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Scouts find bomb shell

A Scout troop's camping trip turned out to be more exciting than pitching tents and building campfires.

Canadian Armed Forces personnel were called to Woodland Trails campground on Sixth Line Sunday afternoon when the Scouts found a cannon shell in a stream.

The shell, not believed to be in danger of exploding, was removed by 8:30 p.m. and turned over to the Department of National Defence for disposal, said regional police.

Examination of the World War II-vintage shell revealed it was of British origin and was manufactured in July, 1941.

Police believe the owner of the bomb had recently dumped it in the stream to dispose of it.

"Due to the exterior condition of the shell, it was obvious that it had not been in the water for any length of time," said a Halton police press release.



Rolling along

Steve Sydor hits the surface after rolling under water in his kayak at Kelso Lake. With this summer's cool weather, it could easily have been an Eskimo roll. Kayaks, paddle boats, and wind-surfing equipment are available for rent at the conservation area.

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The 820 Milton Air Cadets recently celebrated 20 years of operation during its annual Inspection Parade at the John Tonelli Sports Centre.

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Challinor wants brick plant built

Ward 2 municipal councillor John Challinor is "very disappointed with the decision" by the provincial government to at least stall Jannock Brick's proposed factory in rural Milton.

Speaking at municipal council Monday night, Mr. Challinor served notice that he will attempt to get his fellow councillors on side with his position when Milton council debates the issue, probably in two weeks.

With respect to environment minister Ruth Grier's announcement last week that she had overturned Niagara Escarpment Commission and appeal board approvals for the project, Mr. Challinor said, "Ruth, I think you made the wrong decision."

Ward 2 councillor Colin Best said Ms Grier's actions were backed by "the most lame excuse ever found" in that she cited the

fact there was no existing brick manufacturing plant on the site. The appeal hearing officer had said a new plant amounted to sanctioning an existing use for the property.

A brick plant operated in the general area of the proposed new facility, east of Tremaine Road (Town Line) and north of Main Street, for many years.

The factory closed and the site lay dormant until several years ago, when municipal officials made the landowners demolish the deteriorating remains since they were being

subjected to vandalism and intermittent fires.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz has contended that Ms Grier's interpretation amounts to capitalizing on a loophole, because it was the municipality that made Jannock destroy the abandoned structure, thereby removing any possible claim to brick building being an existing property use. Mr. Best in effect echoed that.

Provincial officials say they want to see Jannock's plan for the overall site before the

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Officer charged as part of internal investigation

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

A 20-year veteran Halton Regional Police officer has been charged with discreditable conduct as part of an investigation into an anonymous letter alleging police wrongdoing.

Sergeant Rod Wilson, 45, will appear for what is expected to be a preliminary police hearing on the matter next Thursday (Aug. 27) in Burlington, where he works in the criminal investigation bureau.

The charge has been laid under the Police Services Act, and will be handled as an in-house matter. The penalty could be anything from "admonishment to dismissal,"

said Sergeant Carey Smith, the Halton police media spokesperson.

The announcement Monday stemmed from an investigation launched by Halton Police Chief James Harding aimed at determining who wrote a controversial letter distributed to her fellow regional councillors by Halton Hills representative Pam Johnston at the June 3 regional council meeting in Oakville.

The anonymous letter alleged high-ranking police officials covered up an apparent wife assault by a Halton police officer in 1983. A subsequent OPP investigation found no evidence to substantiate the cover-up charge.

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