Dateline

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4N9, faxed to (905) 878-4943, or e-mailed to miltoned@haltonsearch.com. The final deadline is noon Friday for Tuesday's edition and noon Wednesday for Friday's edition. Dateline items aren't accepted by telephone.

Tuesday Jan. 4

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at Notices for Dateline should be handed in 6:15 p.m. at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr. This is a non-profit, non-commercial weight-loss support group that provides

motivation, support and friendship. A minimal charge applies. For more information, call Nancy Nowak at (905) 878-4025 or visit www.tops.org.

Calling New Parents, a free program for parents and babies aged 6 months and younger, meets with a public health nurse to discuss parenting and infant care. The group meets at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 917 Nipissing Rd., from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call (905) 825-6000, ext. 7299.

Milton District Hospital holds a breastfeeding

clinic with a certified lactation consultant from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call Jean Gallen at (905) 878-2383, ext. 7030.

Wellspring Halton-Peel, a support group for cancer patients and their families, holds its gentle yoga group from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 2545 Sixth Line in Oakville. For more information, call (905) 257-1988.

Help for Parents, a Halton parent support group, meets in the evening in the basement of

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High school seniors can now apply for Padgett scholarship

Local high school seniors who are the dependents of small business owners can now apply for a scholarship offered by Padgett Business Services.

"Small business owners are faced with many challenges," said Doug Francis of the local Padgett office.

"Among them is adequate funding for their dependent's post-secondary education."

Scholarship applicants must be graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a post-secondary accredited institution.

Also, the parent or legal guardian of the student must be an active owner of at least 10 per cent of the stock or capital in a local business that employs fewer than 20 peo-

All awards will be based on applicant high school grade point averages and educational and career plans.

The local award is part of an international program in which Padgett Business Services is offering scholarships totalling more than \$100,000 to dependents of small business owners.

Since 1990, the Padgett Scholarship Program has awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships.

Information is available in each of the student offices at the seven area high schools in Acton, Milton and Georgetown or at www.smallbizpros.com.

Application deadline is March 1, with the local winner being announced in May. All regional winners will become eligible for a Canada National Scholarship of an additional \$1,000.

An international scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to one of the two national winners.

The grand prize winner will be announced in June.

Established in 1966, Padgett Business Services is a leading financial reporting and tax consulting service.

Padgett offers a number of personalized programs developed specifically to fit small businesses and assist in financial reporting, tax planning and consulting.

Mr. Francis' local operation is part of a network of more than 400 Padgett Business Services offices in North America.

For further information about the Padgett Business Services Scholarship Program or an application, call (905) 693-8777.

Milton Home Hardware Building Centre

It's our 2nd Annual Ugly Kitchen Contest

In January 2004, Milton Home Hardware Building Centre ran the first "UGLY KITCHEN CONTEST". What fun we had, as the momentum grew and more and more North Halton residents shared their ugly kitchens and wrote wonderful descriptions to accompany the pictures. It was at this

time we learned there are a few aspiring poets amongst us.

As the entries arrived in the store we saw many kitchens from Milton's last building boom of the mid-seventies. Kitchen design trends were consistent. Cabinet doors with an oak veneer on particle board were a popular builder style. Dark colours in a mahogany stain and a golden oak were favoured. Many cabinet doors had the handles mounted in the centre of the door. The cabinets were usually assembled on the job and fastened direct to the walls with no backs on them. Post formed no-drip coun-

> tertops with a raised lip and four inch backsplash were a standard feature. Butcher-block maple-look laminate was hot. Colour selection in laminate was much more limited than what is available today. We saw many farm kitchens from Acton, Georgetown and Campbellville that were very likedry kitchens converted in Grandma's time. Great Grandpa may have built these kitchens himself.

Our judges had a difficult time choosing five finalists, from the one hundred and twenty-four entries. After much deliberation we had our five, and into a bat they went. Mayor Krantz made the draw. Linda Bailey of Milton now has her dream kitchen. Beautiful Lexington Maple cabinets from Woodcrest designed to make her space more efficient and maximize her storage space, complimentary laminate countertops and laminate flooring were chosen. A.G.E. above the range microwave, Kindred Granite sink and Moen European style faucet added to the makeover. Beautitone paint in a new fashionable colour pulled it all together. Congratulations again Linda. Enjoy your kitchen!

Get out your cameras and sharpen your pencils. Milton Home Hardware Building Centre is doing it again! Contest starts January 3rd, 2005 and closes February 13th. So, don't delay, get your entries in. We anticipate another enthusiastic response. Good Luck! You could be our next "UGLY KITCHEN CONTEST" winner.



