



The Bergsma Family celebrates 20 years of decorating service. (From left to right) Arlene, Yvonne, Shirley (Back row) Jeff, Doreen, George. Missing from photo is son Peter.



Twenty years of decorating service

The Bergsma family is blowing out candles this month in Georgetown and Milton. They have been in the business of decorating homes for 20 years.

Their very first grand opening was May 1968 when George Bergsma began in a small side street location in Georgetown. The business later moved to a Main St. location and then, seven years ago, to the Georgetown Market Place.

Jeff Bergsma opened Bergsma's Paint and Wallpaper in 1985 in a small store at 359 Main St. In 1986 the business moved to the new plaza at Carriage Square where the floor space tripled.

The business is a family run operation in the truest sense of the word. George and Shirley started back in 1968. Eldest son Jeff is manager at Milton, sister Arlene is full-time bookkeeper, secretary and clerk. Youngest son Peter is the acknowledged handyman and younger daughters Yvonne and Doreen also help out.

Jeff says, "We all grew up together in paint and wallpaper. When Mom and Dad got sick of me crawling around the store they shoved me in a wallpaper box!" Arlene agrees, "Working in the store is something I always remember. Being with it all my life, I've become a part of it."

"The backbone of our business is service, service, service," explains Jeff. "We have to have an answer for all your questions. If I don't know, I'll find out. To satisfy the customer is our goal because we want them back!"

After only 3 years of operation in Milton, Jeff Bergsma feels very at home with the community of Milton. He enjoys the interaction with the public, expanding this relationship to include participation in Junior Achievement and the Showcase Core Committee.

The Bergsma Family looks forward to continued service in the home decorating field.

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Brick Work's plans revealed

Councillor Brian Penman wants to know exactly what Canada Brick plans to build next to the Niagara Escarpment.

The brick company's former plant shut down years ago and the abandoned structure was gutted by fire. But Canada Brick plans to resurrect operations just north of Main St. on Tremaine Rd.

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To that end, they are holding an open house at Our Lady of Victory school May 25 and 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. Mr. Penman asked that town staff attend.

"It's critical we be aware of it," Mr. Penman said.

The councillor pointed out that the company is involved in "an extractive process" (clay quarry) at the foot of the Niagara Escarpment.

The provincial Progressive Conservative party may be third in seats at the Ontario legislature, but they're not taking a back seat to anyone in aggressive mail campaigns.

Twice in the past month, the PCs have knocked the governing Liberals, once in the regular mail, once in the electronic mail.

A Fax transmission from party leader Andy Brandt put the knock on the big red machine, and more specifically local members Barb Sullivan and Walt Elliot, for voting with the new Ontario tax-raising budget.

This week at town council the Tories supplied a critique of Sunday shopping, complete with minutes of the parliamentary debate. They also supplied a list of Liberal members and how they voted on the issue (most anyway, neither local member was included).

As well, they added a news release calling on the government to have the House sit on weekends through May so politicians will get the feel of working on Sundays.

The Tories touched a local nerve by calling for communities to request local meetings on the matter. Milton did just that, with Mayor Gord Krantz breaking a tie vote.

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