Acton woman to discuss FAS

Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

local woman will be on the television show Listen Up with Christian broadcaster Lorna Dueck tomorrow (Thursday) discussing Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

Shiona Watson of Acton will be on the show, entitled *Babies and Booze*, which airs on the Global network and Crossroads Television (CTS) Thursday at 10 a.m.

Watson's eight-year-old adopted son Michael (Mikey) has the syndrome, physical, mental and neurobehavioral birth defects associated with alcohol consumption during pregnancy, and was diagnosed at an early age.

She said while many stories about people afflicted with the syndrome are not so positive, her story with Michael which will be discussed on the show, is a "boneful one"

"hopeful one."

Knowing he has the syndrome means they can get him the help he needs, for example speech and occupational therapy, and know which approaches work with Mikey, and which don't.

The program will also air on CTS Sunday, May 9 at 6 and 11:30 p.m.

DC meeting goes today

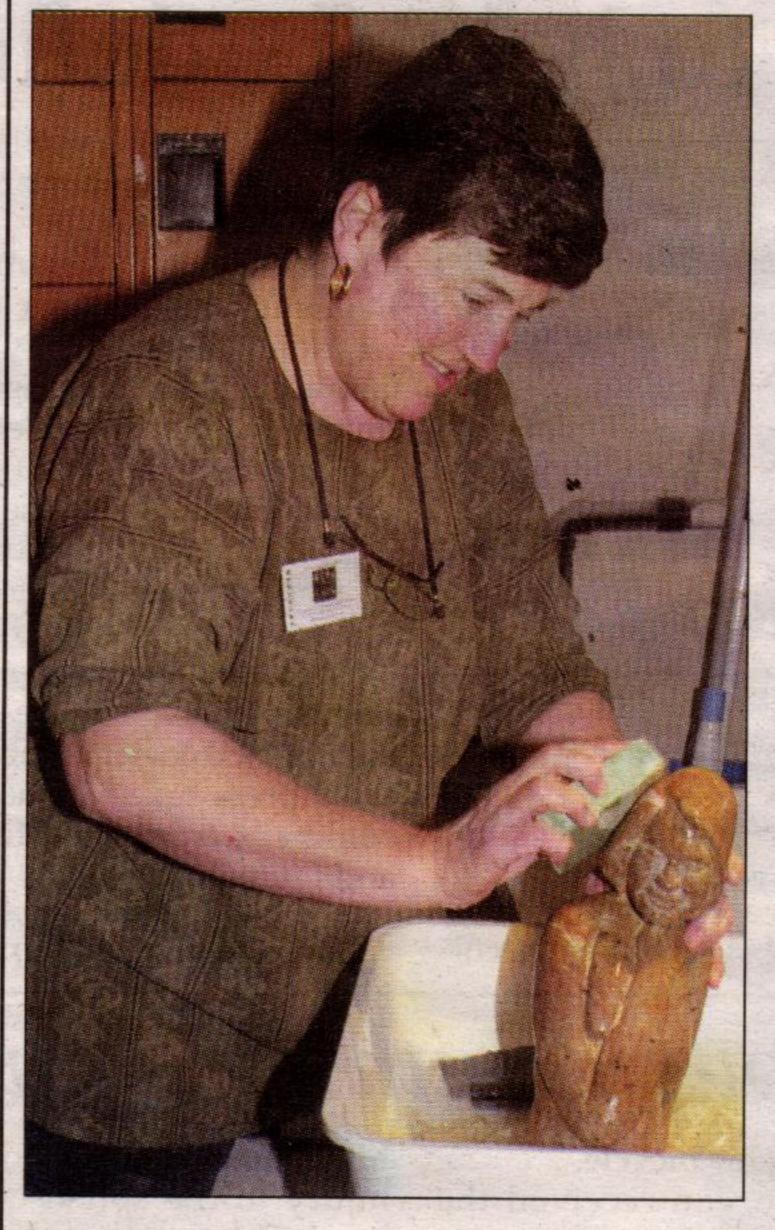
The president of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce urged local residents to attend a public meeting on Halton Region's development charges (DCs) for road and soft services today in Oakville.

Norm Paget, a delegation at Monday's town council meeting, said the current proposal to substantially hike DCs would deter businesses from building in Halton Hills. The cost of the DCs would exceed the value of the land, he said.

"I urge all Halton Hills councillors, members of the business community and taxpayers ... make known our concerns of the proposed changes to the region's development charges," Paget said, who is also Halton Hills' representative on the development charges advisory committee.

The meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) in the Halton Room of the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.

Around town... in pictures



Artist at work

Sculptor Eileen Millen sands down her latest creation at the Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre last week as part of Halton Hills Arts Week. Twenty-seven sites around town were host to a variety of artistic displays, performances and exhibitions during the 10-day celebration of local artists which also included a studio tour.

Photo by Trish Wilkinson



Walk supporters

Staff and former staff members from Georgetown District High School will be taking part in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer walk in Toronto, and as part of their fund-raising, they are accepting donations from students and staff, and in recognition, the donors' names are painted on a large Toronto Maple Leafs flag on the wall of the cafetorium. Teachers taking part in the walk this fall are (from left) Ruth Parent, Pat Wilson, Mavis O'Neil, Diana Wallbridge, Shirley White and Patti Bodig. Photo by Ted Brown

Well spoken

Esther De La Cruz of Halton Region Planning and Public Works Department was one of the many people on hand at Limehouse Memorial Hall to answer questions about well water recently as Halton Region hosted a well water information seminar. Photo by Ted Brown



