

GRAPEVINE

CURE SEARCH CASH

Congrats to Acton's Yvette Simpson, owner of Silver Creek Spa, and her supporters who helped raise \$1,001 in the recent MS Walk in Milton. This was Simpson's 11th five-kilometre walk, and participating this year was "just okay" although she didn't know why it was tough. "You just never know with this disease," Simpson said, earlier calling Multiple Sclerosis, a central nervous system disease, unpredictable and often debilitating.

Money raised in the May 5 MS Walk will support people with the disease and fund research to find the cause and then a cure.

DUTIFUL DONORS

There were three first-timers, and a 10-timer at the Canadian Blood Services clinic on Monday at the Acton Seniors Centre.

A total of 52 units was collected. The next clinic is June 20 at the Acton Legion from 5 to 8 p.m. To book an appointment call 1-888-236-6283.

GENEALOGICAL HELP

Searching for your roots? A genealogical resource, Ancestry Library Edition, will be showcased at an Acton library branch seminar on Saturday, May 25. Space is limited and registration is required for the 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., event by calling 519-853-0301. For details visit www.hhpl.on.ca

TOURISM PHOTO CONTEST

The photographer who best captures Halton's four-season, endless opportunities for fun, food and fitness will win a \$100 Mapleview Mall gift card in Halton's Spring into Action photo contest.

Photos of favourite spring outdoor activities or locations submitted during May will be judged by Halton Tourism staff on the basis of "originality and seasonality." For contest details call 311 or visit www.halton.ca/tourism

BYE BELLADONNA

There will be "deep sales and specials" until the end of the June when Belladonna marks its one-year anniversary in Acton by closing. In an email to customers and consignors, owner Donna Ladouceur said poor sales, an expiring lease and her "risky upcoming surgery" gave her no choice but to leave Acton.

Consignors have until June 22 to pick up any unsold goods – anything not claimed will be donated to charity.

TRUNK SALE TIME

Saturday marks the kick-off of

an Acton summer weekend tradition – the Acton Trunk Sale in the Hide House/ GO Train parking lot.

With fewer vendors last summer during construction of the GO Train station, organizers said they had less money to donate to local groups which helped run the event. But, they gave a total of \$3,000 – \$1,000 each to the Rotary Club of Acton, to Heritage Acton and to the Midget Acton Minor Hockey team for their help making last year's event a success.

This year, vendors face a 50 per cent increase in the cost to "rent" a spot for the morning, now paying \$15, up from \$10 in past years.

JOB FAIR

Over 1,500 people are expected to apply for 800 full and part-time jobs at the Toronto Premium Outlet mall – so many people that organizers have decided to hold it at the Milton Sports Centre.

Concerns were raised about potential parking and traffic congestion at the suggested location at Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown, and the Gellert Centre is too small, so the event will be held at 605 Santa Maria Boulevard in Milton, Thursday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OUR CANADA WINNERS

Kudos to McKenzie-Smith Bennett school students Quinton Binnell and Reese Halfyard whose projects earned them *Our Canada Awards* at a ceremony Tuesday evening at Halton Region Museum.

Co-hosted by Halton Region Museum and the Halton District School Board, the *Our Canada Awards* – formerly *Visions Canada Awards* – recognize outstanding projects highlighting Canada, its people, history, geography, cultural or society. Approximately 120 Halton students participated in the contest which saw 30 winning entrees honoured.

POPPA'S POSSE

Members of Poppa's Posse – the family and friends of the late Don Lindsay of Acton – will raise more money by again participating in the Acton/Georgetown walk for ALS on Saturday, June 2 in Georgetown.

ALS took Lindsay's life and inspired his loved ones to help raise money to find a cure. In the past three years, the Acton/Georgetown ALS Walk has raised approximately \$520,000.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at Dominion Gardens Park. To participate or donate, contact Mary Jo at mknox2@cogeco.ca



VERY McHAPPY: A record \$12,181 was raised at the Acton and Georgetown McDonald's Restaurants last Wednesday during McHappy Day, benefiting the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. At the Acton location, *The New Tanner* publisher Ted Tyler helped volunteer Lauren Garratt collect donations for pens, pins and McDonald's memorabilia. – Marie Shadbolt photo

LETTERS

A satisfied customer

To the Editor,

Hospitality is a keystone of any successful business, particularly one that chooses to operate in a small town, and especially when the town sits on a major thoroughfare connected to nearby large centres of population. This week my wife and I had the opportunity to have dinner at *Jonesy's Hub and Grub*, Acton's newest sports bar/restaurant. What an enjoyable and delicious evening we had.

Denean Jones, namesake

and owner, greeted us on arrival as she did each customer and showed us to a table. She introduced our server Lucy and left us in her capable care. From the outset, a genuine atmosphere of "joie de vivre" was so apparent among diners and staff alike.

The menu is varied and designed to appeal to a variety of tastes, even the most discriminating diner. Our food was served in a timely manner, tastefully presented and absolutely delicious. The portions were generous and very

well priced. The service was attentive, but never intrusive, and contributed positively to a most enjoyable evening.

If you are looking for a great place to spend a relaxed and pleasant time in an entertaining atmosphere with great food and drink, *Jonesy's* is the spot for you. We are already looking forward to our next visit and plan on working our way through their menu entrée by entrée.

Sincerely,
Peter and Pat O'Meara
Acton, ON

Check ingredients – avoid processed foods

To the Editor,

I wonder why we pay Health Canada to protect our health. Are they doing a good job?

Artificial preservatives are responsible for causing a host of health problems pertaining to respiratory tract, heart, blood and other. Some are very neurotoxic especially

when combined with specific nutrients.

Please look at the ingredient lists before you purchase any processed foods. If you see any of these, don't buy the product. Continue to educate yourself on the influx of new toxins introduced every year. Eventually, if we investigate enough the answers come.

Rule of thumb, if the ingredient list has one chemical or more... it's one too many.

A list of food additives approved by Health Canada is available at <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/index-eng.php>

Regards,
John Shadbolt
Acton, ON