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Hospital anniversary cause for celebration

Congratulations to Milton District Hospital, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary next week.

From its competent medical team, administration and caring nurses to its excellent support staff and volunteers, the hospital is something to be proud of.

The hospital has seen good times with expansion and bad times with bed and department closures, however it has always persevered and the community has stayed close by. More changes are coming as the town's population explodes.

As hospital program leader of family practice Cindy McDonnell states in a story elsewhere in this newspaper, Milton has managed to be a community-based hospital for its entire history.

That's been proven over the years with the tremendous support the hospital has received from the community.

People express a sense of ownership of the hospital, and a lot of people remember when it opened.

Miltonians will have the chance to get an intimate look at our hospital during anniversary celebrations next week. It's something we won't want to miss.

KARLA RELEASED?
FREE TO GET ON
WITH HER LIFE?
SURE,
RIGHT AFTER...



THEY ARE.



OUR READERS WRITE

Milton a small town but it has large heart

Dear Editor:

On October 23, the Xi Zeta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held a fundraising dance in support of the Children's Assessment and Treatment Centre (CATC) of North Halton.

The evening proved to be very successful and it will hopefully become an annual event.

This wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of local business.

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped by making donations to this event.

The sorority did issue a thank you by

way of an ad provided through the generosity of Gorrud Auto Group in Tuesday's Champion. Unfortunately, a couple of people were missed.

I apologize for this and would like to now thank Kim from Balloon Impressions and Don Cherry's Grapevine for their kind contributions.

I hope we did not miss anyone else. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

This may be a small town, but it definitely has a large heart.

Thank you.

Patricia Kotack
Syer Drive

Youth group calling on Milton to help in the fight against child pornography

Dear Editor:

My name is Jacquie Northcott. I am 15 years old and a member of a group called Youth Making A Difference (YMAD).

As a group, we have been collecting signatures for a petition against child pornography.

Being a Canadian is the only requirement for signing the petition.

We encourage people aged 12 years and over to sign.

Our goal is to collect a million signatures nationally to prove to the Canadian government that the citizens of Canada are against the legalized possession of child pornography.

This will hopefully help to reverse the legalization in B.C. and encourage the other provinces to keep child pornography a crime.

If the law doesn't protect children, who will?

I am writing this letter to chal-

lenge Milton to take a stand and help us.

We are challenging every community across the country during the month of November to collect one-half of their population in signatures.

Encourage local businesses, community centers, churches, schools and youth groups to get involved. Have a community blitz day.

We know that every community is able to do its part.

Hudson Bay, a town of approximately 1,900 people in Saskatchewan, collected almost 1,300 signatures. If they can do it, so can the rest of us.

By helping collect signatures we're helping protect children.

November is a month to remember our freedoms, and those who fought for them.

If child pornography becomes legal in Canada then the freedoms

our parents and grandparents fought and sacrificed for would be thrown away.

We must continue to fight to protect the children and their rights and freedoms.

Children are the future. If we allow them to be abused in this fashion, and believe that it is okay, then what kind of future will this country have?

I hope that you will accept this challenge and help protect Canada's future.

We have already collected 12,000 signatures, but it isn't enough.

We need everyone's help.

Please call us, or fax us at (204) 896-YMAD or e-mail us at ymad@home.com, for a copy of the petition or more information.

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