

Kudos for clean up...

Congratulations are in order for all those who took part in the annual town spring cleaning events last week— Friday's 20-Minute Makeover and Saturday's Clean-Up Day.

Through the efforts of citizens, schools, and various groups more than nine tonnes of trash plus two tandem truckloads of wood, four tandem truckloads of tires, and two tandem truckloads of metal were collected.

Every year we are amazed at what some inconsiderate residents will shamelessly toss away and this year was no different. Among those items were used motor oil, dozens of tires, engine parts and even a small freezer.

While this year's clean up effort was quite impressive, we'd be much more impressed if participants collected less garbage each year because then it would mean fewer litterbugs were desecrating our town.

But until the neanderthals who think nothing of depositing hazardous materials (like motor oil) by the roadside or ridding themselves of a freezer by dumping it in a ditch change their ways (or move from this community), we fear those participating in the annual clean up will continue to be busy.

...and for Gardiner Public School

While we're busy handing out kudos, let's send more to the Halton District School Board for its decision to name the new elementary school in Georgetown South— Gardiner Public School— in honour of longtime educator, trustee and board chair Ethel Gardiner who passed away last year.

In our opinion this was the ONLY choice for the new school's name.

Gardiner's 40-year career with the local school board, her ability to guide the board through some rocky times and, more importantly, her dedication to all Halton students made this decision a no-brainer.

What do you think?

Below are the results of our most recent online poll. For the current poll go to www.independentfreepress.com

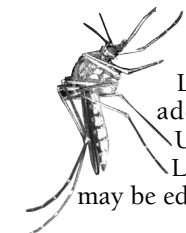
Do you support the provincial government's proposal to introduce a province-wide ban on the sale and cosmetic use of pesticides?

Yes (60%)

No (40%)

Something bugging you?

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Steve Nease



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Group planning reunion for GDHS grads of '73

Dear editor,
Calling all Georgetown District High School grads from 1973 (and thereabouts)!

A group of us connected at the

Homecoming this past July had a great time and decided to do it all over again.

This year represents 35 years since we parted ways and left GDHS

and that's a good reason to get together, catch up and celebrate.

A small, but determined, committee has been organizing a reunion weekend and we'd like to connect with as many "kids" and teachers as possible to let them know about our plans

So, parents, friends, teachers, former classmates, if you know anyone who may have attended GDHS with us, please help spread the word to as many of them as possible. You'll find us:

- Friday evening, June 20, at Bracky's Tap and Grill in Moore Park Plaza

- Saturday, June 21— holding an outdoor 'social', including barbecue chicken dinner

For more details and information about tickets, including cost and registration deadline, please contact:

Karen (Leonard) Tales 905-877-2885; or Rebels '73 Reunion Committee at gdhsclassreunion@live.ca.

The deadline for registration is May 15.

As with Homecoming in '07, Festival on Main is being held at the same time so there will be lots going on in Downtown Georgetown too!

It's time to cough up and get your spot. Beat the rush and get in before the deadline to join the fun.

Long hair, platform shoes, mullets and bell bottoms will not be turned away.

Sandra Timleck,
Halton Hills Camera Club

The Rebels '73
Reunion Committee

Accident victims grateful for care shown

Dear editor,
We would like to extend our sincerest heartfelt thank you to all of those who helped us immediately after our terrible car accident the afternoon of Sunday, March 23 at the intersection of 10 Sideroad and Mountainview Road.

We wish we could remember more about those incredibly kind folks and the emergency response team who selflessly took time to stay with us and our children and helped get us out of the wreck, off the road and to the hospital.

From what we can remember, we are forever grateful to the local ambulance, police and fire person-

nel for their incredible response time and superior care; those who safely removed our young children from their car seats and the vehicle; the family who stayed at the accident and took care of our children; Paul the off-duty firefighter (I think) who stayed with and helped stabilize my wife until she was safely loaded into the ambulance and the medical team at Georgetown Hospital.

Of course we know there are others who we cannot remember or did not see who helped us just as much and we are just as grateful.

The Meal family,
Georgetown

Did you order a print from Photoart show?

Dear editor,
The Photoart exhibition of prints at the Gallery in the Cultural Centre, which is put on by the Halton Hills Camera Club during the month of March, was a great success.

However, sometime during the last week of March the print sales book disappeared. We know there were at least eight requests to purchase prints. Unfortunately, we do

not know who the people are who wanted the prints or which prints.

If you wished to purchase a print from one of the photographers at Photoart 2008, would you please contact Sandra Timleck at 905-877-6198.

Your help will be much appreciated.