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Special award

Norval's Joyce Woolgar was one of the 25 recipients of a special Achievement Award recently. Woolgar has been a volunteer with the Ontario Ten Pin Bowlers Association for more than 30 years, and has volunteered at the national and local level as well. The award recognizes the long serving contribution from individuals in the world of amateur sports. Woolgar was presented with the award at a special dinner held February 28.

Urgent appeal

The Canadian Red Cross Toronto Centre is issuing an urgent appeal for blood donors of all types because the regional blood supply is at a critically low level. If the current shortage continues, patient care may be affected.

Individuals age 17 to 70 are urged to share their good health and attend a convenient clinic in their area. There will be a donor clinic in Acton on Thursday, March 23, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Acton Legion.

Tourney finale

It will be a busy day today (Sunday) at Gordon Alcott Arena as the annual Georgetown International Bantam tournament winds down for another year.

Teams will battle for division titles throughout the day with grand championship semi-finals in the afternoon.

The girls divisions will hold their finals at 5:20 and 6:35 p.m. with the boys grand championship match taking to the ice at 8:10 p.m.

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Taking a break — a March break



Annelies Brand and Julie Bottomley, participants in the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Leadership Development Training program, learned how to create works of art from simple things like string and paint in preparation of the upcoming summer camp programs for little children. Junior leaders and Leaders in Training took part in the week long course at Cedarvale Community Centre, learning various skills, like customer service, first aid and behavior management.

TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Arena takeover?

Society to study feasibility

By LISA TALLYN
 Staff writer

The Acton Agricultural Society will receive \$10,000 in jobsOntario Community Action funding to study the feasibility of preserving and managing the Acton Community Centre.

On top of the \$10,000 from the provincial government the Agricultural Society will kick in \$5,000 and a \$5,000 in kind contribution from society member participation.

"We could never have done this study unless we received the funding," said Janis Fread, president of the Acton Agricultural Society. Fread said Rural and Community Affairs students from University of Guelph have been hired to do the study under the guidance of a professor.

Focus groups of potential users of the arena will meet including representatives of sports clubs and service clubs. The study will determine whether there is sufficient demand in the community for the agricultural society to consider taking over and maintaining the facility so it can continue to hold the fair there. The study will assess the possibility of establishing a marketing and business plan, and consider using the facility for a year-round farmers' market, monthly auction sales and small trade shows.

The town's annual engineering inspections of the building will be incorporated in the study. Originally the town had considered demolishing the Prospect Park arena.

Fread said if the study, expected to be completed by October, reveals it is feasible for the society to take over the facility they will have to appeal to council to determine how the society would take over the arena.



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