

In the hills

Fire prevention starts at home

Fire prevention starts at home. All it takes is some time to read up on safety precautions that can be taken by tenants and homeowners.

To facilitate this, the Halton Hills Fire Department has put together a comprehensive fire prevention guide for local residents. This booklet is being distributed through The Herald in this week's edition.

In their introductory remarks, Fire Chief Bill Cunningham and Mayor Russ Miller urge you to read the valuable information inside.

Hallowe'en peanuts

Every year, without fail, September brings the beginning of school, the beginning of fall and the start of the Kidney Foundation's Peanut Campaign.

Last year this campaign was a huge success. We sold out! Ordered is a larger supply this year, but when a volunteer calls, act quickly - these peanuts are very popular.

Large bags, containing 18 packets of peanuts are selling for \$2.

They make great lunchbox additions, Hallowe'en treats and are handy to have around when the munchies strike.

The monies go to research into kidney disorders and disease.

To order or to do volunteer selling call 877-3471 or 877-7576.

Wrestling king

Arm wrestler Bee Uddin, 31, has a chance to go to Las Vegas.

Although the cost accountant for Varian Canada Inc. knows his numbers, he won't be there to play the casinos.

The Georgetown resident has been invited to attend the world arm-wrestling championships in Las Vegas Oct. 11. He earned the right to go by placing within the top 16 arm wrestlers at the Canadian championships held July 31 at Sherway Gardens in Toronto.

But Bee needs help with a sponsor for the trip. Although the trip is subsidized by the world professional arm wrestling association, there still remains some expenses to pay.

If Bee can't find a sponsor he might not be able to make the trip. If you can help, call 877-0738.

Union's out

Smith and Stone office workers cast their ballots against their union recently.

According to the formal decision of the Ontario Labour Relations Board, the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), no longer represents the 24 member office staff at Smith and Stone.

In a vote taken Aug. 11, the majority of employees who cast ballots marked them against the union led by union representative Marg Hewitt.

Shirley Keess and Cheryl Da Ponte made the application to the Labour Relations Board to terminate the union's bargaining powers.

A three member board formally declared the union out following the representation vote.

Birthing course

Are you pregnant? Do you know how long you will breastfeed? When will you be ready to go to the hospital? How will you achieve the most positive birth for you and your baby?

Questions like these and more will be answered for you in the YMCA's new prenatal education course.

Beginning Oct. 15, this 8-week course will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 at the Georgetown Y.

Taught by a certified International Childbirth Education Association teacher, it will offer enjoyable, informative discussions and up-to-date birthing films. The fee is \$45 a couple.

WHAM meeting

Meetings of Women of Halton Action Movement (W.H.A.M.) are held on the first Thursday of every month at the YWCA-YMCA, 410 Rebecca Street, Oakville, 7:30 p.m. A presentation of the brief to the provincial government task force on the implementation of midwifery in Ontario, a discussion of WHAM's amendments to the federal government's proposed pornography legislation are some of the issues to be addressed at the Oct. 2 meeting. Anyone interested is welcome. For further information, contact Karyn Burney, 844-3901.

Correction

A photo on page A1 of the Sept. 24 Herald incorrectly identified the winner of the Miss Acton Fall Fair contest, Stacy Hillier, 16, defeated 14 other girls Sept. 19 for the crown. Lois Grandy, 17, of RR2 Rockwood was first runner-up and Lori-Lynn Fountain, 17, finished the pageant as second runner-up.

Agreement forest hunt ban

A total ban on hunting and the discharge of firearms in the Coulson Tract Halton Agreement Forest was approved by Halton Region's planning and public works committee last week.

Regional councillors also banned hunting and the discharge of firearms in all other Halton Agreement Forests tracts except for archery and shotgun hunting from Thanksgiving Day to Dec. 31.

This changes the first recommendation of the Halton Task Force on Hunting, a task force set up in January by the Region to review the ban on hunting and the discharge of firearms in Halton's Agreement Forests.

It was Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeiwich who proposed the change. Basically, the amendment allows shotgun hunting for more than just the Ministry of Natural Resources controlled deer hunt days.

