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In for a closer look

Sandra Metzger, an educational instructor at Mountsberg Conservation Area, uses binoculars to watch winter song birds such as Blue Jays and Cardinals. A wide variety of birds can be seen this month during the conservation area's Owl Prowl program. To register or for more information, call 854-2276.

NEWSLINES

Blood needed

Canadian Blood Services is asking people with O and A blood types in particular to donate at Thursday's clinic.

The banks are low in those blood types, said Brad Gowland of the Hamilton Blood Centre.

"We need your help to help others. Please give," he said.

The blood donor clinic will be held at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., from 1:30 to 8 p.m.

Call 1-888-871-7201, ext. 4253, for more information or to book an appointment.

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Milton woman charged with helping alleged kidnapper flee from police

By KAREN SMITH

The Champion

Two people believed to be the occupants of a green van involved in Monday afternoon's manhunt in downtown Milton were apprehended in Campbellville later in the evening.

Cindy Howard, 19, of Milton Heights Crescent and Joseph Kieley, 23, of Toronto were arrested by Halton Regional Police at a Guelph Line business for allegedly helping a kidnapping suspect escape.

The young woman was apprehended inside the business at 6:30 p.m. The green early '90s Plymouth van was parked outside. The man was arrested as he drove into the parking lot in another vehicle at 7 p.m.

Earlier in the day, Halton Regional Police chased down 22-year-old Troy Joseph Metropolit of no fixed address, who was wanted in connection with

last week's kidnapping of wealthy Toronto lawyer Schuyler Sigel, 62, and his wife Lynn, 57.

The hunt, which ended at gunpoint, began after Toronto police officers informed Milton detectives early Monday afternoon that they believed the suspect was in the area, said Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon of Halton police.

"They said the vehicle may be in the area, possi-

bly the suspect. We didn't know," she said.

Toronto and Halton police soon observed possible suspects in a green van travelling east on Main Street shortly after 1:30 p.m.

However, when a passing fire truck on its way to an emergency call signalled its siren, the van pulled over in front of A Catered Affair, a Main

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Workers brace for more snow

By KAREN SMITH

The Champion

Exasperated workers facing exhaustion and repeated equipment failures are struggling to keep up with continued snowfall, says a Town official.

"We have exhausted our men. Our equipment is constantly being taken off the road, repaired and

put back on the road," Town operations co-ordinator Rick Tipping said Wednesday.

"There has been no rest. It's getting close to the line."

The wear and tear from constant use has put several vehicles temporarily out of commission, prompting the Town to rent equipment from snow removal contractors while waiting for parts, Mr.

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