



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Harvesting her creativity

Jocelyn Merritt, 13, put the finishing touches on her family's Harvest Festival display in downtown Campbellville Saturday. The display, outside Ridley Windows, was one of several featured during the village's two-day fall celebration. See more photos on page 18.

## Neighbours worried ski expansion could erode their lifestyles

By **KAREN SMITH**  
*The Champion*

Too much traffic is the main concern of Bell School Line residents, who say their rural lifestyle will never be the same if a proposed expansion at Kelso Conservation Area and the addition of a recreational facility on the grounds of the Milton Limestone quarry come to light.

"It's the nuisance of increased traffic that I'm opposed to," said Don Pelz, an area resident for 25 years.

Mr. Pelz was one of about 12 citizens who attended a recent community meeting hosted by the Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA). It was to inform residents of the possible addition of a ski chalet near Steeles Avenue and Tremaine Road on the grounds of Kelso — the home of Glen Eden Ski Area.

### Public swimming facility

The residents are also concerned that the HRCA plans to acquire the 175-acre quarry property when it closes in two years, with the intention of turning it into a park and public swimming facility.

The expansion would bring more traffic to the area — activity that's unwanted by peace and quiet-appreciating rural residents, said Mike Haliburton of Bell School Line.

"The whole mountain (the Niagara Escarpment) will turn into a recreation area for Toronto. I'm sorry. I don't want that."

Neighbour Joe Zuest said he also fears the HRCA's proposal. "It's really going to impact on the lifestyle of this area, but I can't see it happening for a few years anyway."

### Three options for chalet

Neil Switzer, the HRCA's conservation areas planner and head of the organization's master plan for Kelso, said the proposal to put a chalet in an open field atop the Niagara Escarpment, with use of the Milton Limestone quarry entrance, is one of three options being considered for a new lodge.

Another option would see the existing Glen Eden chalet replaced by a building on the lower western area south of the railway tracks, Mr. Switzer said.

The third option is to build two new chalets, one at the top of the ski hills,

south of the tracks, and one at the bottom, north of the tracks.

Mr. Switzer said in phase one of the project's master plan report that the existing

• see **HOW WILL** on page 2

## Buckle up or be fined, warn cops

People who still aren't buckling up will be targeted in Operation Impact 1988 — the kickoff to Halton police's fall seatbelt campaign.

Police officers across Canada joined forces for the eighth year in a row starting last Saturday to address the common goal of seeing that everyone uses seatbelts or child restraints.

Both Halton Regional Police and the local OPP will take part in the project. Halton police will continue enforcement to Saturday, Oct. 17 as part of a fall seatbelt blitz.

Halton police checked 3,182 vehicles in last year's campaign, said Sgt. Tom Chapman. The result was six impaired driving charges and 37 seat belt charges.

"The 1998 campaign will build on last year's accomplishments," he said.

Meanwhile, OPP officers said for the third straight year, they will target high-risk drivers during Operation Impact Saturday.

More than 900 people were killed as a result of accidents on provincial highways in 1997, said Sgt. Terry Blace of the OPP's general headquarters in Orillia.

"In these collisions, speed, seatbelt non-use and impaired driving were the main contributing factors," he said.

## NEWSLINES

### Police not buffaloed

Police detectives have seized 21 six-foot marijuana plants from a forested area near the Halton Region Conservation Authority's buffalo compound.

The plants, which were to be burned last week, were discovered about 20 yards off the Bruce Trail, said Det. Bruce Mitchell of Halton Regional Police.

He said the plants found Thursday carried a street value of about \$45,000.

**BILL'S AUTO BODY SHOP**  
Working Harder to stay #1  
Computer Paint Matching  
Complete auto body and refinishing services  
155 Nipissing Rd., Milton  
(905) 878-2721  
Ries Boers

Shop Milton First for...

**MILTON MALL**

55 ONTARIO ST. (905) 878-3900  
Mon-Fri: 9:30-9:00, Sat: 9:30-6:00, Sun: 12-5

Fall  
**Craft Show**  
October 7-10

MILTON MALL MILTON MALL MILTON MALL MILTON MALL MILTON MALL MILTON MALL MILTON MALL MILTON