

# Halton 4-H members show well at Royal Winter Fair

Congratulations to the six 4-H members of Halton who exhibited and competed at the Royal Winter Fair with their animals and won many honours for the county and their leaders, Ken McNabb and Bert Stewart.

Halton 4-H came first overall competing among clubs from nine provinces. The local members included Connie Bennett, Jennifer and Tod Livock, Curtis Gregson, Tyler Brander and Heather Marshall.

Connie won a trophy for her Holstein calf. Jennifer and Todd came in second and third in the Jer-

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sey class. Curtis was fourth with his Holstein. Tyler was eighth and Heather was 18th in the Holstein class, which included 75 entries. The team also won many other honours.

Meanwhile, local farmer Lorne Ella received the grand champion cow award for his entry in the Jerseys at the Toronto fair. Jamie Alexander had the junior champion

female in the Jerseys. Several other local people took part and won awards, as well.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Wilfred Greenlees, a patient at Milton District Hospital recovering from a broken hip.

Ms B. Dolling, grade 6 teacher at Percy W. Merry School, and her helpers have published the third edition of the history of Drumquin and

Omagh.

The book launched in June has been greatly in demand. It's a most-interesting story of how early settlers lived, survived and left a great heritage for this generation.

Friends are pleased to learn that George Brownridge is home from hospital following surgery.

Communion service and White Gift Sunday will be observed at a

worship service at Omagh Presbyterian Church December 5 at 11 a.m.

Ruth Agnew is a patient at Milton District Hospital after a fall at her home recently.

Omagh friends are sorry to learn that Clarence (Paddy) Patterson of Sebringville (formerly of this area) has been a patient in hospital. We extend get-well wishes.

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## Seven homeowners honoured by Milton Historical Society

Seven homeowners who have taken special measures to maintain their heritage homes were recognized by the Milton Historical Society on November 18.

Those who were awarded framed certificates were: Carol and Alan Brooks (41 James Street), Jan and John Howard (5059 Steeles Avenue), Gloria and Larry Johnson (7682 Tremaine Road), Lynda and Jonathan Leaver (66 Victoria Street), Gail and James Pearson (99 Mill Street), Betty Jo and Ted Stover (107 Mary Street) and Edna and Marsha Waldie (24-26 James Street).

Presentations were made by the seven Society presidents to hold office since the body was formed in

the late 1970s. They were Jim Dills, Val Grimshaw, Don Hayward, Len McNeil, Ken Lamb, Walt Elliot and Marjorie Powys.

Mayor Gord Krantz in congratulating the winners, recalled the part played by the Society in locating the Town Hall in the historic but run-down former courthouse/jail building.

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Walter Mulkeewich at the planning and public works briefing. "A \$5 fee seems reasonable."

"My concern is that we don't have to start cleaning our creeks and culverts of garbage," said Burlington councillor Bob Brechin, in reference to a concern that people will balk at paying and simply dump waste wherever they can.

The region expects to collect \$500,000 in fees from 100,000 users of the landfill. Last year there were 200,000 users, but it is expected that people will go less often with more rubbish to avoid paying the \$5 charge.

The society initiated the lengthy restoration as its first order of business.

In time the town bought the building from Halton Region for \$1 and spent more than \$3 million to make it into a widely admired heritage structure. The Town Hall opened in 1985, eight years after it had been vacated.

Milton councillor Brad Clements was upset that people recycling standard materials at the Milton dump would be charged the fee, with the exception of those involved in the household hazardous waste pilot program in Oakville.

"We are managing our responsibilities," said Burlington councillor Joyce Savoline at the planning and public works briefing. "Is it time to begin our own tax revolt here in Halton? Is it time to pool our resources and start pushing the province back?"

Ms Savoline expressed outrage at the prospect of reducing the number of roadside grass cuttings on regional roads, especially in light of the small amount of money required.

"Grass cutting is not a service that the public is willing to give up. I had more calls from people on this last year than anything else. The \$8,800 can be found easily somewhere in the budget," said Ms Savoline.

Public works commissioner Art Leitch said the region proposes to cut the grass on regional roads only three times in 1994, rather than the seven times it's usually done. Each cutting costs \$2,200. He said Halton doesn't want to compromise safety concerns to save money, but rather, would sacrifice the visual appeal first.

"We can't let our communities deteriorate," said Ms Savoline. "If we were talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars then we'd have a problem. If necessary I will sit down with staff and find the money required to maintain this program."

"I think this is what's wrong with this country," said an obviously annoyed Mr. Pomeroy. "People pick up the phone to complain and money gets put back in the budget. More of the public wants a zero per cent tax increase than wants the grass cut."

"Reducing cost of government means reduced levels of service," he added. "I can only support this if we cut a similar amount somewhere else in the budget."

"It doesn't have to come out of public works budget," said Mr. Brechin. "Let's go to where the big bucks are. We have nurses running around giving out condoms. We should cut free condom giveaways but not services with a major visual impact. We're getting as tacky as some of the poor U.S. states, where the sides of the road look like no one's home in the state, like no one cares."

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