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Ebenezer's Christmas Carol

Ebenezer Scrooge couldn't have found a better fit than at Ebenezer United Church during December, where his character came to life in a crowd-pleasing reading of Charles Dickens' classic tale, *A Christmas Carol*, performed by five area locals. From left to right are John Cripton, Michelle Marshall, Chris Wilson, Sharon French, and Geoff Ellwand.

Donna Danielli's Just Kidding Around



Wow, it's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Families can start the New Year off right by checking out some of these family friendly activities:

The Town of Milton has a wide variety of programs beginning this month. **Jumping Jack Splash**, for 24 year olds, offers parents and tots the fun of climbing, jumping, crawling and sliding together. After 30 minutes in the gym, there is an additional 30 minutes in the pool for a cost of \$71. It runs Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. from January 7 to March 4. **Drawing and Cartooning** is aimed at 9-14 year olds looking to learn about animation, character development, 3D rendering, and creating their own cartoon strip. Students are requested to bring a pencil, eraser, and coloured markers to this class which runs Sundays from noon - 2 p.m., January 26 - March 2 for a cost of \$48.

Also for 9-14 year olds is **Painting** on Thursdays, January 30 to March 7 from 6 - 8 pm. This class costs \$66 and students are required to bring water-colours, brushes, pencils, erasers, and a sketchbook. Each of these classes take part at the Milton Leisure Centre and you can find out more by calling 905-878-7252.

The Town of Halton Hills also begins its winter session of classes this month. **Sports Spectacular** runs at McKenzie Smith Bennett School on Wednesdays, January 15 to March 5. Drills and game play in a variety of different sports are offered to 7-8 year olds from 6-7 p.m., and for 9-12 year olds from 7-8 p.m. for a cost of \$43. **Youth Yoga** is available for 13-17 year olds interested in a fitness program utilizing a variety of muscle stretching exercises, combined with breathing and relaxing techniques. This takes place at the Georgetown Seniors' Centre on Wednesdays from 6:15-7 p.m., January 8 to March 4 for a cost of \$49. New this year is the **Junior Woodworkers** program for 5 and 6 year olds, designed by an ECE instructor for little people. An adult must be present with each child in the program which runs at Cedarvale Community Centre, Saturdays 1-2 p.m., January 18 to February 8 for a cost of \$35. For information on any of these programs please call 905-873-2601, ext. 2262.

Milton Community Resource Centre begins its winter session of programs this month with **Beat the Bully** which teaches 6-10 year olds how to be assertive and stick up for themselves. This runs Wednesdays from 4-5:30

p.m., January 15 to February 19 for a cost of \$35. A **Babysitter's Training Course** is offered to those aged 11 and up on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., January 15 to February 19 for a cost of \$45 which includes the manual. **Home Alone** is designed for kids aged 9 and up and runs Mondays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., January 13 to Feb 3 for a cost of \$30 which includes the manual. And **Girl's Night Out** offers girls aged 6-10 a variety of theme nights that include baking, movies, games and beauty salon nights. This runs Thursdays from January 16 to February 20, 6:30 - 8 p.m. for a cost of \$40. To find out more about any of these programs please call 905-876-1244, ext. 18.

