

GRAPEVINE



Daffodil days

The universal symbol of the fight against cancer – daffodils – will be on sale in Acton on the last weekend of the month at Sobeys. Bunches of live flowers brought in from B.C. will be offered, along with a daffodil pin, for donations. All proceeds from the sales of the daffodils go to research, to support cancer patients and for early detection and risk reduction programs.

The flowers and pins will be available at Sobeys on March 29, 30 and 31. For details call Cathy at 519-853-1424.

Drop in story times

Looking for stories, music and fun for you and your kids? In Acton, the library will offer several free, 30-minute story times for kids of various ages and their parents/caregivers, beginning April 11 at the Acton Hub, located at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School. At the Hub, the program runs until May 30 on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. For details, call 519-853-0301

or visit www.hhpl.on.ca

New business owners can get expert advice as the Acton library and Halton Small Business Centre present Steps to Success, a series of seminars covering market research, business plan basics, financial statements and marketing. The seminars run each Wednesday at the Acton branch, beginning April 4. Registration in advance is required. For details, including the cost, call 1-866-442-5866.

Golden girl

Congrats to Acton Figure Skating Club member Lindsay Christopher who completed her Gold level dances at the recent Skate Canada test night. Christopher, 14, now has earned three of four Gold level tests categories.

The accomplishment means Christopher will receive the Kim Petty Memorial Award for Gold Test Level award, and an appearance at the club's annual carnival on March 31.



TECH TALK: The free Technology Made Simple seminar at the Acton library on Friday, with instructor Darlene Green, dealt with the ins and outs of Facebook. The April 13 hands-on seminar will focus on Skype. – Ted Tyler photo



Dance coach Brian Worfolk and Lindsay Christopher



March Break fun at the Acton Library



Letters

MSB students find their voices

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to tell you why pollution concerns me. Pollution is an issue that all citizens should be concerned with because it's affecting our wildlife, our natural resources and our atmosphere. In other words, it's affecting our whole world. So we need to cut down on pollution.

Pollution is a series of toxic gases let out into the atmosphere. Pollution is as simple as littering or driving. Pollution is all around us. Pollution is an important issue because pollution is killing our wildlife. For example, I saw a headline in the Toronto Star about polar bears that said "It's not if they're go-

ing to die, it's when." Also, it is leaving us with unhealthy air and water. Have you ever heard of acid rain? It is the pollution in the air mixing with the evaporated water. Also pollution has put a hole in the ozone layer which could lead to having no ozone layer at all. There are however, ways we can cut down on the amount of pollution we produce. First of all you and a friend could ride a bike if your destination is close enough or you could use public transportation like a bus, a train, a subway or an airplane. Another way is to recycle and use food waste properly to cut down on the amount of garbage in our local landfills. You could also

cut back on garbage by using reusable water bottles and reusable containers. Those are just a few of the ways we can help our pollution problem.

I didn't want to take the easy way out of this by just walking away so here are a couple of other things I will do to help with pollution. I will clean the park near my house, at least once a year, and I will take the bus to and from school as often as I can. I hope this letter has inspired you and I can't wait to see what you and other Canadians will do to help.

Sincerely, a concerned environmentalist,
Jessica Pond
Acton, ON

Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Brenden Geim. I'm writing this letter to tell you why I'm against pollution of the Earth. I think that people that pollute our Earth are just causing disaster all around us. I think that we are already too late to save the Earth, but that doesn't mean that we have to continue to pollute it. The Earth can't handle all the junk that we throw away; it all has to end up somewhere. So that is why I am writing this letter to you.

The world can be harsh or deadly to us sometimes. It

sometimes gives us luck and hope, so we shouldn't throw garbage on the ground. We can all be responsible in our own way. Don't just think about yourself. Think about everyone you are threatening when you decide not to use a garbage can. You can be in charge; all it takes is you.

I know you have probably heard the saying "All it takes is you" or, "One person can make a difference." Well they're both really true. It does take only one person to make a difference, and it only takes you to change something in the world. All you

need is courage to stand up and make a difference.

The Earth is a beautiful place. All we have to do is help it out, so all I'm asking is for everyone that reads this letter to throw their garbage in the proper garbage can. If you see a wrapper that didn't get thrown in a garbage can, pick it up and explain to the person what to do next time they have garbage in their hand.

Sincerely,
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