

# GRAPEVINE

## CITIZENS WANTED

Links2 Care is looking for individuals and corporate citizens to sit on a new committee to help raise funds and come up with new ideas to help pay to keep its two cash-strapped youth centres – Off the Wall in Acton and Open Door in Georgetown – open past June 2014. If you want to help contact executive director Sandra Melhuish at [smelhuish@links2care.ca](mailto:smelhuish@links2care.ca)

## CALLING CADETS/GEMS

Interested in joining the Cadets (boys) or Gems (girls) programs this fall at Bethel Christian Reformed Church? Registration for both programs, aimed at seven to 13-year-olds, is Thursday, September 12 at the church.

Both programs involve crafts, badges and learning about Jesus. For more information call the church at 519-853-2121 or visit [www.actonrc.com](http://www.actonrc.com)

## PLOWING MATCH

Furrow straightness and conformity will be judged tomorrow (Friday) at the Limehouse farm of Ted Brown who will host the Halton County Plowing Match – a 130-year-old competition featuring plows pulled by horses, and tractors, including a new classic class with tractors built before 1959.

Prizes include cash and trophies and for some, enough points to advance to the International Plowing Match next month in Mitchell. Local elected officials will compete in a politicians' plow, and officials expect one competitor from England. The public is invited to the free event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 11674 Fifth Line.

## PEDAL POWER

In 114 days, 803 local residents pedaled over 200,000-kilometres – equal to five times around the world – in the Halton Hills Community Cycling Challenge. The event raised \$50,000 for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation from Georgetown Canadian Tire (\$25,000), the Peter Gilgan Foundation (\$20,000) and Paul C. Armstrong (\$5,000) that pledged the money if the goal was reached.

The grants will help pay for a new emergency department

and a CT scanner, meaning residents will not have to leave town for diagnostic imaging.

## GIFTS OF LIFE

Some just keep giving the gift of life. Acton's Al Irwin was one of 58 people who donated blood at last Thursday's Canadian Blood Services clinic at the Acton – he made his 80th donation. Other milestone donations included one person who made their 50th donation, three 10-timers and five who donated blood for the first time.

The next clinic is September 9, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Acton Legion. To book an appointment to donate call 1-888-262-8336.

## MULTIPLE ANNIVERSARIES

With less than a month before the Acton Fall Fair opens, Acton Agricultural Society officials are gearing up to celebrate three milestone anniversaries – the 100th edition of the Fair, the 50th edition of the Miss Acton pageant and the 25th anniversary of Education Day.

The Fair Board is staging several special competitions to mark the centennial anniversary, including a commemorative wall competition that asks entrants to create a piece, suitable for hanging, which incorporates this year's theme: 100 Years – From Rural Roots to New Branches – Maple Trees.

Other special 100th anniversary competitions include a tourtiere cook-off with live judging, a heritage poultry display competition, and in the Roots, Fruits and Vegetables class, a display of three old and new varieties of three different fruits and vegetables.

## MEMORIAL GOLF

Organizers of the annual 3 Musketeers golf tournament on Saturday at Acton Golf Club are pleased that the event is fully booked. They hope to raise approximately \$5,000 – money which will be used to help build an outdoor rink in Acton. As well, half of the proceeds from a putting contest are earmarked for the elevator project at Knox Presbyterian Church to honour the late Ron McKnight who had run the contest in the past.

The tourney kicks off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.



**MUSICAL MIRTH:** Alan the Lion, Brian Morcombe and Melody the Hippo staged an interactive children's performance recently at the Acton library, much to the delight of a large crowd of attentive kids. – Ted Tyler photo

## From the Publisher

I have lived in Acton my entire life. I was born here. My family lives here and the staff of the newspaper are all residents here as well. Our goal since day one for our newspaper was to provide local news for our readers. It is what we want and we think it is what you want as well.

Last week, The New Tanner published a story and accompanying pictures about a resident who was found, drowned in Fairy Lake.

When this story first broke it ran rampant through the town. First there were concerns that foul play may be involved and for safety in our town. However, we soon found out

the death was not a result of foul play, yet people still wanted to know the rest of the story.

Our newspaper covered the story and received information from police, witnesses and from staff at the deceased place of residence. His residence staff provided the "head shot" of him to be included with the story.

The choice of our front page picture has received much attention. As the publisher, I too was disappointed by the choice made knowing that another choice could have been made. However, it is the editor's job to decide what is

put in the paper and where. This was her choice. Editors in any media wrestle with decisions like this on a daily basis. Not all decisions are the right choice. The editor has been reprimanded.

As the publisher, I would like to express my condolences to Robert's family and to APOLOGIZE to any of our reader's that were upset by last week's edition.

Looking to the future we will do our best to improve choices and to give our readers the news coverage they have come to expect.

Ted Tyler,  
Publisher

## LETTERS

### RE: Stray dog will be put down

To the editor,

I was very disturbed to read the article about the dog Jasmine, a Mastiff cross that attacked three volunteers at the Upper Credit Humane Society while being exercised.

From the perspective of a former 15-year dog volunteer and a two year board member I cannot believe that "seasoned" volunteers were playing ball with a stray dog that was in heat, in these high temperatures. Anyone with a basic knowledge of dog behaviour would know

that when a dog is in heat, especially when she is in a stressful situation, which a shelter is, you should just walk her gently for exercise. Some dogs experience pain and their hormones are racing through their bodies and can make them temporarily aggressive if they are exercised at a fast pace. This is not a permanent situation. Did it not seem strange to anyone that after being in the shelter for three to four weeks, the only time she was aggressive was when she was exercised at a fast pace

when she was in heat? Once she was spayed that situation would not have arisen again.

The comment by the Society's Chair, Cathy Slaney about the pit bull scenario I found to be totally inappropriate for a person in her position. A dog, no matter what breed does not suddenly "switch" for no reason, dogs always show you what they are feeling if you take the time to observe them.

Regards,  
Zelda Spreadbury  
Acton, ON