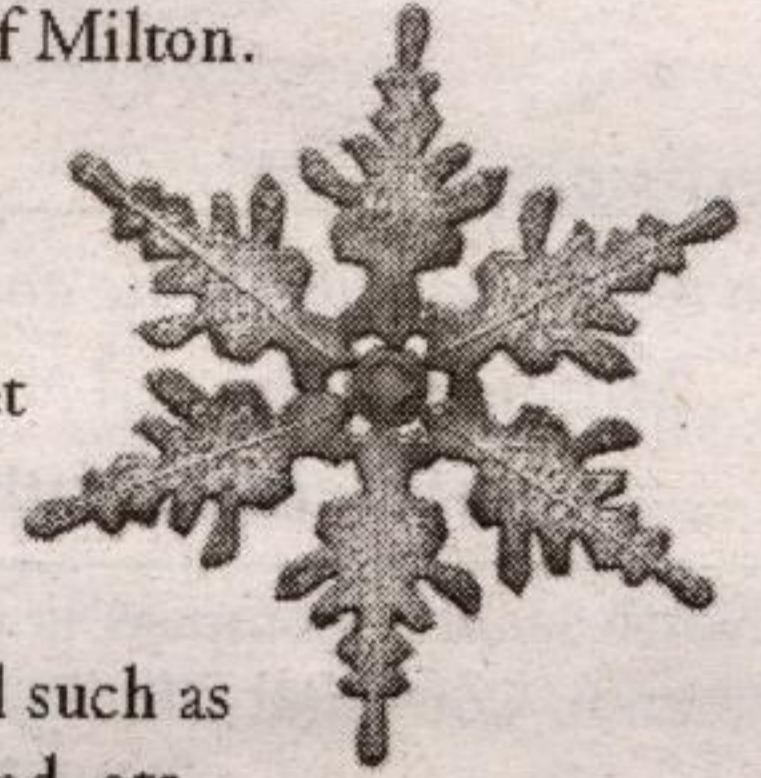
Well, that's it for another month. Have a great start to your New Year and I'll be back next month with more family fun in North Halton.

TALK of the TOWN

A monthly feature from the Town of Milton

With Winter Comes Snow

The Community Services Department is responsible for snow removal services for the Town of Milton. When a snowstorm occurs, the Town starts its road clearing operations as soon as 2 inches of snow have accumulated. However, our crews can't clear every street immediately, so snowplows are assigned based on the following priorities.



A first priority roadway is an arterial road such as Ontario Street, Steeles Avenue, Derry Road, etc. that experience highest traffic volumes and/or provides inter Regional transportation. Next in priority are collector streets that feed these main roadways followed by the remaining residential streets. Once all residential streets are plowed, a re-plowing process starts to clear up snow that may have been left due to cars parked on roads. While we know that many people would like their residential street cleared sooner, please recognize that until our crews are able to clear the major roads, it may not be safe for you to travel anywhere.

Parking

Following any storm, please ensure that your vehicles are not parked on the street or sidewalk as they make plowing conditions unsafe and could restrict access by emergency services. Please note that the Town Uniform Traffic Control By-law prohibits any interference with Town snow removal activities. Vehicles may be tagged or towed at the owner's expense if they interfere with the Town's ability to carry out snow plowing and/or removal activities.

Sidewalks

The Town is responsible for clearing approx. 48 km of sidewalks and first cleared are properties owned by the Town, school routes and the downtown core in Milton and Campbellville.

All other property owners /occupants - business and residential are required by by-law 13-95 to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a snowfall. If you have a physical disability and reside on property where this by-law applies, exemptions can be made if you have filed a medical certificate with the Town of Milton's Community Services Department.

Driveway Markings

Be sure to properly mark decorative curbing and wood ties that parallel driveways as the Town of Milton is not responsible for any damages. To help reduce the chance of damage, areas that touch sidewalks and curbs should be tapered.

Wishing for Warmer Weather? Share your memories of Rotary Park Pool

Current and former residents are encouraged to submit your favourite memories and/or mementos of Rotary Outdoor Pool for inclusion in a scrapbook commemorating the fun times had by those who used the pool over the past 40 years. The existing pool will be replaced with a new pool in 2003 and the scrapbook will be incorporated as part of a time capsule.

The person submitting the most memorable submission, as judged by a group of Milton residents, will receive a special family swim season pass for the first summer of the new pool's operation. All entries should include your name and contact information and can be mailed or delivered to the attention of Janis Young, Supervisor, Customer Service, Milton Leisure Centre, 1700 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario L9T 2Y2 or sent via e-mail to: janis.young@town.milton.on.ca. The deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2003.

