

Have you had your flu shot yet?

The short-term pain of getting a flu shot is more than worth the long-term gain of improving your chances of staying flu-free this winter.

While there's a fair amount of anecdotal evidence about people becoming ill after getting a flu shot, that's not the case according to Acton physician Dr. George McWilliams who has inoculated "more than a thousand"

patients against influenza so far this winter.

"I've had quite a good experience this year with the flu shots. Very few people have had adverse reactions - a few people are getting a bit achy for a few days, but most people just get a little soreness in the muscle at the site of injection," Dr. McWilliams said, the number of cases of flu he's seen so far in Acton have been "a little lighter" and milder cases, so far

this year.

Dr. McWilliams who "always" gets a flu shot encourages everyone over 6-months of age to be vaccinated against flu this winter.


You can get a free flu shot - courtesy of the Halton Health Department - on Tuesday (December 12) at Acton High School.

Health officials recommend everyone over

six months old be immunized this winter and although you may still get another strain of flu - you won't get as sick after having the shot which officials say can cause side effects - soreness, redness or swelling at injection site, but serious reactions are rare.

No appointment is necessary at the Acton flu clinic that runs from 4 until 8 p.m.

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What's Inside



Over 300 Seniors sat down to a Christmas dinner last week courtesy of the Legion and Rotarians. Entertainment included this barbershop quartet. See Page 8.



Top Acton High School students received plaques and cheques at an award ceremony last Wednesday. See Page 16.



Remember when you got your first haircut? See photo on Page 9.



The Town honoured Acton athletes at a ceremony recently at the civic centre. See Page 5.

Swear in new Council

New Tanner gets around

The New Tanner has a circulation of 7,400 papers weekly but its reach extends well beyond that figure. Proof? Former Actonian Lorna Clarke writes a short note in her Christmas card which reads: "I still get to read The Tanner and really enjoy it. Our local paper here is nothing like as good.

"Pearl Rolf receives it from a friend in Acton, passes it to me and I pass it to Jack McGeachie. I've actually got batches of four so can settle in to a good read. I feel as if I am right back there again.

"Of course, there are a lot of names I don't know now but I'm always surprised how many I do. I look at the pictures and say to myself "Good heavens don't they look old" - I don't of course!!!"

Lorna, who worked in the Town of Acton offices for many years, and lived on Elizabeth Drive, now lives in Sidney, British Columbia.



REACHING FOR THAT NOTE: The Acton Citizens' Junior Band has been practising for their Dec. 10 concert at the band hall. Monday night, Dylan Burgess, left and Daniel Drise focus on hitting the right notes. See story on Page 9. - Angela Tyler photo

Festive air as Mayor, councillors take oath

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
 The New Tanner

"You're official."

With those words from Mr. Justice Langdon, Mayor Kathy Gastle was sworn in with the newly elected Halton Hills Council at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown on Monday night.

Dressed in their best with red corsages and boutonnieres lending a festive air, the new councillors - including three rookies - swore declarations of elected office and oaths of allegiance.

"I was just starting to get used to being mayor-elect and tonight, I really am the mayor of this great town," Gastle said after all the oaths were taken and she unveiled her plans and hopes for the new term in her inaugural address.

"Our No. 1 priority is to send out word, loud and clear, that Halton Hills is ready for business," Mayor Gastle told the invitation-only crowd, adding they must balance industrial and residential growth and build stronger partnerships with business and tourism.

Gastle said she wasn't in office to change the world, but to build on the dedication and commitment that made Halton Hills great. She said

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Town honours Heritage people

Several citizens whose hard work has helped preserve and enhance the Town's heritage - cultural, natural and physical - were honoured at a ceremony last week when the Town presented them with awards from the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

One posthumous award went to Jean Ruddle, a Heritage Halton Hills member who was also a founding member of the Esquesing Historical Society and Tweedsmuir Women's Institute.

In reading Ruddle's nomination form the Town for the annual ward, HHH member, Councillor Norm Elliott said Ruddle did more work than anyone to ensure the history of Esquesing

and surrounding area was preserved.

"As a member of the Limehouse Women's Institute she (Ruddle) contributed to their preparation of the Tweedsmuir Histories, another recognized local history item that gone down as being very important to this area," Elliott read, adding Ruddle was a founding member of the Halton-Peel Genealogical Society who spoke to local students and wrote a published history of Limehouse.

William's Mill owners Doug and Mary Lou Brock were recognized for taking a jumble of used and abused industrial buildings, including a mill, and turning them into workshops and

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