

Workfare starts up in Halton Hills

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Community social service agencies serving clients in Acton and Georgetown will be briefed on Halton Region's implementation of the Ontario Works program - also known as Workfare - at a meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at the Civic Centre.

Halton was chosen as one of 20 initial pilot project sites to deliver the Ontario Works program, which is designed to help people re-enter the work force and ultimately get off financial assistance.

While helping clients find jobs, upgrade their education, and referring them to jobs, the program also includes the controversial mandatory

community placements for clients on welfare.

Able-bodied clients who can't be placed in a paid job will receive short-term education programs and could be placed with a community agency for unpaid work of up to a maximum of 70 hours a month. Anyone who refuses the community placement could have their benefits reduced or cut totally.

Halton's Commissioner of Social Services, Bonnie Ewart, said that Halton will ease into Ontario Works with the community agency workshops and information sessions for clients.

"We will be starting with the community placement program in our own organi-

zation, in homes for the aged and child care centres, to do some testing," Ewart said, noting they hope to place 50 clients in Ontario Works jobs this year and 500 next year.

"Through November we hope to be able to talk to the external non-profit organizations about making placements but I can't give you the name of any organization yet because we haven't signed

any contracts," Ewart said.

Although Ewart could not say how much the program would cost to implement in Halton, she did note the Region would not spend any more money on administering the program than it does now. Any extra money needed will probably come from the province, which is expected to earmark \$1 million for the program in Halton.

NEWSSHORTS

Awards evening planned

Academics, arts, sports? The Town of Halton Hills is seeking nominations for the annual Municipal Awards evening planned for March 6, 1997.

Honour and recognition are given to those individuals, groups and teams who have achieved fame at provincial, national or higher levels during 1996 in an activity unrelated to their livelihood.

The nomination deadline is Friday, Nov. 24 and forms are available at the Recreation and Parks Department, the Acton Arena and the Acton Public Library. All nominations are reviewed by a selection committee and qualifying recipients will be notified by the committee chairperson. For more details, call 873-2600, ext. 261.

Skateboard stolen

Halton Regional Police are looking into an incident which saw an expensive skateboard stolen from an Arthur Street residence.

Police report that on the evening of Oct. 18, a skateboard, valued at \$200 was taken. Police currently have no suspects in this crime.

Thieves smash window

Police were called to a Mowbray Place residence after the owners returned home to find their home had been broken into.

Detectives report that a hammer and chisel were used to try and break in through a rear door. When that failed, the thieves reportedly gained entry to the house by smashing a rear window with a hammer.

Items missing include cash, electronics, a VCR, and a camera. The value is placed at about \$2,000.

R.I.D.E. program nets one

Following last week's tragic accident on Hwy. 7 near Lakeview Avenue, Halton Regional Police were out in full force Saturday, administering a R.I.D.E. spot check program at Main and River Streets.

Five constables pulled over 460 vehicles in a four hour period, charging one person with driving while impaired, two people were given 12-hour suspensions, while issuing warnings to 16 other motorists for a variety of infractions.

Police report that the mood of those stopped was generally positive in view of the accident which claimed the life of John Wilson.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"First, it says that when citizens want to enforce environmental laws, the government may change the rules to benefit industry."

— Rita Landry, local environmentalist, Page 4

DID YOU KNOW?

Before 1859, baseball umpires sat in rocking chairs behind the umpire.



The parents of Cheryl Renner and Bryan Creasey are pleased to announce the engagement of their children. Wedding to take place May 3, 1997 at St. Albans, Acton.

Bazaar

St. Alban's Anglican Church holds its annual Christmas tea and bazaar this Saturday (Nov. 2) from 1-4 pm in the parish hall. Come out for the crafts, baked goods, raffle, country store, penny table, children's games and more!



PAINTING THE TOWN!

Grade 7 students Julie Bishop and Caitlin Lichty did their part for McKenzie-Smith Bennett's Green-a-thon fundraiser held last Friday afternoon. The girls and their classmates painted yellow fish beside each sewer in Acton to remind their community not to pollute as the sewers lead to fresh streams and lakes. The school has so far raised \$6,000 after students collected pledges towards their environmental work. And unlike other school fundraisers, no individual prizes were given to students, saving even more money for MSB. (Karen Wetmore photo)

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Revenue Collected, 1995 Campaign	4,965.83
	10,232.77
Cost of Wreaths & Poppies	3,341.50
Other Disbursements	1,962.57
	5,533.73
Balance in Trust Fund (Sept. 30, 1996)	4,699.04

Frank Koen
President

Frank Spielvogel
1996 Poppy Chairman

28th Anniversary Insert

You'll find many new designs and special prices in our 28th Anniversary Sale Flyer, inserted in today's edition of The Acton Tanner.

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