

Town Hall bash a blast



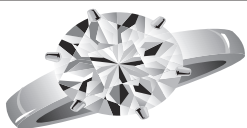
RING IN 2010: Lucky David Somerville of Acton rang in 2010 at a child-friendly 9:30 p.m. with a little help from parents Tammy and David at the Town Hall Centre's family New Year's Eve party.

- Frances Niblock photo

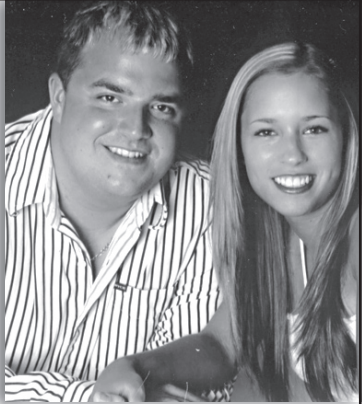



NEVER TOO YOUNG: Acton's Stacey Oak and five month old Katie, got into the party spirit on New Year's Eve at the Town Hall Centre.

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Arlene Keffogg of Acton and Rick Keffogg of Hamilton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Christine Keffogg to Brandon James Inns son of Scott and Jan Inns of Acton





By Frances Niblock

2010 was ushered in with great style at the Town Hall Centre on New Year's Eve with a double bell ringing, a balloon drop, dancing, food and family fun.

Hundreds of people – mainly young families – played and partied at the first annual New Year's bash. The kids enjoyed face painting, craft making and dancing while their parents also took to the dance floor to the tunes being played by Party Cinemas staff who donated proceeds from the night to the Town Hall restoration fund.

"This was a wonderful addition to New Year's. This was more than I expected and my three kids are thrilled with the night," said Acton resident Stacey Oke who said she'd be back with her family next year.

Gina Girouard, who was with her husband, six-year-old daughter and friends said the whole night, was "awesome."

"This really was a family fun night. If we hadn't come here we probably would have stayed home because of the cost of going out.

We're hoping that it happens next year because where else can you go with your family and have this kind of fun?"

Carla Bedard and her family had a great time, but she wished there were more games for the younger kids to do.

"When they played a gummy bear song my kids were up and dancing, but the other music didn't interest them. The kids

did have a good time and we'd come back another year," Bedard said.

"I had no idea what it was going to be like tonight and it was fantastic," said Cayle Driedger who was there with his wife and two small children.

"The kids loved it and the adults had fun so it was a great night all 'round," he said, adding they would be back next year.

Each of the children received a ticket and just before 9:30 p.m. one was drawn from a hat and the lucky winner – David Somerville, 5 – got to ring the Town Hall bell – with a little help from his dad – at 9:30 p.m.


At midnight, Hartley Coles, Acton's Citizen of the Year repeated the bell ringing to help usher in the New Year.

"It's a real pleasure to help ring in another decade – it's also an honour and I'm really pleased to be here," Coles said as he prepared to pull the heavy rope to ring the bell, surrounded by his family and friends.

Heritage Acton chair Ron Birrell was thrilled with the turnout at the party and the proud to show off all of the renovation work that has been done at the hall.

"This was over the top. It was an overwhelming success. The young families had something to do that was fun and didn't cost a lot and the kids loved what we planned for them," Birrell said, adding next year will be bigger and better.

Organizers estimated that approximately 250 people enjoyed the night.



Notice of ANNUAL MEETING of the ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting to be held on **Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 10:00 am** at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton.

The morning portion of the meeting is open to the public and anyone who might be interested in becoming a new member. Come out and see what we are all about.

After lunch the meeting is open to current members only. The purpose of the afternoon portion will be to receive the Financial Statements for 2009 and for the Election of Officers and Directors.

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