

Christmas kids

Students at Goodwood Public School had a lot of decorating to do this week, thanks to Standard Aggregate. The local company again sponsored an outing to Horton Tree Farm to let students pick trees for their classrooms. The trip included a hay ride and hot chocolate. Here, Kindergarten students Peter Weaholowski (left) and Dahlia Solski spend time decorating and placing gifts under the tree.



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decorative stakes, paper kites, candle
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paper mache boxes, silver jewellery,
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cotton shawls, pot-pourri containers

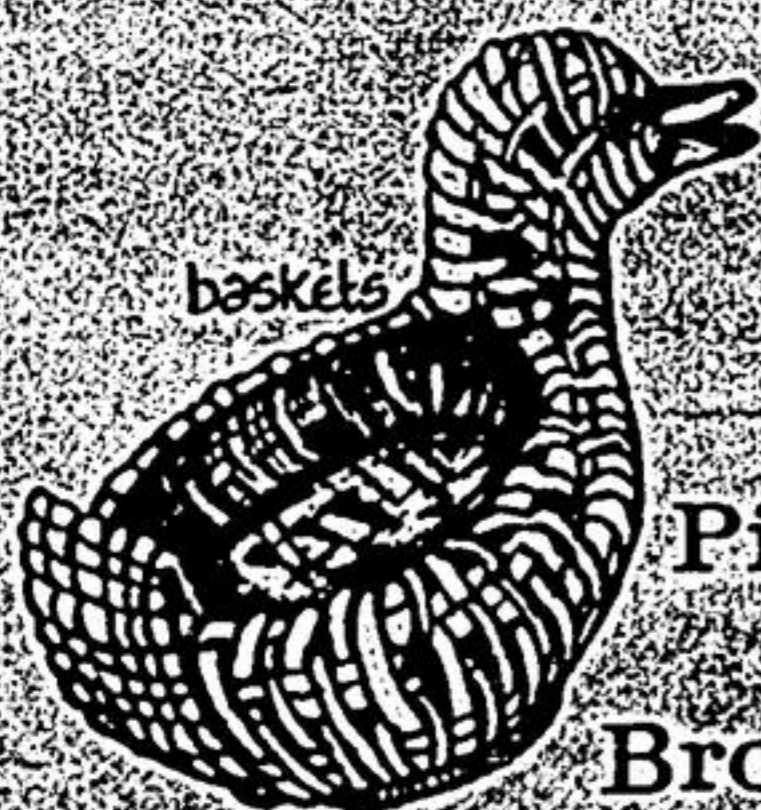
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masks, sculpture, sweaters, rugs, bedspreads,
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Sobering stats on impaired driving

SGT. RODNEY SINE
York Regional Police

As I have written many articles on drinking and driving, maybe the following facts on impaired driving will open your eyes to the straight facts.

Five hundred thousand people worldwide are killed in motor vehicle collisions every year. The vast majority of these people are young. In North America, the majority ranges between 16 and 25 years.

Impaired driving is a significant contributor to fatal and injurious accidents. Almost 50 per cent of single car fatalities involve alcohol at the time of collisions.

In many built up areas after 6 p.m., impaired drivers are found on the roads in numbers sometimes exceeding one in nine.

The majority of collisions (90 to 94 per cent of collisions that police investigate) show that driver error was the cause. Alcohol and/or drugs magnify and increase driver error significantly.

The legal limit in Canada is 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. Again, it should be noted that the vast majority of drivers arrested are well over this level, sometimes by two or three times.

The impaired driver is less likely to use seat belts, obey the speed limit and other rules of the road, and the rate of being involved in collisions goes up proportionately in relation to what is consumed.

Contrary to popular belief, the impaired driver is more likely to be injured in a crash than a person who has not consumed alcohol.

There are many myths associated with drinking and driving that many motorists believe. Some examples are:

- "Waiting before driving" - "I'll be okay in an hour." The body eliminates one drink per hour at a fixed rate. Currently, nothing can be done to speed up the rate of elimination.

- "Drinking coffee." Coffee and other beverages of this type contain caffeine, which is a stimulant. Alcohol is a depressant. What you get when the two drugs are used together is a wide awake drunk.

- "Knowing your limit." The body develops a tolerance to alcohol like any other drug which is used over time. Also, the educated drinker learns to adapt his or her behavior to show less effect. Other factors also enter into the drinking equation such as mental state, physical condition, drugs, driving conditions, driver experience, etc.

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