

## Credit Unions join operations

Halton Community (Halton) and Guelph & Wellington (G&W) Credit Unions jointly announced plans to combine business operations through an amalgamation of the two organizations. The two credit unions have been holding exploratory discussions since April.

Each board of directors has agreed to proceed with the process and preparation of a business case to further evaluate benefits of amalga-

mation.

Gord Krantz, chair of Halton Community, commenting on the proposed amalgamation says "Combining efforts with Guelph & Wellington, a highly respected and strong credit union, is an exciting prospect. As we continue our joint exploration of the opportunity, we remain confident of the many advantages this venture will bring."

A joint steering committee, with equal representation from the leadership of both credit unions, has been established to assess the potential for combining business interests of Halton and G&W.

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**MARATHON OF HOPE:** Acton Legion representative Mike Mattocks (centre) prepares to cut the ribbon to officially begin the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox run on Sunday at the Acton High school track Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson (to Mattock's right) and Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette were also on hand along with Miss Acton second runner-up Kelly Soutiere (left), Miss Acton Tanya Tonkovich (centre), and first runner-up Steph McKay. — Frances Niblock photo

## Terry Fox Run successful again

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cross-country run — his Marathon of Hope — spawned the world-wide which have raised millions for cancer research.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson lost her 42-year-old brother Jim to brain cancer in 1986 and believes a cure will be found.

"If we could ever conquer this disease it would be one of the greatest feats any of us could ever celebrate. As

much as survivor rates have increased some people don't make it and the answer is more research, paid for my events like this," Serjeantson said before she started off.

Reporter Ellen Piehl gathered pledges and slowly made her way around the track in her eight Fox run because of what cancer is doing to her father, Fred Piehl.

"Hopefully events like this will help people not go through what my family going through because it's a ter-

rible disease. My dad might not be saved but if we can save just one person it would be worth it," Piehl said.

As he set up a display of Fox photos and treasured memorabilia before the start of Sunday's run, Jon Hurst remembered that he heard Terry Fox coming before he saw him on his Marathon of Hope near Barrie in 1980.

"We actually heard his footsteps in the darkness before we saw him silhouetted in the lights of a police cruiser behind him. After he

died I joined a group of Acton people to organize this event and have been involved ever since," Hurst said, adding that he wanted to thank all of the volunteers, participants and donors that helped make Acton's event a success.

Acton participants have raised \$239,141 for cancer research since Fox's death and with donations of approximately \$3.50 per capita, or \$150 per participant, to place Acton among the top run sites in Ontario.

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