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Rural man recognized for work on area citizen/police committee

By **ROBIN DOWNTON-POIRIER**

Special to The Champion

Bert Walton of Campbellville is this year's recipient of the Lyn Benson Memorial Award.

Presented Wednesday at the Halton Regional Centre by Halton Regional Poice Chief Ean Algar, the award recognizes volunteer work involving police services within the community.

Any person who volunteers with the Halton Regional Police Service is eligible to receive the award.

Mr. Walton is a member of the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (N.C.C.C.), a citizen-based group that serves as a median between the average person and police as well as other matters pertaining to the community.

He's the fourth Nassagaweya resident to receive the award in recent years. Other award recipients include Mike West, Jean Wood and Jan Mowbray, all fellow members of the N.C.C.C.

"I received a registered letter from the police about three weeks ago and immediately wondered what I had done," laughed Mr. Walton. "I was quite surprised to realize that I had won the award. I never expected it at all."

A Campbellville resident all his life, Mr. Walton has always been active in the community with his home heating fuel business.

The business, Carlinbeth Fuels, named after his three daughters, is now in its 55th year of service.



Photo by GREG REEKIE

Presenting the Lyn Benson Memorial Award to Bert Walton is Halton Regional Police Services Board member Jean Hay and Halton Regional Police Deputy Chief Gary Crowell.

"My family does not know about the award yet," said Mr. Walton. "We are having an 80th birthday party for me in June and I plan to tell everyone then while they are together."

Something for everyone at auction

Organizers of the Conservation Halton Foundation's upcoming Summer Solstice Auction say there will be something for everyone.

The third annual charity auction will be held June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Halton Region Museum, at Kelso Conservation Area.

The event includes both silent and live auctions.

"Whether people enjoy food and wine, art, gardening, birding or other outdoor pursuits, there are items to suit all tastes," said Brian Hobbs, director of development.

Included in the list of auction items is the Wheelbarrow of Wine, featuring wine from around the world, plus nature art and cottage getaways.

Proceeds from the Summer Solstice Auction will go toward the expansion and renovation of the Visitors Centre at Mountsberg Conservation Area in Campbellville. It's renowned for its maple syrup, birds of prey and wide open spaces.

"Over 50,000 people come to Mountsberg every year and use the centre as a launch point for learning about nature in our watershed and enjoying our beautiful park," said John Riddell, Mountsberg manager.

He said the expanded centre will help provide a higher quality experience for visitors and will mean more people can participate in the programs.

The foundation is a volunteer charitable organization that raises funds for Conservation Halton, the environmental agency that conserves natural areas in its watershed.

Tickets for the Summer Solstice charity auction cost \$40 and are available from the Conservation Halton Foundation at (905) 336-1158, ext. 255.

A mail-in ticket order form is also available on-line at www.conservationhalton.on.ca.

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