

# EDITORIAL

## Just enjoy the summer

We have made it to the mid-point of the two best summer months, through the heat wave and now head into the August long weekend. Come fall there will be plenty to do with school days starting, cottage closings, shuttling kids to sports and other evening programs, and the inevitable wind up to Christmas.

Some, like our editor this week, have managed a couple of weeks reprieve from the work-a-day routine to leave town and enjoy the summer weather elsewhere. We hope she is enjoying every minute of it.

It's good to relax. It helps rejuvenate the soul and body and prepares us for the busy fall ahead. It's a chance to erase the old and start fresh for the coming year.

This long-weekend (Monday is the civic holiday) take the time to just kick back and enjoy.

Drive safe. Slow down. Smell the roses, as they say.

Just enjoy.

*Ken Baker - Composer - The New Tanner*

## Looking Back



### Ten Years Ago

- Acton spruces up its gardens and green spaces in readiness for the Communities in Bloom judges who will visit Town for the annual beautification contest.

- Still no word what caused 11 children, a staff leader and to volunteers from the Town's musical theatre camp to be sent to hospital after complaining they felt sick.

- Fourteen members of 1st Acton Scouting attended the 10th annual Canadian Jamboree, joining 15,000 other Scouts in Prince Edward Island for the largest Scout camp ever in Canada.

### Five Years Ago

- For local corn and soya bean farmers, the recent precipitation was "million dollar rain," but more rain could be bad news for wheat farmers.

- A freak accident on the gravel driveway of a Fourth Line, Eramosa home killed 16-year-old Jackie Klooster after she lost control of her car. Eight other local teens in the car were treated and released from hospital.

- A vivid imagination and fine eye for details earned Acton artist Lar DeSousa an Aurora award at the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Awards.



**DO GOOD FOR DR. DOUGAN:** (Left to Right) Lois Van Volkenburg, Betty-Jo James, Etienne Wenger, and Heidi Wenger picked up some interesting items at the Garage Sale to support the Dr. John Dougan Centre last weekend. The centre supports clients with mental illness and their families in Halton Region. - Ted Tyler photo

## Pickers and choosers

If the heat last week didn't remind you that it was summer, the television viewing choices sure do.

When I was 'younger', I had no problem finding endless shows to watch winter, summer, day or night. Now it seems there is nothing on. Granted, we still watch "Corrie" and of course there are the endless cooking shows on the Food Network I always seem able to watch however, apart from those and the news, there isn't much of interest.

We have taken to watching the storage container auction shows and the 'picker' T.V. shows and for the fun of it we will watch some of the pawn shop shows. For those who don't know, the storage container shows are those storage rental buildings where you rent a spot. When a container is claimed for unpaid storage, the contents go up for auction to put towards the amount owing.

The picker shows are two shows. One is Canadian and one is American. The shows are not related but are the same concept. Two guys going around to auctions and people's homes to pick through older or unique items then buy them for a low price and re-sell them for profit.

The pawn shop shows are reality type shows that follow pawn shops on how they assess items



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and how they decide what the item will be worth to sell for the pawning person or to pawn.

I'm not big on antiques or collectables. I do have a few collectables such as my own personal collection of "Little People" toys and Weebles. They aren't worth anything except to me because I played with them and they show it. I think the only reason I kept my Weebles is because "Weebles wobble but they don't fall down" - as the jingle went.

The Dude however is a guy who does like looking at antiques and collectables, which totally surprises me as the only thing he wouldn't sell, if he could make a buck or two, are the kids and the dogs. I think we started watching these shows because he likes to find out what things are worth and some of it is interesting.

I like watching the pawn shop show from Detroit. It has quite colourful clients. We went to the Las Vegas pawn shop when we were there last year. That was a disappointment. It was small and full of other people like us... people who watch the show and

want to see the store.

I don't mind watching some of the other shows like the American Pickers show however; the Canadian Pickers for some reason truly annoy me. The more I watch their show, the more I find a reason not to watch it, even if it's housework. I'm not sure if it is the one guy's long white hair (which by the way keeps me busy trying to remember the name of the Canadian country music guy who looks like him) or how they both wear these plaid shirts, cowboy hats and one guy wears a fringe jacket. It's just so cliché cowboy.

Funny enough, the Dude and Dude Sr. were at an auction about a month ago and the Canadian Pickers were there. Dude Sr. ended up chatting with them for an hour or so during the auction as they were standing beside one another.

Again, not a fan of them, yet, the family brush with Canadian fame was interesting. Then you realize famous people are just like the rest of us, even cliché cowboys. Apparently the one picker has quite the 'potty' mouth, which they don't show on T.V. In the end that knowledge just gave me another reason to find them annoying.

Time to go back to the Detroit pawn shop show.



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