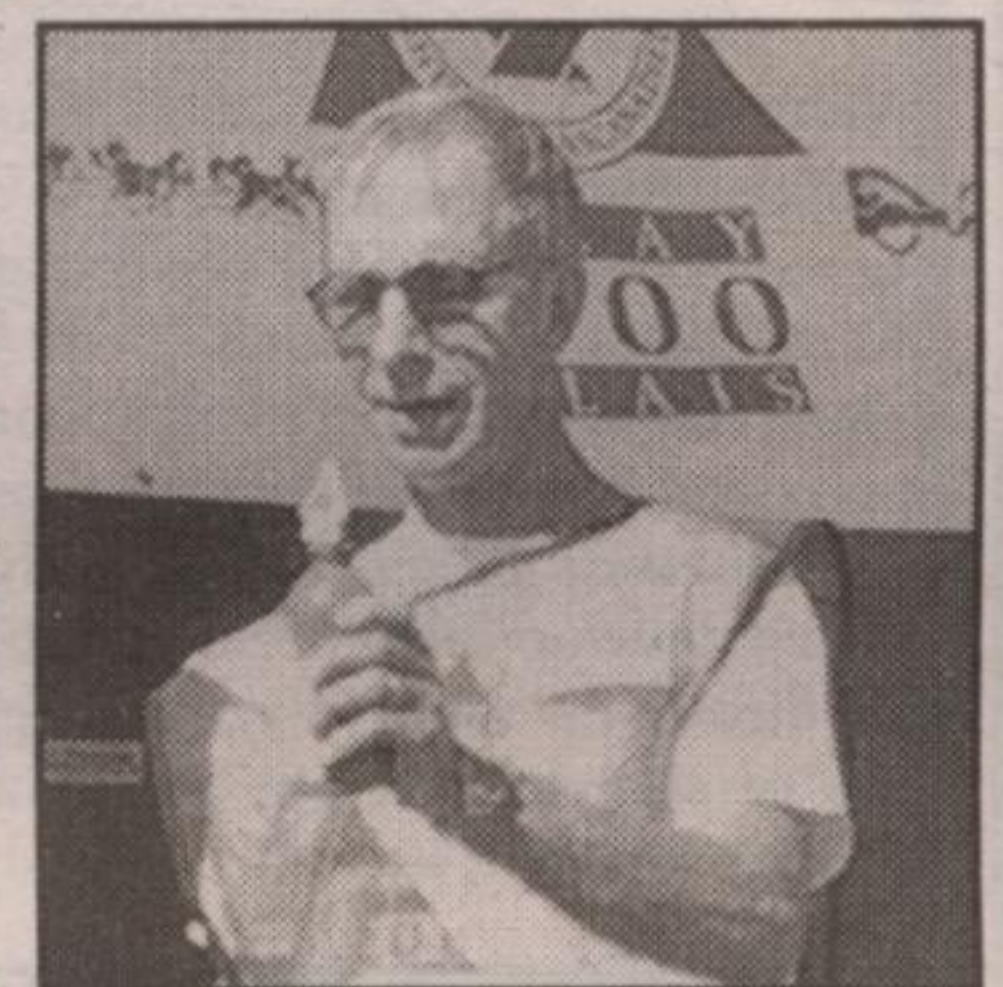
Irish Wolfhounds Finbar and Chewie's regal greetings enhanced the Celtic Night of Mystery held in the Rockwood Conservation Area mill ruins on August 26. From left to right are Michelle Cope, Dr. Clare Maine, Celeste Kindree and Tish Lewis. The benefit evening raised funds for Animals Homeward Bound, a combined charity assisting injured or abandoned wild animals and a safe haven for unwanted cats.

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Going the Distance

Campbellville area resident Charlie Barnes had the opportunity to carry the Pacific and Arctic water bottles while biking on a portion of the Trans Canada Trail Relay, arriving at the Guelph Eramosa Township office in August.

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Business Feature

The Gardener's Courtyard likes to cater to the residents of Campbellville rather than being just a 'tourist' store." Owner Lisa Stoodley enjoys the work of Canadian and local artists and carries an extensive range of both.

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Community Cornerstone

Halton Agricultural Society President and Campbellville resident Keith Wettlaufer invites the community to enjoy the 147th Annual Fall Fair, which runs September 22, 23 and 24 at the Milton Fair Grounds.

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Shoebbox Memories

The Easterbrooks originated from Devonshire, England and were one of the pioneer families that left an indelible mark on the old township of Nassagaweya in the areas of agriculture, lumbering, business, the church and politics.

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