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## Summer is time for deep thoughts (for some!)

Halfway through the summer already, and it's only been in the last few weeks that I've even been aware that we're having a summer.

For those who experience summer as a time away from work or school, that feeling would have surfaced much sooner. But, like most industries, the newspaper business does not close down for extended periods of time. We take our days off or vacations and cherish every moment of them.

It's an entirely different world for the generation of retirees who are fast becoming the largest age group in the country. For those who have stepped down from the workplace, the days and months blend into each other, blurring their distinctiveness.

Nowhere does this come into play than at the family cottage, trailer or other summer getaway. Here, in the quiet of the Kawarthas or the hushed Haliburton lakefront properties,

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WITH KAREN WETMORE



cottagers can leave the city or town behind, cook by barbecue and listen to the loons in the evenings.

Sitting on the deck, swimming or taking walks gives one a chance to philosophize about life.

My mother ("Just call me Bev") came up with her own saying to classify those long days and weeks spent at the cottage.

"The more I do less," she says, "The less I want to do more."

It's enough to make me wish I was closer to retirement age - when the only major decision to make each day is which book to read!

Sure, there are obvious down-

falls to being of retirement age. But there are times when the perks have a great deal of appeal.

My parents will be back up at the cottage when this issue arrives at their door. At least it will give them something new to do when they return home!

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Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto recently held a fundraising lottery, boasting 8,330 winners. Surprise, surprise - quite a few were from Acton and area.

Big thanks to Carol Murphy, who sifted through lists and lists to find local winners. The following is, by her own admission, Carol's possibly-incomplete list:

Winners from Acton include Diane Curtin, who won a package trip to Niagara Falls; Patty Czarny, who won a Samsung VCR; Neil R. Raycroft, a Sharp electric organ-

izer; Carolann McLeod and Margaret Burnes both won RCA CD players; George Milne brought home a Sanyo portable blaster; and Paul Cripps and Andre Prothmann each won a Sanyo portable discman.

Winners of Broil King barbecues were Barbara Carscadden, John R. Pugh, Neil R. Raycroft and Beatrice Sheppard. Cathy Britton and Robert Spragge both won Cardiosport heart safe heart rate monitors; Iain Cox a Magellan GPS; Chris Lawson, Natureview binoculars; Wally Ella and Garry Munday, Meade Telescopes and Leonard Christopher won a Fuji camera. Cash prize winners were Craig D. Cooper, Susan Hewitt, and Vic Kurpiewit.

Rockwood winners were: Joe Parkinson, Sharp 27" colour T.V.; Allen Parkinson, mini stereo system and a portable CD player; Susan Lewis, Sharp electric organizer; Gerald Donovan, CD player; Law-

rence Hillier, Broil King barbecue.

From Limehouse, Patricia Thumich won a CD player; Art and Jannett Hawes won a cash prize and Christina Toyné went home with a Softtub Resort portable spa. Robert Anderson of Ballinafad won a pair of Bausch & Lomb binoculars.

The biggest prizes that went to locals were a Greenpark home to Jon Higgins of Erin, and William Choma of Hornby who won a Nissan 300 ZX car.

Congratulations to the winners, and of course the big winner will be the patients at Princess Margaret!

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Welcome to our first issue of *House and Home* - a weekly real estate and classified section delivered throughout Acton, Rockwood and Georgetown. It's just one more service brought to you by your hometown newspaper - enjoy!

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