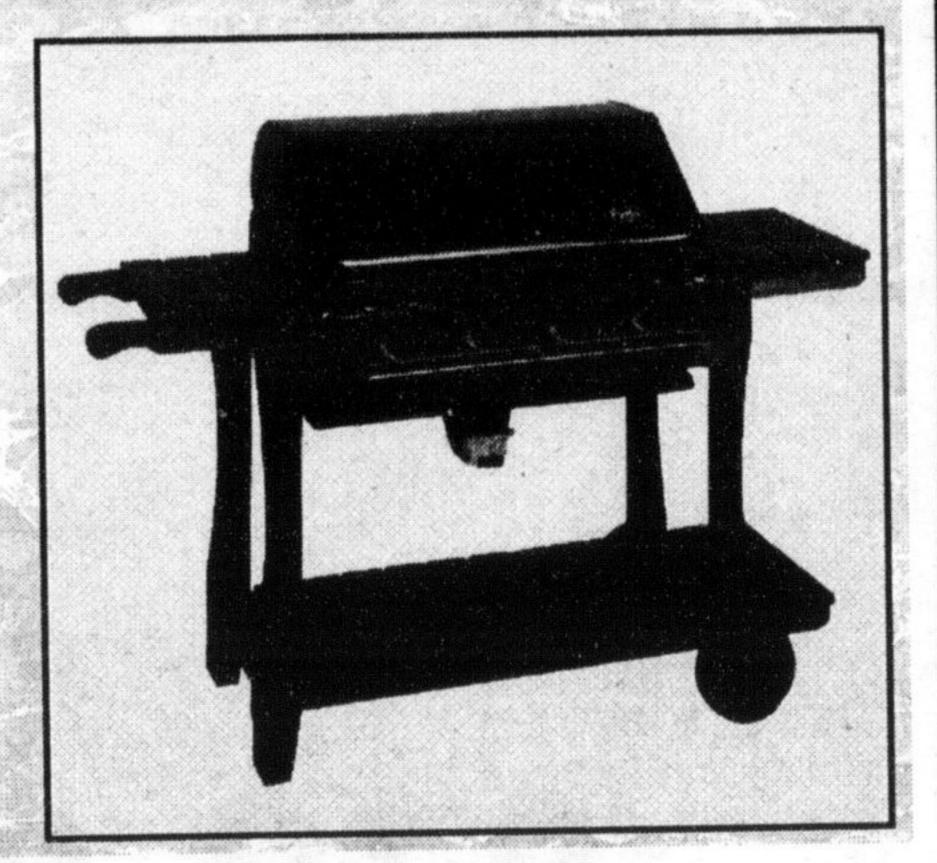
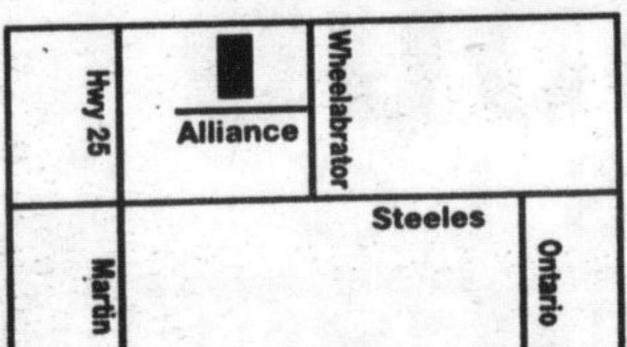


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Railway crossing Centre now will be upgraded

A dangerous Acton railway crossing that claimed the lives of three E.C. Drury students earlier this year will receive federal funding for safety improvements.

Halton MP Julian Reed announced last Friday that the government will supply \$160,000 to the initiative.

The crossing, which has lights and bells but no barriers, was also the scene of another fatal accident in November, 1999

At that time, a train collided with a truck, claiming the life of the truck driver.

But calls for barrier arms at the site have increased since the second fatal accident, which occurred in September as the young men were driving to school.

Police say their vehicle entered the Halton Hills crossing on Fourth Line north of No. 22 Sideroad and was struck by a westbound train. The tragic accident increased the pressure to improve the safety of the crossing.

"I'm very pleased at how quickly the funding was provided," said Mr. Reed. "These barrier arms will help ensure that there are no further tragedies at this crossing."

With funding now in place, it's time for others to carry out the improvements, said Mr. Reed. "The responsibility to ensure that barrier arms are installed promptly is now in the hands of the railway and municipality."



fundraising to expand

The Milton Community Resource Centre needs to raise \$15,000 to support an expansion of its building.

Construction of a new 4,800square-foot addition is slated to begin in January and should be completed by the spring.

With the arrival of new subdivisions, the centre looks to gain extra space to accommodate new clients.

"An expansion is a very costly endeavor and major fundraising will be required," said Kate Holmes, director of marketing and fundraising.

The centre, funded by the Region of Halton, the United Way of Milton and the Town of Milton, offers parents a wide variety of resources from parenting workshops to play groups.

Two special campaigns are underway to make the project a success.

First, the House Campaign allows donors to have their names hung on small wooden houses within a mural to be painted in the new addition.

Second, donors can have their names engraved on an engraved plaque on one of the addition's 18 new doors for a \$200 contribution, in the Buy a Door Campaign.

For more details or to make a contribution, call the centre at 876-1244.



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