

It's Road Safety Challenge time

Volunteers with the Milton Road Safety Committee are hard at work planning activities for the sixth annual Road Safety Challenge May 5 to 13.

The Road Safety Challenge is a community-driven event sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation that encourages safety-conscious communities from across Ontario to work together to raise awareness of road user safety through special activities that address local concerns.

The challenge engages the participation of volunteer road user safety groups and community members to work together to make driving on Ontario's roads safer. Activities during the Road Safety Challenge will include a Child Safety Seat Clinic May 5 at the Steeles Avenue fire station.

One of the main activities will be the Truck Safety Fair set to take place May 8 at Bishop Reding Secondary School and May 9 at E.C. Drury High School. Participants will learn about the 'blind spots' and why drivers need to leave more room between themselves and a truck at an intersection.

The many exhibits and demonstrations are designed to help foster a better understanding between trucks and automobiles.

"Milton's Road Safety Committee activities for the Road Safety Challenge are not only exciting but are also very educational," said Superintendent Mike Kingston, local district commander with the Halton Regional Police Service. "The tremendous commitment by these volunteers should be matched by our public support. If we all play our part, we can make a real difference in road user safety in the town of Milton."

Milton recorded an 18.5 per cent increase in collisions last year — the worst record for all of Halton. It's believed too many people are travelling too fast on roads that weren't built for the speed or volume of traffic.

For more information regarding the Road Safety Challenge, call Jan Mobray at (519) 853-4492.

Kearney earns top education award

A Halton superintendent has been honoured as Ontario's top education administrator.

A surprised Brenda Kearney was named the winner at last week's Halton District School Board meeting.

"Who knew about this?" said the special education superintendent after the award was announced by a Niagara University professor.

Dr. Frank Calzi, coordinator of the American university's education administration program, said there was strong backing for Ms Kearney, who was endorsed by several persons.

"We've never received such passionate letters of support for a candidate," he stressed.

Under the awards program, an outstanding education administrator is chosen for both Ontario and western New York.

Ms Kearney is a longtime educator and a former principal of E.C. Drury High School.

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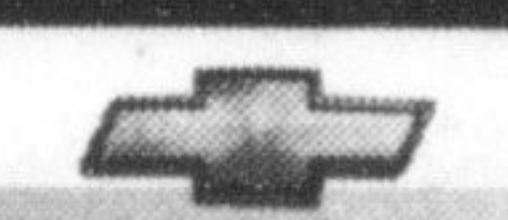
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