



The Town water fountain can be seen at the near end of the YMCA building

Search for fountain work in progress

By Angela Tyler

In December 2004, the New Tanner reported that renovations were in full motion at the former YMCA building on Mill Street. For decades, to the west side of the front of the building stood a public drinking fountain that was donated by the

I.O.D.E. ladies to the former Town of Acton.

The I.O.D.E. organization is a country wide non-profit organization founded in 1900 to improve the quality of life for children and youth.

The building's new owner, Mike Caputo, said that he "made a landing for the fountain at the front with new steps and a big flower bed. I'll put the fountain back where it was – it won't be operational – it will just be for memory sake." However, New Tanner staff has noticed amongst others in the community that the fountain has still not been re-installed.

This week, the New Tanner tracked down Mr. Caputo to find out what has happened to the historic fountain. According to Mr. Caputo, during renovations he was undertaking he was unable to focus attention on the fountain and gave it to a worker who was on the YMCA renovation job.

After hearing about the historical significance of the fountain to the people of Acton, Mr. Caputo has indicated that he will contact the worker and find out the whereabouts of the fountain. The New Tanner will continue in its search and return of the fountain.

CVC support

Halton Hills Council will go to bat for Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) when it comes to trying to get money from the provincial and federal governments to pay for CVC programs to protect, maintain and operate its conservation areas along the Credit River.

Currently, there is no provincial or federal funding to help pay for the day-to-day maintenance and operational costs in the CVC watershed area, including sections of Halton Hills.

At the request of Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson, Town Council recently approved a Notice of Motion asking both upper levels of government to help pay to "ensure the health of these cherished green spaces for our citizens."

VOX POP

Even before the work was complete, kids were swarming all over the new \$204,000 Acton skateboard/ BMX/ blading park beside the arena. By all accounts, it's a winner.



Josh Synoboli, Acton, on his skateboard

"It's good. There's a lot of things here to try and so you won't get bored with doing the same thing over and over. This is the first skateboard park I've been



Ricky Thompson, 12, Acton, on his bike

"It's amazing – I can do almost anything on my bike. I like how there's rails so you can feel like (sliding after leaving the back tire down.) I like the quarter pipe. I like everything."



Carson Paulsen, 10, Acton, on his skateboard

"It's awesome. It's big, you can curve around and it's really cool. I've been on my bike and skateboard and I like it best with my bike because I can do more tricks."




Kyle Gracie, 13, Acton, on his bike


"I like how you can curve around to pick up speed. I love how they have a bigger quarter-pipe and a smaller quarter-pipe for kids with different skills. I like the boxes and rails."

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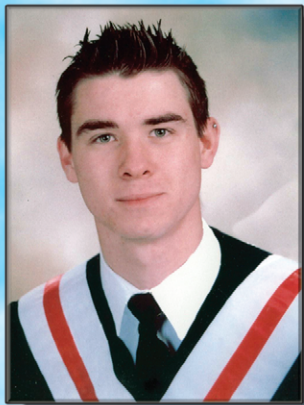
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In tribute of Allen (A.J.) Keith Vryenhoek September 29, 1982- July 28, 2003



On July 27/ 2003 at 10:30 p.m. my son, Allen was driving his little blue Ford Escort home from a trailer park when he was hit by a drunk driver in a full size GMC pickup truck. He was only one half hour from home. The truck swerved into oncoming traffic and hit the driver's side of Allen's car. Allen received severe head injuries and was air lifted to Hamilton General Hospital. The doctor's tried to save him, but in the early hours of July 28, his heart stopped beating and he was pronounced dead.

I had not slept that night because

Allen always phoned me at 11:00 p.m. to tell me he'd be home any minute. I phoned him at 11:15 p.m. only got his voice mail. The police knocked on our door at 3:00 a.m. I ran downstairs and received the fatal stab to my heart. They told me my son was dead, I thought there must be some mistake because he was just in church with us that Sunday morning, July 27. Victim Services drove us to the hospital to I could see my dead son. Allen was covered with a blanket and his head was wrapped in bandages. I kissed his cold forehead and held his cold hand. I wanted so much to make it better, make it go away. I have never been so helpless in my entire life. I had to leave him in that cold place all alone. I had to say good-bye forever.

It has been four years since I heard Allen's laughter. My painful heart keeps beating, but I will never be alive again. There are no words to describe how much I miss Allen, and I know there will never be a Christmas for me. All the money and sympathy in the whole world will not bring my precious son back into my arms. Why did Allen have to pay the price for someone else's crime? Why? This was no accident! At this year's Christmas dinner, or any family gathering, take a good look at your sons and daughters and try to imagine that empty chair that we have, never being able to hug or talk to them, having them gone forever.

For your safety and that of your whole family, we must all do our part to remove those irresponsible people who chose to drink and drive from the roads we share. They are lethal killers without morals, and you may be their next prey, this was no accident. Make driving a special privilege – not a right! Allen's killer is back on the roads again.

In loving memory



Allen's little sister Yvonne needs her loving and caring brother, who told her not to ever worry about life because he would always be there for her, until a drunk driver, a repeat offender, took him from us.