

During my election campaign last year I had the opportunity to speak to many residents who are as concerned as I am about protecting and preserving our heritage resources in Halton Hills. We talked of how keeping intact our historic buildings provides a link between our past and present and about my concept for a pioneer village - a place where heritage buildings and homes can be located for future generations to enjoy.

In the last two months I have spoken with residents and town staff who are prepared to provide assistance as we prepare together a town plan which will give us the tools to move forward with an appropriate heritage protection program.

Recently, a concern about the possible demolition of an early settlers' farmhouse was expressed by Heritage Halton Hills - the citizens' advisory committee that was established to advise council on matters pertaining to heritage - and it illustrates why we need a heritage program.

The building in question, known as the Moore House (later owned by local historian the late Jean Ruddell), is situated at 60 Main St. in Georgetown and I am very pleased to tell you that Peter Schlegel, president of the Saugeen Valley Nursing Centre which owns the site, is co-operating fully with the town to save the house, or a portion of it, and any outbuildings that may be worthy of preservation. Heritage Halton Hills has been granted permission by the owner to evaluate the buildings, which must be moved off the site for the future development to proceed.

To bring the vision of a pioneer village to fruition means involvement by groups, individual residents, staff and council and, of course, there are many aspects to such a project, not the least of which is fund-raising. (As an example of what can be done, this summer, in partnership with the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, the Limehouse Kiln Society and Heritage Acton, I held the first Mayor's Heritage Golf Tournament and it gave me a great deal of pleasure that it was so successful that both the Limehouse and Acton groups received contributions from the tournament's proceeds.)

Protection of our green spaces is an important part of any protection plan and I know that council and residents alike are gratified that the recent

## Mayor's Corner

By Kathy Gastle



agreement with Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. has secured 300 acres for public ownership while saving taxpayers an extremely expensive Ontario Municipal Board hearing. We can now proceed to develop our trail network through the valley and designate areas for natural heritage protection.

Working as a team this administration accomplished the approvals for servicing our industrial park in the 401 corridor and I'd like to express special thanks to Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline and her staff, Al O'Neill, our Economic Development Officer, and our town staff. Without their commitment we could not have reached our goal.

Halton Hills is ready and open for business and new business such as the Legendary Motorcar Co. has de-

cidated to locate in our 401 Corridor first phase, with a 24,000 sq. ft. showroom and Conference Centre. Our new program of business visitation continues as we deliver the message that the town is ready to assist our local businesses, knowing full well their value to our economy and our community.

Another important aspect of our community is the number of volunteers who come forward on so many occasions to contribute in so many ways. Hosting our own International Year of the Volunteers reception gave me a way to say thanks to so many in our community who love it as much as I do.

Many of those volunteers were part of our entry into the Communities in Bloom competition and their efforts meant that we returned from the judging in Stratford with enough points to enter next year's na-

tional level competition. Congratulations everyone, you did us proud!

The Mayor's Showcase of the Arts, which displays the talents of our local arts community, continues to be enjoyed by visitors to the Civic Centre. Municipal awards recognize individuals and groups who have brought honour and distinction to the town through their achievements in academics, sports and recreation and the arts. It is so gratifying to see our citizens involved in such a variety of special interests and events.

Our veterans were especially honoured in October by a visit to Remembrance Park by HRH The Duke of Kent and I have already forwarded a request to Queen Elizabeth to visit Halton Hills during her Jubilee tour next year. A covered bridge with footpath is designed and will be built at the entrance to Cedarvale Park to commemorate Her Majesty's jubilee. We hope our invitation will be accepted!

Together we have accomplished a lot in this last year and I greatly appreciate your continued support. May I wish everyone the merriest Christmas and a very happy New Year.