It means shotgun hunters can go after small game like squirrels, rabbits and partridges for a longer period of time than just the four or five days allocated by the Ministry for the deer hunt.

The planning and public works committee also approved 27 recommendations made by the Task Force, recommendations which are directed to the Halton Federation of Agriculture, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Halton Regional Police Force, area municipalities of the Region, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and the Region itself.

The original 28 recommendations of the Task Force were made public this summer and commented on in a July public meeting. Public comments have since been analyzed by regional staff in a 143-page document released last week.

Last Wednesday, the planning and public works committee heard the comments of Dorian Poloni of the Halton Hunters' Committee, Dennis Taylor, Murray Stephen of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, Rick Morgan of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and Craig Selby of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Fish and Wildlife Supervisor for the Ministry's Cambridge District, Mr. Selby said he highly endorsed Coun. Mulkeiwich's amendment. The endorsement was made despite his earlier statement during the meeting that there may be difficulties in having shotgun hunters sharing the forests with archery hunters.

Mr. Selby had said his concerns about the two groups being able to hunt at the same time weren't safety concerns but were concerns that one group's style of hunting may affect the other's ability to hunt. Archery

hunters camouflage themselves to blend in with the forest and their chances of catching their prey may be lessened by the presence of the orange jacketed shotgun hunters.

"The implications of the recommendation is that the hunters themselves will have to self-regulate," Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon said. She chaired the Task Force on Hunting. "The shotgun hunters and archery hunters will have to get along with each other."



Pam Sheldon

Coun. Sheldon said she didn't support Coun. Mulkeiwich's amendment and preferred to stand by the recommendation of the Task Force to allow shotgun hunting only during the Ministry of Natural Resources controlled shotgun deer hunt days.

"We're saying to the public that if you enter these properties, you do so at your own risk," Coun. Sheldon summarized.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little said the amendment will increase the intensity of use substantially. The Robertson, Britton, Mahon Turner, Frank, Conley, Finney, Elliott, Currie, Laking, Snyder, Cox, and Acton tracts.

"All I can tell you is God help you at the Christmas break," Coun. Little said, meaning the children, cross-country skiers and others who use these forests for recreational purposes.

Mr. Poloni of the Halton Hunters Committee urged the committee to give more than just the deer hunt days for shotgun hunters to go after small game.

He said small game hunting plays a large part in controlling rabies among skunks, foxes, bats and raccoons, by helping to keep their population down.

"The task force recognized the absolute necessity of culling the deer population but failed to recognize the same things are true for smaller game," Rick Morgan of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters said.

Mr. Morgan said having the deer hunt at the same time as the hunt for small game would create conflicts between the two types of hunting. A fair compromise would be to have the hunt for small game run from the first day after Thanksgiving to Jan. 31, he said.

Don't portray hunters as Rambo-like people

How emotional an issue is hunting?

According to Dorian Poloni of the Halton Hunters' Committee, hunting is a very emotional subject.

He says hunters are often depicted as "Rambo's", killers, inhumane and kill-crazy.

"Yet we are the most governed hobby that there is. We've got federal, provincial, regional, municipal (governments) and our wives regulating us," Mr. Poloni said.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said Halton's hunters don't have a problem with safety, holding a good track record as far as safety is concerned.

He said Oakville's Coun. Fred Oliver hit the nail on the head when he asked about the incidence of accidents by hunters and snowmobilers. There are more accidents and fatalities in snowmobiling.

"I've been offended numerous times through this political process," Halton Hills Coun. and Halton Task Force on Hunting Chairman Pam Sheldon said.

"Every time a resident in the rural area comes to council with a

Unfit home sold

A Metcalfe Court home declared unfit for human habitation by the town and put up for sale "as is" has found a buyer.

Scott Mason is to be the new owner of the home at 45 Metcalfe Court.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority purchased the Georgetown home after residents complained of an erosion problem. Located atop the Silver Creek valley, the home was slowly sinking into the valley.

Rather than going to the expense of demolition and site rehabilitation, the Authority listed the home with a real estate agent to sell "as is". According to the Authority's land resources manager, great care was taken to ensure prospective buyers were aware of the problems on the site and that permits would be required to redevelop or rehabilitate it.

complaint about hunting, the word "emotional" creeps into the debate. Very rarely do you hear the word emotional about the hunters."

