

OMB gives approval for school, equestrian centre

Plans for the Keswick Sutherland private elementary school and equestrian centre east of Ballinafad have been given the green light by the Ontario Municipal Board, despite objections from area residents and Town and Regional Councils that raised concerns about additional traffic, proper land use and possible impact on local water.

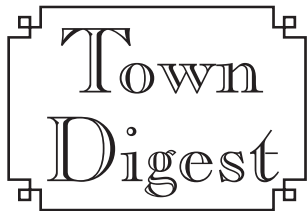
Town and Regional planners approved the proposal, saying it was good planning and conformed with the Greenbelt Plan and the Halton and Halton Hills Official Plans. The OMB agreed, ruling that the proposal is an institutional use and meets the criteria for an approved secondary use in a rural area.

The proponents hope to begin construction as soon as possible after their four-year battle to get approval.

Hogweed alert

A dangerous plant that can cause serious skin problems has lead the Town to issue a warning for people not to touch it.

Hogweed looks like a giant Queen Anne's Lace, but in fact is very dangerous and is a public health hazard. It has been found in the Third Line area between the 10th and 15th Sideroads.



If you find Hogweed, don't touch it and keep children and pets away from it. It is best to call a professional to remove it, but if you want to do it yourself, wear gloves, glasses and protective clothing and put it in a garbage bag and let it sit for several weeks.

Hogweed, an invasive species from Asia, looks like native cow parsnip but is much larger with shorter hairs on the bottom side of leaves. It can

grow between 10 and 15 feet high.

Clear watery sap from the Hogweed can cause photo-dermatitis with large painful blisters.

Halton jobs

Thanks to \$208,902 in provincial funding, Halton Region will be able to provide more job training to local residents.

Funding for the Regional Labour Market Partnership will allow Halton to research, develop and implement strategies for small and medium-sized employers to provide training and development opportunities to existing and new workers.

Prescription fraud

On Monday, June 22, 2009 in the early afternoon, Shoppers Drug Mart on Towers Street, Fergus, received a fax for a prescription of a quantity of Oxycontin and Clonazepam pills. This fax indicated that it was from a doctor with the Trellis Mental Health Clinic in Guelph.

The prescription was filled and picked up by a female later that day.

Later checks by the drug mart staff found that the prescription was false and not sent by the mental health clinic. A call was then placed to the County of Wellington OPP to investigate.

On Wednesday, July 29 the accused was located at her residence in Guelph and arrested. The 28-year-old woman faces charges of fraud under \$5000.00 and breach of probation under the Criminal Code of Canada. She appeared in Guelph court on July 30, 2009 for a bail hearing.

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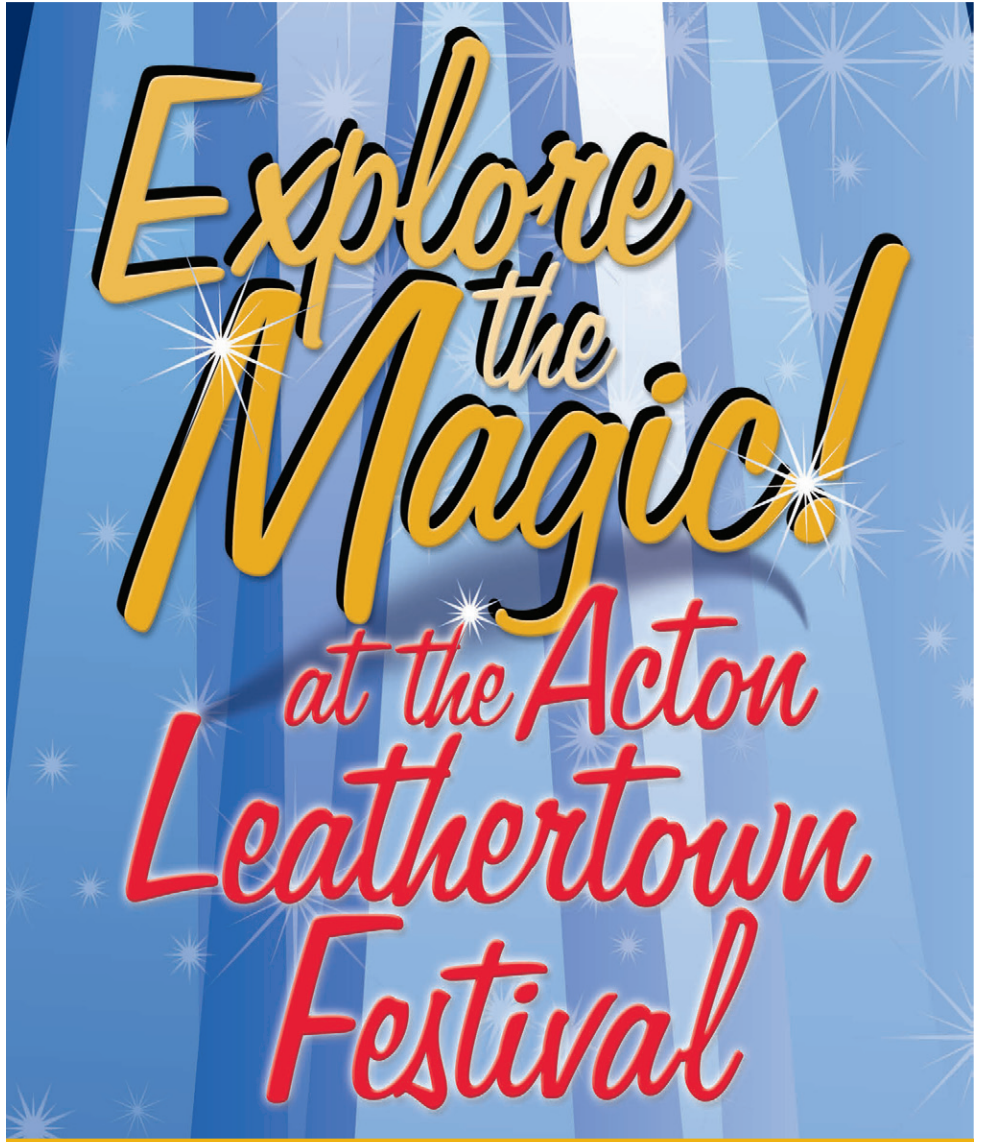
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