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Ace Acton athletes

Kudos to five Acton athletes who will be among those honoured by the Town at its municipal awards ceremony on Monday.

Victoria Edwards, 10, played last season for the Novice Twisters of Halton Hills Girls Hockey that captured the bronze medal at the provincial championships.

Kate Banks, Sarah Berry and Kylie Kruk, all Grade 9 students at Acton High School, play for the Georgetown Impact rep volleyball team that won the all-Ontario tier one championship this year.

Joshua Bower, 16, will also receive recognition as part of the Bronte Beach midget volleyball team that brought home a silver medal from the eastern national championships this spring in Nova Scotia.

The municipal awards are designed to provide public praise and thanks to Halton Hills residents whose accomplishments bring the town honour and recognition.

Women welcome

A 30-year Acton tradition of outreach and study resumes Wednesday (Sept. 13) as the Coffee Break ministry welcomes all women to a non-denominational gathering for fellowship worship and the study of God's word at Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

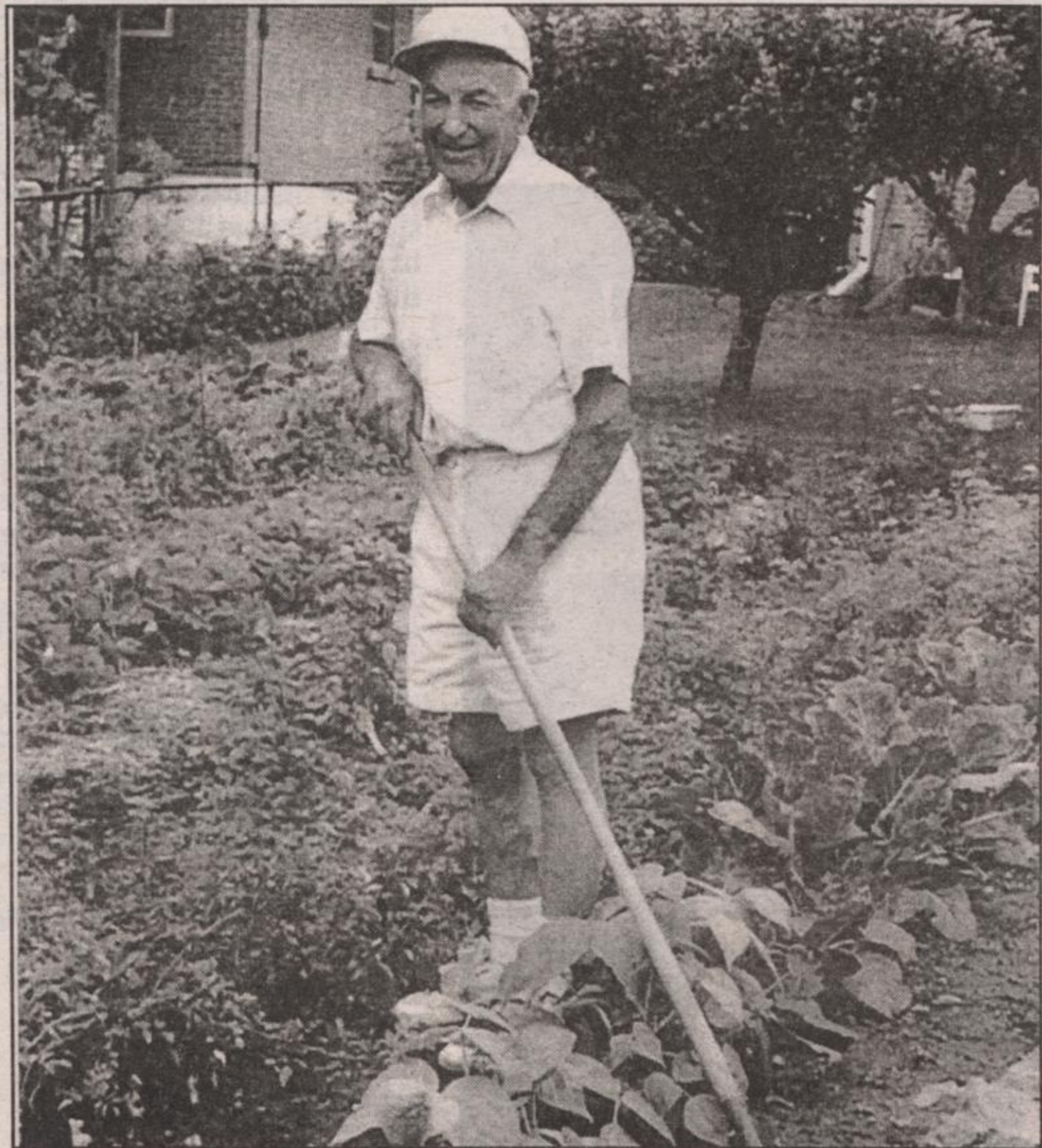
Organizer Jeanne Brennan says, "We love to see new faces and you will be welcomed with open arms," adding there's nursery care for babies and stories, songs and crafts for pre-schoolers. The program runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for more information call Jeanne at 853-3962.

