

CHAIRMAN TRAVELS: Halton Chairman Gary Carr visited Halton Hills for Monday's Council meeting and chatted with Regional Ward 3/4 Councillor Jane Fogal and Mayor Rick Bonnette. — Frances Niblock photo

December temperatures 4.7 degrees above normal here

Could this be the year without winter? asks Environment Canada in its review of December's weather across this province.

December is typically the start of the winter season with cold temperatures and snow, but this year record breaking temperatures for the month were recorded throughout Ontario.

In many areas of the province it was the warmest December on record. In places where temperatures were not the warmest, they were the second warmest. It was so warm only a few communities in Northern and Northwestern Ontario had a white Christmas.

Temperatures in this area were 4.7 degrees warmer than normal for the month.

Ski and snowmobile areas didn't have a great start to the season. Even though precipitation in December

was within normal values, warmer temperatures meant that all the precipitation that fell was rain. Winter sports enthusiasts weren't

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what the rest of the world thinks? Is this governance by opinion poll? Do you really care what the polluting countries we were all set to pay off think?

As an aside, have you noticed very few media editorialists are incensed by Jack Layton's NDP plan. Layton would break Canada's commitment to both NATO and the mission to Afghanistan. A mission, I would add, that was started by the previous government.

The changes I've seen in our environment over my lifetime have been truly amazing. The changes in energy demands have been

happy with the lack of snow but others were pleased it was costing them less to heat homes, and office buildings.

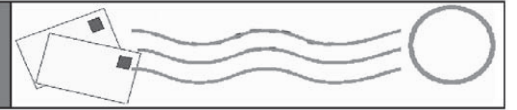
equally mind boggling. Just look at the size of houses today, look at the extra electrical appliances.

In my younger days almost no one had two cars. I could go on and on. I suggest that most people would not go back to a time just after WWII. So the problem is how do we rationalize our insatiable demand for energy with out lifestyles?

I can't answer that except to say our political processes will never solve the problem. It is up to each and every one of us to look at our lifestyle and change the habits that pollute or waste energy.

In the immortal words of Kermit the Frog: "It's not easy being green."

Letters



Week long Celebration of Arts 'tremendous success' – Mayor

To the editor,

On behalf of the members of Council and the community of Halton Hills, it is my pleasure to extend our appreciation to The New Tanner for supporting the recent Celebration of Arts event in Halton Hills.

The exciting week of music, theatre and artistic expression was a tremendous success due in part to the outstanding performances from well-known artists, the entertainment from our local theatre

groups, the wonderful art expressed by many local artists and the support of our local media. The coverage of the event in the local newspaper and the advertising play a vital role in the overall success of an event and your support is greatly appreciated.

It was truly a remarkable experience and a wonderful Celebration of the Arts in our community. Thank you for your support.

*Yours sincerely,
Mayor Rick Bonnette*

Christmas Day in Acton

I can't put into words to say how wonderful it is to spend Christmas Day with my fellow Actonites. Thank you, Ann, for letting Bill and I be a small part of that day.

The people of Acton are the most caring and giving that I have ever experienced. We are very blessed to live in this town.

Every year we meet more people as this town continues to grow.

*Happy New Year Acton.
Paulette and Bill Switzer*

Editor's note – The Switzers were actively involved in the Community Christmas dinner.

Norman's dad knew how to deal with bank heists

To the editor,

I read in The New Tanner about the bank robbery in Acton. It was not right but some idiot did it. The bank is a good one and has good employees.

Years ago my father worked in a bank in Toronto. One day some idiot tried robbing the bank he worked in with a gun. My Dad fired a round into the ceiling and chased the bandit out of the bank, then down the street.

The robber disappeared into the crowds while my dad disappeared into a bar for a few shots on his way back to the bank.

Banks have changed over the years as have police,

who now are better trained and equipped since my father's day. But there will always be idiots who do dumb things for a buck.

Thank you for your time,

*Yours truly,
Norman Foote.
P.S. At that time my father was licensed to carry a gun.*

ATTENTION -- PARENTS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS

You are invited to attend a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students who are planning to attend **Acton High School** or **Georgetown District High School** in September 2007 are welcome to come and hear more about the Grade 9 program, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community). For more information, please contact the school office.

Acton High School

Wednesday, January 17th
Large group presentation: 7 p.m.
Small group questions and answers session: 7:45 p.m.
Tours: 8:30 p.m.
(519) 853-2920

Georgetown District High School

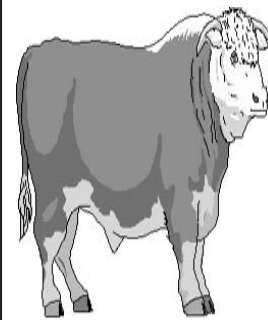
Thursday, January 18th
Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.
Small groups—French Immersion, Special Education and Essential Program: 6:00 p.m.
Large group assembly: 6:45 p.m.
Display/tours: 7:30-9:00 p.m.
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