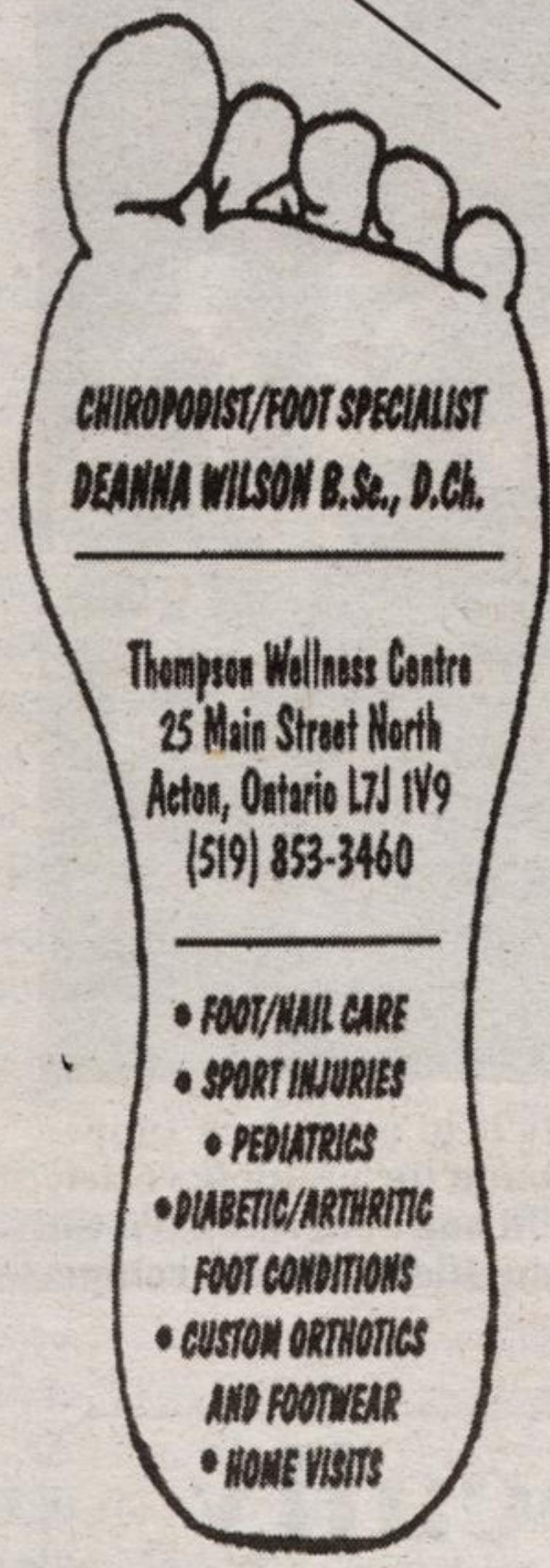


Region honours young entrepreneurs



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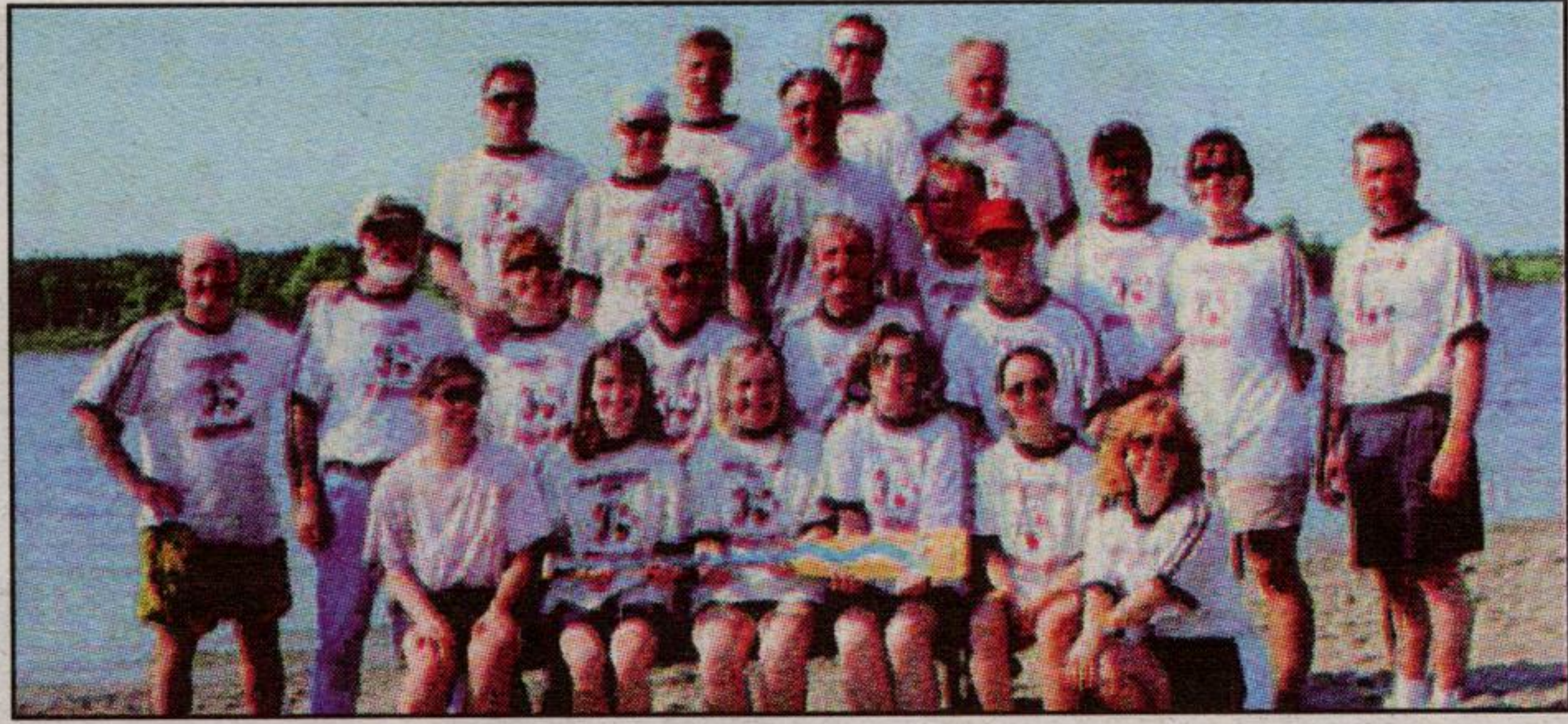
Development Centre's 2002 Business Plan Competition are from Burlington and Milton. They were honoured at an awards dinner at the Region on June 25.

