



Pipe dreams

Piper Jane Power led councillors, headed by Mayor Russ Miller, on and off the stage at the swearing-in ceremony at the John Elliott Theatre Monday. Four new coun-

Hazardous waste station now open

North Halton residents now have a place to dispose of their hazardous waste safely and legally. Halton Region's hazardous waste depot opened its doors in Milton Dec. 1. Residents of Halton Hills will have to make the pilgrimage to the depot, located on Steeles Avenue at the Highway 401 intersection, if they want to rid themselves of disposal waste.

The waste depot will accept materials such as automobile batteries, furniture and floor polishes, paints, turpentines, lacquer thinners, garden and houseplant herbicides and pesticides, and cosmetic and pharmaceutical products, as well as propane cylinders.

The station is currently open from Thursday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, starting Jan. 1 the depot will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no charge to dispose hazardous waste at the depot.

Waste deposited there is disposed of in three ways, said John MacKay, Halton's director of waste management services. Some products, such as motor oils, are refined and used again. Others are incinerated and those unsafe to burn are disposed of at a hazardous waste landfill site.

Until the new depot opened, Halton had relied on special hazardous waste days, in which residents could bring their waste to special depots set up for just one day.



Land of the Dinosaur

Dinosaur-mania hit the Antique and Craft Show at GDHS last weekend as Shaun and Justin Mercoit discovered while browsing through some of the offerings of over 100 vendors and dealers. The stuffed dinosaurs being held by seven-year-old Shaun (left) and his six-

year-old brother Justin were handmade by Carolyn Blachok and Joanne Verschuere of Georgetown. Attendance was steady at the first-time event and organizers hope to make the show an annual affair. (Herald photo)

Consolidated board hearings end

The controversial and expensive Consolidated Board hearings listening to evidence on Halton's two proposed landfill sites have finally come to an end.

The 17-month hearings ended in mid-November and the two board members are now reviewing a veritable mountain of evidence presented at the hearings.

More than 50,000 pages of documents were submitted during the hearings, said Halton's director

of waste management services John MacKay.

A site in Aldershot, Burlington is named as Halton's "preferred" landfill site but the City of Burlington and Burlington residents have fought the proposal tooth and nail.

The new site is just a stone's throw away from the current Regional dump site scheduled to close soon.

Halton's alternative site is in Milton.

The hearings heard evidence from the Town of Milton and Milton residents.

The entire hearing has cost Halton \$6.5 million so far. That doesn't include any costs of an appeal, should Milton or Burlington decide to do so, nor does it include the cost of paying for other groups' expenses. The board can order Halton to pay expenses for other groups involved in the hearings.

A decision is expected in early spring.

Diabetes canvass proves a success

Local canvassers for the Canadian Diabetes Association raised \$1,300 in November for diabetes research.

Georgetown resident Lisa Burrows spearheaded the campaign recruiting 13 canvassers to knock on doors in the Georgetown area.

However, said Mrs. Burrows, the canvass which was arranged in mid-October, didn't allow the association enough time to advertise.

"I dove into this two weeks before the campaign," she said, adding that next year she'd like to add more canvassers, particularly in the Acton area where there was only one representative.

Mrs. Burrows hoped to raise \$1,500 but said she was "very pleased" with the amount raised. Last year, a single canvasser managed to get \$125 in donations.

Mrs. Burrows said that diabetes affects one million Canadians. "I just can't believe diabetes hasn't touched some of these houses (in Halton Hills)."

Mrs. Burrows was diagnosed as a diabetic five years ago, and says that one of the biggest problems with canvassing for the condition is the public's lack of knowledge.

People are aware of cancer... when the United Way goes to campaign, they're aware of where donations are going. But people think diabetes are different, "that we will have fits," said Mrs. Burrows.

"When I was first diagnosed, you

could see the tension in my friends. They would be watching me all the time when I was eating, wondering if I would be okay."

Of the money brought in by the Halton Hills diabetes campaign, 32 per cent will go to research, 30 per cent to diabetes-related services, 16 per cent to education, 10 per cent to administration and the rest to

various business costs.

Diabetes said Mrs. Burrows, can cause blindness, neurological disorders and kidney failure. Many people take daily injections of synthetic insulin just to survive, she said.

"The whole idea of the campaign is to get these people off the needles."

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