



**AWARDS ABOUND:** Students who received Acton Achiever awards for their work on the school year book turned tables on Acton High school principal Greg MacPherson by presenting him with an award at a breakfast ceremony on Friday at the school. The students Nicola Garwood (left), Gareth Lichty, Mark Prier and Nicole Duncan gave MacPherson the Amazing Principal Award – mainly for getting them a computer. – Frances Niblock photo

## Many awards for Achievers

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There were stories of fresh starts, hard slogging and a few near-miracles as Acton High school teachers handed out Acton Achiever awards to deserving students at a breakfast ceremony at the school on Friday.

Principal Greg MacPherson said the awardees were all nominated by their teachers because their actions made significant impacts on fellow students, teachers, the school and community.

In introducing the first awardee, Grade 11 student Ryan Turpin, physical education teacher Anne Andrews said Ryan's temper and competitiveness at a 7 a.m. tennis practice always disappeared several periods later when it was time for him to be a peer-helper with the Grade 9 girls' gym class.

"I can say there were days when there was a real transformation and along would come this peer helper with a great big smile, lots of enthusiasm and a let's get the show on the road attitude," Andrews said as she praised Ryan for his dedication.

In giving an award to Grade 11 student Joey Field, teacher Le Anne Taylor said Joey's parents deserved some of the praise for a turnaround after Joey barely squeaked through a first semester business English course.

"Joey came in and said he was going to get 70 per cent the next semester because if he did, his parents would pay his car insurance. Joey has been keeping that average close to or above 70 per cent and deserves this award," Taylor said.

Teacher Mark Kovich

said besides coming up with the best excuses for why she had to leave school early, his nominee, Coryna Foster, is top student in his computer class.

"Coryna's attitude in general is just wonderful," Kovich said, holding up the program for the school's recent musical that Coryna designed, collated and stapled, all on her own time.

Sarah McLaughlin was a double winner – nominated for her willingness to help, her hard work with the stu-

dent council and her ability to get the job done right, the first time.

"Some of the student council events made money because of Sarah...she was always extremely polite, very courteous, she thought of all of the fine details and that was really a hallmark of her personal organization," Principal MacPherson said.

OAC art student Gareth Lichty picked up two awards for his work on the school yearbook and for helping organize the OAC art show.

## Compromise on smoking

Bar and restaurant owners, along with the Legion in Acton, have a little breathing space to deal with a proposed ban on all workplace and public smoking that's being considered by Town council.

On Monday councillors agreed with staff that the hospitality industry, which is worried it will lose business because of the ban, should have until September, as requested, to offer a compromise to the bylaw that in its current draft form would ban public and workplace smoking by 2001.

While several groups, including the Canadian Cancer Society, health officials, educators and some councillors are urging the Town to totally ban all smoking, CAO Steve Andrews said that's still a "few years away."

"What's going to be very important is to watch what happens with jurisdictions surrounding us because if people can smoke in a neighbouring municipality, smokers will go there and that could hurt local businesses,"

Andrews said, adding he hopes to have a draft bylaw ready for council debate in September.

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### History & Hauntings

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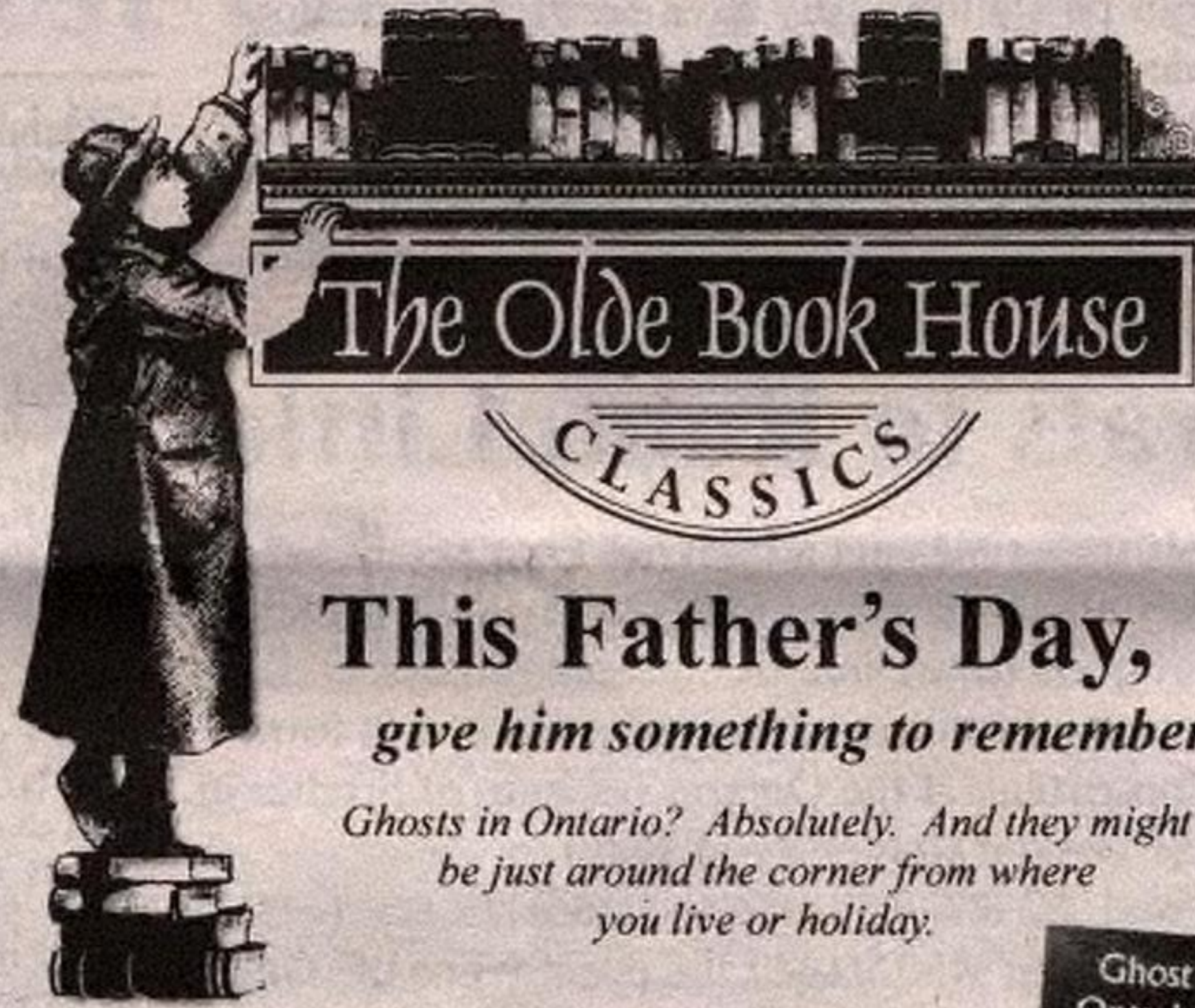
### Thank you!

On Saturday, in the heat and humidity, downtown Acton was swept, scrubbed, weeded, painted and washed! Many thanks for a job well done to the Street Smarts volunteers, the Cadets and leaders (Typhoon 197), Tuitman's Garden Centre, Halton Hills Window Cleaning, the olde Hide House, Corrie's, volunteers from the community, the cook, the BIA Maintenance staff and the Town of Halton Hills Public Works Dept.

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