

GRAPEVINE

AIDS awareness

The North Halton group of Grandmother to Grandmother – a Stephen Lewis Foundation AIDS/HIV campaign – meets May 1 at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Church.

The Grandmother to Grandmother campaign raises awareness and funds for the AIDS/HIV pandemic in Africa that has killed so many mothers, that grandmothers are raising their grandchildren.

For details, call Elly at 519-853-3896.

Environmental award

Congrats to 15 Robert Little School students who received a Halton Youth Award for Environmental Excellence on Friday at the Bell Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment.

Work submitted by the Grades four and five students – William Bedard, Devon Frobert, Susanna Huotari, Sammy McCarthy, Devin Rose, Jaci Ruttan, Jesse Wilkinson, Rebecca Bath, Spencer Beaumont, Ellis Gold, Mitchell Lauzon, Macayla MacInnis, Ryan Newman, Lauren Saelzer and Jessie Smith – following a creek cleanup in September was amalgamated into a submission for the award, designed to encourage and support youth environmental efforts.

Each of the students received a "loot" box from Halton containing environmental gadgets and products and Robert Little School will receive \$500.

Breakfast time

Knowing the importance of a good breakfast to student achievement, McKenzie-Smith Bennett School opens its Breakfast Program on May 15.

Backed by a grant from the Food for Thought organization, the MSB Breakfast Program will serve up a quick and nutritious breakfast two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) before class.

Goal setting

What is your motivation and how can you make it work for what you want?

You can explore those issues at a seminar titled "The Road Less Travelled" with Wendy Hue of Partners in Progress on May 8 at the Georgetown library.

Hue is a professional certified coach and certified sales professional who will donate the \$5 ticket price to the library for business resources.

Space is limited. Call the library at 905-873-2681 for details.

Disappointed deferrals

Nineteen people who had hoped to give blood at last Thursday's clinic at the Acton Legion were disappointed when, for various reasons, they were deferred from being a donor.

Many of the people who had been deferred – the most in recent memory – had the flu or a cold within the past month and some had been on holiday.

Canadian Blood Services officials and local volunteers are grateful for the 57 units of blood that were donated.

Defib fundraiser

Proceeds from a May 26 performance of the Lulu's Roadhouse Band at the Ballinafad Community Centre will help buy a defibrillator for the community facility.

Defibrillators, which can save lives of heart attack victims, have been installed in many public buildings and facilities for civilian use. They cost approximately \$4,000.

The band is the same one that backed many famous performers who played at Lulu's in Kitchener.

Tickets are available at the Centre, or the General Store.

Thunder Silver

Congrats to Kaylee Kearns, 14, a member of the Guelph Thunder Bantam BB hockey team that won a Silver medal at the Ontario Women's Hockey Association championships earlier this month.

Kearns, a Grade nine student at Acton High School, had a strong rookie season playing defence for the Thunder that was edged 2-1 in the final.

Kearns learned her skills playing Acton House League and Select hockey with the boys.

Birthday wishes

Acton's Joyce Carpenter had double the fun on Sunday when family and neighbours surprised her with a birthday party at her home – the same day Carpenter celebrated her mother, Mrs. Tilley Brine's 101st birthday at a Guelph nursing home.

Murder mystery

There's still time to purchase tickets for Acton's Old Town Hall Dinner Theatre's presentation of Shady Acres Shenanigans, a murder mystery at the old Acton Town hall on Saturday, May 5. Tickets can be bought until Saturday night at Acton Home Hardware, Halton Hills Furniture & Appliances as well as Dollar Stretcher Daze. The event includes a buffet dinner, cash bar as well as the performance.

Think Bowl winners

Congrats to the intermediate Think Bowl team from McKenzie-Smith Bennett School that brainstormed their way to a third place finish at the Halton-wide Think Bowl competition earlier this month in Burlington.

Each four person team is presented with an issue and must come up with a feasible solution – backing up their work with a booklet and skit showing their problem solving, dramatic and thinking skills.

The MSB team included Dallas Shewfelt, Megan Paul, Colin Brennan, Matt Watson and Alex Sheriffs.



DUTIFUL DONATOR: Acton's Mike Murray, a regular donor, was kept company by his daughter Sam and Canadian Blood Service volunteer Julia Roehrig (centre) as he gave blood at the clinic last Thursday at the Legion. – Frances Niblock photo

We need a laugh about now

I don't watch a lot of programs on CBC, except for hockey and other sports of course, but one of the programs I do enjoy is Air Farce.

Of all the characters, I look forward to the inquisitive philosopher to give me a good giggle. Think we should all be ready for a few laughs.

I present the following philosophical gems for your enjoyment.

- Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.

- One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor...

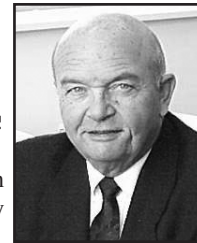
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

- The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.

- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told

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me, it would defeat the purpose.

- What if there were no hypothetical questions?

- If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

- If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?

- Is there another word for synonym?

- Where do hermits go to "get away from it all?"

- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

- If a parsley farmer is sued, can

they garnish his wages?

- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

- Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

- How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?

- What was the best thing before sliced bread?

- One nice thing about egoists: They don't talk about other people.

- Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?

- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

- How is it possible to have a civil war?

- If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?

- If you ate both pasta and anti-pasta, would you still be hungry?

- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

- Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "astroids?"

- Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?

- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

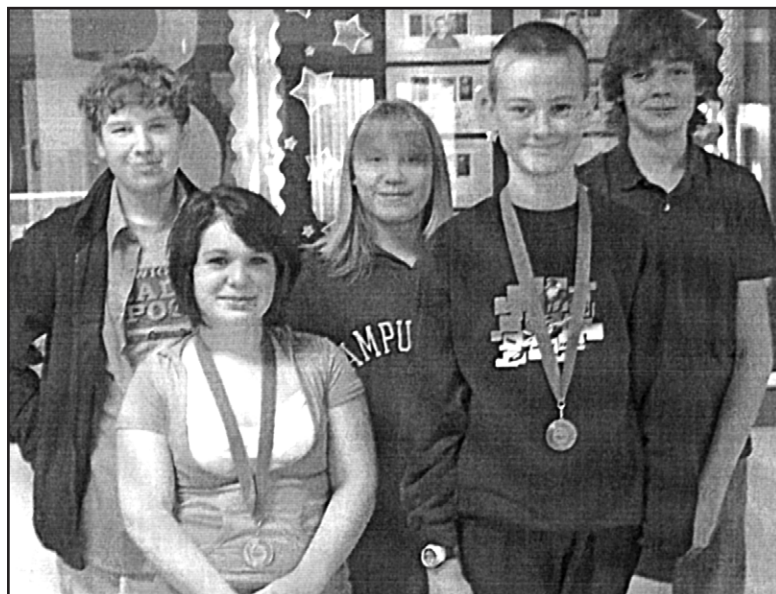
- If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times does he become disoriented?

- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

- Definition of a fanatic: someone who can't be persuaded to alter their point of view and won't change the subject

- Definition of a two humped camel? A horse designed by a committee.

Hope you enjoyed. See you next week.



THINK BOWL ACES: Members of the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School Intermediate Think Bowl team earned a third place finish (of 24 teams) at a Halton-wide Think Bowl competition earlier this month. The problem solving aces include, from left: Dallas Shewfelt, Megan Paul, Alex Shirreffs, Colin Brennan and Matthew Watson. – Submitted photo