

Outlook on Halton Hills



The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department displayed painted and fired clay works made by young craftspeople at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre, Wednesday. Left to right are supervisor Carol Reney, clown Heather Boyd, boy/girl Dan Whiton, devil Tim Sheaff and instructor Tamara West. The theme for this group was Halloween.

Nominees being sought to receive Action Awards

The Ontario Office for Disabled Persons will honor 12 Ontario residents who are disabled or who work on behalf of disabled persons

at a presentation ceremony in November. Nominations for Community Action Awards are now being sought. Closing date is September 30, 1988.

"All recipients will have made a remarkable contribution to their community and have increased public awareness of just how much disabled persons can and do achieve," explained Minister for Disabled Persons, Remo Mancini.

Nominations may be made by individuals or community organizations. The selection committee will look for qualities of leadership and innovation in addition to contributions to society. Award recipients must be residents of Ontario.

Additional information and nomination forms are available from the Office for Disabled Persons, 16th Floor, 700 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Z6. Toll-free number 1-800-387-4456.

Company charged

The Ontario Environment Ministry has charged a Milton brake lining manufacturer with offences relating to the emission of unpleasant odors.

Distex Industries Inc., of 521 McGeachie Dr., Milton, faces five charges under section 13(1) (c) of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), which relates to being likely to cause material discomfort; one charge under section 13(1) (h) of the EPA, which relates to being likely to interfere with the normal conduct of business; and one charge under 8(1) (b) of the EPA, which relates to failing to obtain a Certificate of Approval for altering a manufacturing process.

The maximum fine for these charges under the EPA is \$50,000 per count.

A return court date has been set for 9 a.m., Aug. 18, at Milton Provincial Offences Court No. 2.

Big Sister training

Big Sister Training is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. Be a Big Sister and encourage a girl to be the best person she can be. She will benefit from your example. Karin, 878-4487; or Lois, 678-0378.

New programs add to productivity

Organizations wishing to increase productivity, lower absenteeism among staff, and improve overall job effectiveness, should look to a new, communication-oriented program sponsored by the Sheridan College Institute of Professional Education.

Initiated by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Sheridan's Multiculturalism in the Workplace programs aim to hone communication skills among management and workers in culturally diverse settings in Peel and Halton.

By doing so, communication abilities improve and result in direct benefits to the particular organization.

Programs include intercultural communication training for supervisors, managers and staff; communication skills upgrading in oral and written English; intercultural awareness training and Human Rights and Employment Equity training programs - all offered on site to employers and staff in a job-related context.

"The workforce today is so culturally diverse and the multi-lingual nature of it has altered to such an extent that there is a real need for these programs in this province," said Gail Benick, Multicultural Workplace Programs Co-ordinator.

Mrs. Benick stressed that the spin-off benefits such as improved morale, fewer health and safety problems, less staff turnover and an improved corporate image all result in better 'bottom line' results.

A wide range of services are offered in addition to the various programs. For example, orientation packages can be designed to meet the needs of the multi-lingual workforce; methods of disseminating information to employees can be improved, and specific language training programs can be designed for the particular work environment.

For more information, contact Gail Benick at 459-7533, ext. 312.

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Town council approved the patio.

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