

# Blue Springs Funeral Home opens in Acton

Open the door and find yourself welcomed into a charming new Acton business. Blue Springs Funeral Home is ready to assist families and individuals with all their funeral needs, from traditional to contemporary. Owner Ian Pasmore is pleased to assist with preplanning, monument sales and counselling.

Ian and his wife Heather have dreamed of owning their own business, and through a lot of determination and hard work, those thoughts have finally come to fruition.

"Everything has come into place at the right time," Ian states with a smile. "It's been a long two years, but now we're ready."

Inside the front doors, gentle rose walls, burgundy floral carpet and cosy chairs provide a place of comfort for visitors. Bifold doors open to a full chapel across the hall-

way, with seating for over 100 and an organ loft for live music.

"Other independents [privately owned funeral homes] are being very supportive. Like them, we're here for the personal touch: friendly, caring service."

In another room, families are able to choose from a dozen different casket styles, from fabric covering to finely polished oak, in various price ranges. There's even one environmentally friendly piece, without nails, finish, unbleached cotton interior. "It's totally biodegradable," Ian explains.

Upstairs, families are welcome to use the large lounge for gatherings after the funeral. Soft lemony walls and tub chairs provide a comfortable place to relax and chat. Smokers can even step into a totally separate smoking room, which has a large

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plate glass window to divide but not totally separate. They may even have a breath of fresh air outside on the balcony.

Ian and Heather have been able to secure a 10-year lease on the old MacKenzie building, which freed them to make the improvements they wanted. The building was erected after the war, when Ken MacKenzie came back from the airforce and decided to work in Acton. It was part of JB MacKenzie and Sons, who provided coal, lumber and contracting. Ken died in the polio epidemic of 1950, and his brother Sam took over. Later, the building was used by the Hide House as a "cowboy" clothing outlet, woolens, and later storage for furnishings. The previous *Acton Tanner* newspaper was housed in the offices for some

time, before they too closed. Now the old building has been given a substantial facelift from the Pasmores and a bright new future.

The Blue Springs Funeral Home is located at 12 Church Street East, Acton. Call Ian Pasmore at 519-853-2399 for further information.



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Rockwood residents Ian and Heather Pasmore of the Blue Springs Funeral Home in Acton offer the personal, caring service that only a family-owned and operated funeral home can provide.

# Paradise is ice cream in Eden

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The road through Eden Mills may still be closed, but ice cream heaven is only a hop, skip and a jump away.

The Eden Mills General Store now has a second operation under its roof with the recent opening of an ice cream parlour. "We needed something extra to entice people to take the long way around to the store," says Karli MacDonald, a second-year university student and daughter of store proprietor Judy MacDonald.

"So far, response from both local residents and out of towners has been excellent," says Karli. The parlour, named "A Cool Treat Between Two Bridges" serves both hard

and soft ice cream and frozen yogurt. "We also sell banana splits, funnel cakes, milkshakes and sundaes."

Karli, who considers the ice cream parlour her summer job, hopes to make enough to pay for her studies this year in history at the University Guelph.

Her mother Judy says "I'm proud Karli has taken the initiative to start her own business. It's meant a lot of hard work for her and long work weeks." Since the closing of the bridge, Judy says the people Eden Mills have supported the store but adds there is only so many people who live in the village. "We're hoping this added attraction increases our customer flow during the summer while the

new bridge is being built."

Karli says she would consider running the operation again next summer. "I like the challenge of running my own business," states the 19 year old Guelph resident who has aspirations for a career in law.

The house specialty of A Cool Treat Between Two Bridges is the Funnel Cake. For the uninitiated, Funnel Cakes are deep fried batter, sprinkled with icing sugar, two large scoops of ice cream, with strawberry sauce, whipped cream and a cherry.

The exclusive supplier for the ice cream parlour is Crown Dairy located at the corner of Highway #7 and Wellington Road #29. "The Sealtest brand provides us with a premium product."



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SCOOPIN' BUSINESS - Karli MacDonald of "A Cool Treat Between Two Bridges" started her own ice cream parlour for a summer job.

# Be well naturally

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The Naturally Be Wellness Centre will be hosting clinics in Traditional Chinese Medicine on June 27, July 11 and July 25. The clinics are being run under the guidance of Dr. Chen, a medical doctor in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and an associate professor of the University of Beijing. TCM

has developed along with the Chinese culture over the past 5000 years and includes basic theory, diagnosis and treatment principles which include herbal medicine and acupuncture. The clinics provide an opportunity to consult with Dr. Chen and his students for

anyone considering alternative forms of health care. The Naturally Be Wellness Centre also offers aromatherapy massage, reflexology, Reiki and therapeutic touch. The clinics take place at 71 McLaren Road in Campbellville. For information concerning the clinics or the Centre, please call 905-854-1654.

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