

Acton businesses sweep Chamber awards

By Frances Niblock

Once again, Acton has come up aces in the annual Chamber of Commerce business awards.

A volunteer committee judged nominations on Monday and selected Acton's Superior Glove Works Limited as the 2006 Business of Year.

Acton Optical owner Nancy Wilkes was chosen as Entrepreneur of the Year, and the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home earned the Civic Pride Award.

The Town's senior public works supervisor Dick Spear is Employee of the Year, and the JA Volunteer of the Year is Virginia Hornby.

The Business of the Year award recognizes a company's significant social and economic contributions to the community, and its excellent customer service and good business ethics.

Superior Glove is owned and operated by the Geng family, with brothers Tony and Joe Geng at the helm - father Frank retired not long ago.

Superior began making gloves for retail stores in Acton in 1910. It built a tannery, spinning mill and knitting operation in Acton, and by 1960, was producing industrial gloves.

With plants in Acton and Newfoundland, and warehouses in the U.S.A., Superior has 130 employees, many of them valued long-time staff from the Acton area.

Superior Glove has quietly contributed to many community needs, giving gloves to volunteers who cleanup Fairy Lake and the downtown, and making financial contributions to the new fair building and Acton skateboard facility.

The Entrepreneur award recognizes superior customer service and excellent business ethics of companies operating from one to three years, with fewer than 10 employees.

Nancy Wilkes' nominator said she showed great faith in bringing a new service to a small town,



Business of the year

and her professionalism and good nature makes people "enthusiastic" about buying glasses.

Wilkes willingly helps with Acton's Leathertown Festival, the Santa Claus parade, fundraising for the Acton Agricultural Society's new building and the skateboard park.

"In this time of big box stores popping up all around

us, it is wonderful to see business people who are dedicated to both their customers and the community," Wilkes' nominator wrote.

As Employee of the Year, Dick Spear was a natural choice as a highly valued individual who makes a significant contribution to the excellence of Halton Hills through exceptional customer service.

He lives in Georgetown and has worked for the Town for 26 years and his nominator wrote he is an accommodating employee who "seeks no glory" but listens to all concerns and is a "great ambassador" for the Town.

MacKinnon Family Funeral Home's carefully tended gardens and stately building made it a great choice for the Civic Pride award, designed to honour a business that shows pride in the community.

Along with Margaret and Bob MacKinnon's involvement in BIA programs, like the Hallowe'en event and regular downtown cleanups, Bob is chair of the Trinity Church board, and is a member of the Rotary, Legion and Acton BIA board.

Margaret is a volunteer with the Acton Cancer Society, running the canvassing campaign and both are on the board of the Leathertown Festival.

The awardees will be fet-

ed at a dinner on March 22 at Glen Cairn Golf Course.

Editor's note: Frances Niblock is a volunteer judge for the Chamber's annual business awards.

The family of May Hoare invite you to help celebrate May's 90th Birthday on February 11, 2007 1:30pm-4:00pm at the Acton Legion Ladies Lounge



Best wishes only please

Police shoot deer hurt at intersection

A Halton police officer was forced to shoot and kill a deer that had been injured after hitting a vehicle at the intersection of Churchill Road and Tanners Drive at 6:30 on Monday morning.

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