

# GRAPEVINE



## Halton Paranormal Investigates

Members of the Halton Paranormal Group will be in Acton on August 28, between the hours of 8 and 11 pm. to investigate the possibility of paranormal activity within the Town Hall. Many of the citizens have contacted Halton Paranormal in regards to "Jimmy" the ghost so they will be going to run a full investigation to see if there is anything there.

## Yoga in the park a success

We were pleased with our final Yoga in The Park. 54 participants showed up despite the iffy weather conditions. 103 lbs of food were donated and we raised \$187. The grand totals for the 4 classes were:

- 463 lbs of food plus \$175 Sobeys gift certificate for the Food Share
- \$400 for Links to Care Backpack program

Unfortunately 2 classes had to be cancelled due to rain.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this a huge success.

## Volunteer with Links2Care

Links2Care has various opportunities for volunteers to gain valuable experience and priceless rewards contributing to a fabulous community organization:

- deliver Meals on Wheels to seniors in Halton Hills,
- drive seniors to Halton Hills restaurants for social outings,
- assist with programming at our Acton Seniors Supporting Housing building,
- provide friendly visiting to isolated Halton Hills or Milton seniors,
- perform reception and administrative duties at our Acton office.

Typical time commitment is once a week but more or less of your time is happily appreciated. Please call Patty Colautti, Volunteer Coordinator, for further information at 905-873-6502.

## Dutiful donors

Thanks to the generosity of Acton area residents, Canadian Blood Services staff collected 40 units of blood at

the clinic last Thursday at the Legion. There were two first-time donators at the clinic, which was sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society's Homecraft division – and everyone enjoyed the watermelon and peaches.

## Fair Community Challenge

Sewers and knitters of all ages are busy creating items – like comfort shawls and premie baby hats – to enter in this year's Acton Fall Fair Homecraft Directors Community Challenge Special, designed to help those in need.

For the adult challenge, there are four categories with prizes for the person or groups that make the most premie hats, comfort shawls or lap blankets, premie vets or chemo hats. Items will be donated to Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, Knox Church and Links2Care.

Mayor Rick Bonnette's Junior Community Challenge is open to all junior exhibitors who are invited to decorate any single item of non-perishable food – ensuring that the label is still readable. Mayor Bonnette will judge the entries, which will be donated after the Fair to Acton's FoodShare food bank.

## Bluegrass music

The Milton Bluegrass Club will be holding monthly jams at the Royal Canadian Legion in Milton, starting next month. Our jam dates are as follows: September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, December 16th, January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will have door prizes and possibly a 50/50 draw. Everyone is welcome.

The MBC is a non-profit acoustic Bluegrass music club dedicated to playing and promoting Bluegrass music in our area. Instruments are limited to acoustic guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dobro & upright bass (we will accept electric bass).

For membership information please e-mail Gary White, President at thegwhite@cogeco.ca



**KIDS HELPING KIDS** – Setting an impressive example of selfless generosity, sisters McKenna and Victoria Murray celebrated their birthday this year by asking friends for new backpacks and school supplies instead of gifts which they donated to the Links2Care Backpack Program along with \$60.00 cash. Links2Care, assisted by local high school students and community mentors, distributed 191 backpacks to Halton Hills children this August in order to make back to school time a little better for families in financial need. – Submitted photo

## Some plunk, some hover, but we all end up reading

Here's the thing, this newspaper wouldn't exist without advertising, nor would any newspaper. Therefore I find it strange that I write for a newspaper and at the same time there is a lot of advertising that I find frustrating.

My biggest advertising angst comes from the endless commercials that precede your viewing pleasure of a movie at a movie theatre. If it's a new and popular movie you need to arrive early or experience what we did on a date night a while back when the only seats left were in the front row. When you arrive early you not only have to sit through endless movie star trivia but then you get to sit through advertisements at the time when the movie is scheduled to start. I think they should have a listing for pre-movie and actual movie times.

Another annoyance that has grown over the last year has been the advertising on a lot of YouTube videos. Up until about a year or so ago I had no involvement with YouTube however, when Little J discovered her Pocoyo cartoon obsession, I was forced to search and my computer became her entertainment



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in her high chair for a few minutes each day while I did the clean ups I couldn't while she was wandering about. It was so annoying to have commercials before a little child's cartoon and even more infuriating to see ads for fighting type video games or movies. Luckily this plan of keeping her occupied for those few moments didn't need to last very long.

Have you ever been at a roadhouse style restaurant and had to use the restroom? I'm not too sure about what happens in the men's one however, in the ladies one when you're plunked down on the toilet it isn't uncommon to find a frame on the back of the door with an ad or a poster for an upcoming event inside the frame. Now, I do think whoever thought of this way of advertising is a clever person because the ad has a captive audience. You have to sit there and you are staring at the door so you might as well put something useful there for people to look at it and

it might as well be something that increases profits for some company. Yet on the same token, can I not just sit there and not be forced to look at advertisements during a 'personal' moment?

I thought it was enough to be forced to read ads on the restroom door. It wasn't. I recently read about Star Toilet Paper. Sadly, it was recently named one of five finalists for Entrepreneur Magazine's College Entrepreneur of 2012 contest. Why is it that I state it was sadly recognized? Star Toilet Paper utilizes non-abrasive soybean ink and recyclable materials to allow them to put advertisements on the toilet paper in those restaurant restrooms. And here is the kicker they are giving the toilet paper for free to restaurants and other places because it's like a newspaper; the advertising pays for it.

When it comes right down to it I can suffer through commercials before the movie. I can click on the 'skip ad now' box on the YouTube video. I guess I can look at the floor while I'm sitting on the throne in the restaurant but come on advertising on the toilet paper is going too far.



**PERFECT PLAY: Audiences are going wild about "Nobody's Perfect", by Simon Williams, continuing at Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh, through till Sunday, August 26. Trevor Smith Diggins plays a single parent who's life is about to change drastically, and Logan Barbosa portrays his daughter Dee Dee in this hilarious comedy masterpiece. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office. – Submitted photo**