

Business



Bill Smith Auto Parks in Georgetown, in conjunction with its American supplier, has come up with a safe way to dispose of car and truck batteries while at the same time save its customers money. The auto parts store will accept old batteries and have them shipped away to have the battery acid and plastic

recovered. For every battery received, the customer will be given a redeemable coupon worth a dollar on any item in the store. Bill Smith (right), owner of the auto parts store, handed out 50 coupons to Art Crewe-Read after he handed over 50 old batteries. (Herald photo)



Grand opening

May Lou Young (left) and Debbie Kilmer, two of the owners of the Hallmark store at the Georgetown Marketplace, served refreshments at the grand opening of their business on Saturday morning. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller was on hand to cut the ribbon earlier in the day to officially open the shop. (Herald photo)

Service started for old batteries

A Georgetown auto parts business has started up a new service to help people dispose of their car and truck batteries in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

Calling the service unique, Bill Smith, of Bill Smith Auto Parts said his store now accepts batteries for recycling. In return, for every battery handed in, a "blue box" worth a dollar will be given out.

What's a blue box, you ask. It's a dollar coupon that can be used towards the purchase of any product sold at the auto parts store, said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith is offering the service in conjunction with his store's supplier, Pennsylvania-based McKerie Millen. The auto parts store will ship the old batteries to the American company where the acid, lead and plastic will be recovered from the batteries, he explained.

Halton Hills Public Works Superintendent Frank Morette is one person who supports the service.

"The service will benefit the community and the user groups," those who need to dispose of batteries, he said.

Mr. Morette explained how it has been difficult to find storage areas for old batteries, so a service that allows easy disposal was needed. In the past the town has had to wait for scrap dealers to come around and pick up the batteries or transport the batteries to Guelph for disposal, he said.

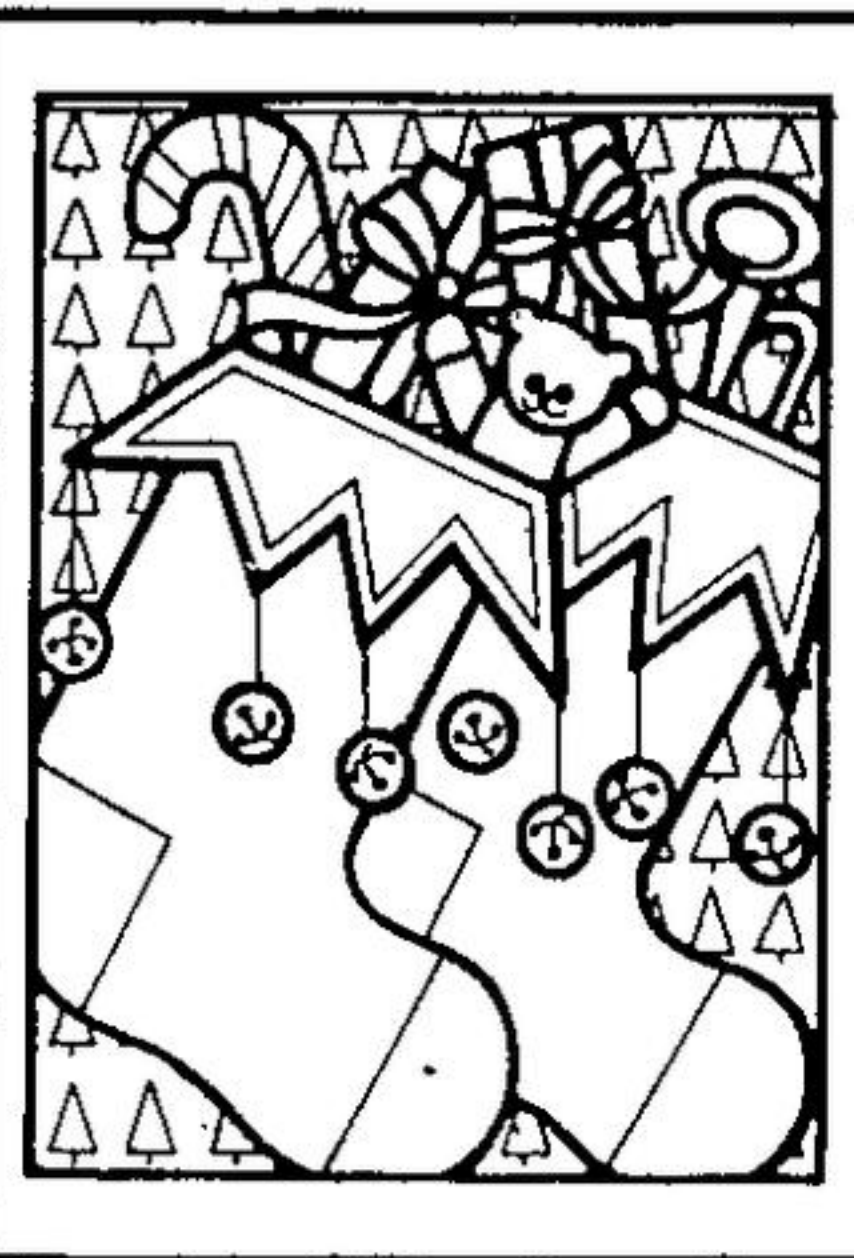
Mr. Smith's service, will therefore provide the town with financial savings, predicted Mr. Morette.

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