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Heck, who needs the British Spice Girls when we have our own group right here in Acton? See Page 4 for more.



Acton Legion Branch 197 held a memorial plaque dedication service on Sunday at the hall on Wright Avenue. Legionnaire Peter Turkosz designed the special plaque for the occasion. See Page 3 for more.



Jerry and Friends entertained at the Red Dog Cafe for patrons. Look for the Halton Blues and Roots festival here soon. See Page 8.



There's another special blood donor clinic being held in Acton on July 8 to help relieve the shortage in district hospitals.

Rural recycling here in jeopardy



LOOK OUT DAD: First year gardener, Becky Somerville sits with her dog in front of one of her two herb gardens during Sunday's Acton Horticultural Society Garden Tour. Becky's father Scott was one of the winners of last year's horticultural contest and their house was part of the tour on Sunday. — Angela Tyler photo

**Vandalism
at bin site**

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Regional staff and local politicians hope closure of the Third Line South recycling depot in Acton won't result in roadside dumping of recyclable materials. Officials are trying to decide if the recycling program for rural residents will continue in light of recent arson fires in four of the recycling bins — known as Igloos — and on-going misuse.

Halton's Director of Waste Management, Vic Lesnicki, said the vandalism is bad, but the continued illegal dumping of hazardous and dangerous materials is worse.

"In 1996 we had two 45-gallon drums of caustic flake dumped at the site and we had to pay to get ride of it at a hazardous waste disposal site," a clearly frustrated Lesnicki said in a recent interview, calling the on-going problems "extremely upsetting."

"Is it worth the risk of another fire to have a recycling program for rural Acton residents? When do you say enough is enough?" Lesnicki asked, noting that the illegal dumping continued, even after the Region had already hired a security company to monitor the site. Now the question being debated internally by waste management staff is whether the benefits of the program outweigh the risk.

"If people continually drop off the sort of material that they know is hazardous, but with no regard at all for the safety of others, then when does it appear that we ourselves are not really concerned about the liability?" Lesnicki said.

Regional officials were unsuccessful in trying to find a new location for the Acton site several years ago but they will start another search as they prepare a report for Regional Council.

Fair may use arena this year

It appears that the Acton Agricultural Society will be able to use the Prospect Park arena, which is slated for demolition, for this year's fall fair.

"At this point we feel the old arena is a go for this year's fair," explained Society spokesman Daniel Varanelli in an interview on Monday, adding that the final okay would come only after a satisfactory test of the building's sprinkler system, which will be done this week.

The use of the building for this September's fair was in question following the recent release of a consulting engineer's report that identified a number of problems with the water supply, electricity and sprinkler system, but Varanelli said all of the issues, except the sprinkler system, have been resolved.

"The engineer's report identified that the water had been shut off to the building, but that was incorrect. The water has been shut off to the Zamboni room only," Varanelli explained, adding that the electrical trans-

former that was removed from the building can be bypassed.

"The sprinkler system will

be tested for leaks this week and the worst scenario would be that the pipes might have pinholes that might leak

some water which we can live with, or patch them to last for the days," Varanelli said.

Multi-million dollar expansion of Galvcast

Owners of Galvcast Manufacturing Inc. hope to begin construction on a new multi-million dollar industrial building within weeks. Town Council's recent approval of a site plan for the building has Galvcast president Steve Christopher anxiously waiting for a building permit.

Galvcast — owned by Christopher, his three brothers, a nephew and one other partner — opened in Acton 15 years ago and manufactures galvanized steel used to make products such as guardrails, fencing and scaffolding. The company employs 65 people and Christopher said the major expansion and modernization could mean more jobs.

"We have two (production) lines in our existing building and we'll separate them and have one big line in the new plant and leave a small one operating here," Christopher said in an interview last Thursday.

Galvcast currently is located at 60 Commerce Crescent and the new plant will be built across the street on four lots the company owns.

"The plan is to modernize our operation but I guess the growth will come hand-in-hand with that and we may hire more staff," Christopher said, adding that they will install advanced anti-pollution equipment in the new 30,016 square foot building.

The uncertainty over the use of the building for this fall's fair caused Town staff to question whether they could put ice in the new arena Sept. 1, or if the new facility might have to be used for the fair's Homecraft division and the Miss Acton pageant.

"In the very, very, very worst scenario where we could not use this old building for the fair, we'd probably cover the ice surface (at the new arena) for that fair weekend."

Varanelli said that the Society hasn't decided whether it still is going to pursue the renovation of the old arena and community centre. Several months ago the Society asked Council to delay the planned demolition until after this fall's fair to give the Society time to come up with a business plan to save the building. The con-

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