

## Kitty crisis

If you have room in your home—and heart—for a cute, lively little ball of fur, the Upper Credit Humane Society (UCHS) would like your help.

This year, the UCHS is facing a kitten crisis; according to program director Barb Johnson more than 80 kittens are in need of homes.

For whatever reason, the UCHS is overwhelmed this year by the number of kittens it is taking in, but adoptions are not keeping pace. Last year by the end of July 101 kittens were adopted while this year, with more kittens up for adoption, only 79 have found new homes.

To help with the overflow of felines, the UCHS' Kitten Foster Program is holding a "Kittens Galore" event this Saturday (July 31), from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pet Valu, 235 Guelph St. (beside Dollarama) in Georgetown.

The program takes in abandoned or feral kittens and raises them in foster homes making them wonderful family pets. For the adoption fee (all adoptions are to approved homes) of \$160 the kitten will be spayed or neutered, have its first vaccinations, be treated for parasites and microchipped. Older kittens have age appropriate vaccinations.

According to Johnson, the kittens come from a variety of unfortunate situations: this year five kittens were discovered in a car towed to be crushed, two were found in a taped cardboard box beside a dumpster, one injured mother took her litter to a friendly home. More often they are found under decks, in wood piles or under backyard sheds.

The program is striving to break the reproductive cycle of unwanted kittens and provide affordable pets so all the cats and kittens are spayed or neutered before they are adopted, said Johnson.

For more information, pictures and profiles of the kittens, view [www.UCHSkittens.blogspot.com](http://www.UCHSkittens.blogspot.com)

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### WEB POLL RESULTS

If a provincial election were held today, which party would get your vote?

- Liberals (53%)
- Progressive Conservatives (29%)
  - NDP (5%)
  - Green (6%)
- None of the above (7%)

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## Letters to the editor

### Teen laments lack of fun places

Dear editor,

There's something I don't understand. There are more people in Georgetown, than Acton, yet Acton has an indoor soccer field, stadium seating in the arena and a skate park triple the size of Georgetown's.

I'm a 13-year-old kid and I, and my friends, would like to know why we are put last for the things Georgetown needs. We have plenty of parks and two splash pads but I'm too old for those. If I do go down a slide or run through a splash pad I get yelled at by a mother or grandmother for being too old. So, I ask, where would you like me to go?

My friends and I build jumps in rural areas, not bugging anyone, but then the Town comes along and destroys them. Unless you're part of a family that has money to enrol your growing kids in organized sports, you're forgotten. Nothing is being built for kids 10-18 years old.

Dominion Gardens has stuff to occupy every age but mine. Why can't we put a new skate park there

or somewhere in the heart of town? I'm 13 now but would like something to do before I'm 18 and going to university.

*Bryce Moore, Georgetown  
(and 88 others)*

### Honesty the best policy

Dear editor,

Recently while shopping at the Georgetown Market Place my wife and I found a note posted on our windshield stating that the car had been damaged and to please stop into Vanderburgh's Flowers to speak with the person who inadvertently caused the damage with one of the company vehicles.

When we went into the store we were greeted by a very friendly lady who was extremely apologetic and wanted to ensure that the car was restored to its original condition. Within six days the entire situation was remedied.

I have always been a customer of Vanderburgh's anyway, but this gesture of consideration will only further my commitment as a client to these compassionate people who have proven to me that there are still small town values in our growing community.

I want to thank both Patti and

Rod Vanrys for their honesty and moral conviction to do the right thing—often lost in our society today.

We will remember this considerate gesture the next time we have an order for flowers to be placed, ensuring that we have respectable business owners such as Vanderburgh's to maintain our neighbourly relationships with one another.

*Tony Hayward, Georgetown*

### AHS is eco-friendly

Dear editor,

I'm writing in regards to the July 20 letter from Glen Paton, "Board power-tripping".

I am a custodian at Acton High School. There is a full time cleaning staff that works all year long even if the school is closed to the public.

The A/C that you are talking about is on a timer that turns on at 7 a.m. and shuts off at 4 p.m. Also not all rooms have air conditioning.

The school prides itself on being eco-friendly. We do not appreciate you saying otherwise.

*Stacey Oakley,  
on behalf of the custodians of  
Acton High School*