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Here's the proof

Sandy Bauer (left), organizer of Bishop Reding's blood donor clinic held at the secondary school Wednesday and donor Katie O'Mera hold the giant blood drops given to blood donors that day. The semi-annual clinic saw mostly students give blood however, staff and members of the public also rolled up their sleeves for the Red Cross.

NEWSLINES

Charges laid in wreath thefts

A second person has been charged in connection with last month's wreath thefts at Evergreen Cemetery.

Susan Wilkins, 35, of Joyce Blvd. was charged yesterday with possession of stolen property and theft after Halton police found several wreaths at a Milton home Jan. 6.

Police recovered eight undamaged wreaths, the remains of a few others, and several accompanying stands. They were allegedly stolen for "personal use," said Detective Constable Kevin McCart.

Police said it's unlikely the remaining floral decorations will be recovered.

Glenn Goodfellow, 32, of the same address, was also charged last week with possession of stolen property in connection with the crime. Police have since added a theft charge.

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Many residents were presented with a Commemorative Medal in recognition of Canada's 125th birthday.

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Investigator nabs 5 welfare frauds, 27 cheaters

People who cheat on Halton's welfare system are probably more nervous about it now than they were a few months ago.

Tuesday Peter Foulds, Halton's welfare fraud investigator, told the regional health and social services committee that as of December, his work had resulted in five criminal prosecutions and 27 people being cut off benefits. He also has 15 ac-

tive investigations underway, with two expected to be shortly handed over to police.

Between the time he began working for Halton in June and the beginning of December Mr. Foulds, a former police officer, conducted 69 investigations of potential fraud. He also chased down people who had received welfare overpayments and succeeded in having 90 per cent of

them begin repaying the debt.

Tuesday Mr. Foulds estimated Halton Region had saved roughly \$30,000 in monthly payments by cutting off the 27 welfare cheaters, but he was reluctant to project that into a yearly figure because even former cheaters can re-qualify for welfare and collect benefits again.

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Carnival needs helpers

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

Plans for next month's Milton Winter Carnival are running smoothly, but organizers are still looking for people to help run activities:

Volunteers are needed to run children's crafts from 1-2:30 p.m. and ice games from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Feb. 8 carnival, which centres around the theme "Fun on Ice."

"Things are looking good," said Barb Kwade, chairperson of the 10-member carnival planning committee. "It's going to be the same type of carnival we had last year."

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All studies remain in Town's 3.4-million budget

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

It was not Marion Howard's night Tuesday. Despite a determined push by the rookie Ward 3 councillor to do otherwise, municipal councillors approved a handful of studies costing \$330,000 for 1993.

The debate over the funding was the only real point of contention as

councillors agreed to spend almost \$3.4 million on municipal capital projects this year, and a further \$247,000 for new equipment.

Ms Howard, who advocated using at most \$150,000 to do some of the studies, was philosophical about the setback.

"I'm not disappointed in the result," Ms Howard said. "I felt the

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