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FRIDAY...

Lacrosse player and local youth Michael Cregan will play for Ireland at the world championships. See story in Friday's edition.

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Santa's elves receive honour

Acton Citizens of the Year Bill and Diane Spielvogel were appreciative of the honours bestowed upon them Saturday night at the dinner in their honour at Blue Springs Golf Course, hosted by Acton Rotary Club. The Acton couple have been responsible for organizing the Acton Santa Claus Parade for several years. See page 3 for more.

Photo by Ted Brown

Glen residents fighting mad over name selection

LISA TALLYN Staff Writer

What's in a name? A whole lot, according to some residents of Glen Williams upset that Intracorp has decided to name the development it's building on Prince St. "The Glen."

Longtime resident and member of the Glen Williams Community Association, Carolyn Van Hinte, called the company's choice of name a "slap in the face."

"I think it's terrible. We've always known ourselves as the Glen - all the residents (of Glen Williams) live in the Glen. They're not even in the Glen, they're an annex of the Glen."

Intracorp is building the 91-lot subdivision on an 88-acre parcel of land previously owned by Sheridan Nurseries on the south side of Prince St., west of Tenth Line in Glen Williams. Construction of the

homes, ranging in price from approximately \$800,000 to \$1.2 million, is to begin in fall 2008.

"The Glen" development is currently mentioned on the company's website with a pre-registration email address.

Glen Williams resident Janet Bailey stressed, "the Glen is not for sale."

"At first I thought it was an oversight," Bailey said of the name choice, but she now believes Intracorp staff members would have heard the hamlet referred to as the Glen many times while they were researching to purchase the property.

"The thing we have to give the new people is 'the Glen.' They will soon become part of us, and if they take it away from us, what do we have to give them," asked Bailey, who has raised the name issue with Intracorp officials.

To some, the name of the development may be considered a small thing, said Bailey.

"But this small thing is what starts the erosion,

when you begin to forget the Glen even existed," she said.

Bailey said the Glen name has been lovingly embraced for more than a century to identify the hamlet.

"The Glen is the name of a very unique and distinctive community that already exists and we do not want the multi-million dollar subdivision being built by Intracorp to brand 'the Glen' in order to promote their business venture," said Bailey.

Glen Williams resident Erica Lewin said the name choice was "false labeling."

"It's belittling my connection with the community," said Lewin.

Her brother, Andrew Lewin said, "developers are saying black is white to increase their profits."

"I'm a little perturbed they decided to call a subdivision The Glen when the whole community is called the Glen," said another resident, Sue Pember.

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