

GRAPE VINE

Lottery luck

Congratulations to Acton's Sandy and Alice Sutherland who picked up a \$74,047 cheque from Lotto 649 last Monday.

The couple plan to pay off some bills and may even put a down payment on a new home with the windfall.

Sandy, who bought the \$5 winning ticket in Guelph, says he "freaked out" when he realized he had won.

"I had five of the six winning numbers and the bonus number so I knew I had won something, but I didn't know how much until I called the lottery office."

Sandy, who had never won more than \$10 on a lottery ticket, says he will continue with his usual routine of buying one ticket each week.

Consignment to open

Acton's new clothing consignment store opens Friday, March 5 on Mill Street.

Gillian's Loft will feature good quality used women's and children's clothing.

Owner Janice Berry says she will either price the clothing herself or book an appointment for anyone who wants to have a say in what price is put on their clothing.

Berry is now taking bookings so if you want to turn your cast-offs into cash, call 873-6201 for an appointment.

Willow Lane changes hands

As of Monday, Willow Lane Natural Foods, on Willow Street South, will have new owners.

Former long-time customer Annie Kerkof is now on the other side of the counter serving customers.

Kerkof, and husband Harry bought the business from Marj and Vince Thornton who are moving to Warton.

Annie Kerkof says she doesn't plan to make any changes to the business and hopes that loyal customers will be patient with her as she learns the ropes.

Name change

A change in name means good deals for customers of the former Royal Mini Mart in the Glenlea plaza on Queen Street.

The new name, Royal Jug City, means the Knechtel chain is now supplying goods to the store, at a better price.

Owner Rafi Calcuttawala says the new affiliation will also mean a wider range of products in the store, including a full line of bakery items and some vegetables.

Weather watchers

Kudos to regional staff at the Georgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant who, for 30 years, have supplied Environment Canada with weather information.

Operations supervisor Ted Curtis, of Acton, received a plaque on behalf of the facility's five staffers on Monday.

Curtis says staff voluntarily collect temperature and rainfall stats for Environment Canada which collates the information on a monthly basis.



KICKOFF FEVER: The Get Growing (marketing) club of the Halton 4-H organization are busy readying themselves for the Halton 4-H Kickoff Night set for March 25 at 7:30pm at Thompson arena in Milton. The special night is to gain 4-H involvement in the region and sign up for the numerous summer clubs. Shown here, analyzing the kickoff night poster, are front row, left to right, Linda Lasby, Patty Lasby, Jennifer Livock and Lisa Walsma. Back row, left to right, Ryan McDonald and Tyler Brander. Missing: Cathy Lasby and Sandie Brander. (Doug Harrison photo)

Local 4-H club wants you!

BY DOUG HARRISON

If you like animals, are between the ages of 10 and 21 and would like to make more friends, the Halton 4-H agricultural group is your calling card.

And the Halton 4-H (Head, Heart, Hands and Health) Kick-Off Night, slated for March 25 in the Lions Hall at Milton's Thompson arena, is a great time to come out and meet current members of the organization and maybe even sign up.

"It's an opportunity to organize clubs, gain involvement in the region and sign up for summer clubs," Acton resident Lisa Walsma, 19, said during a local 4-H Get Growing (marketing) club meeting last Wednesday.

"We want to get the younger people involved — new blood," added nine-year member Jennifer Livock. "Members will learn about themselves and their abilities while also learning new skills and meeting new people. That's what's important — meeting new people."

There are a minimum of six members required in each of the following clubs: beef, dairy, horse, sheep, swine, rabbit, veterinary, judging, farm machinery, get growing (marketing), field crops, maple syrup, sewing and an outdoors club — Walk on the Wild Side. Sewing starts before the kick-off, while the cooking club, Good Foods Fast, begins in the fall.

Animal Friends and Explore 4-H are two clubs that Walsma and Livock feel and hope will attract a glut of attention from the younger folk.

"Animal Focus will focus on pets that people have at home — dogs, cats, hamsters and birds," explained Livock, adding "in Explore 4-H, you learn about feeding, growing and the caring involved with a pet."

If it's not your love of animals that lures you to joining 4-H, a little incentive doesn't hurt, either. After completing six projects in any one of the clubs, you receive a pin. After 12, a pen set. A

travel alarm clock is yours after completion of 18 projects and a Peter Schneider print is the top gift for 24.

"It's (the organization's) way to recognize the people who have stuck with it," said Livock, who added Halton 4-H will be working an exchange program in the not-to-distant future with another 4-H group in western Canada. "As a member, you can also apply for regional, provincial and national travel scholarship awards."

