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## Thieves grab drugs, needles

BY PAUL NOLAN  
 The Acton Tanner

The recent rash of local crimes continues as thieves broke into the Acton Medical Centre overnight Monday – for the second straight week.

Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh of Halton Police reported yesterday (Tuesday) that the bandits gained entry to the Mill Street building by prying open a side door.

“They obtained a small quantity of prescription drugs as well as some disposable

syringes,” reported Welsh.

Pain-killer Demerol was one of the narcotics stolen, and Welsh warned residents that “if abused, Demerol can cause adverse reactions to the health of users.”

Last week thieves broke into the Medical Centre and took some syringes but no drugs.

Welsh said there were no witnesses to the crime, but police are continuing their investigation.

“It certainly looks like the work of a drug-user.”

## Rural recount Friday

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The Acton Tanner

Rural Acton voters will learn who their Town councillors are following a recount of the Ward 2 election ballots this Friday.

The court-ordered recount was requested by defeated candidate Kevin Kuiack, who lost to incumbent councillors Kathy Gastle and Rob Heaton by 23 votes.

Both Gastle and Heaton polled 1,202 votes each with Kuiack receiving 1,178 votes. The Town consented to the recount in the interest of fairness.

Ward 2 – rural Acton and Georgetown – has 8,305 eligible voters and is represented by two councillors.

Less than half of the ward's eligible voters cast ballots in the election and those ballots have been sealed in a secure location since the election.

Municipal Clerk and Election Returning Officer Janet Lunn Stewart, said the 30 ballot boxes

will be opened and counted by specially sworn staff.

Bill Roberts, Milton's Town clerk, has been appointed recount officer and he will hear arguments from the candidates if there are any questioned ballots.

“If Roberts is comfortable, he can make a decision on a questioned ballot immediately, or he can take some time,” Lunn Stewart said in an interview on Friday.

“We will announce the winners as soon as the disposition of any questioned ballots is ruled upon.

“We're all anxious to get to the end of the process but things have to be done properly.”

After the results are announced there is a 15-day period in which a candidate may file an appeal. During that time the current councillors will continue to hold office.

If the recount results in a change, the new councillor will be sworn in by the Town clerk.

The recount will cost the Town approximately \$2,000.



### OUT OF MY WAY!

Acton Redmen Midget Boys basketball player Derrick McIntyre, left, fends off the pressure of a Blakelock opponent during a Halton high school match last Wednesday in the Acton High gym. The Redmen's record dropped to 0-5 after the 50-23 loss. McIntyre picked up four points in the game. (Doug Harrison photo)



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