



BOY TOYS: First Acton Cubs (from left), Jeffrey Longstreet, Eric Niblock and Braeden Ricketts raced their Kub Kars during time trials at the Scout House last Tuesday. — Frances Niblock photo



SWIFT & SURE: As Ryan Mertens (right) and Colin Brennan watched, Zach Loewen sent his Kub Kar on a straight and true accuracy run at the Scout House last Tuesday. Members of the 1st Acton Scouts designed and built and raced the wooden cars with help from leaders and parents. — Frances Niblock photo

Conservation Halton wants nominations for good deeds

Conservation Halton wants to hear about any good deeds or actions that enhanced the natural environment during 2001.

Since 1982, Conservation Halton has been recognizing people and organizations who have made significant contributions to conservation in the Halton watershed. Nominees have included such groups as teacher associations and federations, scout and guide organizations, naturalist clubs, corporations, government agencies and private landowners.

There are four categories in the program: individual, institutional, educational and the conservation honour roll.

The winners' names are placed on a plaque, displayed in the lobby of Conservation Halton's office and individual plaques are presented to the recipients.

Last year more than 30 people and groups were recognized from all areas of the watershed including Halton Hills, Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Flamborough,

Mississauga, Dundas and Puslinch. Conservation actions have included activities such as tree planting, stream rehabilitation and clean-up, school yard naturalization projects, environmental education activities, wildlife improvement projects, and fundraising for conservation.

Residents of the watershed have inherited a rich natural legacy encompassing such features as the Niagara Escarpment, abundant wetlands,

streams and many environmentally sensitive areas. One of the reasons these areas have been preserved and maintained is the fact that many groups and individuals are doing good conservation deeds.

Nominations for the 2001 conservation award can be submitted up to March 31, 2002.

For more information and nomination forms, call Conservation Halton at (905) 336-1158 or visit www.conservationhalton.on.ca.

New waste schedule working well

Halton residents are on top of their new waste collection schedule, reports Halton Waste Management staff.

"We have had about 80 to 90 per cent compliance on collection days across the Region," said Rob Rivers, Halton Region's Director of Waste Management. "The residents have been very supportive — it is thanks to them that the change to the new schedule has worked so well."

Starting February 4, Halton has been rolling out a streamlined waste collection schedule to better manage the

needs of the growing region, and to ensure better service by providing more backup and supervisory support.

The volume of calls to customer service representatives at Access Halton is higher than normal, largely due to the introduction of the new schedule. "Most of the residents we're hearing from are seeking clarification on their collection zone," said Ron MacMaster, Manager of Access Halton. "We have been able to answer calls quickly and make sure people get the information they need."

Access Halton is also con-

tinuing to send out 2002 Halton Waste Management calendars to residents who have not received one yet.

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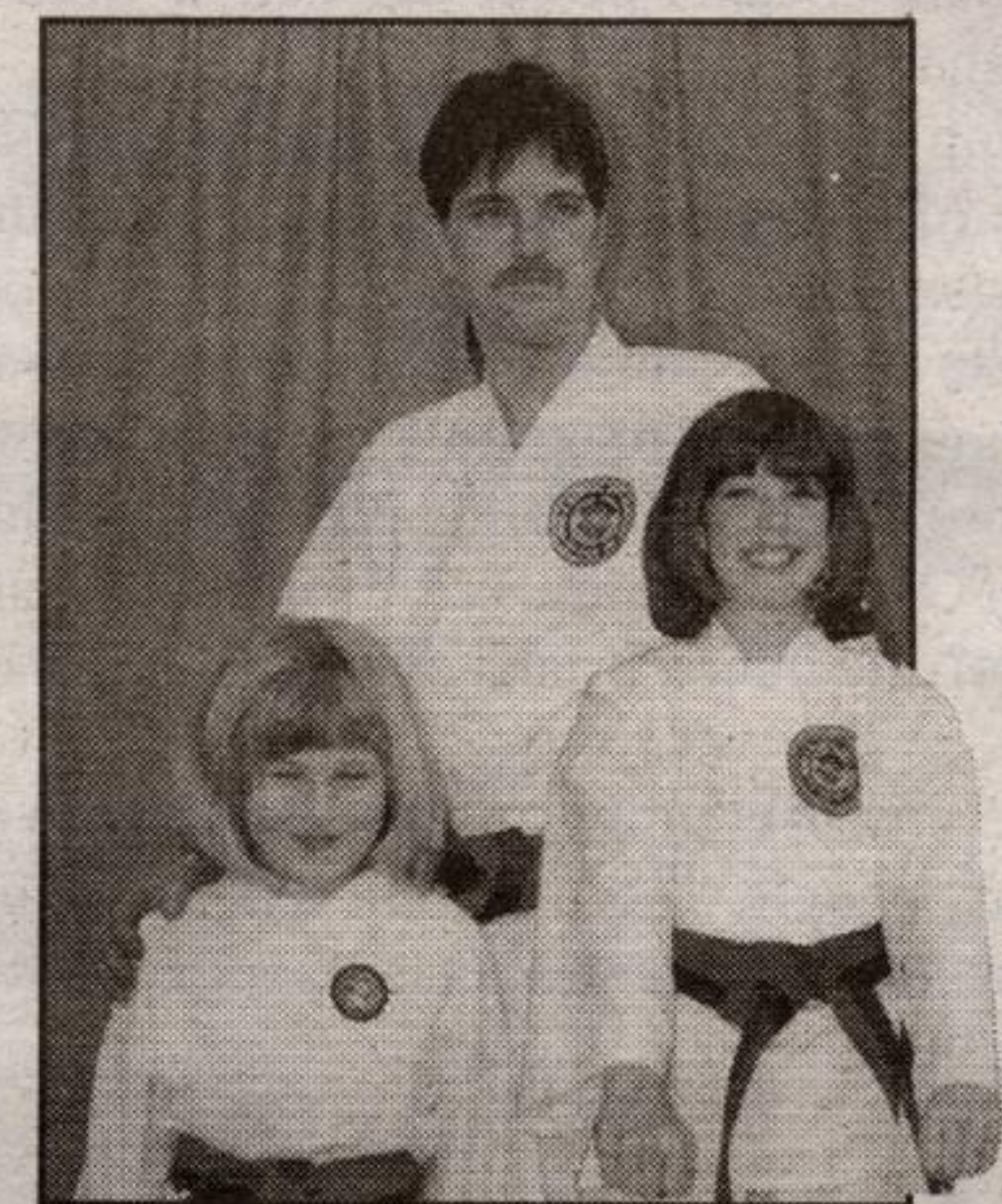
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