

Town honours local athletes

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Members of four medal-winning lacrosse teams from Halton Hills, including eight players and one coach from Acton, were honoured for their accomplishments last season at a municipal awards ceremony last Monday at the Civic Centre.

The athletes play for the Halton Hills Bulldogs, an organization with 450 players, 160

of them on 10 competitive teams, including the Novice I, "A" division field lacrosse team that captured a Silver medal at the provincial championships.

Acton's Jessie Kuenzig and Riley McGilloway play for that team, which was undefeated in league and qualifying play to advance to the provincials. After winning three straight games to go to the final, the Novice Bulldogs lost a close game to Oshawa for a Silver medal.

Eleven of the field lacrosse team, including Kuenzig and McGilloway, also play for the Bulldogs box lacrosse team that came home with a Silver medal from the provincial competition.

Field lacrosse involves fewer players and a shorter season.

The box lacrosse team, the top nine and 10 year olds in Halton Hills, had a great season with 10 wins, three losses and two ties.

In tournament play they finished first in five of the six events they entered. After winning five straight games at the final, they dropped a close decision to Whitby and won Silver.

Acton's Nick Vandereyken and cousins Mitchell Christopher of Acton and Tyler Christopher of Rockwood, are part of the Bulldogs Tyke II Gold medal winning "D" division team.

These seven and eight years olds were undefeated in regular season play with a record of 10 wins and no losses. They also won two tournaments and were finalists at another. At the provincials, they downed Welland to bring home the Gold.

Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle, proudly wearing a Bulldogs jersey presented to her by the league, said the awards ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to commend the athletes, coaches and families that support lacrosse in Halton Hills.

"You should be extremely proud of your accomplishments and your decision to achieving excellence in this sport," Gastle said, adding, "We are very proud of you."

Two Town projects benefit from fund

Two Halton Hills projects will benefit for the \$252,250 in funding to the Halton Healthy Community Partners distributed by the Healthy Community Fund.

The money is awarded to 15 local community-based projects who form collaborative partnerships in order to launch projects that help make Halton Region a healthier community.

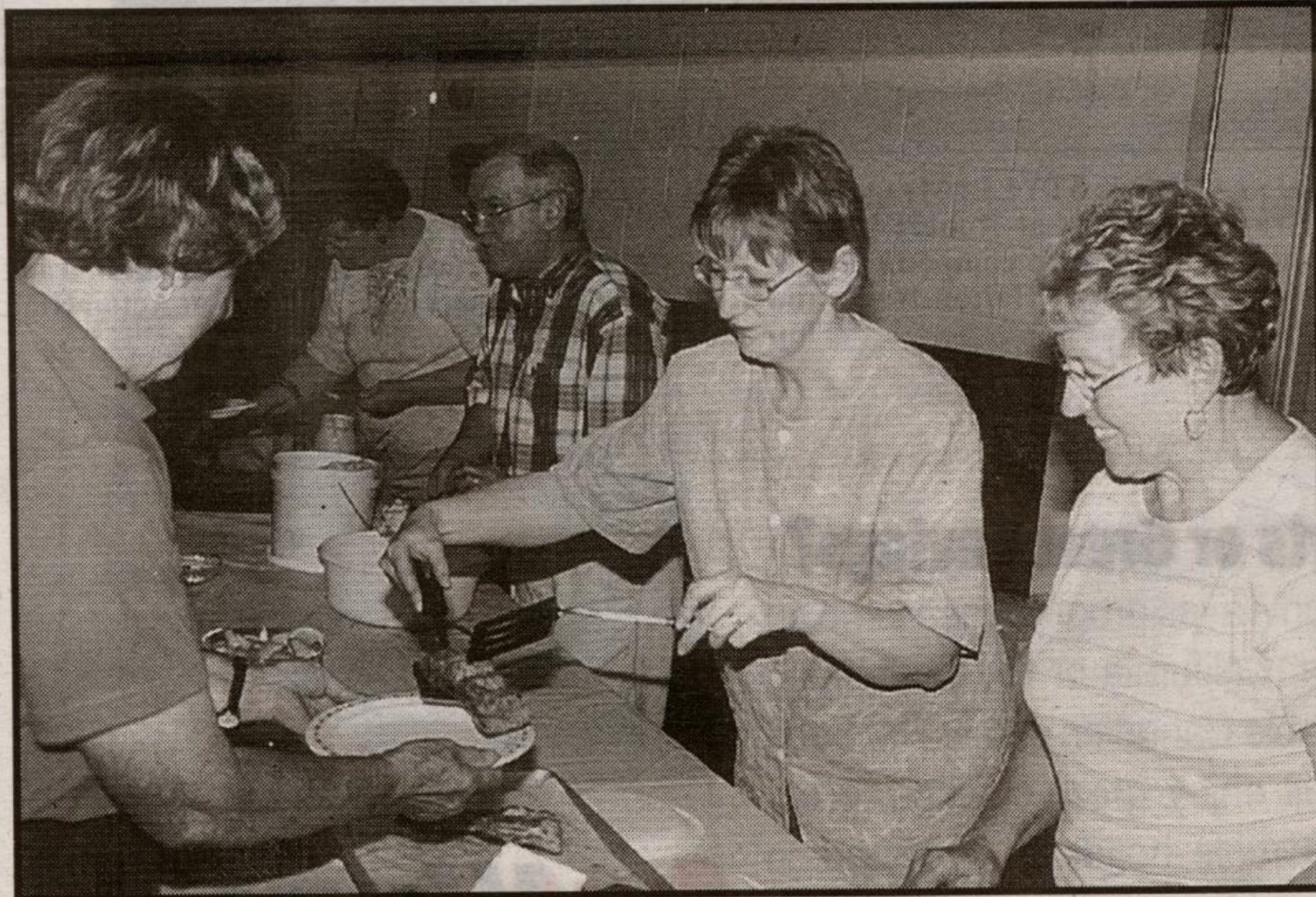
A \$25,000 allocation has been given to Open Door Youth Services Centre in Georgetown and Off The Wall Youth Centre in Acton to add programs and services to transform a drop-in youth program to a your services centre and create funds for a part-time coordinator and promotion cost. Also to further development of children 9 - 18 years, develop new programs and fund a part-time coordinator.

