

Lots to do over two days

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Also Saturday, from 3-8 p.m., the Festival at Acton will feature the popular Taste of Acton from 2-6p.m., Talent Show/Karaoke from 4-7 p.m., and Movie in the Park (Prospect Park) at 8:30 p.m. The movie will be *Iron Man*.

On Sunday, (Father's Day), the Classics Car Show will be held at Cedarvale Park from 7 a.m.- 4 p.m. and the Show & Shine for Autism in the Price Chopper parking lot will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

In Acton there will be a Dad & Me Fishing Derby on Fairy Lake Sunday from 7-11 a.m. There will be a casting competition at 10 a.m. Also, there will be a demonstration on tying flies and fly-fishing casting event sponsored by Trout Unlimited at 10 a.m.

From 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday the Festival on Main in Georgetown continues with a Dad & Me Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., Dad competitions including arm wrestling and Olympics and other Dad and Me activities (for example twister and checkers), the Chill Zone, Round Robin Street Hockey and Dad & Me mini-workshops.

There are several festival activities going on in Glen Williams Sunday as well.

They include Dad & Me Arts

Activities, Dad & Me Private Guitar Lessons near the William's Mill Visual Arts Centre. Other activities include Dad & Me Dress Up & Photo Opportunity (in Glen Williams Town Hall) and Sheridan Nursery Farm Tours. The Sheridan tours will be 30-minute guided wagon rides through the extensive nursery farm. Tour times are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will also be Williams Mill Artisan-Led Tour & Activities including hand casting, glass blowing and wood burning.

The Family Build a Boat activity at the Beaumont Mill Sunday in Glen Williams will feature an antique boat display, youth skiff build and restoration workshop (end of day draw and sail).

The St. Alban's Strawberry Social will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

In Limehouse Sunday there will be Bruce Trail Guided Mini-Hikes, and Historical Lime Kiln Walk. From 1-4 p.m. Sunday there will be a Victorian Festival at Devereaux House. Those who stop by can enjoy Victorian tea and cake with strawberries and cream and interact with the Devereaux family.

For details about The Big Daddy Festival go to www.bigdaddyfestival.ca.

The Big Daddy Festival— An idea is born

By **LOIS FRASER**
Big Daddy Festival

Collingwood's Elvis Festival, Streetsville's Bread & Honey Festival, Toronto's Santa Claus Parade...they all started somewhere. They all started when a person, or group of people asked the question, "what if we celebrated....?"

Collingwood's Elvis Festival began 16 years ago and is now the biggest Elvis Festival in the world. Streetsville's Bread & Honey Festival has been going for 38 years and is still going strong.

Organizers of the Big Daddy Festival are hoping that over the years, their festival will become the signature event that Halton Hills is known for. Halton Hills is a friendly, family oriented town, so why not celebrate this important day in family life?

The idea came out of the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable, a not-for-profit, incorporated, volunteer organization created in 2009. The group undertakes projects that highlight local artistic and cultural talent and heritage attractions in order to bring enjoyment to local residents and showcase Halton Hills to visitors. A guest speaker suggested that Halton Hills think about a special festival that would set us apart from other communities, and which celebrated an aspect of our local culture.

We looked at our town's strengths— our friendly family atmosphere, our beautiful outdoor/natural areas and our strong arts commu-

nities were mentioned by everyone, when asked about what makes our town special.

After investigating several festivals, including a wonderful pottery festival, Beatrice Sharkey raised the idea of a Father's Day festival. She had been at a Globe Productions show one Mother's Day, when mothers were being honoured by the audience and got to thinking that it was harder to find ways to celebrate Dads.

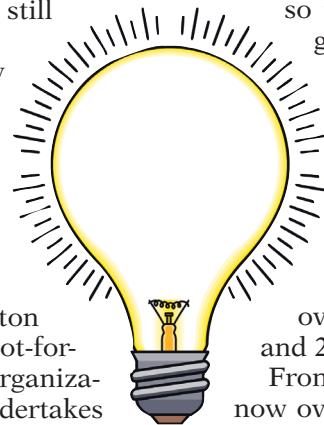
The Roundtable's research showed that there was no other Father's Day festival in Canada, so that was appealing. Glen Williams graphic designer Peter Perko was at the fall 2009 meeting where it was decided that Dads would win the day. He suggested the name "Big Daddy Festival". It had the right connotation of fun, coolness and was obviously all about Dads.

The result is the first annual Big Daddy Festival, which is happening over Father's Day weekend June 19 and 20.

From an idea voiced last fall, there are now over 50 activities for Dads, including the well established Classics Against Cancer and Festival on Main in Downtown Georgetown, which are serving as anchors for the new festival.

A growing list of 130 volunteers are revving up for a great weekend. Bring your Dad, or the significant man in your life (or your kid's life) to celebrate the Father's Day weekend in our beautiful, friendly, culture filled town.

See www.bigdaddyfestival.ca for more details.



Big Daddy Thursday, June 10, 2010

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- ★ **Free BBQ** with hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, drinks
- ★ **Free bouncy castle, helium balloons, kids face painting, giveaways**
- ★ **Live Entertainment** - don't miss great music from a local band
- ★ **Live Soccer Demonstration** - the girls Georgetown Mustangs



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Saturday June 19 8:30 - 2:30



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