As well, Halton 4-H will soon be participating in the provincial Go for Gold competition. It's patted after the trivia game show Reach for the Top. Members from each club will be asked agricultural food questions and will have the opportunity to advance to the county and regional finals before

the chance to attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for the championship.

"4-H is good hands-on work," Livock enthused. "You become more self-confident and you realize you can do things you didn't think were possible. Also, you learn to express yourself better."

All of the marketing club members are dedicated individuals, having learned immensely from their club leaders and bettering themselves in the process.

"All our lives have changed for the better because of 4-H," admitted Livock, 21. "All of us (all but one ranging from age 19 to 21) have been involved since we were 12-years-old."

"Most of the leaders in Halton have been members. Once 4-H is in (your blood), it's there for good."

in Halton Hills would you like to bury incinerator ash? Incidentally, the Provincial Ministry of Energy is looking for large aquifers suitable for incinerator coolant systems ... could the Acton Quarry fit the bill?

For all of you, particularly councillors Al Cook, Marilyn Sergeantson, Gerald Rennie, Pam Johnston and Rick Bonnette, let me state very clearly ... we will not drink or breath anyone's garbage.

I request that council reverse its endorsement of the policy position regarding waste incineration as circulated by Metro councillor Anne Johnston.

Rita Landry, president, I.C.E.

LETTERS

Garbage incineration

(The following text is taken from a recent letter written by Acton's Rita Landry, president of the group Incineration Counteracts the Environment, and sent to Mayor Russell Miller.)

I can't believe it ... as if we don't have enough garbage problems of our own ... now you want to take on Metro's garbage crisis too!

It took more than \$80 million and 12 years for Halton Region to open a landfill for its own disposal needs. This dump is supposed to last 20 years. Halton must now focus on preserving the life of that landfill through waste reduction, not nosing in on Metro's problems.

However, much more confounding is Mayor Miller's completely illogical suggestion that if we support incineration, Halton Hills' garbage problems will go away. Please tell us now, whose farm in Halton Hills would you like to use for incineration? Where

Apprenticeship appreciation

Recent apprenticeship grads and their employers will be honoured at a Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce lunch next Wednesday.

Chamber officials say that with 200 registered apprentices working at 70 businesses, they play a important role in the local economy and deserve some recognition.

For details call 877-7119.

HEY!

A suspect is to be charged today in the much-publicized murders of Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffey. What are your thoughts?

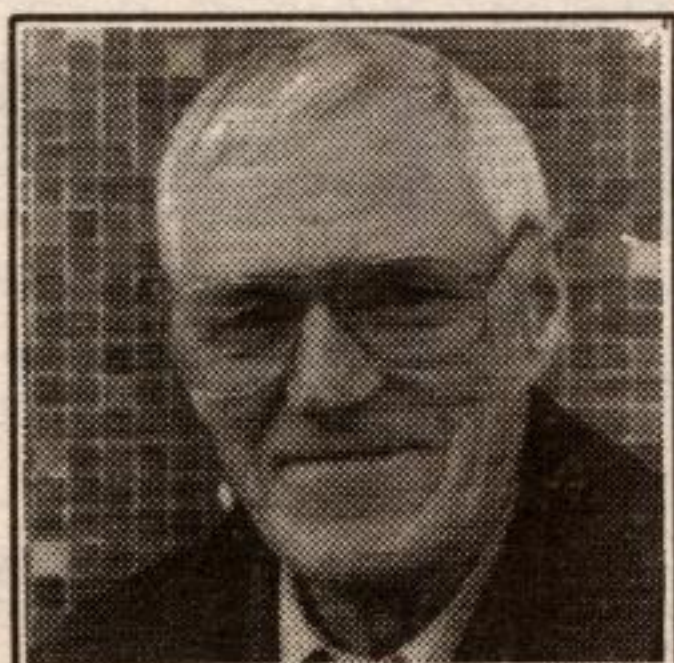


"I think he's lower than an animal if he did it, but he really shouldn't be classed as an animal because an animal wouldn't even do that to their own kind. I hear he's pleading not guilty and that's terrible, but that's his right."

Erma Nasset, Main Street

"If he's guilty, he should be eliminated. It's another case of a guy being convicted before being tried. I work in Scarborough and I would never live there. (The city's crime rate) is why I live here, to get away from it."

Herb Dodds, Meadvale Road



"If he's guilty, I hope (the court) proves it. I want to see justice done. Society is becoming far too violent with television and movies the worst because it (escalates) people's outrage at things."

Kathy Sanford, Acton

"If there was a death penalty, it would be too good for him. He (Paul Bernardo) deserves it; he's of no use to society. Whoever is the accomplice with him is no better, either."

Wayne Vincent, R.R. 1, Acton

