



CELEBRATE! Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and Acton seniors Ron Lewis and Pat Giguere cut a cake to celebrate the official opening of the seniors' centre at the arena on Saturday. (Eve Martin photo)

Special ceremony for Waldie

A special ceremony has been scheduled for mid-July so Acton's Joan Waldie can receive a lieutenant-governor's award for her unwavering commitment to community work.

Waldie is one of 20 Ontario seniors to receive an Ontario Senior Achievement Award, but she missed yesterday's ceremony at Queen's Park because she is on holiday.

Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie, who nominated Waldie for the seniors' award, said that Provincial officials will stage a special ceremony for Waldie and one other recipient who also missed the reception.

Rennie said that Waldie's best characteristic is her ability to identify and solve problems without unnecessary fanfare and without applying for government funding.

In his nomination letter Rennie praised Waldie for her work with the Acton Horticultural Society, the business association, the FoodShare food bank, the Wallace Street community garden, a parenting centre, adult education classes and her church.

"Joan believes that the best way to exercise one's Christian faith is in doing acts of love for others and would simply say that one thing led to another," Rennie stated in his letter.

"She is our local Mother Theresa because of all the good work she does for the people of this community. All of the above activities she has accomplished since becoming a senior. "In all humility Joan sees nothing remarkable in all her achievements ... but the community of Acton sees her achievements as outstanding and that this conscientious, loving and compassionate senior citizen is a worthy candidate for the award."



JOAN WALDIE

NEWS SHORTS

Village Manor to expand

Acton's Village Manor rest home will host an unveiling ceremony today (Wednesday) at 2 pm to celebrate a planned expansion.

The expanded facility will feature 77 beds, all semi-private and private rooms with private baths, an elevator and an outdoor patio and barbecue area.

The Main Street home will entertain reservation requests following the ceremony.

Acton man arrested

Halton Regional Police arrested a 19-year-old Acton man in connection with two crimes that occurred in the last few months.

The Poplar Avenue man was arrested on June 7 for stealing a stereo from a Nissan Pulsar on May 3. He faces charges of theft under \$5,000 and possession of stolen property.

And on June 8, the same man was charged with mischief in connection with an incident that occurred on April 14, when the windows of a vehicle parked on Poplar Avenue were shot out with a pellet gun.

More petty thefts

Petty thefts continue to cause headaches for Acton residents.

A set of electronic measuring scales, valued at \$1,300, were stolen from the science lab and the Acton High School some time between June 8 and 13.

That same weekend, a Churchill Road North resident reported the theft of a glass-topped patio table, with a \$40 value.

And overnight on June 12, three plastic lawn chairs, worth \$20, were taken from a Kingham Road residence.

Beware of telephone soliciting

Staff Sergeant Ron Welsh, of Halton Regional Police, is warning citizens to be careful of telephone solicitations, after a report from a Maria Street resident.

The woman was contacted by phone by someone who told her he was soliciting on behalf of the Oakville and Halton firefighters. Halton firefighters however, had no knowledge or involvement in any fund-raising campaign.

Says Welsh: "Be careful about supporting charities over the phone. Make sure the charity is legitimate, and be especially wary about giving your credit card number over the phone."

Aggressive drivers targeted

Local police officers will be participating in the province-wide Aggressive Driving Campaign, which runs from last Sunday until July 3.

Police will focus and target three areas of aggressive driving behaviour: drinking and driving, seat belt use and speeding.

Spot checks are scheduled for the duration of the campaign.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There are 30 children living here that would play on the road if they don't install the sidewalks."

— Julie Croke, Birchway Place resident, Page 5

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