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Guessing game winners

Showing off the books they won in Park Public School's annual guesstimating contest are (left to right) Mark Mills from the Junior Division, Laura Page and Lindsay Sproule from the primary division. School librarian, Rob Burnett, said the contest was open to all students and staff who were required to guess the number of new books in the five boxes behind the winners. The exact number was 214 which Laura and Lindsay guessed. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

Comments from the Gulf



CAPT. DEERE

Former Georgetown resident, Captain David Deere, 30, whose parents still reside in Halton Hills, is part of the multi-national United Nations force involved in the Persian Gulf War against Iraq and its leader, Saddam Hussein.

Capt. Deere is piloting one of the contingent of 24 Canadian CF-18 jet fighters now actively involved in the actual air battles.

Monday morning, as part of the CBC National News Radio network broadcast at 8 a.m., Capt. Deere was interviewed by Qatar-based CBC reporter, Mike Hornbrook.

The Halton Hills Herald was able to obtain a tape of the interview with Capt. Deere and the following are comments made by Captain Deere to CBC reporter Mike Hornbrook.

Hornbrook didn't ask any specific questions but let Capt. Deere expand on a number of war-related subjects.

Comments of Capt. Deere

"Once you are actually in the jet, doing your job, all you do is spend 100 per cent of your concentration trying to do your job to the best of your ability."

"If they (the Iraqis) cross the line, then we go ahead and get them out. Either push them away by just scaring them or actually shooting them down."

"I don't think it (the war) really actually affects you until you are back sitting on the ground."

You go up there, the adrenalin is pumping, you do your job, and it's not until you land on the ground when you have time to think about it that you actually look back and reflect on exactly what's happened. Then you bend down and kiss the ground."

"If you are coming in for a gunshot type of thing, you still want to shoot for the canopy (cockpit). That's just training. You don't think of a little pink body in there with a wife and kids. That's personal."

Snowmobilers raise community ire

Snowmobilers travelling in Acton and Georgetown have raised the ire of many residents who've been calling Halton Regional Police and inquiring about laws governing the activities of the machines in the area.

"It seems the extra snow this year is bringing the snowmobiles back into town," said Staff Sergeant Mike Kingston. "We're getting a lot of calls asking us what snowmobiles can and cannot do."

One of the most common questions asked is if snowmobiles can operate on sidewalks. Sergeant Kingston said they absolutely

cannot, according to a Town of Halton Hills by-law stating "no person shall operate a motorized snow vehicle on any sidewalk, boulevard (all parts of the highway), park or median strip within the town boundaries."

Sergeant Kingston said they will allow snowmobilers to drive a short distance on the road if they need to reach a certain destination. But once the driver has arrived there, they cannot scoot down to the corner store or travel on roadways for fun. This is called ingress and egress in the by-law.

"If there is a flagrant violation

of the by-law we'll give them a ticket but if it's done inadvertently, we'll try to point them in the right direction," said Sergeant Kingston.

Some of the other restrictions in the by-law include: no snowmobiling anywhere within the corporation of the town of Halton Hills at any time except between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sundays.

As well, snowmobile drivers must have fluorescent safety antennae not less than five feet on their sled if they drive on a highway or public property.

Other snowmobiling rules not listed in the by-law include: the machine must be insured, the driver must have a valid driver's license or a snowmobile operator's license and wear a helmet. These are listed in the Ministry of Transportation's Snowmobile regulations.

From the publisher

Halton Hills Herald publisher, Bob Malcolmson, announced today that The Herald available at stores and news dealers will now cost 25¢ effective Wednesday, January 30, 1991.

The price adjustment will not affect home delivery of the Herald. It will remain free to all residents of Halton Hills who have home delivery.

Mr. Malcolmson felt it was time to give news dealers a return on their investment. All the stores, he stated, have carried the Herald as a convenience to their customers for many years.

With rapidly escalating costs in newsprint and other related supplies such as ink, The Herald has found it necessary to charge for single copies at its dealers and newsstands.

He further stated this will assist the environment by allowing The Herald tighter control of single copies at each location, thereby cutting down on recycling of paper.

Mr. Malcolmson felt the 25¢ charge was not out of line and after completing a survey of the newsstands, found that all local and area newspapers are charging over 50¢ per copy.

Council calls NEC change "premature"

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald

After numerous delegations and lengthy discussion, Halton Hills general council neither supported nor rejected Niagara Escarpment plan amendment 60 but recommended that it was premature.

The recommendation included five reasons why Halton Hills council thought the amendment, asking that an environmentally sensitive portion of the Niagara Escarpment be re-designated from natural resource extraction to natural and protected, was premature.

The first reason was a review of the extractive licence for United Aggregates Lands located on Concession 4, should be undertaken before any final recommendation on the amendment could take place. Council said the review should particularly examine the environmental implications of extraction and be done under the Aggregate Resources Act.

The region also recommended the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of the Environment clarify their relative roles in respect to the environment regarding the Aggregate Resources Act, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and

existing extractive licences.

Lastly, the region recommended the map for United Aggregates Ltd. be reviewed and also stated the amendment was premature because it would affect all extractive operations within the Niagara Escarpment.

This last point seemed to suggest, if the amendment was passed, it would be precedent-setting for all aggregate companies along the escarpment. This concerned many councillors and was one of the key arguments from United Aggregates themselves.

Brent Clarkson, a planning consultant representing the company, also explained the company's stance is "We have a licence and a right to extract and we will make use of that right."

This comment was criticized by Marilyn Sergeantson who said "it doesn't seem unreasonable to at least preserve some acreage. We all have a responsibility towards the environment."

Barbara Halsell, representing POWER (Protect Our Water and Environment Resources) also attacked the consultant's remark. She said when United Aggregates got its licence back in the early '70s to extract, it included a rehabilitation plan which was

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