

GRAPEVINE



Life savers

An Acton man celebrating his 75th blood donation was one of the 65 dutiful donors who attended the Canadian Blood Services clinic last Thursday in Acton, where 57 units of blood were collected.

Stan Slater began giving the gift of life in 1980 and donating has become a family tradition – his daughter Lily, who donated blood for the first time several months when she became eligible.

The next Acton clinic is September 9, from 3:30 to 8 p.m., at the arena/community centre. While walk-ins are welcome, it'd best to book an appointment by calling 1-800-236-6283.

Salon relocates

Renovations are underway to transform a former Mill Street thrift store into the new home of Acton's Super Cuts For All, located for the past 22 years at 43 Mill Street West. Salon owner Michelle Hobson said her desire to own her own building, and issues with a new landlord prompted her – with her brother Michel Hobson – to buy the former Salvation Army thrift store and relocate, hopefully by October 1.

Along with doubling her staff by hiring two additional hair stylists, Hobson is busy choosing a colour for the exterior stucco on her new building, and ordering new hair dressing equipment for the new salon which will feature hardwood floors and a stone feature wall.

Church changes

Members of the congregation of Acton Baptist Church are handling Sunday services until a new minister is found. Pastor John Bell has retired. At Knox Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Ralph Neil, a retired Guelph minister, is at the pulpit for the next year on an interim basis as the congregation looks for a replacement for Reverend Pieter van Hartin who retired in January and moved to London.

Beach update

Once again, high levels of bacteria made the water at Fairy Lake's Old Beach unsafe for swimming or water play. Results of the weekly testing by the Halton Health Department are posted at 1-866-443-5866 – during business hours ask for beach information, after-hours press "0" for health information.

Carere kicks

Acton's Christina Carere and the Acton Villa Soccer Club's women's 35-plus team faces the Rexdale Reunited Elites in the Ontario Cup Masters-Classics soccer semi-finals on Sunday at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

Carere, Director of Coaching for Acton Villa, and the Acton Classics face the reign-

ing Rexdale United Elites in the Ontario Soccer Association's Women's Classics Division. Acton earned its way to the finals with a shoot out win over Oak Ridges last month.

The winner of Sunday's match advances to the championship on September 17 in Vaughn, and that winner proceeds to the Canadian championships in B.C. next month.

Memorial Golf

There are still a few spots open in the ninth annual Three Musketeers golf tournament on Saturday at Acton Golf Club on Dublin Line North. The event commemorates three Acton teens – Rory Dick, Mark Everson and Travis Toth – who were killed in a car/train accident south of Acton in 2000.

Since their untimely deaths, their loved ones and friends have raised money in their names with the tourney – they donated \$30,000 to the Acton skate park named in the teens' honour, and have already raised \$12,000 towards an out-door hockey pad, likely to be built at the Town's or McKenzie-Smith Bennett School property.

The event includes golf, a steak lunch, prizes for all, raffles and lots of fun. Want to play? Call Kathy at 519-863-2151 or e-mail reverson@cogeco.ca

