

Walmart opens its doors

By ANN KORNUA

The crowd had formed in the early light of morning outside the new Wal-Mart that opened its doors September 23rd in Milton. There were greetings by the excited workers, who for the past few months have been hard at work getting the store ready but most of the crowd were only there for the savings.

Rick Russell, Milton resident for 7 years was the first person at the doors by 6:30 in the morning who had come straight from work to buy a new DVD burner for his computer. "I'm surprised at all the people who showed up" Rick said pointing to the crowd behind him. "It's a good thing this store is here. This town needs a place like this."

Many other people had arrived early to wait outside for the grand opening. Margaret Price, resident for 2 years in Milton was also in line and had read of the opening in the paper. "I have been here since 7am waiting for the doors to open."

The doors opened officially at 8am to a noisy reception from the staff who were clapping and cheering as everyone filed into the enormous store. Daria Raymond, Store Manager was one of the first people in line to greet people as they came into the door, handing out carnations. "We are very excited to be here with all of our different services from our hair salon to our automotive section!"

Soon after opening the store was flooded with bargain hunters from all over the area. This new Walmart is one of the largest of its kind in the Halton Region which can only leave many to wonder what changes the small business community will now have to face dealing with such overwhelming competition.



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Manager Daria Raymond and Personnel Manager Susane Tait hand out carnations as they greet the community of Milton.

Habitat for Humanity update

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The soil has been turned and the foundations have been poured. It's the ongoing Habitat for Humanity build for a family of six in the quiet rural community of Acton. Spearheaded in the summer by the directors of Habitat for Humanity Halton and caring community members, this project has brought together the community in a harmony of hard work and dedication.

Companies involved to date with the build range from small business to large corporations. Superior Glove Works Ltd. in Acton donated 150 pairs of work gloves and safety glasses for the volunteers. Great Lakes Landscape Contractors Inc. in Acton removed the top layer of grass and soil where R & M Construction contributed the excavation of the basement. Tom Farr of Leathertown Lumber has donated wood and sonotubes for the footings. Gilluco Construction Limited will be supplying all the forms and concrete for the footings and basement.

The project itself is well underway with the Home Depot team coming to the site on Wednesday September 29 to start filling in the forms for the foundation. Raffle tickets are still available for the Playhouse which was on display at the Acton and Milton Fall Fairs, where the money raised will go to help the project build.

Volunteer opportunities are available through Habitat for Humanity and all are invited to come out and lend a hand. People can apply in person to volunteer at the ReStore location at 1800 Appleby Line, Unit 10, Burlington anytime Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5:50 pm and Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, contact Habitat for Humanity online at www.habitathalton.ca or by calling 905-637-4446.

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