Destination Acton

Acton and environs got some nice press in a Toronto Star weekend Wheels section day trip feature.

Without saying, 'It's worth the drive to Acton,' the reporter suggested several stops and points of interest in Acton, including the olde Hide House and the Saturday Trunk Sale, on a 180-kilometres tour of Halton.

A photo shows several cars parked at Wetherby's for the British car show during the recent



GARDENING GUY: Bill Allan of Longfield Road puts a lot of hours into his gardening. Growing things has been his hobby and his job for many, many years and he still enjoys it. He even grows roses and does his own grafting for hardier bushes with more exotic blooms.- Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Leathertown Festival.

Dinner Club

Food and fun are on the menu at a new dinner club for young parents, 15 years or older, in the Acton area.

Dinner Club participants will prepare and then share a meal and after, while their children are playing, take part in the Nobody's Perfect parenting program.

A similar program, the Community Kitchen program that had a nutritional emphasis, drew 10 to 12 families at the last session, and organizers hope this club will be just as successful.

The Dinner Club, a joint project of Acton FoodShare, the Salvation Army, Halton Hills Community Support and Information and Halton Region, meets Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army building on Mill Street. For more information call 853-3310.

Season ending soiree

Acton soccer supporters will be kicking up their heels, not soccer balls, as they end the season with a dance at the legion tomorrow (Friday). "It was a great season with good people and the kids had a lot of fun," said club president Gil Douglas, extending an invitation to the whole community to attend the dance, with a buffet and door prizes.

Fashionable fun

You can check out the latest fall clothing at a fashion show tomorrow (Friday) at St. Alban's Church. The show will feature designs from Geri's Fashions and will be aimed at all age and lifestyles.

The doors open at 6 for viewing and show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and all proceeds are earmarked for church projects and programs.

He's running

Ward 1 Councillor Clark Somerville tells us he's filed his papers for the upcoming municipal election in November. Now the question remains as to who else will come forward seeking the support of Acton voters to fill that vacancy on town council.



WET, BUT WILLING: The Acton Citizens' Band took refuge under the trees at Wetherby's to play on Saturday morning when showers spoiled plans for a concert at the Acton Trunk Sale. Wet or dry - the band sounded great to shoppers. - Frances Niblock photo

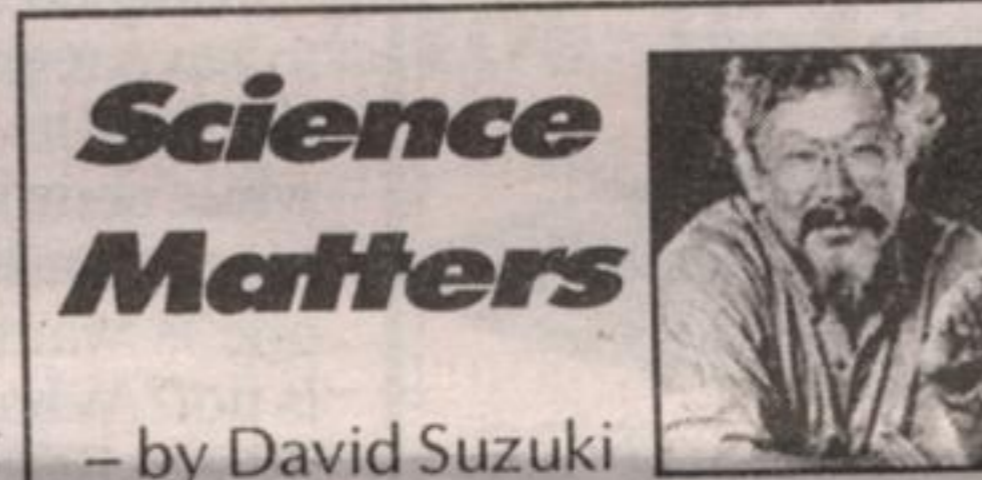
Changing energy sources

The recent pipeline spill of several thousand barrels of oil into a British Columbia river is a dramatic example of the often-overlooked "upstream" costs of our reliance on fossil fuels.

