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Classic event

Classics Against Cancer Car Show takes place today, Father's Day, at Cedarvale Park. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. and admission is \$5 (children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult). This is one of the largest outdoor classic car shows in Ontario and all proceeds go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Blood donor clinic

Acton will be hosting its quarterly Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic on June 20, 5-8:30 p.m. at the Acton Legion. Babysitting available. Please bring your donor card or your photo ID. Eligible donors are between the ages of 17 and 70.

Motorcycle missing

Halton police are investigating a break and enter into a garage, and the theft of a 1987 Harley Davidson motorcycle from a Prince Charles Dr. home. Police say sometime between midnight and 6:45 a.m. Tuesday someone smashed the window of a pickup truck parked in the driveway of the home, removed the garage door opener and opened the garage door. The motorcycle, valued at \$8,000, was parked in the garage and was the only thing stolen.

\$7,500 damage

Halton Hills Fire Department was called to a residence at the intersection of 27 Sideroad and Winston Churchill Blvd. Wednesday at about 1:30 a.m. for a car fire. The fire, which had started in a car, had spread to the garage beside it. Damage to the car is set at about \$2,500 and damage to the garage is estimated at \$5,000. The cause is unknown.

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Festival fun



The annual downtown Georgetown Village Festival festivities got underway Thursday morning as school groups added to the atmosphere with music and song. Melinda Knox (left) and Kori Frank were among the members of Holy Cross choir, comprised of Grades 4 to 6 students, who performed a number of pioneer Canadian songs, in both French and English. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Gardiner named in conflict complaint

Acton/Esquesing trustee Ethel Gardiner may have to go to court to defend her decision to vote on the Halton Board of Education's 1996 budget.

Gardiner and four other trustees were named in a conflict of interest complaint filed by the Taxpayers Coalition Burlington (TCB). Gardiner, however, did not feel it was appropriate to comment on the TCB action at this time. In fact as of Thursday, Gardiner had received no formal notification of the complaint, and became aware of it only through a newspaper article.

"I really believe that the people I represent know why I am there as a trustee," Gardiner told this newspaper. "And that gives me a great deal of satisfaction."

The crux of the TCB action is their belief that Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regulations may have been breached by the trustees, who have relatives working for the board, yet proceeded to take part in voting on the 1996-97 board budget.



ETHEL GARDINER

The quintet of trustees named in the document are Gardiner, Joe Pavelka and chair Linda Glover of Burlington, vice-chair Penny Siebert of Oakville, and Flo Belford of Milton.

Bob Williams, Halton director of education, said, when asked if the board would become involved in the details or the cost of legal representation for those named in the suit, "It would be expected individual trustees defend themselves."

Frank Gue, education chair of TCB Inc., said the organization had hoped to avoid court action and therefore had sent out registered letters to the five trustees May 17. The letter gave trustees a one-week deadline to tender their resignation. Gue said his group did not receive one reply.

He said documents were filed in Ontario court in Milton, June 3, and a hearing date of June 26 has been set.

Changes ahead for newspaper

Look for some special changes to the *Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press* and *Halton Hills Weekend* beginning next week.

The newspapers will undergo a complete facelift. You might even find the Wednesday edition a little easier to handle.

The greater use of process color should appeal to area residents and a larger typeface will make it easier to read.

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