

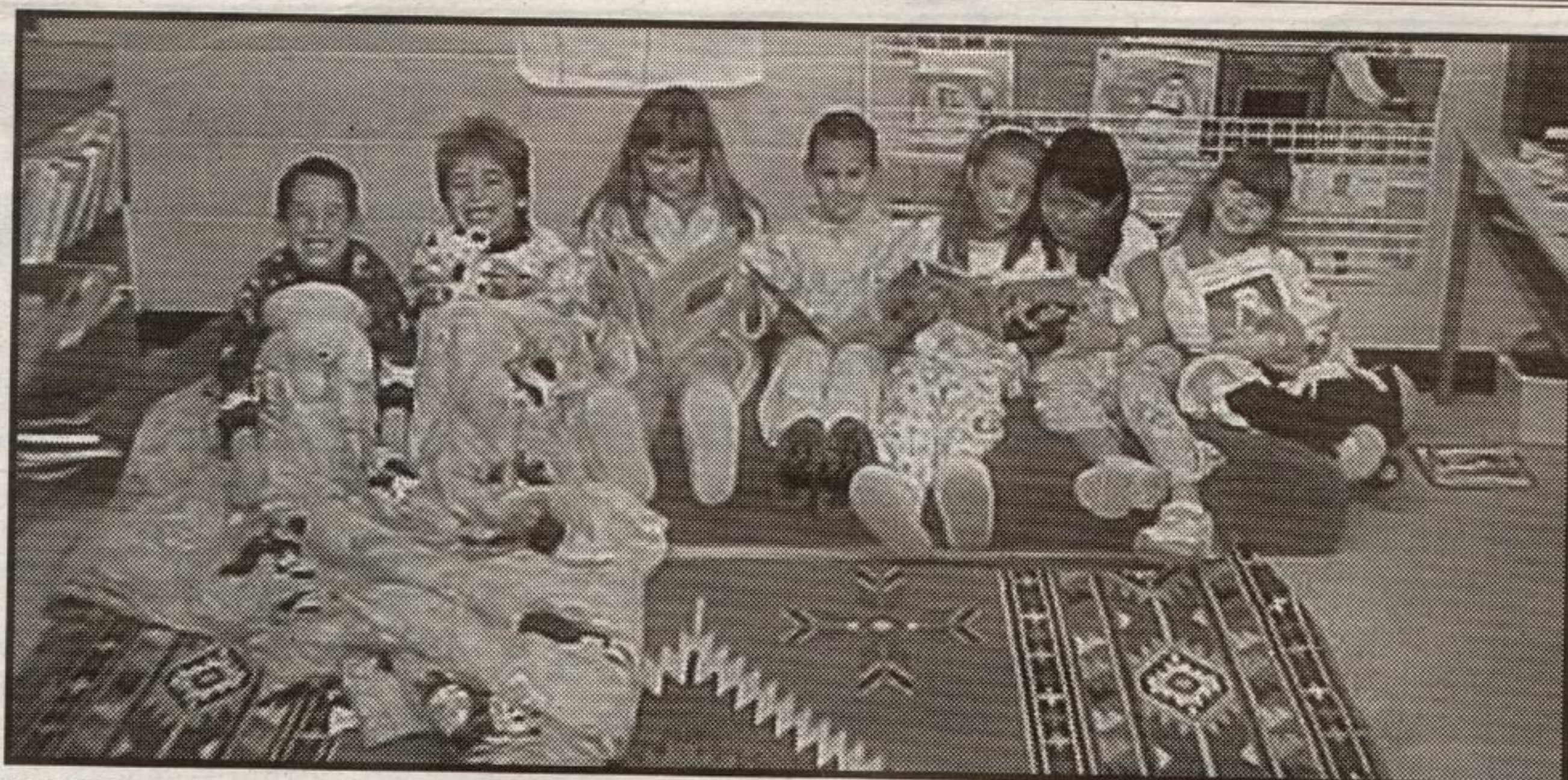
Seven drivers are nabbed

A 36-year-old Hillsburgh man was arrested and charged with driving with more than 80 mgs. on Sunday at 12:40 a.m. when Wellington OPP stopped a 2004 Chevrolet Astro van on Wellington Rd. 22 in Erin Township.

Police said the driver had been drinking and failed a roadside test. He's to appear in Guelph Court January 10, 2005 on the charge.

The man was one of seven drivers from Cambridge, Kitchener, Arthur and Guelph as well as Hillsburgh, who were arrested and charged with the same offence by Wellington OPP last week as well as with their offences such as speeding and taking an auto without consent.

Three more drivers were arrested and charged with driving with more than 80 mgs. as a result of the RIDE spot check program on Hwy 6 in Guelph on December 1, 2 and 3. Two 26-year-old men from Guelph and a 44-year-old man from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania were charged. The driver from Pittsburgh was held in custody until a bail hearing the next morning.



SNUGGLE UP AND READ: Superintendent of Education Rick MacDonald in housecoat and slippers read *The Mouse Before Christmas* to St. Joseph school students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 on Snuggle Up and Read Night. Students, parents and teachers came dressed up in PJ's ready for a bedtime story. - Submitted photo



EWAG NEWS

Thank You For Your Support:

Many, many thanks to those that have come forward to sponsor families, singles and seniors this holiday season. We are busy matching hamper recipients with sponsors and are very grateful for all the donations we are receiving. If you are looking for specific items to donate to our food bank, we are always grateful for tin fruit, instant coffee, baby food and jam. For more information on how you can help this holiday season, please contact Gillian at 519-833-9696.

