



FIFTY YEARS STRONG: Acton residents Stewart and Nan Reed are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 29. The couple were married in England and have lived in Acton for 40 years, where they raised their five children. Nan says the secret to a lasting marriage is, "Don't give up at the first stumbling block - keep on going. You have to work hard." (Karen Wetmore photo)

Working with teens, families has rewards

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Parent-teen conflict. Sexual abuse. Teenage pregnancy. No one to talk to. These are some of the problems faced by teens and their families today, and Elayne Tanner would like to fill the void.

The local social worker has worked extensively for over 15 years in counselling and psychotherapy with individuals, families, couples, children, adolescents and groups.

Starting last year Tanner, 45, made herself available to students at Acton High and headed a group for sexually abused survivors, along with private counselling for other reasons. She has helped children of alco-



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holic parents, parent conflicts, split-up families and students on probation.

"I like working with young people. They're rewarding, not stuck in their ways, and on the verge of working their way into life," Tanner explained recently at her North Halton office.

Another reason Tanner has involved herself at Acton High is because she likes the school and the "hard-working" community of Acton, too.

"I moved here from Toronto six years ago and decided at that time that this was my community. I would like to bring back the old rural community - when people took care of each other," said Tanner, a member of the Halton Sex Abuse program who has also worked with students at Milton District high school.

In her work at Acton High, Tanner, who carries a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, Bachelor of Social Work degree, Master of Social Work degree and Graduate Diploma in social administration, tries to get across to the sexually abused survivors that they shouldn't carry shame or guilt.

"I'm working for the kids," reminded the married mother of two, adding in some instances, she's counselled students for free just to help them. "I'm concerned that kids today are being forced to grow up a lot faster."

Tanner said with jobs being scarce even for university graduates, some youths wonder why they should work hard, not knowing where it could lead them. It's not a loss of motivation, notes Tanner, but a defeated attitude.

"Most are appreciative and motivated," continued Tanner, who has counselled persons with attention deficit disorder and worked with pro-active services for women to steer them clear of alcohol and drugs as a resource for rehabilitation.

"I can help them make a decision for a better life. That feeling of being instrumental in their future success is gratifying."

To schedule an appointment with Tanner, call (905)854-0801. A one-hour session is \$80.



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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

CHANGES TO PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

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To assist Town residents and business operators in adjusting to the 1996 impacts of the Regionwide Reassessment, the Mayor and Council have authorized changes to the Town's ten instalment pre-authorized tax payment plan. Effective immediately, the ten instalment plan has been expanded to allow enrolments for business tax accounts. The final date for 1996 enrolments (residential, commercial and business) has also been extended to February 29, 1996.

If you do not have any outstanding taxes owing to the Town, you are eligible to enrol.

If you enrol before January 15th, 1996, automatic monthly withdrawals from your bank account will occur on the third last business day of each month commencing in February, 1996 and ending in November, 1996.

Enrolments received after January 15, 1996 and prior to February 29, 1996 will be processed with withdrawals commencing in March, 1996 and ending in December, 1996.

Unless you choose to withdraw from the plan, any applications received for 1996 will be automatically included in the ten instalment plan for 1997 which commences in January, 1997 and ends in October, 1997.

Please note that once you are on the plan, you do not need to submit a new registration each year.

If you want to enrol, please complete the application form below and return (with a cheque marked VOID) to the Revenue & Taxation section of the Finance Department either in person or by mail.

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