

GRAPEVINE



Worth the drive

The temporary closure of the Georgetown library, and move to a temporary facility during construction/renovation, means a lot of Georgetown residents are getting a look at the new Acton facility.

"The reaction is almost universally, 'wow' what a beautiful building," Acton librarian Mary Lamb said last week, adding some people still miss the familiarity of the old library. "People note the light and the beauty of the windows and the beams. And they like the fireplace, meeting rooms and cozy places to sit and read," Lamb said. Some of the Georgetown materials have been moved to Acton while the work is underway at the Church Street facility. The Georgetown library has relocated to Holy Cross Church on Maple Street during construction.

Christian drama

Many of the most common questions about Christianity – why does God allow suffering, is Jesus the only way? – will be answered with a drama production staged by members of Bethel Church and the Acton Baptist Church men's group, at two presentations on April 15 and 17.

Called *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* the drama deals with family relationships, world religions and the afterlife. Tickets are available through Acton Baptist Church, Bethel Church, the Roxy Café and Willow Lane Natural Foods. Proceeds from the events will help pay for a new stove for the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School breakfast club. For more information call 519-853-1057.



Rena Arbic (left) with Unit Manager Lorraine Skarrat

Cancer volunteer

Cancer Society officials say the strength of any Branch is its volunteers and that is no more evident than in Acton where several volunteers are approaching a half-century of donating their time and talents to the local campaign for funds.

Rena Arbic's husband Ray, was president of the local Branch in 1962, and he "talked" his wife into helping – something she has continued to do for the past 49 years. Rena Arbic canvasser, campaign captain and co-ordinator of activities, said

it is amazing how the campaign has grown – in the Lakeview area in 1967 they raised \$600 in the door-to-door campaign. Last year, with the same number of households, they raised \$2,300. "Acton is so generous it makes it easy to volunteer," Arbic said, after she accepted a long service plaque last week at the Branch's April campaign kickoff.

Lime history on display

The role of lime in the village of Limehouse is being showcased at a new exhibition at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown staged by the Limehouse Kiln Society and Halton Region Museum.

In the late 1800s when lime production was at its peak, over 100 employees worked at the kilns, some of which are being restored by the Kiln Society. The free exhibit is open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details call 311 or visit www.halton.ca/museum

Farewell, Mr. Simpson

Next week, Principal Colin Simpson will say good bye to students and staff at St. Joseph Catholic School. He will take a new post as principal of a new school, Lumen Christie – it means Light of Christ in Latin – in Milton.

Simpson said he was getting close to the end of his career and wanted the new challenge of opening a new school. He will be replaced in Acton by Sonia Bien, who is currently principal of a Milton school.

Heritage Golf

Registrations are being accepted for the 11th annual Mayor's Heritage Golf Tournament that will tee off at Acton's Blue Springs course on May 26.

Run by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills and Mayor Rick Bonnette, over the years the event has raised over \$250,000 for local heritage restoration projects including Heritage Acton, the Limehouse Kiln Society and Esquesing Historical Society. For more information call Danielle at 905-873-1600, ext. 2345.

Old Roots, New Shoots

Tuitman's Garden Centre is no more – at least in name. The new (2008) owners have renamed the facility "Reds Garden Centre" and have rebranded their signs and trucks.

Tuitman's opened south of Acton on Highway 25 in 1979, and James and Julia Wegnast bought the business in July 2008.

"Reds is just a colour that represents vibrancy – it's short and sweet," James said when asked about the name change. Other changes include more bulk garden products and a renovated gift shop. The store is open, and the grand re-opening is May 15.

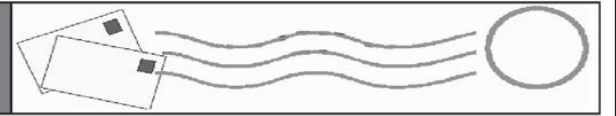


DAFFODIL POWER:

Georgetown's Megan Milne, 10, purchased daffodils from Canadian Cancer Society volunteer Hazel McLeod at Sobey's on Saturday. The Branch sold 600 bunches of the symbols of hope, and accepted donations for a new plastic daffodil pin which is on sale at various Acton locations.

– Frances Niblock photo

Letters



Its election time – bring on the clowns

To the Editor;

Elections, at one time were great. The people elected representatives to go to represent them to parliament.

Those days are long gone. Complete and utter waste of time.

Why?

The clowns no longer represent you or me, they represent the party who controls them. The voters are incidental – just a way to make the clowns legitimate. That is if that is possible. (Which I doubt).

So what is the way to solve this problem? Here is my solution:

OUTLAW POLITICAL parties. No more

The Harper Government, no more Jacks or Iggys party. Take away the power from the clowns.

Replace it with independent candidates from each riding, who will have to represent the voters. Each riding will control how the representative votes. The representative will be responsible to the voters.

No more party dictators. A Leader will be elected from the representatives, will only take directions from the representatives, not big business, or other vested interests.

That's my take on it.

John Shadbolt
Acton

World Vision for Mother's Day

Dear Editor,

Recently my sister got married – I remember her walking down the aisle amongst all the people looking at her in awe. As she took each step her smile became bigger and wider.

The reason – she was staring straight into her soon-to-be husband's eyes. As she stared at him – I couldn't help but glance over at my parents. They both were glowing with pride and excitement, but my mother in particular.

People have always told my sister that she looks just like our mother – and it's true – her eyes, her sense of humour and her passion to help those in need. Mom's-to-be always wonder will my child be healthy? Will they have my smile? Will they be successful? This year, I started working at World Vision and have really been amazed by how similar the concerns of mothers everywhere are. While mother in Africa also worry about these things, they worry about something that many mothers here do not – like passing on HIV to their child.

This year for Mother's Day, I've decided to honour my mom

by giving her a gift from the World Vision Gift Catalogue. I want her to know that her gift will help one mother in Africa gain access to medical treatment and counselling which will help prevent the transmission of HIV to her son or daughter. I know it will be a gift she will be proud to receive, especially since she passed on her desire to help change the world for the better

on to me.

I can't think of a better way to thank my mom for the values she gave me and I want others to think of purchasing an alternative gift like this for their mother this Mother's Day and show her that they've learned to care from her. Thank you Maryann Pereira and Happy Mother's Day.

Sincerely,
Alicia Pereira

Daffodil Thanks

To the Editor,

Thanks so much to all those people who supported the annual Canadian Cancer Society daffodil sale. Daffodils are the symbol of hope for the Canadian Cancer Society, and a reminder to everyone of the need to raise money in order to fund research projects, raise awareness about cancer, and provide support services to those people living with cancer and their families.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time to support this sale – we could not have a successful sale without their dedication! We appreci-

ate the generosity of the Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 197 for allowing us to use their facility to store our daffodils. We are most appreciative of the support that Sobey's has given us by allowing us to sell our daffodils and our new daffodil pins at the store. The New Tanner and the Acton Free Press/Georgetown Independent provided wonderful publicity for the daffodil sale, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,
Cathy Gerrow
Acton Branch, Daffodil Sale
Coordinator