

North Halton Happenings

JUNE 8

Church Barbecue. Beef on a bun, beans, cole slaw and pie. Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Serving from 5-7 p.m.. Cost is \$8 per person. To reserve tickets call Judy at 905-877-2032.

JUNE 8

Brookville Public School's annual Spring Fair. Fun filled activities planned for the day include: Kids' Alley (games), Cake Walk, a Bouncy Dome called "Royal Castle", Fire Truck, 3 on 3 Basketball, Fun Run, Face Painting, Hair Painting, Lip-Sync Contest. Live Music, Giant Raffle, BBQ, and more! Runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JUNE 9

The Nature of Colour. Everything is healthy and Green... and blue and pink and yellow...! Join this delightful hike to discover the natural meaning of colour. This Sunday afternoon walk is held at the Arboretum at the University of Guelph. For more information call 519-824-4120 ext. 2113. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per person.

JUNE 9

The next "Rad" Rally Community Youth Service will be held at Trinity United Church, Acton, Mill St. E at 7 p.m. This alternative style service is geared to 14 to 25 year olds but all ages are welcome. There will be a youth band and great speaker. Theme: Pressure. Please bring your friends. This event is sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association.

JUNE 11

Nasagiewya Historical Society hosts its meeting at the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. For more information contact Eli Daigle at 905-854-2628.

JUNE 12

Fish Fry at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Guelph Line, Campbellville, at the 401. Seving 5-7:30 p.m. \$12/person. Children six years and under \$6. Takeout available. For tickets, call Norma at 905-854-2156 or Noreen at 905-854-2479.

JUNE 15

Rockwood United Church will be holding a Chicken Barbecue at the Rockwood Spring Fair, Rockmosa Community Centre. From 4 to 7 pm, the congregation will be serving a meal of Maple Lodge chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. A quarter-chicken meal is \$8 and a half-chicken meal is \$12. Tickets are available from Donna Darby 856-9003, Ruth Jansen 829-2939, Karin Godak 856-2599, and Kay Mathies 853-2539. Proceeds to the church.

JUNE 15 & 16

12 and 24 Hours of Adrenalin. Challenge your endurance in this mountain bike event! Races begin at Kelso at noon on Saturday and continue until noon on Sunday. For more information or to register for the race, visit the Trilife web site at www.trilife.com or call Trilife at 905-944-9436.

JUNE 16

The 15th Anniversary Show of Classics Against Cancer is the perfect way to spend Father's Day. Held at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown it will feature antique, classic, and modified cars and trucks. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast is available from 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information visit www.classicagainstcancer.on.ca.

JUNE 19

The Milton & District Horticultural Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at The Legion Hall, 21 Thomas St., Milton at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Len Lee. The topic is "Success with Roses". Everyone is welcome. This will be the last meeting until September.



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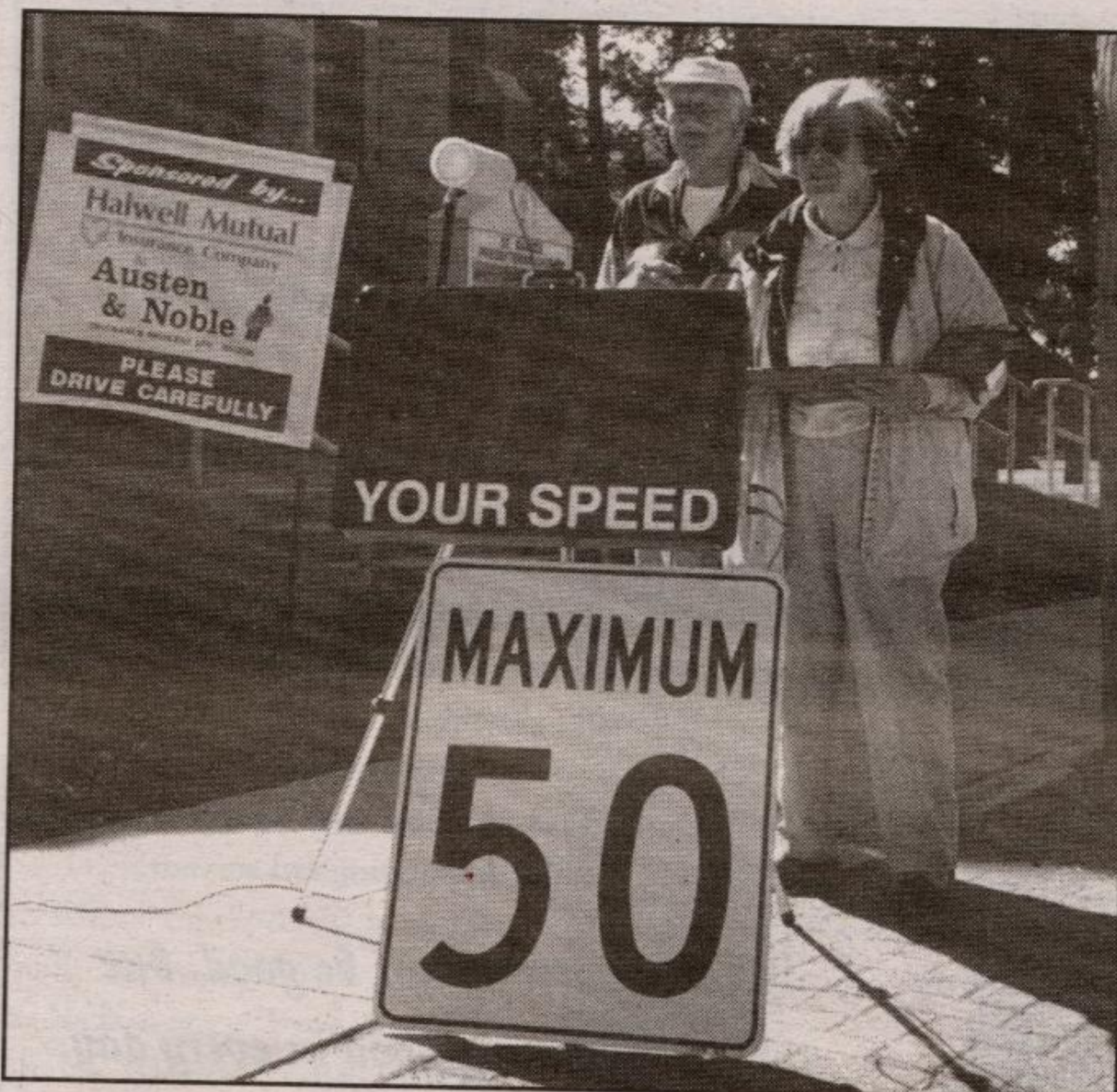
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Mike West and Jean (and John not pictured) Woods were out in Campbellville on May 15 from 4-5:30 p.m. monitoring drivers' speed. The majority of drivers were travelling between 50 and 60 km per hour. Six drivers exceeded 70 km per hour.

