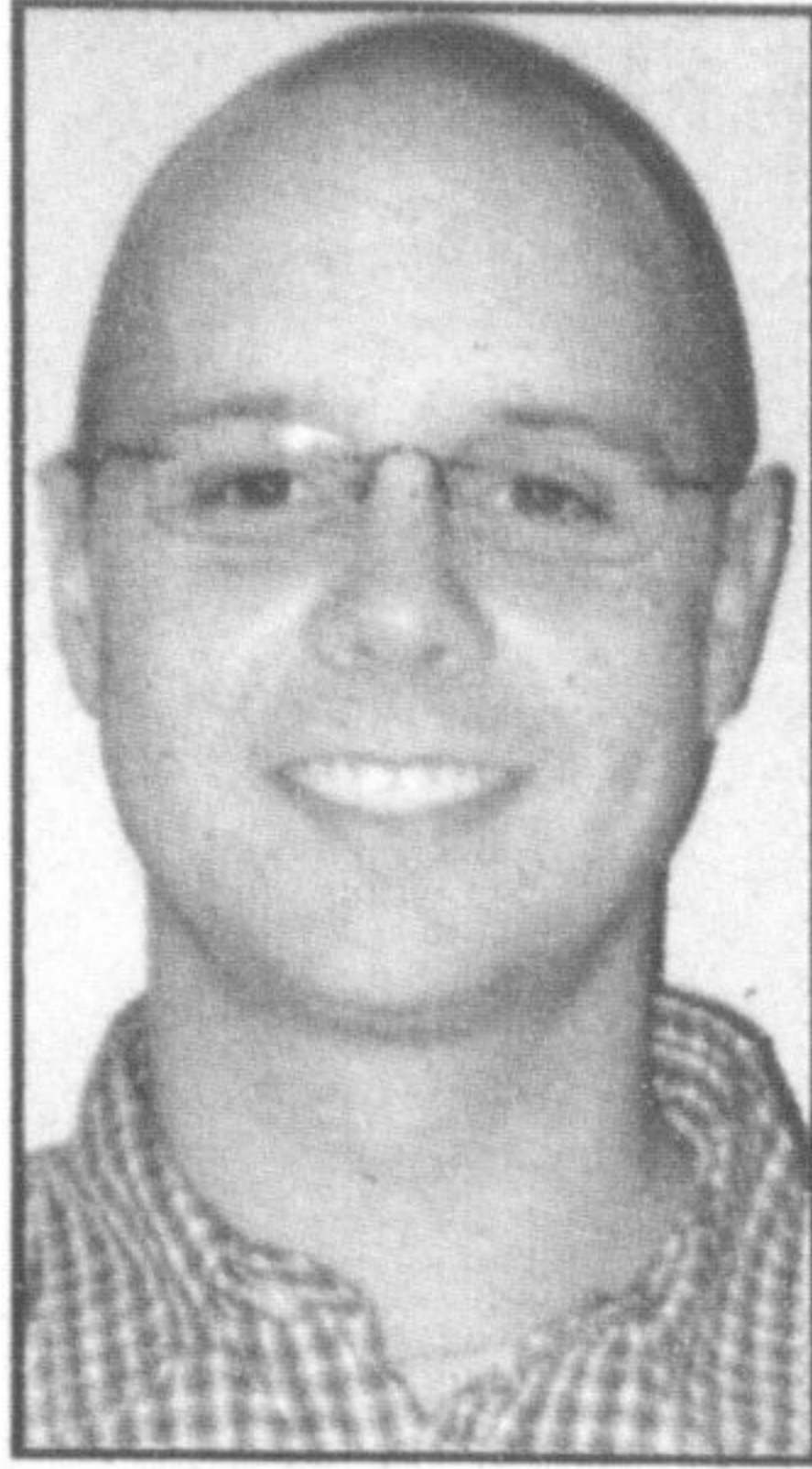


Andrews hopes to lead Halton Green Party, vying against local chiropractor

Nomination meeting on Tuesday

By **MELANIE HENNESSEY**
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Kurtis Andrews

Miltonian Dr. Kyle Grice now has a bit of competition for the spot as Halton's Green Party of Canada candidate.

Local resident Kurtis Andrews has announced that he's running for the candidacy and will be going up against Dr. Grice at Tuesday evening's nomination contest.

