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Christmas lights up Acton

BY RICK SOUTAR
The Acton Tanner

The holidays are here and Acton is bursting with colour, so we decided to cruise around town Sunday night to try and find the best Christmas light displays.

The method we used was anything but scientific, and there is no prize, so please don't blow any fuses if we missed your great display.

It appeared that the "darkest" part of town was Church Street. There are a few merry souls who have lights, but otherwise it looks like a power outage.

Here are the locations of the three best displays we saw on our

unofficial tour of Acton's night lights:

- The best display is at 104 Cobblehill Rd. You can't miss the eaves, trees and bushes all lit up with contrasting colours. Lights flashing around a front window and a star on the roof top off the display.

- Second place goes to 1 Lasby Lane. Windows and eaves are done in bright colours and a giant candy cane marks the end of the drive. This second display is made more outstanding by the lack of lights in the neighbourhood. This one sure catches the eye!

- Our third choice is 22 Mowbray Place. A big Santa with

reindeer, candles, wreaths, spot-lights and string lights highlights this home. This display may have made more of an impression on us if we hadn't already spent two hours viewing lights.

There was also the house at 58 Wellington which deserves honourable mention. Multi-coloured strings of lights outline the roof, the fence and even inside the garage. This unique display creates a dramatic effect.

While our picks may not be yours, there are plenty to choose from.

Hope you get out and see some of the fine displays around town — it's worth the walk!

AHS student's design chosen for Board's Christmas card

BY BRAD HAMMOND
The Acton Tanner

Acton High's Matt Woudstra is the talented artist whose work was selected for the Christmas cards

sent out by the Halton Board of Education.

"We run a contest every year in the schools to decide on an appropriate design for our Christmas

card," states Dave Whiting, chair of the Board.

"Matt Woudstra's design was chosen for this year's card. The design is very unique and well done; it is a really terrific piece of work," adds Whiting.

Yvonne Indart, visual arts teacher at AHS states, "Matt has excellent artistic ability and it reflects in all of his work. I was impressed with the quality of design that Matt was able to produce in such a short period of time.

"He is influenced by the artist Monet and often carries this impressionistic style through his own work."

"The idea for this design is my own. It just manifested itself in a most extraordinary way and found itself on a piece of paper," explains Woudstra, an O.A.C. student.



WINNING ARTWORK: The new Halton Board of Education chair Dave Whiting, left, proudly helps Acton High School student Matt Woudstra display his winning Christmas card design. (Brad Hammond photo)



Cinema Listings

41 Quebec St.
Downtown Guelph
821-9271

Wed. & Thurs., Dec. 22 & 23
7pm: The Fugitive (AA)
9:30: The Age of Innocence (PG)

Friday, Dec. 24
CLOSED

Saturday, Dec. 25
CLOSED

Sunday, Dec. 26
7pm: Like Water for Chocolate (AA)
9:15pm: The Piano (TBA)

Monday, Dec. 27
7pm: The Piano (TBA)
9:30pm: Like Water for Chocolate (AA)

Tuesday, Dec. 28
7pm: Like Water for Chocolate (AA)
9:15pm: The Piano (TBA)

Keep in mind special holiday hours

ASSIC ALERT

Just a reminder that Acton Social Services and Information Centre will be closed for the holidays on Monday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 31. In addition, we will be closing at 1 pm on Friday, Dec. 24.

For those receiving social

assistance, remember that Halton Social Services will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.

Keep in mind that various agencies, stores, banks, libraries, etc. will likely be closed at some point throughout the holidays. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous 1994.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

Dec. 23, Thursday: The Acton Tanner office will be closed for the holidays until Monday, Jan. 3. The best of the season to all our loyal readers.

Dec. 24, Friday: Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Acton overnight. Don't forget to leave some cookies and milk for St. Nick to snack on.

Dec. 29 to Dec. 31, Wednesday to Friday, 1 to 2:20 pm: Free skating at the Acton arena, courtesy of the Acton Rotary Club. Bring your blades and work off that holiday stuffing!

Dec. 31, Friday: New Year's Eve will be celebrated around town. You can celebrate the new year at the Acton Legion, the Meeting Place pub or your own home, but remember: Don't drink and drive.

Jan. 3, Monday: Acton Indoor Pool reopens after being closed for repairs. For more info, call the pool at 853-3140 or the Town Rec and Parks Department at 873-2600.

Jan. 7, Friday: College application deadline. Acton students wishing to study at a community college next year should make note of this deadline.

Jan. 12, Wednesday: The "Step Ahead" foot clinic is being held for seniors and disabled residents at ASSIC offices, 19 Willow St. Call 853-3310 for an appointment.

Jan. 12, Wednesday: Parents Night at Acton High for all parents of Grade 8 students. For more info, call the school at 853-2920.

Jan. 14, Friday, 1 - 3 pm: ASSIC is holding a Hawaiian party for all ASSIC volunteers. The location is 19 Willow St. Call 853-3310 for details.

Jan. 23, Sunday — 1:30 pm to 4 pm: A Robbie Burns Ceilidh at the Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin St. S. Scottish refreshments, Scottish dance and entertainment, kids craft table and activity area. Free admission. For more information call 836-1221.

Jan. 30, Sunday — 2 pm: The Col. John McCrae Memorial Lecture at the Guelph Legion, 919 York Rd. "The Sharpe End: The Canadian Soldier In Normandy." An exciting lecture given by a renowned historian, professor Terry Copp. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 836-1221.

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