

Liberals set to nominate Bowser

The Wellington-Halton Hills Federal Liberal Association (WHHFLA) will hold a nomination meeting tonight (Friday) where it is expected Georgetown businessman Bruce Bowser will be named the Liberal candidate for the anticipated federal election.

The nomination meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre, 9 Church St., in downtown Georgetown.

Bowser, 49, is president and CEO of AMJ Campbell Van Lines at their headquarters in Mississauga. The Glen Williams resident is married with two teenage daughters and two stepsons. This is his first foray into politics.

It is widely speculated that Prime Minister Stephen Harper will request Governor General Michaëlle Jean to dissolve Parliament on Sunday, likely sending Canadians to the polls Oct. 14.

Further details can be obtained from WHHFLA president Michael Fich at 519-853-0201 or Stephen Ferris at 905-877-3317.



Ragging on ragweed

A field of ragweed at the Dominion Gardens Park is causing rage among some local residents who want the Town to deal with it. Construction of the playground and splash pad stalled this summer and Manager of Parks Warren Harris said staff met with the contractor yesterday to draw up a definitive schedule for completion.

Photo by Ted Brown

I'll be wondering, too

We hear it on the news everyday, but I sometimes fear it goes in one ear and out the other.

I'm talking about news out of Afghanistan, and more specifically, the work our Canadian forces are doing while stationed in the Kandahar area, where the Canadian Forces Base is located.

I've been as guilty as the next, half-listening to the reports, but not really taking it in.

That is, until last week.

Last Wednesday I spent some time interviewing Brad Johnston and his mom Darlene, as he prepared to leave yesterday (Thursday) for an eight-month tour of duty in Afghanistan. The story appears on front page in this paper.

Brad, or Private Johnston as he is officially called by his superiors, is a quiet guy, and carefully chose his words as I interviewed him.

He talked of his upcoming tour with a certain amount of excitement, and at the same time, admitted to being a bit nervous about what he was heading into.

"It's those unknowns," he said, "Not knowing what is waiting for us when we get there."

In a country where terrorism is almost a way of life, I can appreciate how he's concerned about those 'unknowns'. Reading accounts and interviews with soldiers in the field, the common denominator seems to be adopting a 'trust no one' approach. The most harmless looking person or situation could ultimately be lethal.

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At the same time he talked of being nervous, Brad also exuded a confidence that was almost comforting. He's been well-trained for this job, he knows what his limits and his training can withstand, and he's probably very good at what he does.

He wasn't cocky or arrogant, instead he was simply matter-of-fact confident—a very calm and effective way to be.

He spoke of his training in Technical Combat Casualty Care, a system of pre-hospital trauma care for troops who have been wounded in the field. That training has repeatedly been the difference between life and death for some soldiers.

Often, members of the Afghan security forces, who have been wounded, have died in the field, simply from a lack of casualty training.

Brad has also been trained in remote weapon systems and heavy machine gun training.

Translation: Brad knows which end of the weapon to stand on to be

most effective at protecting the OC (Officer Commanding), as well as himself, in the line of fire.

Another important training he, like every other Canadian soldier in the world has had, is sleep deprivation training, operating for hours (and days) at a time, without sleep.

With that training, a soldier knows his body's limits, and can protect himself accordingly.

Brad is one of 2,500 Canadian soldiers with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who left CFB Trenton yesterday, to face those 'unknowns' in Afghanistan.

They are made up of Canadians from all parts of this country, and all are like Brad, finely-tuned professionals who have the best training in the world to live up to their reputation as the finest peacekeepers and teachers, doing their bit to make this world a safer place.

Sadly, there's a possibility some of those 2,500 might not come home next April. When a soldier enters a country, there's always a risk that someone could get hurt—or killed.

Brad's mom Darlene knows that, and admitted that from now on, when she hears a report of an 'incident' in Afghanistan, she'll be the first to wonder, 'Is that my son? Is he okay?'

And after meeting and interviewing Brad, I know one thing for sure.

I'll be wondering too.

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Ms. Hope Knight and Jeffrey D. Knight, are please to announce the engagement of their daughter

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to

MICHAEL LYMER

(both of Toronto)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lymer.

Marriage to be held in July 2009

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Congratulations
Laura Willis, LL.B.
on being called to the bar, August 8, 2008.

A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, Laura is continuing her law career at Macleod Dixon, LLP in Calgary.

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Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee PROPOSED Terms of Reference

The Province responded to the contaminated Walkerton water supply incident by establishing the Clean Water Act, 2006 and creating the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee and other similar committees throughout Ontario. The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee is required to develop a Terms of Reference which guides the work to be done for its Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan and includes a work plan and budget. The Terms of Reference must be completed by October 20, 2008 as required by regulation under the Clean Water Act, 2006.

As of Wednesday, August 20, you may view a copy of the Proposed Terms of Reference at the Conservation Halton Administration Office at 2596 Britannia Road West, Milton, or the Hamilton Conservation Authority Main Office at 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster. Copies of the document will also be available at municipal offices within Halton-Hamilton.

The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Authority is inviting the public to comment on the Proposed Terms of Reference starting Friday, September 5. Written comments must be submitted by Monday, October 6, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. and may be sent by mail, fax, e-mail or dropped off in person. Please send comments to:

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2596 Britannia Road West
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The Proposed Terms of Reference is also available online at www.protectingwater.ca. Please click on the Source Protection Committee tab to download.

For more information please contact Mark Thompson, Project Manager, Source Water Protection, at 905-854-9229 ext. 223 or mthompson@hrca.on.ca

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