The \$1,500 top prize was awarded to Gillian Dicesare and Kimberly Hall of Burlington Central High School for their dance studio plan, Dance Variations, offering creative and fun dance instruction with a twist, for the beginner to the serious dancer.

Second prize of \$1,000 went to Matt Jones of Burlington Central High School for Quick Goal Soccer Facilites, a plan outlining Jones's vision of a retail store combining soccer equipment and memorabilia with instructional playing camps for youth.

Third prize of \$500 was awarded to Chris Beaulieu of Bishop Reding High School in Milton for Big Air Skate Park, a year-round, indoor skate park for skateboarding and trick blading in the greater Milton area.

The three top plans were chosen by a panel of volunteer judges, professionals within the industry, from Halton businesses.



DRAGON BOAT WINNERS: Acton High School paddlers came in third place at the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Dragon Boat Races on Guelph Lake recently. Shown here after their fine showing are: Back Four (left to right) - Don Evoy, Les O'Brien, Jeff Yull, Bonnie Vaivods. Second from Back - Jeanette Kemp, Peter Wilcox, Ric Jordan, Al Jameison, Cheryl Poth, Terry Roesch. Second from Front - Mark Kovich, Wayne Bridle, Jocelyn Perras, Murray Kittmer, Dave McConnell, Sharon French. Front Row - Christina Schilling, Lisa Zazzara, Karen O'Brien, Betty Jordan, Gemma Warner, Maggie Vaivods. Absent from Photo: Bev Campbell, Linda Braisby. - Submitted photo

R/M Construction builds new hdqtrs.

If the landscaping and curbing done so far are any indication, the new headquarters for Acton's R/M Construction, on the west side of Highway 25, at Wallace Street, will be a very nice building.

R/M, now located behind an auto parts shop on Main Street North, hopes to have its new 15,000-square-foot steel and architectural block building, including a shop and offices, open by November.

The company, operating in Acton since 1970, specializes in public sector erosion control work for lakes, rivers and streams.

TOWN DIGEST

Chip all dogs?

Concerned with the cost of trying to ensure all dogs in Halton Hills are properly licensed - almost five months into the year and just 41 per cent of dog tags have current tags - Georgetown Councillor Jane Fogal is concerned about the cost of the program and had a suggestion.

"Would it be possible to move towards microchipping all dogs? Just get them all done at once and stop going back year after year to deal with the dog?" Fogal asked.

The Town's director of building, zoning and enforcement services, Henry Tse, says they send out two letters to dog owners who aren't "cooperating" with their licence renewals and then can charge the owner to force compliance.

"It's a bit of a pain to persuade people to go and renew

their dogs...and not really terribly efficient," Tse said, adding they haven't considered mandatory microchipping.

It costs approximately \$60 to have a vet microchip a dog. The chip includes identifying information. A lifetime dog licence for a microchipped dog costs \$42.

Without the chip, the initial dog licence costs \$32 and \$26 in subsequent years, fees that don't allow the Town "to make ends meet." There are 1,982 microchipped dogs in Halton Hills and 3,218 with a yearly tag.

Kiln concerns

An application for a garage that would block the view to three of four limestone kilns marked for preservation/restoration or education has caused a fair amount of concern in Limehouse.

Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle brought the concerns to Council and asked staff to investigate the possibility of relocating the garage to another part of the property, at the bottom of the wrecking yard.

Noting that the garage application needs a permit from the Town and Niagara Escarpment Commission, Gastle asked staff to send the plan to Heritage Halton Hills for comment.

The Limehouse Kiln Society is attempting to promote and preserve the historical significance of the 15 kilns and powder house in the village - remnants of the mid-1980s when the lime industry was an integral part of the village.

There's some hope that the landowner might grant the Town an easement in front of the kilns in exchange for a tax break.

Police Beat...

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-ing and spitting.

Police, who have stepped up patrols in the area, also said people complained they were being spit on by some of the youths.

Alarming illusion

Mist from an in-ground sprinkler system watering the lawns at the rear of 40 Maria St. was mistaken for smoke by a neighbour who called 911 at 2:09 a.m. on Friday.

Backyard burn

A complaint of smoke brought Acton firefighters to an Acton Boulevard


backyard at 8 p.m. on Saturday where they found the homeowners were using their chiminea - an outside fireplace.

Firefighters notified the homeowners, who extinguished the fire, of the need for a burn permit to use their chiminea.


Sprinkler sprung

No word why a sprinkler head in a walk-in cooler at the IGA store activated at 6:40 Sunday morning, causing an alarm.

The store stayed open while the sprinkler system was checked out.



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