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Go batty at Mountsberg

For those who want to dispel the myths around bats, the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is hosting its annual Bat Night Sunday, Aug. 14 and again Saturday, Aug. 20.

Both events have limited space so registration is urged today. The August 14 date is set aside for those with small children, as some special puppet visitors will be involved.

The fun gets underway at 7:30 p.m. as dozens of bats drop from their daytime roost to begin their nocturnal hunt for insects.

Visitors will learn about bats in an information session, experience a close encounter with a little brown bat and help staff release bats back to the wild to watch them fly into the night sky.

It's a chance to dispel scary myths that have dogged the tiny creatures for years.

Program space is limited. Cost is \$8 per adult, \$5 per child. Mountsberg is five km west of Campbellville between Hwy 6 and Guelph Line, just south of Hwy 401. Call for information or registration (905) 854-2276.

Stuck car hit by train

A man was lucky to escape injury when his car got stuck on railway tracks north of town last week.

The driver of the car turned from No. 15 Sideroad onto what he thought was Sixth Line shortly before 10 p.m. July 27, but he actually turned onto the tracks.

The man couldn't move the car so he got out and attempted to warn an approaching train.

He was unsuccessful, however, and the train hit the car. The vehicle sustained only minor damage to its front end. No one was injured.

Charged with careless driving is a 64-year-old Milton man.

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

A blue view

Four-year-old Emily Colombo got into the thick of berry picking Saturday afternoon. Her family was visiting Andrews Scenic Acres to take advantage of a bumper crop of ripe blueberries at the pick-your-own farm.

Vacationing cops try in vain to save woman

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

Two non-Halton police officers are being called heroes after rescuing three canoeists stranded in a remote area of Algonquin Park.

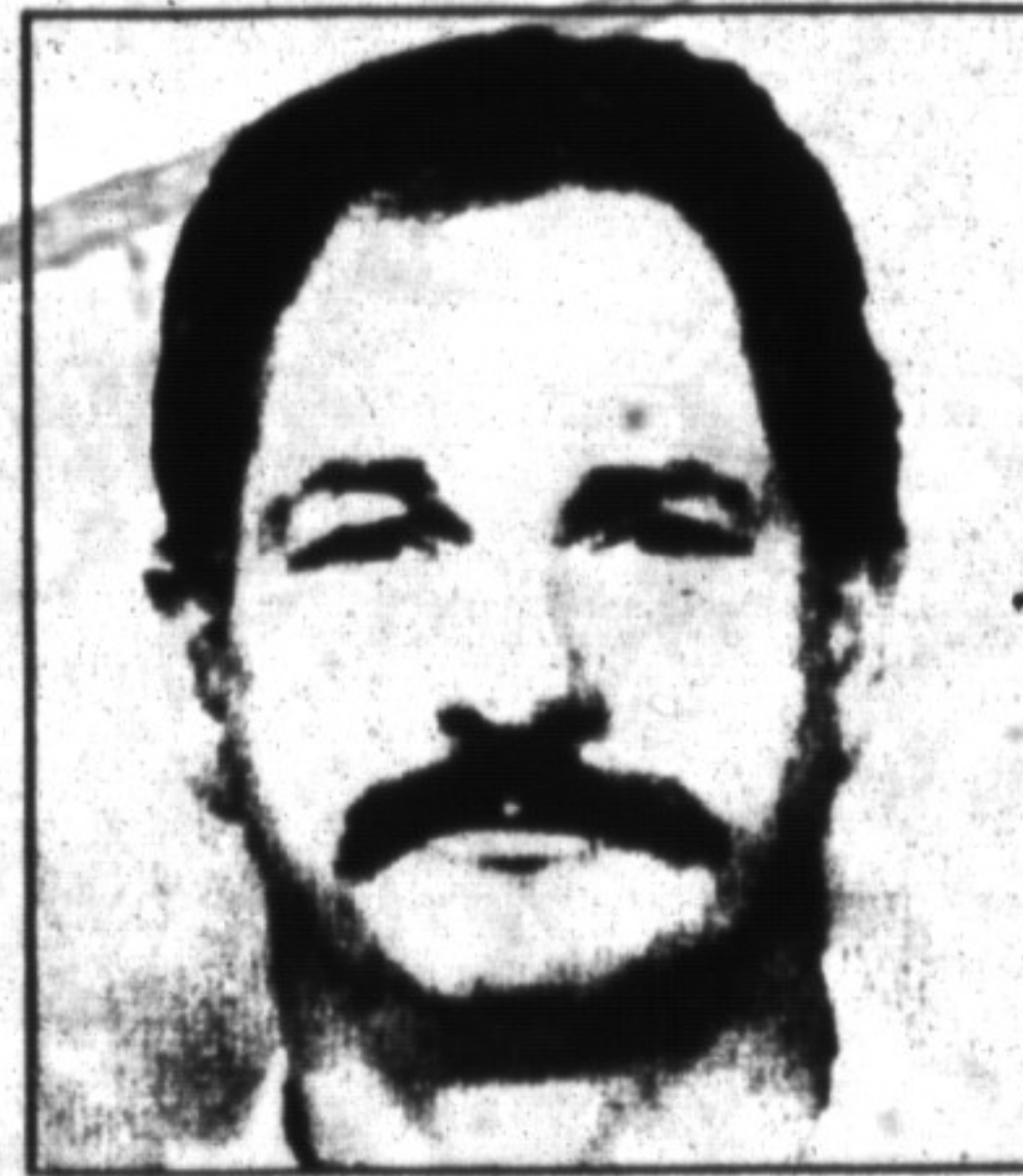
Halton Regional Police Staff Sergeant Roy Smith and Constable Pat Wood were on their annual canoe trip last Friday when they discovered an overturned canoe and a body floating in the Petawawa River.

"He (Staff Sgt. Smith) told me he heard what he thought was a scream (at 3:15 p.m.)," said Constable Wood, 46, who works out of Milton's 12 Division.

"I thought it was my imagination playing with me," said Staff Sgt.



Roy Smith



Pat Wood

Smith, 47, who is stationed in Georgetown and oversees an area including Milton and Halton Hills.

Constable Wood, a 22 year-veteran of the Halton Regional Police Service, then spotted a red canoe

upside down in the water.

"We thought initially someone had come into a portage and lost a boat," said Constable Wood.

The longtime friends began collecting debris from the canoe, planning to return them to the owner.

But when they went to pick up what they thought was a lifejacket, it turned out to be the clothing of a woman floating face down.

The off-duty officers quickly sprung into action. Constable Smith, a Milton resident and Halton policeman for 25 years, paddled to shore while Constable Wood held onto the woman, keeping her face above water.

"We tried CPR, but we couldn't

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