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Halloween can be scary in more ways than one

As Halloween approaches this weekend it's important to remember that the time of fun and candy can also be a time of risk for children.

Parents ensuring their children follow these rules from Halton Regional Police should make for a safe night of trick-or-treating.

- Younger children should go trick-or-treating with an adult. Unaccompanied older children should go with at least two friends and take a pre-planned route for a duration approved by their parents.
- It's important to be visible. Trick-or-treaters should wear light-coloured clothing and bring a flashlight.
- Trick-or-treaters should use sidewalks where available. If there are no sidewalks, they should walk facing traffic.
- Seeing clearly is a must. Trick-or-treaters should try to use make-up instead of a mask. If a mask is worn, the eye openings must not restrict vision. Children should take off masks when crossing streets.
- Children should accept treats at the door only. They should never enter a stranger's home, and only visit homes where the lights are on.
- If a stranger approaches, the best thing to do is to head to a lighted house and ask the residents to contact parents or police.



Our Readers Write

Grant to expand Mountsberg's Discovery Centre both questionable and unfortunate

(The following letter was addressed to town councillors Cindy Lunau and Jan Mowbray, and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

I read in The Champion that town council had decided to give a \$100,000 grant to Conservation Halton to expand Mountsberg Conservation Area's Discovery Centre.

While I'm a great supporter of Conservation Halton and think the group provides a great service to the community, I think it's unfortunate that council

should break its own regulations for the community fund for a conservation area that's actually not even in Halton or Milton.

Mountsberg is on the Flamborough side of town line.

This grant to a large organization may now leave the fund without enough money for the little guys, who always seem to take years to get anything out of it.

Jean Woods
Campbellville

Despite great newspaper coverage, Literacy North Halton still in need of more volunteers

Dear Editor:

Over the past several weeks, Literacy North Halton has received excellent coverage from The Champion.

Our special events around the community have been highlighted with photos and articles, which have helped to get the word out about our adult literacy programs.

Recently, Long Lane Orchards and Literacy North Halton partnered up for the second year in a row to bring Pumpkinfest to the Milton community. Proceeds from pumpkin sales will go directly to support Literacy North Halton students and programming.

Thank you to The Champion,

Long Lane Orchards and the committee of volunteers who made this happen.

With all of the attention, we expected to be inundated with calls from potential volunteers for our fall volunteer training program.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our training to November because of low numbers.

The support we provide to students can only be done with the dedicated commitment of volunteers in the community.

Volunteering to work with an adult who needs to improve his or her literacy skills is an opportunity to see your skills help someone achieve success.

Our students are members of the community who touch our lives — they're our neighbours, friends, family members and colleagues.

By assisting someone to upgrade their skills, you're opening doors to better employment opportunities, further training, increased independence and improved family literacy.

As a result, you're opening a door to a better community.

If you're interested in tutoring with Literacy North Halton, please call (905) 873-2200 for more information.

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