

GRAPE VINE

Big appetite

Recently the FoodShare building got a strange call from a man demanding the food bank deliver him dinner at the Georgetown Inn. The FoodShare coordinator was more amused than angry by the rude tone. Instead of telling the caller they didn't serve Georgetown residents she laughed, then suggested the man on the phone "call a catering service," and hung up.

Last week she learned the caller was an escaped psychiatric patient from Brampton.

Seeing red

Firefighters cut a thousand dollars out of their fireworks budget for this year's Canada Day, but ironically that is very close to the exact amount they are in the hole.

Donations were down sharply this year as the hat was passed in Prospect Park before the fireworks show, and firefighters hope the public might still drop off a few donations to offset the cost.

The fireworks cost about \$4,500 and donations now stand at \$3,548.50. This is the first time they have ever been in the red.

Donations can be dropped off Monday evenings between 7 and 9 pm at the Acton station, the time the firefighters have their practice night.

Everyone invited

Any members of the public with input for the hearings on development in Acton are invited to the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing next week. The Hearing Officers for the OMB will welcome your comments on Monday July 19. The hearings start at 9 am in the council chambers of the Civic Centre. Your comments will be appreciated.

Irresistible odds

Another reminder the Oasis Activity Program raffle will be held Aug. 20, and the \$1 tickets offer a chance at four fun-in-the-sun prizes, including a first prize tent and cooler, and second prize Beach Package.

Correction

Computer gremlins have apologized for changing the \$40 million contract in our July 7 story "Acton Precision works around the clock" to a \$40,000 contract. *The Tanner* regrets the error.

Bicycle licenses?

Loretta Duclos, Acton FoodShare coordinator, reports her 15-year-old son was fined \$90 while riding his bicycle three weeks ago because he failed to make a complete stop during a right turn at an intersection.

Monday she received a notice from the Ministry of Transportation saying he'd lost three points off his driver's license.

Now Loretta is worried her son might be fined again and lose more points for not wearing his bicycle seat belt or for speeding, and spend the rest of the summer on foot.



COMING HOME: The five Williamson sisters toasted their once-a-year reunion Saturday at Tim-Bri Teahouse. From left to right are, Evelyn Yankowski, Hazel Coates, Betty Cole, Carolynne Vynychenko and Agnes McGinnis. (Tim Morgetroyd photo)

Restaurant reunion for sisters

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If you were at the Tim-Bri Teahouse on Saturday and witnessed a quintet of ladies enjoying lunch, you may have been part of the Williamson sisters' fifth reunion outside their mother's home, where the gatherings were held before she passed away a few years back.

"I think it was probably Evelyn's idea since she's often the organizer," says Acton resident Betty Cole of her sister continuing the yearly gatherings.

Sister Evelyn Yankowski resides in Hamilton while Agnes McGinnis lives nearby in Rockwood. Brampton is home to Hazel Coates and Carolynne Vynychenko lives in Dundalk.

On Saturday, before they visited the comfortable confines of the teahouse, the ladies had a B.Y.O.B. party—that's bring your own bucket—to have their own pedicure. After this pampering, their feet were in fine shape for a hard-nosed round of mini-golf.

In the past, they've gone to the horse races at Mohawk Raceway,

had a boat trip on the river in Caledonia, had lunch on the Princess of Wales at Niagara-on-the-Lake and visited the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton for lilac time.

"I liked the boat trip, but didn't care for the races because we were in the Sports lounge and it was crowded," Cole recalled. "I like the fresh air and when I can stand by the rail of the track outside."

The sisters also have a special Christmas reunion on the first Sunday in December and, like the summer get together, take turns each year on its location.

"Each of us makes something for all the sisters, but it has to be a craft of some sort," explained Cole, who attended the Stone School in Acton with Carolynne and Hazel.

"Our family is very crafty. It's really neat stuff." Rudolph wooden reindeers and tree ornaments smoked in cloth are a couple of the gifts from years past.

The tightly-knit group share a number of things in common besides their love of crafts.

"We all like to read and exchange Danielle Steele books," said Cole of the author of light drama-love stories. "We also do country line dancing and talk to each other every week by telephone."

And there wasn't a peep out of any of them when Carolynne selected Tim-Bri.

