

Outlook on Halton Hills



Local Scouts were given instruction on a number of activities at the B.P. Woodsman and First Aid Camps for senior Scouts recently at Ebor Park. Here, Scout Lee Martin is shown tips on good horsemanship by Scouter Art Cousins.

Scouts enjoy weekend outing

Highlighting the Annual B.P. Woodsman and First Aid Camps was horseback riding for the Senior Scouts of North Halton District last weekend, Oct. 21-23.

Camp was set up in the rain and the true Boy Scout spirit was maintained the whole weekend. The camp was held at Ebor Park, Blue Springs Scout Reserve, with 45 Scouts, and 24 Leaders in attendance.

Camp Chief Brian Sheppard was more than pleased with the activities and felt the Scouts gained a lot of skills to advance the Scouts to higher levels. The official opening

took place at 10 a.m. on the Saturday followed by instructions on equipment by Scouter Dave Livingston of 1st Lamehouse; Fire lighting by Ron Fuller; History of Scouting by Mark Rowe; Orienteering by Scouters Gord Hollywell and Duane Hickson, and Plant Identification by Bruce Kay.

The proper use and handling of knives and axes was discussed by Gord Hollywell and Frank Fuller gave instructions on knots and lashing.

First Year Scouts were instructed on the Outdoor Kitchen by Scouters

Hannah and Hollywell.

First Aid instructions was by Bob Balrstow and Lynn Clark for all stages.

The campfire was a huge success on Saturday evening with all groups participating with songs, skits, and cheers. Mug-up of hot chocolate was really appreciated. Scouts-own on Sunday was looked after by 1st Ashgrove.

All first year Scouts are now ready to start earning badges.

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Child care funding OK'd

Doug Carrothers, MPP Oakville South, Walt Elliot, MPP Halton North, and Barbara Sullivan, MPP Halton Centre have announced provincial funding of \$358,272 to the Regional Municipality of Halton, for 100 additional subsidized child care spaces.

The spaces are funded on a cost-sharing basis between the municipality and the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, with the ministry's share of the cost being 80 per cent. The announcement was made on behalf of the minister, John Sweeney.

"The spaces will be made available through purchase of service from licensed child care pro-

grams and licensed Private Home Day Care Agencies," said Mr. Carrothers. "The new spaces bring to a total 1,121 spaces in Halton Region for which the ministry share of funding is \$4,022,072 annually."

"It is very satisfying to see the dedicated co-operation between Mr. Sweeney's ministry and Halton in providing high quality child care to families who could not otherwise afford it," Mr. Elliot said.

"This funding will meet very serious needs for Halton families for whom child care is not only a social need but an economic one as well," Mrs. Sullivan said. "It is welcome news in our community."

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In the hills

No styrofoam

Those little styrofoam cups often seen sitting in front of coffee drinkers on Halton Regional Council will soon be missing from the big green building in Oakville.

Halton's planning and public works committee voted to ban the use of styrofoam cups Oct. 26.

The idea is to promote its own expanded recycling program and styrofoam cups are not recyclable.

Halton's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Graham Pollett said fluorocarbons present in styrofoam make them impossible to recycle.

Ornamentation

To learn how to make Christmas ornaments with Diana McDougall of "Our Place Crafts," Campbellville, come to the Acton Library Wednesday, Nov. 30 or the Georgetown Library Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Register early, as this is always a popular program and space is limited. There is a registration fee of \$2.50, plus the low cost of your kit. For more details call 853-0301 or 873-2581.

Streetproofing

Parents are invited to attend a meeting to learn about streetproofing techniques to protect their children on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at George Kennedy Public School.

The evening is sponsored by The Kennedy Connection parents' group, and features guest speaker Maureen Craighead, former president of Georgetown Street-Proofing.

Car burns

A car that went up in flames in Georgetown Wednesday evening received \$4,000 damage. Fire officials say a 1985 Ford Tempo located at 40 Byron St. caught fire due to electrical or mechanical problems.

Fire officials rushed to a Georgetown location to find an alarm had been falsely activated. Officials responded to the call around 2:40 p.m.

AIDS info

Halton Region is setting up a committee to advise politicians on how best to educate the community about the dangers of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

The AIDS Advisory Committee will "identify the needs and concerns" of Halton residents about AIDS, a report by Halton's Medical Officer of Health says.

The committee will spearhead Halton's AIDS program, which recently declared Oct. 17-23 AIDS Awareness Week.

The committee will be chaired by Oakville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jackie Cutmore.

The representative from Georgetown on the nine member committee is Donna McClure, Coordinator of the North Halton Hospice.

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