



Haunted hayrides

The Top 'O Trafalgar Farm on Trafalgar Road north of Ballinafad was abounding with creepy individuals like (from left) Jennifer Tummonds, Lee-Anne Page and Leslie Tummonds last weekend as they acted as hosts for haunted hayrides. Organized by Lora Bender who took advantage of her dad's farm to offer a scary experience for all ages, the rides take visitors through the 85-acre farm where all sorts of unsavoury individuals pop up. The event also runs Oct. 26 and 27, starting at 6 p.m., and runs to 11 p.m., with proceeds going to the New York Disaster Relief Fund. Food bank donations are also accepted in place of cash. Photo by Ted Brown

Limehouse man nets \$50,000

Robert Adams found himself in the driver's seat following Saturday's Lotto 6/49 draw.

The 54-year-old Limehouse man had his choice of a 2001 BMW 325i sedan or \$50,000 after winning the lottery's bonus draw. Adams elected to take the cash.

Adams checked the numbers from the draw then called his wife Jessica to double check.

"I wanted to make sure I was seeing it right," he said. Still finding their good fortune hard to believe, the couple drove to Loblaw's to check the ticket again.

A retired trade show and exhibition producer, Adams plays the same numbers each week and says he'll continue to use them in the future. He bought his winning ticket at Quick-Pik Variety on Guelph St.

Use of plastic bags for yard waste to be banned by region next year

Starting next fall Halton residents won't be allowed to put their leaf and yard waste out for collection in plastic bags.

At Halton's Planning and Public Works Committee meeting last week, committee supported a recommendation that, as of September 1, 2002, leaf and yard waste will only be collected in reusable containers and biodegradable paper yard waste bags. Committee also supported the renewal of the contract with Gro-Bark for compost operations at the waste management site for five years. The recommendations will be before regional council for final

approval today (Wednesday).

"Banning the use of plastic bags for yard waste collection has environmental and economical benefits to the overall (composting) program," said Patrick Murphy, Halton's Commissioner of Planning and Public Works, in his report to the committee.

Eliminating plastic bags will shave nearly \$85,000 off the region's annual composting cost, bringing the total to \$391,000, and another \$9,000 each year from staff time. It will also result in reduced odours and improved compost quality.

The cost of paper yard waste bags is approximately 2

to 25 cents more than a plastic yard waste bag.

While the ban on plastic bags is to begin September 1, the voluntary phase-in period will start April 2002.

At the meeting, vice-chair of the committee, Mike Wallace, said in light of the additional costs residents may face to buy the paper bags he wants the committee to review the bag issue again before next September, and if there is no competition in the marketplace for paper bags they may consider extending the acceptance of plastic bags for another six months.

—By Lisa Tallyn,
staff writer

Acton wells to be back in service next month

Halton Region plans to put the Davidson wells in Acton back in service next month after adding some new equipment to treat the water.

The two wells, located on the Third and Fourth Lines, were shut down in June because low levels of E. coli were found in the raw water.

Halton's director of engineering services Bruce Kitchen stressed there was never any E. coli in the water after it was treated.

Since shutting down the wells the region has been pumping all of the water for Acton residents from the Prospect Park well but cannot continue to do so because the Ministry of Environment (MOE) permit only allows so much water to be pumped from

the well.

The region intends to install ultra-violet disinfection equipment, which costs \$52,500, to treat the water along with a post-disinfection chlorine contact tank, at a cost of \$85,000, which ensures proper mixing of water and chlorine.

The treatment process has

been approved by the MOE as an interim measure while the region does a hydrogeological study to determine if surface water is getting into the wells and whether additional treatment is needed.

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Road program leads to 152 charges

The Road Safety Value Program (RSVP) that assists in combating aggressive driving and other traffic violations on local roads has led to 152 traffic charges laid in Halton Hills.

The program, which ran through the end of September, is a funding initiative that divides the cost of extra traffic enforcement between local police services, the Ministry of Transport and Insurance Bureau of Canada.

These partners have banded together realizing that aggressive driving, red light running, speeding and tailgating all lead to increased collisions and further costs.

In Halton Hills, thanks to the program, 100 hours of extra enforcement was provided by police. Along with the 152 charges, police also gave out 43 cautions.

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