

ACE ATHLETES: Five Acton area athletes were among those honoured by the Town at a municipal awards ceremony on Monday at the Civic Centre. Receiving awards from Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson (left) are: Emily Boycott, Bronwyn Marshall, Stacey Hurley-Arbeiter, Jenn May, and Gordon Smith. - Frances Niblock

## Acton athletes honoured

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK The New Tanner

Hard work, dedication and winning ways earned five Acton area athletes municipal awards at a ceremony at the Civic Centre on Monday.

Special Olympians Gordon Smith and Emily Boycott, synchronized skaters Bronwyn Marshall and Jenn May and tennis ace Stacey Hurley-Arbeiter, were among the 49 local citizens whose achievements brought recognition and honor to Halton Hills this year. The awards are given for achievements in

academics, arts, culture, sports and recreational pursuits.

Along with some muchdeserved public thanks, the recipients received a plaque and a pin from the mayor.

Acton's Gordon Smith and his teammates bowled to a silver medal in the 5-pin bowling competition at the 2000 Ontario Special Olympics in Newmarket earlier this year.

Gordon joined the Region Five 5-pin team at Acton Bowling Lanes just last year and qualified for the Special Olympics with a great bowl in a qualifying meet in Burlington.

Emily Boycott of Acton, swam her way to five medals at the 2000 Special Olympics. Emily's captured gold in the 25m. breaststroke, 50 m. backstroke and 100m. medley relay. She also captured silver in the 100m. and 200m. breaststroke.

Emily, who swims for the Oakville Marlins Special Olympics Swim team as well as the Acton Aqua Ducks, has been called the best breaststroker for her age in the province.

Synchronized skaters Bronwyn Marshall of Acton and Jenn May of Rockwood were honoured for representing Canada at the World Synchronized Skating championships in Minnesota last April with their team, the Burlington Ice Image senior squad.

The team placed seventh at the worlds, second at an international event in Italy and second at the Canadian championships.

After a 20-year hiatus from tennis, Limehouse resident Stacey Hurley-Arbeiter made quite a comeback this year, winning the Ontario Tennis over 35 Doubles championship in July.

After an impressive record as a junior player, Hurley-Arbeiter took a break, returning to the court for fitness a couple of years ago. Encouraged by her doubles partner, Hurley-Arbeiter returned to competitive tennis and took the over 35 doubles title.

In thanking the recipients for their hard work, Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said the Town was very proud of them

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### Numbers down

Welfare A hot economy and more stringent rules helped Halton's welfare rolls drop by almost 80 per cent in the past five years.

The Halton numbers -1,172 were collecting welfare payments through the Region last month compared to 5,605 in 1995 - echo a province-wide trend following tough welfare reforms from Queen's Park which shows more than half-a-million people have stopped receiving social assistance since 1995.

### Plans on hold

Halton Hills won't object to approval extensions for two separate estate lots subdivisions in the Acton area, but Acton Councillor Norm Elliott objects to one developer's version of why nothing has happened with the draft approved 20-lot estate subdivision on the southeast corner of Highway 25 and Halton Hills-Erin Town Line.

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"This thing has been sitting on our agenda for a decade...and now (for the developer) to say that footdragging on the part of the Town - this bothers me," Elliott said.

Halton Region has already granted several one-year extensions the Debryn-Pecan proposal, originally approved in 1988.

The Town also won't object to a one-year draft approval extension for the Molinaro proposal – 13 estate lots on an internal street at the south-west corner of Highway 7 and the Fourth Line.

Molinaro's agent said due to the recent decline in the estate housing market, it couldn't fulfill its conditions of approval that would have lapsed on Monday and asked for one more year for the proposal, approved in 1995.

Coffee, Juice, Pastries and a Special Gift



### ROYAL REPORT

By Mark Laframboise and Ryan Pyne



The Christmas spirit is fast approaching at Bishop Reding.

After weeks of planning and preparation by student government, the annual semiformal SnowFlake Ball was held last Friday. Thank you to all who made this year's ball possible.

Bishop Reding's annual

Christmas food drive is well under way. Students are asked to help the less fortunate in the local community by bringing in non-perishable food items. Fifth period classes are also once again participating in a Christmas toy drive. Finally, Mr. Pullano's Religion 500 class is collecting sleeping bags,

Police are looking for a mid-

dle-aged, slim blonde woman,

possibly named Wendy, who

punched another woman in

the face in The Zoo Bar on

Main St. South at 3 last Sat-

urday morning. The victim,

who was sitting on a barstool.

didn't require medical atten-

formation abut the suspect,

who is described as white,

5'7" with long blond hair, is

asked to call 11 Division.

Police ask anyone with in-

tion after the attack.

tests at the station.

Bar brawl

blankets and winter clothing, which will be sent o the Convenent House. Covenent House works with runaway teens in downtown Toronto. Do you like to act, sing,

dance, or play an instrument? If so, the B.R. Players are looking for you to be in this year's musical, "Fame". Auditions begin Monday.

The winter sports season has also started. Congratulations to the Senior Girls' Volleyball team on finishing second in the tournament held recently at Bishop Reding. Good luck to the girls as they continue their exhibition play. Meanwhile, the Junior Girls' Volleyball team travelled to the University of Toronto for their second tournament of the year. The team finished third out of 20 teams.

The Senior Boys' Basketball team participated in the All-Catholic Classic in Windsor this past weekend. In the championship game the team met Bishop Ryan of Hamilton, but were unable to take the win. Congratulations on your

hard efforts.

## Police blotter

### Industrial accident

A 25-year-old Brampton man received burns to his face and arms at D&V Plastics on Commerce Court last Tuesday while working on an electrical panel he thought had been turned off.

Cory Vernon was treated at the scene and the Ministry of Labour was called in.

### Impaired

A 30-year-old Kingham Road man was charged with having over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood and breach of recognizance after being stopped by police at the corner of Highway 7 and Churchill Road at 3:18 a.m. on Sunday.

The man, driving a 1988 GMC truck, failed the roadside breathalyzer and two

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