The sponsoring partner is Halton Hills Community Support and Information with Halton Police, Halton Hills Health Department and Acton High School additional partners.

Another one year allocation of \$25,000 to Halton Hills Community Support and Information (HHCSI) Transportation Service will examine transportation service delivery provided by HHCSI through the use of two cans and funds for a part-time coordinator.

Halton Region Social and Community Service is also a partner with HHCSI in the project.

This year's recipients represent a wide range of Halton programs for people of all ages. Funding is provided from one to three years.



VERY FISHY: Arlene Bruce and Linda Inglis helped serve the fish at the Trinity United Church's "Fish Fry" on Saturday, June 22. - Ellen Piehl photo



READY TO ROLL: Some of those planning an Acton skateboard park continued to discuss dollars, design and possible sites at a committee meeting last Wednesday. Town rec. and park staffers Rakesh Mistry (sitting left) and Aaron Matthews, joined Josh Fendley, Helen Colvin (standing left), Lynda Bowen, committee chair Deb Fendley, Gary Rauwerda, Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette, Julia Roehrig and Alex Ross. - Frances Niblock photo

Committee narrows its location for skateboards

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The search for a location for Acton's proposed skateboard park has been narrowed to two possible sites by a community committee working since last year to make the facility a reality.

A straw poll of members at a meeting last week zeroed in on Prospect Park and in the area of the new arena as the most popular spots.

Now, those two locations will be investigated by Town using criteria including the availability of parking, electrical connections for lighting, good visibility, washrooms, need for site modifications and any legal or engineering variances required, before a concept is taken to the public for comment.

Committee member and Acton and Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette noted the Town is in negotiations with an Acton East landowner for a sports park in the area, but said the downside could be the length of time it would take to develop a master plan for the proposed park that the Town has budgeted \$300,000 for.

"You just don't want to carve up the land, but you'd have to look at the overall picture to site a skateboard park," Bonnette said, adding he's not "poo pooing" the possible location, but wants staff to determine how long it would take to do a master plan.

The Town has earmarked \$140,000 for a skateboard park in the 2004 budget and the committee hopes to raise approximately \$20,000 for the project, but won't start

fundraising until a site has been selected.

One of the next jobs for the design sub-committee will be to suggest what the skateboard park could look like, including suggested features like ramps, bowls and railing. After a location is selected, a consultant will likely be hired to actually design the facility.

The committee accepted an offer from Leathertown Festival organizers to have a public relations and education booth at the August 11th event, where a portable skateboard park will be set up.

Committee members also decided to hold a contest to design a logo for the park, known as the Acton Skateboard Action Park, or ASAP. The prize for the winning logo will be a pizza a week for a year from Godfather Pizza.

Kinettes sponsor out-of-school dance

Dancing up a storm with DJ Steve could be the perfect end to the school term as the Acton Kinettes sponsor their last dance of the year at the arena tomorrow (Friday).

Usually, the dances are restricted to students in Grade 5 and up, but since the Grade 4s will be Grade 5s in September, they're invited.

The supervised dance (no in and out privileges) will be held from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and features door prizes and a snack bar. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Bantam boxla tournament

Halton Hills Bantam lacrosse club wound up in the top four teams in a lacrosse tournament at Orangeville the first weekend in June.

Halton Hills started the tourney off with a 5-4 win over Elora with Braden Artem bagging two goals, and Sean Nellis, Kevin Deforest and Matt Laidlaw scoring singles.

The locals also scored a 9-3 win over Orangeville2 and an 8-2 victory over Barrie. Braden Artem, Brett Maltby and Kevin Deforest led the way over Orangeville with two goals apiece, and Jesse Modzelewski, Sean Nellis and Matt Laidlaw chalking up singles.

Artem and Deforest each notched a pair against Barrie in an 8-2 romp with Tyler Hill, Jesse Modzelewski, Greg Henry and Nellis contributing a goal apiece.

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