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Getting on his high horse?

Dave Mann of Scarborough-based Funfest Outdoor Amusements hoists one of the many painted ponies onto the merry-go-round as the crew set up the rides Wednesday afternoon in preparation of this weekend's Georgetown Fall Fair at the Fairgrounds.

Photo by Ted Brown

Georgetown Fall Fair's 156th edition opens tonight

The Imperial Hell Drivers will kick off the 156th edition of the Georgetown Fall Fair tonight (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Along with the Imperial Hell Drivers, a full weekend of events has been planned for the fair which runs until Sunday night.

The lineup tonight includes

the Hell Drivers, the Fair Ambassador Competition on centre stage 6 p.m. and fiddlers.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and the morning will feature the English Horse Show, Halton 4-H Rabbit Show and Junior Dairy Show.

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Town opposes new boundaries

The Town of Halton Hills will formally protest the splitting of its community into two federal/provincial electoral ridings at a December hearing.

Halton Hills council voted unanimously at Tuesday's meeting to appeal the redrawing of ridings that will see parts of Georgetown South remain in the Halton riding, while the rest of Georgetown, Acton and the rural areas north of 15 Sideroad are tossed into a newly created riding called Dufferin-Wellington-Halton. That riding stretches from Georgetown in the south to Mulmur, above Hwy. 89, in the north. It includes the communities of Erin, Shelburne and Orangeville and Grand Valley.

The Commission's rationale is there are too many residents living in Halton (375,229) for equal representation in the three current ridings— Halton, Oakville and Burlington, but there are too few people to justify adding a fourth riding in the region. According to the Commission, its "only alternative is to propose that a northerly portion of the Halton region (i.e. the communities of Acton and Georgetown) be attached to an electoral district to the north." The Dufferin-Wellington-Halton riding will have a population of 98,255 while the new Halton riding will have a population of 107,911.

The federal electoral ridings are readjusted after each census (every 10 years) to approximately 107,642 people per riding to reflect movement in populations and to ensure equal representation per riding. Under Ontario legislation provincial ridings are identical to the federal electoral districts. If approved, the boundaries will not come into effect until sometime after July 2004.

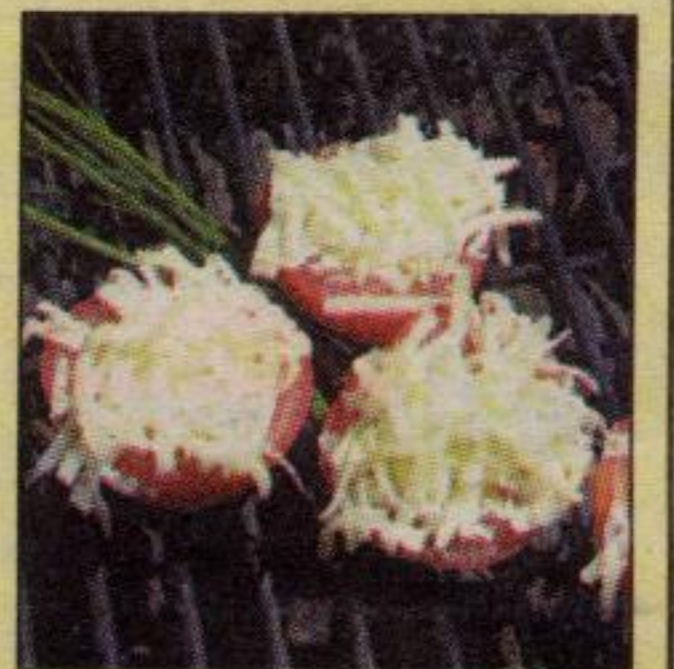
However, Georgetown Councillor John Day said the proposed boundaries ignore 28 years of history in this region when Halton Hills has always been associated with Halton Region.

His motion calls for the town to "vigorously oppose the proposal to split Halton Hills into two rid-

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