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Furniture give-away

Halton Recovery House's half-way house is closing and all of its well-used furniture is to be given away.

The furniture give-away will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at the farmhouse on No. 5 Sideroad about one kilometre west of Highway 25, south side.

The original location of Halton Recovery House, a home for recovering male alcoholics, opened in 1974. Ten years ago the operation moved to a modern facility on Trafalgar Road and the farmhouse became a half-way house for graduates of the residential program.

The farmhouse and surrounding property was donated to the program by Best Pipe, a development company. As the house will eventually be demolished, its owner is not prepared to pay for costly repairs required.

Jack Ferguson, director of Halton Recovery House says the home would not have opened had it not been for the donated farmhouse.

He hopes those in need of furniture will drop by on Dec. 19. Up for grabs are beds, wardrobes, couches and chairs.

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A machete and a stun gun were among the weapons turned in to Halton Regional Police during its amnesty program.

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Anti-NEC group wins at council

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Two citizen groups with opposing visions of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) competed for the support of Halton regional councillors Wednesday, and when it was over the anti-NEC faction had won.

But it's only a relatively small victory in a long process that may or may not end by stripping the NEC of some of its powers. That decision rests with the provincial government, not regional council.

The Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition (NELC) is lobbying the various regional and county councils lying along the escarpment in an attempt to wrestle control of development on it from the NEC. Instead, those opposed to the NEC argue, regions and counties should have the authority to decide what does and doesn't get built on the ridge line running from Niagara to Georgian Bay.

A month ago Halton's planning and public works committee supported the NELC, but there was a strong backlash from NEC advocates who said they didn't get equal time. Regional council referred the controversy back to the committee and the two groups duelled in front of councillors Wednesday.

In the end the committee didn't budge from its position, but neither did the two factions, and it was clear a deep rift separated those who support the NEC from those who say it's an unnecessary bureaucracy run by empire builders.

Herman Turkstra, a lawyer for the NELC, told councillors people he represents had "incredible experiences with the NEC, experiences no citizen in Ontario should have to go

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Make a wish

It's time to 'Wish Upon a Star' and support the Canadian Cancer Society and the Ladies Auxillary of Milton Fire Department. Shoppers at Milton Mall tomorrow (Saturday) can hang a star on a special Christmas tree for giving a donation. Making their wishes with Mayor Gord Krantz are Donna McHugh (front) of the auxillary and Doris Morely representing the Cancer Society.

Fund jumps to \$4,000

It's just two weeks before Christmas and the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund has \$14,000 left to raise to meet its goal. Generous Miltonians have contributed \$4,000 to the fund in the past 10 days. Among them were the organizers of the second annual Halton Region Men's Invitational Basketball Tournament. The event held two weeks ago raised money for various charities including the Christmas fund which received \$1,000. Donations of all sizes are welcome to help families in need this Christmas.

Pregnant woman gets eight months for threatening harm

A Milton woman was sentenced to eight months in jail for threatening a witness who was to testify at her boyfriend's trial.

Melanie Livingston, 18, of Bronte Street, pleaded guilty to uttering a threat to cause bodily harm in Milton provincial court Monday.

Ms Livingston was arrested in November after threatening a witness in an attempt to keep him from testifying at the theft trial of Mark Hostrawser, 25, of Miles Street, who is accused of snatching a purse from an elderly woman.

Court heard Ms Livingston went to the 21-year-old witness's place of employment and told him he would be hurt badly if he testified.

The expectant mother also received an eight-month jail sentence after pleading guilty to attempting to obstruct justice, and a six-month prison term for breaching probation. The sentences are being served concurrently.

We wish you & your family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy 1993

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