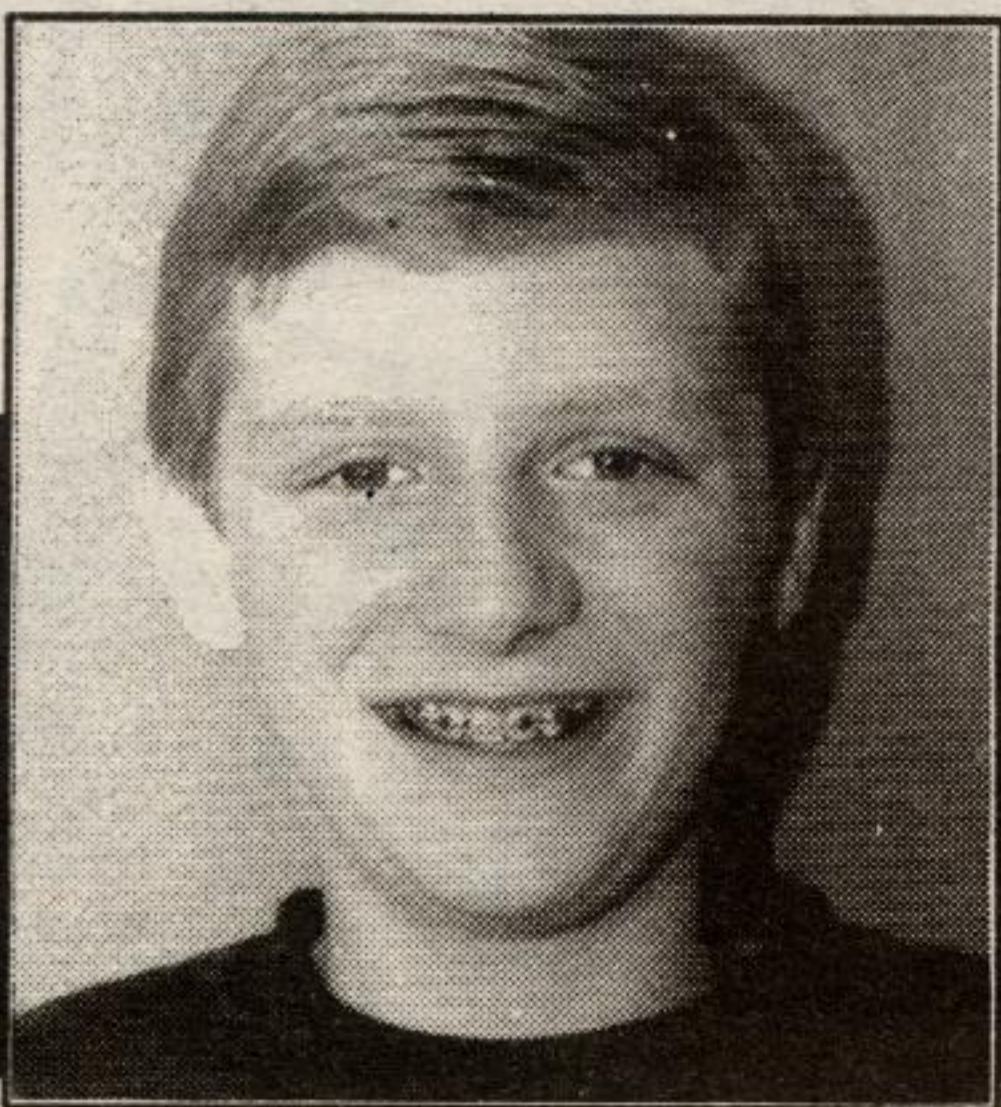


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Congratulations to ... **MATTHEW SCHILLER!**

The Acton Tanner Carrier of the Month for July is Matthew Schiller, an honours student at McKenzie-Smith who enters Grade 8 in the fall. Matthew enjoys reading, especially science fiction. He is an avid sports card collector and plays baseball and soccer with his brothers.

When asked what he likes best about being a Tanner carrier he said "meeting the people and the exercise."

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# K.T. Taxi is already booming

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Ken McIsaac knew it was time to open the doors of K.T. Taxi after he began receiving calls a week before it even existed.

"It was extremely uplifting," says Ken, co-owner of the 24-hour taxi service with his mother, Theresa. "The people reassured themselves that a taxi service was coming back to town and that made me feel that much better."

"It was a thrill to hear that," Theresa echoes. "It's nice to see happy faces in town."

Ken said on Friday afternoon that he had received between 150 and 200 calls in his first week of operation. He added he would be pleased with a customer base of 500 or 600 in four to six months time.

"Word's getting around. Business is picking up every day," said the excited Acton resident. "We're confident it will work. The attitude toward the 24-hour taxi business from the citizens has been very good. They're saying it's needed and that they would be lost without it."

Fresh on their minds was the recent two-month layoff after Reliable Taxi closed up shop.

Ken felt that after Reliable Taxi closed its doors and Theresa was approached by elderly Actonites to start a transportation service, it was time "to go for it."

Ken said plans are in the works to set up a small café with sandwiches, pop, juice and cigarettes for customers waiting for a taxi. There are even additional plans for an early-bird breakfast.

Ken and Theresa are currently the drivers of K.T. Taxi's 1993 Dodge Caravan and they plan to add two or three more drivers, a dispatcher and another vehicle by September.

The McIsaac name is well-known in the Acton area. Their business ventures date back some 60 years — with Grandmother and Grandfather McIsaac living and working on Hwy. 25, where they sanded the road from Milton to Acton.

Ken's father has been in construction for 18 years and runs McIsaac Concrete; great uncle Sandy had a garage in town and Uncle Mac has a septic pumping company in Acton.

Ken's first step to opening the Mill Street West business was to apply to council for a licence. Three weeks later, it was approved.

Then there was a trip to Milton Chrysler to get the metres and radios put in the Caravan. On June 24 it was inspected and a week later, they opened the doors.



Ken and Theresa McIsaac, front, owners of K.T. Taxi, show off their '93 Dodge Caravan with future driver Fred Dunn and soon-to-be dispatcher Bea Schonnop. (Doug Harrison photo)

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**Thief-proof your home for holidays**

Summertime is here, the kids are out of school, and vacation time is planned. You are leaving your home to look after itself. It will, if you remove "Opportunity." Thieves look for "Opportunity" to make you the "Victim." If you remove "Opportunity" the thief will go elsewhere. Some simple steps to follow are listed below:

1. Did you lock all the doors?
2. Did you lock all the windows?
3. Did you lock the garage door?
4. Did you put away things such as jewels, furs, cameras, or coin collections in a safety deposit box or other secure place?
5. Did you cancel any newspapers or other regular deliveries you may have?
6. Did you arrange to have your mail held at the post office, forwarded or picked up by a neighbour?
7. Did you place several lights on automatic timers?
8. Did you place an audio appliance, such as a radio, on an automatic timer?
9. Did you adjust the blinds and draperies to make the house appear occupied?
10. Did you arrange to have the lawn cut?

These are just a few steps to keep your home safe and remove "Opportunity" while you enjoy your vacation. Watch this space for more tips next week!

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