

All the discarded items were damaged, junk

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The New Tanner

Costumes and trophies uncovered at the old Acton arena during its demolition were deliberately left to be discarded, say officials of the organizations concerned.

"We took all the meaningful trophies and stuff with any history connected to the town," said Steve Prentice, president of the Acton Minor Hockey Association. All that was left were some things from internal tournaments and "stuff that was in rough shape."

Even the discarded trophies were preserved in a way. The winners' name plates were removed and kept to be placed on a large plaque on the wall up at the new arena.

Likewise, Bev Bailey, president of the Acton Figure Skating Club, said all the costumes and props remaining in the club's costume room were "moldy or damaged".

"Two of us spent two days going through all the costumes and 35 years worth of stuff in the room," Bailey said. "We took four van loads and two pickup trucks full of costumes out of there. The

executive washed all the costumes and sorted them out for the ones we could keep and use."

Air circulation in the old arena was always poor, so anything stored in cardboard boxes tended to get damp, musty and moldy, Bailey said. There was no heat in the building over the late winter and spring of 1998. The club also had some problems with rodents in their storage area, so some costumes and props were damaged from chewing.

The club's space in the new arena is smaller than their former location and complicated by a sprinkler pipe which makes hanging items difficult. Members have devised their own system and packed many costumes into plastic storage bins. However, the decreased space meant things were left in the old arena while that solution was being worked out.

Skating trophies are stored at the boat house because the club still has not been able to erect a suitable display case in their new home.

John Toebes of the Acton House League Hockey organization said they removed all their trophies to the new

arena before demolition began.

Prentice said Dave McIntyre and Steve and Kyle Marshall removed the Minor Hockey trophies and conveyed them to their new home at display cases in the new Acton arena in mid-November.

The upsetting part of the whole move for Prentice was the theft of two Mike Hudson sweaters from a display case at the old arena. In the days before he turned professional, playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Black Hawks, Rockwood native Hudson played for the Acton Sabres.

"We wanted to take the Mike Hudson sweaters but we couldn't access them," Prentice said. "They were in a display case over the stairs seven feet in the air and we had no ladder. We thought with work crews in there there'd be a ladder around we could borrow but there wasn't," Prentice said. "We left them for the Town to look after."

Arena manager John Archibald saw the sweaters in the case in the morning, but when he returned to remove them in the afternoon the display case had already been smashed open and the sweaters taken. One was a

two-tone blue Sabre sweater and the other was a red Chicago Black Hawks sweater with black stripes.

Prentice estimated the value of the case at \$700, but the sweaters are invaluable for historic as well as sentimental reasons.

So far police have been unsuccessful in their efforts to recover the sweaters, Archibald said.

Bailey said the New Tanner story about the discarded costumes disturbed club members because they thought they were disposed of.

"When we finished removing what we wanted I asked (arena manager) John (Archibald) if he wanted us to bring in a dumpster or something to get rid of what was left," she said. "He said he'd take care of it. I guess his method of handling that was to leave it for the wreckers to cart away."

Archibald denied having the conversation, but said he did leave the remnants for the wrecking crew

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said it would make no sense to pay to have

such items removed when the Town is already paying to have the building demolished.



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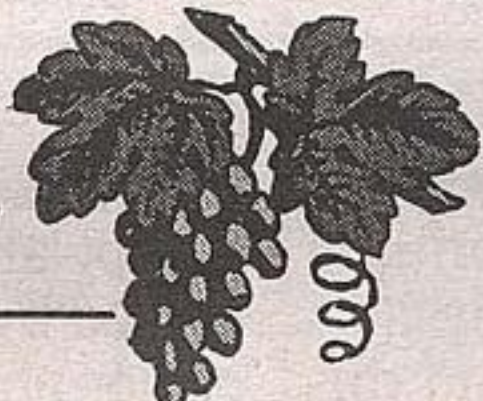


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Donations down

Local blood donor clinic officials don't know why they didn't collect as much blood as expected at last Wednesday's clinic at the Legion. Sixty-one units of blood were collected, down from 82 at the same time last year.

"There's lots of colds and flu around and maybe people are Christmas shopping," speculated clinic chair Julia Roehrig.

Roehrig rejected a suggestion from one clinic nurse that donations were down because it was the first clinic that was not run by the Red Cross, but instead by the new Canadian Blood Services.

"Blood is blood and I don't think it matters who collects it as long as it gets to the people who need it," Roehrig said, adding her thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the clinic. The next clinic is February 18, 1999.

Holland harmony

Check out the Georgetown Children's Chorus CD if you're looking for that perfect stocking stuffer for someone who loves music. The just-released CD was recorded live at the Ford Centre in the spring and features the music that the Chorus, including 14 members

from Acton, performed earlier this year on its Ambassadors of Peace tour to Holland. The CDs are \$20 and available at Acton Musicland and the Holland Shop.

