



Christine and Scott outside their dream home.

Acton couple win Sarnia 'Dream Home'

After twelve years of purchasing tickets in the annual Dream Home lottery in Sarnia, ActiveEars Hearing Centre owner Christine Feige of Acton was thrilled to learn she was the winner of the 2007 lottery.

Christine and her fiancée Scott Blythe will become the first winners of the Bluewater Health Dream Home to actually retain ownership of the dream home. The couple, who currently live in Acton, will move to Bright's Grove, near Sarnia, to take possession of their beautiful

new open-concept house that comes with all the bells and whistles – everything from a central vacuum system to an intercom with built-in speakers throughout the house; a home valued at between \$375,000 to \$400,000.

The winning ticket was purchased under the company name, ActiveEars, Christine's business that employs nine people in four locations: Sarnia, Goderich, Hanover and Acton. Actually, Christine admits to purchasing seven lottery tickets, most on the day of the draw!

She credits her win to positive thinking, "this year I was thinking positive! I just had to get more tickets."

Christine and her three brothers were raised in Sarnia, and she and Scott were planning to eventually move back to the area, but as she mused "The future tells me though that I will be spending a lot more time in Sarnia at our new home. We plan on moving into our new house, even though we can't afford to get any furniture right now."

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Politicians 'push back' at Queen's Park

OPP checks 340 snow machines on Saturday

Wellington OPP officers conducting snow vehicle patrols over the weekend checked about 340 snow machine operators and laid two charges – one for failing to display registration numbers and the other for failing to display evidence of a permit.

Officers patrolled 392 kilometres in the Erin, Hill-sburgh, Elora, Arthur and Palmerston areas on Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) trails.



FINDING HIS HOCKEY LEGS: Two-year old Owen Orpana hones his stick handling skills at Eden Mills outdoor ice rink. *Rebecca Ring Photo*

Acton woman fights paving company

Acton's Avinell Davey is a patient woman, but 10 months after giving a Tottenham company money to pave her driveway and build steps to her front door, her patience has run out and she wants her money.

Davey, who moved to Tanners Drive in the Devon Place subdivision two years ago from Mississauga,

hopes going public with her fight with City Wide Paving will convince the firm to return a \$1,500 "progress" payment on the \$3,350 job that Davey contracted for last April.

The work was to be complete by the end of June, and Davey said against her instincts she gave the company \$1,500 as a progress pay-

ment in late July.

"Every day I'd come home and expect to see the work started, but week after week, nothing was done and I never had anyone answer my phone calls." Davey said, adding the company did pave three other drive-

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Want Province to rethink long term growth plans

By Frances Niblock

Halton politicians are "pushing back" at Queen's Park, mounting a united effort to convince the province to re-think its long-term growth plans that would more than double the Halton population, to 780,300.

On Monday, Town Councils in Halton Hills and Oakville passed resolutions advising the province they cannot accommodate the growth targets in the province's Place to Grow Plan without money to pay for existing and future infrastructure needs.

Prior to Town Council, Mayor Rick Bonnette, who is spearheading the united move, said if they don't act now, "we wouldn't be doing our job" preserving the quality of life for existing residents and future generations.

The councillors call their effort the Halton Campaign for Fairness, noting the province wants Halton to grow by 68 per cent over the next 25 years, but hasn't provided the estimated \$6.8-billion required for

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