

GRAPEVINE

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play is a program for parents with children age 0-6 years for the opportunity to connect with other families in the community, and to receive support and information around parenting and child development. The program is held at the Acton Hub, located within McKenzie Smith Bennett School. Call Pat for more information 519-853-2574.

BEEF DINNER

Bring the family to Limehouse Memorial Hall tonight (Thursday) November 6 for the annual beef dinner. There will be a sitting at 5 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Call Sandi for tickets 905-877-1704.

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Congratulations to Willow Lane Natural Foods in celebrating 37 years in Acton. Be sure to stop in and celebrate with the anniversary specials being offered.

TALENTS NEEDED

Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh will be holding auditions for their March play "Dead on Nine". There are roles for four males and three females of varying ages from 30's to 50's. Auditions are being held Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m. Call 519-855-4586 or visit centurychurchtheatre.com

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The High school information meeting for parents of grade 8 students to attend High school in grade nine will be held at Acton District High school Thursday, November 27 at 7 p.m. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend in order to learn about the grade nine program. For those planning to attend Georgetown High school, the meeting will take place Wednesday November 26, 6:30 p.m. in Georgetown.

CARRIERS NEEDED

Are you a student needing some extra money? A stay at home mother looking for a little something extra to do? The New Tanner is looking for carriers to deliver the paper on Thursdays. We

have a few routes available to choose from. Contact Marie at The New Tanner for more details 519-853-0051 or email thenewtanner@on.aibn.com

CABERET

Globe productions will be premiering their live rendition of the age old classic "Cabaret" at the John Elliot Theatre in Georgetown from November 21 through November 29. Tickets available at globeproductions.ca

LADIES ONLY

Acton Home Hardware will be hosting their annual ladies Night on Wednesday, November 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first 50 ladies will receive a free gift. There will be prizes, demonstrations and food sampling. Admission is a food item donation to the Acton Food Share.

ACTON CAREGIVER'S CONNECT

Are you a Home Childcare Provider, nanny or Grandparent, caring for children from 0-6 years of age? Acton Caregivers Connect is offered through the Ontario Early Years Centre, Acton Satellite, 85 Wallace Street and provides an opportunity for caregivers to meet from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday, November 13, with the children in their care. Enjoy play-based activities, meet other caregivers and learn about resources and supports in the Acton community. A light breakfast is provided. For more information or to register call Pat at 519-853-2574

A WOMAN WORTH CELEBRATING

Marie Ens, co-founder and advisor to Rescue Ministries in Cambodia is touring Canada, her homeland, in Celebration of her 80th birthday. Marie will be at Roxy Cafe Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m. Where everyone is welcome to come celebrate and hear her speak of her work at Place of Rescue, a village founded in Cambodia for AIDS patients and their families to live, and an orphanage for the children whose parents were lost to AIDS. This is a free event, but donations would be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: Judi Shannon and Liz Bailey displayed a wide array of crafts for sale at the Christmas Bazaar held last Saturday at Trinity Church – Ted Tyler photo

LETTERS



Re: letter from Chris White, October 23 edition

To the Editor

I would like to comment on Mr. White's letter regarding his expense claims. It does not seem to be very proactive to suggest that people can view the expenses by attending the County or Township offices who keep basically nine to five business hours. If people can barely find time to vote, it is doubtful, they can find the time to attend these offices to check out expenses. Nor can any comparisons be done, as in Mr. White's situation, where he sits on both county and Township councils, when you have to go to two different locations and also incur other expenses (parking, gas for example to travel to Guelph). This

situation, could be easily rectified if expense accounts were posted on line, where those interested in such matters could peruse data and perform the desired analysis. Policies and procedures could also be listed as a form of public education for both citizens and prospective candidates at election time. The current situation does not allow this.

Nor is it as easy as Mr. White would indicate. Although expenses are paid for out of your tax dollars, they seem to be well guarded. In my experience, to look at expense accounts, an appointment had to be made with a staff member present - a rather costly requirement. In Guelph, I was advised I

would have to pay a \$50 fee, in order to look at expense accounts and see how my tax dollars were being spent. Incidentally, you might be surprised at what you find.

Expense accounts are deemed to be public knowledge, although, you can also apply under the Freedom of Information Act. Given what seems to be increasing episodes of expense account fraud at all levels of government, a little scrutiny would not hurt. It's all part of that open, transparent and accountable government we keep hearing about but never see and demonstrated proactive leadership we never experience.

Teressa Gibson
Rockwood, Ontario

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KNITTERS NEEDED

What are you doing for the next 3 weeks? How fast can you knit? The Dr. John Dougan Centre for Mental Health Concerns is in need of knitted men's toques and scarf sets, ready to pack, for November 22, in preparation for gift bags for their annual Christmas party. While hand-knitted is wonderful, purchased knitted items would also be very gratefully received. Donations can be

dropped off at the North Halton Mental Health Clinic in the Acton Town Hall, or at the Roxy Cafe at 6 Mill Street East.

For more information on the Christmas party, please visit the website at: www.johndougancentre.ca/

ROAD CLOSURE

On Monday, November 3, at 8 p.m. Trafalgar Road in Halton Hills, between 20 Sideroad and Lindsay Court, will be closed until Tuesday,

November 4, at approximately 2 p.m. The road closure is necessary to allow Goderich-Exeter Railway (GEXR) to perform railway crossing rehabilitation work.

Temporary road closure signage will be posted on Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3), including detour routes. Local access only will be maintained. A map showing the affected roadway and vehicle detour routes can be found at www.halton.ca/construction.