

'Charming' girl chosen as Tammy

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

An emergency operation stopped Cheryl from attending the John D'Amico Skate-a-Thon for Timmy and Tammy. But nothing will get in her way next month, she says.

She's determined to make it to the March dinner and dance banquet hosted by the Milton Rotary Club to raise money for the Easter Seal Society.

Cheryl McClelland, the local Rotarians' Tammy for 1993, has been delegated to represent the many handicapped children in Halton who are assisted by the organization.

Easter Seal Society nurse Angela Conlin, who works with Cheryl, recommended she be granted the title.

"She's a delightful, charming young lady," said the nurse.

The 14-year-old Milton girl said she was happy to find out she was chosen as Tammy, an honour she once before enjoyed at the age of seven when she lived in Brampton.

She recited a speech in front of 800 people. "It was kind of embarrassing, but I did it, anyway."

Cheryl, who has spina bifida, was also sorry to miss an event Monday night when she was to appear before Milton council to request that March be declared Easter Seal Month.

The Grade 8 student required an emergency operation, Saturday to have fluid drained from her brain.

"I said, 'Mom, do I have to go?' But, I knew I had no choice."

She was released from hospital late Monday to recover at home. It was her 15th operation since being born with the spine defect, which has also caused kidney and bladder problems.

The disease hasn't stopped her



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Cheryl McClelland, 14, of Halton Avenue is the Milton Rotary Club's Tammy for 1993. The avid keyboard player, who has spina bifida, was chosen to represent handicapped children who benefit from the Easter Seal Society. The local Rotarians are holding a fundraising dinner and dance banquet next month for the organization.

from doing the things she likes best — swimming and playing a keyboard. Cheryl also enjoys going to camp, an event the Easter Seal Society helps fund.

The organization also helps families with handicapped children purchase equipment such as wheelchairs.

The McClellands are new residents of Milton after moving from Brampton in June. Cheryl lives among a full house on Halton Avenue with her parents Paula and Michael, sister Michelle, 17, nine-month-old brother Michael, grandmother and two uncles.

She attends W.I. Dick school, which welcomed her with open arms. "I was impressed. I made friends the first day of school."

Cheryl will be the guest of honour at the Rotary Club banquet March 27 at Halton Hills Place. The event wraps up the club's fundraising campaign.

Following cocktails at 6 p.m. and a 7 p.m. dinner, entertainment will be provided by local band Class of '69.

Tickets, which include a chance at winning a trip for two to Las Vegas, can be purchased by calling Mike Ledwith at 878-4873.

Region limits tax hike to 1.6% as police cut \$400,000

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

As a regional councillor, it may have been Barry Quinn's finest hour.

Wednesday morning Mr. Quinn, who also chairs the Halton Regional Police Services board, outlined plans for cutting \$400,000 from the police budget in 1993. It was the missing piece that allowed regional council to approve its lowest percentage property tax hike in memory this year — about 1.6 per cent.

The tax increase matches the Ontario inflation rate, and is less than half the originally proposed 3.6 per cent. A 3.6 per cent hike would have meant \$11.42 in new taxes for the average homeowner. The 1.6 levy equals about \$5.

In order to hit the 1.6 per cent target, Halton's budget committee slashed \$800,000 from expenditures in the original budget, and asked police to cut \$400,000 out of their \$40 million financial plan.

In the past there has been tension

between regional council and the police force over law enforcement budget increases. Last year the police budget increase was approximately 9 per cent while Halton's was 7.6 per cent, and Mr. Quinn was criticized in some quarters for knuckling under to police pressure.

At that time Mr. Quinn, who had just been appointed to the police board by council, admitted that he "felt like Daniel in the lion's den." Fellow Burlington councillor Ralph Scholtens had chastised him for not taking a harder budget line. "I think in Barry's case the lions got him."

Wednesday, with Mr. Quinn's announcement of the planned police cuts, Mr. Scholtens reversed last year's jibe. "Daniel's still in the lion's den but he's got the lions sitting up and taking notice," he praised.

Oakville councillor Stephen Sparling joined what became a chorus of praise. "I have been critical in the past of the police services board,"

• see REGION on page 5

Toast of the Toastmasters

Members of the Milton Toastmasters were awarded for being better public speakers at the group's recent end-of-the-season dinner.

Several people were presented certificates and pins for levels of competency reached in the public speaking program. Ernie Taylor received the Able Toastmaster (ATM) award while Marie Sutcliffe earned the Competent Toastmaster (CTM) award.

Dave Franklin, Las Polcz, and Penny Saddington were recognized for having completed more than half of the speeches required for a CTM.

Meanwhile, Valerie and Steve Wheaton were acknowledged as new members at the dinner, which was also attended by special guests from Brampton and Hershaw Toastmasters clubs.

The group meets every Tuesday at the Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant at 8 p.m.

5 YEAR
"CANADIAN PROVINCIAL"
BONDS
FOR YOUR R.R.S.P.
8.68%
*Yield subject to change.
100% Guaranteed - 100% Liquid
Invest now before rate change.
For more information call:
George Georgiou
(519) 571-0733 or
1-800-265-2308
MIDLAND WALWYN
40 Weber St. E. Kitchener

Are you a girl born
August 1981
or later?
Learn to play great
soccer from a coach
of 17 years and former
professional
player. Tryout for the
Milton Rep. Team
Phone:
876-1524 or
637-9035
**Milton Youth
Soccer Club**

ROSS JOHNSON, M.A.
Wishes to announce the opening of his practice in
psychotherapy (individual, couple and group)
at
345 Lakeshore Rd. East, Suite 208
Oakville, Ontario
L6J1J5
Upcoming Events
March 28 — A therapy day for men.
Leader: Tom Strutt
April 3, 10, 17 — The language of dreams.
Leader: Robert Gardner
April 24 — A therapy day for men and women
Leader: Ross Johnson
Monday evening therapy group for men and women
Leader: Ross Johnson
For Information Call
(416) 845-9326

Fine Oak Things
QUALITY OAK FURNITURE OF CAMPBELLVILLE
HWY. 401 AND GUELPH LINE
OAK OAK OAK OAK OAK
Solid Oak single and double pedestal Dining room tables
from 36" to 54" wide; Windsor Dining Chairs; Pressback
chairs; Arrowback; Featherback; Bar stools; Oak rockers;
Oak Bowback Benches; Storage benches; Hall trees; Coffee
& end tables; Mirrors; Bookcases; Desks, File cabinets;
Bowfront china cabinets; Buffet & hutches; Beds; dressers;
TV/VCR stands; Entertainment units; VCR & CD tape
bookcases; Quilt racks; Oak shelves; Plant stands; Magazine
racks; Microwave carts; and Much, Much More!
We specialize in 100% Amish custom made solid oak furniture. Available in 6 stains.
• GREAT QUALITY
• LARGE SELECTION
• ITEMS IN STOCK
• BEST PRICES
OPEN SUNDAYS!
*In the Quaint Village
of Campbellville*
Guelph Line North to Campbellville
OPEN 10 am to 5 pm THURSDAY to MONDAY
CLOSED TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
854-0649
100% AMISH MADE SOLID OAK FURNITURE
VISIT OUR 3,000-SQ.-FT. SHOWROOM • AREA'S LARGEST SELECTION OF OAK BUFFETS, HUTCHES, CHINA
CABINETS, BOOKCASES AND ACCESSORIES