

Solo drumming award for Acton teen

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

rhythmic rolls, strong thoughtful playing and good sense of timing have earned her a 1999 Champion Supreme

Devon Lambert's great

award for Grade 4 solo drumming.

The 16-year-old, grade 11 student from Acton received the award at the Pipers' and Pipe Band Society Highland Ball recently in St. Catharines, capping off a great season that included a first place finish, five second-place finishes, one third-place and one fourth-place finish.

"I was kind of, sort of surprised to win - I knew it was going to be really close because it was between me and another boy - we actually tied - and I didn't know how well he did while I was away at the World Pipe Band championships in Scotland," Devon said in a recent interview.

Devon, a member of the Milton-based MacDonald Caledonia Juvenile Pipe Band for the past two years, has been drumming for four years - three of them competitively - and almost every adjudicator this summer commented on Devon's great potential.

"My Mom has Scottish ancestors and my Dad used to play the drums in a band and I just thought that it was interesting and different and I thought that I'd give it a go," Devon said, when asked what drew her to the drums.

While the summer competitive season is a busy time for Devon, she's busy now memorizing new scores over the winter for next season. The band practices once a week for two hours, and Devon is expected to practice

for a minimum one hour per day, and has one lesson each week to maintain her competitive form. The Champion Supreme award will force Devon to compete at the Grade 3 level - against older competitors - next season.

Devon, who shows no shyness or stage fright while performing, says the drumming is a "big hobby that takes up a lot of time" but she is also involved with ballet, basketball, volleyball and wants to join a proposed girls' hockey team at Acton High school.

"I get a real feeling of pride when I play - it really makes me feel good," Devon said, adding she may pursue drumming as a profession, possibly as an instructor.

The largest venue Devon has competed in so far was with the MacDonald-Caledonia Juvenile Band at the World Pipe Band competition this past summer in Glasgow, Scotland. The band placed fifth in their category.

"It was nerve wracking. There were 211 bands - it was huge but it was a great experience," Devon said, adding the next challenge is for the band to make it to the 2000 World Championships.

Devon said there was a time during her first year when she quit with the frustration, but she couldn't stay away.

"I missed it after two months - the pipes have a weird way of getting in your head."

Welfare fraud conviction

A Halton Hills woman has been sentenced to one year in jail, to be served as a conditional sentence, plus three years probation for welfare fraud of \$10,022.

Terry Lynn Blanchard appeared in Superior Court in Milton on Nov. 23 and pled guilty to defrauding Halton Social and Community Services of \$10,022 in welfare assistance between Oct. 1, 1994 and Aug. 20, 1995. She admitted residing with her spouse

and father of her child on 15 Sideroad, Milton, while collecting welfare as a sole support parent during that time.

Blanchard is not to apply for welfare assistance while residing with Donald MacDonald Jr. or any other adult for four years. The court also ordered restitution of \$10,022. Assistant Crown Attorney Leo McGuigan indicated to the court that the accused had five previous fraud convictions.



TO HER OWN BEAT: Acton's Devon Lambert recently won the 1999 Champion Supreme Grade 4 solo drumming award from the Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario. - Frances Niblock photo

Pot smoking...

Cont. from Pg. 1

were thrown at her car as she drove in the area at 12:40 p.m. The officer caught the youths after a chase through a wooded area at Bovis Park and returned them to school. The complainant said youths had been throwing things at cars in the area for several months.

Car theft

A locked 1990 Mercury XRL valued at \$6,000 was stolen from the driveway of a Peel Street home Saturday night.

Pokemon

Two binders containing \$60 worth of Pokemon trading cards were recovered following a break and enter at a Holmesway Place residence between 4:30 and 5 p.m. on Friday. The homeowner told police she found a rear door unlocked and a window in the family room removed. The binders were later located in a neighbouring backyard. Police have no witnesses or suspects, but were able to lift a fingerprint from the window.

M J M
• Carpentry

- Bathrooms
- Basements
- Decks
- Fences
- Renovations and more

No Job Too Small!

Mark McKinnon Home: (519) 856-9568
Cell: (905) 866-9335

ALL CANADIAN LIQUIDATORS
119 Victoria Rd. S.

SALE STARTS NOW!!

Christmas
RED TICKET

MARKDOWN Mania

LOW LOW PRICE

SAVE \$101.00

86 - Steel Blue

Golden Maple Finish Glider
Regular \$169.99
SALE \$68.99

Imported Christmas Gift Selections
Hand painted plates 8"
Hand painted candle holders
Cookie storage tins
Wooden candle votive holders
Marble chess or checker board
Wood foot massager
2 face sided bell ringer
Fish candle set
Craft broom
Terra cotta toucans
Plus many unlisted items!

70% off
our regular retail

CHRISTMAS TREES

DOUGLAS FIR CALIFORNIA SPRUCE
BLUE MAJESTIC SPRUCE VERMONT FIR
PIEDMONT FIR PLUS MANY MORE

6' **SALE \$30.00** each
Reg \$69.99

7' **SALE \$40.00** each
Reg \$99.99

7 1/2' **SALE \$50.00** each
Reg \$139.99

FILE CABINETS

2-Drawer Metal, 2 Sizes:
Letter & Legal
Regular up to \$49.99 each
SALE \$14.00 each
Scratched & Dented

More info: www.starpages.com/all-canadian-liquidators

YOU PAY LESS! BECAUSE EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY!!!

THE A.C.I. PROMISE **GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES**

ALL CANADIAN LIQUIDATORS

199 Victoria Rd. S.
at York Rd. Guelph
826-6915
Store Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6
Thurs-Fri 10-9, Sat 9-6, Sun 11-5

Victoria Rd. Entrance

York Rd.

Hwy 8 N

YES! JUST SAY "CHARGE IT" WITH

The Sweets and The Sounds of the Season

If you're a client of Ray Johnson & Associates Inc. The Co-operators (Georgetown office), we invite you into our office during December to get a

FREE

Christmas Music CD
or
Box of Chocolates

It's our way of saying thanks for believing in us!

Offer limited to the first 300 clients.

Ray Johnson & Associates Inc.

Northview Centre
211 Guelph Street, Georgetown
877-0131

the co-operators
A Better Place For You™

Home Auto Life RRSPs Farm Business Group

MASTER HOME IMPROVEMENTS

BATHROOMS
BASEMENTS
PAINTING
SPA

FREE Estimates

(519) 853-5270