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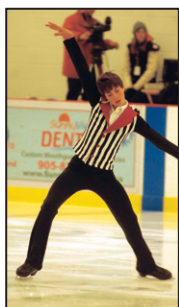
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## Taking their best shot against the flu

Georgetown's Tom Schenk and his wife Riet dropped by Young's Main St. store last week to receive their injections from registered nurse Lisa Sharpe and pharmacist Lisa Bowen. Young's Pharmacy & Home Care in Georgetown is one of many locations in Halton Hills where local residents can get their seasonal vaccine shots to ward off the influenza bug. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends the influenza vaccine for everyone six months of age and older before mid-November when the virus typically reaches the community for the winter months in Canada and abroad.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Methadone clinic opens in Georgetown

By LISA TALLYN  
Staff Writer

Area residents with an addiction to opioids will be able to find help locally to beat it with the opening of a methadone clinic in Georgetown.

The Horizons Clinic, to be located at 118 Mill St., Unit 201, is still under construction and expected to open likely in January, said clinic spokesperson Angelo Dias.

However, in the meantime, clinic owner Dr. Jameet Bawa, a family doctor with a specialty in addiction, is operating out of a private counseling room once in a week in the recently opened Georgetown Phar-

macy, 118 Mill St. Unit 101.

Dias, pharmacy manager, said patients are able to receive methadone from the pharmacy if they have a valid prescription from a doctor licensed to prescribe the medication. The pharmacy provided its first methadone dose to a client on Oct. 23.

Dias said there are currently Horizons methadone clinics operating in Orangeville and Brampton. Georgetown was selected for one because he said there's a need here. He added the Georgetown clinic will also include a walk-in/family practice.

Methadone is used to treat people who are addicted to opioids such as OxyContin, Percocet and morphine. It also helps peo-

ple get off heroin.

The drug, which is prescribed by a doctor, blocks the receptors in the brain so that the patient doesn't feel the euphoric sensations caused by their drug of choice. It also reduces the withdrawal symptoms that occur within the body when a person has stopped abusing drugs. This makes coming off drugs more bearable and comfortable for the person and greatly improves their chance of success.

Dias said they recently met with the Georgetown BIA, local businesses and councillors to let them know about the clinic.

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