Outlook on Halton Hills

Rehab riding centre being planned

A remedial Equestrian Centre for the physically and mentally handicapped will soon open its doors on Sept. 1.

Mayberry Riding School at Steeles and Trafalgar road will offer a rehabilitation and treatment centre

servicing Halton Region. The centre called the Remedial Equestrian Centre, will provide exercise, therapy and fun to riders with disabilities like cerebral palsy, multiple scierosis, blindness, deafness, stroke, accidental injury and mental and emotional handicaps, says Thomas Remedial Equestrian Centre organizer Mavis

Each person applying to ride will be assessed by a physiotherapist in consultation with their own doctor. A program for each individual will then be established. "Using the ability of the rider, benefits are physical, psychological and social," Ms. Nichalson said.

Saturday afternoon organizers received a 28-year-old horse from a Toronto man, Joseph Bauer, as a donation to help the program get under way.

The horse had been at Ashmount Stables in Gormley for the past seven years and it has been in the handicapped program for 25 years, Ms. Nicholson said. She estimates there are 500 handicapped adults and children in this

area alone who could benefit from therapy and recreation the program The only stable offering a program for the handicapped in the Toronto area (CARD - Community Association for Riding for the

Disabled) has almost 200 riders in



Ms. Nicholson said graduates of the remedial riding Joseph Bauers and Mavis Nicholson gaze at Buster the school for disabled and emotionally handicapped people horse Mr. Bauers donated to the Thomas Remedial may be accepted into the Mayberry Riding School at the same location. (Herald photo)

Equestrian Centre at the corner of Steeles and Trafalgar Roads. The school still needs horses and volunteers to help run the centre which is slated for a Sept. 1 opening. the program now with a list of over 100 adults and students, Ms.

Nicholson said.

Mr. Bauer is a founding member of CARD and his horse is now the third horse in the Thomas Equestrian Centre, Ms. Nicholson

Organizers are still looking for four more "Bomb-proof" horses before the centre opens in September. "Bomb-proof means nothing will upset them," Ms. Nicholson said. Horses must have a calm nature to them if they are to be accepted to the school.

"We bounce balls off them and drop crutches in front of them (to test their nature)," said Ms. Riders who graduate from the Thomas Remedial Equestrian Cen-

tre can attend the Mayberry Riding School at the same location so con-tinuity can be maintained for the riders, said Ms. Nicholson. The Thomas Equestrian Centre will need six staff persons and at

least 100 volunteers to get the program running efficiently, Ms. Nicholson said. Anyone wishing to donate a horse or volunteer for the program can contact Mavis Nicholson at 877-0067

evenings or 457-7800 during business

Permission granted

Although it's after the fact, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has granted a Norval businessman permission to put crushed stones and a four inch diametre drainage pipe on Credit River floodplain.

Bill Pomeroy of the Credit River Boat Company violated a provin-cial regulation by putting the crushed stone fill and drainage pipe on his Adamson Street North property, says the Authority report.
The fill and pipe are designed to improve rear lot drainge to allow

boat storage. Authority staff have reviewed Mr. Pomeroy's application and say it shouldn't affect control of flooding. They noted no significant changes in grades occurred on the property with the addition of the

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30-31, from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Humber Valley Day Hike is a special guided walk at Kortright because it follows trails that aren't

normally open to the public.

Participants on this six-kilometre hike see different aspects of Canada's early history. The Kortright naturalist leading the group will point out the site of an ancient Huron Indian village, which is now the site of an archaeological dig, and the ruins of a pioneer homestead.

The program also features the natural heritage of the valley, including beaver dams, wildflowers, and wildlife.

The hike includes sections of uncleared trail and steep hills. However, there are frequent stops, including a break for a picnic lunch.

Tender awarded

Mann Construction Limited was awarded the tender for supply and delivery of Granular A and Granular B material for application to various sections of roadway in the rural areas Monday.

Mann's bid on the tender came in at \$36.423 - more than \$9,000 less than the next lowest bid.



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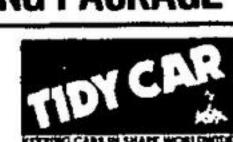
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