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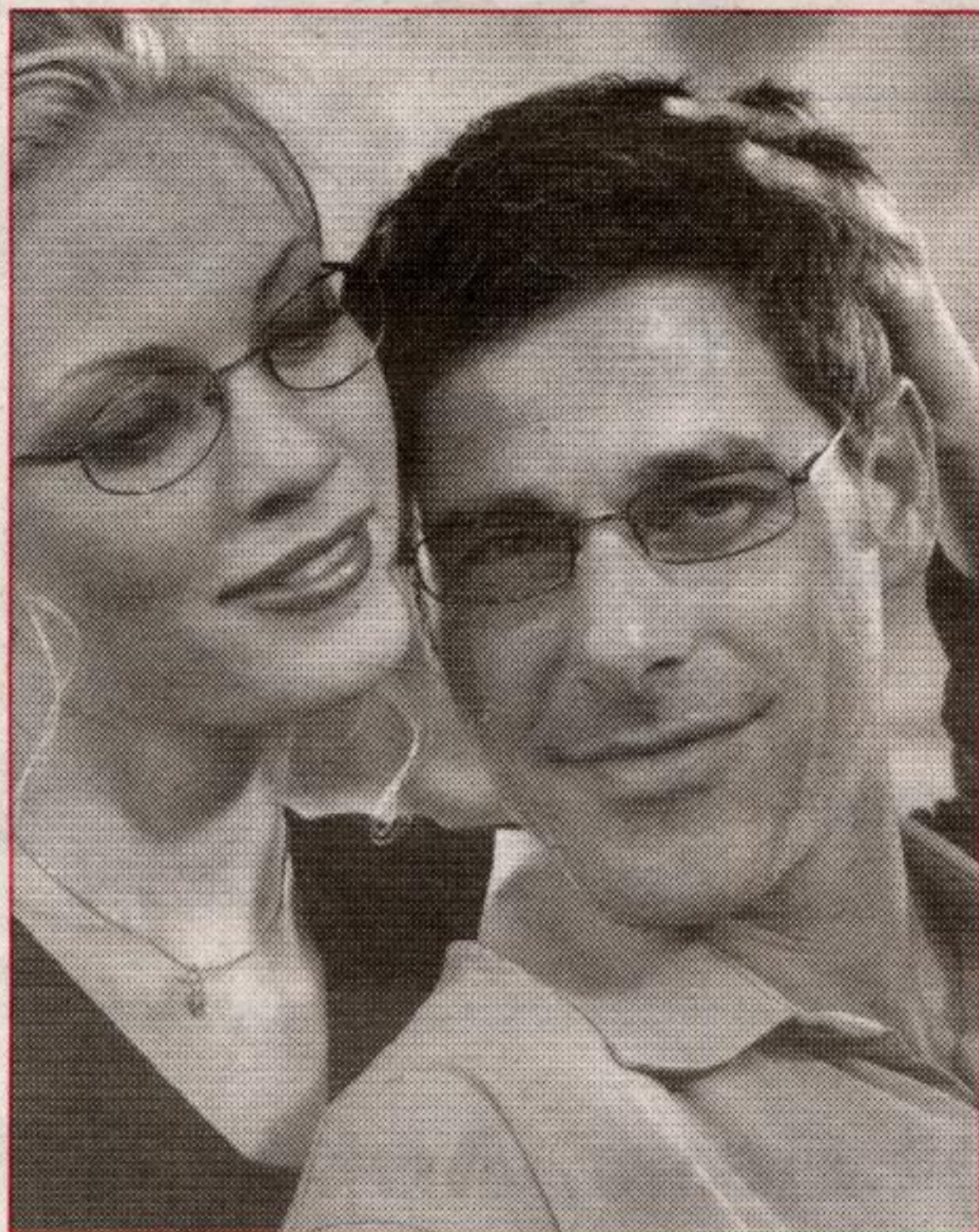
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