

Three Elvis impersonators to help open Fair facility

By Frances Niblock

Elvis will be in the building.

Actually, three Elvis impersonators will help christen the stage in the new Acton Agricultural Society/indoor soccer facility in Prospect Park at this year's fall fair.

The entertainment lineup, and the successes and failures of the last Acton Fall Fair were discussed at the fair board's annual general meeting on Saturday at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Treasurer Jennifer Swan began her financial report with "a bit of an eye opener," a chart showing the fair spent \$10,953 on meal tickets, lunches for set-up volunteers car passes and fair passes last year.

Swan said the report was "food for thought" at future meetings to "trim down," and noted the concessions receive \$2,000 worth of free passes, but generate \$7,300 in revenue for the fair.

While Sawn reported a \$14,653 operational profit, a \$4,343 increase over the 2005, fair board member Doug Fread noted that when revenue from the sale of

compost, from the truck and tractor pull and for working the Erin Fall Fair gate is removed, "it's closer to break-even."

During reports from various committee chairs, fair board members heard that the lawn and garden/ truck and tractor pulls bring in approximately \$7,000 in revenue, there were 65 babies and 72 sponsors at the baby show and the beer tent, or Spot in the Park as organizers call it, showed a \$9,313 profit this year, up 14 per cent from last year.

In his written report, chairperson George Henderson noted that a new wrist band policy "seemed to cut down in the number of visitors behind the bar," who were drinking "free beer."

Over 1,000 local school students attended the Education Day, which scrambled on a shoestring budget after losing its sponsor. This year, the committee plans to increase live animal demonstrations, make sure all exhibits are linked to the new Ontario curriculum, and offer more agricultural games.

With just under 40 floats

in the Fall Fair parade, down from 70 several years ago, Fair board member Terry Foster thanked the Kinette Club of Acton for organizing the parade, but said, "the Town is losing interest and stores don't want to get involved and would rather put all their work into the Santa Claus parade," he said, adding Halton police may not be available to do the escort and road closure work in this year's parade.

Foster expects a huge audience for the three Elvis impersonators booked to perform on the Saturday night of the fair in the new building, and back by popular demand, the Essentials, an a Capella group, is booked to play during breaks in the Miss Acton Pageant.

Miss Acton Sarah O'Hearn, one of eight contestants, reported that between 30 and 40 girls have asked her for advice about entering the pageant this fall.

Drew Brown, the fundraiser hired by the Society to raise \$750,000 for the new building, said they have cash and commitments totaling \$550,000 most of which is from 66 donations, and hope to go over the top in six weeks.

Brown thanked the fund



AGRICULTURAL ACES: The Acton Agricultural Society elected a new board on Saturday during its annual general meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church. The board includes, back left: Stacey Hewitt and Caroline Bell. Middle: George Henderson, Judy Burtney, Hank Walsma, Mary Walsma, John Lightle, Jason Brown, Kent Frost, Deb Mashinter. Front: Jim Pink, Terry Foster, president Dale Hewitt, Frank Hanes, Kathryn Brown Lynch and Russ Murray. - Submitted photo

60 families helped

To the editor,

The Acton Christmas Hamper Committee sends sincere and heartfelt thanks to the individuals and groups in Acton and surrounding areas for your generous support of this year's Christmas Hamper Program. Your kindness helped us to provide food hampers for approximately 60 families, including 70 children. Christmas was much happier for these people because of your thoughtfulness.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who gave their

time to help make this year's program such a success and to Heritage Acton for again allowing us the use of their facilities in the old fire hall. The spirit of caring and sharing is indeed alive and well here in our town.

Thanks again; we wish you God's blessings now and in the year ahead.

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