

# Puppeteers back for Christmas musical

**Special to The Acton Tanner**  
They've changed their name, but the quality is still the same. The Hands Up Puppeteers, formerly the Acton Baptist Puppeteers, are now putting the last-minute touches on their newest Christmas musical, "Angels Aware."

Known in the region for their high quality musical puppet shows, the team was a bit leery about changing their name.

"We've got a following now," explained Rev. Tom Cullen recently. Cullen continues to direct

and lead the group.

"We want people to know that nothing has changed but our name. We're still a ministry of Acton Baptist Church, but we wanted a name that was creative and reflected what we do."

What does the Hands Up Puppet team do? Well, for the fifth year in a row they have just produced a major Christmas musical with great special effects, creative puppetry, and fun-filled music, all of which have become the trade mark of the team.

This year's show is entitled Angels Aware. "It's the awesome musical story of why God came to the earth as a baby. We have an exciting message to share with folks," said Cullen.

"God showed his love for us by sending Jesus to Earth to be our Saviour and Lord. Puppetry is one creative way we use to share the message."

Shannon Birrell, a member of the team since its inception, spoke about the show: "We've pulled out all the stops in this production.

It's fun to see the progress we've made through the years; each show gets bigger and better. This year we're eager to show off our new flying angel puppets. It really will be spectacular."

The show runs Dec. 9, 10, and 11 at 7 pm. The team has added a matinee to this year's production, on Dec. 11 at 3:30 pm. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for teens and seniors and \$2 for children under 12, payable at the door.

Call Rev. Cullen at 853-0690 for more information.

## Sign-ups!

It's that time again! Registrations for winter swimming and community programs will be accepted at the Civic Centre at any time by mail, drop-off or fax, or you can drop off registrations at the Acton Arena.

Registrations will not be processed until the lottery deadline of tomorrow (Thursday) at 12 noon.

For information call the Town offices at 873-2600.

## Things were really jumping at M-S!

### McKENZIE-SMITH NEWS

BY CHLOÉ SAVAGE & AMY YEATMAN

There was a special performance of two championship jump rope teams Friday, the Lincoln Leapers and the Force, as they came to McKenzie-Smith, showing an outstanding display of skipping abilities. Lucky for the student council — they had lunch with the two teams at Tim Horton's, and were also invited to a great Thanksgiving dinner at Jack Tanner's.

We would like to thank these teams for such a great performance and for showing so many ways to jump rope.

McKenzie-Smith will soon be starting their Jump Rope for Heart campaign, and this was a great way to start.

The boys' volleyball team headed to Milton High last Wednesday to receive their title as "Tier 1 North Halton Champions."

The first game saw a 15-7 win. The second game had the players worried when they lost 15-6. But they managed to defeat the Cen-

ennial Chargers 16-14 in their third game.

MVP was Sandy Chapman, who had an outstanding effort and great sportsmanship.

We should all be proud of them and wish them luck as they head to E.C. Drury on Friday in the All-Halton Finals.

Our Mustang girls went to Georgetown High to play Sam Sherratt last week. All three games were played with enthusiasm and great attitudes.

The Mustangs were ahead in the first game 10-6 when Sam Sherratt came back to tie the game and then win it 15-12.

The girls played an outstanding second game and won 15-10. The third game was very exciting as it was cat-and-mouse right till the end. Sam Sherratt won 15-13.

Heavy hitter Rebecca Austin had a great game. MVPs were Kristin Finley and Stephanie McKay. Lindsay Almand earned the name "The Ax" as she tipped the ball like a pro.

The season is over, but we look forward to a great team next year.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

**Dec. 1, 2, 3, Thursday to Saturday:** The Georgetown Globe Productions proudly presents "The Music Man" at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets are \$12.50; call 877-4323 for details.

**Dec. 4, Sunday — 5 pm:** Trinity United Church is holding its "Boar's Head Dinner," a traditional old English Christmas feast, with wandering minstrels and carollers to entertain you, at Rockmosa Community Centre. Turkey dinner, complete with plum pudding, costs \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$3 for pre-schoolers. For tickets call 853-2090 or 877-3463.

**Dec. 4, Sunday — 9:30 am to noon:** Come to the third annual Breakfast with Santa at Charley Fitzwhiskey's in Georgetown. Proceeds go to SIDS foundation. Call Darlene, 416-488-3260.

**Dec. 5, 7, 12, 14, Mondays and Wednesdays — 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm:** First Aid/C.P.R. Courses offered by St. John Ambulance. Learn how to save a life. At St. John's Church, Stewarttown. Call Yvon at 853-4889 for info.

**Dec. 7, Wednesday — 7:30 to 9:30 pm:** "Coping with the Holidays," a free presentation for those who have experienced the death of a family member or a friend, at the Indoor Mall, 318 Guelph St., Unit 13 in Georgetown.

**Dec. 9, 10, Friday, Saturday — 7 pm and Dec. 11, Sunday — 3:30 pm and 7 pm:** The Hands Up Puppeteers invite you to come see their newest production, "Angels Aware." It's the awesome musical story of why God came to Earth as a baby. All shows at the Acton Baptist Church. Tickets at the door: adults \$4, teens and seniors \$3.50, children \$2. For info call 853-0690.

**Dec. 11, Sunday — 2 to 4 pm:** The Acton Citizens' Band warmly invites you to help us welcome the Christmas season with an old-fashioned concert at 85 Wallace St. Refreshments, door prizes. Admission \$3, free for pre-schoolers.