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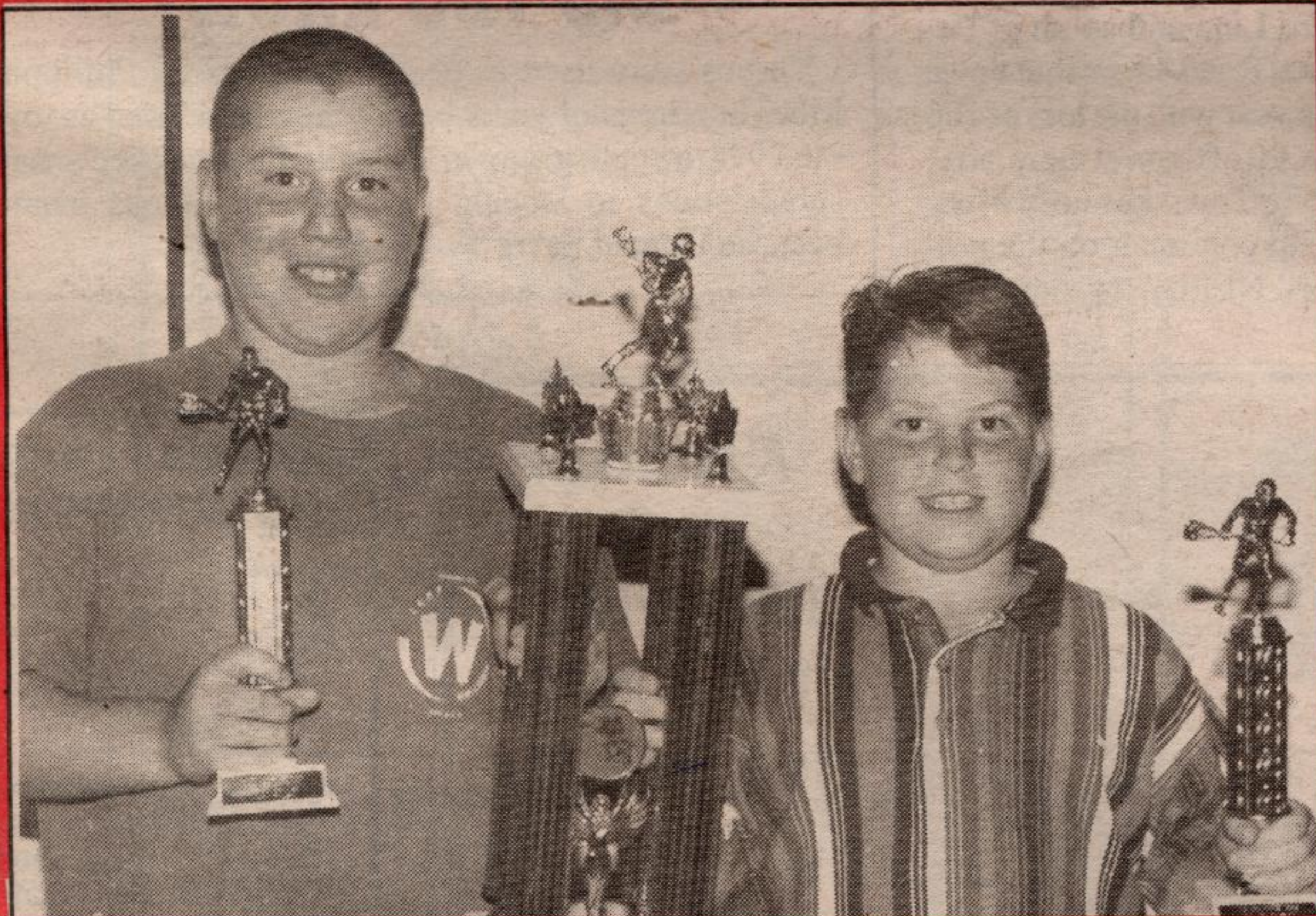
'ACTON'S OWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER'

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RAMS AWARDS NIGHT!



The Acton Rams lacrosse teams held their annual banquet last Thursday at the Legion. Taking home trophies for Player of the Year were, above from left, Matty Wolfer (peewee), Braden Artem (tyke) and Chad Artem (novice). The Most Improved players were, in photo below, Mark Tyler (peewee) and Brady Masters (novice). Absent was Wade Kuiken-Rogers (tyke). (Karen Wetmore photos)



Pool to remain open during negotiations

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

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The Halton Board of Education will not close the Acton Lions Indoor Pool as long as negotiations with the Town continue to determine who will pay future maintenance costs.

As part of its budget belt-tightening, the Board eliminated funding for the seven pools it operates in schools in three Halton municipalities and announced that the pools would close Sept. 1.

At a community meeting Thursday night in Acton, called to deal with a shopping list of citizen complaints including the threatened pool closure, Councillor Norm

Elliott said a series of eight Board-Town meetings are scheduled in the coming months to try to settle the issue of who will pay pool operating costs.

"The Town will not let the pool close," Elliott promised. "It has the power to bring an injunction against the Board because the Board has a legal contract to operate the pool."

That contract said the Board would pay maintenance costs for "the life of the pools," and the Board claims that time is up.

"It's a little hard to accept that because the pool is still functioning as well as it ever has," Elliott noted, adding the Board wants the Town to

share operating costs but can't say what those costs are.

"The Town's information is that it would cost Halton Hills in excess of \$200,000 to do their share. To put it in perspective that would be a three per cent tax increase."

In an interview on Friday, the Town's Manager of Facilities, Paul Stover, declined to comment on the talks because the Board had asked for a gag order during negotiations.

"We are hoping to reach a settlement," Stover said, explaining that the negotiations would continue during the next two months with a staff report to Town councillors scheduled for Nov. 11.

Quarry concerns debated

A proposed exemption which could affect the future of United Aggregates Limited's (UAL) Acton Quarry were on both the court docket and the Town Council agenda Monday.

In a Milton court, dates were set to hear arguments in a private prosecution brought against UAL for quarrying without a required development permit.

North Halton environmentalist Rita Landry, with the help of the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, has laid a private charge against UAL for contravening the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA) by not applying for the permit.

The case will be heard in a Burlington court Feb. 3 and 4 and March 3 and 4 and it will also be back on the docket at the Milton courthouse Nov. 4 because the Crown told the court that it had not reviewed

the matter as required in all private prosecutions.

The court questioned whether a pre-trial hearing might narrow the issues and reduce trial time and suggested both parties come back in November for an update.

On the Council front, for the second time in less than a week, more than 100 UAL workers jammed Council chambers to lend support to UAL's request that the Town not object to a proposed provincial amendment exempting UAL from applying for the development permit at the centre of the court case.

The proposed amendment to the NEPDA would exempt aggregate companies licensed before 1975 from having to obtain a development permit.

At the Council meeting, Dr. Len Landry (Rita Landry's husband) stressed that those in opposition to the pro-

posed amendment do not want quarry workers to lose their jobs but said UAL is linked with Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI), which has plans to turn a portion of the Acton quarry into a massive landfill site.

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Trunk Sale on!

The Trunk Sale will continue every Saturday up to and including Sept. 28 at the olde Hide House parking lot from 9 am to 1 pm.

Incorrect information was given with photo cutlines in last week's Tanner. The Tanner regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.



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