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**BEAMING BEAKS:** These red-nosed revellers from McKenzie-Smith braved the chilly elements Monday morning to contribute their schnozzes to "Lighten Up Canada Day." Acton set a new outdoor record of 1,588 red noses in a single line, solidly beating Kitchener's 1,358 noses. From left, Stephanie McKay, Jenn Schultz, Kristie Goy, Bailey Galimanas, Corey Brock and Shawn Weatherall (front) were enthusiastic participants in the third annual event. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Acton sets 'nose' breaking record

BY DOUG HARRISON

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In an Olympic year, Acton grabbed its second consecutive gold medal in the red foam nose event.

Local school kids, parents and other citizens did their best Rudolph impression for the third annual "Lighten Up Canada Day," forming a line on both sides of Eastern Avenue that extended from the olde Hide House to the corner of Mill Street.

Acton, with the support of 1,588 schnozzes, nosed out a strong contingent of 1,358 students from Kitchener's Eastwood Collegiate Institute Monday morning to retain the title that was established last year at 1,353.

"Hopefully we can hold that gold medal and be better next year," said Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller after making the record announcement. "People here get behind it and do something about it. It's different and it makes people feel good."

And that's exactly what Jack Carpenter wanted when he introduced the event in 1992.

He read a story about some people in England who put on red noses and hit the streets for a good

time. The Acton resident then used it as a news item during a Sunday night variety show on a Kitchener radiostation, saying Canada should do something similar.

It's evolved into a national event with Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Nova Scotia, among others, participating in red nose events.

Carpenter said 12,000 noses were sold in 1992, 125,000 last year and predicts 200,000 have been sold in the area this year.

"People went out there in spades today (Monday). It was unbelievable," said a smiling Carpenter. "I've never seen such a turnout with such a small population."

"I didn't see anyone without a smile. It was great for the spirit."

Carpenter added people from Toronto, Mississauga and the Dills family, former owners of Dills Printing and Publishing Company, were in attendance.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) handed out suckers to kids after establishing the record and Foodland had coffee and cake before the line formed.

"This is a good community; people respond," Carpenter said. "There's a lot of enthusiasm in this town if you allow it to happen."

## Hillier saves Acton man in fire

BY DOUG HARRISON

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Usually, an increased workload is not something to be happy about, but both Ed Hillier and Peter Papillon consider the change in Hillier's garbage collection route to be a life-saver.

Last Wednesday, Hillier, 47, pulled Elmore Drive resident Peter Papillon safely out of his burning kitchen.

Up until two weeks ago, Hillier, who has also been a volunteer firefighter for 11 years, would finish collecting on Elmore Drive after lunch.

Now, because of the increase in

his workload, the Acton resident completes the entire street in the morning.

Hillier noticed a familiar smell as he turned from Elizabeth Drive on to Elmore Drive. He then left the area of the fire, but the smell got stronger as he hit a dead-end by Fairy Lake.

"I knew it wasn't a wood fire," he said Friday. "After 11 years of going to house fires you get used to the

smell."

Hillier began walking toward Papillon's house when he noticed smoke coming out of the roof. He called to a neighbour to phone the fire department. They received the call at 10:25 am.

Hillier then approached the front door, which was ajar, and yelled inside in hopes of a response. When he didn't get one, he proceeded

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ED HILLIER

## Mixed emotions about linking Acton schools

BY DOUG HARRISON

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The physical joining of McKenzie-Smith and M.Z. Bennett schools is a good move, says Halton Board of Education chair Dave Whiting.

But at what cost?

The Board is investigating joining the schools both administratively and physically as part of a

budgetary move.

Sources say the physical end could cost between \$200,000 and \$2 million. The administrative plan is to have a principal and two vice-principals to head the proposed Kindergarten to Grade 8 school, one less than is employed presently.

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