



Craft lovers and baked goods junkies take note, the North Halton Centre for Special Needs is hosting a bazaar and bake sale Oct. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Acton arena. Here preparing some of the crafts are: sitting left to right Maria Daponte and Irene Pegg. Mary Burak is in the background.

Hold off post office closings Rural Dignity group says

The federal government should place a moratorium on all Canada Post closures if the Progressive Conservatives are serious about studying the effects of selling Canada Post, Rural Dignity of Ontario says.

Liz Armstrong of Erin, spokesperson for Rural Dignity, the grassroots organization opposed to closure and privatization of rural post offices, said last week that the committee formed to review the sale of Canada Post is "no surprise" to Rural Dignity.

Privatizations and closures "have been going on for the past three years," Ms. Armstrong said Friday.

The postal review committee, headed by Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner will review the potential sale of all or parts of the crown corporation at hearings beginning

Oct. 24. Mr. Turner says the parliamentary review is a reaction to suggestions to sell Canada Post.

"If he's really serious about (the study) he should call a moratorium on the privatizations going on at the present time," Ms. Armstrong said of the MP.

Canada Post recently relocated the Limehouse General Store postal service to Vito's Market, several kilometres east of the hamlet. The Gaskill-Cadwalladers who bought the store from the former Limehouse postmistress last year opted out of a Canada Post contract they said did not pay them fairly for postal services.

Terra Cotta General Store owner Ted Rombough recently signed a 10-year contract with Canada Post for continued postal services in that community. Mr. Turner and a prominent Canada Post official

from Ottawa were involved in those negotiations.

When asked about the credibility of the committee to review Canada Post, Mr. Turner says the federal effort is genuine.

"It is not an attempt to grab headlines," he said.

Mr. Turner and other members of the committee will travel across Canada and meet with postal operators. "I'll be taking my committee basically across Canada to see how people feel about the changes."

The money for the national tour will come from the regular parliamentary budget, he said.

But Ms. Armstrong says a study of the post office and the effects of closing down outlets arrives too late for local postal services, such as the ones at Belfountain east of Erin, and Limehouse east of Acton.

New tech policy pondered

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He said Acton's small enrolment means the demand won't be there to allow the school to offer some programs. Some students might have to transfer to Georgetown high school to take the programs they want.

Georgetown has more than double the students of Acton.

But Mr. Swanston qualified his fears saying, "it's too early to predict the effects the program will have on student enrolment."

Mr. Cianfrini said students who are required to go to a larger

school to take a technology program will still be registered with their home school. They will take all their courses except for the technology courses.

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Gas taken

Halton Regional Police say someone kicked in the wooden panel of an Armstrong Avenue garage door in Georgetown, took a gas can containing five gallons of gas, and some change. The stolen property is valued at \$30.

Noise maker

Police laid charges of mischief following an incident at an apartment in the area of Lot 27 and Concession 2 in Acton Tuesday night. Police received calls from a complainant in that building where a tenant was playing a stereo too loudly. When police arrived at the scene they told a 49-year-old Acton man to turn the stereo down, but he allegedly refused. He was taken to 11 Division in Georgetown and warned to co-operate. Police then drove him back to the apartment. Half an hour later police again received complaints the man was making too much noise. The man was allegedly stomping his feet and playing the television too loudly. The man appeared at a bail hearing Wednesday in connection with the incident.

Police Beat

Saw stolen

Someone stole a \$425 chain saw and a wooden workman's construction helmet from the garage of a residence in the area of Lot 24 and Concession 11 in Georgetown sometime between Oct. 11 and Oct. 14. The stolen property is valued at \$525.

Mutt muzzled

Police say a Georgetown man allegedly taped shut a dog's mouth in the backyard of a Joycelyn Crescent house in Georgetown Sept. 11. Police say the incident stems from a feud ongoing between two neighbors that has been going on since April of this year. Charges of engaging in prohibited activities on private property were laid in connection with the incident.

Money to burn

Someone stole a wallet containing \$500 after it was left on top of an oven at a Main Street coffee shop in Acton sometime between the afternoon of Oct. 10 and early the next morning, police say.

Catholic school board seeks \$35,000 for UW

The Halton Catholic Board of Education recently kicked off its United Way Campaign and has set \$35,000 as its goal.

The board raised \$32,000 last year, an 88 per cent increase from the previous year's total of \$17,000. This represents the highest percentage increase of all area boards, the campaign chairman Rick MacDonald says.

To reach their goal the board's employees will receive informa-

tion pamphlets about the United Way, with their pay cheques. Agency representatives will also be giving presentations at the schools and there will be canvassers at each of them.

Mr. MacDonald said the board's campaign has been endorsed by the secondary, elementary, French teacher and maintenance union representatives.

The campaign will run through to the end of October.

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