



**THREE GENERATION CELEBRATION:** Celebrating 93 years Phylliss Arnott (centre) enjoyed some quality time with her grand daughter Kim Bouclair (left) and daughter Bonnie Bouclair (right) in their beautiful backyard. — Ted Tyler photo.

## New police unit to combat child abuse and sexual assault

Halton Regional Police Service has created a new unit from existing staff called the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Bureau (CASA). Detective Sergeant Ken Cormier, in addition to his Major Crime Bureau responsibilities, will lead this unit of ten investigators.

On Monday, April 8, 2002 CASA became operational, and is based out of the Halton Regional Police Headquarters located at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville. The mandate of this specialty unit will be to investigate all sexual assaults, child abuse cases where there is injury, and/or where there has been previous allegations of abuse made by the victim, or against a previously identified suspect.

CASA is a participating member of the Sexual Assault and Wife Assault Project (SWAP). As such, police find themselves interacting with over twenty com-

munity agencies, many of which have a role to play in supporting the victims and the investigation.

The formation of the CASA Bureau is important to Halton Region, and as Acting Chief Gary Crowell states, "This Bureau's scope of responsibilities ensures that because of a centralized response, all sexual assault and child abuse cases in our Region will continue to be managed in a professional, empathetic manner by highly trained officers

Our partnerships and on-going communication with related community agencies can only enhance the police service's ability to protect, serve and support the victims we encounter in our investigations. Being centralized will allow us to efficiently utilize the computerized case management tools provided through the Ontario Major Case Management system."

## EWAG NEWS

Volunteer Week is April 22 - 26 and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers that we count on here at EWAG Community Services in Rockwood. We have volunteers that come in every week to our thrift store, help at Diners Club, drivers that transport people and others that help with our plant sale, work in the office and clean our windows. We appreciate each and every one of you immensely. Thank you!! Attend the Rockwood Royal Bank Garage Sale on April 27 from 9:00 to 1:00pm. at Rockmosa Centre. All proceeds to EWAG! Tour our EWAG van while there. If you are a Wilf Carter fan, you will not want to miss the musical play coming to Rockwood!! This fabulous entertainment starts on Tuesday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. (Doors will open at 1:00pm.) Advance tickets are only \$7:00 and \$10:00 at the door for this inaugural performance. This is a professional troupe from Toronto, with Tom Kneebone as artistic director. They perform 3 or 4 different plays a year and travel throughout Ontario, with this being their first time in Rockwood. Don't miss it!!

Thinking of volunteering? We are always looking for new volunteers here at EWAG to help out with a variety of jobs, contributing as little or as much time as you like. We are currently looking for people who would like to help out with our Perennial Plant sale coming up in May, as well as someone who likes computers and can keep our database updated.

Speaking of Perennial Plant Sale! If you have plants you would like to donate or if you need containers, please call us. Someone can even help you dig. Our sale is Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 to 12:00.

If you are of the "older generation" and would like to know more about computers or the Internet, give us a call at the EWAG office. We have two young fellows who are more than willing to teach you all they know! The first hour of instruction is free! Food Bank is available on Wednesdays by appointment only from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. We are located at 126 Main St. S. Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2113. Our regular office hours are from Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Due to a lack of volunteers, we are currently closed on Saturdays but hope to re-open in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## The Acton BIA is having a Mother's Day contest!

All kids from kindergarten to grade 4 are invited to tell us...  
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and Mom could win some fantastic prizes from downtown Acton merchants.

Drop your letter off at the Acton BIA Suggestion Box next to the Scotia Bank on Mill Street.  
Deadline for entries is Saturday, May 4th. Winners will be announced in the New Tanner May 9th issue.

