

CPR, emergency aid courses come to town

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For the first time, the Georgetown and District branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is offering first-aid training when you sign-up for a CPR course.

"We (the local branch) realize the importance of CPR and the need for its education. What better way to offer it than with the CPR course," said Georgetown and District First-Aid chair Nancy Gilchrist last Wednesday. She added the combined course will save people about \$45.

"You spend \$60 for eight hours of your life and down the road you could save someone's life, including your own."

"We can take between 10 and 12 people a course, but we're only getting half that number so far," says Gilchrist. "We're still holding the class because we don't want to keep cancelling."

The next two Acton dates for the basic life-saving plus (B.L.S.+) course are May 28 and June 27. One-man CPR, infant CPR and a choking sequence for both will be offered.

Emergency first-aid courses (which include one-man CPR in-

struction) will run at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton on May 14 and June 18. Attendees of the course will learn about the Red Cross Society, basics, self-preservation and work on the treatment of bleeding, burns and broken bones.

Gilchrist stresses that people pre-register so the branch knows if the program is worth running. Registration forms are available at the office in Cedarvale Park from Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am to noon and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. For more information on the courses, call Gilchrist at 853-4387.

People should re-certify every year after completing the CPR course because, as Gilchrist states, if you're not using it you will forget the sequences. However, there is no expiry date for the emergency course because so much research and testing has been done about the do's and don'ts of first-aid that Red Cross feels the instruction given is the best available.

Gilchrist says at least one person from each household should have first-aid knowledge and people age 16 and over should know CPR.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM!

These lucky students won a draw to decorate a Mother's Day cake at Acton IGA on Thursday. Any student from Kindergarten to Grade 5 was eligible to enter the contest. All cakes and supplies for the 20 winners were courtesy of IGA. Standing in the back row are volunteers Donna Herrington, Kim Young and Connie Bath. Kelly Retford, 7, Benjamin Ingles, 7, and Amelie Seymour, 9, were the eager cake decorators. Another draw will be held June 10, when 20 students will be chosen to decorate cakes on June 15 and 16 for Father's Day. (Doug Harrison photo)

Pro Q.B. heads bike-a-thon

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The course remains the same, but a top CFL quarterback heads many changes for the fourth annual Halton Hills bike-a-thon this Sunday in Georgetown.

Matt Dunigan, a 12-year CFL veteran and two-time All-Star pivot, will be the special guest at the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (NHADH) 15-kilometre leisure ride sponsored by Maple Lodge Farms Ltd.

Dunigan is a strong supporter of the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL), of which the NHADH is a member. The CACL is a national charity dedicated to improving the lives of people who have intellectual impairments.

Then on Monday, Dunigan will trade in the pigskin for golf clubs and join 40 legendary quarterbacks in the third annual Matt Dunigan Quarterback Classic for the CACL at Milton's Greystone Golf Club.

"Matt has a high sense of values and is a very caring individual. He believes we are all people and people with differences are not different," says NHADH community relations co-ordinator Anne Sidebottom.

"He advocates our message and image. Because of his high profile, he's a good spokesperson for

our organization and he helps to fulfill our mission."

New for this year's bike-a-thon is the grand prize of a Norco Cherokee mountain bike, awarded to the highest fund raiser. Bike helmets and sports sweatshirts have been donated as some of the other prizes. As well, radio station Q-107 has tentatively been scheduled to have its courtesy cruiser at the ride site.

NHADH is a non-profit organi-

zation that serves the people with developmental handicaps by helping them live with dignity.

The organization provides services for a 145 people in the North Halton community. A children's service, which includes a pre-school program, is offered along with adult services.

The bike-a-thon, which attracted 131 bikers and raised just over \$11,000 last year, begins at the Civic Centre at 9:30 am.

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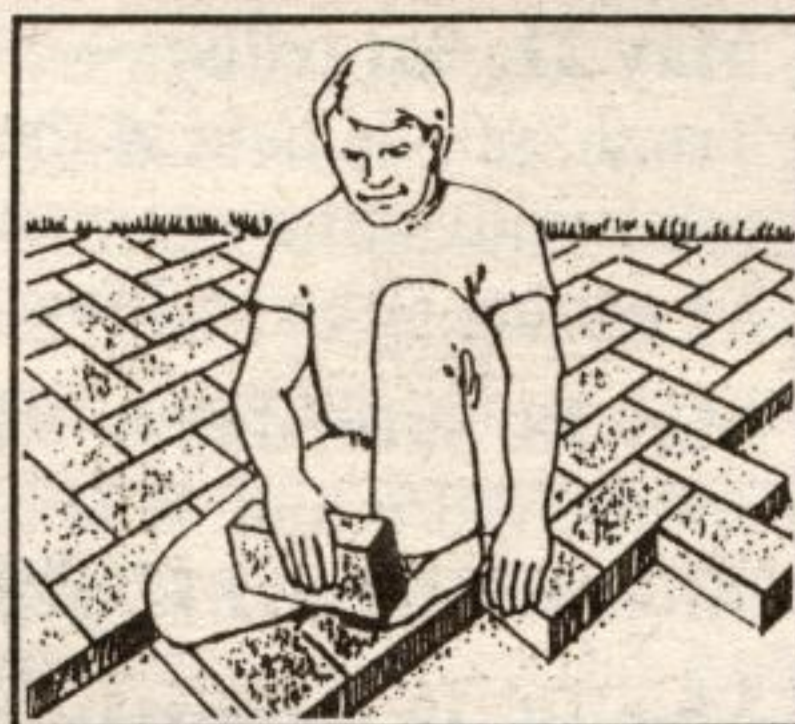
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Unless noxious weeds are destroyed by May 27, 1994, and as often as necessary throughout the season to prevent the ripening of their seeds and dispersal of their pollens, the Town of Halton Hills may enter private property and destroy these weeds. The costs will be charged against the property owner and collected in the manner of municipal taxes.

The Weed Control Act creates an offence for persons who contravene the Act or the regulations. The Town may proceed with legal action against any owner or person who fails to comply with the act.

Goats beard, thistles, poison ivy, ragweed, wild carrot and milkweed are among the weeds considered noxious, and must be destroyed wherever found. Complaints regarding dandelion and golden rod will not be accepted as these are not considered noxious under the terms of The Weed Control Act.

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