

# GRAPEVINE



## Sittin' pretty

The congregation of Acton Baptist Church dedicated a bench on the church lawn in the memory of former parishioner, the late Mary Lemon, on Sunday morning.

'Dr. Mary' as she was known, loved flowers and her herb garden, and the church hopes those taking a shady rest on the bench will have their thoughts directed to the importance of spiritual matters of life.

## Lost, but not forgotten

If your child is a school bus rider and lost anything this past school year, you have two chances to retrieve it. All of the unclaimed stuff from the Tyler buses - shoes, clothing, skates, books, lunch kits - can be claimed tomorrow (June 29) from 9 a.m. to noon, and again on Tuesday (July 3) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the bus depot on Queen Street.

This is your last chance - all unclaimed items will be disposed of.

## Fewer speeders

Acton residents, who manned a radar message board on Main Street North last Wednesday, were "delighted" with the lack of speeders.

"The perception is that people are speeding through that area, but we found 81 per cent were in compliance (with the posted 50-kph)," said Keith Black, a member of the planning and education committee of Halton Hills Community Support and Information.

They set up the radar and message board that flashes the speeds of passing motorists, to draw attention to the issue of speeding and traffic safety.

Black said the fastest driver was doing 67-kph, and while almost 20 per cent of motorists were speeding, the problem for the one hour they were there (10 to 11 a.m.) wasn't as bad as they thought it might have been - possibly due to a recent in-

creased police presence in the area.

The radar gun and message board is available for public use by calling Halton police.

## Co-ordinator needed

Good with people times and dates? Have some time to volunteer? If yes, the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs your help.

It's looking for a volunteer transportation co-ordinator - someone to match people needing rides to their medical appointments with volunteer drivers.

The Acton branch also needs volunteer drivers. They are paid for their mileage, and can accept or reject trip requests. If either job appeals to you, call Cathy at 853-8531, after supper.

## Cancer campaign

### success

Acton branch officials are still tallying up all the donations and pledges, but expect that April's annual fundraising campaign will bring in \$35,700, just slightly more than last year.

"I think that for the size of town, that it's a phenomenal amount to raise, really," said branch president Cathy Gerrow on Friday.

Gerrow said the annual Paul Murr golf tournament and challenge by Acton Councillor Clark Somerville to shave his head, were both great successes and helped the campaign.

## Tree-mendous

Kudos to Barbara Halsall, president of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) whose hard work with a major tree planting program earned her an award from Conservation Halton.

More than 5,200 trees were planted - many by school students - in six locations, including around Fairy Lake.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:** Three generations of the Loewen family enjoyed the community brunch at the arena Sunday. Helmut Loewen is joined by his son, Dave and grandchildren Zack, 8, Emily, 6, and Jacob, 10. - Angela Tyler photo

# Celebrate Canada Safely

This weekend officially starts our too short summer season. The entire New Tanner staff would like to wish you a happy and joyful summer vacation but at the same time we caution you to review summer safety rules with your family.

Safety is on many of our minds because of two tragic accidents which occurred last week. On Father's Day, 12-year-old Somar Khawaja drowned in Brampton's Heart Lake. A family picnic became a lifetime sentence of grief for her family. It happened in an instant.

I think we all tend to think that by the time our children reach 12 or 13 that freak accidents like this are unlikely to happen. Toddlers and pre-schoolers are the usual victims of horrible accidents like this. Sumar couldn't swim and was in the shallow water playing with two other children. Her family was nearby.

Who knows what happened? We only know the heart-breaking end of the story. If you haven't gone over water safety rules with your family, then we've all just received a wake-up call. Many of us will be going to a lake for our holidays. Don't assume the water levels and lake bottom are the same as they have been in the past. Perhaps the ice has pulled a rock or deadhead into the area where kids have been diving in for decades. A responsible adult must safely check all play areas. Non-swimmers should not be near the beach or docks without having an approved floatation device on. Even better, how about investigating swimming lessons for non-swimmers. We do after all, have a lake right in the centre of our town.