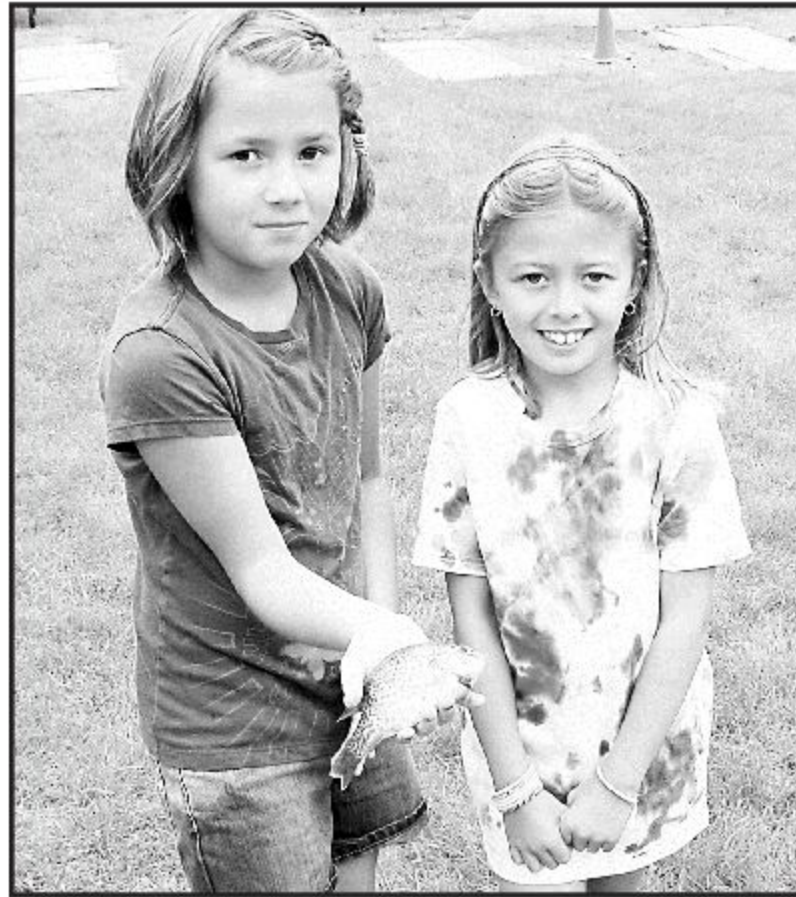
Miss Congeniality

Congrats to Miss Acton Robin Dercatch who was named Miss Congeniality at the CNE Ambassadors of the Fair competition on Sunday. Finalists from across Ontario showcased their poise, self-confidence and knowledge of Canadian agriculture at the competition.

Dercatch hands over her crown at the Miss Acton pageant at the Acton Fall Fair on September 16.

There's still time to enter the Acton Agricultural Society's Window Display contest that invites merchants and building owners in Acton to decorate their store windows – entrants must include the name and dates of the Fair, the theme – this year it's "The Fruits of our Labours," and a selection of Ontario fruits or related items.

Acton Agricultural Society members will judge the window displays on September 12, and the prizes will be awarded the next day. First prize is five one-day passes for two to the Fair; second place is three one-day passes and third prize is one one-day pass. All winners will also receive a rosette and a commemorative certificate during the open ceremonies of the Fair on September 16. Deadline for entry is tomorrow (Friday.) Call Fran at 519-853-4985 for details or to



YOU HOLD IT

Hannah Duerden (right) caught this fish, but her friend, Elissa Munday was the only one brave enough to hold it during the fourth annual Gary Munday Memorial Fishing Derby at the Acton Legion on Sunday.

– Ted Tyler photo

Letters



Johnson inherits Liberal record – Reader says

To the editor,

In response to Moya Johnson's comment, "I lived through the Harris years as a health care provider and saw the cutbacks." Here we go folks, she's barely sworn in as a candidate and she's already evoking "the Boogeyman." Wow, how clever. Let's be clear, the cuts Harris made were a direct result of the cuts Paul Martin, as Federal Finance Minister for the Liberals, made at that time. Yet Liberals try to rewrite history by remembering Paul Martin as "the Deficit Slayer" and Mike Harris as the aforementioned "Boogeyman."

Then she continues, "noting that since the Liberal party has been in office (with regards to health care)," hmm she neglected to mention the Health Tax, oops, er...Premium they implemented? One of Dalton McGuinty's promises was "he wouldn't lower taxes, but he wouldn't raise them either." He also publicly signed a pledge to the Taxpayers Federation not to raise taxes. Then shortly after being elected, the Liberals delisted a whole bunch of health services the former government provided. So now we pay more (taxes), and get less. That's an improvement? Shortly after that it was discovered the McGuinty Liberals squandered

\$1-billion on eHealth. A billion dollars, that's a lot of potential healthcare...wasted.

Also I don't know if you'd remember the letters to this, and other local papers in past months from frustrated residents with regards to the crowding/over use of "outside" residents coming to the Georgetown Hospital. Here's the skinny; Brampton opened a new hospital in 2007 and the Peel hospital was closed. At that time McGuinty promised to reopen Peel, but then did an about-face and said he would not re-open it. Hmm, McGuinty breaking another promise, no surprise there. All I could find (via the internet) is, it's under renovation?

As of late, the once powerful engine of the country, Ontario, is now a have-not province. We now have a record deficit, a deficit even bigger than one left by Bob Rae's NDP!

Does the HST ring a bell?

By Mrs. Johnson's own comments, she demonstrates she is either naive or disingenuous. Either way, sounds like she'll fit right in with the McGuinty Liberals.

Eric Boles
Acton, ON

No one has bothered

Dear Editor,

Re: Reader says residents will tell a different story.

I was happy to see something finally written about the construction work being done on Doctor Moore Court. However, it should be noted that although initial queries regarding the work were responded to, complaints made both verbally and electronically have never been addressed. My husband and I have made various complaints and voiced our concerns regarding the damage being done to our property and our cars but those messages seem to have been ignored or lost by various officials. The writer only stated some of the concerns that they have; however, I can confirm that we have incurred damage to our vehicles

and our house during this work to which no one seems to want to accept responsibility. This is primarily because our house is directly on Doctor Moore in the middle of the construction. We have not even been able to open our windows due to the amount of dirt coming into our house and ultimately covering our house externally. Our cars have suffered tire and stone damage from the various phases of construction and we have not been able to use either our porch or deck for the full period to date. All of these concerns and the associated costs have been clearly communicated but not responded to. Perhaps that is the reason why, as stated, there have been no residents to "deal with" – no one has bothered!

Shelly Mycan, Acton, ON