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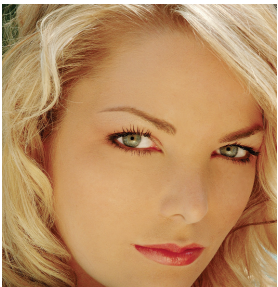
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WEDNESDAY...

Look for our annual special section on the upcoming (June 15) Classics Against Cancer show in Wednesday's edition.

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Happy birthday Maud... for the 106th time!

Maud Fowler, a Bennett Health Care resident, had to wait a little longer to celebrate her birthday this year but when you're turning 106, chances are you've learned to be patient. The delay was a result of the Bennett Centre being closed due to a flu outbreak April 21, the actual date of her birthday. Fowler was joined by daughter Marion Fowler, 81, who helped pin a corsage on her mother during the party. For more see Page 10.

Photo by Ted Brown

Use of Big Pipe could see population jump of 20,000-32,000

Developers offer vision of Georgetown's future

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Staff Writer

In a preview of what is to come, the representative of a group of developers presented their vision of what Georgetown could look like in the future if allowed to expand on lake-based water.

At a recent council meeting, Michael Hannay spoke on behalf of the Georgetown Commons, (formerly the South Georgetown Landowners Group). That group includes National Homes, Lakeview Homes, Guscon Enterprises, Town-Wood Homes, Tribute Communities and Vogue Development Group. The companies' executives sat in the public gallery.

Together they have amassed ownership of about 2,000 acres between Five and 10 Sideroads,

from Ninth Line to Trafalgar Rd.

Hannay said the number of people accommodated in the plan would depend on the degree of open space and the density of the housing selection, and the population could range from a low of 20,000 to a high of 32,000— all on a lake-based Big Pipe system.

Hannay said existing Georgetown would be the template for their development— building on connectivity of the community trails and walking paths, preservation of two large north-south open spaces, as well as attractive small town Ontario streetscape. Describing this group of developers as having good intentions, he requested an opportunity to present his concept plans in full to the council sometime in the future.

On Wednesday, June 11, Halton Region plan-

ners are expected to discuss five Sustainable Halton growth options that would determine future development of Halton Hills and Milton. The meeting is expected to pave the way for future public consultation. Two of the options on the table call for population increases in Georgetown of 20,000 and two call for increases of 40,000. A fifth option of all mixed use/residential growth would be in Milton.

"We're very concerned in this community about if fast growth is going to come," Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette told Hannay.

"We want to expand, but I don't buy the argument that this has to be lake-based because quite frankly we have a real concern in this community about lake-based water. That's something very

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