## Tanker truck rolls

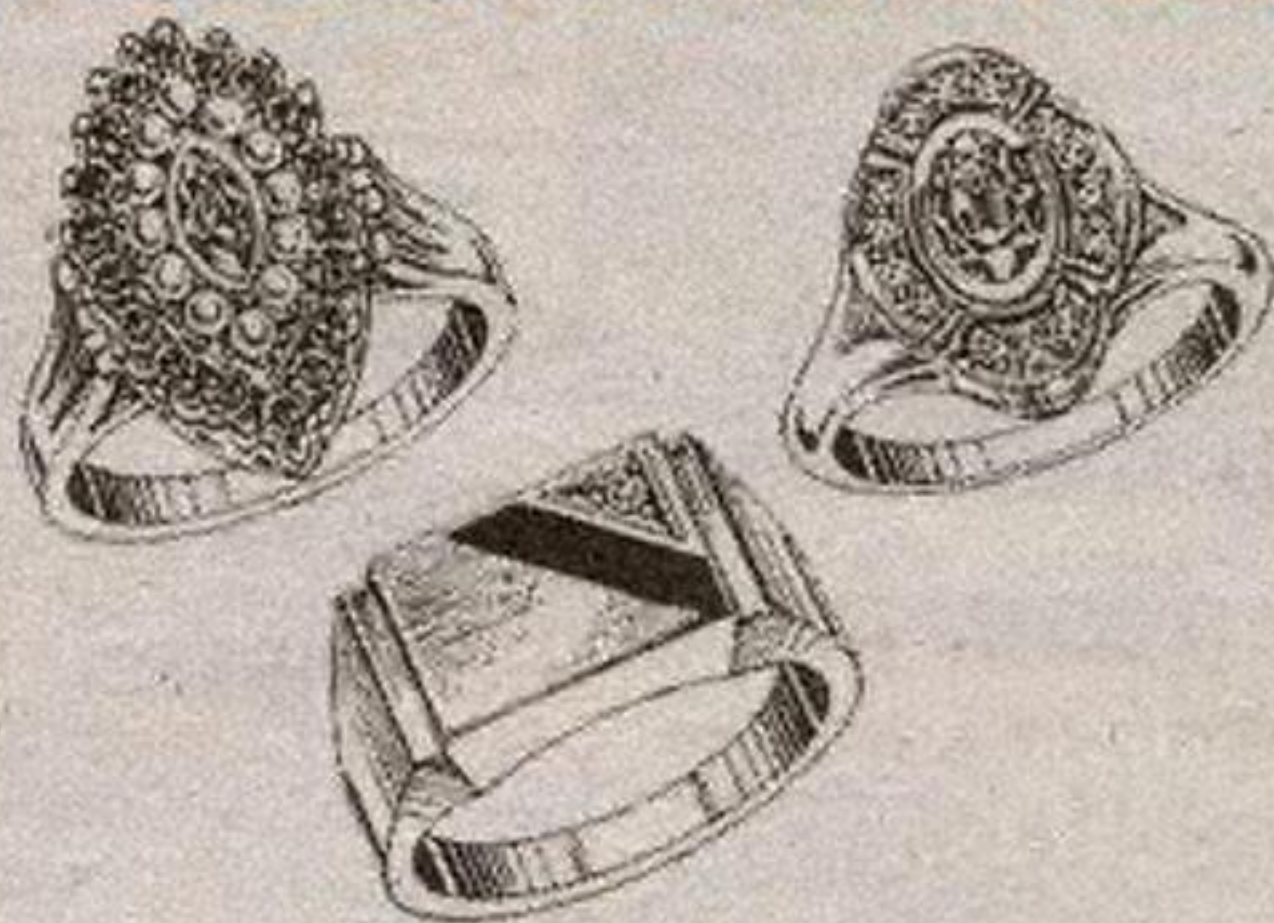
Hillsburgh Fire Department and the Ministry of Environment attended a tanker truck rollover accident at Wellington County Road 24, near Side Road 27 in the Town of Erin last Wednesday, Dec. 5.

A milk transport truck was travelling at 90km/h when it swerved to miss a dog on the

highway. The driver lost control, the tanker tires hit the gravel and the truck tipped onto its side into a ditch. No charges were laid.

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