

GRAPEVINE



Reunion plans

A group of eight former and current Acton residents – best friends forever since their school days in Acton – are finalizing plans for a reunion next month in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Organizer Gerry Kentner, who moved from Acton to Georgetown as a teen, said the group met in Kindergarten and “hung around like a flock” during their school years. Sixty years later, the group “still has something special between them,” and will foster that friendship at the four-day reunion.

“There was something about growing up in a small town like Acton that bound us together, and still does, even all these years later,” Kentner said, adding they last met five years in Ottawa, and picked up where they left off.

Open House

St. Joseph Catholic School will help celebrate Catholic Education Week with an open house on May 6 for parents and students to learn what the community has to offer. Organized by the school’s Trust Group – a student-run initiative – the so-called “Carousel” features eight local groups and individuals – a Halton public health nurse, officials from Christ the King Secondary School and members of the school’s Eco group – will man booths that the students and parents will visit.

United Way search

Did you ever sit on the Board of the United Way of Halton Hills? If so, organizers of the United Way’s 25th anniversary are looking for you to be part of the quarter-century celebrations. For more information call Jim at 519-853-2476 or email to: jlindsay@cogeco.ca

Heritage golf

Registrations are still being accepted for the 11th annual Mayor’s Heritage Golf Tournament on May 26 at Acton’s Blue Springs course. Organized by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, the tournament raises money for heritage groups and activities including Heritage Acton and the Limehouse Kiln Society. For information call Danielle at 905-873-2600, ext. 2345.

Dance for the Cure

The Boomerangs will entertain the crowd at Dance for the Cure, a fundraiser for the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society on Saturday, April 30 at the Acton Legion. Proceeds from the dance, which includes a cash bar, silent auction and light lunch, will help fund cancer research and patient services. Call Cathy at 519-853-1424 for tickets.

Mom to Mom deals

You might want to get there early if you plan to shop for great deals at the Mom to Mom sale on Saturday at St. Alban’s Church – there have been line-ups at the door past for past sales that feature gently used children’s items including clothes and toys. Proceeds will benefit the church. The sale runs 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Speyside sold?

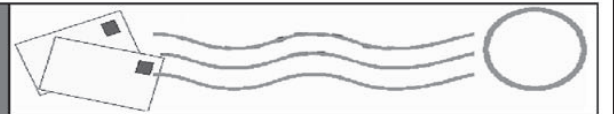
The Halton District School Board has a signed offer for the former Speyside Public School, which was declared surplus and offered for sale. Board officials would not comment on the deal until it closes on May 31, because a previous signed deal fell through last November.

Domenico Renzella, the Board’s Manager of Planning, said the purchaser may be planning to use the old school for a “church or place of worship.”



BOYS BEST FRIEND: Acton’s Austin Daleman will receive an autism service dog, thanks to National Service Dogs and Milk-Bone. On Saturday, the Daleman family were on hand at a Mississauga pet show when Milk-Bone presented an \$18,000 cheque to help pay for the dog, which Austin will get within the year. On hand were, from left: Kimberly Doyle, Milk-Bone, Mom Patricia Daleman, Danielle Forbes, National Service Dogs, sister Sasha Daleman, dad Stephen, brother Isaac and Austin Daleman, patting Tesla. – Submitted photo

Letters



An Open Letter to J. Goring

To the Editor,

Wow, J. Goring, you sure picked the wrong puppet (re: Open Letter to Mr. Chong-April 21, 2011)

I should not have to remind you that Michael Chong resigned his cabinet position before voting against a government resolution, supported by all parties, granting nation status to Quebec. The key word here, J. Gor-

ing, is BEFORE. He was not forced to resign after breaking cabinet solidarity.

If Michael Chong’s actions are those of a puppet, may I say, with apologies to Sir Winston Churchill --- some puppet, some string.

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Gas saving tips

With gas expected to reach \$5 per gallon by summer, these tips that I received from a friend might come in handy.

Tips on pumping gas

I don’t know what you guys are paying for gasoline, but here in California we are paying up to \$3.75 to \$4.10 per gallon. My line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money’s worth for every gallon:

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose, CA we deliver about 4-million gallons in a 24-hour period through the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks

buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role.

A one-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you’re filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those

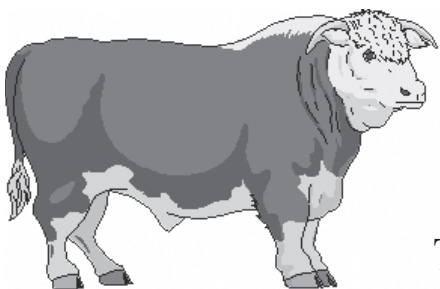
vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you’re getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is half full. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, do not fill up, most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

What’s Your Beef?

Put it in a letter to the Editor!



It’s better than just chewing your cud!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.