

# GRAPEVINE

## SOFT OPENING AT LIBRARY

There's been a huge "wow" factor since the new \$13.2-million Georgetown library/cultural centre reopened following major construction last Friday. It was a "soft" opening – no advance publicity or notices – a chance for staff to work out any bugs before the official grand opening on Saturday.

The building is still a work in progress in some places – there's painting to be done and the local history room won't be completed until the end of the month – but there was a steady stream of people through the library doors over the weekend – they checked out 2,000 items – four times the usual number. The grand opening begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday and features a full day of activities.

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Also on Saturday at both library branches, families with young kids are invited to celebrate Family Literacy Day – beginning at 11:30 a.m. – with stories, songs, fun and refreshments.

## REDBOX IN ACTON

Acton now has another source for movie and game rentals – redbox. It literally is a large red box – about the size and shape of a pop machine – that is located in the Shoppers Drug Mart plaza.

Games or movies are \$1.50 per day – credit or debit cards only.



## INSIDER WIN

Acton's Sang Hoon Lee is patiently waiting for an insider win investigation to be completed so he can collect the \$25,000 he won in a Daily Keno draw on November 1. Because Lee works at an Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) retail location, his win is defined as an insider win and requires an independent investigation to confirm its legitimacy. A 30-day waiting period expires February 4, and that's when Lee will receive his prize, if there are no other claimants. He bought the winning ticket at a Fergus variety store.

## HOCKEY HERITAGE AWARDEES

Congrats to rural Acton residents Bill and Pam McGillivray who recently received a Georgetown Hockey Heritage award for their unstinting work to start and develop the Halton Hills Girls' Hockey association – the area's first female hockey youth league in 1997. The league is nicknamed the Twisters. Pam MacGillivray is an employee of Tyler Transport.

## LONDON TAKES STAGE

Former rural Acton resident Darrell London, 27, takes the stage tonight (Thursday) at the River Run Centre in Guelph where she'll perform two sets of her original music and favourite covers. London, whose music gets a lot of play on CBC Radio, MuchMusic, ET Canada, and the soundtrack of the TV show 90210, recently released her third album *Eat a Peach*.

## HUB & GRUB?

Still no word from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario about a liquor licence application for Jonesy's Hub and Grub – a proposed sports bar in the former KFC outlet in the Sobeys plaza.

Landlord Effort Trust said obtaining the liquor licence, applied for in November, was the last step in signing a lease for the space. An AGP official said Monday that processing applications can take three months and involve a non-refundable \$1,050 fee.



**NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERT:** The Toronto Star's National Security reporter, Michelle Shephard, was the guest speaker at the Absolutely Acton Speakers' Series on Sunday at the Acton Town Hall Centre. The award-winning journalist held the large crowd spellbound with terrorism stories from the World's hot spots.  
– Ted Tyler photo

# LETTERS

## Cut fluoride - Cut costs?

Dear Editor,

The budget for Halton keeps going up every year. One thing that could be done is eliminate the total waste of money putting rat poison in the water - a saving of about \$200,000. We would be much healthier without the forced medication. Below is a small part of an article re fluoride sent to council.

Sodium fluoride is commonly

used as a rat poison. Globalists and eugenicists have decided to add it to water supplies with the message to the public that it is good for teeth, despite warnings from the ADA stating that young children risk a disease called dental fluorosis.

Water actually is a battleground between good and evil and we see this in the fluoridation issue. One can-

not understand the universe of water without grappling with poisonous fluoride and its government-mandated entry into public water supplies in the United States, Brazil, and several other countries that have stupidly followed America's lead in water fluoridation

Regards,  
John Shadbolt  
Acton, ON

## Holiday Hamper thanks

Dear Editor,

This past holiday season was made a little brighter for 458 children in Halton Hills, thanks to the many generous donors who provided assistance with the Links2Care Holiday Hamper Program. These children received gifts of new warm winter clothing, often including snow suits and winter boots.

Many lower income families in our community struggle to meet their daily needs and the holiday season can put a great deal of extra pressure on these

families. The Holiday Hamper Program attempts to relieve some of the financial stresses around the holiday season and the families who receive the hampers are so very grateful to have this help, and often comment that they wouldn't have known what they would do if this program didn't exist.

This program involves many hours of preparation and relies on countless hours of volunteer time, as well as the time spent by our wonderful sponsors, who generously shop for

specific children and donate the clothing to our program. Many people also made financial donations and gave gift cards or other gift items.

On behalf of Links2Care, I would like to extend my thanks to all the sponsors, donors, and volunteers who helped to make this program a success this year. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Gerrow  
Community Support  
Program Coordinator

## ABI – Acquired Brain Injury

My name is Kevin Milton age 27, and I have an acquired brain injury as a result of a tumour wrapped around my pituitary gland. The operation was at Sick Children's hospital in Toronto in 1992. I was 7 at the time. However I was left with no short term memory and no function of the pituitary gland and damage to the optic nerve and learning disabilities. I take several synthetic hormone drug treatments and took a growth hormone and boy did it work as I am 6 ft 6 in tall

and take a size 20 shoe. I graduated from secondary school with wonderful help the last two years from my EA and hard work. The last five years I have been at ABI in the adult program in Guelph at St Josephs Health Centre.

This program has given me an outside activity that makes me feel like I have a purpose in life and I have made many friends and also help others. We learn to do crafts and help with other programs. We all share the same problems and I am called the jovi-

al giant.

It is so rewarding for me to learn that a new ABI is opening in Georgetown, Halton Hills. Please attend this wonderful program. The staff is both caring and fully trained to work on individual and group programming for special needs. I can't wait to get my 3 days a week.

Grandson of Don Milton and Dobbie & Pat Frizzell

Regards,  
Kevin Milton  
Arkell, ON