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Rural residents pack hall for information night



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The Milton Fire Department's newest vehicle, Rescue #24, was unveiled during a public information night for rural residents last Tuesday at the Nassagaweya Community Centre. The truck will be used out of the Campbellville station. Here, District Chief Bill Stokes (second from left) stands beside the truck with firefighters (from left) Dave Mitchell, Rick Mitchell and Lyle Stokes.

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Special to The Champion

The public information meeting held by the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC) last Tuesday in Brookville was a success, said many members of the group.

Attended by more than 120 residents, the evening showcased various Halton organizations as part of a 'Safe Living Series.'

"We had a really good turnout and I think it went very well," said Stu Johnston, chairman of the NCCC. "The presentations by both the (Halton Regional Police) Fraud Squad and Crime Stoppers (of Halton) were great as were each of the displays."

There were about 16 displays at the Nassagaweya Community Centre in Brookville by organizations including Halton Regional Police, Campbellville and Area Business Association, NCCC/Rural Watch, The Champion, Halton EMS, Town of Milton, Region of Halton and Crime Stoppers.

Guests were encouraged to visit each of the displays to learn more about the services offered to our community. Outside the community centre, the Milton Fire Department's new fire truck was unveiled.

"The 2005 International Heavy Rescue truck will replace an old cube van that's being taken out of service," said Fire Chief Larry Brassard. "We received the truck a few weeks ago and it will be used by the Campbellville station. It will service the community well."

Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau presented two silk-screened prints made by Nassagaweya artist Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey to the community. The prints, one of the original Halton County crest and the other of the Halton County Court House (made in the 1960s as draperies in the courthouse), were recently rediscovered in Ms Wilkes Hoey's studio and were mounted and framed. One print will remain in the Nassagaweya hall in Brookville and the other will go to the Milton Town Hall. Ms Wilkes Hoey, in her nineties, attended the presentation with her daughter.

Det. Const. Lauren Sclisizzi and Det. Alex Fishbein of the Halton Regional Police Fraud Squad educated the audience about identity theft and how to avoid becoming a victim. Det. Fishbein also showed how credit cards and debit cards are 'skimmed,' or copied, and he answered questions afterward from residents.

Det. Sgt. Ray Bruce of Crime Stoppers
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