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Smaller crowds than expected turned out for Milton Showcase on the weekend. Those who made it, however, appeared to have had a good time. At left, 10-year-old Lindsay Lucas dressed as a pig for the Pig Tales Children's Book exhibit. Meanwhile, Bruce Hood (centre) hammed it up at his booth. Joanna Geiser (right) had a little fun at her fiancée's (Kerry Tilson) expense at the Vacuum Store display. See story below. Photos by Graham Paine

Small crowds

Opinions split on Milton Showcase

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

The weekend's Milton Showcase was a positive experience for some vendors, but not such a good one for others.

Some said they were disappointed with the lack of attendance at the Memorial Arena event.

"I don't think it met people's expectations," said participant Bert Andrews, operator of Andrews Scenic Acres.

He said he didn't think the weekend's beautiful weather kept people away, but he wasn't sure specifically what did.

On the other hand, Ries Boers, owner of Bill's Auto Body, said the modest crowds worked to his advantage. He said people stopped to talk — something they might not have done if it was packed.

"I'm glad that I was in it," he noted. Ward 2 Councillor John Challinor, who manned the Town of Milton booth, said crowds were steady Friday night and Saturday, but slower on Sunday.

The three-day show hosted by the Milton Chamber of Commerce included more than 100 exhibits set up by businesses of all types, as well as several community agencies.

The event was family-oriented with

entertainment, activities and food. Friday night featured a fireworks display, put on by Wallace Pontiac Buick Cadillac, which Mr. Challinor called "excellent."

A live elephant, sponsored by

Hutchinson, Thompson, Henderson & Mott and Karmax Heavy Stamping, was the main attraction Saturday.

Jacqui Peake of Corporate Events Management Inc., which helped organize the show, didn't want to release

attendance numbers without the authorization of Chamber general manager Sandy Martin.

Ms Martin is on vacation and could not be reached. No one else from the organization wished to comment.

Two-car crash claims Moffat couple

A two-car crash Sunday claimed the lives of a Moffat couple.

Michael Mains, 32, and Darlene Lamb, 33, both of RR1 Moffat, were killed when their 1991 Chevrolet Camaro was struck by a 1985 Ford pick-up truck at the intersection of No. 15 Sideroad and First Line.

The couple was travelling westbound on No. 15 Sideroad and the truck, operated by a 17-year-old Burlington youth, was southbound when the crash occurred.

"The impact sent the Camaro across the intersection (and) into a hydro pole on the southwest corner," said Halton Regional Police spokesperson Sgt. Joe Martin.

"Both vehicles were extensively damaged."

The intersection is controlled by a stop sign for north and southbound First Line traffic.

Mr. Mains, who was driving the Camaro, was taken to Milton District Hospital but died about two-and-a-half hours later. Ms Lamb was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the truck was transported to hospital with a broken leg and collar bone.

The accident isn't believed to be alcohol-related, Sgt. Martin said.

An investigation is continuing by the Regional Traffic Unit. At press time, no charges had been laid.

See story below

Emergency safety meeting may be called

An emergency meeting of a Nassagaweya citizens' group may be called to address traffic safety concerns following Sunday's tragic crash, which killed a Moffat couple.

An area resident appeared at Monday night's town council meeting with concerns that the intersection of First Line and No. 15 Sideroad is unsafe.

He suggested a four-way stop sys-

tem replace the current north and south two-way stop on First Line.

"The people who live there should have control of the signs, not the people who speed by at 80 km/h," said Larry Jacobs of First Line.

Council decided to send the concern to the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee, which will review the issue. The committee looks into local policing and safety-related

concerns expressed by citizens.

Ward 3 Councillor Marion Howard, who is a member of the committee, said, however, that the group doesn't normally meet in the summer.

"I think that's too long" to let this thing to," she noted.

She said an emergency meeting may be called, a move she plans to discuss with Steve Wood of Campbellville, the committee's chairperson.

NEWSLINES

Adult learning centre to open

The Halton Roman Catholic School board plans to open an adult learning centre to serve the entire region from an Oakville base in September.

The facility will contain two computer labs, a science lab and a child-minding area, according to a board release. Adults will be able to take credit courses toward their high school diplomas through either teacher instruction or independent learning.

Sheridan College will share space with the board in the facility. Unemployment insurance recipients eligible for computer training will have access to programs funded by the Canada Employment Centre.

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