

Halton trustees appoint new education director

At a special Board meeting recently, Halton District School Board trustees passed a motion to seek approval from the Minister of Education to appoint David Euale as Director of Education. Euale, currently Director of the Ministry of Education's Student Success, and Learning to 18 Implementation, Training and Evaluation Branch, will join the Halton District School Board this September.

"We're very pleased to welcome David to Halton," said Bruce Jones, Chair of the Halton District School Board. "Euale's leadership, integrity and student-centered focus is a great fit for Halton. We look forward to continuing our focus on our commitment to every

student under his direction."

Prior to accepting his position in the Ministry of Education, Euale was a leader in the Upper Grand District School Board providing service to Wellington and Dufferin counties. During the past eleven years with Upper Grand, Euale was a Superintendent of Education with responsibilities for elementary and secondary schools, Continuing Education and Information Technology. Euale also served as principal in two Upper Grand secondary schools. In all roles Euale is known as a leader who is dedicated to the success of all students.

"I look forward to joining the Halton District School

Board team," said Euale. "The Board is well known for its commitment to student learning, achievement and well-being, as well as its excellent programs and services. I welcome the opportunity to work with Halton's dedicated staff and community to further these goals, and develop new initiatives to support public education in Halton."

The Halton District School Board is a publicly funded English school board serving approximately 54,000 students in the municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. The Board has an annual budget of more than \$490 million and employs more than 6,000 staff.

Reader begs, "Please spay/neuter cats"

To the editor,

I have had it! I, once again, have a feral/stray mother cat and five kittens at my home. Once again, I need to spay/neuter all six and find them homes.

This is not to mention the three of my own personal cats, ones found on my property and never claimed (nor were they spayed/neutered).

I am absolutely DISGUSTED with people who feel they can "own" pets and let them be other people's responsibility...

This, once again, this cost comes from my pocket... For the people that have "free kittens" in front of your home, SHAME ON

Letters

YOU!

DO NOT HAVE ANIMALS IF YOU CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM.

It is ignorant of you to think your cat may not get pregnant... It WILL... The internet will explain your cat will repeatedly go in heat until it mates.

For you "free kittens" people, for the people who let the unsprayed pets outside...

I beg you to go to your local shelter. Look at the cats that have been there for two years waiting for a home, losing faith... the

strays that are not spayed, roaming that the "owner" could care less about retrieving from the shelter because they can always get another one at the "free kittens" homes.

The Newmarket OSPCA has inexpensive spay/neutered program. There is a 3 month wait but it now gives NO ONE the excuse to be irresponsible and careless.

To the woman who parked her van across the street from the Upper Credit Humane Society holding up a three foot sign and written on it "free kitten" shall you NEVER EVER have the opportunity to have a pet again...

The very angry, frustrated at my own community.

Name withheld by request.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Acton's Salvation Army Thrift Store celebrated its first year in business with complimentary cake and a 50 per cent off sale last Saturday. Cutting the cake was Carol Herder of Brampton (seated), Store Manager, Nancy Larose (front), and Salvation Army Majors Shirley and Sam Roberts. – Denise Paulsen photo

New drinking and driving measures for young drivers

Starting August 1 all drivers 21 years of age and younger must have a zero blood alcohol level when they get behind the wheel to drive. The changes, part of the Road Safety Act 2009 and the Safer Roads for a Safer Ontario Act (2007) aim to protect young drivers and everyone who shares the road and help prepare young drivers for a lifetime of safe driving.

Statistics show the peak ages of drinking and driving collisions are 19, 20 and 21. In Ontario, 235 drivers age 21 and under were killed in drinking and driving collisions in the latest

10-year period of statistics. Statistics also show the crashes involving drivers suspended for a drinking and driving conviction are three and a half times more likely to be fatal.

As of August 1, 2010 drivers 21 years of age or younger who have a higher than zero blood alcohol level when they drive face an immediate 24-hour licence suspension, a 30-day licence suspension, and up to \$500 in fines. Doubtless insurance rates will be greatly affected by a conviction.

Drivers in the Graduated Licensing System will face tougher penalties if they violate the conditions of their licence or if they are convicted of any Highway Traffic Act offences that carry four or more demerit points. Penalties include: a 30-day licence suspension

for the first instance, a 90-day licence suspension for a second instance, further instances can lead to a cancellation of the licence and other penalties.

Also, effective August 3, eligible drivers convicted of an impaired driving offence for the first time, will be able to reduce their licence suspension if they agree to have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle, at their own cost.

"Extending the zero BAC requirement gives young drivers the chance to gain more driving experience without taking unnecessary risks. This will reduce impaired driving deaths and injuries among young drivers and promotes safe and responsible driving habits," said Margaret Miller, MADD Canada National President.

Gwen Albada (Andrews)

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