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WELL I'LL BE DOGGONE: Freddie, a cross-bred pet who resides at the Adema house on Elizabeth Drive figured he should be in on the New Year's goodies and pulled up to the table with the same intentions as everyone else - submitted photo

Snow's gone but winter's still here

By Matthew Reid

Your car sputters to start on a cold winter morning. You groan with it as you slide into the driver's seat, ready to attack another day of slippery, slush filled streets. You pull out of your driveway and head on your way, shivering as you expect the car heater to expel a gush of hot air any second.

It snowed the night before and the plows were out in force late into the night. You pull up to the stop sign only to find a mountain of removed snow sitting on the corner. It stretches three to four feet high, blocking your view of oncoming traffic. You creep out onto the road hoping no one is coming from left or right.

So how do you deal with this problem?

Call the Town of Halton Hills of course.

Ted Drewlo, manager of public works for the Town is the man in charge of snow removal for Halton Hills' streets. The large piles of snow that get pushed up at intersections are a constant problem especially when we receive large amounts of snow, such as this winter.

The snow in Halton Hills is cleared according to priority after a snowfall. It is first cleared from the downtown area, clearing the way for local businesses and shoppers, then school bus loading zones. Next is the clearing of bridges and cul-de-sacs, followed by intersections.

The buildup of large snow drifts that block a driver's view at intersections is a constant and inevitable problem. However, if you have an irritating intersection in your neighbourhood, you can call

the Parks and Recreation department at 905-873-2601, extension 2603 and lodge a complaint that the piles are too high. They will come out and fix the problem, so you and your cold, groaning car can get back to work.

Fortunately, for drivers and pedestrians, this week's January thaw and rain have eliminated many of the problems and most of the snow which fell in late December and on New Year's Day, creating spring-like conditions. However, winter is a long way from extinction. There are still over two months of the cold season left and its inevitable there'll be more of that white stuff.

Meanwhile, enjoy the two digit temperature readings because weather experts say it won't last long.

Variety high quality at talent show

Acton High School hosted its second talent show on December 21. Staff and students were surprised by the variety and high quality of Acton High School's performers.

The enthusiastic audience was dazzled by acts ranging from a martial artist to a rock and roll band.

The show featured the talents of Donnie Hopper who

performed "Runaway Train" by Collective Soul on the guitar accompanied by his singing; Kelsey Kirkpatrick who sang "Anyway;" Kyle Ferrier who performed "Lib-

erty" on the electric guitar; Baillie DeSouza who sang "Complicated;" Cheryl Thurston who played "Moonlight Sonata on the piano; Samantha Medland who sang "Who Knew;" Michelle Tompson who performed the martial arts Bow Pattern #1; Dylan Gould and Dylan Lewis who performed "Same in the End;" Veronika Gorlova who sang "Love Song;" Robyn Speirs and Lauren Harrison who performed the Highland Dance; Larissa Schaubreitner who sang "Christmas Shoes" and Jeff Becker who performed on guitar and sang "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

The judges had a very difficult time choosing winners, but Mr. O'Hearn, Ms. Warner-Savio and Mr. Houghton awarded Dylan Gould and Dylan Lewis first place; Jeff Becker second place and Donnie Hopper third place.

The show was such a success that another talent show is planned for second semester. Congratulations to all the participants for making it a fabulous night.



WINNERS: Acton High School's second talent show had a successful turn-out. Winner of the show, picture here, were: Dylan Gould and Dylan Lewis, first place; Jeff Becker, second place and Donnie Hopper, third place. - submitted photo.