



It's Your Business

with
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Toying with a challenge

A challenge has been issued to all local woodworkers to supply hand-made wooden toys to the Jaycees' Toy Drive.

The charitable toy collection drive has a new chairperson this year who is sales manager for Shopsmith Canada. Greg Smith says customers of his company are donating between 200 and 300 wooden toys to the local toy drive.

There are more than 600 children in Milton who will need toys provided through the fund to the Salvation Army. Each child usually receives four toys ranging in value from \$5 to \$25. That's a total of 2,400 toys and a price tag of \$27,000.

Mr. Smith is hoping to carve out a new donation niche with woodworkers in Milton. The need for support this Christmas has nearly doubled over last year, making generous donations even more vital than in the past. Toys can be dropped off at Milton Mall, where the toy drive donation box is located.

Shopsmith Canada, a 40-year-old company based in Mississauga, markets woodworking tools and holds woodworking classes and seminars.

Christmas Combo

It's the season that brings friends and family closer together and in some cases, businesses too.

Three enterprising local business owners are combining their wares in one store at Milton Mall during the Christmas shopping season. They're taking over a vacant unit at the mall for the month of December.

Springridge Farm, The Chocolate Gallery, and Country Gallery have kept the gift-giving crowd in mind while stocking their temporary retail outlet at the mall. Antique furniture and wall art is supplied by Country Gallery from its Main-Street shop; chocolate items representing various themes are arranged throughout the store, care of The Chocolate Gallery located on Nipissing Road; jams, condiments and gift baskets are the offerings being displayed from Springridge Farm.

The operators plan to open Sundays as well as during other regular mall hours.

Tire Story Retread

Steve Miller, owner of Milltown Tire Service Ltd. called this newspaper to point out a story in last Wednesday's *Champion* that had gone off track. The editorial portion of a series of promotions called Auto Experts stated that Auto Genics was the exclusive retailer of Yokohama Tires. While that company does carry the performance radials, so does Milltown Tire.

Mr. Miller has run Milltown Tire for two years in Milton and has 25 years experience. He says Yokohama is one of the major brands his shop at 751 Steeles Ave. carries. Tires are installed and balanced at the shop, which stocks tires for farm equipment as well as trucks and cars.

Thanks for running that by me, Mr. Miller. Apologies for any inconvenience related to the communications break-down.

Snow Show

Snowmobile buffs will be praying for snow after a visit to the 13th annual Winterama Extravaganza at The Racer's Edge on Bronte Street. A large tent will house a selection of snow machines and inside the store there will be wall-to-wall snowmobile suits, gloves and helmets.

To warm up their customers, staff at The Racer's Edge will give away barbecued hotdogs on Friday evening until 9 and all day Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale event begins Thursday and goes to Saturday.



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Attention toy makers

Jean Ellis is into the Jaycees Toy Drive up to her neck and the service club is challenging others to join her. Local woodworkers are being challenged to contribute wooden toys that will be donated to needy children through the Salvation Army. The donation box is at Milton Mall.

Halton ninth in number of cancelled court cases

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have been pushing for more resources for a number of years but couldn't seem to get anybody's attention."

The government "made the best decision it could make at the time" given the "great competition" for provincial funds, he added.

According to Mr. Treleaven, 70 more Crown attorneys will probably be hired across the province, to support the increased number of judges. "I would assume Halton will get one judge and will get two assistant Crown attorneys."

Of the 70 new Crown prosecutors, 32 are to be hired "in the near future" and 38 "down the road," Mr. Treleaven said.

Mr. Treleaven, who expects to get further clarification of government plans sometime this week, said he has already told Halton Crown attorney Paul Stunt to begin looking for two additional prosecutors.

Those two people, however, may move around somewhat in the area Mr. Treleaven supervises, which extends well beyond Halton, as circumstances dictate. It will depend on where they are seen to be needed most, he said.

The provincial government is considering options such as the establishment of "blitz" courts in areas with substantial backlogs, to hasten trials for cases involving charges such as impaired driving. As well, night courts and late afternoon courts may

be created in more areas. Mr. Treleaven said those options probably won't be needed in Halton.

The regional director for Crown attorneys said it "will be June before we get over the mad scramble" to clear backlogs in Halton, even with the new measures.

Mr. Treleaven also said that once the backlog is cleared, he doesn't anticipate taxpayers will be burdened with an overstuffed judicial system. Attrition is a major factor with judges, he pointed out, noting that 11 will retire in the next year. Also, many of the districts enduring problems at present are high-growth areas surrounding Toronto, he said, and the rapid population growth is expected to continue.

December trial date for Boudreau

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Honolulu with his father.

Hearings were held in Honolulu to allow Luke to be handed over to his mother, Janet Cipryk, in mid-October.

Mr. Boudreau was deported from Hawaii by United States immigration authorities earlier this month and met by Halton Regional Police at Pearson International Airport in Toronto.

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