

## Do you know someone who's environmentally-friendly?

If you know someone who has done a good deed or action that enhanced the environment last year, Conservation Halton wants to hear about it.

Since 1982, Conservation Halton (CH) has been recognizing people and organizations that have made significant contributions to conservation in the Halton watershed.

Nominees have included groups such as teacher associations and federations, Scout and Guide organizations, naturalist clubs, corporations, government agencies and private landowners.

There are six categories in the program: citizen, community, education, stewardship, corporate and the honour roll award. Winners' names are placed on a plaque and displayed in the lobby of CH's office and individual plaques are presented to the recipients.

Nominations for the 2003 conservation awards can be submitted until March 31.

Last year, more than 30 people and groups were rec-

ognized from all areas of the watershed including Milton, Oakville, Burlington, Halton Hills, Flamborough, Mississauga, Dundas and Puslinch.

Conservation actions have included activities such as tree planting, stream rehabilitation and clean-up, school yard naturalization projects, environmental education activities, wildlife improvement projects and fundraising for conservation.

Residents of the watershed have inherited a rich, natural legacy encompassing such features as the Niagara Escarpment, abundant wetlands, streams and many environmentally-sensitive areas.

One of the reasons these areas have been preserved and maintained is that many groups and individuals are doing good conservation deeds.

For more information and nomination forms, call CH at (905) 336-1158 or visit [www.conservationhalton.on.ca](http://www.conservationhalton.on.ca).

## Lots of items to be up for grabs at museum's Hearthside event

By ROBIN DOWNTON-POIRIER

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"Going once, going twice, sold" are the renowned words at auctions as people vie for the chance to get good deals on a wide variety of items.

Such will be the scene at the Halton Region Museum's Hearthside Auction and Open House Saturday, May 8.

"There will be a silent auction on items up to about \$100," said museum director Paul Attack.

"There will also be a live auction for the higher priced items. The preview and site tour will be from noon to 1 p.m. and the auction will be from 1 to 4 p.m."

Items are donated from members of the community and local businesses and can be anything from art and rugs to gift certificates and vacations.

"We are trying to establish this as an annual event.

We are in a beautiful location (Kelso Conservation Area) with the lake on one side of us and the Niagara Escarpment on the other. It is a wonderful place to spend an afternoon," said Mr. Attack.

Last year's auction raised \$21,000 to go to the Halton Foundation Museum Building Fund. This year's goal is to double that amount.

"The Halton Foundation Museum Building Fund will be used to fund the building of an artifacts centre (an addition to the existing building) that will house many items that have been stored off site," said Mr. Attack. "We will be able to bring the items back where they will be displayed and properly looked after."

Mr. Attack confirmed that there will be musical entertainment at the auction and open house as well as food available for purchase.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and are available by contacting the Halton Region Museum at (905) 875-2200, ext. 21.

## Rehearsals are now underway for Brookville School production

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Broadway is coming back to Brookville Public School in May for the school's performance of 'the Emperor's New Clothes'.

"This year's production is a junior musical (grades 4-6)," said Melanie Goncalves, a co-director of the play and a grade 4/5 teacher at Brookville. "We have about 48 students involved and it's nice to see the junior students get a chance to do this."

Ellen Froemmel, the school's junior French teacher, is also directing the production with Ms Goncalves and rehearsals are just beginning.

"The students are having lunchtime rehearsals as well as after school," said Ms Goncalves. "Although we haven't quite gotten into all the details about cos-


tumes and props, we believe that most of the work will be done by the teachers, parents, and the school committee. Any donations from the community in way of props and such will be greatly appreciated."

With the evening performance dates set for May 12 and 13, ticket sales won't begin until mid to late-April at the school.

"The production is a comedic interpretation of the traditional fairy tale," said Ms Goncalves. "The king is very much into fashion. He gets swindled by two scoundrels who take advantage of his 'passion for fashion' and make him an invisible outfit."

The production of 'the Emperor's New Clothes' promises some good laughs and entertainment for the whole family. Productions at Brookville in the past, such as 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Annie', have sold out so buy your tickets early once they go on sale.

