

All Fall Fair events to be held in park

All events at this September's edition of the Acton Fall Fair will be held at Prospect Park as the Acton Agricultural Society's fair board decided against any off-site venues for events traditionally held in the arena.

Two tents, like the one rented for the petting zoo, will be placed over the tennis courts, one for Homecrafts and one for the Miss

Acton pageant and the Baby Show, which looks like it will be staged again this year, despite the retirement of the long-time organizers.

Homecraft Division president Renata Georgeff is confident the tents will be fine for this year.

"The tents will be secure because the ten-

nis courts have the fence around them so we'll be able to lock up at night," Georgeff said, as she prepared to contact other local fairs to ask to borrow freestanding display walls to arrange the Homecraft exhibits.

Fair board president Ron White said they'd beef up security because of the tents this year. "We always had security overnight in the

arena to protect the Homecraft exhibits so we'll just have a few more people around this year," White said.

"It also looks like we're going to have an Elvis stage show on Saturday night instead of the teen dance to try something a little different."

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It looks like sitting MPP Ted Chudleigh is the only candidate who will open an office in Acton for the June 3 provincial election. See Page 3.



Squires Lodge in Rockwood is going to get a facelift. See Page 12.

Hwy 7 was a toll road on Saturday as teens got motorists to donate to the new youth centre. See photo on Page 2.



St. Joseph's School had a rainbow of colours and costumes as they staged a Mediaeval Feast. See photos on Page 10.

Election goodie means tax break

Volunteers to clean 'grungy' downtown

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
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Armed with power washers, window scrubbers and weed eaters, a group of eager Acton volunteers and Acton Cadets will attack the dirt and grime in grungy downtown Acton next month.

The major spruce up is one of the short-term goals of the community Street Smarts program that is aimed at revitalizing the downtown. Committee member and Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) co-ordinator Janis Fread said the cleanup idea came from the Streets Smart groups after a "brutally honest" appraisal of the downtown.

"Peoples' perception (of Acton) still is not the best and we only have a few seconds to make people want to stop," Fread said adding that litter and dirt add to a grungy look.

"The Cadets volunteered their time on June 12 to anyone in the municipality that wanted them and we were the first one to call, so we've got them for the day," Janis Fread said, adding they hope to get the Town's street cleaning truck out that day as well.



LOTTERY LUCK: Wendy Attwell, a payroll clerk at ABT Canada Ltd. in Acton, picked up a cheque for \$250,000 on Monday after winning the Lotto 649 Encore prize in last Wednesday's draw. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Area woman hits \$250,000 jackpot

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When Wendy Attwell thought she'd won \$25,000 in a lottery draw last week she was thrilled and shocked. When she took a closer look at all of the zeros on her ticket and realized that she'd won \$250,000, she was sick to her stomach.

Attwell, who works at ABT Canada Ltd. in Acton and lives in Guelph, said she bought the Lotto 649 ticket with the Encore number, last

Sunday and then forgot about it until she was at a bingo hall on Saturday.

"During intermission I remembered that I had the ticket and I got the girl at bingo hall to scan it," Attwell said on Tuesday.

"All of a sudden the girl said, 'oh, my God, oh, my God' and I'm going what? what? what? At first they told me I won \$25,000 with the Encore number and I was all excited. Then we went into the office to photocopy the ticket and fill out the information on the

Acton taxpayers pay \$68 less

An election goodie from the Province means that Acton taxpayers will pay \$68 less in total property taxes this year, "great news" according to Halton Hills treasurer Ed DeSousa who briefed Town Council on the change on Monday night.

In last week's budget the province announced that it was reducing the education portion of taxes by 20 per cent over the next five years, with a 10 per cent decrease for this year.

Now, instead of paying \$17 more in municipal, regional and education property taxes, the owner of a residential property with a Current Value Assessment of \$185,000 will see their tax bill drop by \$68 to \$2,591 — a 2.5 per cent decrease over last year.

While taxes for Town purposes will increase by \$53 this year, that increase will be offset by a \$36 decrease in Re-

gional taxes and an \$85 decrease in education taxes.

"This was a total surprise, but very good news for taxpayers. We had no indication this was coming until last week when the Province reduced the percentage of the tax bill that goes to education," DeSousa said.

The property tax bill for an urban home with an average Current Value Assessment of \$185,000 will pay:

Town	\$697
Region	\$1,128
Education	\$766
Total	\$2,591

Attwell said that although she'll probably retire early, she intends to keep working as a payroll and benefits clerk at ABT, with one big difference.

"Now my paychecks are mine, not the mortgage company's."

Attwell said her sister won \$1 million in a provincial lottery a decade ago and now her third sister says it's her turn. Attwell took a limousine ride to the Lottery Corporation in Toronto on Monday to pick up her cheque.

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