

ABOUT THE HILLS

Seven natural wonders

Local lovers of the showy and distinctive orchid will be pleased to learn seven species of the orchid are growing in Ballinacree.

In the evergreen swamp area of Scotsdale Farm grow the Showy Lady's-slipper, the Yellow Lady's-slipper, the Blunt Leaf orchid, the Tall Northern Bog orchid, the White Adder's mouth, the Early Coral-root and the Helleborine.

These species are growing on the south-western part of Scotsdale Farm on either side of Trafalgar Road.

The swamp area where they grow is very delicate and cannot bear trampling. A recent study for the Ontario Heritage Foundation suggests a boardwalk be built there to allow nature walks that wouldn't disturb the fauna.

Free parenting course

Should or shouldn't the region be charging for prenatal classes?

The Ministry of Health wants the \$20 fee charged by Halton eliminated.

"The Ministry of Health staff are using the big stick approach ... saying, we're paying 75 per cent of it," Chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin said.

Since 1982, Halton's been charging couples \$20 for these classes.

Regional staff are discussing the question of a fee and will be reporting back on the implications of losing this revenue from the program April 24.

Halton dental awareness

The Halton-Peel Dental Association is joining in to help promote National Dental Health Month in April.

The month will mark the launch of a Dental Awareness Program, an ambitious two year campaign designed to focus public attention on the importance of dental health.

In Meadowvale, Milton and Bramalea malls will be holding special booth displays and will participate in a toothbrush exchange.

For more information call 877-7232.

Wham's peace walk

WHAM (Women of Halton Action Movement) is holding a Mother's Day Peace walk and you're welcome to find out more about it at their April 25 meeting.

The location is White Oaks Library, 70 McCraney Street in Oakville starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 844-3901.

\$2.4 million for roads

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications is allotting Halton region \$2.4 million for road construction, maintenance and traffic signalization.

As well, another \$600,000 is being tacked on to cover deficiencies in the existing road system.

Big stick approach

Is your teen driving you nuts? Burlington Youth Residences is offering a free parenting course for parents of teens in Georgetown.

This course runs for eight weeks, beginning April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

It will be focusing on understanding adolescence, communication skills, teen behavior and relationship building.

For more information, or to register, contact Kristen Bulmer at 877-1090.

Drugs in the family

Peter Marks of the Addiction Research Foundation will be speaking at St. John's United Church on Guelph Street April 23 at 8 p.m.

His topic is alcohol and drugs in the family. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will follow the talk. The speaker is sponsored by the TRIS group at St. John's United Church.

Student exchange

Interculture Canada is offering families and youth the chance to share their culture with others.

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HOSPITAL NURSERY BOOST

The Theta Phi Sorority in Acton raised money recently to buy four nursery sets of tables and chairs for the Guelph General Hospital. Seen here trying out the new toys and furniture are (back row) adults Janis Fread, Joan Harrison, (middle row) Matthew Hall, Andrew Watson, (front) Nicholas Fread and Gavin Hall.

IGA starts program to help protect kids

Herald Special IGA stores are launching a free child fingerprinting and identification program supported by the ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario, in response to parental concern over the recent disappearance and murder of a small child in York County.

The program, called "Child Alert", will be advertised and carried out April 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1 between 2 p.m. and closing in 143 IGA stores in south-central Ontario.

Parents who bring their children to the stores will be given a Child Alert booklet in which the fingerprints may be stamped, using the same ink strips which Canadian police use in official fingerprinting.

The booklet also contains space for a photo of the child, description data (and how to update), and a list of do's and don'ts to help "street-proof" children.

Although similar limited programs have been conducted by service organizations recently, the IGA-Food City campaign will be the first massive undertaking of its kind in Ontario.

Co-operation and guidance have been provided by Provincial and municipal police forces in drawing up the program. An identification booklet containing fingerprints, photo and information relating to the sex, age, height and weight could substantially assist police in launching a search for a missing child. The booklet is retained by the child's parents.

In endorsing the program, officials of the Solicitor General's Department said it supports their own crime-proofing campaign.

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Angela in top three

Stewarttown Senior School's Angela Andrews, 14, placed in the top three category at the third annual Halton Region Science Fair, March 28.

Angela entered the regional fair after winning a science fair at Stewarttown. The Grade 8 student based her experiment on the effects of sulphur on sealed crops and soil.

E.C. Drury in Milton hosted the event for which the three top winners were selected but not ranked first, second or third.

Angela received a "Life Science Award" for her efforts against other Grade 8 students across the region.

Laura Warren and Kim Burrill received "Behavioural Science" awards for their experiment on human reflexes.

The Georgetown District High School students were participants in the Grade 9 and 10 category.

Tina Newman also from GDHS placed in the top three winners in the same category for her memory exhibit.

Laura, Kim and Tina represented Georgetown at the Hamilton District Science Fair last week for a shot at the Canada-wide science fair in Vancouver.



Laura Warren and Kim Burrill were among the top three competitors and received a "Behaviour Science Award" at the Halton Region Science Fair held at E.C. Drury school in Milton, March 28. The Georgetown District High School students, who entered in the grade nine and ten division, found through their experiment that reflexes are best in the morning, in silence and in the light.

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