



Silver Creek Public School Kindergarten teacher Jenn Barkhouse gives Johnathan Peters the thumbs up during his school orientation

Tuesday. Students, teachers and parents gave Halton Hills' newest school similar reviews.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

## Town's newest school opens its doors

It was a long wait but well worth it according to those who got their first look at Silver Creek Public School.

"It's a beautiful school. It's bright, there are a lot of windows and that's great for the kids," said Cheryl Peters Tuesday, who was bringing in her son Jonathan for his Kindergarten orientation in preparation for his first day on Thursday.

Peters, like many others parents, has been waiting years for a public school in her community.

"We've been in Georgetown South for 10 years and we were told when we bought our house that the school was coming," she said. "We had to have a third child just to get into the school."

"This community really de-

serves this," said Silver Creek principal Wendy Harrison. "Your kids could be going to one school and your neighbour behind you would be going to a different school. It's so nice to have the community all together."

It didn't take Ashley Lawrence long to get to know her new schoolmates, who attended Harrison, George Kennedy, Park and Joseph Gibbons last year. The highlight of her first day in Grade 3 was making a new friend—Alyssa.

That's what Harrison was hoping would happen. She wants to foster a community feeling using the Tribes Program.

"It focuses on a caring community of learners," Harrison said. "It's like an Indian tribe where

everyone has responsibilities and works co-operatively to get things done."

The staff has already been tested in that regard. They weren't able to start moving into the school until last Wednesday. With just six days to move in furniture, books, supplies and set up a brand new school, they got it done.

"It was incredible seeing this go from a construction site last week to a school today," said vice-principal Brian van Wyngaarden.

While the gym is not yet completed, and computers and even the office fax machine haven't been hooked up yet, nobody seemed to mind though as the school became a new home for 650 students.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

## Election campaigning officially under way

Continued from pg. 1

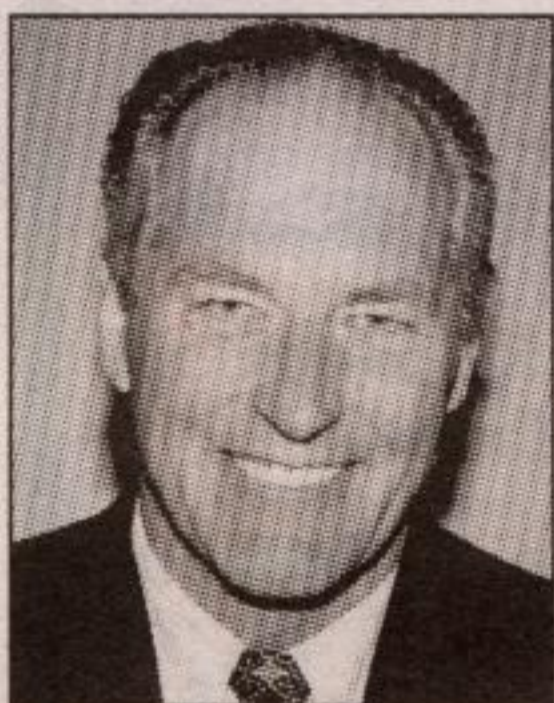
improve health care facilities in Milton, Georgetown and Oakville," said Chudleigh.

"It's time to choose change," said Liberal candidate Sullivan.

"The sitting member for our area has been doing just that—sitting—while the world and Queen's Park has changed around him. Ted Chudleigh has remained invisible while SARS, BSE, a hospital funding crisis, a meatpacking scandal, threats to the Niagara Escarpment in Halton, and an energy catastrophe all came down around him."

She criticized the Tories for adding \$21 million to provincial debt, taking \$500 million out of public education and failing to collect at least \$400 million in corporate taxes.

Sullivan, who represented Halton Centre from 1987 to 1995, said the Liberals have plans for better health care, excellence in education, stronger, cleaner and safer communities, prosperous rural communities that work,



TED CHUDLEIGH



BARBARA SULLIVAN



JAY JACKSON

and a financial plan they believe is fiscally responsible and competitive.

Jackson, who in the past has run federally, locally and provincially in Halton, could not be reached for comment.

However, NDP leader Howard Hampton kicked off his election campaign vowing to "give what belongs to the people back to the people. Ontarians have had enough of privatization and are going to pull the plug on Ernie Eves."

The NDP platform includes publicly owned hydro, schools, water, auto insurance and health care systems.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Georgetown's Fall Fair has something for everyone

Continued from pg. 1

Another addition to the lineup is lawn tractor racing on Friday evening.

Cooper said she has already had several calls about the children's pet show Sunday morning and she reminds kids if they bring their pet to the pet show they get into the fair for free.

All day events at the fair include the Agricultural Awareness Tent, homecrafts exhibits and horseshoeing exhibit/demonstrations. A 30-foot climbing wall for children will be offered free of charge all weekend, courtesy of The Gathering Community Church.

The midway opens at 4:30 p.m. Friday with the Georgetown Fair Ambassador Competition set for 6 p.m. and lawn tractor racing at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Kinsmen Girls' Softball begins at 8 a.m., the English horse show and Halton 4-H Rabbit Club achievement show start at 9 a.m., the midway opens at 10 a.m., the junior dairy show is set for 11 a.m. and the demolition derby begins at 7 p.m.

Sunday, the poultry show begins at 9:30 a.m., the midway opens, the pony mounted games show and heavy horse show are all set for 10 a.m., the children's pet show begins at 10:30 a.m., the kiddie pedal tractor pull will be held at noon, and the demolition derby begins at 1:30 p.m.

Adult admission for Friday and Saturday is \$7 and \$5 on Sunday. Admission for children 7 to 12 is \$3 any day and kids six and under get in free. A weekend pass for all ages is \$15. On-ground parking is \$3. For information visit [www.georgetown-fallfair.ca](http://www.georgetown-fallfair.ca).

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Wayward cockatiel finds its way home

Following a story in the August 29 edition of *The Independent & Free Press*, Louis Walker's house guest, a wayward cockatiel, is back with its owners.

"We certainly had lots of calls," said Walker, "After the story ran, quite a few people called just to say they'd adopt it, or mind it for us until the actual owner came forward."

Saturday morning, the owners dropped by the Walker home to claim the bird, coming from a "few blocks way, just around the corner."

They reimbursed Walker for the cost of the cage, but he said he never thought to get their names or address.



## Renner joins Ward 1 race

One more local resident has entered the Nov. 10 municipal election race. Betty Renner filed her nomination papers with the town on Friday for the position of Ward 1 local councillor.

At press time Renner was not available for comment.

There are two seats up for grabs in the ward, and to date four candidates are vying for them. Other candidates besides Renner are incumbent Dobbie Frizzell, Debbie Fendley and John Lamberink.



SUMMER'S HERE! INVEST IN YOURSELF.

your smile says so much.

Cosmetic Dentistry

22 Guelph Street  
[downtowngeorgetowndental.com](http://downtowngeorgetowndental.com)

(905) 877-4371