



JENNIFER RIGNEY



LINDSAY NEIL



SHANNON TUNNEY

Three Acton students to receive excellence awards

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Hard work, a positive attitude and determination are common traits to all three of the outstanding Acton public school students chosen as Celebration of Student Excellence award winners by the Halton District School Board. The three ace students - Shannon Tunney, Lindsay Neil and Jennifer Rigney, also share another trait - modesty - all three were convinced someone else would be named.

Each year the Board asks its 86 schools to choose a student who has excelled in a number of areas and deserves to be an ambassador for that school and a role model for other students.

Strong academics and cheerful involvement in both the community and school led McKenzie-Smith Bennett officials to choose 13-year-old Shannon Tunney.

"It's sort of a big deal," Tunney allowed when asked what her reaction was.

"It's more of a big deal for my mom and dad and grandmother, but I guess it's nice to be picked from all of the other kids," Tunney said.

Shannon, a Grade 8 student, is a member of the Georgetown Children's Chorus and the Acton Citizens' Band. Tunney helps out in the office, lunchroom and school store, and is also a member of the jazz band and the leadership group.

Shannon will miss next month's awards ceremony because she will be in Holland, on tour with the Children's Chorus.

The Robert Little award winner is Lindsay Neil, a Grade 5 French Immersion student, who was chosen because of her commitment to the school through her academic work and school re-

sponsibilities, including bus duty, gym set up, kindergarten and office help.

"It was kind of shocking when my mom told me that I been chosen because I didn't think I'd get (the award)," Lindsay, 11, said. "I was really excited and so were my family, and I can't wait until the awards ceremony."

Acton High OAC student Jennifer Rigney's strong academic record, consistent student leadership and extra-curricular community involvements made her an easy choice to represent the school.

With top marks all through high school Jennifer has been involved with the school band, cross country, track and soccer teams, the student council and she'll be on stage at the end of the month in the school's pro-

duction of "Grease." Jennifer spent a year in Japan as a Rotary exchange student and hopes to attend the University of Toronto in commerce and finance, with Japanese minors.

"I was just unbelievably happy when I found out I had been chosen because I really didn't expect to get the award," Jennifer explained.

"There are so many people that have really great marks - I thought that one of them would be chosen," Jennifer said, adding that she's sorry she will miss next month's awards ceremony, but she'll be travelling with her family in Europe.

Winners will receive a medallion from Board chair Ethel Gardener at this year's Celebration of Student Excellence awards - the 14th annual event - which will be held May 7 at Acton High.

No 'GO' in Acton's future

It's unlikely that Acton will see Go Train service in the next 20 years, an admission that disappoints, but doesn't surprise, Halton Councillor Rick Bonnette.

"Nothing is in the long-term plan. Nothing at all. That's what's disappointing," Bonnette said recently after being briefed on GO's forecasted expansion plan.

Most of GO's plans in Halton are along the busy lakeshore rail lines and there are no plans for all-day train service to Georgetown because it would require another \$80 million rail line.

Bonnette said the lack of GO Train improvements in the north is another sign that Halton is getting a raw deal in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

"It all goes back to the

make-up of the GTA services board," Bonnette said, arguing that the proposed makeup of the 28-member board is unfair.

"The plan is for 14 representatives from Toronto and only two from Halton Region. But, Halton Region is picking up \$22 million of GO Transit's operating tab because of provincial down-

loading. I'd sure like to see a little return coming our way," Bonnette said.

"We're picking up 20 per cent of the costs of GO Transit yet have only six per cent say of the vote."

Acton had rush-hour GO Train service from 1991 to 1993 until it was cancelled because of low ridership.



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CONSUMER SURVEY

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the Acton BIA's consumer survey. Your added comments and notes will also be taken into account, when the survey results are tabulated over the next few weeks. For those who had the best of intentions to complete the survey, but missed the deadline, it's not too late! We will still accept the surveys either by mail or in the BIA post box beside the Village Constable's office.

NEW GARBAGE RECEPTACLES

Our new garbage receptacles have arrived! The red cedar receptacles, ordered through the Town of Oakville, have been placed along Mill St. for the convenience of pedestrians in downtown Acton. Thanks go to Acton Home Hardware for giving us a good price on the bins purchased to go inside the receptacles and for drilling drainage holes in the bins; and to the Town of Halton Hills Works Dept. for placing the units at the designated locations downtown.

