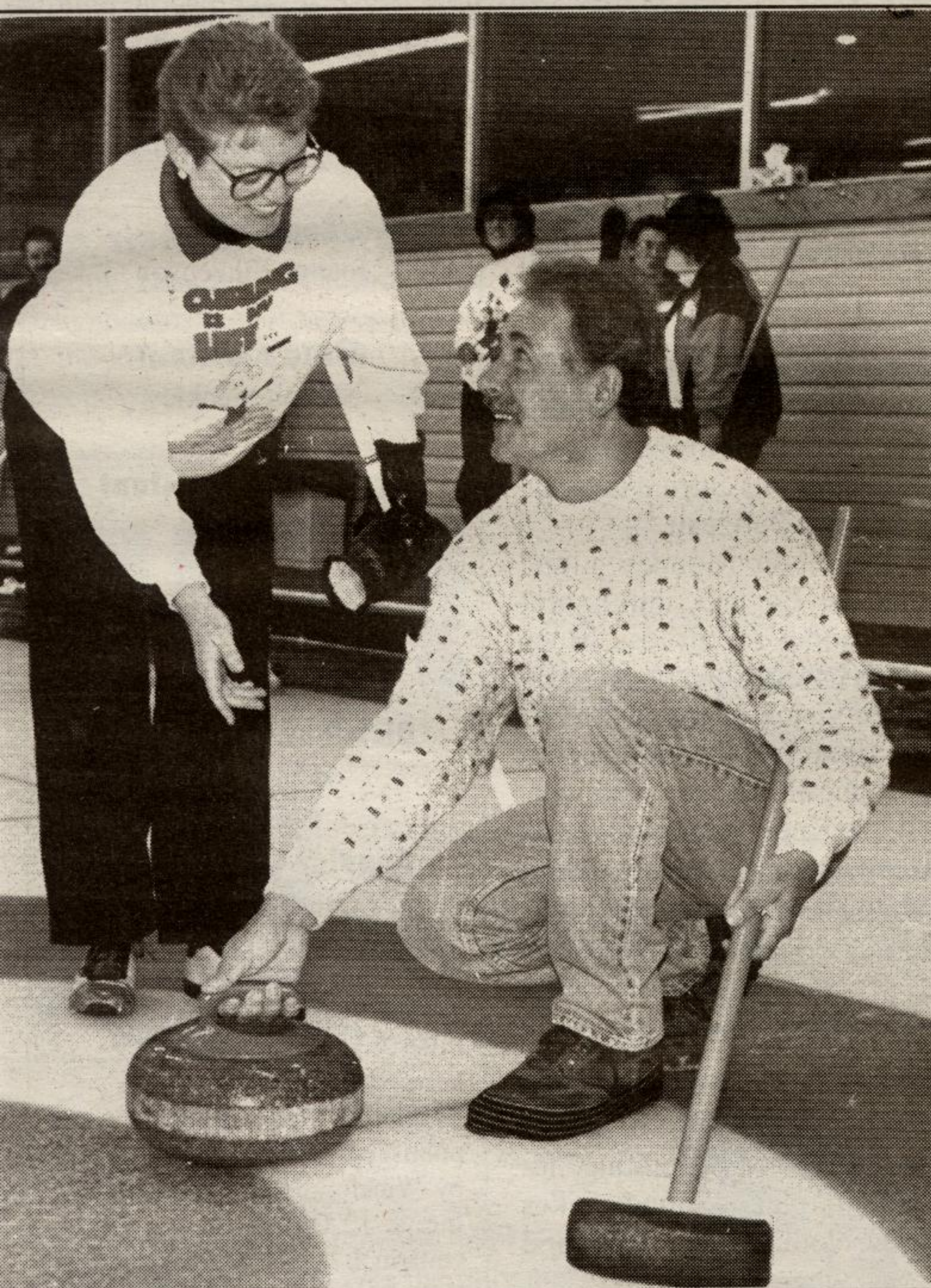




**WICKED THROW!** Spark-Witch Kaitlin Carr, 6, throws a beanbag through a pumpkin's eyes at Thursday's District of Acton Girl Guides Halloween party at Robert Little. (Doug Harrison photo)



**GRIP WORK:** A clinic was held on Saturday at the Acton Curling Club. Here, instructor Cheryl DaPonte demonstrates the technique for gripping a rock to Woody Fabian. (Eve Martin photo)

# Signs of growth beginning

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The Acton Tanner

A fleet of earth-movers grading land between Hwy. 25 and Wallace Street is one of the first tangible signs that long-awaited growth in Acton will occur.

The crews are levelling land where 60 single-family homes will be built on the 8.8 hectare Dawkins-Heller property that backs onto the Danville subdivision, with McDonald Boulevard to the south.

While there still are conditions to be met and agreements to be finalized before actual construction can begin, preparing the land is a concrete beginning.

"Definitely, they are gung-ho to pursue their subdivision," Town Senior Planner Glenn Wellings said in a recent interview.

"Acto-2 developments has been very anxious to get going as well as Rinarin Developments and Dawkins-Heller. We just want something to happen."

Acto-2's plans call for 60 single-family homes on 11 hectares between Churchill Road and

Wallace, north of McDonald.

Rinarin wants to build 190 single-family units in what is being called Acton East - on the north side of Hwy. 7, east of Churchill and south of the high school.

Part of the delay has been the need for a joint venture project to handle storm water.

"A majority of the Acton East developers are tied to implementing a master drainage plan, but a portion of Rinarin's land, Acton-2 and Dawkins-Heller are tied to storm water going west into the Bovis channel so they aren't tied

to that delay," Wellings said.

Peter Linn, the Town's manager of engineering, said talks are ongoing with the Town and the three main Acton East developers to discuss who will pay how much of the servicing costs.

"We may end up being part of this agreement among the three developers, for cost sharing," Linn explained in an interview on Thursday.

"We've started negotiations but we haven't told the developers that we will be part of any deal, but we may wish to be."

## White-light Christmas

Acton merchants are again being encouraged to participate in the downtown Christmas lights program.

The Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) introduced the idea last year to add a festive look to downtown.

Businesses take part by hanging white Christmas lights in their windows, creating a common look for holiday shoppers.

Lights, which can be bought at a number of local stores, should be up before the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 18.

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