

Marg Spear wins first in apartment decoration

The Acton Apartments (formerly the Church Street and Maria Street apartments) held a Christmas Lighting contest for their balconies this year.

The contest was organized by building managers Dot and Alf Roach. Dot Roach commented how great all participating balconies looked and about the many

comments they received. After final judging was done by Sgt. Bob Andrews of the Halton Regional Police the winners were announced.

The first place prize of \$100 went to Marg Spear and second place went to Cameron Stickley and Rachael Lyford winning \$50.

The buildings owners sponsored the contest.

Sgt. Andrews said it wasn't the amount of lights that adorned each balcony but the manner in which they were decorated that caught his eye.



LETTING THE CAR WARM UP: Shortly after 6:30 p.m. Sunday area firefighters were called to extinguish an engine fire in this 1989 van parked at a residence on Main Street North. Police say the van's owner had parked it in his driveway half an hour before the fire was spotted. The vehicle was completely destroyed along with \$1,500 to \$3,000 worth of tools inside it. - Angela Tyler photo

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A Christmas Message

Christmas Eve, I hope you are ready. Usually I am shopping till the stores close, looking for things that have been forgotten to prepare for the big day.

To all my sponsors who have supported my column, and to all the readers, MERRY CHRISTMAS from all the officers who patrol your town of Acton, and from myself and the volunteers who work in the Acton police office.

Keep your home secure. At this time of year it is dark earlier in the evening and thieves like darkness.

1. When you go out, make sure all doors and windows are secure, even if you are only going out for a short time. Thieves can be in and out in less than five minutes.
2. Give your home the lived in look. Put lights on timers. Leave the radio or TV on. If possible have a car in the driveway. Keep garage doors closed and locked.
3. If you are going away for an extended period of time make sure newspapers, mail, etc. are picked up. Have someone check the house. Make sure the driveway and sidewalks are shovelled. If possible leave a car in the driveway, and have someone move it on a regular basis.

These are just a few reminders. In most cases common sense will prevent you from being a victim.

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Rep hockey

Minor novices blanked twice

NOVICE
The Acton Tanners Minor Novice got shellacked their last few times out. They took a 10-0 loss to Guelph in an away game last Thursday and a 4-0 loss to Brampton in an away game last Monday.

Daniel Kearns's goal with two seconds on the clock lifted the Major Novice squad to a 4-3 win over Arthur last Tuesday. Kearns also had a single earlier in the game along with **David Moore, David Garvie and Matt Angell.** Assists went to **Stephen Bennett, Jeff Malcolm, Riley Graydon and John Traversa.**

ATOM
The Acton Tanners Minor Atoms were edged 4-3 by Georgetown in a home game on Sunday. Braden Artem, Kyle Fellows and Shawn Harkely scored for Acton. Assists went to Greg Henry (2), Wade Kuiken-Rogers and Jason Dowthwright.

PEEWEE
After winning seven straight games the Acton

Tanners Minor Peewees took three losses in a row including a close 3-2 home game loss on Sunday to Brampton. Acton goals came from **Jesse Sparkes and Pat Collins** with assists from **Tim Pembleton (2), and Sean Hitchcock,** who with **Matt Sebastian,** was called up for the game. On Saturday Sparkes had a goal with help from **Mike Kuipery** as Ancaster downed visiting Acton 3-1. Last Tuesday first place Ancaster downed Acton 8-1. Sparkes scored for Acton with help from Collins.

JUVENILES
The Acton Tanners Juveniles picked up a pair of wins last week in Tri-County play. On Saturday Acton tripled Tavistock 6-2. **Brian McIntyre and Jim Corrigan** both had doubles. **Mike Krause,** and **Jeff Mitchell** had singles. Assists went to **Phil McIntyre (2), Trevor Malloy, Jason Pembleton (2), Adam Petch (2), Mitchell, Scott McIntyre, Jeremy Bannerman and Ryan Prueter.**

Municipal News

Lots on hold
Plans for the 13-lot Molinaro estate subdivision on the southwest corner of Highway 7 and Fourth Line in the Bannockburn rural cluster are on hold. The developer said that current market conditions aren't good for estate lots and asked town council to recommend to Halton Region that draft approval for the development be extended for one year.

New Town clerk
Barbara McEwan, the Town's new clerk took over December 14. McEwan has 17 years of diverse experience in municipal government, including a stint in the clerk's department in the newly-amalgamated City of Toronto. Prior to that, McEwan, who grew up in the Milton area, was deputy clerk in Scarborough and a planner in Lethbridge.

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