Rockwood Fire Hall Christmas Help:

The Rockwood Fire Hall is helping EWAG and the community my collecting non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys this season. Donations can be dropped off at the fire hall in Rockwood. Thanks so much to the Rockwood Eramosa Fire Association for organizing this drive. Your assistance and support is very much appreciated!

Sale at Encore Shop:

The Encore Shop's big sale for the month of December is 1/2 price on all winter wear, including coats, mittens, scarves and hats. Come in early for best selection.

Food Bank Services:

Our food bank continues to run every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please call our office at 519-856-2113 to make an appointment.

Location and Hours:

EWAG Community Support Services is located at 106 Church Street and is open Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the Encore Shop is also open Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m. Remember we offer a variety of government forms, free access to the Internet, laminating, copying and faxing services at a minimal cost.

Good Bye and Good Luck:

To all of our dedicated readers and individuals in the community we would like to let you know of the resignation of Lynn Gibson, Rockwood Services Coordinator. Lynn is a familiar face to many of you who have come into our location looking for information, forms or simply stopping in for a chat. Lynn has been a dedicated member of the EWAG team for many years, but has decided to move on. EWAG staff and volunteers would like to thank Lynn for all of her hard work over the years and wish her all the very best.

Halton Police raise \$4,500 for Autism Soc.

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Halton Regional Police Association for the \$4500 raised for the Autism Society of Ontario / Halton Chapter on November 10, 2004 at Emma's Back Porch. With the direction of Staff Sergeants Walter Bucci and Sergeant Jeff Corey, a large number of volunteers from Police Services and civilians, all joined their efforts together to raise this money, have a good time and most of all raised the awareness of Autism to all who contributed and attended.

This event was fully supported by the Chief of Police, Ean Algar, who attended the function himself.

Part of the money raised, \$500, the Halton Regional Police asked and are donating it to The Randy Mogridge Memorial Fund.

Letters

This was a great event that raised awareness and some funds the ASO Halton can use for the Children's Christmas party, Soccer and Baseball during the summer.

Thanks to all who attended.

If you want to ask any questions of Walter or Jeff, they would gladly answer any

you had about this event. Their number is 905-878-5511. Any questions for me, email me or phone my cell 416-989-5253 or home 519-853-4948.

Thanks and regards,
John Mein (father & volunteer) Autism Society of Ontario / Halton Chapter
560 Guelph Line, Unit 8,
Burlington, Ontario.

BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS

By James Hayes P.R.O.

Comrades:

The Seniors Christmas Dinner was, as usual, a great success. Once again our thanks to all who volunteered to make it so. Serving 300 Christmas dinners, and entertaining our guests is an enormous undertaking, and without the dozens of community minded people who participated, it would be impossible. A special thanks to the invisible team in the kitchen: the cooks, servers and dishwashers.

As always, Acton Citizens' Band and the Royal City Ambassadors provided an evening of entertainment without parallel.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Branch this Sunday afternoon starting with entertainment by Checkers The Clown at 1:00pm.

Friday, Dec. 10 is Initiation Night. Join us in the Ladies' Lounge at 8:00 as we welcome your new members.

Win your Christmas turkey at our annual turkey roll on Sat. Dec. 11.

Volunteers are always welcome for our many ongoing activities here at the Legion. See any Executive member for your chance to get involved.

The Legion closes at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Come on down and give your bartenders a great big, Christmas kiss.

Ring in the New Year here at the Legion with our annual New Year's Eve dance. Tickets are only \$25 per person. This includes, party favours, a buffet, entertainment by Steve Dunn and a free shuttle bus home after the party, (in the Acton area). Tickets are on sale at the Legion bar.

Come on down and pay your dues for 2005 if you have not already. The Branch will be open on New Year's Day from 12 noon to 6pm.

SPORTS.

One Senior and one regular curling team has advanced to provincials, which will be held in Forest, Ontario at the end of January. Congratulations to Seniors-Doug Pratt, Tom Dearing, Ron Sheehan and George Wallis. Regulars-Bob Matton, Craig Stuckey, Hugh Forbes and Gus Jeffrey. Well done guys! Zone Bowling, sign-up sheet on the sports board, sign-up if you are interested. A bowl off will take place if we get enough interest. Acton Branch 197 will be hosting at Georgetown Lanes on Jan 8/04. Also the Zone cribbage sign-up sheet is on the board. New dart boards and sponges have been installed at the Branch. Anyone interested in Mixed Darts, be it a one day thing or a league, contact Ren. Cunard, sports chairman.

Yours in comradeship.

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Acton's TIME-OUT SPORTS

WILL BE CLOSING ITS DOORS.

Owners Brian and Una Lalande have made the decision to downsize their family business, Acton's Time Out Sports by closing their sporting retail store on December 11th 2004.

The decision was not an easy one to make. We hate to see another business in Acton close, but the growth of the familie's other company: **BPL Renovations and Home Improvements** demands the full attention that is not available running two businesses.

Acton's Time Out Sports will still operate, offering Team and Corporate wear. The family will now concentrate fully on their other business **BPL Renovations**.

We would like to thank all of our loyal customers and the many new friends we have made over the past five years. To all of you future sports stars keep up the hard work.

Brian, Una and Jay Lalande