



Tulio Perusello

Tulio Perusello Acton's Community Champ

Tulio Perusello spoils the physically and mentally disabled adults he drives as a volunteer with several mental health-related agencies in the Acton area.

That generous commitment earned him the Acton Community Champion award for November.

Perusello drives the clients to work, on recreational outings and to drop-in programs, often using his own money so poorer clients can

play bingo, have lunch or a cup of coffee.

"Tulio is an exceptionally devoted volunteer... known to be exceptionally generous and big-hearted. He is a role model in helping to break social stigma against individuals with mental illness and boost their already sagging self-esteem," his nomination form read.

The Community Champion Award honours Acton's unsung heroes - the people who make

this community a nicer place to live.

Nominations should include your name and phone number and the name of your nominee, or you can pick up a nomination form at the Acton arena, library, Halton Hills Community Support and Information office on Mill Street, the library or the police office at 38 Mill St. East.

Completed forms should be dropped off at the Acton BIA mailbox, outside the police sub-station.

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POLICE BEAT

Vandals - 3 Spooks - 0

Police report few incidents of Halloween hooliganism on Tuesday night in Acton - although the police sub-station on Mill Street did get "egged" and there were reports of "the usual pranks."

Police beefed up the number of officers working in Acton on Monday and Tuesday night, but said they weren't needed as the streets were surprisingly quiet.

Buses vandalized

Halton police have identified suspects as they investigate a Devil's Night vandalism spree.

Vandals smashed windows on a truck and four school buses and entered a trailer at Tyler Transport on Monday night. A video camera holder was damaged, personal effects and a fire extinguisher were stolen from the

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BIPPITY BOPPITY BOO: This good witch cast a spell on these three children to make sure they had fun downtown Acton on Saturday. Brenda Watson, dressed as the good witch, was one of the many Acton BIA members who helped out with the Halloween fun. - Angela Tyler photo

10th annual food drive on Saturday

Some of the food that will help feed Acton's hungry this winter will be collected on Saturday during the annual Scout-Guide-Cadet food drive.

"The food drive gives us almost one-third of all of the food that we disperse in a year," FoodShare chair Arlene Humphreys said on Monday, adding the food bank "couldn't survive without it."

Acton newcomer Ron Birrell, who had helped with several successful food drives in Regina, organized the first Scout food drive in Acton 10 years ago. The drive quickly caught on and became an annual event, well supported by the Acton and area community.

"We got about 9,000-pounds of food donated during the drive last year - it always surprises me how generous Acton is," Humphreys said, adding it also surprises her there's such

a need for the food bank.

"You read in the papers about the booming economy and low unemployment rate, but we still feed an average of 80 adults and 60 children every month," Humphreys said, adding that from January to December last year, 643 hampers of food were given out, down from 700 in 1998.

"That 643 hampers represents 904 adults and 710 children - now that's repeat customers, but that's a lot of people."

Humphreys said they need donations of non-perishable foods - pasta, tinned meat and fish and peanut butter are always needed - but they have a huge stockpile of canned soup.

If you wish to donate to the food drive, leave it in a bag on your front porch or at your front door, and it will be picked up between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Remember to cast your vote November 13

Advance polls Saturday Nov. 4, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 8, 12 - 8 p.m. Georgetown Civic Centre and Acton Legion

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson thinks she's done a good job balancing growth and development, holding down taxes and listening to her ratepayers. Two challengers - current Ward 2 councillor Kathy Gastle and former councillor Rob Heaton - say it's time for a change.

Although Acton voters gave Serjeantson almost twice as many votes as her nearest challenger in the last election, in the 1994 vote, Acton's choice for mayor was Councillor Pam Johnston. Serjeantson has been a regular presence at Acton events since that election.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson Serjeantson is confident of another win, saying her 23 years in political life - nine as mayor - give her the experience and knowledge to be effective in a constantly changing political climate.

Serjeantson got "positive" responses while campaigning door-to-door in Acton last week.

"Sometimes they (voters) will be a little concerned about specific issues, but on a whole, they know they live in a really good community," Serjeantson said.

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Proud Bantams returned home silver medalists in the Regional Silver Stick Tournament. See story on Sports page 13.



Acton teen, Rebecca Austin has been proudly chosen to play varsity volleyball for the University of Waterloo. See story and photo on page 12



Acton High boasts with one-quarter of their class graduating with honours. See their photos on page 6.

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