

Olympics at March Break

March break fun and activity for children is being planned by churches as well as the Town and other organizations. Acton Baptist Church is planning a "Super Book Olympics" for children aged six to 11 years on Monday to Wednesday morning, March 15 to 17 from 9 a.m.

to 12 noon. Each morning is to be filled with games, crafts, stories and snacks with special reference to stories and people of the Bible.

For more information, or to register, call Janet Cullen at 853-2712 before March 8.



CHECKING THE SITE: Kids joined Acton Winter Fair organizers as they prepared for the big event Saturday night. Acton Agricultural Society member George Henderson chats with Barb Anger of the Town recreation department while Nick Fread, Emily Henderson and Sabrina Fread share a quip with Town recreation department staffer John Dunn. Down front with their equipment at the ready are Maja Vermeulen, 8 and sister Lauren, 6, centre, and Justine McIntyre, 5 and brother Brett, 2, front. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Lenten services at noon Wednesdays

Noon hour Lenten services are being held each Wednesday during Lent with the eight Acton churches taking turns as hosts. The services begin at 12 noon and lunch is served following the service.

The offering at the services will go to the Rose Cherry Home for terminally ill children.

Services have already been held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Bethel Christian Reform Church with Rev. Shawn Brix, and yesterday, Feb. 24 at St. Alban's Church with Rev. Mark Tiller. Following is the schedule for the remainder of the Lenten services:

Wednesday, March 3 - Rev. Tom Cullen - Acton Baptist Church.

Wednesday, March 10 - Rev. Pieter Van Harten - Knox Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 17 - Father David Reilander - St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Wednesday, March 24 - Capt. Larry Jennings - Salvation Army

Wednesday, March 31 - Rev. Emrys Jenkins - Churchill Community Church

Ash Wednesday services included an ecumenical theme at St. Joseph's as Trinity United and Churchill Community congregation joined the Catholic parish in the blessing and distribution of ashes at the 7 p.m. service. Pastor Father David Reilander, Rev. Bob Matton of Trinity and Rev. Emrys Jenkins of Churchill all participated in the service.

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Elliott said, adding that he shares their fears.

The very ambitious proposed capital budget that was presented to councillors for debate totalled \$7.8 million with the lion's share - \$3.2 million - earmarked for public work projects and \$1.1 million for recreation and parks projects.

The budget committee, consisting of all councillors and the mayor, were expected to begin line-by-line debate of the capital spending plan.

One contentious issue with Acton councillors will be \$200,000 earmarked for pre-engineering design work for a proposed leisure centre, a staff recommendation which received luke-warm response from the Acton politicians at the last budget meeting.

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Closing Manor

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Both Re-Entry and Summit House staff are also looking for local beds along with staff of Community Living of North Halton and Community Care Access centre (formerly Home Care) is looking for nursing beds for some residents.

"Generally, what they're going to do is take the residents out to have a look at some of these places and hopefully, give people some choices about where they may be going."

Wayne Palmer, a spokesperson for the receiver, said Village Manor, which is operating at a loss, will be closed because it needs a lot of repairs and modernization to bring it up to current standards and the receiver has concluded that further investment is not advisable, at this time.

"We not in a position to discuss that (rebuilding) at this point. Nothing is really firm," Palmer said, adding that they must get approval from the Ontario Court of Justice to officially close the home.

The 12 full and part-time employees at Village Manor have been given layoff notices, effective in June.

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