

EDITORIAL

With Eric Wynne

My, how we've grown

The older I get, the more I think life is really not about getting old not about seeing wrinkles develop in front of your eyes not about watching your nice mane of hair turning a foreign colour (grey), but it is about evolution.

I remember our old home at 43 Fagan Dr. in Georgetown. Back then, even little Georgetown was still evolving. I remember my sister and I used to take our aluminum sleds to the ditch behind our house (that make of sled was built for speed and we used to and just fly down the hill).

That ditch is gone and has been replaced by a housing development and there are many, many streets in Georgetown I do not recognize.

In 1973, we moved to a hobby farm just north of Ospringle on the First Line, 17 Sideroad. Back then, we moved in sooner than expected and my room didn't even have a roof over it. Oh, sure it was fine watching the stars go by, but it was only great until it rained.

I remember my second grade teacher Mrs. Smith. I remember Mrs. Denny and the principal, Mr. Brown. I remember some of the kids I used to go to school with.

Mrs. Smith has moved on. I have no idea what happened to Mr. Brown, Mrs. Denny. Most of the kids I grew up with have moved far away and have families of their own. There are some who have died.

At one point, we had two dogs, three cats, a pony named Banner and two goats. Vivy and Lindsay (our goats) came to us as a package deal with Banner. The goats would follow this poor pony around everywhere. A couple of years later, when Banner got too old, we sold him to a local farmer.

With the loss of Banner, these goats were lost and so latched on to our two dogs. The free-roaming dogs would travel everywhere, and because goats were goats, they would simply hop the fence to follow our dogs on their adventure. At around 3:30 pm, the dogs would go to the corner to greet us as we got off the bus.

I remember this one time, looking out the window and watching the dogs run along the ditch after the bus, suddenly the goats came trailing after the dogs. When we got off the bus, we had our two dogs and two goats to greets us.

I remember playing hockey at the old Erin arena. Several months ago it burned down.

We used to play Acton many times. For some reason there was always a sense of rivalry between the two teams, along with went some animosity. For us in Erin, the fans in Acton were something else, swearing, telling the referee to go find a real job, or to go find his glasses and that was just the mothers.

Thinking about life as an evolution really didn't strike me until now.

One and a half years ago, my wife and I were blessed with the birth of our baby girl. She is now a healthy, happy, energetic bundle of firecrackers who is talking.

I remember when she was born. And now, here I am thinking about her future. When she is my age, what memories will she have to look back on? I hope they are as fond as those I have.

(Editor's Note: Eric Wynne has joined our staff as News Editor. Eric, who is originally from the Acton area, previously worked at The Listowel Banner.)

LETTERS

Blood donors asked to give tomorrow

To the Editor,

The Red Cross will be holding its quarterly Blood Donor Clinic in Acton on Thursday, March 24 from 5 to 8:30 pm. As usual the

Acton Legion will be hosting his event in their hall. This Clinic is being sponsored by *The Acton Tanner*. All healthy individuals between the ages of 17 and 71 are invited to "Give the Gift of Life" at this time when blood supplies are rather low.

As you may already know, March is Red Cross Month. Come out and acknowledge the work of this humanitarian organization by donating a unit of blood.

Geoffrey Moon
Acton Blood Clinic Convenor



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

March 23, 24, Wednesday, Thursday — 7 to 10 pm: Open House, seminar, workshop and registration for all levels offered in Folk Art Classes. Six-week beginner class starts Monday, April 11. Basket Weaving also offered. For more information call Brenda 853-3274.

March 24, Thursday — 7:30 pm: The Smile Theatre Group presents the play "Hey Ruby" at the Acton High School. A dance musical, the play is about Ruby Keeler who tap danced her way into the hearts of many. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door, at ASSIC or from the Village Constable.

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March 25, 16, Friday and Saturday — 7:30 pm (Friday) 2 pm and 7 pm (Saturday): "The Hands of Time" — a carnival production presented by the Acton Figure Skating Club as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary. Tickets go on sale March 7 at the Arena.

March 25, 26, Friday and Saturday — 5:00 - 9:00 pm (Friday) and 10:00 am. to 5:00 pm (Saturday): Over 60 social service and recreational organizations will gather at the Georgetown Market Place Mall to celebrate the International Year of the Family. For more information call Joy Thompson at the Parks and Recreation Department 873-2600, ext. 263.

March 26, Saturday — 10 am to 3:30 pm: Ladies Enrichment Day at Churchill Community Church. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend and a box lunch. Refreshments provided. For more information call Helen Pasanen at 853-3663.

March 26, 27, Saturday and Sunday — 9 am to 4 pm (Saturday), 1 pm to 4 pm (Sunday): C.P.R. course. For more information please call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

March 26, Saturday — 10 am to 2 pm: You're invited to the Rockwood Nursery School Alumni Bunny Brunch at the Rockwood Town Hall. Twenty-five years of memories will be on display. If you have anything to add or to make sure your class list is complete, call Shirley Facey at 856-9588.

April 1, Friday — 10 am: Don't be an April Fool! Worship with us Good Friday at the Acton Baptist Church. A nursery will be provided.

April 1, Friday — 7 pm: Come and celebrate Good Friday with the whole Christian Community of Acton. Trinity United Church. Nursery will be provided.

April 7, Thursdays — 10 am: Line dancing with Barb at St. Alban's Church. A five week course geared for the active Senior. \$10. Come get with the beat! For more information or to register call Sue, 853-3310.

April 7, Thursdays — 10 am: Red Cross fun and fitness. A social program that includes sitting and standing exercises. Come and work at your own pace. No cost for class. Transportation will be provided at \$1 cost. For more information or to register, call Sue at 853-3310.

April 9, Saturday — 8 pm: Rotary Club of Acton presents an evening of Line Dancing at the Acton Legion. Music by "Re-run". Cash bar. Prizes. Tickets \$5 per person. For more information call 853-5062 or any Rotarian. Tickets also available at the door. All proceeds to be donated to Easter Seals Campaign.

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