WELCOME

The Red Dog Cafe is back! The cafe, under the management of "K," will keep the Red Dog tradition of good food, great ambience and leisurely summertime dining on the patio. They're giving the interior a new look and you will be able to stop by any day of the week to enjoy their menu of casual fine dining selections. Watch for the grand opening. Lakeview Kitchens & Flooring and Videoplex will soon have a new neighbour in the old Canadian Tire complex. Pizza Giant will be relocating their business from the Main St. N. location.

SWEET SIXTEEN!

Happy Birthday Crystal



Love Opa and Grandma

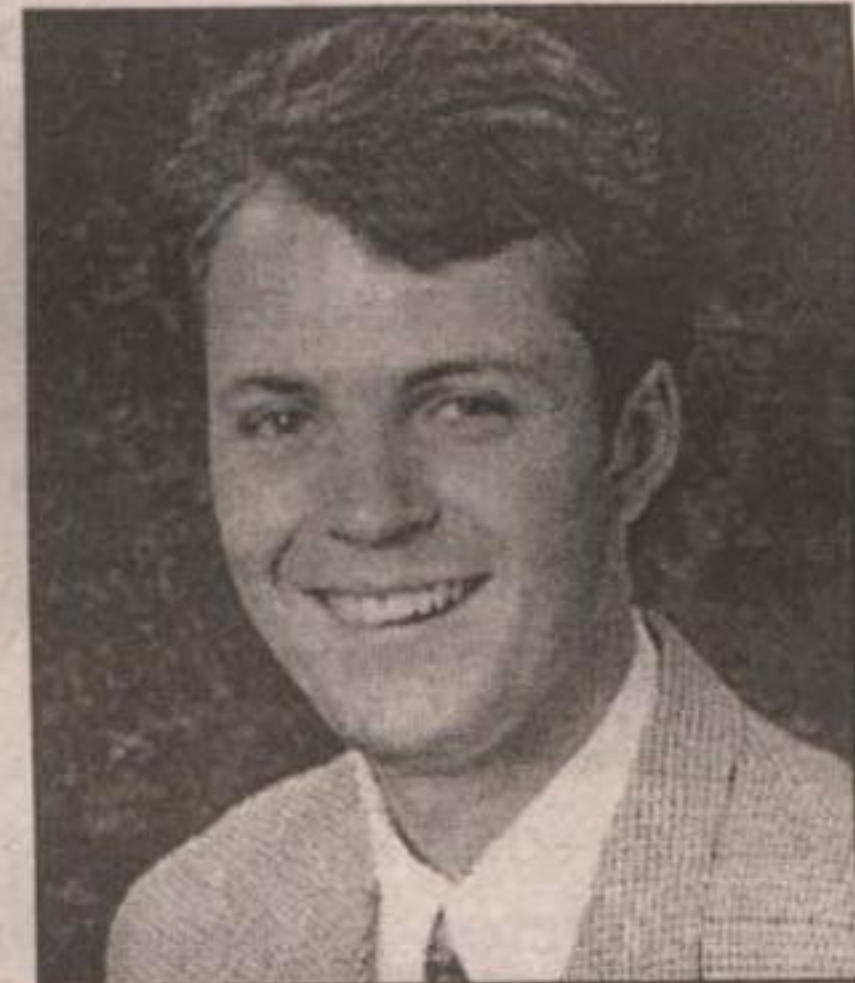
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Five years ago, Mike Glugosh was a hostage to his own fears. Constantly worried about his health and his own state of mind, he found himself wanting to avoid situations that made him feel anxious, such as being alone, going to work and socializing. In time Mike realized he was not alone in his suffering. Anxiety disorder is the number one emotional problem in our country today.

Mike will share the story of his recovery and provide coping skills at a seminar open to the public in your area.

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sion, shortness of breath, scary thoughts, trembling or shaking, and nervous or panicky feelings.

Many people with anxiety also experience mitral valve prolapse. General people fear what Mike calls "losing control," having a

heart attack, embarrassing themselves, or losing their minds.

The Midwest Center for Stress and Anxiety, with whom Mike works, has done stress and anxiety seminars for companies such as Chrysler, AT&T, and McDonald's. They have also been featured on OPRAH, REGIS and KATHY LEE and many other well known programs.

If you cannot attend, please call 1-800-318-7766 for information.

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