Halwell Mutual and Austen & Noble Insurance have assisted in making the radar message board available for community use. For further information on obtaining the radar board contact Constable Laurel Barnett, Halton Regional Police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2120 or 519-853-2111.

Givin' you the dirt

By SEAN JAMES

So, you've been to the nursery, bought your treasures and now you're trying to figure out where to place them in the garden.

You should know that "where" is only as important as "how". How deep you plant your new plants will determine how well those plants grow and perhaps how soon you can divide them.

Let's break it down by the type of plant:

Trees: When looking around the yard you'll sometimes see roots running across the lawn, causing problems for mowing and shortening the life of the tree.

More often than not, this problem occurs when a tree is planted too deep.

The top of the rootball, (the soil at the top of the pot where the trunk meets the soil), should be about six inches above the existing grade. This will allow proper aeration of the roots and proper drainage.

Shrubs: A lot of shrubs have many separate stems coming from the soil. Multi-stem shrubs will root

under the soil, adding to their vigor.

This rooting also allows shrubs to be cut right to the ground every three years if necessary, (don't even leave little stubs), so they will grow back young and healthy.

This would be done if the shrub began to lose vigor or had many dead branches inside. Multi-stem shrubs should be planted a couple of inches deeper than the top of the rootball so the stems will root even more into the soil.

Some, such as Spirea, can even be divided after a couple of years into three or four pieces and replanted, filling a larger area of your garden and offering more visual impact. Example of multi-stem shrubs are Mock Orange, Forsythia, Beautybush, Ninebark and Hydrangea.

Plant evergreen shrubs, such as Rhododendrons and Junipers, with the top of the rootball at the same height as the surrounding soil.

Perennials: Planting depths and heights vary depending on the specific type of plant. The familiar Tall

Bearded Iris must be planted with its potato-like tuber exposed to the air or it will rot and die.

A Peony must be planted at the same height as they were in the pot. (Occasionally a Peony is badly potted and the large fleshy root is exposed to the air. Plant this plant so the crown, where the stem meets the roots, is one to two inches below the soil).

Many perennials such as Heuchera, (AKA Coral Bells), Bergenia, Dianthus, Creeping Phlox, Sedum (Stonecrop), and most types of groundcovers can be planted an inch deeper than the top of the rootball to encourage rooting along the stem. Again, this will allow you to lift the plant in a year or so and divide it into several plants giving you more bang for your buck.

Roses: Most roses are grafted. That means the rose you like is grown on a more vigorous type of rose to increase the hardiness and growth rate of the desirable specimen.

This "graft union" is visible on many roses as a knot of swelling between the rose stems and the roots.

Despite what any little picture attached to the rose might say, roses must be planted with that knot two inches below the soil. This will ensure the hardiness of the rose during a harsh winter.

If the rose gets killed back to the ground, that knot of growth will be protected by the soil and the rose will re-grow.

Annuals: Plant annuals with the top of the rootball approximately even with the surrounding soil.

You have a lot more leeway when planting annuals as far as planting depth goes. Most aren't very particular.

Good luck with your new finds. If you have questions of a horticultural nature, e-mail me at sdames@on.aibn.com. If it's of interest to the general public it may make it into the column.

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1. Prepare and know your fire escape route. Practice fire drills.
2. Every member of your household, babysitters especially, should know the fire escape route and where all exits are.
3. Keys to double cylinder door locks should be in view and easily accessible.
4. Know your rural property Emergency Location number and have it handy for babysitters and guests. It is always be to get out of a burning building immediately and telephone for help from a safer location.

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