The second accident cost a 19-year-old Georgetown worker his life when he was crushed between a fork-lift and a truck trailer. Many of our children will be taking summer jobs involving machinery. Two weeks ago our youngest daughter came home and announced she had learned to drive a farm tractor. I have every confidence that Erin is a responsible and cautious driver. On a flat surface, driving a farm tractor will be no problem for her. But I sat her down

## The Way I See It

with Mike O'Leary



and explained that she shouldn't be driving the machine on hills or sidehills. Tractors have a vastly different centre of gravity and are easy to tip. Farm accidents are common. The last thing I wanted was for her to feel over-confident when driving a tractor. It's a new, fun experience for her, but I want her to be aware there are dangers.

Ask your kids about their jobs. If necessary, visit the job-site and ask to look around. You may take some flack that you're being overprotective. Hopefully, your kids will still be telling the story about how embarrassed they were at their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

I know that safety instruction is the responsibility of the employer. You, however, know your child's strengths and weaknesses. As my mom used to say, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of loss."

I don't mean to imply that the unfortunate young man in Georgetown wasn't trained. By all accounts he was familiar with the equipment and this was his full-time job. I have had, though, past experiences where our kids have had close calls at summer jobs. I've learned to take a few minutes to inquire about summer job-site conditions. Parents have a wealth of experience. Draw off it. Kids will be kids after all. Help them to be safe.

Acton firefighters are holding their Canada Day Fireworks extravaganza this Sunday night. Prime viewing spots are Prospect Park, the Legion and St. Joseph School's playground. Firefighter have promised that this year's "oohs and aaahs" will be the best ever.

I would like to clear up what may be a misconception. Our volunteer firefighters pay for the fireworks from funds they raise through their association. There are no tax dollars contributed by government.

As far as I know, we are the only town in the Region who has a group of volunteers who put on a show of this magnitude. If you've bought fireworks recently, you know how expensive they are. That's where you come in.

Firefighters and other volunteers will be at the various sites. It's estimated that 5,000 to 7,000 people enjoy the show. If everyone would contribute a minimum of \$1 each, the firefighters can continue with this annual event. Believe it or not, in past times I've seen people go to great lengths to avoid pitching in a few bucks to cover the cost of the fireworks. Friends, there is no free lunch.

Look at it this way. If you and your neighbours pooled your money you might be able to enjoy five to 10 minutes of Roman Candles. The firefighter display is a giant block party where we pool our resources for a 30-minute show. It's just one of the events which makes our little town unique. So please be generous with your contribution.

Contributions cover only the cost of the fireworks. All of the labour is volunteer including the time it takes for some members to take the special courses needed to acquire a licence to set off these big fireworks. One doesn't put on a show like this by sticking the fireworks in a few pails of sand. This event requires hours and hours of planning and preparation.

See you at the Canada Day celebrations. The time is noted elsewhere in the paper.

And now for a commercial from yours truly. You may have seen the picture that Angela Tyler kindly took at our warehouse sale a few weeks ago. Well, we had so much fun we're going to do it again this Saturday, June 30 at 12 Wallace Street (near Mill). We'll start around 8:30-9:00 a.m.

We will have two gift companies displaying different products at clearance prices. I assure you, there will be something for everyone. We'll make that American discount chain look expensive. Shop early and often.

# 'Cool' dress...

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dress codes at school, coming in with skimpy halter tops and bare midriffs. The boys came in with hats worn backwards or sideways and pants hanging so low their underwear showed.

I thought to myself, why would

you go to apply for a job wearing that? Where is your common sense? Then my grandmothers words echoed in my head again, "Just wait, your time will come."

I looked at Delia sitting across from me and said, "You know, these are the kids who are going to look after us when we can't feed ourselves?"



**FISH ANYONE?:** Elly Tuitman helped serve the fish in the parking lot of Trinity United Church at its first-ever Fish Fry this past Saturday (June 23). - Ellen Piehl photo

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