

L e t t e r s

Ball tourney volunteers thanked

Dear editor,

On Oct. 19-20 the Acton Junior YMCA hosted a ball tournament. It was put together by four individuals— Tracy Hagan, Robin Keeler, Dave Deforest and Mike Brookes. I appreciate all their hard work to make this a success.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people— Tim Horton Donuts, Acton IGA, Hillsburgh IGA, Ethel Martin, Janice Foot, Helen Kirkwood, Charlene Sheppard, Lois Matton, Laurie Thomson and Kathy Keeler. I would to thank the participating teams and Jim Bailey for the use of the Ballinafad diamonds.

The weather wasn't great, but the spirit was great. Thank you.

Brenda Quinn,
Acton Junior YMCA

Octoberfest a part of German-Canadian heritage

Dear editor,

With the Octoberfest season over, I feel now is the time to set the record straight. In the Sept. 18 edition of The Independent & Free Press, you wrote that Octoberfest originated in Bavaria as a celebration of the harvest of hops, and I wonder what gave you this idea? Octoberfest has nothing to do with harvest. Did you intend to rewrite history?

The first Octoberfest was held in 1810 in Munich and it was meant for the people to take part in the celebration of the wedding of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese, and it was supposed to be a one-time event. However, it was so well received that it was

repeated and today it is the largest event of its kind in the world. Octoberfest is celebrated from Sept. 21 through to Oct. 6 in Munich and there are millions of visitors from all over the world.

Sadly, in the mass celebrations of Octoberfest, the history of the event and its tradition has been lost and it has just become a party event, and it is a pity that this is happening without people knowing why this is celebrated. It is important to know that this is part of the German-Canadian heritage.

Heinz Dorst

(Editor's note: The article in question was, in fact, material written by the Georgetown BIA, for an advertising feature page.)

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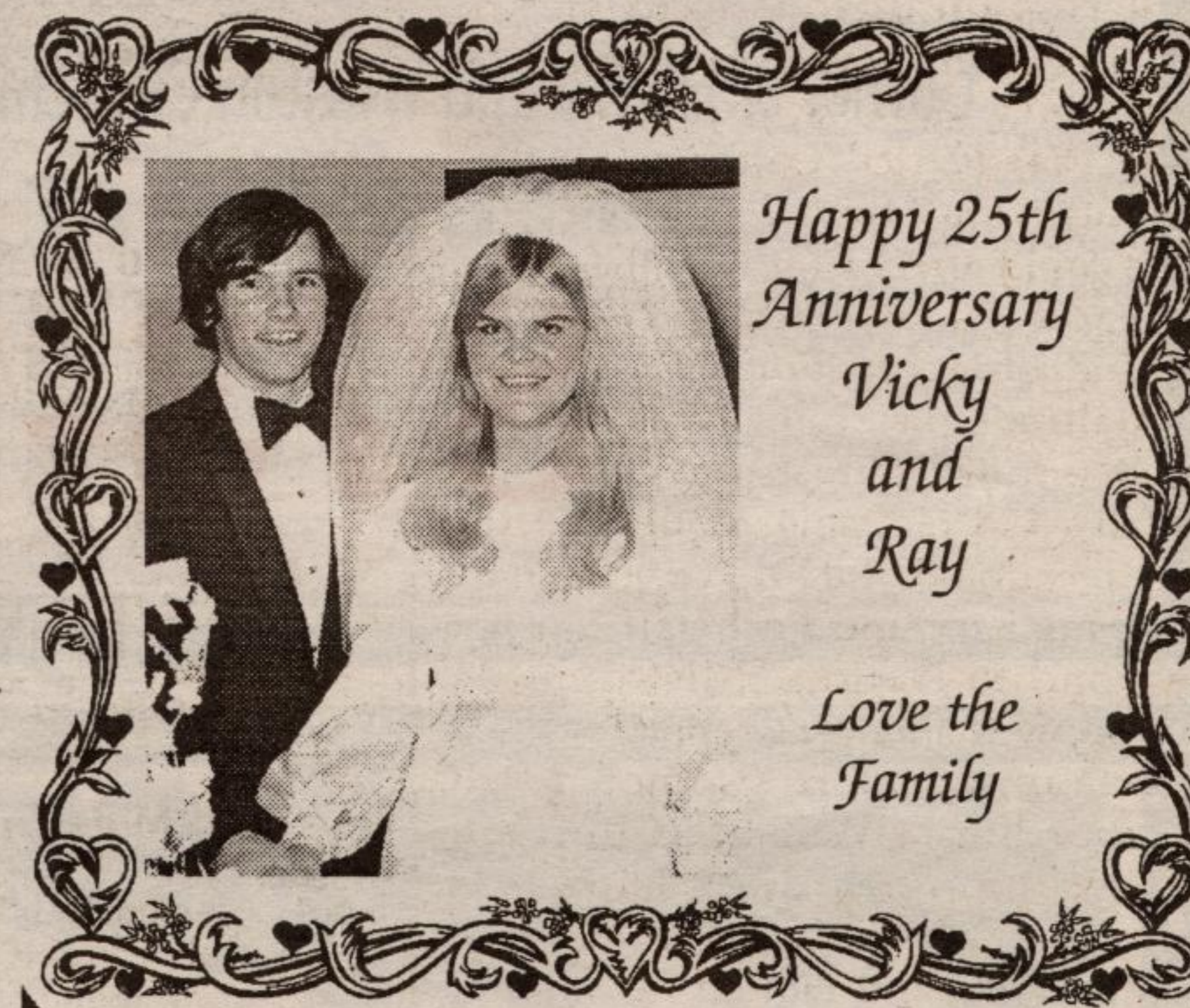
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