

## The way we were



## A hero's welcome

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11, respect was paid a century ago to soldiers serving during the First World War. In this photo from 1915, crowds gathered in the Georgetown Fairgrounds to welcome home Colonel James Ballantine after he was injured.

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## From our readers

## IT'S A DIRTY JOB, BUT...



Recently two trainers and some members from the Bao Institute formed a team to participate in the Tough Mudder competition held at Mount St. Louis Moonstone. The Tough Mudder course traditionally takes participants on a 10-mile course. Obstacles set throughout the course feature mud, water, electric shocks, barbed wire and other challenges. The events were originally designed by British Special Forces. Taking part for Bao were, from left, Tyler Treliving, Shawn Harding, Reid Parker, Tara Gault, Donna Muoio, Lina Williams and Paul D'Entremont. Submitted photo

Got a photo you want to share? Email: [jmcghie@theifp.ca](mailto:jmcghie@theifp.ca).

## Join in a local Remembrance Day service

Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held at cenotaphs across our great nation on the weekend of November 10-11.

It is a time to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice of more than 110,000 Canadians who valiantly served our country in both world wars, the Korean War, Kosovo and most recently, Afghanistan.

As Canadians we must never take for granted our current way of life; our freedom to express ourselves to participate in cultural and political events. We must remember, if we do not remember, the sacrifice of thousands of Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for our country. If you know a war veteran, take time to say thank you and please remember to wear a poppy.

Join one of the following Remembrance Day ceremonies being held in Halton Hills:

- Saturday, November 9— Acton Legion— 10:30 a.m. at the Acton Cenotaph
- Sunday, November 10— Georgetown— 3 p.m. at Remembrance Park
- Sunday, November 10— Georgetown— 12:30 p.m. at Glen Williams Cenotaph

For many years the historic building located at 118 Mill Street in Downtown Georgetown was, to say the least, an eyesore.

In spite of the Town intervening to try to get the owner to restore

it, the building sat partially rebuilt and in poor condition.

The new owner, Fabio Serfilippe, assumed ownership of the building just over one year ago and through hard work and a major investment has restored the building to its former glory. The building is now the new home to White Rabbit Books owned by Tom Konyndyk, The Sewing Café operated by Linda Pidzamecky and Anna Barkhouse and the Gardenia Flower shop owned by Dini Lamers, the latter of which will open shortly.



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In addition to the main floor retail businesses there are two large offices available on the second floor.

Speaking of renovations, congratulations to Nancy Wilkes for purchasing the old Baptist Church in Acton. This is now the new home of Acton Optical.

- Congratulations to:
- The Glen Fitness Studio on its grand opening.
  - Bao Institute on the occasion of its grand re-opening.
  - The Rotary Club of Acton on its 65th anniversary.

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