Although it's been called a spill, the pipeline actually burst with tremendous force, spraying a 60-metre plume of oil across the Pine River. The oil flowed down the river for days, killing fish and other wildlife and contaminating the town of Chetwynd's water supply, possibly for years.

We often forget that pollution from using fossil fuels isn't just created when we burn them. I'm sure all of us have spilled a little bit of gasoline while filling a car at the gas station and every time we add a litre of oil to the engine, a little bit gets thrown away with the container. This may not seem like much, but it adds up to a massive collective spill every year. In fact, getting fossil fuels like gasoline and oil to consumers creates pollution at each step of the way - from exploration to extraction, processing, delivery and finally consumption. Even natural gas, the cleanest of fossil fuels, still have to be processed to remove impurities.

Although some oil companies are starting to pursue alternative forms of energy such as solar and wind power, their infrastructure and expertise is still almost entirely geared towards finding and extracting oil. Right now, oil profits are high, but not factored into company profits are the social and environmental costs at each step.



- by David Suzuki

For example, BP Amoco, which now calls itself an energy company rather than an oil company (with an expensive ad campaign and new slogan - "beyond petroleum") is heavily lobbying to open up Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling.

The region is home to the calving grounds of the Porcupine River caribou herd. At 129,000 animals, the herd is strong, but biologists are concerned about the impact of drilling in such an important area. According to a recent article in New Scientist, global warming is already affecting the herd, which has lost nearly 50,000 members in the past decade.

The problem is that deeper snow and swollen rivers due to global warming have lengthened migration times, so many females are now giving birth on the 600 km trek from their Yukon wintering grounds. The Gwich'in First Nation of the Yukon have hunted the migrating porcupine herd throughout history, yet they called off the hunt this season when they saw calves just days old trying to cross the swift-moving Porcupine River. Researchers counted a record low number of calves in Alaska this

spring. BP Amoco insists that oil extraction in the area and the caribou herd can coexist, but biologists are concerned because female caribou shy away from human activity, so drilling and oil spills could further threaten their survival. Not to mention the fact that fossil fuel pollution is the cause of global warming that already threatens the herd!

Is it worth it? The several-billion barrels of oil under the calving grounds may seem like a huge amount, but depending on the size of the reserves, it would only fuel the US appetite for between six and 30 months.

There may be enough oil in the earth to supply humanity's burgeoning energy demands for the next century. But getting at the oil, processing it and burning it is causing more and more environmental damage because most remaining reserves are located in remote or sensitive areas or locked in oil sands. Eventually we will have to pursue other forms of energy. The question is, how much as we willing to degrade the environment before we start seriously making the switch to less-destructive, renewable forms of energy, like solar and wind?

IF BP Amoco is genuinely interested in being an energy company rather than an oil company they will rethink plans to drill for oil in such a sensitive area and invest more in technologies that truly go beyond petroleum.

Beardmore treasures

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These lists are incredible. For me it was like finding the Titanic. They documented everything and its cost from furniture down to the one jam spoon that was crossed off and marked with red 'taken away by Mrs. G.T. Beardmore'.

Then I noticed the very large alcohol list for Hill Hall. I started reading this to my dad and he reminded me that they did quite a lot of entertaining. There was much to choose from if you wanted a drink.

63 pints of Labatt's Pale Ale, Gilbey's Dry Gin, Gold Lack Champagne to 2 stone jars wine, 1 near empty; other ¾ full and the 10 barrels of bottled ale (9 on side, 1 on end in jam cupboard).

There was also a letter from A.O. Beardmore. In fact there were two, dated the same date. One to the attention of Mr. Clarke and the other to the attention of Miss Ethel Clarke. In the letter to Miss Clarke, Mr. Beardmore noticed that in Torrance Beardmore's end of the cellar there was a barrel of ale in on end and it should be lifted on top of the others

and left on its side. However, in the letter to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Beardmore was a little more direct at the point he wanted to make. In the last paragraph, penciled with an X to draw attention to it, it reads, "A case of Scotch Whiskey had better be opened and also one barrel of ale; in fact, one barrel is open and had better be put on the shelf. Yours truly, A.O. Beardmore"

I guess their attention to detail didn't end with fine quality leather products.