



WACKY WINNERS: These IGA Wacky Wednesday winners picked up their prizes from produce clerk Cliff Palmer (back) on Saturday. The draw winners include, from left: Lynn Watson, Michael Rudat, Tell Connolly, and Linda Mills (for daughter Allison). Front: Zach and Basil Payne. — Frances Niblock photo

North Halton 'copter search yields 1,100 plants of pot

Members of the Halton Regional Police Service Drug and Morality Bureau made an

early harvest of marijuana crops last week. On Aug. 23 and 24 Halton

Police utilized the services of a helicopter to conduct a drug eradication project targeting marijuana growth in the rural areas of north Halton. Once officers spotted the plants, ground units were directed to the area for harvesting.

The largest find was in cornfield east of the Guelph Line in a rural area north of Campbellville. A total of 600 plants in various states of maturity were found there. Several other small "grows" were located and a total of 500 plants were seized.

In the estimation of the officers involved the 1100 plants seized would have had a potential street value of \$1 million. The seized drugs will be destroyed at an undisclosed location. No suspects were located and no charges were laid.

Halton Regional police Service will continue to conduct this type of program with the aim of reducing the availability of marijuana and deterring people from choosing to grow it.

LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197 By Joyce Buchanan Br. 197 Secretary

Sadly, I must one again announce one more of our Veterans passing. We didn't receive any official notice of Allan Gordon's death so we could not pay our respects, but we are reminded each time we visit the Branch by the empty chair at the B.S. table. Allan will be sadly missed by his many friends.

We also received word of Murray McNabb's passing this weekend. Our sympathies go out to his family.

The corn roast went well and a lot of corn was devoured.

Hope you golfers are ready for the Legion Masters on Sept. 9. Have you given Dobbie a call to play crib. If you would like to sign up the number is 853-2021. I am sure

darts will be starting soon and someone will contact me with some information.

Please mark Sept. 10 on your calendar. That is the date the Vets visit from Sunnybrook Hospital. We can use some help when they arrive around 11:30 a.m. We will serve them dinner around noon. After that they will be able to visit and have a sing-song before they have to leave around 3 p.m. We do need help if you are available. It's only a couple of hours and we would appreciate any help.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. To those who are ill, a speedy recovery. Don't forget bridge and euchre during the week.

See you at the Branch.

TOWN DIGEST

Hwy. 7

construction update

The reconstruction of Highway 7 through the Silvercreek area at Trafalgar Road is progressing "on schedule for a late fall closing," according to Ministry of Transportation spokesman Wil McKenzie.

The detours are complete on Highway 7 at both the north and south intersections of Trafalgar Road and work is underway on widening the interchanges.

The reconstructed Silvercreek intersection will have additional two lanes for a total of five – two in each direction and a centre-turn lane.

"The excavating is underway and some of the necessary sewer construction work is underway as well," McKenzie said, adding the widening of Highway 7 between the north and south Trafalgar Road intersections is slated for next year, pending funding.

Group home meeting

The newly formed steering committee looking into public concerns over the "potential proliferation" of group homes in Acton will hold a public information meeting in Acton this fall.

"We're also looking at other communities to see how they are handling it (the issue of group home location) said committee member, Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette. Concerns from the

Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) about the number of group homes in Acton generated the \$30,000 study.

The Town's official plan currently permits group homes anywhere in the urban area and a bylaw could include ways to make sure future homes are distributed equitably in Halton, not just Acton.

Bonnette said one of the committee's jobs is to find out exactly how many and what kind of group homes are operating in Acton and Georgetown.

Satisfaction survey

Halton officials will find out why more Acton and Georgetown residents are dissatisfied with their garbage

pickup than other Halton residents.

While over-all, 90 per cent of the 600-plus Halton residents surveyed are satisfied with their garbage collection, Acton respondents are among the least satisfied customers when it comes to recycling, garbage, yard and bulk waste collection.

Halton acting director of waste management, John Smith, said the Acton statistics, which show satisfaction rates between 73 and 85 per cent – could just be a perception of what they feel is satisfactory," Smith said, adding the survey was meant to "take a pulse" to find out what waste management work needs to be done, including why people are not "completely happy" with their service.

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