

Georgetown taxis vie for Acton customers

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Call them, and they will come.

The owners of two Georgetown cab companies want to fill the void left when the Town recently refused to license Acton's North Halton Taxi, but both know there's just enough business for one of them.

"We've had maybe four or five extra calls a

day," said McKab Taxi owner, John McKee on Monday, appealing for customer loyalty.

"It's either us, or E-Z (Taxi), but we've been around the longest, and have 12 cars on the road and never stopped servicing Acton," McKee said, adding regular accounts, private customers and school runs total 15-to-20 Acton calls a day.

At E-Z Taxi, owner Rick Wood said they put a seventh car on the road on Monday, and if

the business develops it could be dedicated to Acton calls.

"The business hasn't been coming, but we've been running out there for every call, and what I suggest is that if you have an appointment or something, give us an hour's notice and we'll get you a car," Wood said on Tuesday, adding they have one or two Acton calls daily.

Wood is "pretty sure" some former taxicab customers are paying to be being driven around

in personal vehicles, which he said is "very unsafe."

"You're no longer insured that way if you're taking money to drive somebody, you're not insured for that," Wood said.

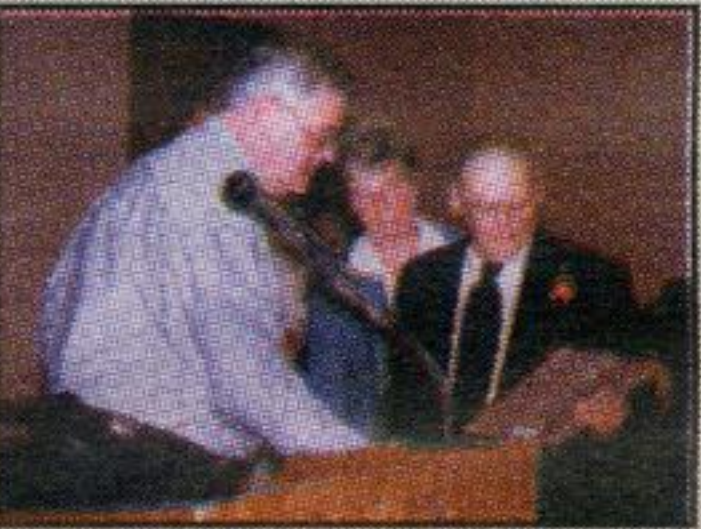
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Residents on Birchway have been warned not to cut plant growth more than four feet beyond their property fences. See Page 4.



Acton's candlelight tribute to war veterans on Friday evening was a solemn remembrance of the Acton cenotaph.



Are you parking illegally on Bower Ave. to visit the post office? Then you'd better read the story on Page 12.

Close beach, stop lake boat rentals

First Trunk Sale slated for May 29

Confusion over the date for resumption of the popular Acton Trunk Sale resulted when two stories in The New Tanner last week dealt with the location and date in different ways – one from Halton Hills council and the other from the trunk sale committee.

The trunk sale committee this week confirmed the first sale will be on Saturday, May 29, not the May 15 date mentioned in the council story.



HEARTFELT THANKS: Veteran Hank Ford accepts a handshake and thanks from Acton's Keenan McHugh, 8, during the second annual Candlelight Silent Tribute to mark VE Day at the Cenotaph on Friday. – Frances Niblock photo

Students strike gold, silver at Kitchener skills competition

Acton High School technical students captured a Gold and a Silver medal at the annual Ontario Technical Skills Competition last weekend in Kitchener.

Kasimir Kosakowski earned Gold in the CADD (computer aided drafting and design) Mechanical competition, and Matt Locke earned Silver in the CADD Architectural competition.

The first place finish advances Kosakowski to the National Technical Skills Competition in Winnipeg, from

May 27 to 30.

Kosakowski and Locke had advanced to the all-Ontario competition by way of their respective Gold Medals at the Halton Technical Skills Competition in Georgetown last month.

In Kitchener, Kosakowski's project required him, and 25 other competitors, to use precision tools to measure all of the parts of a small office stapler, which had been disassembled.

The final step was to determine how

the pieces fit together and assemble the three-dimensional parts so they worked.

In his competition, Locke was required to design and create floor plans, two exteriors elevations, a cross section and site plan for a commercial building.

The Kitchener event featured over 1,200 Ontario students competition in 51 technology-related challenges, designed to promote interest and awareness of the skilled trades.

Weeds, fowl blamed for Fairy Lake restrictions

The goose poop-plagued Boathouse Beach in Prospect Park will be permanently closed to swimming, and the Town will dry dock its boat rental operation on Fairy Lake, at least for this summer.

The moves are in response to a staff investigation into ways to lessen the impact of the geese – often described as insatiable at one end and irresponsible at the other – and weeds on the Boathouse Beach, which was closed because of high E. coli counts for 90 per cent of last summer.

At the suggestion of Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary Council deferred debate on weed and geese control measures until after a meeting next month with members of the Friends of Fairy Lake.

That volunteer group's spokesman, Bob Jeffries, told Council he was disturbed with the proposed reduction of activities in the lake, and called the staff report a "bit of a downer."

He presented a videotape of the park, including the Old Beach that will remain open, the wading pool, picnic pavillion and playing fields – to give Council a

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