



PASSING THE FLAG: The 197 Typhoon Squadron Air Cadets recently changed its commanding officer from Captain Ed Rulton, right, to lieutenant Peter Miles, at left. Rulton had served as commanding officer for the squadron for the past 12 years. (Eve Martin photo)

Coyote concerns in rural Acton

Something is killing livestock and family pets in rural Acton and Halton Hills, and Town Council wants the Province do something about it.

When Town Council learned that an Ashgrove woman's pet had recently been attacked by what was thought to be a wolf, Council voted to ask the Ministry of Natural Resources to investigate ways to increase public safety and ad-

dress the increased incidence of wolf, coyote and coy-dog attacks.

Coy-dogs are a cross between wild dogs and coyotes that travel and attack in packs.

Noting that Milton has had a similar problem and has already done some research on the issue, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott suggested that Milton staff be contacted to see what they have done about the problem.

"I'm aware of several instances of coyotes attacking a dog in the rural Acton area and certainly, where I live, I can hear what I would call coyotes or coy-dogs, certainly not wolves, howling at night.

"I'm surprised that the issue hasn't surfaced here sooner because it certainly is very much a concern, all around us," Elliott said.

NEWS SHORTS

R.I.D.E. program out in region

CHUM-FM Passport to R.I.D.E., a coupon booklet, will again be handed out by R.I.D.E. unit roadside officers to those motorists who don't drink and drive, as a thank-you gesture on behalf of the police and the community. This program also generates extensive exposure for "Don't Drink and Drive" through radio, TV, newspaper and transit shelters.

It is expected that this year's R.I.D.E. program, which began Dec. 1, will stop 630,000 motorists across the province.

Through the combined efforts of the police, CHUM-FM, R.I.D.E. team supporting sponsors, who provide the valuable coupons for the booklet, and the media, who provide extensive promotional coverage, this joint community effort has raised \$570,000 in eight years for the youngsters of Variety Club.

From Dec. 1 to 11, a total of 3,155 vehicles were stopped in Halton Region as part of the R.I.D.E. program. Of these, only two charges of impaired driving were laid and one 12-hour suspension issued.

CMHA looking for volunteers

Oasis, a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Halton Region Branch, provides people in Halton with opportunities to enhance their mental health and to increase their understanding and acceptance of mental health issues.

Volunteers assist staff with social/recreational programming for people living with a mental illness by helping them develop social skills and a positive self-image. Volunteers are needed in Acton on Mondays, 1 to 4:30 pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 to 8 pm; Thursdays 10 am to 6 pm and Fridays from 10 am to noon.

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, call Leanne Conick at (905)845-5044.

Vehicle damaged

A 1993 Dodge Shadow was damaged by vandals sometime between Dec. 1 and 5. Police say the car, parked on George Street, was scratched with a sharp object, causing \$400 worth of damage.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Kids, as a rule, don't move. Customers won't be attracted to my store if they can't see the door."

— Ron Kuiken, co-owner of Halton Hills Furniture, Page 4

DID YOU KNOW?

Up until about 150 years ago, one shoe fit both of your feet; there wasn't a right and a left.

Donor clinic

Give the gift of life at Acton's quarterly Red Cross Blood Donor clinic Thursday, Dec. 28 from 5-8:30 pm at the Acton Legion Hall.

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