

# GRAPEVINE

## POST NOTE

Heads-up when dealing with mail to rural addresses – after a year of courtesy deliveries, Canada Post now requires use of civic 911 emergency addresses, not Rural Route designations.

Canada Post spokesman Eugene Knapik said civic addresses are “much more accurate and will provide better service” for approximately 2,000 rural customers in this area. He did not know the return rate for R.R. mail in the Acton, Limehouse and Moffat, but said mail without a civic address is returned to sender if possible, or sent to undeliverable mail where attempts to find the civic address would be made so it would be delivered, but with “significant delay” Knapik said.

**Donors wanted**  
Canadian Blood Services officials hope for a large crowd of donors at the September 9 clinic at the Acton arena/community centre, from 4 to 8 p.m. To book an appointment call 1-888-236-6283.

## WELCOME GILWELLS

The Blue Springs Scout reserve west of Acton hosts the 61st annual Gilwell Reunion this weekend – approximately 1,500 highly trained Scouting leaders gathering for what one Gilwellian called a “carnival/group hug fest.”

Alex Tilley – the hat guy – is this year’s guest speaker at the event in a Gilwellian municipality on the Sixth Line, south of Highway 7. The Gilwells elect a mayor, run a fire department, communications centre, kitchen, hospital, welcome wagon and a daily newspaper, the *Log “N” Bead*.

Gilwells are recognized by a necklace with wooden beads, a tradition started when a Zulu warrior in Africa gave a necklace to Scouting founder leader Lord Baden-Powell. He awarded the beads at Scoutmaster training session in Gilwell Park, England, to signify completion of advanced Scout leadership training.

On September 21, Blue Springs hosts a Frisbee golf tournament, which includes an archery contest, obstacle course, hikes and

environmental projects. For details visit <http://www.bluesprings-scout-reserve.ca> or [mburke\\_57@hotmail.com](mailto:mburke_57@hotmail.com)

## ENERGY OPINIONS SOUGHT

The Town wants ideas to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in Halton Hills. It asks residents to help develop a strategic Mayor’s Community Energy Plan by completing a survey found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/HHEnergyPlan](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HHEnergyPlan)

## CORN AND BIDS

A barbecue featuring locally-grown corn, and a silent auction, will be held at Limehouse Memorial Hall on September 14, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Proceeds are earmarked for Hall projects.

## ‘SILENCE HURTS’

Halton will mark World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10 with presentations to target groups across the Region – a similar event is slated for Georgetown High School on October 8 – with the message from the Halton Suicide Prevention Coalition that “Silence Hurts. For details visit [www.suicideprevention-halton.ca](http://www.suicideprevention-halton.ca)

## ORDER OF NIAGARA

Congratulations to Acton’s Rosemarie and Peter Robart-Morgan, members of St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church who each will receive the Order of Niagara at a November 24 ceremony in Hamilton. The couple received a standing ovation from their fellow congregates when the honours were announced at a recent Sunday service.

The Order of Niagara was created by Bishop Ralph Spence for the laity of the Diocese of Niagara. All licensed clergy are invited to nominate one person from each parish to mark significant contributions. The Reverend Brian Galligan said an exception was made in nominating the Robart-Morgan’s because both are “amazing volunteers...a wonderful couple who don’t have to be asked,” to help in the community, in the church and worldwide.



**COMMUNITY FEAST:** Ballinafad United Church volunteers Derrick Flannigan (left) and Dave Shortt did grill duty at the Ballinafad Community Hall on Saturday as they helped feed barbecued pork chops to a crowd of approximately 250 people. – Ted Tyler photo

# LETTERS

## Cycling thanks

To the Editor

Thank you to *The New Tanner* for your excellent coverage of the recent Acton MS Bike Tour, and specifically of the Staying Alive Fitness Team that I have had the privilege to captain for the past 4 years.

We were pleased to receive the award for again

being the largest team. This is a great event to host in our community and an important cause to support. Along with Staying Alive Fitness as our title sponsor, we would like to thank other businesses in Acton who sponsored our bikers: Home Hardware, Optometrist Dr. John Pond,

Dr. Peter “The Dentist” Lemiski, and Chiropractor Dr. Dave DeMelo of DeMelo Wellness Centre. Thank you also to family, friends, and coworkers for your support of riders on the team.

Sincerely,  
Ray Vander Kooij  
Acton, ON

## Repave now?

Dear Editor,

I am forever in wonder at how little thought some people put into their jobs. In this case I am speaking to the brilliant minds that thought it would be a good idea to tear up the north parking lot at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School on the Friday preceding the Labour Day weekend.

We’ve had how many days since the last day of school in June, and now is the time to tear up and repave this

parking lot? Today was the first day of school and while I was at work and didn’t get to witness the madness on Acton Boulevard this morning as some children returned to school and young parents attempted to find a place to park while they accompanied their kids to school for their first day ever, I can only just imagine. Perhaps the larger question might be why this parking lot needed to be torn up in the first place. Repairs

were being made in the summer to this lot so it was a big surprise to see everything being torn up again. We have school-boards crying poor about not having enough for textbooks but feel necessity to poorly execute a poorly thought out plan and tear up a parking lot on the first day of school. Greater minds than mine at work I suppose.

Regards,  
Laurence Lafrance  
Acton, ON

**CORRECTION:** Acton’s Kailey Donaldson is an eloquent writer and speaker and errors in comments attributed to her in last week’s issue were those of *The New Tanner*, which apologies.