

Halton teachers reach new deal

Halton's 900 elementary teachers have reached a tentative contract with the Halton District Catholic School Board - one of the few reached across the province since the teachers' contracts expired Aug. 31.

Details of the pact won't be revealed until after it is ratified but in a joint press release issued Friday Board chair Jim Sherlock and Halton union president Richard Brock describe the settlement as "fair for the student, teachers, parents and ratepayers of the Board."

Regular members of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' (O.E.C.T.A) will vote on the deal Oct. 6, the same day it goes to the board for approval.

The deal was reached after seven negotiating sessions - with a final marathon one last Wednesday when the deal was finally reached.

There's still no sign of a deal for either the Catholic or public secondary teachers who have also been working without a contract since the end of August. The main stumbling block to a deal for both systems is new government legislation requiring teachers to spend about 25 minutes more each day in the classroom.

The Halton Catholic secondary school teachers are in their fourth week of refusing to teach a fourth daily class and are refusing all voluntary activities.

Halton's elementary and secondary teachers are refusing all voluntary activities and extra curricular activities as they continue separate negotiations. Talks with the high school teachers continued Monday and elementary negotiations resume Oct. 8.

Name missed

Derek Holcraft's name was inadvertently missing from the Under 9 boys' soccer cup champions on last week's front page. *The New Tanner* apologizes to Derek and his family.



GOOD GUESSES: Four students at Robert Little school were awarded prizes on Friday for having the closest guesses in four contests held during Education Day at the fall fair. Halton Hills Community Support and Information representative Katherine Hodgson-McMahon (rear) congratulated Matthew Norton, 7 (left), who correctly guessed the total cost of a grocery cart full of food and Heather McIsaac, 6, Chris Gabrielson, 8 and Brydon Pole, 8, who entered the jelly bean counting contest, sponsored by Community Support. - Frances Niblock photo

Begin belt checks

Halton Regional Police kick off their annual fall seat belt campaign on Oct. 3. This eighth annual campaign runs from Oct. 4 to 17.

Last year the campaign focused on enforcement and education, with 3182 vehicles being checked and 37 seat belt charges being laid in Halton.

Nationally more than 216 forces will campaign to ensure children in vehicles are properly secured in child restraints or seat belts.



HOLD THAT POSE: Kristen Dolson placed 5th in her class with her Holstein at this year's Fall Fair. - Angela Tyler photo



ALL IN FUN: Community participation is what makes local fall fairs so much fun. Ask Bella Mae Roszelle. An active member of several organizations, including Knox Church, she does her part to spread the word for them as a one-woman parade float.

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Vendors - \$5, 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Buyers - FREE, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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BY DOT REDEKOP

Our Snack Box program is going fairly well. Some folks are taking goodies and forgetting to put in their loonie. This is our one way of helping to fund our Centre. Now that fall is here we expect it will pick up again. On the whole, we have done well and are looking for more spots in which to put the boxes.

MPP Ted Chudleigh called by our Centre last Tuesday and told us that at the Christmas Dinner, Dec. 18, we will be given a cheque for \$3,200 as the proceeds from the golf tournament. Thanks, Ted.

As of Dec.1 Betty and Barb ask if people taking trips (other than Rama) could please pay by cheque. It would save a lot of time for them when they tally up.

Don't forget the euchre game, Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Centre. Cost is \$2 and includes a light lunch. Open to all.

Our next trip to Rama is Oct. 28. The coach leaves at 8:45 a.m. and returns approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 and includes a great buffet lunch. Rama trips are open to anyone over 19.

Halton Hills
COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

During October canvassers will be calling on Halton Hills residents seeking support for the annual United Way campaign.

Blitz Week, Oct. 5 to 9, is when most canvassers will be knocking on doors. Acton canvassers are invited to gather at Trinity Church at 5 p.m. Oct. 5 to meet and eat before beginning their blitz.

Canvassers are still needed for some Acton areas so anyone with a few hours to spare this month is invited to call Heather at 853-1691.