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Cat rescuer handed a lifetime ban

by Lisa Tallyn
Metroland Media South

The founder of a cat rescue and adoption facility must do community service and is banned for life from owning or caring for animals after 117 cats — including 10 dead ones — were found in her home last September.

Halton Hills resident Ruth Nacsee **Ban on p.10**



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Bennett Desmarais, 11, digs into his meatball pasta dinner as students from Iroquois Ridge High School's Interact Club, a youth extension of the Rotary service club, hosted a pasta fundraising night. Proceeds will support Plan Canada Gifts of Hope Foundation. The event, which also included live music, was held at Munn's United Church.

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Saying thanks to Halton's first responders

Emergency Preparedness Week

by David Lea
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Members of the Halton police, Oakville Fire Department and Halton Paramedic Services came together at the Halton Region Centre Thursday to celebrate the inaugural First Responders Day as an early kickoff to Emergency Preparedness Week (May 4-10).

As people paused to appreciate the work carried out by emergency services personnel, officials said they cannot do it alone and called on the public to keep the three 'P's in mind when it comes to emergency preparedness — Prevent. Protect. Prepare.

"I'd like to thank Halton's first responders for their ongoing commitment to community safety and for keeping Halton Region the safest community in Canada," said Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"As a community, we can make a difference, too, by preventing harm, protecting each other, and being prepared for emergencies."

Carr said the three 'P's stress the actions residents can take to keep Halton safe. Prevention includes simple deeds, such as making a fire safety plan and ensuring smoke detectors are working.

Protection stresses thinking ahead, such as stopping at a red light and not using a mobile device while driving.

Preparedness is about being ready for emergencies, no matter the scenario.

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