"All but I think Carolynne has been there before," figured Cole, who added that she likes how the place is done in pink, with navy chintz on the tables and the white lace curtains. "It doesn't sound like a man's cup of tea, but my brother-in-law has been there and likes it."

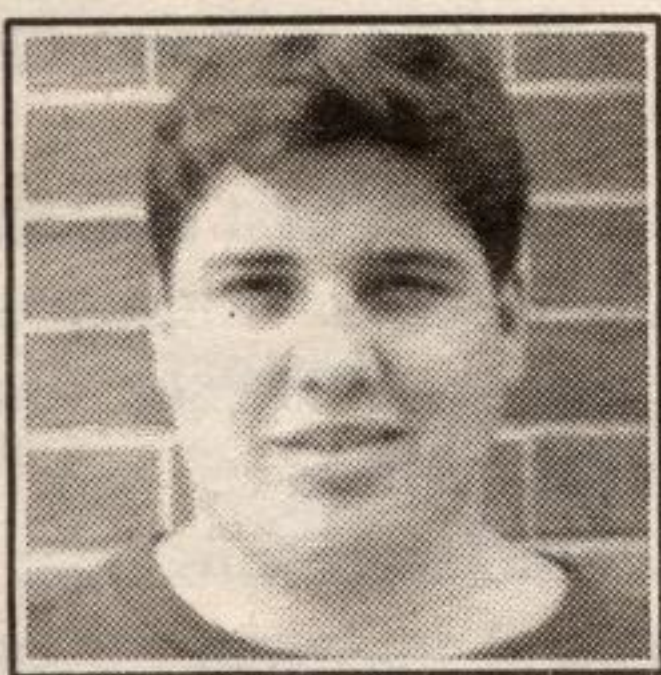
"It's not like a restaurant. It has a personal feeling and it's so clean. When it first opened I went there six Saturdays in a row. I just love the bread pudding."

"I wonder how many families there are with five sisters that can do this. A lot of people who see us are just amazed that all five of us are sisters. To us, it's really nothing special."

Unlike their love for one another.

HEY!

What are you doing to fight the hot and humid weather?

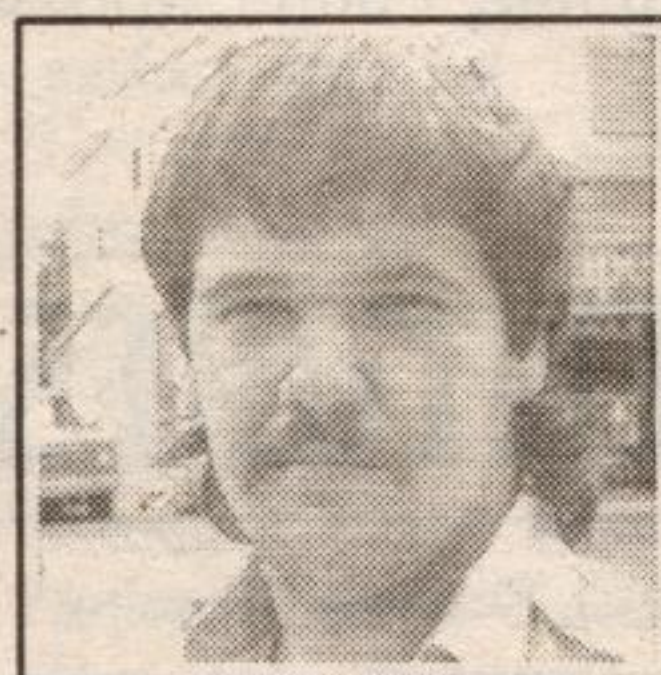


"Jumping in the pool five times a night and staying in the basement. Every half-hour I'm jumping in to cool down. And I'm wearing my flip-flops."

Pat Brooker, Hide House employee

"I'm busy painting and stripping cupboards. I've got two fans that aren't doing anything. I'd like to get central air, but I can't afford it. I'm only out now because I'm renewing my husband's licence. But I don't mind the heat."

Joan Hammond, Meadvale Road



"Working. I don't think about it until my shift is over. And then I go into an air-conditioned office. Hey, it's the season. The heat's everywhere; you can't escape it."

Terry Foster, 22 Sideroad

"Working in the basement. I would like to be out in it cutting the grass or hoeing flower beds. We waited for this all winter so we shouldn't complain."

Pat Kee, 22 Sideroad

