

Gwen Dryden Athena winner

PHOTO BY DONNA DANIELLI Congratulations to Milton's Gwen Dryden, the winner of the first North Halton Athena Award. The Athena Award honours a commitment to leadership excellence within the community and Mrs. Dryden has exemplified this spirit with her countless hours of volunteerism fundraising for university scholarships for women with the Canadian Federation of University Women. focussed on education because that's what I knew best," said the former high school English teacher in her acceptance speech.

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n behalf of Council, it gave me great pleasure to announce the acquisition of 25 acres of land in Acton for recreational purposes. These lands are located adjacent to the Acton Community Centre. The acquisition of this parkland offers benefits to support a healthy lifestyle within our community. This investment, and Town endeavour, is significant for Halton Hills. The overall parcel of land will provide opportunities for trail and open space linkages to Town owned open space and the Acton District High School lands. The Honeyfield subdivision will offer other outdoor recreational uses. As there is a need to increase soccer pitches in our community, it is a given that soccer will be a use on the lands. The Town will be seeking public consultation for input into the use of the 25 acres. One last note, it was really refreshing to see all the smiles and enthusiasm of the young soccer players at the official signing ceremony for the lands. Seeing their radiant, smiling faces makes this part of the job worthwhile.

Mark your calendars for the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce B.I.G. Show (Premiere Business, Life Style, and Leisure Show) on June 3, 4, and 5 at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. The show will have in excess of 60 booths featuring consumer products and services. The B.I.G. Show is an opportunity for the citizens of Halton Hills to support our local businesses, meet friends, and enjoy this exciting event. For more information contact the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce at 905-877-7119, www.haltonhillschamber.on.ca

I hope everyone has noticed the lovely banners hanging in downtown Georgetown and Acton. Our Legions have placed them there to remind us that 2005 is the "Year of the Veteran". Speaking of which, we are still disgusted with the acts of vandalism at Remembrance Park a few weeks back. The Town has posted a \$1,000 reward to anyone having information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of

these low-life individuals. Many thanks to a local restaurant for offering an additional \$100, and to Crime Stoppers for allocating funds as well.

Council welcomes the following new businesses:

Trafalgar Road South - Agram Meats Acton - Inside Edge Pro Sports

The Town recently held a "Thank You Raiders Rally" at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. Halton Hills is very proud of what this hockey team has accomplished. All 26 team members were on hand to meet and greet everyone. This speaks volumes of the connection this team has with its fans. Special thanks to Topper's Pizza and Coke for their contributions to this event.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca



