



Digging in

Local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts combined their muscle power to plant 4,000 trees Saturday at Crawford Lake Conservation Area. (Photo above) Tory Wentzell (left) and Mathew Reed, members of 1st Milton Beavers, team up to shovel dirt in their tree planting efforts. Scott Stover, 3, is too young to be a Beaver but he was there to help his brother Craig of the 5th Milton Beavers.

Photos by Graham Paine

Earth Week



NEWSLINES

Heros save environment

Local environmental heros went home with special awards during Earth Week. Milton District School, E.W. Foster School and Bishop Reding Secondary School received Exceptional Environmental Leadership Awards during a special gathering April 20.

More than 420 students and teachers gathered at Ontario Place for Halton's second such awards presentation ceremony.

Awards were given to 13 schools, environmental clubs and individuals for their exceptional environmental activities during the past school year.

Among the recipients were Christine Paul of Bishop Reding and Teenagers for Environmental Awareness in Milton (T.E.A.M.).

The schools were recognized for various activities such as outdoor composting and vermicomposting programs, litterless lunch programs, recycling, environmental clubs, woodlot development and fundraising for environmental causes.

Former organizer wants pre-derby anglers fined

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

Milton Optimist Club spokesman Bruce Fendley would like to see town council pass a bylaw prohibiting adults from fishing through the night before the annual children's fishing derby at the downtown Mill Pond.

This year the Optimist Club pulled out of the derby they had sponsored for 15 years. Brian Farrell, a local sports store owner, stepped into the void at the eleventh hour last week and pulled together enough volunteer support to resurrect the event, held last Saturday.

Mr. Fendley, who has long been active as a

volunteer in a variety of Optimist charity events, said he thought it was "great" that Mr. Farrell had mustered the community backing to bring off the derby successfully.

But in order to ensure the protection of the trout stocks organizers put in the water the day before the event, it would be best if the town closed the Mill Pond, and legally enforced that closure by having bylaw officers patrol the area, Mr. Fendley suggested.

The derby is held on Saturdays in late April that mark the first full day of open season for trout fishing. But the problem is that the season legally begins at 12:01 a.m. and midnight-fishing adults have dropped lines into the pond

through the wee hours, taking what they can of the fish stocks the Optimists purchased to benefit the children.

Legally, the older anglers can't be stopped at present. But if the town appointed two bylaw enforcement officers for the area, in future they could be warned off or fined, Mr. Fendley believes.

Town administrator David Hipgrave said Monday he wasn't sure whether such a bylaw would be under Milton's direct control, or require some kind of provincial approval because it deals with game rules. He said town staff would look into the issue if public pressure to

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Milton may be home to portable asphalt plant

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

An asphalt plant that was rejected when Dufferin Construction attempted to install it on the Niagara Escarpment may find a home instead in Milton's Highway 401 industrial park.

Monday night town council's general committee agreed to at least consider the idea, pending further evidence from Dufferin Construction that the thing won't pollute the area.

Dufferin Construction is jockeying for competitive advantage in the bidding to win this summer's contract to widen Highway 401 from Highway 25 through Guelph Line.

Costs will be cut if Dufferin is allowed to put its portable asphalt-making plant close to the highway. Dufferin says the savings will be passed on to Ontario taxpayers, who are footing the bill for broadening Hwy. 401 from four to six lanes.

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'Little loss' of park for village parking lot: engineer

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

The park next to Campbellville Pond, nestled downtown in the rural village, won't be decimated to build a new parking lot, a senior Halton regional engineer said Monday.

Last week Ward 3 municipal councillor Gerry Brooks had warned that Halton Region's plans for rebuilding Guelph Line through the village meant the loss of two-thirds of the park as an adjacent parking lot was enlarged.

Not so, said Halton's director of design and construction, Bruce Kitchen. "There'll be very little

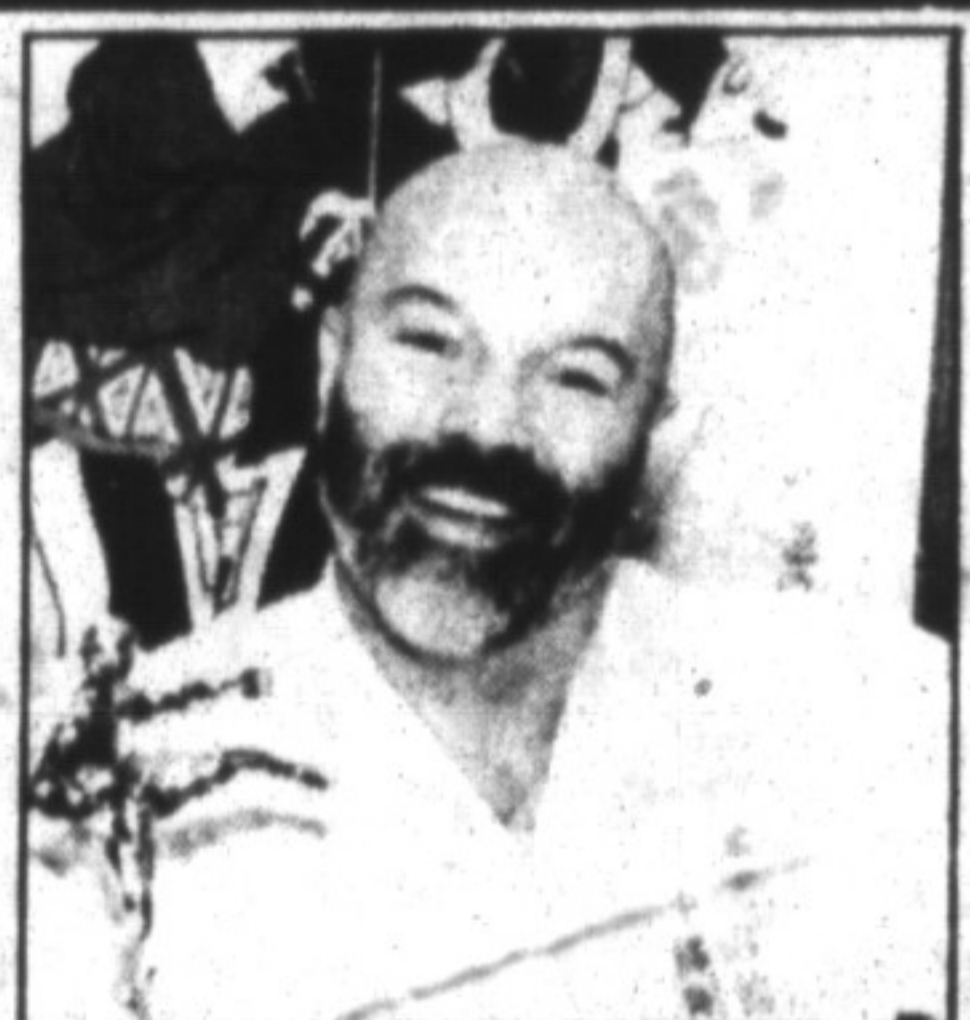
difference in the park area. There will be very little loss of park space."

A misunderstanding may have arisen because part of the park, shouldering the parking lot area, will have more of a slope once the lot is expanded, Mr. Kitchen said. But the incline "will be part of the park again."

It's also possible some confusion exists because there will be a mess in the park while construction is ongoing, Mr. Kitchen said. "While the work is being done, there's no question it (the park area) will be disturbed," he pointed out. But once the construction is over, not only will the park area remain

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Scott Hogarth enjoyed some success in the international karate championships in Mexico City.

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