



Winners of Acton IGA's "Who's Who" contest took staffer John Manes on a shopping cart ride as they were presented with prizes Saturday. Tell Connolly, second from right, won \$500 gift certificate while Toni Loewen got Maple Leaf tickets. Weekly winners were Gail Godin, Dene Kavanagh, Pat Robinson and Debbie Kutasienski. - Angela Tyler photo

## Santa's parade not on cable; will air next week

Santa Claus parade fans will get to see Saturday's event complete with commentary on our local cable network starting Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.

Cogeco producer Sandy French says the CRTC (Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission) has changed rules for cable stations and the result

prevents live broadcast of events like Santa parades.

The hang-up, French says, relates to copyright on music played by bands in the parades.

Although newspapers can print Christmas carols without concern over copyright restrictions, French called it a "grey area" for broadcasters.

Community channels, like Cogeco, live by different regulations from the large broadcasters which present Toronto and Hamilton's parades live, he says.

"We (cable stations) pay a set fee (for copyright on music) so we can do parades or Christmas concerts for 30 days after the event but we can't do it live," he says.

Viewers who tuned in Saturday saw the parade being taped with the weather camera and the banners which go with the public service announcements but there was no sound with it.

This was the first year the channel has done the parade this way, French says. When the full production runs next week, traditional host Jack Carpenter will again be providing colour commentary on the parade and there will be spots from a camera crew doing on-the-street interviews with parade participants.

## Halton Grade 3's, 6's better Ontario grades

Parental involvement, investment in textbooks supporting the new curriculum and school action plans are being credited for helping Grade 3 and 6 students with both Halton boards of education faring better than their provincial counterparts in standardized testing in reading, writing and math.

Results from the Ontario Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAQ) show more students in Halton had top results (Levels 3 and 4) than other students in Ontario except in math where they tied results province-wide.

Students were graded from level one to four, the highest level. Level three is the expected range for most of the 9,100 Halton students who took the tests last spring.

The Grade 6 results for the Halton District school Board are slightly lower than the Grade 3 results - a "provincial trend" according to Halton superintendent of Education, Kit Rankin, who, in a press release said, "we plan to focus central staffs' energies on supporting teachers on Grades 4,5 and 6 who have not had an opportunity for professional learning in Halton as their Primary counterparts."

About 10 per cent more Halton Catholic students scored higher results than the

Ontario average, leading the Board's director of education, Fred Sweeney, to say the "results definitely validate the ongoing commitment of all Board stakeholders who strike to help students develop their fullest potential in meeting our mission of Catholic education."

One of the disturbing results from the testing shows a glaring discrepancy between results for boys and girls, with fewer boys meeting or exceeding provincial standards than girls in both grades 3 and 6. Both boards said they'd continue to develop programs to improve learning for both boys and girls.

While the tests were designed to assess the education system many, including some parents, use them to gauge the quality of school boards, schools and teachers.

## Who took votes where in municipal election Nov.11

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

Although Acton voters chose Kathy Gastle as their mayor in last week's municipal election, her margin of victory in Ward 1 urban Acton was a scant 34 votes, the closest vote in all of the Town's four wards.

While Gastle garnered 988 votes in Ward 1, compared to outgoing Mayor Marilyn Serjeanton's 954, Serjeanton actually won 10 of the 17 ward polls.

In the other three wards, Gastle won the most polls and

the most votes, with the next closest race in Georgetown's Ward 4 where she beat Serjeanton by 104 votes. Gastle ended up with a 500-vote lead Town-wide for the win.

Incumbent one-term Councillor Clark Somerville cleaned up at the polls - easily taking 16 of the 17 polls in urban Acton - Councillor-elect Dobbie Frizzell, who defeated three other candidates for the second Acton seat on council - took two more votes than Somerville in one poll, the one encompassing his neighbourhood.

While the third place candidate, Jake Kuiken, lost to Frizzell by 100 votes, he did out-poll Frizzell in eight of the 17 polls and tied him in two.

Like voters in the other three wards, Acton voters also elected school board trustee Irene McCauley and incumbent regional chair Joyce Savoline - both candi-

dates taking all 17 polls.

Gastle's margin of victory was wider in Ward 2 (rural Acton and Esquesing) where she outpolled Serjeanton by 149 votes, winning 17 of the 28 polls.

In both Wards 1 and 2, incumbent Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette garnered 80 per cent of the vote, easily defeating his challenger in all 45 polls in both wards.

In the poll-by-poll results for Ward 2, Bryan Lewis won 24 of the 28 polls and Joan Robson won three polls, and ran second in 14 to capture the second Ward 2 seat on council.

Incumbent Councillor Kevin Kuiack, who ran third with 309 fewer votes than Robson and 681 fewer than Lewis, won just one poll and ran second in nine polls.

The final meeting of the outgoing council is Monday and the new council will be sworn on December 4.

### LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197

By Joyce Buchanan

Well, how can I complain. It's a beautiful sunny day and everything is nice and white. Santa came to town so I had better get busy and do some Christmas shopping.

Gord is now home from hospital and we hope he going to stay. He is even getting a little crusty. Keep it up Gord.

We need some help on Sunday, Nov. 26 when the guys will be decorating for Christmas. You can get in touch with Kerwin or Gary if you are available.

The Seniors Christmas dinner plans are well underway and I did find the person who gave the Christmas dinner tickets on Vets Day, so all is well.

Need a turkey for Christmas? Dec. 9 is the date for the Turkey Roll so come on down and win one.

If you are interested in going out for New Year's those tickets will be going on sale in the next week.

To all who are ill, we wish a speedy recovery.

See you at the Branch.

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