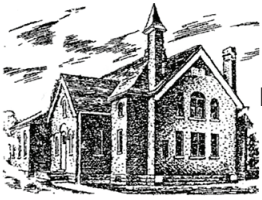


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to spend more time with his wife, Susanne. A 'For Sale' sign in the window at their Blue Springs Flower and Gift Shop on Mill Street signalled the couples' plan to sell the business that they opened eight years ago.

• Good nutrition and the good Lord receive equal billing when Acton's Dorothy Rognvaldson explained her longevity as she celebrated her 90th birthday. Age has not slowed her down - her weekly calendar is a whirlwind of community service activities including driving for the Red Cross, Wheels to Meals, working with Trinity Church Activity Group, visiting people who can't get out and walking.

• The victims of an Acton break and enter may get some of their stolen goods back after police arrested two suspects earlier this week for a rash of 27 break-and-enters across southern Ontario in the past six months that netted the thieves \$324,000. In each instance, the vic-

tims were either owners or employees of Chinese food restaurants and while police said they have a motive for the crimes they would not reveal it because it is of "evidentiary value."

• A "cure" could be in the works to help fix the acute lack of family physicians in Acton, made much worse by the recent health-related retirement of Dr. Vanderbent. "There is some potentially good news," Angela Sugden-Praysner, Halton's physician recruitment coordinator said, adding that she has a "good feeling" about negotiations now underway with two potential doctors.

MAY

• Last season's grueling hard work paid off in spades for rhythmic gymnast Emily Boycott, 25, of rural Acton who was named Female Athlete of the Year with a Disability at the 2007 Ontario Sport Awards on April 25 in Toronto.

• Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette has issued a "warning" to Acton

skateboard park users that Halton police are "upping security" at the Tanners Drive facility in response to neighbours' complaints about noise, littering and vandalism. Bonnette said that some kids are not leaving the park 30-minutes after dusk, as directed by signs at the facility.

• "No" was not the final answer to Dover Flour's plans for another silo as part of an expansion at its Mill Street mill. A company official persuaded the Town's Committee of Adjustment that, despite a past expansion approval condition that no new silo be built, this plan would help alleviate noise and traffic problems with the mill that has existed in the area for approximately 150 years.

• Five years after Halton began investigating the safety of pumping twice as much water from the Acton Prospect Park well to allow for growth, Regional Council voted to spend an additional \$143,000 for a peer review of scientific studies done to date.

JUNE

• Acton soldier Anthony Prince - whose step-father co-owns Acton's Galvcast Manufacturing Inc. - suffered non-life threatening shrapnel injuries while on duty in Afghanistan. Price, 22, a member of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group based in Edmonton, was treated for wounds to his back and arms in a Kandahar hospital before being shipped back home.

• Acton's FoodShare food bank distributed 27,264-pounds of food last year to the Acton hungry, "steady" usage compared with recent years. Year-end figures show there were 697 visits to the food bank from April 2007 to March 2008.

• The pro-party politicians on Town Council think Halton Hills residents should be able to play music outdoors at their homes until 11 p.m., and before asking for public comment on changes to the Community Standards Bylaw, changed the turn-

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