

Acton sweeps C of C Business Achievement Awards

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MacMillan's win as Business of the Year made it a clean sweep for Acton at the 26th annual Chamber of Commerce business achievement awards dinner on Friday at the North Halton Golf Club.

With tears in her eyes and her youngest son by her side, Lynda Martin, who with husband Roy owns MacMillan's Gourmet Frozen Foods, accepted the top honour for 2005, joining two other Acton women – Marie Vickery, the Employee of the Year, and Kristine Cieslok, Entrepreneur of the Year – as part of a smart and savvy troika of Acton women.

MacMillan's, the frozen food emporium located on Highway 7 just west of Acton, is known for its unflinching support of the community and superb customer service.

It was selected from three finalists announced last month, including the Halton Hills Speech Centre and Vision 2000 Travel Group.

Lynda Martin said she was "very overwhelmed



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: MacMillan's Gourmet Frozen Foods of Acton was named Business of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce at its annual business achievement dinner on Friday in Georgetown. Owner Lynda Martin (sitting at right) and son Cameron, received plaques from Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh (left), Councilor Jane Fogal representing Halton (back left), Chamber president Wendy Hue, Norm Paget representing MP Michael Chong and Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. – Frances Niblock photo



ACTON ACES: Acton cleaned up at the annual Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce business awards ceremony on Friday. Marie Vickery (left) was honoured as Employee of the Year, Cameron and Lynda Martin of MacMillan's Gourmet Frozen Foods earned Business of the Year honours, and Kristine Cieslok, owner of Blue Springs Salon and Spa, is the Entrepreneur of the Year. – Frances Niblock photo

and deeply honoured" by the win, and thanked her staff, who she said makes it all happen, including store manager Shelley Dodds.

Cameron Martin, thanked his parents for their 22 years of "hard work and dedication to building the business,

and for supporting our community," adding he's very proud of his parents' accomplishments and continued growth of the business. (MacMillan's recently purchased six acres of land for an expansion.)

The anonymous person who nominated MacMil-

lan's for the award noted it is involved with fundraisers for local churches and schools, the Acton food bank, school breakfast programs, the Acton Fireman's Ball and sponsors many local sports teams.

Accepting her awards for Employee of the Year, Acton librarian Marie Vickery said she was out of her element at a black tie affair – her audience was usually sitting in a circle, at knee height – and to please forgive her if she forgot where she was and admonished them to stop fidgeting.

She said until this Chamber award, the rewards of a job well done

have been a big hug, a crayon likeness of herself or a bouquet of dandelions.

"I was just lucky enough to find a job that I love. One which allows me to tell stories, sing songs and create a place of imagination for the children of Halton Hills," Vickery said, adding she wants to share the award with her fellow staffers.

Acton's Blue Springs Spa owner Kristine Cieslok thanked her mother and step-father for travelling from California to help her celebrate, and her husband Jorge, for helping her build her "dream castle spa" in 2003 – her

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Best wishes to all winners on your outstanding achievements

MacMillan's Gourmet Frozen Food - Business of the Year
Kristine Cieslok (Blue Springs Spa & Salon) - Entrepreneur of the Year
Marie Vickery (HH Public Library -Acton Br.)- Employee of the Year
Limehouse Community - Civic Pride of the Year Award

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