

Community Notebook



Visitors to the Milton 2990 Army Cadets RHLI booth this Saturday will find out more about the many activities open to those aged 13-19. The cadets are in the Mall as part of the town's recreation open house.

2990 Cadets are in the Mall

The Milton 2990 Army Cadets RHLI want you - and they'll be waiting to greet you all day Saturday.

The cadets will have a full display in Milton Mall featuring a military vehicle. The corps intends to attract new recruits by displaying a wide variety of cadet activities. Cadets must be between the ages of 13-19 years. The display will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Halton Region will get a grant of \$11,300 to conduct a study of its landfill sites needs courtesy of Environment Ontario's Waste Management Improvement Program. Halton will use the money for a leachate study and to monitor gas and water levels to improve the site.

Ski with your valentine

Sweethearts and the whole family are invited to come for a Valentine Moonlight Ski Friday from 6:30-9 p.m. at Mountsberg Conservation Area.

Guided cross-country ski hikes by moonlight provide visitors with a view of nature in winter. There will be horse-drawn sleigh rides, bonfires, skating on a pond, and refreshments in the Interpretative Centre.

Nature and cross-country ski films will also be shown in the Interpretative Centre.

Petition circulated

Anyone interested in helping the handicapped acquire better transit services is being asked to sign a petition circulated at Milton Post Office and the lottery booth at Milton Mall.

The petition is being organized by Physically Handicapped Citizens Association of north Halton in an effort to develop parallel transit for the handicapped. Among the ideas desired are buses which kneel for quick access.

Halton Police cruisers will not be outfitted with shotguns as has now become the case in Durham Region.

Halton Regional Police Chief Jim Harding said Halton would only follow suit if the situation in Halton demanded it, but it doesn't demand it at this time.

"Personally, I'm opposed to shotguns in police vehicles. But if the circumstances require them, they must be placed there. There are no such circumstances in Halton yet," he said.

Liberals plan fundraiser

The Halton/Burlington Provincial Liberal Association will hold a fund-raising cocktail reception at the Harrop House Restaurant Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

Don Knight, Halton/Burlington MPP, will be on hand and he expects many of his colleagues to be on hand.

Tickets for the reception are \$100. Tickets and information are available from Don Heath at 878-4286 or Kay Lawson at 877-3753.

Jaycees open meeting

The Milton Jaycees are inviting the public to attend their meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Bayrischer Hof.

At that time Mayor Gord Krantz will be discussing the future of industrial and residential development in Milton.

Quote of the Day

The brain is an organ that starts working the moment you get up in the morning and doesn't stop until you get into the office.

ROBERT PROSE

Hunting ban task force selects citizen members

Advertisements in Halton community newspapers have been placed by Halton Region seeking applicants for membership in a task force which will look into all aspects of hunting and shooting in regional agreement forests.

The task force will meet for the first time Wednesday Feb. 19. For an application, a resident can call the region at 827-2151.

Halton Hills regional councillor Pam Sheldon will head the committee. She came up with the idea of a task force at a mass meeting of the regional planning and public works held in the Manor last month. The task force will have nine members.

Serving as vice-chairman will be John Graham, an Oakville regional councillor from an urbanized area,

who expressed an interest to be on the task force.

The advertisements, which ran last week, seek two citizens at large. Mr. Graham and planning and public works committee chairman Pat McLaughlin will screen the applications.

One person will be a citizen living near one of the 14 agreement forests to speak on behalf of the homeowners. The other citizen will be one not living near the forests as sort of an impartial citizen.

To round out the membership, regional staff is contacting all hunting and agricultural groups, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Halton Regional Police to nominate one person to represent them.



Six Dufferin Aggregates' employees will share \$219,984 after winning the second prize in the Feb. 5 Lotto 6/48 draw. Shown with the cheque are two winners: Janet McCallum, of Milton, and Arthur Gray, of Guelph.

Six-way split

Six employees of Dufferin Aggregates will share \$219,984 after they cashed in on the second prize in the Feb. 5 Lotto 6/49 draw.

The lucky six will get \$36,664.07 apiece. They are Nick Van Zutphen, of Acton; David Hilts, of Milton; J. Robichaud, of Georgetown; Len Ciavarella, of Kenilworth; Janet McCallum, of Milton; and Arthur Gray, of Guelph.

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Board berated for heel dragging on free, 540-acre historic farm

By LISA TALLYN
Champion Reporter

Several local school representatives are determined to ensure that a 540-acre farm is available for the use of Halton students.

That was the upshot of a meeting held last Monday at Milton's Robert Baldwin School, which brought together several school principals, teachers and parent associations from the Milton area. The group said the Halton Board of Education does not have a strong commitment to environmental education.

