

GRAPEVINE



Give the Gift

Canadian Blood Services will host a blood donor clinic on October 20, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., at the Acton Legion on Wright Avenue. To book an appointment to donate blood call 1-888-236-6283.

Derby winners

A pink painted car – in honour of the fight against breast cancer – won best-of-show in the Erin Fall Fair demolition derby on Sunday. The paint job and breast cancer theme was a surprise to the Acton Motors co-op student who was behind the wheel.

Tech talk

Want to learn how to use an eReader, iPad or laptop?

Do you have questions about new technologies? Check out the Technology Made Simple seminar at the Acton library tomorrow (Friday)

The library has launched a One Book, One Halton Hills program, designed to encourage everyone in Halton Hills to read the same book – like members of one big book club. This year's chosen title is *Midnight at the Dragon Café*, written by former Acton resident Judy Fong bates.

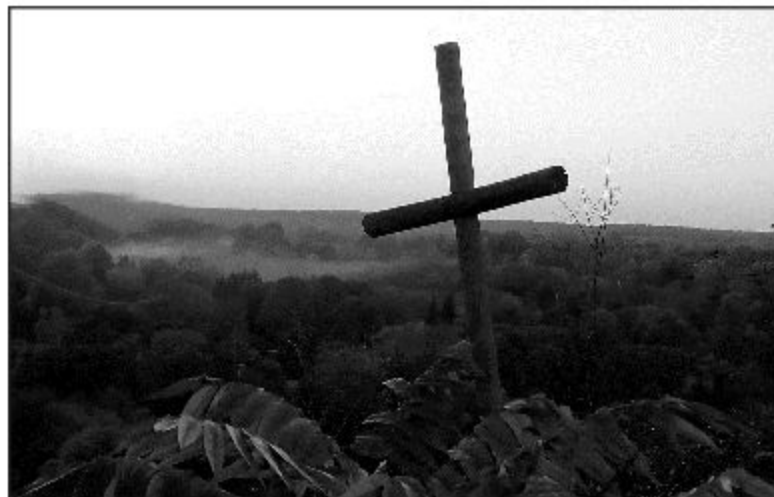
Copies are available at both branches of the library, and you can download a e-copy to your e-reader by visiting www.downloadcentre.library.on.ca



LATE BLOOMERS: The recent warm weather has allowed a longer blooming time for these beautiful roses - *Traci Gardner Photo*



FAIRY LAKE BLESSING: *Peter Adema photo*



QUIET SOLITUDE: The setting sun cast a red glow over the Credit River valley in Glen Williams on Thanksgiving. - *Frances Niblock photo*



SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Helmut and Ann Loewen helped serve a crowd of hungry people at the recent Country Breakfast hosted by Rockwood United Church. - *Ted Tyler photo*

Whats in a name?

Last month I heard some rumblings about a Toronto radio announcer or dee-jay who was from Acton. I had heard the name a few times here and there but never paid much attention. And then I heard he had some ongoing rant about trying to get a street named after him in our town.

At the time I thought this is ridiculous. Surely, the Town of Halton Hills wouldn't jump on the band wagon. I couldn't imagine them doing this. After all street naming in the town has a protocol. In my searches on the Town website, I found one interesting bit of information. In Georgetown, there are streets named after famous Canadian authors, Margaret Atwood and Pierre Breton for example. What I read on the website was when naming a road after an individual; you couldn't use their whole name. Therefore the streets became Atwood Avenue and Berton Boulevard. We have the same thing in Acton. We have several streets named after important people to the town, including former mayors and Beardmore Crescent named after the Beardmore family and business.

For me, names of streets and roads are important. Maybe there are people in town, who don't know about the significance of some street names, but I do, and I have had conversation with several



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people about some of them.

Then I found out that this guy, who started getting a street named after him as a joke, actually succeeded. He was getting a "street" named after him.

On Fall Fair Saturday at the same time as the parade was to start, a small crowd gathered at Tim Hortons, along with the Mayor to have the official street naming of the "alley" behind that commercial row and the houses to the south.

A few things irritated me about all this. First, I am told that the Mayor was a "guest" on the Toronto radio station and they called him on many occasions following the initial joke and the actual event. Apparently, the Mayor has estimated the dollar value of promotion to Acton and the Town of Halton Hills as significant. I am still not sure how publicity on a hit music radio station that I believe is geared towards a younger listener can truly benefit the Town. I know some people believe that any press is good press however, I can't see some 15 year old in North York listening to the station and the

Mayor then asking his parents to take him to Acton.

The next thing that irritated me about this event was the Fall Fair parade was delayed for this stunt because the Mayor was a part of both things. I personally think if the Mayor agreed to the parade as he always does, then his priorities should have been to that first and this stunt second.

The street or alley or road or whatever you want to call it was given an official street sign. On the Saturday it occurred there was also a Town truck on sight. So we the tax payers had to get the sign, pay workers to dig the hole and show up on a Saturday with a work's truck. Please note the official street sign has the dee-jay's first and last name unlike any other street in the Town that I am aware of. I wonder if council approved this or was it just one of those things that somehow get done.

So now we have a former alley with an official street name sign. Does this mean the road will get paved and snow ploughed? Does this mean if any former resident who barks loud enough publicly will get a street named after them? I'm sure this dee-jay is a great guy and has a wonderful radio show however, I firmly believe this stunt should not have been reinforced by actually turning what started out as a joke into an actual event.