

Photo/DAN PELTON
CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS month is October and its signature colour, purple, was displayed by Humber College Early Childhood Education students Monday during a fund-raising bake sale partially aimed at raising awareness of the child abuse issue. Helping the cause were at Humber's Alder Street site were (left to right): Natasha Weatherby, Stephanie Geiser, Anna Lee Geesnik and Miranda Milley. Ms. Geiser and Ms. Geesnik were both holding Corey, the campaign's mascot.



Mono to appeal MTO Hwy 9 speed ruling

By DAN PELTON
 Staff Reporter

The issue of reducing the speed limit on Highway 9 between First Line EHS and Heart Lake Road has the Mono council on a collision course with the provincial Ministry of Transportation. The town had requested that the province exercise its jurisdiction over the approximate 1.5-kilometre stretch of road and lower the speed limit from its present 80 km/h to 60 km/h. The reasoning was that there are several businesses, residences on the south side in the Town of Caledon and a Montessori School. In a letter to the town, however, MTO area traffic manager Fabio Saccon

denied the request. He explained in the letter that the portion of Highway 9 in question has a design speed of 100 km/h and a posted speed limit of 80 km/h. The design speed is the maximum speed that a vehicle can safely travel based on the design standards of that particular roadway, which has two through lanes plus a centre lane for turning vehicles. Mr. Saccon went on to say that a radar speed study was conducted. "The results of the speed study," he wrote, "concluded that vehicle operational speeds range between 89 km/h and 98 km/h. "These results fall within the expected speed range for this type of King's Highway, which is considered rural with little

development." He added that a reduction to 60 km/h would be "inappropriate" since it would result in too wide a range in speeds drivers would use and, thus, compromise safety. At its public meeting Tuesday, Mono council was vocal in its displeasure with the correspondence, which Mayor Lorie Haddock scoffed was a "generic letter" from the province. "They don't live in reality down there. We should send another letter and say this (ministry conclusion) is unacceptable." Deputy Mayor Ken McGhee made a motion that such an appeal be made to the ministry requesting the speed limit be reduced as requested. It was passed unanimously.

'Every Little Step' to be screened Monday

Broadway has produced many legendary productions, but A Chorus Line and the story behind it remain special. Next Monday's Monday Night at the Movies, at Orangeville's Galaxy Cinema, features Every Little Step, an audience favourite at the 2008 Toronto International Film Festival, which captures the magic of the much-loved show by filming the casting process of the 2006 stage revival. The concept is self-referential, given that the very plot of A Chorus Line is about casting a musical, but the filmmakers add another layer by examining how the original show was born when Michael Bennett recorded a group of dancers speaking in confessional mode. Director James D. Stern has built a prolific career producing film and Broadway shows, including The Producers and Hairspray. His participation afforded the crew extraordinary access behind the scenes and for anyone who loves theatre, Every Little Step is cause for hip-swaying, high-kicking celebration.

We meet the original performers Donna McKichnie and Baayork Lee (whose personality and short stature inspired the character Connie), along with the aspiring dancers who hope to revive those roles. Watching so many talented hopefuls express their different interpretations of each character is mesmerizing. But who will get the parts? The directors deftly follow the process to the end - the heartbreak of being cut, the exhilaration of being chosen. The result is one thrilling combination, every move this film makes. "The highlight of the film is the extraordinary archival footage of Bennett talking about the show and of scenes from the original show... You don't have to love musicals or even theater to love

Every Little Step." - David Wiegand, San Francisco Chronicle
 For further information visit the film's website: www.sonyclassics.com/everylittlestep
 The film, rated PG, runs 96 minutes. There'll be the usual three screenings at 4:30, 7 and 9:20 p.m. Individual tickets are available (\$8.00 - cash only) at BookLore People's Choice awards. Voting for the 2009 Film Circuit People's Choice Awards has started! You can vote by visiting the Film Circuit website, at www.filmcircuit.ca/vote between Oct. 1 and Dec. 15, and casting a ballot for your favourite film on the Film Circuit in 2009. Last year's awards went to Amal and The Diving Bell and the Butterfly. The 2009 results will be available mid-January 2010.

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Dress in bright clothing; don't wear dark colours.

Don't eat your candy until your parents have checked it.

Avoid masks that obstruct your vision and costumes restricting movement

Travel in groups and bring an adult with you.

Don't go into the house of anyone you don't know.

Be considerate of other people's property. Walk on sidewalks or driveways, not on lawns or flowerbeds

When planning a route, make sure an adult knows where you'll be.

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NOTICE

ANNUAL HYDRANT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

From September 14th to the end of November 2009, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Water Works Staff will be flushing fire hydrants and conducting flow tests as part of a regular hydrant maintenance program.

Due to sedimentation, this flushing may cause discoloration, so please check your cold water supply before using. If discoloration does occur, let the cold water run until it is clear.

Users are also reminded that Water Works Staff will continue to regularly flush hydrants in some areas in Town on subsequent Wednesdays as part of its regular maintenance program. Again, the water should be checked for discoloration before using it on those days.

The Town appreciates your co-operation and understanding during the hydrant flushing program.

J. Tupling, P. Eng.
 Director of Public Works

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE PICKS UP LEAVES IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS OR KRAFT BAGS ONLY

Your leaves are recycled into compost, and while Kraft paper bags break down, plastic does not. Please use Kraft paper bags, bushel baskets or other large, open-top containers clearly marked "YARD WASTE ONLY". Weekly leaf collection will begin Tuesday, November 3rd. Please have your containerized leaves to the curb for 7:00 a.m.

Collection of loose leaves will begin November 2nd (weather permitting), beginning in the areas with large mature trees then working back into the newer subdivisions, if time permits. Please note, the Town cannot guarantee that all streets will have loose leaf pick up; therefore, please continue to put your leaves out in Kraft paper bags for weekly pick up if you live in a newer subdivision. Please have your leaves raked to the boulevard, not the road, to allow for road drainage. **PLEASE NO DEBRIS OR BRANCHES.** Any pile found to have debris or branches will be left until debris or branches are removed.

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