

GRAPEVINE



Comfort Ministry

Thanks to the nimble fingers of several local hand-crafters and members of the Ladies Aid at Knox Presbyterian Church, a soft colourful lap robe or shawl will help warm a cancer patient in the coming months.

Ladies Aid activity conveyor Rena Arbic delivered 14 knitted and crocheted warmers to officials with the Wellington Cancer Society recently – each with a card reading, “May the warmth of this robe or shawl bring you comfort and let you know that others are thinking of you.”

Earlier, Arbic had picked up two large bags of donated wool for the Comfort Ministry project.



Rena Arbic and Lorraine Skarratt

Bridge opening

The Town officially opened the new Maria Street bridge this afternoon with a ceremony at the entrance to the Acton neighbourhood known as The Crescent. John Kwast, the Town’s Manager of Design and Construction said the Mayor was quite pleased to do a formal opening because the project was “kind of unique. . . it was a complete tear-down and rebuild,” Kwast said on Tuesday when he called to confirm The New Tanner’s attendance.

He said the bridge railing was to arrive on Wednesday and would hopefully be complete before Thursday’s ceremony. The bridge replacement cost \$778,347 and was done by Esposito Brothers Construction of Nobleton.

Kwast said the old bridge was not unsafe, but didn’t have a lot of life in it and “ranked high on the complete re-build” list.

‘Surprise’ tree

No word exactly what it looks like, but apparently there is a new type of Christmas tree – a “surprise” – among the 240 trees up for sale, starting this weekend, at the Men of Heritage Acton tree lot in the Hide House parking lot. “They (the supplier) substituted some trees

this year and this new one apparently looks good and has good needle retention,” said Men of Heritage Acton member Jason Ash, adding tree prices begin at \$25 and up this year.

For 15 years, members of the Men of Heritage Acton, including former Kinsmen, have sold Christmas trees, raising approximately \$5,000 each year for community projects, including Heritage Acton. In the past two years, members of the 197 Typhoon Squadron Air Cadets have helped with the sales, and they will also share in the profits.

Weeknights, trees will be on sale from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekends, until they are sold out. Students who need community hours are invited to help and earn their required volunteering time. For details call 519-853-1347.

Deck the Halls

Want to festoon your residence with holiday lights, but can’t do the work, or don’t have the time? A crew of elves from St. Alban the Martyr Anglican church can help.

For an hourly rate of approximately \$25, members of the Church’s Outreach Committee will deck your halls, and then take the decorations down after the holidays.

The service is offered until December 15. For details call 519-853-4425.

Sanction increase

All sports will be “postponed” at Acton High School next week as the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF) ratchets up existing sanctions in its labour dispute with Queen’s park. Along with not attending staff meetings, not filling for absent colleagues and not talking to parents outside class time, additional sanctions could include arriving at school only 15 minutes before class and not taking part in voluntary or extra-curricular activities.

As of December 13, Acton’s Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario members warn of rotating strike action in opposition to the province’s putting Students First Act.

The union said it will give 72 hours notice of any strike action following next Thursday’s deadline.



RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN: The annual Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign is underway for the holiday season. Celebrating the recent kick off were, from left: Reg Marsh - Kettle Coordinator, MPP Ted Arnott, Wellington-Halton Hills, Michael Chong Wellington-Halton Hills MP, and Major Sam Roberts, Pastor/Officer. – Submitted photo

Acton celebrates the holidays

