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Campbellville's new fire hall no longer a dream

by Donna Danielli

Attention Campbellville. Your concerns have been heard.

Campbellville residents have recently been voicing concerns about fire safety and the capability of the old fire station, located at the corner of Campbellville Side Road and Guelph Line, to measure up to the task.

A fire feasibility study, conducted by the Town of Milton last year showed the current station, which was originally a gas station acquired by the Town, to be no longer capable of servicing the fire department needs.

On January 7, 2002, the Town Council approved the funding for a new fire station, to be built on Reid Side Road, as part of the 2002 capital budget.

"This is a long overdue project," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz. "I have been very supportive of this and it's something we've planned on for the past ten years, as the old station has continued to outgrow its usefulness."

Initially, it was unclear as to

whether the new station would be built at the current fire hall site or on land donated by Douglas and Laura Stokes. Consultants hired by the Town to determine the most appropriate site found the Stokes' property to provide an ideal location.

The current location was determined to be less than adequate due to traffic congestion involving both Highway 401 traffic and the Mohawk Raceway traffic.

"Right now, we have a real delay in getting our people in and our trucks out due to traffic," said Fire Chief Harold Penson. "We'll be able to get firefighters more quickly into the station and trucks will be able to move more easily into traffic from the new location."

The new fire station will be modernized, with up to date equipment and more space for training new firefighters and to wash and maintain the vehicles. A new tanker is on order for this station but it cannot be delivered to Campbellville until the new station

is built, it is quite simply too large to be housed in the current station.

The station is expected to cost approximately \$1,447,000 with \$300,000 of that being contributed by the Region of Halton to cover the cost of an ambulance station, which will be housed in the same building.

"It will be more of a composite building," said Town of Milton Director of Corporate services/Treasurer Jim McQueen. "We're hoping to make it a facility for the fire department, and an ambulance station and maybe even the police department."

Fire Chief Harold Penson is enthused about housing the three emergency services under one roof.

"It's a good cost saving measure to house the three together," he said. "This is a long overdue station and it's good to see that the fire, ambulance and police services may be able to respond together in an emergency situation."

The next step of the process is to

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Turning fifty is pretty Nifty!

