

GRAPEVINE

‘COMFORTABLE, CLEAN & WELCOMING’

That’s the atmosphere Acton’s Denean Jones hopes to create at *Jonesy’s Sports Hub and Grub* in the former KFC at the Sobey’s plaza. She hopes to open mid-March – St. Patrick’s Day, the latest – and has a crew hard at work turning the space into a sports/family/restaurant/bar, licenced for 118 people.

“It will be a real nice community bar where people can meet and greet and have a good time. I’m just a local girl with a dream...” Jones said last week, adding she will offer fresh food, theme nights and specials. An Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario official said Jones’ liquor licence application is under “review.” Jones, confidant she can fulfill all requirements, said she has the liquor licence sticker, ready to put in the window when all is complete.

WILD WEATHER

Town ploughs had to clear standing water from ice-clogged catch basins to prevent widespread flooding in Acton and Georgetown last week after Mother Nature’s wild temperature fluctuations. Mid-week, crews dealt with freak snow squalls and laid down a lot of salt.

SEASON SIX

Season six of Bethel Church talent show kicks off February 17 at 6:30 p.m. with a Living in Celebration event featuring songs, photography, arts and dance – all for a free-will offering.

JERSEY WINNERS

Don and Ida Matthews of Rockwood were award winners at the Jersey Canada

annual meeting in March. Don Matthews was born in Esquesing Township, and following his marriage to Ida Archibald in 1955, farmed on the Fifth Line.

With the addition of three sons, and the need for more land, the farm was sold to the Toronto International Dragway and they moved to Wellington County in 1971. With their Don Clare Jersey herd, they were active in rural organizations, and most notably as Secretary of the Wellington Jersey Club for over twenty years. Son Terry, and his wife Marlene now operate the dairy herd.

VANISHING PENNY

Pennies will disappear within months – and no one will miss them. That’s the prediction of Acton’s Scott Douglas, a coin expert, on the fallout after the Royal Canadian Mint stopped producing the one-cent coins on Monday.

Douglas predicted the penny would disappear quickly, like the Canadian one and two-dollar bills before it.

GLOBE IN ACTON

The best of Broadway’s best will be presented on the Acton Town Hall Centre stage as Georgetown Globe Productions presents *Show Stoppers* a compilation of 32 songs from 32 different Broadway shows.

Globe is looking forward to another show in the “intimate” and gorgeous” Town Hall where a cast of 21 seasoned performers, directed by Acton’s Jennifer Johnson, will perform.

Show Stoppers runs March 1 to 9 at 8 p.m. with matinees. Tickets are available from cast members, at Acton Home Hardware or call 905-877-3700.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Thanks to the generosity of the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation, Acton’s FoodShare food bank received \$1,000 in matching funds last Tuesday. During December, Acton Prosperity One staffers raised \$2,000 in food and cash for the food bank, and this cheque delivered by Prosperity One’s Sam D’Orazio (left) Mike Knight and Mike Shepherd, was gratefully accepted by FoodShare treasurer Carol Clark and Board chair Arlene Humphreys. – Frances Learment photo

LETTERS

Strangers in the night

To the Editor;
On January 31 on Highway 25, just north of 15th Side Road, at around 10:20 p.m., it was snowing so hard you couldn’t see the road and I ended up in the ditch on the opposite side of the road.

Two wonderful people, one from Acton, and one from Georgetown, had stopped to help me, a total stranger. They stayed with me to make sure I was okay and helped me to get the car out. I never found out their names, but I’m sure you’ll know who you are

if you read this. I want to thank you for helping me out. That night showed me there are good people in our community.

Thanks again
Diana Shaw
Acton. ON

‘Epic fail’ for Rock Vegas

To the Editor,
We are a new young couple to the area and saw the Rock Vegas signs around town, but they had no information on them as to what the event was about other than there was going to be \$3,000 in prizes to be won and spin-a-wheel, and for whom would benefit.

When I called the number that was listed to get more information (as there was a picture of Fred Flinstone singing, so was it a casino style night, was it a

singing contest, games night, it said tell family/friends so is it family friendly but advertising selling alcohol) the person did not seem to know how to describe the event. And I’m also confused as to why they were giving out food hampers as prizes when usually those are given to people in need, so does that mean that donations came from the food bank?

I think if they were clearer in what their intentions of the event were in the posters they

would have had a better turn out. Usually a poster has all the needed information about a fundraising event. I think if they had consulted with someone who knows a bit more about fundraising events or checked out others posters and information online they would have had a better turn out.

We did not attend solely because we forgot.

Regards,
Mélissa Bell
Rockwood

Possible school site questioned

Editors note: This letter was sent to Guelph/ Eramosa councillors and was shared with local media.

My name is Allan Hannan, my wife and I live in Rockwood.

We recently moved to the neighbourhood from Acton in early December 2012.

When we were looking for a place to live we decided on Rockwood and we chose this particular area of Rockwood because it is largely comprised of bungalows with 50+ year old residents who are retired or close to retirement. It is quiet. There are very few young families with school age children.

So, I must tell you that it came as a huge surprise to find out that the land owner directly adjacent to my property wants to sever a parcel in order for an elementary

school to be built in an area where there are very few children.

So the plan is to build a school at the end of a dead end street in a community with severely taxed water resources and an aged population with few school age children? How does this make any sense at all? I have little doubt a new school is needed, but this location is not logical and not environmentally sound. Why choose a location where the majority of children will need to be bussed in? Why not build a school in the young community, with many young families, east of Hwy 7? Noble Ridge is a new development and a school should have been incorporated in the plan. Was this not considered?

Should we not have an opportunity to give input on a plan that will severely impact the enjoy-


ment of our property? Not only will we have to live with two years of construction within 30 feet of our house, but we will have to put up with more traffic, school buses, noise, dust, littering, loitering etc. Would you not want to be notified of a new institution being built 30 feet from your house? I only learned about this from a neighbour on Gamble Lane.

Why the rush to push this through without community input? I am sure the need for a new school has existed for several years.

I am requesting that council immediately reverse or at least defer its decision so that the community directly affected can provide input. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Allan Hannan
Rockwood

What’s Your Beef?



Put it in a letter to the Editor!
It’s better than just chewing your cud!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.