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### WEDNESDAY...

A 'tsunami' wave of baby boomers will impact the future of the local seniors' centres say Town officials. See details Wednesday.

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## Public speaking winner left speechless



An excited Skylar Riebel, a Grade 8 student at St. Catherine of Alexandria School, was shocked when her name was announced as the winner of the Halton Catholic District School Board's North Halton Public Speaking Competition at St Joseph's in Acton last week. Her winning speech focused on cyber bullying.  
Photo by Ted Brown

## Long wait is over for new fire stations

CYNTHIA GAMBLE  
Staff Writer

To the cheers of firefighters sitting in the public gallery, Halton Hills council, on Monday night, unanimously awarded the fire station tender to Rand General Contractors, paving the way to the long-awaited groundbreaking on the two new Georgetown fire stations this month.

Total cost of the tender is \$8.6 million, part of the overall \$9.4 million cost to build a new Georgetown fire station headquarters on Eighth Line at 10 Sideroad and a joint fire/emergency medical services (EMS) station to replace the current, aging Maple Ave. building.

Both stations will be built to LEED environmental certification silver standards including geothermal HVAC systems.

"I can't wait for these projects to be finally realized and we start working out of the new stations," Marshall said.

"The entire team is tremendously excited because it has been a long time coming, particularly for the Maple Ave. station," said Fire Chief Brent Marshall, Director of Fire Protection and Prevention Services, appreciative of the support given by the entire community.

"That station is in a very dilapidated condition so the working conditions aren't the best. But what's most important is that we're really going to be able to improve on the service to the community with the expansion

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