



**Technical Skills Competition
The Competitors!**

31 AHS students compete in technical skills contest

Acton High School held its 4th annual Technical Skills Competition where students had the opportunity to demonstrate their expertise in various technical subject areas. Thirty one students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 competed for 3 1/2 hours on tasks from framing walls and floors (team carpentry), building wooden shelves (cabinet making), creating architectural plans for a house (architectural design), and creating CAD drawings and 3d models of a hoist mechanism (mechanical design).

"We were very pleased with the student participation this year and even more pleased to see that 25% of the awards went to female students. With the predicted shortages in skilled trades in the near future it is encouraging to see students of both genders take such an interest in technical studies", technical teacher Norbert Axtmann is quoted as saying. Special thanks go out to four former Acton graduates, David Wray, Don MacKay, Wes Almond, and David Smith who have all pursued technical careers and returned to help run and judge the competitions.

The awards winners are as follows:

Team Carpentry: Gold Medal, Mike Rowsell & Adam Mills; Silver Medal, Jason Wells & Nate Bowen; Bronze Medal, Kevin Waring & Graham Rhynold.

Architectural CAD: Gold Medal, Jennifer Norman; Silver Medal, Bryan Rauwerda; Bronze Medal, Kelly Minto.

Cabinet Making: Gold Medal, Matt Cosulich; Silver Medal, Mallory Dayman; Bronze Medal, Aaron Ferguson.

Mechanical CAD: Gold Medal, Greg Demand; Silver Medal, Kosimir Kosakowski; Bronze Medal, Jake Seigel.

Also advancing to the Halton Competitions is Ben Simpson in transportation



JUDGES: David Smith, David Wray, Wes Almond, Don MacKay.

technology. Gold and silver medalists now advance to the 13th annual Halton Technical Skills Competition at White Oaks Secondary School North Campus on April 11th. Over three hundred students will vie for the right to advance to the Provincial Technical Skills Competitions in Kitchener in May. There will

also be a careers showcase with representatives from industry and education, demonstrations and interactive displays.

The public is invited to attend between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Whites Oaks Secondary School is located at 1055 McCraney Street East in Oakville.

\$16 million Region surplus ticketed for roads, housing

Halton Regional Council has endorsed investing a \$16 million 2001 budget surplus in key Regional projects, including social housing initiatives and the rehabilitation of Regional Roads 5 and 25. A total of \$20.5 million of funding is available.

Although the 2001 budget surplus amounted to \$16 million, an additional \$4.5 million in surplus has been attributed to a reduction in the allowance for tax appeals. Over 50% of the surplus represents lower than anticipated costs for GTA social services pooling. Pooling represents monies that Halton and other GTA Regions must contribute to offset higher social housing and income and employment assistance costs in the City of Toronto.

While a pooling surplus was generated in 2001, Halton staff expressed concern that during an unstable economy, social programs carry with them major funding uncertainties creating significant financial obligations.

By contrast, operating programs over which Halton Region does have direct control generated only minor surpluses, representing only half of 1% of the approved budget.

"Funding social programs from the property tax base creates major problems as program costs can increase dramatically and quickly without a municipality having the ability to react," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "Add to this the pooling burden for Toronto whose pro-

gram costs can be significantly affected and Halton potentially faces an even greater outflow from our revenue base."

Regional Council approved the investment of the available funding as follows:

- \$3.7 million to match Federal funding to increase affordable housing initiatives expected to be announced shortly.
- \$8.3 million for major road and bridge repairs identi-

fied in the Regional Roads 5 and 25 Corridor Strategy. Significant work is required that has not been fully funded within the Region's existing budget.

- \$2.0 million for police capital projects.

The remainder of the 2001 budget surplus will be invested in the tax stabilization reserve, which is used to fund short-term requirements and unanticipated expenditures.

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AUCTION SALE

Clearing: Tractors, Combine, Truck, Machinery, Some Antique Furniture
Saturday Apr 13th at 11:00am in Acton

SALE DESCRIPTION

Clearing Auction Sale
For Mr. Pat Acri (519-853-2157)

Consisting of Tractors: S.P. Combine - Truck - Machinery - Possibly some antique furniture (etc).

- M.F. 3120T (115 h.p.) Cab and Air 18.4x38 rears 16 speed power shift (1978 hrs)
- M.F. 135 Diesel with P.S. (2880 hrs)
- M.F. 550 Combine (grey cab) 2330 hrs (bought new)
- 13 ft Flex head with U-II pick up reel, 10 ft pu table head, 1143 4 row narrow corn head.
- Ford 1991 F700 429 V-8 with 16ft Custom made steel grain dump box 22,000 orig klm (certified & emission tested), M.F. 640 Air planter 4 row marrow & monitor, M.F. 144 S.M. 4x16" Auto reset plow, M.F. 520 Tandem 12 ft wheel disc, John Deere 1100 13 ft wheel cultivator with extensions, Int 45 Vibra shank 18 1/2 ft wheel cultivator, M.F. 33-15 run D.D. drill with fert, Farmhand 12 1/2 ft Cultipacker with transport wheels, Rite-Way 4 ft Hyd dump, Stone Picker (bought new), 4 Row Turnco cultivator, 8 ft 3 p.t.h. cultivator, 8 ft double auger and double chute snow blower, 6 ft Bush Hog mower, 6 ton wagon gear, 7 ft 3 p.t.n. blade, 5 ft M.F. side mount sickle bar mower, 8 ft 3 gang roller, 7 ft set of 3 wathington gang mowers, 8 hp National 64" Lawn mower, Air tire changer, 35 bags of soybean seed pioneer 9063, Older 1 horse sleigh, 2 Western saddles, English saddle
- This is a good offering of equipment - mostly kept inside.
- Many more farm related items. 2 rough antique pine cupboard 6 ft and 7'6", wood toolbox, odd chairs and dressers, gas insert, Antique Hi-fi, Antique spinning wheel,
- 1999 Chev Cargo Van (certified)

NOTES

Lunch Booth on Grounds
LOCATION

14004 Churchill Rd, Acton.

Directions: 1 1/2 miles north of highway 7.

DATE

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TERMS

Cash or Cheque with proper ID day of sale.

Auctioneer:

Jim McCartney

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