### Horse News and Views



- ◆ The first line of defence in preventing the spread of disease in horse barns is hand washing. Often, from the time and place where a handler has worked with an infected horse (e.g., one with a respiratory virus) to the time and place where they can wash their hands, they have infected every stall and tack room door handle they came in contact with, as well as the faucets. No wonder viruses spread rapidly through barns! Hand-washing facilities should be suitably located around the barn/farm to encourage the frequent washing of hands. Research at a human hospital showed that, as the access to a hand-washing facility increased, the hand-washing compliance increased ([www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol7no2/boyce.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol7no2/boyce.htm)). Thorough hand washing with soap is adequate in most cases. Antiseptic soaps (e.g., chlorhexidine) or iodophor shampoo/washes (e.g., Betadine scrub) may also be used and should be located at the sink in an easy-dispensing container. The use of alcohol-based hand gel disinfectant may be an alternative or adjunct to hand hygiene in horse barns. Dispensers can be attached to the handler's belt or on the outside of stalls, allowing horse handlers the opportunity to disinfect their hands after working with an individual horse. These products require 15 seconds for the disinfectant to dry and provide good hand disinfection. For further information, see *Preventing Disease Spread - Personal Hygiene and Disinfectants around Horse Barns*, [www.gov.on.ca/OMAF/english/livestock/horses/facts/info\\_preventing\\_disease\\_spread.htm](http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAF/english/livestock/horses/facts/info_preventing_disease_spread.htm)
- ◆ A lame foal, with or without a fever, should be looked at very closely for the presence of septic arthritis. Foals can have normal blood work, yet have high white cell counts in one or more joints. (Pierce SW. Foal care from birth to 30 days: a practitioner's perspective. AAEP Proceedings 2003; Vol. 49: 13-21.)

For further information contact Dr. Bob Wright (519) 846-3412 or visit our website: <http://www.gov.on.ca/omaf/english/livestock>

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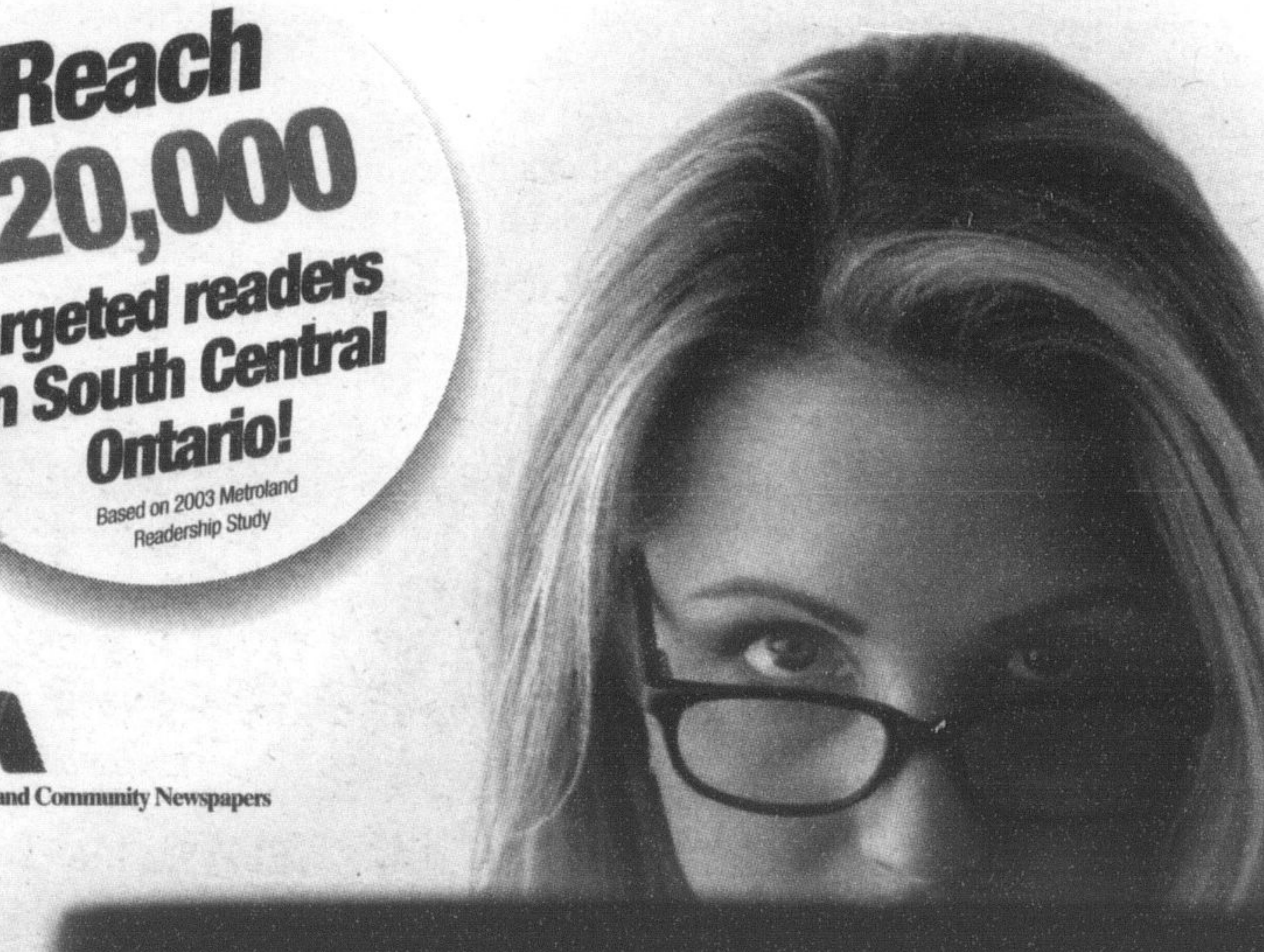


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