

GRAPEVINE



Top Techs

Congrats, again, to senior Tech Design students at Acton High School whose hard work earned them an Our Canada Award from Halton Region and the Halton Region Museum last week. Each year the Award sponsors celebrate Kindergarten to Grade 12 students' impressions of Canada's history, geography and culture.

The Acton team's entry tackled the issue of a lack of affordable housing in Halton and came up with a development design methods that are efficient, environmentally friendly and easily incorporated in new house construction.

Based on his wins at the school, region and provincial tech competitions, Acton High's top tech – Grade 11 student Jon Van Oosten – advances to the National Skills Competition in Quebec City on Monday. He faces a daunting 12-hour Architectural Design and Drafting challenge against the best tech students Canada has to offer.

ALS walk

The third annual Acton/Georgetown Walk for ALS takes place June 4 at the Gellert Community Centre in Georgetown South. Members of "Poppa's Posse" – family and friends of the late Don Lindsay of Acton - will participate in the walk to raise money for ALS. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the opening ceremonies slated for 10:45.

There will be an early bird registration on Sunday (May 29) from 1 to 3 p.m. in the community room at the Georgetown Superstore.

Ducks dive

The Acton Aqua Ducks stage its annual Mini-Swim Meet to-

morrow (Friday) from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Acton Indoor Pool. Swimmers aged five to 17 will take to the pool, cheered on by their parents and team mates.

FoodShare open house

Ever wonder how Acton's FoodShare food bank feeds so many hungry people? You can get a look at the behind the scenes working of the food bank on May 31 during an open house to mark Hunger Awareness Day. The theme this year is "Make a Change, Make a Difference" and FoodShare officials encourage Acton and area residents to change what they know about hunger, change how they support food banks and change how they talk about hunger. The open house runs from 1 to 4 p.m.

Festival fun

Want to be part of an Acton summer tradition? The Leathertown Festival committee is looking for volunteers to help with this year's event on Sunday, August 7. For details call the Acton BIA office at 519-853-9555.

Church fundraiser

A bake sale, indoor garage sale and a car wash are on tap on Saturday, June 4 at St. Alban Anglican Church's bargain bazaar. Proceeds will benefit the Primate World Relief and Development Fund. The sale runs from 8:30 to 1 p.m.

Limehouse church anniversary

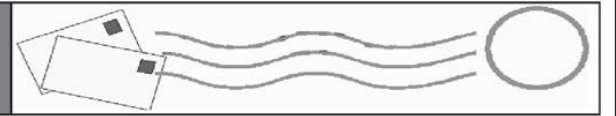
Congregants and guests will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday with a Memorial Day service and dedication of a bench in the cemetery by Acton's Jean Somerville, in honour of her ancestors who helped build the church. The cemetery is 185 years old.



HORTICULTURAL HELP: Acton Horticultural Society member John Creasey helped shopper Nancie Lamb of Acton with her purchases at the Society's annual plant sale on Saturday.

– Ted Tyler photo

Letters



Thanks for making April fundraising a success

To the Editor,

RE: *A Very Successful April Campaign*

Every journey starts with a step. A step that will change the world as you know it. To lighten the burden of any cancer journey, Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills is here to help make that step less worrisome. Our April campaign generates a large portion of our budgeted revenue. We are pleased that the response to this appeal for funds has been supported generously. The campaign generated \$90,995 for 2011.

Special thanks to Acton residents for their generous donations to our April campaign, and we are grateful for the generous sharing of funds from the Paul Muir Memorial Golf Tournament.

We are blessed that our volunteer canvassers increased in numbers in some areas this year. "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else." Your support is overwhelming, and you must know how grateful the people needing our services are.

Halton Hills has it all. Our clients are the reason we are here, our volunteers are the reason we are successful, and our donors are the reason we are staying.

Thank you Halton Hills,

Anna Mae Moore
Campaign Manager
Cancer Assistance Services
of Halton Hills

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society I would like to thank all those people who supported our fundraising events during the month of April. We began the month selling our beautiful fresh daffodils and our new daffodil pins, then we canvassed door to door and ended with the "Dance for the Cure" event featuring the live music of the Boomerangs. We would like to thank the Boomerangs for providing their wonderful music – everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks also to Dominos Pizza, the Royal Canadian Legion – Acton Branch and Tim Horton's and to the Georgetown Independent and Free Press and The New Tanner for their coverage of all our events.

At the beginning of May the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament raised an impressive \$50,000 for our branch and we are very grateful for the

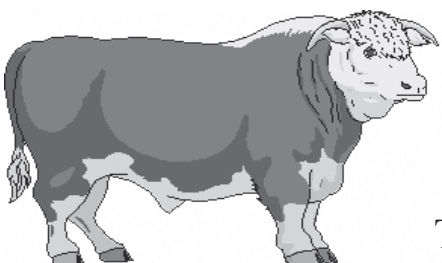
tremendous effort that they put into organizing such a wonderful event. Thanks to all the golfers who continue to come out each year to support the work of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, the Canadian Cancer Society is leading the fight against cancer. We fight back by doing everything we can to prevent cancer from happening in the first place; funding research to outsmart cancer, empowering, informing, supporting and improving the lives of Canadians living with cancer and rallying Canadians to make cancer history. Thank you for supporting our events and for making our fundraising efforts a success.

Sincerely,
Cathy Gerrow
Acton Branch President,
Canadian Cancer Society

What's Your Beef?

Put it in a letter to the Editor!



It's better than just chewing your cud!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.