



**GREEN LIGHT ALERT:** A flashing green light on the dash of a vehicle means that the driver is a firefighter on his way to the station for an emergency. Halton Hills fire prevention officer Brian Ellsworth (right) and Acton Captain Dave Ford want motorists to pull off to the side of the road when they see a this light.

## New funeral home opens

By ANGELA TYLER  
The New Tanner

Competitive pricing and old style customer service. This is how Ian Pasmore of Blue Springs Funeral Home describes his new business. "We're here to help families through a tough time," says Pasmore.

The newly opened Blue Springs Funeral Home has had extensive interior reconstruction and a new exterior colour. The funeral home has many facilities available for families and loved ones including a church-like area complete with pews that seat 104 and an organ. There is also a visitation and reception area. On the upper floor, customers have available to them, at no extra charge, a reception room that has a designated smoking room with a separate ventilation system.

Towards the west of the building, Blue Springs has installed a kitchenette/rest area and a wheelchair accessible washroom.

Pasmore and his family currently reside in Rockwood, but he started in the business, which he describes as a part of the health care system, with Bruce and Rhoda Shoemaker. After four years with them, he turned to freelancing with area funeral homes for two years before opening Blue Springs.

Some services may be all inclusive with casket and limousines, however with people having changing



IAN PASMORE

views, Blue Springs only adds limousines, except the lead car, at the family's request. His views on people who may purchase their own caskets from stores are similar. "Bruce Shoemaker taught me if you overcharge on the price of the casket, that's when a casket store will open," said Pasmore.

Blue Springs has a wide variety of choices in this area, including models that are affordable, two styles of environmentally friendly caskets that are made without nails or finish and a petite version for women.

Music choice is also changing. "Many people are bringing their own choice of music, some more modern, but many still use traditional music." Pasmore continued, "Tears in Heaven by Eric Clapton has become quite popular."

"I'm just amazed by the support of the community, wishing me well and happy that they now have a choice in town," said Pasmore.

## Excellence award

Sophomore Achilles Pelitis, received the Federation of Automobile Dealer Associations of Canada Award of Excellence (2 year) at convocation ceremonies at Northwood University, Midland, Michigan.

Achilles is the son of Achilles (Les) and Evangel Pelitis of Achilles Mazda, Acton.

University Provost Dr. Catherine Chen welcomed the honorees, their parents and family at the Greiswald Lecture Hall on campus. She thanked parents for their support and that given to the students, "this year's cream of the crop."

## Arena funds should be raised

To the Editor:

I read with interest and sorrow about the structural engineer's report of the state of the old Acton Arena and that it would require \$650,000 worth of repairs that need to be done before it can be used by the public.

From a very objective viewpoint, it seems to me that money should be raised to save the arena from the wrecker's ball.

I am told that there are 40 hockey teams as well as figure skating children coming up to around 700 children and youth who need more ice time for practice. They are now going out of town to Guelph, Hillsburgh and Erin as they cannot get ice time at the new facility.

The Fair Board also needs the old arena for their annual three day fair.

Perhaps the parents of these children and members of the Fair Board, which comes up to around 700 families, could along with other interested citizens, come up with a fund raising

campaign and raise the \$650,000 to save the arena.

As me who is deeply interested in saving the arena, I would give a donation towards a fund raising campaign as it seems to me that the children and the Acton Fall Fair need the arena.

Mac Sprowl

By MIKE MANUEL

On July 18, 1998 we will again host the Toronto and Region Chapter of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Comrade Frank Spielvogel has advised me that he has 100 tickets only to their barbecue. Tickets will sell for \$12.50 each and are to be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

You are all cordially invited to the dedication of a memorial plaque honouring our soldiers who gave their lives during WWII. Ceremony to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Acton Branch 197 on Sunday, June 28, 1998 at 2 p.m.

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- If you have a burglar alarm, did you set it and see that a trusted neighbour has a key to shut it off and reset it, if necessary, should the alarm be activated?
  - Are you careful not to advertise your absence in your community newspaper social notices?
  - Are you sure not to hide house keys under doormats, flower pots, or similar places?
  - Did you check basement windows, garage windows, and other openings?
  - Did you make a list of all your valuables, with serial numbers whenever possible, and keep this list in your safety deposit box?
  - Did you arrange to leave a car in the driveway and to have a neighbour shift its location from time to time?
  - If possible, do you avoid loading your car for vacation in plain view?
  - Spotter for burglars sometimes work for garbage collectors. Do you ask your neighbours to use your garbage cans or blue box while you are away?
- More next week.

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