

First cold weather Alert issued Tuese

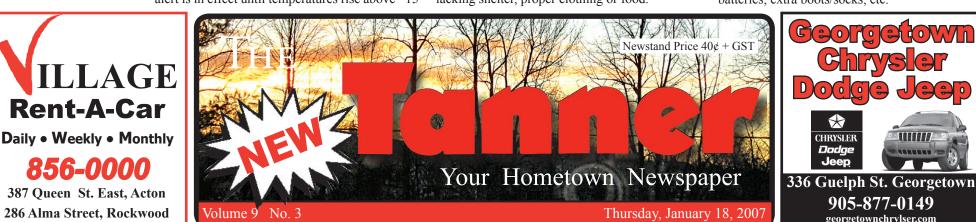
An Extreme Cold Weather Alert was issued by Halton Region's Health Department on January 16, illustrating that the winter of 2007 has finally arrived

The alert is issued when temperatures are expected to fall below -15 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill), or when weather conditions are severe enough to warrant alerting the community to the risks involved with prolonged exposure. The alert is in effect until temperatures rise above -15

degrees Celsius (without wind-chill) or weather conditions improve and the risks involved with prolonged exposure are reduced.

Anyone can be affected by extreme cold-related weather conditions, depending on length of time and exertion levels. Those especially at risk include: older adults (over the age of 65), infants and young children, outdoor workers, sport enthusiasts (hikers, skiers), homeless persons, and/or those lacking shelter, proper clothing or food.

People should know how to prevent cold-related health problems and what to do if there is a coldweather emergency. They can avoid cold-related injury by dressing appropriately and covering exposed skin. It is also important, in preparation for winter driving conditions, to keep an emergency vehicle safety kit in cars at all times. The kit can include items such as: cell phone; blankets; booster cables; shovel; first aid supplies; flashlight and batteries; extra boots/socks, etc.





Ed Foottit missed his 80th birthday party because of illness but was there for his 90th Sunday. Page 4.



The growing need for skilled trades was the subject of an Acton seminar last week. Page 8.

The bridge on Indian Trail

near Eden Mills is due for

replacement and the site is

often associated with the

Atom BB Tanners finish

their regular season on a

high note. See Page 13.

spirit world. Page 10.

Whittle \$3.6 million off budget

Final permits

The Town's promise to clear all remaining site plan conditions for the new Agricultural Society/soccer facility in Prospect Park means a final building and occupancy permit can be issued for the building, now under construction on Town property.

Last week after Council signed the undertaking, Terry Alyman, the Town's director of recreation and parks said it was a matter of timing and paperwork.

"In theory, without the undertaking, basically without us signing an agreement for us to get the work done, the Region would not have to clear their (site plan) conditions, which means no building permit could be issued and the things would come to a stop," Alyman said, adding construction so far has been done on a foundation building permit.

Surrounded by her family, friends,

mentors and fans, Acton's Willy van

Arragon was ordained as a Baptist

The joyful service was held in Trin-

ity United Church because Reverend

van Arragon's home church, Acton

Baptist, was too small for the large

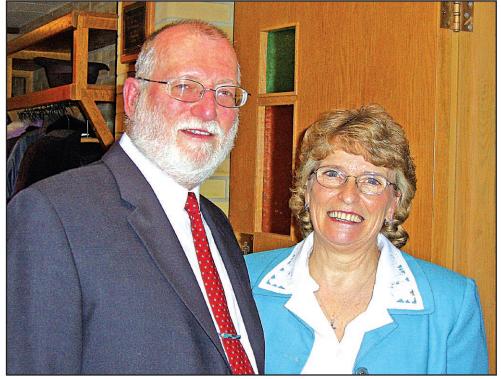
crowd that wanted to be on hand for

the ordination, including congregation

members from Arkell, Eden Mills and

Nassagaweya United Churches where

Church pastor on Sunday.



GLORY TO GOD: Acton's Willy van Arragon, with husband Ellwood Harris, is now Reverend van Arragon after her ordination as a Baptist Church pastor on Sunday at Trinity United Church. Story on Page 4. – Frances Niblock photo

Major cut land for college

By Frances Niblock The Town's budget committee whittled \$3.6-million worth of projects from the \$14.2-million proposed capital budget during four hours of debate on Tuesday.

The committee – all councillors and the mayor - also added \$60,000 for trails development, resulting in a proposed capital spending plan of \$10.6-million for this year, with over half earmarked for engineering and public works projects.

by Mayor Rick Bonnette, was \$3.5-million to buy 10 acres of land for a community college in the Steeles Avenue prestige industrial area

He asked that the item be deferred to the Town's economic development committee

Bonnette said they don't have enough information to approve the item, noting that \$2-million of the cost is to come from fundraising and \$1.5-million from the Town, which it hopes to recover from a contribution Continued on page 2



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Years of study to enter Baptist ministry

she has ministered for the past three years

With hymns, prayers, solemn promises and the laying on of hands, van Arragon received her Ordination Certificate, along with some advice from the Revered John Bell, pastor at Acton Baptist Church who urged van Arragon to remember the "oil sands" principal of preaching.

⁴If you don't hit oil in 20 minutes, quit boring," Reverend Bell said, noting they were in the United Church, and telling a joke about a Baptist minister who agreed to disagree about theological matters because they were both doing the Lord's work.

The crowd howled at the punch line - the Baptist minister telling the United







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