

GRAPEVINE



Semi-formal fundraiser

A sumptuous gourmet dinner, dancing, entertainment, martini bar and silent auction are just some of the fun planned for the 14th annual United Way of Halton Hills President's Ball on September 15 at the Club at North Halton.

Auction items include 32-inch LCD TV, Raptors tickets, a sky diving experience, dining gift cards, local art, wine tours, and donations from local retailers. All proceeds go towards the United Way's 2012 Fall Campaign's \$350,000 goal – money to support 20 local social service agencies. For details call Janet at 905-877-3066.

Donors needed

Mark Monday, September 10 on your calendar if you'd like to give the gift of life. Canadian Blood Services will hold a clinic that date at the Acton arena from 4 to 8 p.m.

There will be another milestone donation at the October 18 Acton blood clinic when dutiful donor Peter Hargrave will give his 125th unit of blood. To make an appointment for an Acton blood donor clinic call 1-888-236-6283.

Calling reluctant readers

Parents of reluctant readers are invited to check out a new program – Paws to Read – that has children read to a dog specially trained to sit quietly and listen.

This Saturday (September 8) from 10 to 11 a.m., Anne from Therapeutic Paws of Canada and her furry friend Kola, a Junior champion Shiloh Shepherd, will be at

the Acton library branch to showcase the new program, which begins in October. For details call 519-853-0301.

Cobblehill celebrates

Residents and supporters of Cobblehill Homes Co-operative will celebrate its 20th anniversary in Acton on Saturday with a party that begins at 3 p.m. at 53 Cook Street.

Co-operative housing is not-for-profit housing for resident members, and some units are available on a rent-gear-to-income basis. There are 36 units in the Cobblehill Co-op. For details call 519-853-1226.

Fair Fun

As a small dedicated army prepares to turn Prospect Park into fair grounds, officials with the Acton Agricultural Society are gearing up for the 99th edition of the Fair with some new and fun Homecraft exhibits.

In the Community Challenge category, a donation of \$25 will be made to the Canadian Cancer Society for breast cancer research in the name of the person who creates the best Fran's Fun Decorated Bra. It can be any media, any theme, and any bra.

- the owner of the oldest pair of sunglasses will win \$10 from Acton Optical

- whoever creates the most delectable crock pot stew in the Harvest Stew Cook-off Challenge wins a cooking class at the Everton Academy of Culinary Arts. Second prize is a gift certificate to Tanner's Pub and Grill.

For details, call 519-853-4985.



FINANCIAL FERTILIZER: For helping Acton's Community Garden secure a \$1,000 donation from Hands Across Niagara, The Reverend Derek Anderson (right) was thanked with a certificate by The Reverend Brian Galligan, of St. Alban's Anglican Church during the Garden's grand opening last Thursday. – Ted Tyler photo

Letters

Is a criminal record worth it?

To the Editor,

To the person who stole the grey chair from the side deck outside Belladonna's Boutique at 4 Main St. South, Acton – please know that ADT Security caught your crime on video and you are clearly visible and identifiable.

Do you really want a criminal record over a \$30 chair? I would like my chair returned within 10 days. If it's returned, the video will be destroyed and we'll say no more about it. If you keep my chair, I will turn the video over to Halton Hills Police, who will

have all the evidence they require to prosecute you.

Do the smart, right thing; your reputation is a priceless asset – certainly more valuable than \$30.

Sincerely,
Donna Ladouceur,
Owner, Belladonna's



COOL TREAT: Acton brothers Giitah, 8, (left) and Lusemo, 4, enjoyed Prospect Park all summer long, especially tandem cool-offs at the Superior Glove Splash Pad, which closed on Monday for the season. – Frances Learment photo

Home piercing kit concerns Mom

To the Editor,
Re: POSSE Project

(I am) unimpressed - That is putting it mildly!

The fact that your organization (POSSE) is distributing Home Piercing Kits to kids disgusts me.

My 15 year old is now sporting a lip piercing.

- this was NEVER discussed in my home

- this was therefore done WITHOUT consent or consideration

- this was done UNSAFELY and UNMONITORED

I could go on and on but the summation is that this was done because your organization enabled a minor.

Angus from the POSSE Project sent me a rather long winded reply (the summation was a bit about his organization and a round about "sorry") but that was of NO ease to my issue.

After talking to Amanda at Off the Wall and finding out

that she has seen a dramatic jump in Home Piercing due to this availability, I am sure others would find it "interesting" as well.

Regards,
Brenda Mathies
Mother of two Acton teens
ED: - This letter was sent to POSSE - a youth driven, human rights and harm reduction peer outreach program funded by Halton tax dollars - and shared with The New Tanner.