Two Actonians will receive Queen's Jubilee Medal

Two well known Actonians are among the list of 20 Halton riding people who will receive the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal at a special reception on October 30.

George Henderson and May Hoare, both former Acton Citizens of the Year, were named to receive the honour. They are among 20 from Halton Riding and 46,000 across Canada who have been singled out for their contribution to the community, the country or their fellow Canadians.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved the creation of a Commemorative Medal in honour of her accession to the Throne. The presentation ceremony will be held at the Milton town hall council chambers on Wednesday evening October 30. Halton Member of Parliament Julian Reed will make the presentation.

Other well known Halton Hills citizens who will receive the medal include Christopher Brooks, Mrs. Lynn Clark, Mrs. Wendy Cotton, Colin Cousens, Edward (Ted) Gorth, Major John Harrison, Ms. Krista Nicholls, Rev. Richard Ruggle and Lt. Scott Teeter all from Georgetown, Erin Rowe of Glen Williams, as well as Bertram Stewart of Hornby.

Other recipients are from Burlington, Oakville, Killbride and Carlisle.

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Impaired charge won't affect my performance - Day

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
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Chastened, but with forthrightness, Georgetown and Halton Councillor John Day announced at Town Council on Tuesday that his recent arrest for impaired driving will not affect his performance as a municipal councillor.

The September 11th charges of impaired driving and driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100-millitres of blood, laid by Whitby OPP on the 401 in Clarington, put the brakes on Day's current provincial aspirations.

Last Wednesday he withdrew as the Liberal party candidate for Halton in the next provincial election and on Thursday he submitted his resignation as a member of the Halton Police Services Board.

Reading from a prepared statement on Tuesday, Day, 55, said he wanted to make it clear he was not on municipal business when arrested.

He said out of respect for the integrity of the Halton

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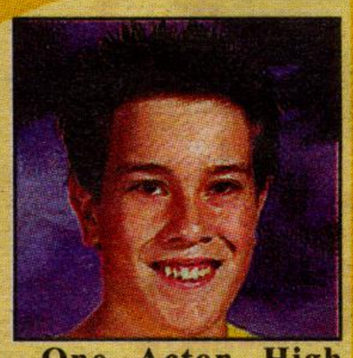
OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING: Acton BIA opened its new downtown office on Mill St. Tuesday afternoon by cutting a shimmering green ribbon, the shears manipulated jointly by BIA chairman John McNabb and coordinator Josey Bonnette who will soon be there on a full time basis. Assisting, left to right, are 1st Miss Acton Fall Fair runner-up Rebecca Burtney, Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline, Josey Bonnette, BIA director Tracy Mitchell, John McNabb, director Monica Galway, Mayor Kathy Gastle and Miss Acton Fall Fair Joanne Haughie. See Page 9 for story and photo.

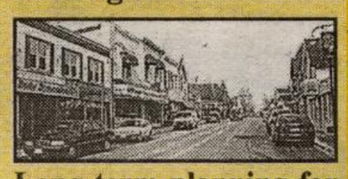
What's Inside

Acton Novice hockey players helped IGA cashiers load customers' carts at IGA. See photo on Page 8.



One Acton High School student will receive four awards for academic excellence. See Page 3.

Acton Sports Action is continuing to plan for a skateboard park. See Page 13.



Long term planning for Acton is outlined with story/graphics on Page 7.

Council delays date for smoking ban

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Delaying a public meeting on proposed tougher smoking rules until January throws off a timetable recommended by the Town's smoking stakeholder committee for Halton Hills to go 100 per cent smoke-free in public and work places by 2003.

When staff pointed out the delay, requested on Tuesday by the local hospitality industry until after its busy holiday season, would push back target dates to further restrict and then ban smoking, councilors voted to remove all mention of dates in the report.

Scott Roach, owner of Boston Pizza in Georgetown told councillors the industry needs more time to prepare for the public meeting on the stakeholder's report, which he feels will bring out all sides of the debate, but not accomplish much because a federal or provincial policy is the only fair way to regulate smoking, if it is to be regulated.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville asked Roach if he had statistics to show what a smoking ban does to business and Roach, a non-smoker, said he had "truck fulls" from national and provincial restaurant and hospitality associations.

"I'm scared if these changes are made that I will lose my business...," Roach said, adding Halton Hill is a "tough gig" for the hospitality industry.

He said that across Canada, crackdowns and bans on smoking in bars and restaurants are taking 50 to 60 per cent out of some businesses, adding they aren't at council to advocate smoking, but to protect their livelihoods.

All councillors except Georgetown's Moya Johnson, supported delaying the public forum until January. Johnson wanted a report back early in the New Year detailing the Town's strategy to become smoke free by July 2003.

After Council delayed the public meeting on the stakeholder's recomendations, CAO Steve An-

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