Residents report brush with wolves in area; covotes experts say

Wolves sighted in the Terra Colla area in the last two weeks are likely "brush walves", or country, according to information received from the University of

Ingrid Zorge said she spotted a male and female wolf on Sheridan Nurseries property in the Tenth Line area. She said they were the size of German Shepherd dogs and bigger than t'oyotes

Workers at Sheridan Nurseries said they spotted two wolves there three weeks

Residents of Erin township have also claimed to have shot two timber waives in the 17 Sideroad, Fourth Line district. Six others were reported sighted in another part of the township.

The two animals shot were apparently the result of a hunt by a farmer annoyed because four of his sheep had been killed by the predators. Experienced hunters, they claimed the animals were "timber" not "brush" wolves.

However, University of Guelph Wildlife experts doubt there could be timber wolves in this area. They point out coyotes or brush wolves kill sheep and timber wolves range mainly in the west where game is larger. Wolves differ from coyotes in their wider-nosepad and usually are longer and heavier in build. The jaw bone must be measured to accurately identify the animals.

While running real wolves usually

carry the tail high whereas coyotes carry

the tall below the level of the back. Prior to 1900 the brush well, or covote, was restricted in Unturio to a triangle extending northward from Lake Nipigon to the Manitoba border. Since that time the species has extended its range throughout

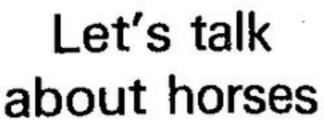
Coyotes require woodlots for sufficient cover in Southern Ontario. They are shy creatures and thus are rarely observed by people. Breeding takes place in February and after 60 to 63 days the litter averaging five to seven pups is born.

Coyotes how! but in built-up areas they seem to have suppressed that tendency. The sound has been rated second only to the timber wolf and toon for inducing nostalgia in nature lovers, University people say.

The major food items of covotes are rodents (mice, groundhogs, rabbits and small birds) and even sheep raising country studies have shown less than 10 percent of the food selected was sheep. Not all coyotes kill sheep and predation usually takes place because the animals are vulnerable. Free ranging sheep are more vulnerable than fenced sheep.

As a component of a natural system the covote also has a role to play in nature, and university people point out it could go the way of the cougar, bobcat and timber wolf in this area if they are shot at random.

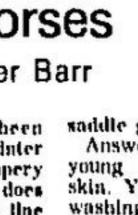
People are not endangered by "brush"



by Jennifer Barr

ride him again. What should I

to worry.



Question: I've been langeing my horse this winter because it's been too slippery to ride him. However, he does a lot of bucking on the line and I don't know how to make him stop. I'm afraid he'll get in the habit and buck when I

Answer: Most horses will throw a buck or two when they are first out, this is not to he worried about. It's when he backs continually you start

Put him out for a free run before you work him. See if this lets off some of his steam. When he wants to play or buck on the lunge-line, keep him moving forward at a good pace. A horse can't buck when he's at an extended trot. As soon as he starts to drop his nose and bunch his quarters for a buck, flip the lunge rein. This sends a ripple

fective. When he has performed well and is going quietly, conclude the lungeling period. Don't overdo the lesson or you will sieken him.

That's my motto--"quit white you're ahead,"

course-due to rubbing of the tion.

Your girth must be clean offered in Halton.

behind the elbow. Stretch the most of its recommendations request for \$2,500 from the horse's front legs forward after girthing to release any tucked up skin. This is a must for any horse, under any saddle, any time.

Please send letters to: Jenuffer Barr, R.R. 2, Acton; down the line and smacks the or the Acton Free Press. horse on the nose. Most ef-

Local men

The board of directors of the Ontario Limousin Association was expanded

As a result of the expan-Question: My four year old sion, five directors were gelding suffers from girth elected at the meeting; Dengalls, particularly in the nis Cluley, R.R. 1, Kincarsummer. How do I get rid of dine; Laurie, Stanton, flyde them? (Note: girth galls are Park; Peter Richards, Rock-Irietion sores behind the wood; Wilfrid Rogers, Orton; elbow-on the horse, of Angus Campbell, Iona Sta-

Region recommends grants The CVAII got a boost with Hamilton Philharmonic A total of \$108,955 in grants approved by Halton Regional a \$20,000 grant. The grant is Council will assist the Credit to be paid over two years and

Handleapped in building a granting \$30,000. treatment centre for han-Support dicapped children, sponsor a Answer: A great many brochure being promoted by young horses have tender pollution control groups to the skin. You can harden it by region, offset the budgets of washing the area daily with Halton agricultural groups rubbing alcohol or sait and and assist a host of other services and programs being

and seat-free at all times and The Region's Finance and very soft. It is possible to Administration Committee Fire Prevention Committee, purchase or make sheepskin held a special session Friday \$2,000; Burlington Youth lubing to slip over the girth. to make recommendations on This is nurvelous as galling which groups should and should not receive public If you have an English support at the regional level saddle, try a cut-back girth. The matter was handled Agricultural groups, \$6,000; Make sure you place the without the emotion that has Halton Federation of saddle well back from the been evident in recent years Agriculture, \$3,475; Grace withers and have the girth and the committee was House Inc., Onkville, \$2,560; situated several inches unanimous or close to it in Carbage Coalition, \$1,000. A

Valley Association for the is subject to Peel Region

Others being recommended for support Include: Lorne Scots Regiment, \$2,000; Salvation Army, \$2,300; Victorian Order of Nurses, \$7,500; Multiple Scleronia Society, \$2,000; Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$1,500; Halton Region Residences, \$3,600; Community Youth Programs (Onkville), \$2,000; flalton Helping Hands, \$8,000;

Orchestra was denied.

Recommended grants Include Burlington and District Association for the Mentally Retarded, \$9,600; Oakville Association for the Mentally Retarded, \$9,000 and the North Halton Association for the Mentally

Retarded, \$6,300. The committee recommended the Ningara and Mid Western Ontario Travel financial assistance from the

There was considerable confusion concerning a grant remest from Hallon Plowmen's Association. The plowmen requested a grant of \$9,000 to set up a scholarship fund. The committee agreed not to recommend that grant. The confusion crept Into the picture when the plowmen's spokesman, Jack Taylor, indicated the plowmen had paid bills for the regional exhibit at the International

Plowing Match that should

have been paid by the region.

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Visits, accident news

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie attended the 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkwood at the Masonic Temple at

Georgetown. A very enjoyable gathering was held on Sunday afternoon Seminar for valuators at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton when all their family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamilton and children, Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and Stephanie of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton, also Mr. Robert McEachern of Orton and Mr. Ross Carroll of London enjoyed a St. Patrick's birthday dinner in honor of their mother, Mrs. Hamilton.

Holiday Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie arrived home after enjoying a three weeks' holiday in Puerto Vallarto in

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McDonald and little Craig of Caledon visited on the weekend with his mother Mrs. W. J. McDonald in

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eveleigh of Fergus and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cameron of Brantford visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and children.

Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson had the misfortune to fall on his shoulder, breaking his right arm close to the shoulder. He is plucky and attending school, using his left when · We are sorry to report writing.

Two Eramosa residents will attend the Valuators' Seminar sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources to be held at Cambridge on March 20.

The seminar will deal largely on learning to identify the predation on livestock by wolves and predator control.

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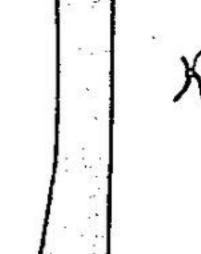


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For further information contact Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food, 181 Main St., Milton (878-2314).

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