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## Horticultural Society contest winners

The Acton Horticultural Society begins its fall season Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7:30 pm, at Knox Presbyterian Church. We will be presenting the awards to our 1993 garden contest winners at this time. In addition, our guest speaker will be Ron Garton from Agriculture Canada.

Mr. Garton will be talking to us about commercial and home vegetable production. People will have the opportunity to discuss any problems that occurred during the season and receive valuable expert advice. There is always something that crops up besides the beans and tomatoes, that we aren't sure how to handle. Bring a friend and a list of questions. Join us for an informative evening. Please call Trina Virgin at 873-0519 for further information.

We would like to express our sincere thank you(s) to all the participants in this year's Annual Acton Horticultural Societies Garden Contest. The contest winners are as follows:

**Flower — Urban:** First, Mr. and Mrs. E. McGilloway; Second, Mr. and Mrs. L. Grahame; Third, M. and I. Johnson.

**Flower — Child Urban:** First, Alison Crane.

**Flower — Child Rural:** First, Jasmine Olsen.

**Flower — Rural:** First, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bonanno; Second, Mr. and Mrs. R. Coe.

**Vegetable — Urban:** First, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Verbeek; Second, Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnston; Third, Mr. and Mrs. G. Baumeister.

**Commercial — Urban:** First, Big Scoop; Second, Tim Bri Tea House.

## Drivers needed for programs

### ASSIC ALERT

Are you interested in doing some volunteer driving? We need drivers for our following programs:

**Wheels to Meals (Seniors Luncheon):** Drive a senior to a

monthly organized luncheon at a local restaurant (and occasionally to an out of town one).

**Meals on Wheels:** Can you spare one hour per week in town to deliver meals to seniors and disabled who are unable to prepare a meal for themselves?

**Transportation Pool:** Many seniors and others unable to use or access public transportation to medical appointments look to us to help them get to their appointments. We need in-town as well as out-of-town drivers to meet this need. We never ask a volunteer to drive where they are not comfortable, and if Acton is as far as you are prepared to drive, that's fine; for those who are comfortable driving in Guelph, Milton and Georgetown, that's great too; if you enjoy the challenge of Toronto, Hamilton, etc., that's super. The choice is always yours, and we don't expect drivers to be "out of pocket" — we offer mileage. If you are concerned about insurance coverage, don't be; that is taken care of.

If any of the above appeal to you, or you have any questions, please call us at 853-3310 or drop by our booth at the Fall Fair.



**SCOUTING HONOUR:** Scouts Canada North Halton District Commissioner Steve Thompson, of Acton, was alerted to an upcoming honour by Kevin Patey last Thursday. Thompson will receive the Medal of Merit for "Especially Good Service to Scouting" from the Governor General of Canada Ramon John Hnatyshyn in October and Patey was assigned to deliver the good news! (Submitted photo)



**HOT DOG!** McKenzie-Smith child and youth counsellor Kevin Dorscht was assisted at last Wednesday's barbecue for Grade 6, 7 and 8 students by new vice-principal Larry Cigler, left, and new principal Chris Logan. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Schools face challenges

BY ELLEN PIEHL  
Special to The Tanner

It's time for school again as students and teachers around this community headed back into the classrooms last week to face new educational challenges that may lie ahead of them this year.

"It's nice to see the staff and students back together," said Chris Logan, principal of McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

One of the major concerns for all schools in Acton is provincial government cutbacks, caused by the Social Contract passed earlier this year.

However, most of the staff in public schools will not know the situation they're in until they meet with the Halton School Board sometime this week.

"Many of them (staff) are more interested in getting back to teaching," says Dr. Paul Tamblyn, vice principal at Acton High.

Lynn Snider, principal of M.Z. Bennett says that he is concerned on how the cutbacks will affect the

future of his school.

"Our major challenge is how we minimize the impact on the children," says Snider.

The staff at M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little share one thing in common this year in terms of expectations.

They want their students to be more familiar with technology.

"We want to prepare our kids for the 21st century," says Bob Bell, Robert Little vice principal.

Snider said that he and the teachers at his school want to show the students how computers can help them learn, instead of just teaching them technological skills. "We want to implement instructional technology," he says.

Here are a list of schools that parents can contact if they have any concerns or questions.

St. Joseph's Separate School: 853-3730

McKenzie-Smith: 853-3800

Robert Little: 853-2540

M.Z. Bennett: 853-0530

Acton High: 853-2920

### Cinema Listings

41 Quebec St.  
Downtown Guelph  
821-9271

**Wednesday, Sept. 15**  
7pm: 84 Charing Cross Road (PG)  
9pm: Buried On Sunday (PG)

**Thursday, Sept. 16**  
7pm: Buried On Sunday (PG)  
9pm: El Mariachi (R)

**Friday, Sept. 17**  
7pm: Strictly Ballroom (PG)  
9pm: Herman (PG)

**Saturday, Sept 18**  
1:30: Aladdin (F)  
7pm: Herman (PG)  
9:15: Strictly Ballroom (PG)

**Sunday, Sept. 19**  
1:30: Aladdin (F)  
7pm: Strictly Ballroom (PG)  
9pm: Herman (PG)

**Monday, Sept. 20**  
7pm: Herman (PG)  
9pm: Strictly Ballroom (PG)

**Tuesday, Sept. 21**  
7pm: Strictly Ballroom (PG)  
9pm: Delicatessen (AA)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

**Sept. 17, 18 and 19, Friday, Saturday and Sunday:** The 80th Annual Acton Fall Fair will be held, rain or shine, at Prospect Park. There are many exciting events scheduled for the weekend. Don't miss the crowning of Miss Acton Fall Fair, Friday evening, or the all-new goat show on Sunday!

**Sept. 20, 22 and 24, Monday, Wednesday and Friday — 10:30 am to 2:30 pm:** Acton Parent-Child Centre is holding an open house at the Acton Band Hall, 85 Wallace St. Call 853-2574 between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm for more information.

**Sept. 23, Thursday — 6:45 to 8 pm:** Girl Guide registration at M.Z. Bennett. Volunteers are always welcome!

**Sept. 24, Sunday — 7 pm.** First meeting for the Royal Canadian Air Cadets at St. Joseph's School, Acton. Interested young men and women ages 12-19 please attend. For info call Captain Ed Rulton, 853-4284.

**Sept. 25, Saturday — 6 pm:** Come meet your neighbours and help showcase Acton at a Pig-Corn Roast and Block Party at 92 Mill St. E. There will be a disc jockey, complimentary punch, door prizes and good times for all. Proceeds go towards employing DJ and buying door prizes. Advance tickets are limited so get yours soon. Adults \$9 each. Children 6 to 12 are half-price. For more information call: 853-1266 or 853-3089.

**Oct. 21, Thursday — 7:30pm:** Acton Social Services and Information Centre presents "Bea, Moo and Mumsie" at Acton High School, the first in a series of three musicals by the Smile Theatre Company. Tickets are \$6 for one show or \$15 for all three. They are available at ASSIC, 19 Willow Street, or at the ASSIC booth at the fair.

**Nov. 6, Saturday — 2 to 4 pm:** Feeling blue because summer is almost over? Cheer up and look forward to St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar and Tea! There will be a bake table, crafts, a silent auction, draws and much more.

**Nov. 6, Saturday — 9 am to 2 pm:** Christmas Craft Show and Sale sponsored by the Acton Parent-Child Resource Centre at the Acton Band Hall, 85 Wallace St. Featuring over 25 craftspeople. Admission is free.

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