

GRAPEVINE



Bailiff Warrant issued

If the owners of the Acton New Orleans Pizza franchise do not pay approximately \$3,000 in back rent by the close of business today (Thursday), a bailiff will sell the store's fittings and fixtures to cover what is owed.

Plaza landlord, Effort Trust, had a bailiff issue a Landlord's Distress Warrant on the former restaurant last Friday, giving New Orleans until today to pay up. On Monday, Sterling Bailiff Office manager Norman Kurr, said if the money is not forthcoming, the assets will be appraised and then sold. "It looks like the actual tenant walked away – he ceased operating," Kurr said adding that's probably why Effort Trust issued the Warrant.

Handwritten signs on the door of the Sobeys plaza unit say that New Orleans will re-open January 2. Initially, a spokesperson for New Orleans' parent company, Chairman's Brand Company, said the store would re-open within weeks, but subsequent requests for information were not answered.

Business nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce's annual business awards, which honour the top business, employee, entrepreneur and the "greenest" company in town.

For the entrepreneur award, businesses must have been established for one to three years, with less than 10 staff. The employee of the year is a highly-valued worker who has made a significant impact to their company through exceptional customer service, the "Green" award (formerly the Civic Pride award) recognizes environmental preservation and conservation in the workplace, and the business of the year award honours a company that has made significant social and economic contributions to the community. All nominees must be members in good standing of the Chamber.

Nominations will be accepted until noon on February 3. For details call Sue at 905-877-7119 or e-mail sue@haltonhills-chamber.on.ca

Networking meeting

Back from Africa, Acton's Yvonne Marcil and a slideshow of her humanitarian visit will be featured at the first Acton Women to Women Business Networking Group meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m., at the Re/Max office.

With approximately 40 mem-

bers, the group, now in its ninth year, is designed to help women in business – about half in stores and half home-based – help themselves and each other with promotion, best practices and support. The meetings are free and usually involve good food – this time Frances Milner of *For You Catering* will supply gourmet treats. For details call Heather at 519-853-1023.

New locale for video dance

Party Cinemas will stage its popular teen video dance in the Roxy on Mill Street, beginning tomorrow (Friday). Formerly located in the Town Hall Centre, the monthly youth dances, aimed at seven to 14-year-olds, are fully chaperoned, and are fundraisers for various local groups.

Tomorrow's dance is sponsored by the Acton Tanners Minor Hockey Association, and its members will help chaperone the event in exchange for a portion of the proceeds. After a successful trial run at the Roxy in November, Party Cinemas is making the Roxy its permanent location, using both the upstairs and downstairs areas. The event features a snack bar and the usual poster giveaways. The dance runs from 7 to 10 p.m.

Acton illustrator showcased

The award-winning artwork of Acton illustrator Karen Reczuch is displayed this month in the Mayor's Showcase in the lobby of the Civic Centre. With more than 30 years working as an artist – Reczuch has illustrated 15 books, several which have won prestigious awards, and her latest, *Loon*, which was released in August to great reviews.

Reczuch works in various media, including coloured pencil, oils and watercolour and her subjects include still life, botanicals and portraits. Reczuch worked at the Williams Mill in Glen Williams for 15 years and next month she will return to working at her Acton residence.

Winter carnival

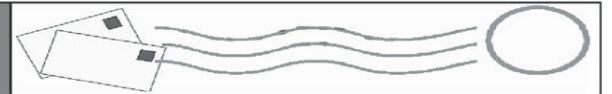
Here's hoping for cold, clear weather with snow for the Acton BIA's (Business Improvement Area) Winter Carnival slated for Sunday, January 29 at Prospect Park. Scheduled events include public skating, horse and wagon rides through the downtown, an obstacle course, snow baseball, snowman building competition, a chili cook-off and Bingo at the Boathouse.

For details visit the BIA website at www.downtownacton.ca



KNOX DAUGHTERS: The new executive of the Daughters of Knox were installed on Sunday by the Reverend Ralph Neil. They include, from left: Joyce Sprowl, Marion Crumplin, Lorna Hodgson, Faye Pink, Mary Finlay and Irene McCowan. – *George Henderson photo*

Letters



RE: Cold comfort for frigid fido

To the Editor,

After reading Mike's (Waugh) letter regarding a neighbour's dog, I understand his anger and frustration, as anyone should be when little or no help is offered, but at the same time I thought he handled the situation at hand very well. Many animal services depend on their everyday citizens to give a helping hand.

Although this is no excuse for the event that occurred, we all

have to be cognizant that our local animal services receive no local, provincial, federal funding. NONE. NONE. NONE.

They run SOLELY on donations. That means me, you, Mike, everyone reading this letter and everyone who isn't. They pay hydro, taxes, rent, maintenance, spay/neuter before adoption (vets do NOT do this for free) etc. They run on a dime. There is little money.

May I repeat, this is no excuse, but I'm not sure the non-response was due to lack of compassion. Local charity services can only reflect how much their community stands behind (or next to) them. Next time we feel charitable, look into our local charity run organizations.

One day you may need them.

*Jane Helie
Acton, ON*

Amazing community contributes to MSB

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the McKenzie-Smith School Council, I would like to publicly thank many local businesses, politicians, families and MSB staff who contributed more than 120 items to our recent silent auction. The businesses who supported our fundraising event can be found on the school website at <http://mck.hdsb.ca/>

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Their generosity, along with the families who bid on these items, allowed the MSB School Council to raise funds for technology, the arts and sports activities for our Kindergarten through Grade eight students.

On behalf of our kids and MSB School Council, we thank these businesses and families

for their support and for making MSB a great place to be. "Together... we are a success story" and the school community appreciates this generous support.

*Sincerely,
Tammy Somerville
MSB Silent Auction Chair
MSB School Council Representative*

A New Year thank you

To the Editor,

I want to thank all the good people who showed up at our Acton Town Hall on New Year's Eve to ring in the New Year. Although that did not happen, everyone was in good spirits. We were disappointed – but shouted Happy New Year

and sang Auld Lang Syne anyway.

Acton has been my home for 66 years, and I would not want to be anywhere else.

I have had a good year thanks to the Rotary Club and those who nominated me.

And thanks to the Heritage

Acton Committee for inviting me to ring in the New Year. Although the bell did not ring, it did not kill the joy of being together.

Have a good year and God bless,

*Dorothy Rognvaldson
Acton, ON*

Thank you volunteers

To the Editor,

The Acton Salvation Army wishes to thank all who supported the 2011 Christmas Campaign, who made it possible for us to assist families during the Christmas season.

Thanks to the many who

stood at the kettle locations, assisted with sorting and moving of toys, and to the Police who were so generous in support of toys for our Hamper Program again this year, as well as delivery of the toys to the distribution

Centre.

So, to all who volunteered or helped in any way we want to say thanks and wish you and yours a Happy New Year. God Bless you all.

*Major Sam Roberts
Acton, ON*