



Copeland Lumber owner Chuck Copeland (right) donates a print to the Ducks Unlimited auction which will be held April 16 at Mohawk Raceway. The fundraiser for the preservation of wetlands also includes a dinner banquet. Here, Don Beamish of the local group accepts the gift.

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Banquet to raise big bucks for ducks

Ducks Unlimited is asking Miltonians to help the organization preserve Canada's wetlands by attending its sixth annual dinner auction next month.

The event, which includes about 80 items up for grabs in live and silent auctions, will be held April 16 at Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville.

Last year, the banquet raised \$39,000 — a figure Ducks Unlimited member Don Beamish said he hopes the Milton club will be able to match, or even beat.

"If we can hold our own in this recession," he said, "we'll be doing well."

An international organization, Ducks Unlimited is made up of a network of conservation groups which conserve dwindling populations of waterfowl species by improving habitat.

The range of items for sale in the auctions doesn't just cover gaming equipment, said Mr. Beamish. A weather vane, afghan, wood box, and clock are among the items on the shopping list.

Tickets for the dinner auction, which runs from 6 to 11:30 p.m., cost \$50 which includes a Ducks

Unlimited membership, admission to both auctions, dinner with wine, and a chance to win one of about 120 prizes.

For tickets, contact Bob at Robert Newman Shoes, 878-9877, or Kate at the Halton Outdoors Shop, 878-0322. In Georgetown, call West Insurance at 877-5113.

Local members of the organization are also collecting cash donations. Anyone who makes a donation of \$200 or more can purchase a print of a pair of wood ducks for \$30.

Smart like fox play for kids

The Fantastic Mr. Fox will take the stage at the Milton Public Library Wednesday afternoon.

The play concerns the tale of the intelligent Mr. Fox and his quick-witted family.

The Toronto-based Erewhon Theatre will present the 45-minute production, which is recommended for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6, in the Pine Street union hall, beside the library. Curtain time is 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$2. For more information, call 875-2665.

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