

DATELINE

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Monday Mar. 21

The Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group meets at the Milton Children and Youth Centre, 917 Nipissing Rd., from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Glenn Mitges, child and family counsellor, discusses understanding and managing the behaviour of children with the disorder. To reserve a space, call 876-1244.

The Milton and District Horticultural Society meets at Hugh Foster Hall at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker is John Emmons, who discusses clematis and vines. Everyone is welcome.

A meeting on the Lowville Project, a rural, non-profit supportive housing community being planned by a group of seniors and empty-nesters, takes place at Lowville United Church (Guelph Line and Britannia Road) at 2 p.m. For more information, call 335-2203.

Halton Junior Farmers holds a volleyball night at W.I. Dick Middle School from 8:30 to 10 p.m. People between the ages of 15 and 29 years are invited to attend. Call Andrew or Elizabeth Wilson at 878-2418 for more information.

Tuesday Mar. 22

The Halton Vaginal Birth After Caesarean/Caesarean Prevention (VBAC/CP) Group meets to provide information and support to interested parents. The meeting takes place in Oakville at 8 p.m. For more information and directions, call 842-3385 or 854-2623.

The Halton Plowmens Association's annual euchre takes place at Boyne Community Centre at 8 p.m. Lunch is provided. The event includes prizes, draws and a silent auction. Admission costs \$2.50. Everyone is welcome.

The Halton Child Care Providers Association, Milton chapter, holds a coffee and dessert meeting at the Milton Children and Youth Centre (Nipissing and Thompson roads) at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call 825-5309.

The Milton Toastmasters meets in the board room of the Milton Leisure Centre at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Kay Wynne at 878-3009.

Wednesday Mar. 23

Questions about the speech, language, behaviour, learning and motor skills of children under five years of age are answered at a free consultation and screening clinic. Hosted by CHERISH Parent-Child Centre, the clinic takes place at Nasagaweya Community Centre on Guelph Line in Brookville from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call Sue McCormack at 876-4365.

Ladies are invited to attend a neighbourhood coffee hour in the Allendale auditorium, 125 Ontario St., at 9:30 a.m. The special feature is "Back Talk — Be Kind to Your Spine" by Dr. Angelika Koeth. Debbie Wach is the guest speaker. Free admission. Babysitting provided.

The Milton Toastmasters holds its lunchtime meeting in the board room of the Milton Leisure Centre from noon to 1 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch. For more information, contact Kay Wynne at 878-3009.

Thursday Mar. 24

The Halton Region Safety Council invites the public to its meeting at the Milton Leisure Centre at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Sue Robertson at 878-8568.

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a foot care clinic at Milton Community and Information Services in the Optimist Centre from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15. For further information or an appointment, call 875-INFO (4636).

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New federal ridings cause concern

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"I don't see the point. I liked the way it was. We had a chance of change things in Oakville," said Mr. Shillington. "This allows the old-core Oakvillians to protect the status quo."

Since the boundaries are based on population, Mr. Shillington wondered whether the Commission would turn around and downsize again if a few major industries packed up and left and took their employees with them.

Mr. Shillington said the changes will force local political parties to sever existing ties — such as those between Oakville and Milton — and establish new riding associations and bureaucracies. The new MP for Halton Centre, for example, may even have to set up more than one constituency office in order to deal with the expansive geography of the riding.

"But will we be served any better?" he asked.

Richard Malboeuf, a Milton resident who ran for the Reform Party in the last federal election, agrees restructuring is needed, but said he has "mixed feelings" about the end result.

"Government is too big now," said Mr. Malboeuf. "The restructuring would add MPs to an already inflated House of Commons."

As for whether several constituency offices will materialize in the large Halton Centre, Mr. Malboeuf said Milton residents are used to being under-represented. After all, he said, former Oakville-Milton MP Otto Jelinek never set up an office in the north during his entire career and so far neither has current Liberal MP Bonnie Brown.

Having been through this process once before, Ms Brown said she's optimistic about changing the proposed boundaries, which she characterized as "ridiculous."

In 1983 the Commission originally proposed a riding which encompassed parts of Oakville as well as Burlington to the west and Mississauga to the east. As president of the local Liberal association at the time, Ms Brown thought it ludicrous to cross regional or even municipal borders and made a case — as did other parties — to push north. The result was the current Oakville-Milton riding.

"I've been through that experience so I'm not terribly upset with the first draft," said Ms Brown, who doesn't like the Upper Middle Road limit one bit.

Still, she plans to meet with representatives from the different area riding associations and the chief electoral officer to see if a consensus can be reached and a united presentation made to the Commission.

In the meantime, Ms Brown said she will speak to her fellow MP's, many of whom are not happy with the new boundaries either.

Like the NDP's Gary Shillington, Ms Brown is concerned this may not be the appropriate time to add seats and incur the costs associated with four more MP's.

If the Commission did the unlikely and decided to forego any changes, however, the status quo would remain unfair to those members who currently represent huge geographic ridings.

"We need to address glaring areas where reform needs to be made but decide whether it needs to be done everywhere," she said.

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