"However, the hunters have been just as emotional about this as the residents have," Coun. Sheldon declared.

Chairman Pomeroy acknowledged Coun. Sheldon took a lot of abuse through the entire process of coming up with a Task Force report on hunting, and said she now has a thicker skin than when she started.

Miniature village to teach safety

By SANDY CAMPBELL

Herald Staff

As soon as next month, children in Halton will be able to learn about traffic safety at the Halton Police Children's Safety Village.

The Halton Regional Police unveiled finished plans for their safety village Thursday at Regional Council Chambers in Oakville. "There are many events that stand out as milestones. This particular event today will be one of those milestones," Chief Harding said of the safety village.

"Traffic safety will continue to be taught in schools; time at the safety village will be additional instruction," Inspector Kent Laidlaw said.

The safety village will be built in Oakville on Highway 25 north of the QEW Highway on a piece of land near the Halton Regional Offices. The land was donated by Halton Region. Building begins in October and should be finished by November.

In November the first students will visit the village.

About \$125,000 of the approximate \$150,000 cost of the village has been raised already by corporate donations, said James Grieve, chairman of the Halton Regional Police Commission.

Local corporations who made donations to the village include Unilock, who donated paving stones, and Varian Associates of Canada, who made a cash donation.

On the site will be a classroom, 12



Search for the Great Pumpkin

Fields about town are starting to look golden, not just from the falling of Toronto visited a pumpkin patch weeks to Hallowe'en to grow even leaves but also because of the ripening pumpkins. Christine Medaris, 5, out the biggest pumpkin. It has four

Red Cross tests prevent AIDS - contaminated blood

By SANDY CAMPBELL

Herald Staff

The Canadian Red Cross Society has stringent and effective methods of keeping the AIDS virus out of Canada's blood supply.

That was the message of the guest speaker at the Georgetown and District Red Cross annual meeting and awards night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Monday. The speaker, Jane Buchan, is the director of operations for central Ontario blood donor recruitment.

The virus transmitted through sexual contact or the blood can not be transmitted through casual contact, Ms. Buchan said. The virus identified with AIDS is known as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Over a year ago there was a greater chance of the virus being transmitted through Canada's blood banks. Since then the Canadian Red Cross has designed methods to prevent this, she said.

Education is part of the Red Cross prevention plan. They ask homosexuals who have been active in the last seven years not to donate blood, Ms. Buchan said. People who take drugs by needle are also requested not to donate.

Donating pamphlets on AIDS are available at the blood clinics as a reminder. If a person giving blood believes he or she may be an unsafe donor they can inform the Red Cross using a confidential form. A sample of such a person's blood would be tested, Ms. Buchan said. The use of confidential forms was started in

Toronto and will soon be used across the country, she said.

Confidential forms are necessary because some people who should not be giving blood are pressured into donating by friends or fellow employees, Ms. Buchan said.

All blood that is donated goes through two tests to see if it contains the AIDS virus, called HIV. The first test is called Elisa and is really a series of three tests, Ms. Buchan said.

"There have been no cases of transfusion-related AIDS since the new testing began," Ms. Buchan said. This is not a guarantee there will not be, she said. "You will die more quickly refusing a transfusion. Blood is a medicine, a strong medicine. There are risks with any medicine you take," Ms. Buchan said.

Jane Buchan



Pass the hat

Hats in their hands, town councillors are going to the Halton Board of Education for help in building a new bridge to the Acton Public Library and the Stone School.

The wooden bridge, that currently stands, needs to be replaced, and town staff are being asked to inquire about financial help from the Board to help build a new one.

Staff have also been asked to get cost estimates on the construction of a new bridge, and a legal opinion on how to reduce the town's liability for any injuries to people using the bridge.

These requests followed discussions held behind closed doors last week by town councillors.



Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding (left) and Crime Prevention Co-ordinator Dan Okuloski are holding a model of the Halton Police Safety Village. Children will learn about traffic safety at the village which opens for visitors in Oakville November. Local Community Relations Officer Bill Phipps will be teaching traffic safety to the children of Halton Hills visiting the village. (Herald photo)