



**STUCK-UP!**

He eventually came down, but this coon found himself in unfamiliar territory beside the downtown parking lot Thursday. Raccoons are nocturnal animals, so stay clear of any you spot in daylight — they might have rabies. (Paul Nolan photo)

# One month to Fall Fair time

**Special to The Acton Tanner**  
The 81st annual Acton Fall Fair, Sept. 16 to 18, is sure to live up to its reputation as the "best little fair in southern Ontario!"

There are some new competitions and events lined up to entertain everyone in the family. The rural community has a chance to win some big prize money, courtesy of our sponsors, in the new "Best Decorated Round Bale" competition.

Be eligible to win prizes of \$85, \$65, or a \$50 voucher by decorating a round bale to resemble something you would see at the Acton Fall Fair.

Information and entry forms are available at feed and hardware stores in our community, through the prize book just issued, or by contacting the Fair secretary at 853-4311.

Entry forms must be in to the secretary by Aug. 22 and bales must be decorated and in place on

your property by the same date.

In order to offer Fair patrons more variety, a portable showcase stage will be on the grounds with a full schedule of musical, dance and sometimes zany entertainment. Performances will run Saturday from 1:30 pm and Sunday from 12:30 pm.

Watch for the action on Fairy Lake with the first annual paddle boat races, in the early afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday.

Each paddle boat requires a two-person team for a race against time, through a myriad of obstacles! Entry fee is only \$3 per team and sign-up is on the day of the race at the boat house dock. Dash with a splash for great prizes!

"We're thinking of creating special business categories, and we might make it a bit of a scavenger hunt," says Fair official George Henderson.

"We hope this will spark some interest from various groups

around town."

As always, the Acton Fall Fair will offer you an interesting selection of agricultural displays and shows, an expanded Agricultural Tent, an exciting midway and many more activities.

The gates will be open at 4 pm, but the Fair will once again be officially kicked off with a march by the Acton Citizens' Band from the Band Hall to the Community Centre on Friday night, Sept. 16.

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## Grass, hay fire calls

Acton firefighters have been called to extinguish a couple of outdoor fires in the last week.

Firefighters were called to a grass fire on the Third Line north of Hwy. 7 on Sunday, while last weekend some bales of hay caught fire at the Fifth Line and 30 Sideroad (south of Hwy. 7).

There were no injuries or serious damages in either blaze.

## Expansion at B.P.

### MUNICIPAL DIGEST

A major Acton employer, BPCO Inc. hopes its new \$2.5 million raw material blending facility will be operating by the New Year.

Commune engineering manager Kevin Conroy said the high-tech facility — a 50-foot silo-like building — will allow the company to more accurately and quickly mix the materials used to produce vinyl siding at its plant on Highway 25, north of Acton.

As in the past, members of the Halton Hills site plan committee allowed BPCO to exceed the by-law that would have restricted the blending building to a maximum of 30 feet.

### MacMillan's expands

A major expansion at MacMillans Frozen Foods in Acton will mean the hiring of four additional staff at the Hwy. 7 facility.

After eight months of planning and negotiating with at least one neighbour, construction is underway on a new warehouse that will double the existing facility.

Following an on-site visit to MacMillan's last month, the Town's site plan committee said six additional trees would have to be planted as a visual buffer for a neighbour who claimed the expanded warehouse would de-value his property by \$35,000 to \$40,000 dollars.

### How to be heard

In an effort to have fairer and more streamlined meetings, Council has changed its rules for people wishing to speak at Council and General Committee meetings.

Spearheaded by Acton Coun-

cillor Gerald Rennie, one of the main changes involves when certain delegations can speak.

"People who are not on the printed agenda, or want to speak to an item on the agenda will now have to wait until the end of the meeting instead of being able to speak at the beginning," Rennie explained on Thursday.

"Some people who were on the agenda were having to wait until 10:30 or 11 at night to be heard because of last-minute delegations that took a lot of time.

"In order to be fair we will now deal with the matters on the agenda first and then at the end of the meeting we will deal with new speakers."

The policy also requires speakers to an item not on the agenda to supply Council with a written outline of their presentation.

### Weed Woes

CN Rail will be asked to clean up its act when it comes to cutting the weeds on its rail-side property in Acton.

Last week both Acton Councillors Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie complained about shoulder-high weeds on the property and asked staff to call CN officials and pass on the complaints.

Councillor Rennie called the property an eye sore.

"I was so disgusted with the look of that parking lot that on the morning of the Leathertown Festival I went out with the shears and cut the weeds as best I could," Rennie said.

"I felt that visitors would take one look at the weeds and think we were raggy people and that's not the image we want to present."

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