

Acton Seniors Centre to celebrate birthdays

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If your birthday was in either December or January you should receive a phone call inviting you to the Birthday Tea on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Note the earlier start. In future all Tuesday programs will start at 1:30 p.m.

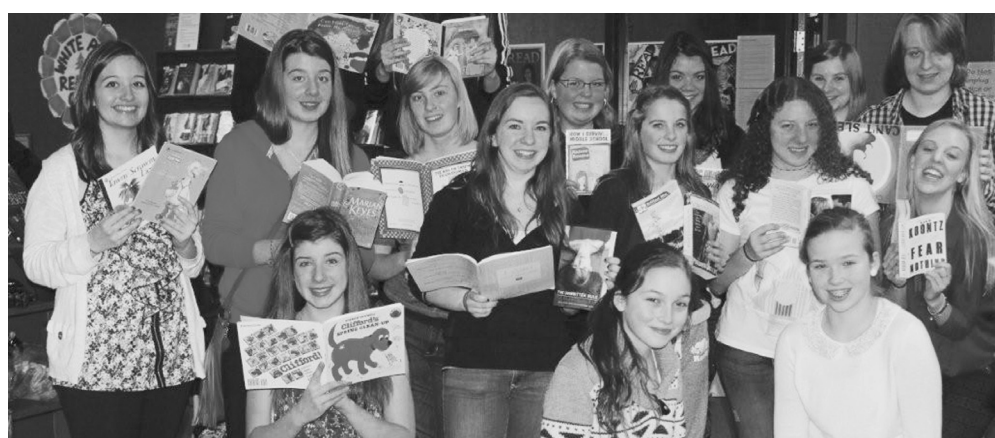
On Thursday afternoon Joan Bateman, Roberta Thompson and Shirley Hunter each had a mooner. There was one table of Bridge players. They said they would love to see more players.

The Monday morning craft group would like to visit Mary Maxim Craft Store in the Spring. I have tentatively booked April 8. If you would like to join them sign the appropriate sheet. Non-members also welcome.

The computer course on Tuesday, Jan.

8 was well attended with 16 members eager to learn how to set up and program their computers. Some people were quite knowledgeable about computers and some were just starting to explore the world of computers. Everyone was helping each other under the guidance of Matthew and Jessie Caldwell.

On Friday, Jan. 25 the lunch will be fish and chips. It is important that you make sure your name is only down once and you sign up by 4 p.m. Wednesday. The lunches have to be ordered, and it is hard to make 30 portions of fish stretch to 35 people. If you find you are unexpectedly able to join us for lunch on Friday morning you can always phone 519-853-5951 to see if they have had a cancellation. If you are unable to come after signing up make sure you phone and let us know!



Books for First Nations youth

Acton District High School's ME to WE group organized a book drive to support Books With No Bounds group set up by Oakville teens Emma and Julia Mogus. The Acton teens collected hundreds of books to send in the next Book shipment next month. Last year Books With No Bounds sent over 10,000 books to 24 'fly-in' only communities of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation to improve literacy among First Nation youth. For more information go to www.facebook.com/bookswithnobounds.

Let it snow! The Acton Winter Carnival is on its way

Do you want to get rid of the winter blues? Are you ready for some outdoor fun and excitement? Then the 2nd Annual Acton Winter Carnival is the event for you!

The Acton Winter Carnival is ready to go for the last weekend in January at Prospect Park and the Acton Town Hall Centre. This year a few new events have been added for everyone who comes out for some great family fun.

To kick off the Acton Winter Carnival, the Acton Town Hall Centre will be hosting a community dance Saturday, January 26. Doors will open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5 at the door. There will be a DJ to dance the night away and Tanner's Pub & Grill will be hosting the bar and selling food during the evening. Look for some fun activities including the selection of the Snow Queen and King.

Another new event this year is a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 27 also at the Acton Town Hall Centre, 19 Willow St. N. The breakfast will run 9-11 a.m. and this is a fundraiser for the Acton Air Cadets.

The main festivities will start on the Sunday at 11 a.m in Prospect Park and there will be a host of activities for the entire family to enjoy: horse and wagon rides, outdoor curling run by the Acton Curling Club, Acton House League Hockey Tournament, public



Fiona Lindsay, Alesha Kalo, Emily Bourzi, Paige Sharpe and Heather Lindsay designed and built a series of colourful inukshuks at last year's Acton Winter Carnival.

skating and a Snow Golf Mini Putt competition.

The Acton Legion is running a Snow Horse Shoe Pit and the Acton Scouts are running an obstacle course.

If you are cold and need to warm up, the Acton Seniors Centre is hosting a rousing game of bingo in the Boat House. The Acton YMCA will be doing face painting and crafts for children and there will be ice block building and come build a snowman with a trunk of hats, scarves and mitts for accessories.

There will be dog sled demonstrations as well as "The Good Guys Carting Dogs" that will be giving children rides throughout the afternoon.

Also new this year is Ice Sculpting demonstrations; come and watch professional ice carvers create an amazing sculpture out of a block of ice.

At 4 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall Centre it's the 2nd annual Chili Cook-Off! Chili will be judged at 3 p.m. by Ryan Parker from Q107 Classic Rock and Gerry Kentner and Lori Gysel from What's Cookin'. Chili and refreshments will be available at 4 p.m. Closing ceremonies will start at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall Centre where presentations will be made for the photography contest, chili cook-off, and the mini putt competition. Raffles and 50/50 draw will be made at this time as well.

The Acton Winter Carnival is sure to offer some winter time fun and excitement for people of all ages. Don't forget to purchase your Carnival Button for a nominal fee of \$2 at one of the following locations: Giant Tiger, Global Pet Foods, Dollar Stretcher Daze, Acton Optical, Roxy Coffee, Big Fat Greek Souvlaki, Starlight Cafe, Salvation Army Thrift Store, Mill Street Crossing and Tanners' Pub & Grill.

For more information and schedule of events check out www.downtownacton.ca or email acton-bia@cogeco.net

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