

# GRAPEVINE



## Ace actor

Congrats to Acton actor Daniel Stubbington, 13, a member of the *To Be Determined* theatre group, who picked up the “Great Future as an Actor” award following a performance of the troop’s play *Mirror Game* at a weekend competition in Thunder Bay.

Stubbington is no stranger to the stage and screen – he has appeared in the TV dramas *The Firm*, *Mayday* and *Degrassi*, and spent the day on Monday on the set of *Transporters*, filming on the Toronto waterfront. The Grade 8 student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School has also appeared in numerous commercials, including one for McDonald’s.

Proud mom Shannon Stubbington described Daniel as “very outgoing” and able to make friends with anyone. He began his career at age 10 in a Globe Theatre musical, and is a member of the Georgetown Children’s Chorus. He has starred in several MSB school plays and plans to attend Sheridan College’s musical theatre course. For two years, Daniel has delivered *The New Tanner* in his neighbourhood.

Two members of the *To Be Determined* troop also earned the “Best Duo” award on the weekend.

## BBQ Beef

Some 60-pounds of barbecued beef, and pails of coleslaw and baked beans will be served up at the Limehouse Presbyterian Church’s 12th annual beef on a bun feast on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Hosted by the Women’s Association, proceeds from the event are earmarked for church maintenance.

While some tickets will be available at the door, it is best to order tickets by calling Glenda at 905-877-2101.

## Father’s Day plans

If you are making plans for some family fun for Father’s Day you might want to consider Acton’s version of the Big Daddy Festival which includes a scavenger hunt, Acton Idol contest and a movie in Prospect Park.

## Truck pull

Acton youths will be transported to Georgetown’s Christ

the King School on June 23 to participate in the second annual *Chance for Change Fire Truck Pull* fundraiser. Teams of 20 – with at least five youths – will take turns pulling a fire truck 50 feet, and the fastest team wins. Teams must submit an entry fee and are encouraged to collect pledges. Along with the pull, there will be food, music and prizes.

Last year, the event was held in Acton, and the plan is to alternate between Halton Hills’ two communities each year.

## Music and comedy

Heritage Acton and Acton’s FoodShare foodbank will be the beneficiaries of a fundraising concert on Saturday at the Acton Town Hall Centre featuring music and magic.

Acton’s Dave Quinn (founder of the Acton Astronomy Club) will be the MC and comedian and will share the stage with a duo who will perform original rock and folk songs. The Acton band *Chase’n Diesel* (four Acton residents and one from Glenn Williams) will play two sets of rock and blues, followed by magician Peter Kennedy.

Tickets are moving fast, but some will be available at the door for the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For details call Sean at 905-702-7869.

## Summer library fun

Dads, grampas, uncles are invited to come to the Acton library with their little loved ones on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. for stories, songs, crafts and fun. Register in person, or by calling 519-853-0301, ext: 2550.

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The Acton library is offering a full slate of summer reading programs for all ages – the adult and teen summer reading program will earn some lucky reader a \$50 gift certificate from a local business of their choice. Visit the library service desk to sign up and receive a reading calendar.

For more information visit [www.hhpl.on.ca](http://www.hhpl.on.ca) or call 519-853-0301.



**ACTOR AWARD:** Acton’s Daniel Stubbington, 13, a member of the *To Be Determined* youth theatre group, picked up a “Great Future” as an actor award following a performance of the troop’s play *Mirror Game* at a weekend competition in Thunder Bay. – Submitted photo



**GOOSE GATHERING:** These goslings stuck pretty close to mom while they enjoyed the sunshine and dandelions on the shore of Fairy Lake last week. – Submitted photo

# Survey saaaaaaaayss....

If you’re over the age of 40 and you hear the theme song to the television show *Hogans Heroes*, even if you haven’t seen the show in years, I guarantee you will almost immediately and instinctively start whistling along with the song.

*Hogans Heroes* was, a show that now might not have made it to the actual television schedule, as it might not be seen as politically correct. However, I see it as an original and a classic.

Over the weekend, one of *Hogans* men, Richard Dawson passed away. Dawson is probably more known for being the host of *Family Feud* and *Match Game*. On *Family Feud* he was the host that kissed EVERY woman no matter what she looked like. On his last show during the first session he hosted, he said he kissed for luck and love, the same as his mother told him.

After he passed, I saw a television interview clip on the Internet with him talking about some of his career memories. At first I didn’t recognize him. He was certainly a lot older, had a lot more grey hair and got a



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little heavier, but as soon as I heard his voice with his calm manner and the intense focus on his story I was mesmerised again.

I say again because in thinking back, over the years, certain actors, although they may not be top billing actors, have a way of entrancing me with their work and their presence. On *Hogans Heroes* the stories usually involved Hogan having some romantic fling in each 30 minute episode, but if you watched the other actors there was a much better story there. I was too young to watch it during its original run, yet I watched it for years after and even today if it is on during its decades of rebroadcast.

If you haven’t seen that show, I can guarantee you have at some point in your life watched *Family Feud*. I’ve watched the new version. I don’t like it. I can hardly believe I’ve watched it on television since 1976. There have been different

hosts of the show. There was only one that actually belonged in that position and that was Dawson. He always wore a three-piece suit with boutonniere and was never foul-mouthed or inappropriate. After he retired the first time, they brought him back again but it was too late. They had already changed things and the show’s time and place were gone.

I have a hard time with television and movies now. There is too much re-doing of old things. Very rare is the second run of something that is successful the first time a success the second time. *Family Feud* continues but it isn’t the same.

I hope they never re-do *Hogans Heroes*. I don’t think they will because it had its time and place. Some things you shouldn’t try to redo or change. I like watching *Hogans Heroes* in black and white. I like watching re-runs of circa 1978 *Family Feud* with its non-digital or computer enhanced set. I like watching actors like Richard Dawson. “Survey saaaaaaaayss.... Thanks Newkirk.” RIP.