

GRAPEVINE



Heartfelt cards

Want to present your sweetie with a homemade card that speaks from the heart? Sandy Henderson, a sales rep. with “Stampin’ Up” will present a hands-on Valentine’s Day card workshop at the Acton library branch on February 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will design three unique cards. For details, or to register, call 519-853-0301, ext.2550.

Sweets for the Sweetie

Want to show your sweetie how much you care? Take him/her to the Valentine’s Day tea at Trinity United Church on Saturday, February 11. The delectables include sandwiches, wraps, scones, quiches, veggie trays and sweets, along with coffee and tea. There will also be a bake table, aprons for sale, a penny table and cookbooks. The tea/sale runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Milestone donators

For the 125th time on February 9, Acton’s Jim Hunter will give the gift of life. He is one of several milestone donators who have booked appointments at the Canadian Blood Services clinic at the Acton Legion, between 4:30 and 8 p.m. The dutiful donors – there has been a string of milestone donations in the past six months – are an inspiration to the first-timers who want to help save lives. To book an appointment for the clinic call 1-888-236-6283 (1-888-2-DONATE).

Framed thanks

For 19 years, Acton’s Prosperity One has been a proud fundraiser for the Terry Fox Run, support that did not go unnoticed by Acton Run organizer Jon Hurst who also saw that a framed Terry Fox print he’d given to the Acton branch in thanks was looking a little shabby.

Hurst returned a newly framed print – it shows Fox running on his marathon of Hope and with his Order of Canada – to the branch recently, along with two framed certificates with participation seals for each year that the Acton branch has been part of the Terry Fox Run, beginning in 1993. This year the branch raised \$2,735 for the Run

through pledges – three staffers did the 25 laps at Acton High School – and by selling T-shirts.

Hurst said Acton’s Prosperity One is an integral part of the annual campaign and fondly recalled that Terry Fox’s mom, Betty Fox, stopped in at the Acton branch to personally say thank you.

Can your child see?

All Halton Junior Kindergarten students are invited to have their eyesight tested, for free, as part of the Eye See... Eye Learn childhood health program. If glasses are needed, there is no charge.

Children registering for JK this fall may pre-book their eye examinations, which begin after July 1. For a list of local participating optometrists visit EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca

Metis author visits Acton

Best-selling Canadian author and public speaker David Bouchard is the guest speaker at Acton’s Robert Little PS on February 7 as part of the public and Catholic school boards’ joint Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee.

Bouchard, a former teacher and principal, offers inspiration and strategies to address literacy head-on, with the advice to “Let literacy be your legacy.” Bouchard’s visit promotes the Board’s policies for self-identification of Aboriginal students, high expectations for learner achievement, improved EQAO scores and improved retention and graduation rates of Aboriginal students.

The Acton event runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please RSVP to saevils@hdsb.ca or call 905-632-8414, ext. 5687 by February 6.

Job search skills

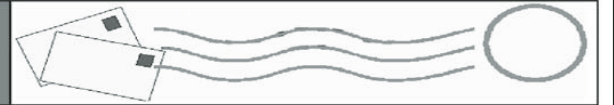
From remarkable resumes to funding for second careers to job search strategies, the Links2Care Employment Resource Centre is offering a busy schedule of free job search help this month.

On February 7, employment specialists will help develop remarkable resumes at 2 p.m., and on February 16, the focus will be on second career funding, including government programs. For details call 519-853-5014.



FAIRY LAKE SCENE: Acton’s Anthony Andrews earned first place in the BIA’s photo contest with his submission Fairy Lake Scene. He posed with his prize-winning picture on Sunday following the judging at the Roxy. – Submitted photo

Letters



Acton - A caring community

Dear Editor,

Acton residents again proved what a caring community we live in as friends shared their “giftedness” for The Community Christmas dinner. The dinner was hosted on Christmas Day at Beth-El Christian Reformed Church, which generously provided the facility in which to have our meal.

There, we enjoyed Gail’s turkeys as well as ham, which was donated by Superior Glove. Coleslaw, Potatoes Romanov, mincemeat tarts and pies were prepared by the Usual Suspects; thank you, Donna, Tammie, Dorothy, Helen and Rosemarie.

We also appreciated the veggies and buns and desserts donated by caring friends. Pauline and Pat did an awesome job in the kitchen making sure everything was under control. Nancy started up a carol sing and was soon joined by Kevin, who later with his sons also provided musical accompaniment during the meal.

We are grateful to all those who helped with the set up, serving, the clean up afterwards and to those who delivered meals to people who could not attend. Thanks also to Real, Jill and Joyce for providing parting gifts for our guests. We also wish

acknowledge the The New Tanner and the local churches for spreading word of our dinner.

Again, it is difficult to name some and not others, always risking missing someone, but the Community Christmas Dinner Committee does appreciate all the kindnesses shown. Together you made a special day even better by reaching out and doing something for someone who might otherwise have spent Christmas Day on their own. Loving your neighbour! Bless you all.

*Christmas Dinner Committee
Acton, ON*

Canvassers needed

Dear Editor,

Unlike other cancer organizations that provide much needed research, Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills, a standalone entity, is a non-profit, registered charity organization that is not funded by the government or any grants. We provide second-to-none practical support services, free of charge to cancer patients and their fam-

ilies living in Halton Hills. This is possible with the help of our generous donors, event planners and our April Residential Campaign.

Now we are turning to you Halton Hills for help. Our April Campaign is our biggest source of income that ensures we can continue providing Halton Hills residents with the vital services they need, so **WE NEED YOU,**

to please give a few hours of your time and volunteer as a canvasser.

Just a few hours of your time during the month of April will make a difference to cancer patients in our community.

Join our team, please call 905-702-8886 today and help make a difference.

*Betty Fendley
Campaign Manager*