

GRAPEVINE



Hall of Farmers

Congrats to Acton's Kerwin "Geordie" McPhail, one of six inductees to the Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame who will be honoured June 21 at a ceremony at Christ the King high school.

From the ice – McPhail played for the Acton Tanners in the 1950s – to the boardrooms and benches of local hockey – "Geordie" served with the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association, and started the Acton Sabres' junior team in 1972 – his mark on Acton hockey is indelible, and continues each year with the Acton Pee-wee Hockey Tournament which he founded in 1970. He is being inducted as a "Builder."

Acton's Richard Van der Wal will also be inducted to the Hall of Fame as a Builder for his unflagging work with the Acton Soccer Club. He began coaching with the Club in the mid-1970s, and joined the executive in 1979, helping draft a new constitution. He continues to referee games, something he began 30 years ago.

Fellow inductee, Halton Hills Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis, is being honoured as both an Athlete and a Builder. Lewis honed his refereeing skills in Georgetown, and became a NHL ref in 1966 – he was the NHL's director of officiating until he retired in 2000 – he remains referee-in-chief for the Central Ontario Hockey League.

Unique summer job

At risk youth are being offered summer jobs by Halton Police who will hire six youths – 15 to 17 – for its Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) program, designed to strengthen relationships between youth and police, develop a mentor relationship, promote policing as a career, and develop leadership potential.

Halton police define "at risk" youth are those whose background puts them at risk of future offending due to "environmental, social and family conditions that hinder their personal development and successful integration into the economy and society." Visit www.haltonpolice.ca for criteria details.

Mill merchant makeover

There are promises of high end clothes at low prices at Acton's soon-to-open new consignment shop – Ditto's Boutique – in half of the recently renovated

Country Reflections building on Mill Street. The owners, who also run a Ditto's Boutique in Milton, formerly called My Sister's Closet, plan a "soft" opening on Saturday, and a grand opening and re-opening for Country Reflections on May 12.

Elvis gospel

Steve Kabakos – award-winning, world renowned Elvis tribute artist – brings his Elvis Gospel Show to Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday. The Church fundraiser features Milton-born Kabakos and the TVB Ensemble and Memphis Sound. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Call 519-853-2360 for tickets.

Help wanted

Links2Care has a number of volunteer opportunities in Acton, including openings for its Friendly Visiting Program, the Wheels to Meals program and receptionists for weekday afternoons at its 47 Mill St. East office. Interested? Call Patty at 519-873-6502, ex: 26.

Free compost

Some of the 30,500-tonnes of yard waste collected last year and processed into rich compost will be given away by Halton from May 7 to 12 at the Halton Waste Management site on Regional Road 25 in Milton. Last spring, 1,500-tonnes of compost was distributed to Halton residents – most of whom made either a cash donation or a non-perishable food items for Halton's food banks, including Acton's FoodShare. Bring your own bags or containers and a shovel. For details visit www.halton.ca/waste or call 1-866-442-5866.

London lauded

Congrats to former Acton resident Darrelle London who was chosen as the Bell Media Emerging Artist for May. Her song *Fine* is in regular rotation on CHUM's playlist, and her recently released album *Eat a Peach* is selling well at HMV.

Trunk Sale

Acton's favourite spring/summer social/shopping event – the Trunk Sale – opens for its 23rd year on May 19. Organizers recently finalized a deal with the Town to use a portion of the Hide House parking lot on Saturday mornings for the sale which draws an eclectic mix of vendors who pay \$10 to "rent" a spot. In past years Trunk sale proceeds have benefited many Acton groups, clubs and organizations.



LUCKY WINNER: As The New Tanner sales manager Marie Shadbolt (right) looked on, Acton's 2012 Citizen of the Year Julie Conroy drew the lucky ticket that earned Georgetown's Ashley Mancuso two tickets to the Little Caesar and the Consuls concert on Saturday at the Acton Town Hall Centre. – Frances Niblock photo

Letters



Heartfelt thanks for outpouring of support

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the community of Kingham Road and the businesses of Acton who donated gifts and

opened their hearts to our little girl Jade who was hit by a truck on April 12 on Kingham Road.

Thank you everyone for your support and kindness. It was very much appreciated by our

daughter and the whole family. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

The Bell Family
Kevin, Cindy, Tyler, Cody and Jade
Acton, ON

Food Drive a hefty success

To the Editor,

Acton FoodShare would like to thank the community of Acton for its generous donations of food and money during the recent annual Scout/Guide/Calvinist Cadet Food Drive.

We received approximately 5,000 pounds of food and \$500 on the day. This past year we gave out approximately 41,000 pounds of food.

Special thanks go to the

Scouting, Guiding, Bethel Cadets and Gems, parents and leaders for their energy and enthusiasm. Thanks also to food bank volunteers for their preparation in advance of the food drive and on the day of the drive. The collection, sorting and moving of the donated food went very quickly with all the willing hands.

Thanks also to all the volunteers, companies, students

and groups who assisted before, during and after the food drive.

We also appreciate the coverage we received from The New Tanner and the Independent & Free Press.

The shelves are presently quite full and we are better able to assist those who use the food bank.

Arlene Humphreys
Acton FoodShare

CORRECTION: Bonnie Townsley was a model in the recent Acton Senior

Centre fashion show. Her first name was incorrectly reported in a photo outline

in our April 19 issue. The New Tanner regrets the error.