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## What's Inside



Novice I and Novice II teams defeated Erin/Hillsburgh and Grand Valley respectively to win Tri-County crowns this week. See the Sports pages.



Cancer volunteers including Mr. and Mrs. John Hoare attended the chili dinner at Trinity United hall last week. More photos on page 4.



Figure skaters staged a mini-carnival at the new arena Saturday to the delight of more than 400 people. See page 9.



Acton Musicland was judged business of the Month by Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. Story and photo on page 3.



Who's got the cleanest Subway shop in Canada? Well, it's the one in Acton. See photo

# Thieves wake Nassagaweya man

### Flee with loot worth \$10,000

Thieves fled with \$10,000 worth of stolen goods from a Nassagaweya Town Line residence last Wednesday morning after waking up a family member who was home alone.

Police report that the thieves booted in the front door and had gathered up a television, laptop computer, CD player, stereo and jewelry before the homeowner's son woke up. He phoned police from his basement bedroom and also called out to the suspects who fled southbound on Nassagaweya Town Line in a gray, four-door compact.

Pray for forgiveness? A purse containing credit cards and \$80 cash was taken from a car in front of Trinity United Church between 7:30 and 7:45 on Sunday night. Police said the victim, an Acton woman, had left her car unlocked while she was briefly in the church.

### IGA hustled

Halton police want the public's help in finding three men who stole an undisclosed amount of cash from Acton IGA last Tuesday night. Police report that two of the men distracted the lone cashier while the third man took all the \$20 bills he could find from a till.

All three suspects are non-white and tall. The first suspect is 6'2", medium build with short curly, black hair. The second suspect is 6'2", with a medium build and the third suspect is 6 feet tall heavy build with a dark complexion. The same men are suspects in a similar incident in Georgetown in recent weeks.

### Stitches anyone?

Who ever broke a window at the Station Hotel overnight last Wednesday cut themselves as they climbed through the window into the second storey bathroom. Blood was found on the broken window the next morning. Nothing had been taken.



**TEACHER RETIRES:** Robert Little teacher Rosemary Black, with husband Keith and son John, basked in the fond farewells and best wishes of friends, colleagues, students and former students at a celebration of her 38 year career at Robert Little on Thursday. Black retired in December, having spent her entire teaching career at Robert Little. —Frances Niblock photo

## Veteran Acton teacher honoured

By Frances Niblock  
The New Tanner

Good buy, Mrs. Black. The people that Rosemary Black touched in 38 years of teaching in Acton paid tribute to her career at a celebration on Thursday in the gym at Robert Little school, the very gym where she met her future husband.

Former students, some whose children Mrs. Black had taught before her December retirement, family, friends and colleagues marvelled at her unique career, spent entirely at Robert Little where Black said she felt "cozy and secure".

Her son John, 21, paid tribute to his Mom as his first teacher and Halton District School Board chair Ethel Gardiner, who taught with Black for 18 years, offered her retirement suggestions.

"Retirement is a time to read good novels, not curriculum documents. It's time to do nothing and do it very slowly. It's time when it can take all day just to go downtown and get a loaf of bread," Gardiner said, taking a small dig at Black's senior citizen

status. "Retirement is a time to pay less attention to election promises and jobs and more attention to promises about homes for the elderly," Gardiner joked, adding that retirement is a time to follow your dreams without the interruption of an alarm clock.

Black was treated to a standing ovation after fondly recounting some of her more memorable teaching experiences, and how, in her retirement, she'd rewritten the three Rs.

"My three new Rs are reflect, renew and rejoice," Black told the friendly and festive crowd.

"When I reflect on why I became a teacher I think of my Dad who was on the three-man board (of education) in Meaford and got to hire the new teacher. That made the new teacher, and teaching, very special to me," Black said, adding that her earliest students were her dolls.

Mrs. Black said her renewal includes some refresh-

ing discoveries - simple things like house cleaning, badminton, line dancing, darts and piano lessons.

"I'm having more time for family and fun and you, know, I'm learning to enjoy the company of our pets," Black said, adding that her husband Keith had a suggestion when it came to the third R of rejoice.

"Keith has suggested, note I don't say promised, that we should keep Mondays just for us, the two of us, together. You know, I think we've had two Mondays out of the 13. So folks, I want your help. I want you to teach Keith to say no. Keith is all mine on Mondays."

Mrs. Black enjoys her new-found freedom and no longer feels guilty about playing hooky when she drives past the school, although she still misses the smiles and hugs of the students and the warmth and camaraderie of her colleagues.

She received a basketful of cards and flowers, a quilt and a memory box along with hundreds of fond farewells and best wishes.

## New CAO for Town

Steve Andrews, P. Eng. was the successful candidate from among over a hundred applicants for the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) post for the Town of Halton Hills.

A graduate of the University of Toronto with a Civil Engineering degree, Andrews brings 21 years of employment experience with the City of North York with him. He started his career as a works engineer and advanced through the system to the post of Deputy Commissioner of Public Works from North York, responsible for a staff of 500 employees and a budget of \$105 million.

He and his wife Lydia have a daughter, nine-year-old Stephanie.

Andrews starts his job in Halton Hills on May 19. Janet Lynn Stewart has been acting CAO since the retirement of Ray King.

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