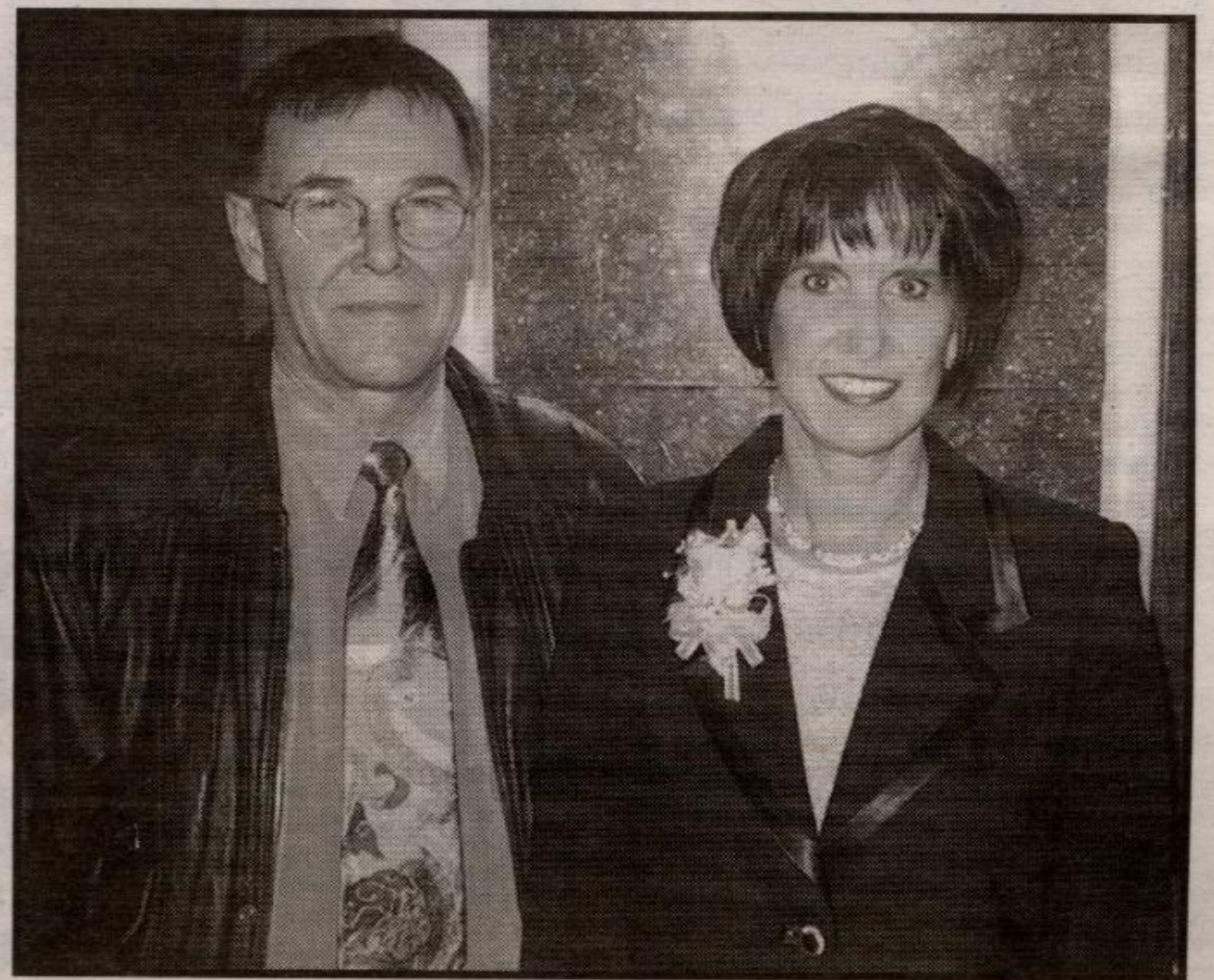


Photo by Deborah Quail

George Gastle and Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle celebrated her 50th birthday with a party at Nashville North in Norval on January 15. There were many well-wishers on hand to greet the mayor and enjoy the festivities.

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Shoobox Memories

Thomas and Albina Wheeler emigrated from England with two children. After Albina's death, Thomas married widow Elizabeth White and Wheeler offspring carried on the family name in Halton County.

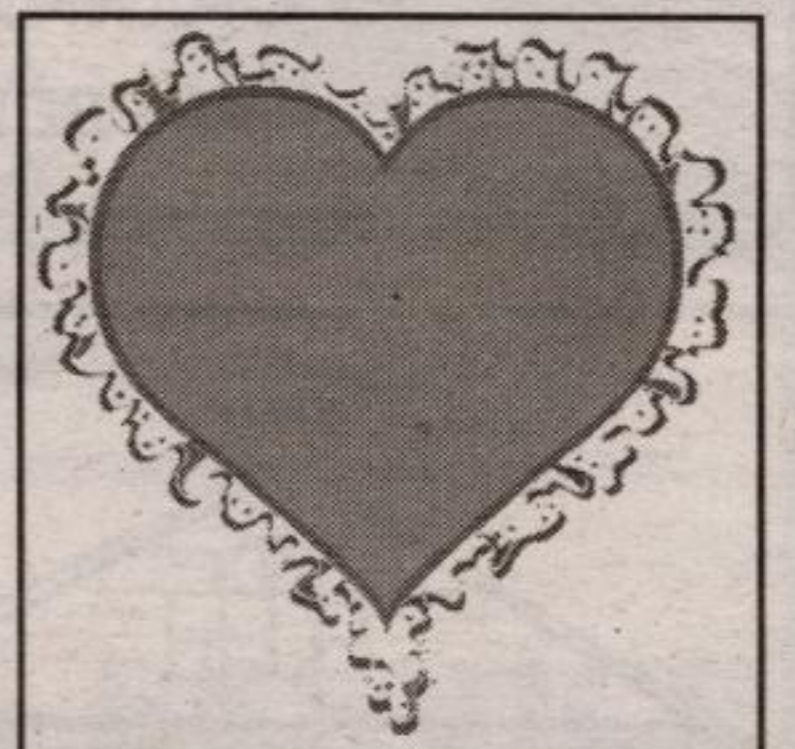
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Idle Pursuits

February is the month of love. The Compass took the opportunity to explore Valentine's Day and the relationships of some enduring rural romances. Remember to tell your sweetheart how much they're loved!

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Community Cornerstone

Gillian Higson is no stranger in the village of Rockwood, especially to the seniors who she not only prepares delicious meals for but also befriends. Her various volunteer duties make her a wonderful asset in the lives of many.

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Halton 4H

Being a volunteer in the 4-H organization has many rewards. Devoted volunteer Lorna Wilson, has experienced many including a recent venture to the North Central Region Volunteer Forum in Des Moines, Iowa.

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