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Two Georgetown men ready for cross-country U.S. charity ride

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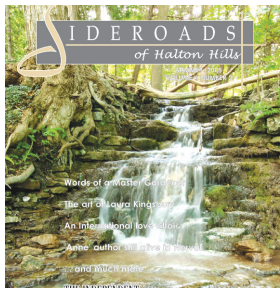
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'Hooping it up' at Festival on Main

Shaelynn Lancaster, 7, of Georgetown shows off her hula hoop skills Saturday during the annual Festival on Main in downtown Georgetown. The first day of the Farmers' Market kicked off the day-long celebration that featured artists, performers and a variety of entertainment. For more photos see page 7.

Photo by Calvin Dyke

FRIDAY...

A longtime Georgetown resident was recently invested with the title Dame of Grace in the Order of St. John at a Queen's Park ceremony. For details see Friday's edition.

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Rescuers thanked for quick actions

EAMONN MAHER
Staff Writer

A Grade 10 Georgetown District High School student said he can't thank those involved enough in rescuing him from a near-drowning at the Georgetown Indoor Pool on the morning of June 12.

Jeremy Ford, 16, was pulled unconscious from the pool near the end of the informal

workout with the school's swim team at about 7:40 a.m.

He and good friend Drake Livingston had been swimming in the deep end of the pool when Town of Halton Hills lifeguard Katrina Neely suspected the young man was in trouble, when she observed Ford sinking to the bottom of the pool.

"I overheard them say they were having a contest to see who could stay under water

longer, so I was watching them closely," the fifth-year lifeguard said.

"(Jeremy) just looked too still to me, so I asked Drake to make sure he was okay. (Drake) went under water and when he came back up he said there was something wrong."

The 16-year-old Livingston, who recently recertified his Standard First Aid, was able to

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