Mr. Andrews — a married 32-year-old who was raised on Andrews' Scenic Acres just outside Milton — recently became involved with the Green Party's new Halton Electoral District Association (EDA).

He told *The Champion* that after researching the party and its policies, he found that what it stood for "really struck a chord" with him, so he decided to get involved.

"I just haven't found the traditional parties to really represent my beliefs," he explained. "It (Green Party policies) just resonated so strongly with me."

While Mr. Andrews currently resides in Halton Hills, he emphasized that he grew up in Milton, attended Milton District High School and still does business here.

In the next election, he said he feels agriculture is going to be one of the big issues.

"We're at an absolutely critical stage in terms of getting some young people into the industry," he said, noting a lot of farmers are now at the age for retirement.

"We need to fix the economic model in agriculture to make it work."

He pointed out this ties into the work he's currently doing to create a farm apprenticeship program for young people, which will place an emphasis on developing agricultural enterprises that are economically viable.

Energy key issue: Andrews

Another issue Mr. Andrews sees as being one at the forefront of constituents' minds in the upcoming election is energy.

He said he feels the cost of energy needs to stop being subsidized and instead those funds should be shifted to long-term solutions, like alternative energies.

When it comes to the controversial intermodal facility proposed for rural Milton by CN, Mr. Andrews said, "Anything that encourages more rail usage is good from a certain standpoint, as long as it means it's going to get more trucks off the road."

He noted he suspects there could be a better location for the development — somewhere where it would have less impact on smaller traffic routes.

He added there also needs to be some assurance that the intermodal would strike a balance between what's good for the community and what's good for CN.

"It (the proposal) needs to be reviewed with a proper voice coming from the community," he said.

In addition to working in the agricultural field, Mr. Andrews is also a certified tool and dye maker and holds a degree in education.

The nomination contest meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall.

Local residents can submit questions for the nominees in advance to amy.collard@greenparty.ca. The EDA will then choose questions to be answered at the contest.

Everybody is welcome to attend, but only Green Party of Canada members will be able to vote for a candidate. Memberships will be available at the meeting.

Melanie Hennessey can be reached at mhennessey@milton-canadianchampion.com.

Veterans slated to be honoured in rural Milton

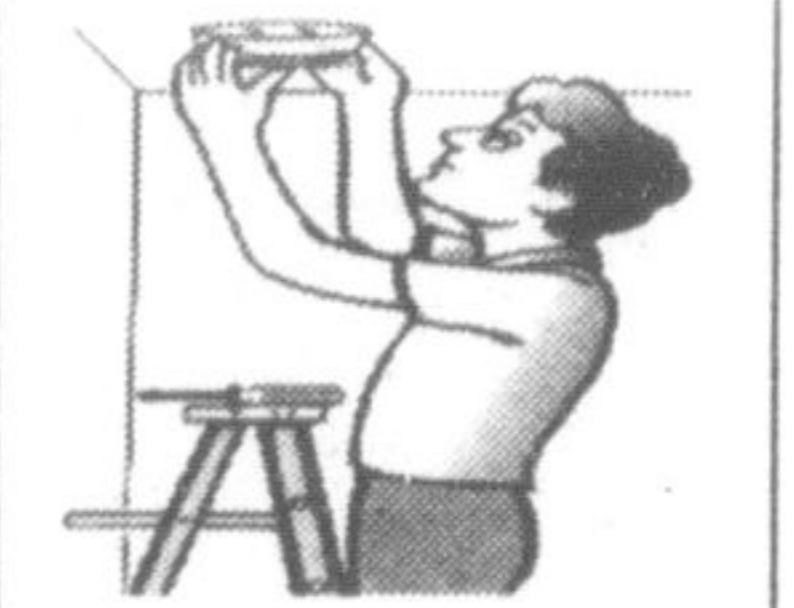
Area veterans will be honoured this weekend with a parade and short service in rural Milton.

The events — organized by the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion — will take place Sunday in Nassagaweya.

The parade will start at 1:45 p.m. on No. 15 Sideroad and will march a short distance to the Haltonville Cenotaph near the intersection of Guelph Line and No. 15 Sideroad. The service will begin around 2 p.m.

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