

GRAPEVINE



Fair Fun Veteran members

Congrats to veteran Acton Agricultural Society members Theresa Lockerbie and Jason Brown who were honoured as Life Members at the Fair's opening ceremonies on Friday. Brown has volunteered his time and talents to the Fair for over 20 years, and Lockerbie, former President of Homecrafts Division, has volunteered for 26 years.

Each received a certificate of appreciation for their years of dedicated service from Fair Board President Brad Swackhamer who officially opened the Fair – calling for a fun and safe event – and invited everyone back next year for the Fair's 100th anniversary.



Fair Food

For more than 36 years, members of the Acton Firefighters Association have manned a grill to help feed fair-goers and raise money for events like Acton's annual fireworks display and sponsoring local sports teams. This year the fire fighters expected to serve 2,600-pounds of burgers and hotdogs during the Fair weekend – with the help of several students working towards their required 40 volunteer hours.

Repeat Cuties

For the Willmott family, formerly of Acton and now Guelph residents, the Baby Show really is a family affair. Dad Joe was entered in the contest as a very young boy, his son was entered when he was a baby and on Saturday, daughter Ella was the first place winner in the girls' 12-to-24 month old category.

Prince and Princess

Congrats to Acton's Allison Batchelor, 3, and Jacob Breau, 8, of Limehouse, who were selected Acton Fall Fair Princess and Prince during a break in the Miss Acton pageant. Both showed poise beyond their years during an impromptu question and answer session and each received a donated gift.

Window Winners

Congrats to the Acton Salvation Army Corps for putting together a prize winning window – at its thrift store – for the

Fall Fair's window decorating competition, best showing this year's theme of Tractors – Harvesting 99 Years of Success. Second place went to the Acton BIA, and third to Willow Lane.

The first place winner received the equivalent of 10 one-day passes to the Fair, while second received six passes and third received two passes.



Best Band

Congrats to the Acton band *Standby* that won the Fall Fair Battle of the Bands competition on Saturday night, garnering a \$300 first prize. Eight teen bands competed, and the second place band *Queen City Guns* earned \$200, and the third prize of \$150 went to *Hortops*. Each of the other bands that did not place received \$50 to cover their gas money.

A spokesperson for *Standby* said the band intends to use the prize money to help pay for a second CD.

Savvy Seniors

Information for seniors on downsizing and right sizing their lives will be the focus of a free information seminar on Wednesday, October 17 at St. Alban Anglican Church.

Hosted by Halton Hills S.A.L.T – Seniors and Law enforcement Together – guest speakers will include local realtor Ruth Bowes, Fiona Hills who will discuss "Trusted Transitions" and staff with Halton's Health Department talking about healthy and economical eating for seniors.

Pre-register by calling the Halton Seniors Helpline at 1-866-457-8252.

Auxiliary members wanted

Interested in policing and have some time to volunteer? The Halton Police Auxiliary Policing Unit is looking for new members to augment police at events like fall fairs, Christmas parades and festivals.

Qualified applicants must take a general aptitude test. To find the minimum requirements or apply, visit www.haltonpolice.ca

Applications must be received prior to midnight September 30.



INJURY ACCIDENT: Two people received minor injuries following a three-vehicle accident late Monday afternoon just east of the Queen Street/ Churchill Road intersection. At press time, Halton police had not said if charges would be laid against the driver of a car that rear-ended another car, pushing it into the back of the third vehicle. Traffic was re-routed off eastbound Queen Street for the investigation and cleanup. – *Frances Learment photo*

A Royal flush

Do you remember the caption in the newspapers a few decades ago "the heir and the spare" when Princess Diana was mother to Prince William and then had Prince Harry? I always used to think William was the handsome Prince and Harry was the dorky other Prince. Well gee, was I wrong and I feel kind of creepy thinking this because I remember when he was born, but let's be honest Harry is a hottie.

It's been a wonderful year and a bit for the Royal family. They had the big wedding of Prince William and Kate last year. They had the big Jubilee celebration this spring, and then just when you think they couldn't do it any bigger or better, they hosted the Olympics. All through it Prince Phillip had a couple health scares; the media has claimed time and time again that Kate was preggers; and Zara Phillips was even an athlete in the Olympics. It didn't matter what it was, they finally seemed to be out of that horrible media frenzy of the 80's and 90's which seemed to end when Princess Diana died in that car crash. That was until Harry the hottie went to Vegas.



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They say those who do not remember history are condemned to repeat it. Harry was born in 1984, however if he can't remember what his mother went through with the media he should have tried to remember what his Aunt, Sarah the Duchess of York, went through in 1992. After years of torment by the media, including being renamed the Duchess of Pork, she famously was photographed topless and having a Texas businessman suck on her toes while she was still married to Prince Andrew.

While letting off some steam in Las Vegas, the city of sin where everyone jokingly says, "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas", Harry got caught in a naked situation as we all know now. The officials from Buckingham Palace down played the event and did their best to make the situation a wash. Harry carried on with his career and his Royal duties and the family seemed to survive a potential scandal.

Then, less than a month after Harry romps in Vegas buck naked, Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge decides to go topless outside of the privacy of oh, say a building with windows and doors, while on vacation with hubby Prince William and is, surprise (sarc), photographed and of course the media publishes them. I'm not sure who won the internet battle of searching for naked royals, bottomless Harry or topless Kate. So much for the easy breezy year the Royals have had.

In the end, the Royals are suing the papers that published the Kate photos but not the ones that published Harry's butt. Chivalry is not dead as they are putting the woman's virtue before the man's Vegas follies.

Here are my thoughts on the whole Royal family members wearing their birthday suit in public. Rule number one...don't do it. You will be photographed and it will be published so when it happens, you can sue, but it won't go away. You're a Royal. Whether you were born into it or married into it, you're in it. Rule number two...stop forgetting rule number one and keep your clothes on.