



HOPE HE'S FRIENDLY! Erin Baumeister, 4, did her best tiger impression at the new Acton Esso grand opening on Hwy. 25 last Monday. Beside her sits a 10-month-old Siberian tiger that weighs in at 250 pounds. Owner Tim Height of Acton said the tiger, which is almost extinct in the wild, will tip the scales at 700 pounds when full-grown. (Doug Harrison photo)

Town garden bigger, better in '94

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

It's Acton helping Acton. That's how Joan Waldie describes our community garden. "It's a community project, like the Acton FoodShare. We don't apply for any government funding," says Waldie, one of two representatives from the FoodShare, which co-sponsors the garden. Plans are underway for the second community garden, to open from May 15 to Oct. 30. Ten fami-

lies have already applied for plots in the garden on Wallace Street north of McDonald Boulevard. Last year, there were 14 plots from young families, singles and seniors who grew vegetables, corn and even flowers on land donated by Fred Dawkins and Ron Heller. An extra one-and-a-half to two acres of land that was manured and ploughed last fall has been added this year. Waldie figures the extra space will allow for an additional 10 plots.

People leased 25 by 25-foot plots last year, but Waldie says not everyone has to follow suit. "The size of the plots are tailored to what the person wants. And if the person can't afford the \$10 plot charge, they are still welcome to garden," says Waldie. The community garden is sponsored by FoodShare, the Horticultural Society and the deacons from the Christian Reformed Church. A fence, put up by the deacons, will be put around the gardens and water will be available. Both have been donated by the Town.

"It's a combined effort, it's healthy and a hobby. And it pays off with beautiful veggies," Waldie comments. She adds applicants are responsible for their garden supplies and that the garden is to be organic. Also, no pets are permitted in the garden and no burning of materials is allowed. "I'm very thrilled about it and I might even have a plot myself," Waldie says. "It's great exercise and there's nothing like fresh veggies from a garden. I wish we started this five years ago." If you are interested in a plot call Madge or Bob at 853-2708.

NEWS SHORTS

More grass fires in area

Acton firefighters were called to put out a grass fire at a home on Hwy. 7 and the Sixth Line Thursday at 3:26 pm. The owner of the property was burning some garbage in a barrel when sparks ignited the surrounding grass. There was no damage to property, and no injuries.

Lightning causes fire

A Sandalwood Drive home in Ballinafad was struck by lightning in Sunday night's storm. Firefighters were called at 8:05 pm and were able to put out the blaze. There were no injuries, but damages are estimated at \$5,000.

Roberta Bondar at Mountsberg

Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's most famous space traveller, will visit the Mountsberg Centre for Birds of Prey today (Wednesday) from 2 to 3:15 pm. Bondar and area students will release a rehabilitated hawk back into the wild at the centre, located 15 minutes south of Acton at 2596 Britannia Rd. W.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's healthy and a hobby. And it pays off with beautiful veggies."
— Joan Waldie on our Community Garden, Page 2

DID YOU KNOW?

If all the oceans evaporated, Hawaii would be the tallest mountain in the world.

Pete Humeniuk
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Program helps kids

Acton's Dee Cee Sports Camp is offering a new twist this year. Due to the hard times that some local families have had to face, sending children to summer camp is turning out to be financially impossible. Dee Cee Sports Camp is reaching out and offering a new "Adopt-a-Child" program. "Money is tight," says camp director Darin Coones. "Camp is very important to the children." Dee Cee Sports Camp will run its third year for local children. Darin Coones, an Acton public school teacher, knows first-hand the needs of local kids. He now

dedicates his summers to the children once school lets out. With the Adopt-a-Child program, area residents and local businesses can sponsor a child or a family to help with the cost of camp. "This enables the children to have something constructive and positive to do during the summer," says Coones. During the summer the donor will receive a photo of the children involved in the camp activities. You will get to see the children you help enjoying their summer. Coones can be contacted by calling 853-4675.

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