The meeting revolved around the Scotsdale Farm property, a well-kept farm located on Trafalgar Rd. between Acton and Georgetown. The land was bequeathed to the people of Ontario by the Bennett family. The Ontario Heritage Foundation has been managing the property and last September recommended to the Halton Board of Education that it use the farm as an outdoor learning centre.

A poor attitude is what is keeping the Halton board in the dark ages concerning outdoor education, says Herb Pilles, Chairman of Halton Outdoor Education Teachers Association. Mr. Pilles, the speaker at last Monday's meeting, is trying to ensure the Scotsdale property doesn't get lost in the shuffle.

"In Halton, environmental education has been an individual teacher's responsibility," he said. "Those kids who have the opportunity participate. But if the child doesn't luck into a teacher committed to outdoor education, he won't have those kinds of experiences."

Back in September a proposal was submitted to the board administration by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, which called for them to be designated prime users of the Scotsdale land.

George Heaver, Superintendent of Curriculum Services for the Halton Board, said that the administration returned the proposal because they thought that the costs of managing the land would be too exorbitant for their budget, and they didn't want to get involved to that degree.

Board members have not had the opportunity to take any action regarding the Scotsdale property, as no proposal has been formally presented at a meeting. The administration has not ruled out the use of the farm but is on record as wanting to be considered a secondary user. There are several other groups interested in the property.

Jack Richardson, Co-ordinator of Physical and Health Education for the Halton Board of Education, says the board doesn't have any real policy of guidelines to follow for outdoor education. After allotting each school with a certain dollar amount yearly, it is then up to the principals

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Bruce Makes A Carnival Splash



The Milton Winter Carnival just wouldn't be the Winter Carnival without an appearance by polar bear swimmer, Bruce Macintosh, here shown doing his thing to the delight of a capacity crowd at the mill pond.

Winter Carnival was best ever

The heavy snows of Friday afternoon cancelled the opening ceremonies of the Milton Winter Carnival, but those same snows set the stage for what is considered the best carnival held yet.

"Normally we run out of ribbons and medallions by 4:30 p.m.," said Town of Milton Programs Supervisor, Bonnie Ward, "but this year everything was gone by 3:30 p.m."

Mrs. Ward said Saturday dawned clear and cold and the Milton Figure Skating Club impressed everyone with the show they put on at Memorial Arena.

That was followed by the 10-team broomball tournament. Milton Firefighters won the Most Sportsmanlike honors, but the success of the event was shown at the till.

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Photo by JON BORGSTROM

Baseball complex dream strikes out at council

Barry Stanley has struck out in his attempt to build a \$400,000 baseball complex this year in Milton.

The defeated candidate in the 1985 municipal election for councillor also

heads up a committee interested in constructing the major baseball complex. He spoke to members of Milton council Monday night in an effort to persuade the Town to build it this

year. It is slated to begin construction next year.

Mr. Stanley, the chairman of the Milton Baseball Facilities Committee, said the group represented the three minor baseball organizations in town as well as five adult leagues. He said no league not represented in the committee opposed the plan but were absent because of changes in executives during the winter.

However, Mr. Stanley was rebuffed by almost all councillors.

Councillor Rose Harrison, who headed up the Master Plan on Culture and Recreation, was among the most vocal.

"I spent two years of my life on the Master Plan," she said, "and this is not in the plan. The whole idea of the plan was to avoid people getting groups together and coming in like this. It should be taken in the context of other recreational services."

Mr. Stanley said there were several

discrepancies in the Master Plan.

"The Master Plan contradicts itself," he said. "In one place, it says we have too many diamonds and then later in the plan it says we don't have enough."

"It does sock us in for 10 years and deprive us of our freedom."

Mr. Stanley's plan for financing involves fund-raising by the local sports organizations, help from local service clubs, user-pay of the diamonds, Wintario grants and Town financing. He estimated the Town's share of the \$400,000 final cost would be no more than 20-30 per cent.

He said no location had been found for such a park although he mentioned the 401 Industrial Park north of Highway 401 as a possible site. He also added that Wintario had not been approached but he expected that the grant formula, of 53.3 per cent grants, would apply.

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Thanks Again

The Milton Old Stars hockey club have made another donation of \$2,000 to the Milton District Hospital. Story and picture page 2.

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Recreation Opens House

A myriad of community groups - 54 in all - will set up displays at Milton Mall Saturday to show Miltonians the variety of recreational activities available in Milton.

It is part of the semi-annual Milton Recreational Open House. It began three years ago with about two dozen groups but has mushroomed to incorporate more groups as well as being held twice

a year. This year's event is the largest to date, thus the reason for holding it in Milton Mall.

Bonnie Ward, the programs supervisor for the Town of Milton, said groups ranging from all members of sports, seniors, Y Fitness, stamp collecting, model making and horticulture.

The open house runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.