Guild offers classes

Getting to the people who need help with reading, spelling and basic math is a huge challenge for North Halton Literacy Guild.

"The people who need us can't read your paper to find out how to get help," explained Guild executive director Dymphna Dewar, adding that they have to rely a lot on word of mouth.

"Acton is an area we find really hard to serve because we don't have an office there," Dewar said. The Guild uses the Willow Street offices of Halton Hills Community Support and Informa-

tion for classes two afternoons a week. For more information call 873-2200.

Lucky players

The Acton house league hockey Galvcast novice team will practise with the big boys next month when they take to the ice in Guelph with three members of the OHL Junior A Guelph Storm. Galvcast coach Nathan Marzo also arranged for the team to go to a Storm game.

"It'll be quite a thing for my team to be on the ice and get help from NHL draft players like Chris Madden and Eric Beaudoin," Marzo said, adding that Galvcast will also play an eight minute exhibition game, in front of 3,000 fans, during an intermission at the March 12 Storm game in Guelph.

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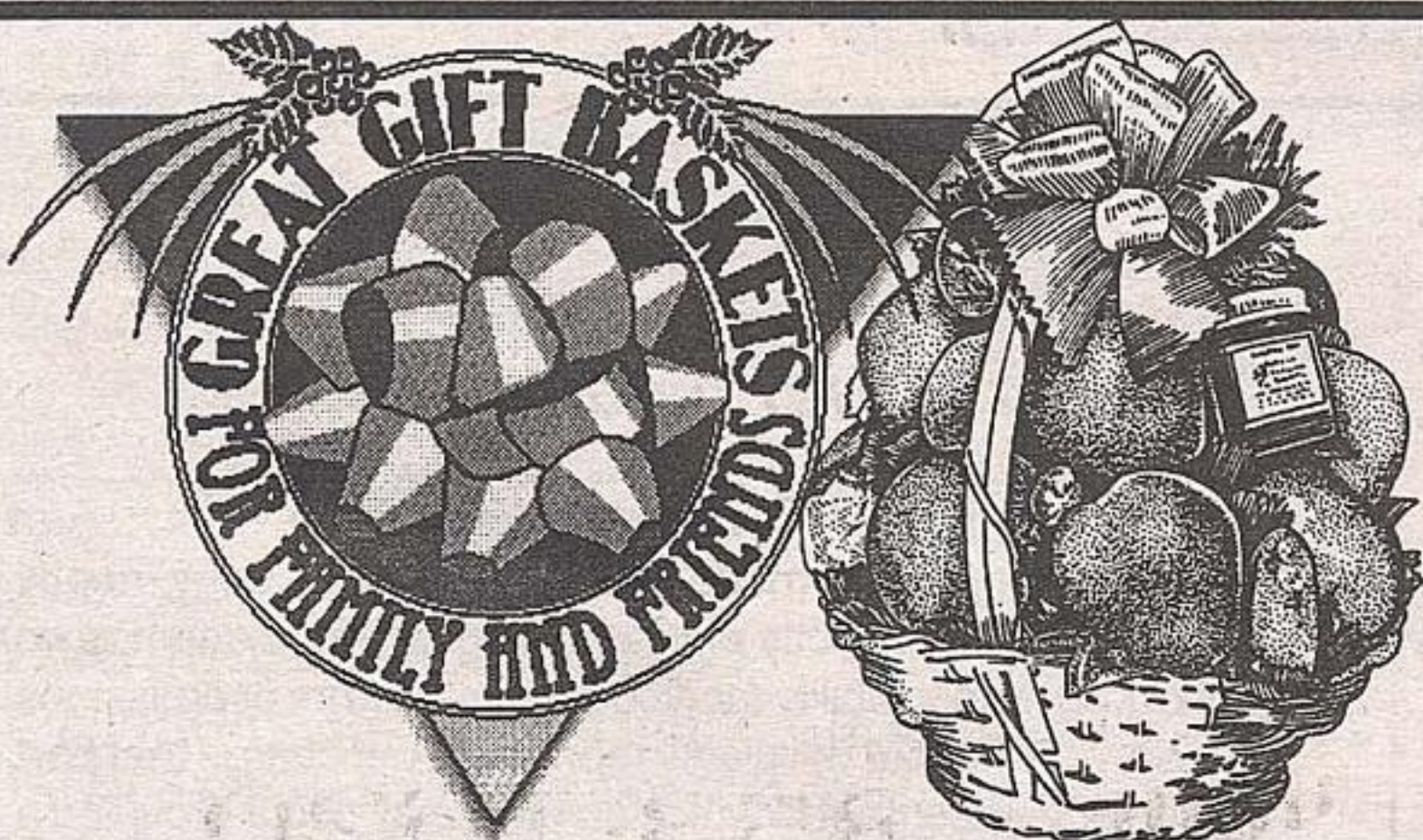
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