THE NEW TANNER



WELCOME VETS: Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion welcomed 16 veterans from Sunnybook Hospital at the branch on Sunday where they were feted by legion members and assembled for a group photo before they left. – *Submitted photo*.

# **Piano Honours**

GRAPEVINE

Lili Paradi received top honours in grade one piano and Szyliva Paradi got a pass in grade five piano in the Music Festival music results, John Hriblijan informed The New Tanner.

### Vendors Wanted

Vendors wanted for the fall Momto-Mom Sale. To be held at St. Alban's Church, Acton, 19 St. Alban's Drive Acton, on Saturday September 29, 2007 from 9am-12 noon. Children's and infants toys, games, books, clothes, cribs, strollers, high chairs and playpens for sale. For info call Susanne at 519-853-0390.

#### **Help for Resumes**

Halton Hills Public Library will be holding a Resume Critique Day on October 10 between 1-4 p.m. A Career Information Specialist from The Centre for Skills Development & Training will be at the Georgetown Branch, 9 Church Street for a one hour consultation. You will receive immediate feedback while learning how to develop a targeted and effective resume. It's free and space limited. Call 905-702-7311 x 109 to book an appointment.

# **New Manager**

Grapevine has been told that Tanners Pub and Grill has been sold and managers Clark Somerville and sister Trish will be leaving. Word is that John McGrath, former owner and manager, will be managing the business again.

# Cribbage League

Dobbie Frizzell stopped in to remind Grapevine that the Acton Men's Industrial Cribbage League is starting again on Thursday, October 11. The league starts on October 11 and runs through to April of 2008 at the Acton Legion on Wright Ave. One doesn't have to be a Legion member to play in the league. Further information is available from Dobbie at 519-853-2021.

# **Appreciation Night**

Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is hosting a volunteer appreciation night for all CCS volunteers in the Acton/Wellington county/Guelph unit on Tuesday, October 2 at the Acton Legion. CCS hopes volunteers can join them for a three course dinner and entertainment! If you would like to attend please call the Guelph Unit office at 519-824-4261.

## **Calendars on Sale**

Acton Firefighter Association's unique calendar will be on sale at the Acton Fall Fair next to the Fire Fighters food booth. Proceeds from the \$10 cost all goes to Camp Bucko, a burn camp for kids in Ontario. The calendar is also available at Giant Tiger's department store and other local locations.

## Celebrating Year One

Acton Employment Resources Centre at 45 Mill St. is celebrating its one year anniversary and is extending an invitation for people to drop in for refreshments between 1 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 to meet the staff.

## **Big Response**

Halton Hills Fire Services had an outstanding response to their recruitment. Over 130 applications were received for the 12 part-time positions up for grabs. Of those, 45 people in Acton are vying for two spots at Station 1 (Acton).

#### **Program Night**

Acton High School parents are invited to attend Grade 9 Program Night this Thursday, Sept 13 from 7 - 8:45 p.m. Parents will hear from the admin, school council and students' council and then follow their son or daughter's timetable to learn more about course curriculum as well as assessment and evaluation practices.

#### **Acclaim Volunteers**

Acclaim Health's Hospice Orientation Program, for new volunteers, begins on Thursday, Sept 27 and continues every Thursday until November 29 (10 days) from 1 - 4 p.m. Volunteers will receive education on supporting individuals in the community who are living at home with a life threatening illness. Volunteers provide emotional support and friendship, outings, caregiver relief for family members, crisis support and bereavement follow-up support. This training is free of charge and open to both men and women. For more information or to register, call Acclaim Health Volunteer Services: 905-827-8800 ex. 2313 or 2318.

# Caledon are league champs, Bolton forfeited by actions

the match.

#### To the editor,

Re: "Soccer Club Head Says Story Wrong" (September 6<sup>th</sup>) The North Peel Halton Soccer

The North Peel Halton Soccer League has in fact now awarded the B-U16 title to Caledon, following the disgraceful end to their match against Bolton August 26 in Acton.

This was done on or before the day The New Tanner printed Mr. Watson's letter, something he either knew or ought to have known, as president of that league.

The score was 2-2 with less than two minutes from extra time when the referee was forced to abandon the match due to increasing vocal abuse and eventually threats against game officials, precipitated by of all things a dropped-ball restart near centre field after a near-fight on the field after which one of Bolton's best players narrowly escaped a sending-off. Verbal threats to the young assistant referee on the players' bench side could be heard on the opposite side of the field, at which time the referee ran over and immediately whistled to abandon Further details of the ugly melee that followed were fully disclosed to the editor but withheld from the story in preference to highlighting the positive efforts of Acton teams in the weekend tournament; in the anticipation North Peel Halton and the Acton Soccer Club would respond decisively and positively to these events.

Caledon did earn the championship by virtue of their composure, their inspired comeback effort and their admirable season-long team character. Bolton, in contrast, is a club known for some time to have serious internal disciplinary problems extending to their rep soccer program, which has earned numerous sendings-off in South Region play.

Forfeit is a venerable English word whose use is not restricted to judges and sports league bureaucrats. By their behaviour the visitor directly caused the match to be abandoned and forfeited claim to any share in the championship. Any other decision than that taken by North Peel Halton in this case would be inconceivable.

Earlier this season, Acton players were physically threatened by Bolton players, for which no disciplinary action has been taken; expressions of concern by parents and others to the Acton Soccer Club regarding a long history of similar unruly behaviour been received with limited enthusiasm. A better response to the story would have expressed regret such concerns were not responded to in a timely or effective manner, and assurances that coaches, referees but above all young players would not have there participation in the Beautiful Game marred by hostility and fear. Leagues and clubs do have the needed powers, and it is long past time that the legal and ethical implications of incidents like this can be safely forgotten.

Yours truly, Charles Tysoe (The writer is an Ontario Soccer Association Class Three referee)

Principals understand frustration

#### e To the editor,

Re: Class list frustration

The Acton area public schools would like to take this opportunity to respond to the letter published in The Tanner regarding the posting of class lists before the school year starts. It isn't hard to understand the frustration Mrs. McCauley expressed in her letter. We know how anxious everyone is about his or her child's class placement. And we know how important it is to make good decisions about class "fit".

In late spring, teachers meet to discuss students' strengths and needs, and to consider in what ways we can best support each child. That is also when we look at the school organization that has been given to each school by the Board in terms of; staffing, class sizes, split grades and special education resources. But, It is not until very late in August that class lists and teacher assignments are firmed up.

Sometimes teachers change schools during the summer. Students move away and others register. Class organizations continually change to reflect these factors.

Managing class sizes, matching student learning styles with a specific (sometimes newly-hired) teacher and effective uses of Special Education resources are some of the considerations still in play late into the summer. It would be unfair, and equally, if not more frustrating to parents and students to expect a specific class or teacher, only to have those expectations change in September.

At Robert Little and McKenzie-Smith Bennett, we think of ourselves as being in partnership with our communities. We want to ensure that parents and students continue to share ideas and concerns with us as this is a vital part of our growth together as learning communities. Please feel free to contact your respective school administrator when you have concerns or ideas that can help us work together to ensure student success. *We are committed to every student.* 

We would also like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very safe, happy and successful school year!

#### Sincerely,

Sharon French (Principal MSB), Bob Tadman (Principal Robert Little).

