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From the February 4, 2006 pages of The New Tanner
One year ago: St. Jack, the Patron Saint of Humour, would laugh out loud to see Acton's Jack Carpenter sporting a red foam nose on Monday, February 6 to promote inexpensive fun, frivolity, harmless humour and fight the February blahs. Carpenter asked everyone to slap on a red nose and have a belly laugh to mark Lighten Up Canada Day.

In other news:

•The Town's proposed 2006 operating budget requires a tax levy of \$20.5-million – a 5.1 per cent per cent tax increase over last year, or \$51 more for a Town tax bill of \$1,053 for a house assessed at \$300,000.

•The Acton High School girls' hockey team ended the semester with a 2-and-4 record after edging visiting T.A. Blakelock 4-3 in the final game before exams last week.

From the February 7, 2002 pages of The New Tanner

Five years ago: With typical humility and great pride, Acton's Max MacSween accepted a prestigious Heritage Community Recognition Award from the Ontario Heritage Foundation. MacSween is president of the Acton Horticulture Society.

In other news:

•Paying bills, investing and travel are among the plans of three Acton residents won recent lottery jackpots. None of the winners – two who won over \$75,000 – said they intended to spend wildly.

Former Acton postie dies in head-on crash

A 48-year Orangeville man who died in a head-on crash on Highway 25, south of Campbellville Road, just before 3 a.m. on Friday, worked at the Acton post office for six months until Christmas.

Funeral services were held in Orangeville on Monday for Mike MacDonald who died on his way to work at the Milton post office.

His 1999 Toyota Carolla and a 1990 Toyota 4-Runner being driven by a 21-year-old Milton man crashed

head-on. The Milton man remains in hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police found both cars in the southbound lanes and the fiery crash closed Highway 25 for hours.

No fire

A heat detector at Acton High School was damaged by accident at 1:26 last Wednesday afternoon and it set off the fire alarm.

Acton fire fighters ensured the system was shut off until repairs were made.

Milton growing

Milton, which only a few years ago was described as the town where the leading industry was silence, is going gangbusters now attracting new business at a scale that almost avoids description.

At the end of December, industrial and commercial permits issued by the Town in 2006 represented over 1.8 million square feet of new commercial and industrial space. According to their manager of economic development commercial and industrial development is keeping pace with residential development, a balance that is vital to maintaining a relatively low tax rate for residents.

New and expanding businesses in 2006 included:

•Maaco Systems Canada has moved its operations from Mississauga to a facility in the James Snow Business Park.

•SYSCO Canada has leased half of a new facility currently being developed in Milton's 401 Business Park, with occupancy expected in 2007.

•TransPro Freight Systems Limited will move into a new facility in Milton in May 2007.

•DIY Marketing Inc. is returning to Milton to house its business in a James Snow Business Park facility.

•Chudleigh's, known for its pick-your-own farms, is moving its bakery facility in Milton to a 80,000 square-foot plant in the Escarpment Business Community.

Two major retail projects currently under construction are the development of a 30-acre parcel on the south side of Highway 401, with five separate buildings to accommodate several restaurants, a fitness centre, the Bank of Montreal and the Beer Store.



Celebration Quilt

Celebration Quilt to hang in Fair Board's brand new facility

It was 15 years ago that the Homecraft Division of the Acton Agricultural Society sold fabric squares to groups, individuals and businesses in the community to commemorate Canada's 125th birthday. This striking quilt was pieced and tied by the women of the Homecraft Division and hangs proudly every year at the Acton Fall Fair.

Now, they're doing it again!

This time, it's a Celebration Quilt; a quilt to celebrate the long-awaited new building that should be completed and ready for the 94th annual Acton Fall Fair.

The quilt will be comprised of as many quilt squares as the group can entice from the Acton com-

munity! To date, 44 fabric blocks have been sold and the completed squares that are trickling in are awesome: a sophisticated and beautifully painted family coat of arms, one of the churches has done a whimsical pieced rendition of the church with the congregation seated in the pews, another family had each of their young children print their name in magic marker on their fabric square, a community group embroidered their name around their crest, and the list goes on.

The quilt squares are cotton/cotton blend – easy to embellish with paint, magic marker, embroidery, etc. There are two sizes: Small (9" x 9") or Large (18" x 18") and they're available in Red or White. The small squares sell for \$10, the large \$20 and the final deadline to have all squares completed and turned in is March 31. All proceeds from the project go to the Homecraft Division, to assist them with the transition to their new facility.

This quilt, which will be a very personal display of community pride, will hang in the new building, along with the original quilt completed 15 years ago.

To purchase your fabric block, please call 519.853.0239 or email jfread@hotmail.com or visit The Needle Gnome in downtown Acton.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 COME IN FOR CLARK'S BIRTHDAY SPECIALS

ANYONE BORN IN FEBRUARY,
SHOW YOUR I.D. AND RECEIVE A
1/2 PRICE DESSERT
OR COME IN ON YOUR BIRTHDAY,
HAVE LUNCH OR DINNER AND HAVE A
FREE DESSERT.

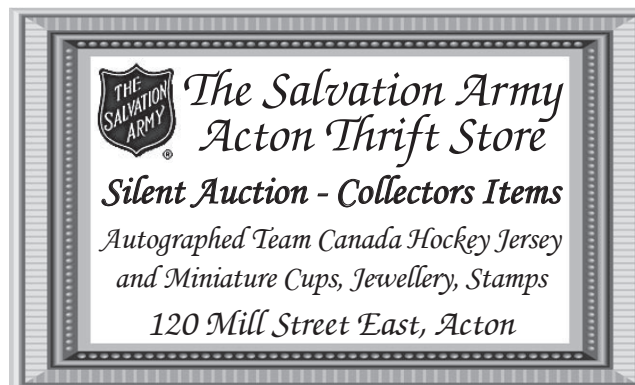
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2 can dine for
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3 course,
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Wednesday, February 14



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flowers, plants and of
course...

Roses Roses Roses

Open Sunday February 11, 2007
12 noon to 4pm