

Great grads

Nine out of 10 Halton high school students go to college or university, a recent Halton Board of Education study shows.

Almost all of the grads, 96 per cent, attend classes in Ontario, with 53 per cent in university, 35 per cent in college and four per cent in apprenticeship programs.

Area educators will use the report to plan courses that will help meet future work force demands.

The study showed that 27 per cent of graduates take arts programs, and the second choice is business, marketing, accounting and secretarial training.

The study showed that Halton had a 5.5 per cent drop-out rate last year, compared to a provincial rate between 23 and 30 per cent.

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McKenzie-Smith student Wendy Jones, 13, was the lucky winner of a one-year subscription to *The Acton Tanner* drawn at the recent Acton Red Cross blood donor clinic. Wendy is a member of the local Pathfinder group and was helping out in the child-care area of the clinic when she entered her name in the subscription draw. This is the Grade 8 student's first appearance in the paper and she was happy to join the ranks of her friends who have been photographed for our pages. Presenting Wendy with her first paper is *Tanner* publisher and editor Paul Nolan. (Doug Harrison photo)



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Easter tree may become tradition

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

While most kids awoke Sunday morning to chocolate Easter bunnies, egg hunts and other goodies, 11 Guelph Street and area residents added a twist to tradition.

They proudly stared at their creations on an Easter tree.

Making some 30 eggs, the kids coloured them, added sparkles for special effects and made them into people by sticking hair on top.

"You name it, we did it," said Diana Gunn, who along with daughters, Vanessa, 9, and Tiffany, 5, headed the operation. "We did it for the fun. Many people make eggs and don't know what to do with them."

Since it was the first year the Gunn's have experimented with such an idea, only eggs were used to hang on the Easter tree. However, Gunn promises to spread the word next year and add small handmade Easter ornaments. And with April as Cancer Month, maybe charge 50 cents for each egg on the tree and donate it.

"I got the idea from Robin Montagner, a friend of mine who has a tree in her house with tiny baskets and other things on it," said Gunn. "She has a condominium in the United States and apparently it's common to decorate outdoor trees there. At Woolco, they sell Easter tree lights that are shaped like eggs."

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It's bicycle season in Acton!

Here in Acton, it is spring-time, and that means it is time to get that bicycle out, pump up the tires, oil the chain and tighten the brakes — then enjoy the season.

The bicycle season can be enjoyed by all, if the safety rules and the rules of the road are followed. Parents, it is up to you to set the example; remember, under the Highway Traffic Act, a bicycle is a vehicle and is subject to the same rules of the road as an automobile.

For example, a bicycle must stop at a stop sign or a red light, and must be ridden on the right side of the road. Riding with two passengers on a bicycle is an offence, as is attaching oneself to a vehicle.

All these rules of the road are subject to a penalty of \$90, or a juvenile court appearance. The Town of Halton Hills has also enacted by-laws which affect the operation of bicycles. By-law 84-1, Part 11, Section 4 states that "no person shall drive a bicycle along any sidewalk."

Next week I'll talk about all the by-laws that govern the operation of a bicycle in Acton. Until then, safe pedalling!

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