



GOOD DEED: Kyle Creasey (left) proudly displays his letter from local businessman Roy Martin, of MacMillans, and the new video game he bought with his money. - Angela Tyler photo

MacMillan's rewards effort of young pumpkin planter

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The New Tanner

Local business MacMillan's (Frozen Fruits and Vegetables) is trying to restore a young person's faith in the community.

MacMillan's owner Roy Martin was reading the New Tanner in late August when he came across an article about Kyle Creasey's giant Atlantic Pumpkin being smashed by vandals. Martin's first thought was "son of a gun".

MacMillan's has been sponsoring the contest for the largest pumpkin/junior division in the Acton Fall Fair for approximately six years.

At this year's Fall Fair, Creasey entered another pumpkin. However it was

smaller than others entered and did not win. Martin noted that when he saw Kyle's smashed pumpkin, even though it was demolished, it was still 10 times the size of this year's winner.

Last week, Kyle, a grade seven student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Middle School, received a letter from Martin. He told Kyle how he read the article and although he offered no explanation why these "cowards" would do such a thing, he did want to reward him for his hard work, time and effort. Along with a heart felt congratulations and encouragement not to give up, MacMillan's awarded Creasey a cheque for \$50.

Kyle was surprised and excited when he received the

letter and cheque. With the money, he bought the Golden Eye 007 game for his Nintendo 64 that he has wanted since his birthday last March.

"It's a shame it got busted up, but things like this helps restore our faith in the community." Kyle's father, Cliff said. "It certainly lifted our spirits."

Kyle said he had been participating in the contest since he was in grade four. When asked if he would start another crop for next year's contest, Kyle replied with a little skepticism "maybe". Kyle's father is confident he will return. "He already has a plot of land at his Uncle Mike's farm."

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10

In a matter of minutes, a home can be engulfed in flames. This is why it is important to plan and practice an escape route. Starting Sunday, Oct. 4 until Oct. 10 it is Fire Prevention Week with this year's theme being "Fire Drills - The Great Escape".

The Halton Hills Fire Department in co-operation with the Halton Credit Union and the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council are inviting residents to participate in a contest to encourage pre-planning fire safety.

With the submission of a Home Escape Plan and entry form, local residents have a chance to win smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, T-shirts, computer software and Sparky the Fire Dog limited edition prints. The Halton Hills Fire Department will pick five or more entries to be submitted for the provincial draw for a chance to win a trip to Florida, grocery shopping sprees, a barbecue, wireless phones and more. Forms will be available at local elementary schools, Halton Hills Fire Department

(Maple Avenue, Georgetown) and Halton Credit Union (Acton and Georgetown). Completed forms are to be returned by October 14.

Halton Hills Fire Prevention Officer, Brian Ellsworth said, "If a fire breaks out in your home, you and your family only have a few minutes to escape safely. Home fire escape planning and practice ensure that everyone

in the household will know how to use that small window of opportunity effectively and get out alive".

A great time to practice your family's fire drill would be on October 7. A North American wide Fire Drill will occur at 6 p.m.

For further details contact Brian Ellsworth at (905) 877-1133 or visit their booth at the Georgetown Market Place on Saturday, October 3.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Kicking off Fire Prevention Week are Credit Union staffers Harold Pottsma, Cathy Munday, Gail Charette, Tish Dodge and Halton Hills Fire Prevention Officer Brian Ellsworth.

Vandals have active week

POLICE BEAT

Police are unsure if it was deliberate or accidental but they believe a vehicle caused \$2,000 damage to the rear doorframe of the Kentucky Fried Chicken store at 14 Main Street North overnight last Thursday.

Vandals also did approximately \$300 damage by

breaking limbs from two trees at Holly Industry's Eastern Avenue property between Sept. 17 and 21.

Traps taken

Police are still searching for the person who stole three live animal traps from behind the Acton IGA on Main Street North. The traps were to catch animals that gather behind the store.

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