

Looking back at 2008's ups and downs...

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off time from 7 p.m. to 11 o'clock.

• Debate continues about potential redevelopment plans for a Limehouse wrecking yard recently purchased by the Town for \$500,000 from the estate of the late Fred Tolton and his wife. The salvage yard, located across from the Millennium Garden and Limehouse Public School, is an eyesore to some, and there are 40-plus years of published complaints about operations at the yard.

JULY

• If it weren't such a cliché, it would be fair to say that Len and Elly Tuitman are stopping to smell the roses. The owners of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping will retire to Fergus this month after 29 years in business in Acton.

• Sleeping till noon and reading for fun are just dreams for some Acton students who are attending summer school, either to upgrade their mark, to try to get a passing mark or for remedial help with math and English. Both

the Halton public and Catholic school boards and the Peel and Wellington school boards offer summer school.

• Acton area children and teens needing psychiatric care could get it closer to home – and sooner. During discussion at a Halton Health and Social Services committee on a proposal to provide psychiatric support for children and adolescents, Acton and Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, vice-chair of the committee, asked staff to investigate if funding for a child and adolescent psychiatrist could come sooner, not later.

• Halton Hills will not allow any more lost or abandoned dogs to be sold to research facilities, a moratorium that will be in place until staff reports back on the legal ramifications of enacting a bylaw prohibiting the Town's dog catcher, Halton Hills Canine Services, from sending unwanted dogs to registered research facilities.

AUGUST

• Will GO Transit's Kitchener expansion

plans include a train Stop in Acton? The numbers will decide if Acton is a candidate for a station, according to Greg Ashbee, GO's manager of rail expansion plans who said, "Acton is being considered for a station. There's a lot of factors that come in (to play) as to whether Acton is a candidate site in terms of how many people are actually going to get on a train and is it really worth it. That's the only question."

• Annoyance with wind swept litter blowing all over her Acton neighbourhood every recycling day sparked the entrepreneurial and environmental spirit of Andrea Stewart, prompting her to invent Green-Net – touted as the ultimate defense against litter. The device is being tested in several pilot projects.

• An agreement al-

lowing the Acton Medical & Urgent Care Clinic non-exclusive use of Town-owned land for overflow patient parking will moves the clinic one step closer to reality. The land, known as the Olde Hide House parking lot, is adjacent to the proposed medical centre to be built by Acton Dr. Nather Alshakarji.

• The 29 Acton area residents whose land will be affected by Hydro One's plan to build an approximately 180 kilometre double-circuit 500 kilovolt transmission line on a widened existing transmission corridor were asked to decide if they will grant Hydro One an easement on their property for the new line, or if they will sell outright the strip of land needed for the project.

SEPTEMBER

• Local farmers hope for

an Indian summer as the wettest weather on record in the GTA hands farmers an "incredible challenge" to harvest their crops.

• The 95th edition of the Acton Fall Fair drew thousands of people to Prospect Park. The event also marked the 45th Miss Acton pageant and the 50th anniversary of Homecrafts.

• Rural Acton's Emily Boycott, a five-time Gold medal winner at the 2007 World Special Olympics in China, are honoured with a Municipal Achievement award from the Town.

• Hundreds of people – including a large contingent from Acton – attended funeral services for former Acton minister the Reverend Dr. Robert T. Matton in Hamilton. The Reverend Matton, 54, suffered a massive heart attack. His wife and children Rita, Jane and Daryl, a Canadian soldier who flew home from Afghanistan for the funeral, survive him.

OCTOBER

• The Federal election was a cakewalk for Wellington-Halton Hills MP

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BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS** By James Hayes P.R.O.

Comrades,

The Branch was closed on Friday, Dec. 19, as a result of the snowstorm. It is regretted that some of our more hardy members were inconvenienced by this action.

New Year's Eve.

Tickets are available at the bar, \$30 each. I suggest you get yours soon as numbers are limited. There will be a cold buffet, party favours, and bus transport home for in town residents (11pm – 1pm)

Steve Dunn will be providing the music for your

listening and dancing pleasure.

Levee Day.

The President's Levee on January 1, affords us the opportunity to welcome the new year and pay our dues if we have not already done so.

Yours in Comradeship,

Jim Hayes, Branch PRO.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, happy holidays. All the best for "2009".

Yours in Comradship,

L.A. President,

Annamarie Lowin

The families of Beth Pasmore of Rockwood and Joe Cunningham of Guelph are delighted to announce their upcoming wedding on January 3rd, 2009. The vows will be a private event in the afternoon, but, this is too good to keep private, so, family and friends are invited to an open house and dance at the Old Stone School (CAW Hall) 611 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph just north of Woodlawn Rd. next to the TSC Store. Come one and all to toast the bride and groom that evening between 8 and 1.

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