

# How was 2010 for you?

In 2010 in Acton, it was a year of tears and triumphs, of senseless deaths and tender mercies. Here is a look back at some of the events that made us laugh, cry and celebrate.

## January

• Hartley Coles, the 2009 Acton Citizen of the Year, and The New Tanner Editor Emeritus, rings in the New Year at a Town Hall Centre ceremony

• Plans for a new library to replace the aging and inaccessible River Street facility are unveiled to the public

• Two 19-year-old Acton men trash Robert Little School in a drunken vandalism spree that closes the school for two days and cause more than \$20,000 damage

• Acton may lose its school board trustee as all of Halton Hills will be served by one trustee following the municipal election

## February

• Funeral services are held for Hartley Coles who passed away after a valiant battle with cancer

• Until they see the “real numbers” Town councillors will not make any financial decisions about the over budget Acton library project

• The Town, citing safety concerns, puts Blue Springs Taxi out of business by refusing to issue a business licence

• The Town offer to buy land at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School that the school board has deemed surplus and put on the market



## March

• The Acton High School Junior girls' volleyball team capture the Halton championship

• The Town breaks ground for a new \$500,000-plus new splash pad in Prospect Park

• Long-time community volunteer, Acton's Ivan Kilby is named the 2010 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Acton

• Acton's Kayla Ruggle, 11, competes in an International Irish dance competition

## April

• The ceremonial keys to the latest Habitat for Humanity house in Acton are handed over to the new owners

• A 22-year-old Campbellville man was killed and five others injured after a drunk driver missed the curve on Young Street and slammed into a tree

• Acton's Robert Little School celebrated its 150th anniversary with a community party/reunion

• The Town Hall Centre is re-introduced to the community following years of refurbishment

## May

• Poor sales and growing competition forces Godfathers Pizza to close its doors putting seven “very shocked” employees out of work

• Wet and windy weather did not dampen any spirits as the official ground breaking ceremony for the new Acton library is held

• Test results give Acton High School an over-all



ranking of 6.2 out of 10, the second lowest ranking of all of Halton's secondary schools

• Concerned with a steady stream of dump trucks rumbling through town, Council asks the MTO and Halton police to conduct a truck safety blitz

## June

• Acton's first Farmers' Market draws a large crowd of shoppers to the fresh veggie sale that will be held each Wednesday afternoon on Willow Street

• Acton/Regional Councillor Clark Somerville is the Georgetown Highland Games Honourary Chieftain

• The two Acton teens who trashed Robert Little School in a drunken rampage plead guilty to break and enter with intent to cause mischief over \$5,000

• A local firm begins collecting used cooking oil from restaurants to turn into bio-diesel fuel

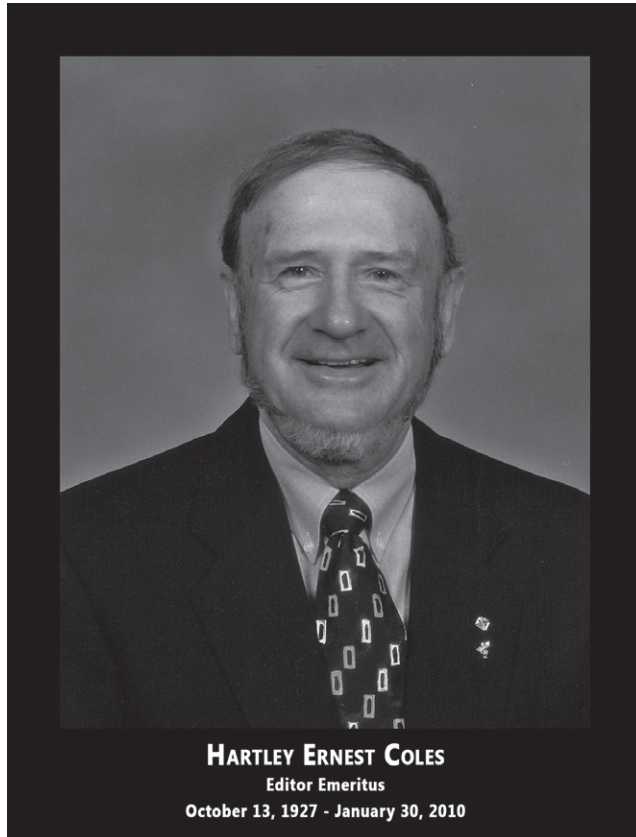
## July

• Acton celebrates Canada Day with a party at Prospect Park that featured entertainment, prizes and a very big cake

• Hundreds of kids were thrilled when the water was finally turned on for the grand opening of the Superior Glove splash pad in Prospect Park

• Acton's Scotiabank celebrates its 100th anniversary of opening in Acton with an appreciation party for its current clients

• Town councillors protest provincial plans which



include a proposal for an eight-lane expressway through rural Halton Hills

## August

• Thousands of people throng into downtown Acton for the 19th annual Leathertown Festival featuring food, family fun and entertainment

• Heritage Acton receives a \$150,000 Trillium grant to help pay for an elevator to make the historic building fully accessible

• Acton's Prospect Park is the start/finish for a Multiple Sclerosis bike-a-thon

• Town council, faced with staff's proposed budget that would result in a 7.4 per cent tax hike, asks staff to get out their sharp pencils and calculators and make cuts

## September

• Construction begins on additions to the Acton fire station, which will house a museum and workout room

• Nominations close for October's municipal election and there are no races in Acton where the Mayor and all three councillors are acclaimed to office

• The 97th edition of the Acton Fall Fair was a success by all accounts – the weather was good, the crowds large and there was no trouble reported

• In recognition of her “history of good deeds” Acton's Shirley Broostad received an Order of Niagara



## October

• Only 25.6 per cent of eligible Acton voters cast ballots in the municipal election

• A costume parade of Acton kids trick or treated on Mill Street as downtown merchants celebrate Hallowe'en

• An official grand opening ceremony is held for the Acton Acute Care Medical Centre

• Vandals deface a number of buildings in Prospect Park with graffiti. The Town had to hire an outside crew to get it quickly cleaned up

## November

• The Halton District School Board is close to a deal to sell the vacant Speyside public school, but won't say to whom

• Politicians and commuters are very happy with the announcement that GO Train service in Acton will resume in 2011

• Acton honours its war dead at two solemn Remembrance Day services at the Acton Cenotaph

• The body of a missing 32-year-old Toronto man was found in a plastic barrel in the 22 Side Road/Sixth Line area of Nassagaweya

## December

• A nine-year-old Acton girl is devastated when thieves broke into her grandparents' house and stole 75 of her Irish dancing medals

• Acton Trunk Sale officials distribute \$4,500 – proceeds from this summer's events – to six local groups

• The holiday season kicks off in Acton with the Santa Claus parade, sponsored by the Acton Firefighters Association