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## What's Inside



Evan Morgan isn't walking across Canada for his health. He has wells on his mind. See Page 3.



Wild geese aren't flying South. They're after grubs on lawns. See Page 2.



Mike welcomes the use of marijuana for medical purposes. See Page 5.



The late Minnie Bennett left a profound legacy while she taught school in Acton. See Page 4.

# Acton's Purity Life hooks up with Vita Health Products

## Fall, winter brochure out soon

Watch for the 2001/02 Town of Halton Hills Fall and Winter Community Activity Service Guide to be distributed to residents beginning August 17. If you don't receive a guide at your door, one can be picked up at any Town of Halton Hills facility such as the Civic Centre, libraries, pools or arenas.

This issue features many opportunities for leisure as well as information on municipal and community services offered by the Town and other service providers.

Please be sure we receive your Fall Aquatic and Community program registration(s) prior to the following lottery deadline, Wednesday, September 5 at noon.

For more registration info, please call our Program Information Hotline at 873-2601, ext. 2275.

## Blood Clinic today

### High demand puts strain on supply

Canadian Blood Services (CBS) is encouraging Acton and area residents to donate blood at the blood clinic at the Acton Legion today (Thursday, Aug. 9) between 4 and 8 p.m.

"Making a blood donation after or before a long weekend helps ensure an adequate supply is available for those in need of transfusions this summer," a CBS spokesman said.

"Historically, blood donations decrease around holidays and long weekends because many regular donors are away on



**BROADWAY COMES TO TOWN:** Following a mini seminar on birds of prey, at Rockwood Conservation Area Sunday, Mountsberg staffer Sandra Metzger stayed a little while longer show children and adults could get a close up look at some of them including this Broadway hawk named Percy. — Angela Tyler photo

vacation or busy enjoying summer activities. At the same time, summer brings with it increased travel on roadways and waterways, which often results in a rise in trauma cases," Bruce Goss, Centre Director in Toronto, said.

Recent surgical procedures including major transplants and trauma-related cases have required high quantities of blood over the past month by area hospitals. All blood groups are needed, especially types A+ and O+. There are thousands of patients who rely on Canada's blood pro-

gram year-round.

One donation of blood can save up to four lives. Most healthy people can give blood every 56 days, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria, from 17 to 70 years of age.

Canadian Blood Services is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the blood supply in all provinces and territories outside of Quebec and operates the country's bone marrow donor registry. CBS operates 42 permanent collection sites, 11 bone marrow donor clinics and more than 10,000 blood donor clinics annually.

## Letter of Intent is signed

Purity Life Health Products Limited (Purity Life), of Acton, Canada's largest independent distributor of natural health products, have signed a Letter of Intent to form a co-operative relationship with Vita Health, Canada's largest manufacturer of natural health products and over-the-counter (OTC) medications.

The Letter of Intent also proposes that the Nature's Harmony brand form part of this arrangement.

David Chapman, Purity Life's founder and president, said, "The coming together of the Vita Health Food Division, including Nature's Harmony, with Purity Life, represents the growing maturity of our industry and will bring positive benefits to both our customers and suppliers."

Eric Smith, Vita Health's president, concurred with Mr. Chapman's comments and said, "This co-operative relationship recognizes our companies' core competencies and will maximize them for the value of our retailers. Purity Life is a successful Canadian business with an established sales force, management, and distribution network in which our private label, branded, and distribution business will be able to benefit from their broad market penetration. Both companies' strengths will now be combined to promote better products and services to our customers in this increasingly competitive market place."

The union brings more

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