

JUMP FOR JOY: Desta Frey, (left) Thomas English and Melisa Vivian, all Grade 4 students at Robert Little school, took part in the Jump Rope for Heart event in the school's gym last Tuesday. Students collected pledges and then took turns jumping in teams for one hour to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. - Frances Niblock photo



VOLUNTEERS HONOURED: Members of the Acton branch of the Red Cross were honoured for their dedication at Thursday's Red Cross annual general meting at the Acton legion. From left: Henry Kroes, Julia Roehrig, Murray Harrison and Fritz de Hann. - Frances Niblock photo

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mation call the Halton Regional Health Department at

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be a Seniors' Presentation at the Acton Arena and Com-

munity Centre. At 12 noon the same day there will be a

Car Extrication Demonstration at the Acton High School.

Also on June 5, there is a Bicycle Awareness Clinic at

During the week, the Halton Regional S.T.E.P. Unit

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safety. In this column, I am listing some of the events.

During the week of May 31 through June 6, 1998 there

On Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 3 come to

On Wednesday, June 3 I will be at McKenzie-Smith

On Thursday, June 4 there will be a Child Seat Clinic

On Friday, June 5 between 9:30-11 a.m., there will

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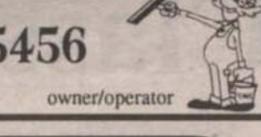
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Red Cross honours its volunteers By FRANCES NIBLOCK

The New Tanner The Acton blood donors and Red Cross volunteers honoured at last week's Red Cross annual general meet-

ing in Acton don't care who collects the blood that saves so many lives, as long as

someone does. The newly formed Canadian Blood Services will take over responsibility for collecting and handling all blood donations as of Sept. 1, and the roll of the Red Cross and local volunteers is

not clear at this point. At Thursday's meeting Red Cross Toronto Blood Centre Clinic Co-ordinator Marianne Clarke praised the volunteers and donors for the dedication, but told them that she didn't have any real answers to their questions about how the new blood collection system would work.

"Blood collections are down across the country and we have to work harder and harder in this time of transition because we can't have one day of interruption with the blood program," Clark said, adding she will do everything in her power to support the volunteer component of Red Cross blood services.

After the meeting Clarke said they are asking volunteers and donors to just keeping doing what they have been.

"We are encouraging people to share their good health by donating blood this summer because for the blood program, it's business as usual," Clarke said, adding that the Halton Hills Red Cross Board would be briefed on the changes on June 19.

Last year the Red Cross collected 329 units of blood at four Acton blood donor clinics with the help of 17 Acton volunteers. Some volunteers and donors were honoured at the meeting.

Acton's Glen McKenzie was recognized for making 100 blood donations to the Cross. Toronto McKenzie, who gives blood every 56 days if he can, has actually made 144 donations in his lifetime, including while on holiday.

Veteran Red Cross member, Acton's Fritz De Haan received a special branch cer-

tificate of appreciation for his work with emergency services, transportation and blood services. De Haan began volunteering with the Acton Red Cross in 1977 and has held the posts of president, treasurer and canvasser. Acton's Murray Harrison was honoured donating much of his time as a volunteer driver, taking people to doctors and hospital appointments. Harrison has been a canvasser and area captain in the annual door-to-door fund raising and served as Acton's

emergency co-ordinator. Henry Kroes began volunteering with the Red Cross 25 years ago and was instrumental in starting an Acton branch in 1981. Kroes has chaired almost every Red Cross committee and was branch president. Acton's Julia Roehrig was honoured for her work as blood donor clinic chair since 1994.

Besides the blood donor program local Red Cross services include 10 Acton volunteers who are on-call in case of an emergency, two Link to Health instructors provide fitness instruction and wellness training twice a week in Acton and the Acton Red Cross provides health care equipment loans, first aid instruction, water safety and international tracing and reunion services.

The next Red Cross blood donor clinic, sponsored by The New Tanner, is Thursday. June 11, at the Acton Legion.

Woman assaulted

A 23-year-old Acton man has been charged with assault with a weapon, assault, threatening and breach of recognisance after his girlfriend was beaten at their Queen Street residence early Sunday morning.

Police report that the victim was hit on the back with a metal broom and punched during the assault that occurred at 1:30 a.m. Police arrested the suspect at the scene. His name was not released to protect the identity of the victim.

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