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## FRIDAY...

The Highland Games take over the Georgetown Fairgrounds tomorrow (Saturday) for a day of excitement and fun. Look for coverage Wednesday.

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Outhouse on the run

The annual Crazy Outhouse Race was held Saturday in downtown Georgetown to raise awareness of the services provided by Cancer Assistance Services-Halton Hills. Along with the outhouse race there was also a toilet paper tossing contest and other odd activities. Organizers say approximately 12 teams took part in the race including the St. George pub team which included members Trevor Bissett and Roman Ilekys.

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## Cancer claims longtime educator Gardiner

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Staff Writer

Former Halton District School Board (HDSB) chair and Halton Hills Trustee Ethel Gardiner lost her battle with cancer Tuesday.

Gardiner died at her Georgetown home with her husband Peter by her side. She was 69.

Peter said his wife of 50 years "fought really, really hard," since she was diagnosed with lung cancer last September.

After learning of her illness, Gardiner made the difficult decision not to run for a fifth term as trustee—a job that Peter said she loved and would still be doing if she could.

Her main goal as both a teacher for 39 years and as a trustee for 11—six of those as the HDSB's chair—was always "looking out for the kids," said Peter.

The couple met at teacher's college in their native province of New Brunswick, and Gardiner's teaching career began there in 1956, the same year they were married. They have two grown children, Cindy and Paul.

Gardiner taught and was a principal in northern Ontario before the

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GARDINER