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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Snake hunt

■ The hunt for a six foot snake in Cedarvale Park continues. A maintenance worker saw a large 6 ft. snake which may have been a boa constrictor or python on July 22 at Cedarvale Park near the Region of Halton water well. The snake had a 6 in. diameter and police don't know who owns it or where it came from. "It hasn't been spotted since and we're keeping an eye out for it," said Pete Hayes, sub foreman with the Region of Halton. He said the maintenance worker is very sure he saw the snake. The Upper Credit Humane Society is trying to track down a trap for the snake, he said.

Fair hotline

■ A hotline has been set up to find out about the Georgetown Fair on Sept. 6,7,8. By calling 877-7712 people can hear recorded messages about fair dates and admission prices, musical ride information and information about general fair events.

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Photo by Nella Raposo

A future king?

Will Nicholas Versari-Palmieri be the next King Arthur? Nicholas is a member of the Halton Hills Libraries Readers of the Round Table reading club. Readers meet at the Georgetown branch on Thursdays at 2 p.m. or at the Acton branch on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. The clubs run until August 17. There's lots more activities too; check out the library this summer.

Local stores participate in food drive

By LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

Both Acton Food Share and the soon-to-be-opened Georgetown food bank are participating in the province's largest ever food drive.

Area Oshawa Foods grocery stores, including Acton and Halton Hills IGA and Knechtel Georgetown Food Market and Rockwood Food Market, have set up bins in their stores to collect food for local food banks until August 29. Some of the stores collect food for the food banks year-round.

Joan Waldie, an Acton Food Share director, said the hunger in the province is "just terrible."

"In Acton we are lucky," said Waldie. "Many food banks have had to close because they have no food."

Waldie said while the number of supplies are not critical at the Acton food bank, there is a definite need for more food.

In June, Waldie said the food bank served 100 families, 19 of them were single parent families. Waldie said 81 children were fed through the food bank and

2,495 pounds of food were distributed that month. She added that traditionally food bank use is down in the summer due to seasonal work and because families are moving around. Numbers usually rise in the fall, and in the spring there were 30 per cent more people using the food bank than there were last year.



Colleen Brown is attempting to find a home for the Georgetown food bank.

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Colleen Brown, who is attempting to open a new food bank in Georgetown, is already collecting food for what she hopes will be the September opening. Brown said she has enough food to feed about 25 families, however 225 families used to regularly get food at Love In Christ food bank.

Both food banks need non-perishable food items including powdered milk, peanut butter, canned fish, canned fruit and vegetables and pasta.

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