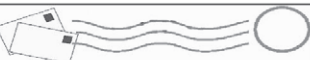


What would you have done?

I read the comments of K. Buchanan and would like very much to respond to the words. I hear what Buchanan has said, and I agree of course that animals should not be harmed. I think, however, there are circumstances that are exceptions to the rule. I ask this of Buchanan and

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anyone else who may share the same opinion as them: What if this was your small child that this pit bull was attacking? Would you think, "Oh that poor lost little pit bull, shoo, shoo, doggie don't eat my child dear little pit bull please stop attacking..." as you stand and do nothing but watch your child get seriously mauled? I highly doubt it.

I did what I needed to do to protect my kids (my dogs). In the terror of the moment, survival instinct kicked in and that shovel was the first thing that I was able to get, and my heart ached as I did try and release the pit bull from my dog's neck.

I was raised in a loving family and violence was never an option for resolution of any matter. I do not think that my actions/reactions to this matter makes me a violent offender. As a matter of fact, our family is one that continuously takes pride in community involvement and support. I will continue to be active in our community regardless of what Buchanan thinks of me or my actions on that terrifying day.

I love animals, all animals. I can't even kill a fly. My intention was not to kill or seriously maim this dog (who had not suffered any trauma through this), it was to save my dogs from death. I did what I had to do to save my babies. I think any other loving dog owner would have done what they had to do to protect their animals too.

I question the lack of action of Buchanan allowing their dog to be seriously injured while they watched. How unfortunate for that poor dog. I do want to say, however, that

I agree with Buchanan's comment on alternative methods of action. I should have called animal control when I saw the dog initially. That is a fair statement. I regret this deeply. It would have been the best move. I assumed the dog was gone and that was my biggest mistake.

Incidentally, the 2 by 4 the workman picked up was not used to hurt the pit bull, it never touched the dog. The workman picked it up to protect himself from the attack and to help corral my dogs to safety. My apologies to anyone who I offended by trying to save my dogs.

Frances Turk
BSc, ND

Blue Grass Jam on church lawn

To the editor;

Who would ever guess that there would be a Blue Grass jamboree in Eramosa.

But there was! And you will never guess where it happened.

First clue: it was in Eramosa Township. Second clue: it happened in small village whose letter begins with E.

The Everton folks were first treated to a county-style strawberry social out on the church lawn, along with classical violin solos played by the village Suzuki students.

But then there was a change in the mood as newcomers Jeanette and Bruce Clarida brought out their dulcimer and banjo for some southern music.

Soon the Prieb family trio had the crowd clapping with their country folk tunes; son Brandon on the spoons kept up the beat for his parents Mary and Bill.

Off the street came Georgina and Cam Urban, adding a new music twist to the program with their unique combo of a big bass viola and a musical saw.

With such a talented group of performers, it wasn't long before they began to have and impromptu jam session.

The whole crowd was soon clapping and stomping to the beat, with some children doing a joyful do-si-do under the trees.

Was this our first peek at a new group – The Strawberry Jam (boree) Group?

S. Drijber
Rockwood.

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



The environment is an issue that has grown in importance on the public agenda. Concerns about environmental issues are on the rise. An overwhelming 85% of Canadians are concerned about "climate change."

Last month, I brought a recommendation to Council that a Halton Hills Green Plan be established, and that the four pillars of the strategy to be "PARE" (Practical, Affordable, Reasonable and Enforceable). Your Council unanimously supported the Resolution. Our findings and recommendations should be completed by November. We will be seeking input from local experts, Town staff, and the community at large in the development of ideas and strategies. At the end of the day, this will be a working document.

This is also a time to be careful about insect bites. If you hike in the woods, be cautious. It is not just mosquitoes that you have to worry about, but also ticks. Lyme disease is a very real threat. I know of one local businessman who suffers from this disease. Keith Poullos has been very diligent on spreading the word on this dreadful disease, and now heads up a support group for the GTA.

Congratulations to Father

Bob and all the parishioners at the Parish of St. Joseph's Church in Acton, who recently celebrated the church's 150th anniversary.

I am pleased to announce that the Mayor's Annual Heritage Golf Tournament that was held in June raised over \$36,000.00. That is a record. Special thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors for making it a huge success.

Happy retirement to Acton Aqua Duck swim coaches Gerry Ockenden and his daughter Julie Mathews. Gerry has volunteered over 24 years for the kids in Acton, and Julie has coached for 15 years. Gerry is now a Public School Trustee for Wards One and Two.

The Acton Rotary Bandshell is now officially open in Prospect Park. You did a wonderful job! It looks fantastic!

Lastly, I would like to congratulate two of my favorite people: my parents, Lou and Madeleine Bonnette, on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca.

Back Facts



One year ago in The New Tanner:

- Harvey Sheppard, 32, of Etobicoke died in Georgetown Hospital, 12 hours after searchers – police, family members and other swimmers – found his body in eight feet of water in Fairy Lake, about 15 minutes after he went missing.

- Service Canada contracted Halton Hills Community Support and Information (HHCSI) to open and operate an Acton Em-

ployment Resource Centre on Mill Street, with a two-year budget of \$548,701.

- Two Acton women charged with leaving their 97-year-old mother and grandmother in a sweltering car while they shopped said they are sorry – "it was an innocent mistake."

Five years ago in The New Tanner:

- Only Doug Neary, a poor swimmer, knows why he tried to swim across Fairy Lake. The 44-year-old Hornby resident remained unresponsive in critical condition in a Brampton hospital, days after his body was found in murky chest-deep water in Fairy Lake.

- Halton Region imposed a mandatory water ban on outdoor water uses – like car washing and lawn watering – to ensure there's enough water in the reservoirs to handle peak residential demand and emergency uses.

- A three-year grant from the Trillium Foundation means Acton's Off The Wall youth centre and one in Georgetown will not close as feared.

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