

EDITORIAL

with Traci Gardnert

The end of summer - it's not all bad

Okay, so it does mean the kids are going back to school... but... we all still tend to dread the end of summer. The wonderful days of lounging around the pool, playing at the beach, relaxing at the cottage tragically returns to the reality of shorter days, and the never ending leaves to be raked, and the realization of how quickly time has passed.

As a kid, the opening of the C.N.E. was always a sign that summer is drawing to a close. One last party with friends before the school year began. For adults the sure sign of summer ending is always the back-to-school ads. We already find ourselves in the for back-to-school shopping season. A time to visit the local merchants and stock up on all the school supplies and clothing.

Although we hate to say goodbye to summer, many of us do look forward to heading into the nicest time of year for doing just about anything. The obvious of course is taking scenic drives along the country side to take in the beauty of the leaves as they change colours. Or, the anticipation and planning of that bountiful Thanksgiving feast to enjoy with those you are thankful to have.

It is also a great time of year for enjoying the many things that our community has to offer, such as the annual Acton Fall Fair. This year the fair is running on Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16. The fair is something we all look forward too, getting to see those people you have lost contact with over the summer, the parade, the Miss Acton pageant and all the rides and homecrafts.

So while we are sad to see summer go, fall is always something to look forward to.



DUTIFUL DONORS: While Shelley McRae (right) donated blood for her first time, Brock Wager (left) took to the chair and donated for his 32nd time at the Blood Donor Clinic held last Thursday at the Acton Legion – Ted Tyler photo

Letters

Re: Good Samaritan

Dear editor,

I would like to thank a resident of Rockwood "Ridge."

I am a senior and was caught in the torrential downpour we had last weekend. As I have no car, I use a walker to move around, and to do my shopping. Inside the store I waited for the rain to stop, but it continued to pour!

Finally, I screwed up my courage to ask someone to

drive me home. A sympathetic man agreed. He suggested I wait while he got his vehicle, which was parked at the far end of the lot.

I watched as he ran through the pelting rain.

He returned and helped me most solicitously get into the car with the walker and groceries. He took me home, helped me into my home with my walker and groceries, and went

on his way.

I did find out his name, and I would like to PUBLICLY thank Mr. Millington of the Rockwood Ridge, for your kindness to an old lady in distress.

May God bless you with all good things!

*Sincerely,
Sytske Dreijber
Rockwood, ON*

Looking Back



Ten Years Ago

• Some local politicians were surprised, angry and bewildered by a proposal to remove Acton and Georgetown from the federal Halton riding, and include them in a new Dufferin-Wellington-Halton electoral district.

• With more than \$1-million of Mill Street real estate on the market, the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) hopes the properties will sell soon so there's an influx of new people in the core.

Five Years Ago

• Two batches of mosquitoes – one in Georgetown and one in Milton – tested positive for West Nile Virus, along with a dead crow found in Milton.

• The village of Limehouse celebrated its 150th anniversary with displays, historical presentations, walking tours and guided wagon ride tours.

Angered over missing flowers

Dear Editor:

On August 2, exactly three weeks ago, my great grandmother Pearl Higgins passed away. Tuesday, August 7 was her visitation and Wednesday was her funeral. My family had wreaths made to put on her grave; one saying "Mother," one saying "Nan" and one for the great grandchildren who called her "GiGi."

For the past week, I have

been visiting her grave and leaving roses. This morning when my sister and I left a rose, all the flowers and wreaths had been stolen from her grave and whoever took them left a toonie. As if to think that would pay for the flowers that were taken. I am heart broken that someone would take something off of somebody else's grave. Nobody is really surprised that

it happened, which is even more upsetting. Apparently this happens more often than anyone talks about.

I am hoping that by sending this e-mail that you will put it in the paper and hopefully put an end to people stealing off of gravestones. It is disrespectful and hurtful to the families.

*Thank you,
Emily Pyke*



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