

GRAPEVINE



Purity wins supplier award

Congrats to Acton's Purity Life Natural Health Food Products that recently won the Canadian Health Food Association Supplier of Excellence 2012 Award.

In the summer, Purity was sold by SunOpta to Banyan Capital for \$14-million. Purity Life was started in 1984 by Acton native Dave Chapman, who with partner/wife Elyse Chapman, grew the company to become a leading natural health products manufacturer and distributor.

Purity operates in three buildings on Commerce Crescent and has a bottling plant in Rockwood. SunOpta purchased Purity Life in September 2006, and Chapman served a five-year contract as president and leased the buildings to SunOpta for that five years. The Chapmans continue as landlords, and Dave Chapman said he will be 65 this month, and for the first time since 1966 he is "unemployed."

Ambitious United Way goal

Despite falling short of its goal last year by approximately \$11,000, the United Way of Halton Hills has set this year's goal at \$350,000 – up \$10,000 from last year's goal.

Money raised through the campaign – corporate and door-to-door – will help fund 20 agencies that rely on the United Way to offer programs and services for children, adults, families, seniors, disabled persons and those in crisis. For details of this year's campaign visit www.unitedwayofhaltonhills.ca

Cadet fundraiser

What are the chances that someone will come dressed as an Air Cadet to the Acton Air Cadet's second annual fundraising dance/silent auction/Halloween party on October 27 at the Acton Legion?

With a live band and cold buffet, the event will help defray costs for the 197 Typhoon Squadron. For ticket information call Karen at 519-853-2466. Tickets are available at Sunny Motors and at the Acton Legion on Tuesdays between 7 and 9 p.m.

Hidden jobs

Helping people access the estimated 80 per cent of jobs that are not advertised is the focus of an Employment Advisor from the Centre for Skills Development and Training who will offer help next Thursday (October 11) at the Acton library branch.

The session will teach people how to create a Job Seeker Summary, effectively network, use the phone to search and take advantage of other strategies. The

free session runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m. To register call 519-853-0301.

Tenant help

Do you know what your rights are as a tenant? Halton Community Legal Services and Voices for Change Halton are hosting a series of training sessions for tenants and those who assists and support tenants. The Acton workshop is Wednesday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Acton library.

Lunch and transportation costs will be provided. Register by calling 905-875-2069 or visit www.haltonlegal.ca

Mayor wants help

Do you have 15 minutes to answer a Town survey on its Economic Development Strategy Plan? Mayor Rick Bonnette is asking people to fill out the survey, which will be sent to the consultant hired by the Town to help guide the Town for the next 10 years. The findings of the survey will be presented at a meeting later this month. To answer the survey go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/Halton-HillsEconomicDevelopment

Knit and Stitch

Interested in a night of social needlework? Bring your unfinished knitting, crochet or needlework project to the Needle Gnome on the first Thursday of each month for a free evening of knitting and stitching. Participants will receive a 20 per cent discount on purchases. For details call 519-853-5245 or visit www.needlegnome.com

Ace athlete

Congrats to Acton's Matt George, a Laurentian College Voyageurs soccer goalie who earned the Perkins Male Athlete of the Week award recently. The Christ the King grad is a third year Law and Justice student. In a recent game against Trent, George turned away 10 shots for his second straight shutout, his third of the season. George is 44-4 on the season with a .840 save percentage.

Family support

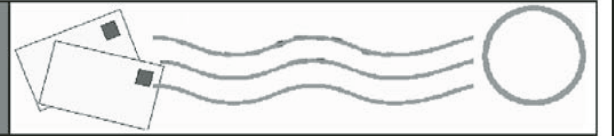
The family of the late Kelly Murray will benefit from some of the proceeds of the Mom 2 Mom sale taking place on October 13 at St. Alban's Church. The Acton mother of three died suddenly recently – no cause of death has been released.

The \$2 admission fee from shoppers will be donated to the family. As well, a trust account has been opened for her children at TD Canada Trust.



CHURCH FEAST: The kitchen crew – including Dave Totty and Vilma Bedell, made sure no one went hungry on Saturday at the Churchill Community Church annual corn roast and plant sale- *Ted Tyler photo*

Letters



RE: Neighbours from Hell

To the Editor,

RE: Neighbours from Hell
I attended the recent meeting at town council on September 24 regarding the expansion of the Dufferin Quarry on Third line. I find that this entire mess nothing less than disgusting. We have both municipal and provincial governments plus the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) more than willing to throw every landowner and resident under the bus for the sake of extracting gravel for future construction projects in the GTA. We all sat and heard horror story after horror story about depreciating property values, dry wells, damages to property from blasting and worst of all a long track record of lack of accountability from the quarry owners. And in spite of this for some ungodly reason there still seems to be tremendous consideration being given to allow these neighbours from hell to expand their existing quarry operations so that they can wreak more havoc upon our community.

We reside on a 100-acre farm. When we originally purchased it 28 years ago it was

189 acres. About 12 years ago a group approached us interested in buying it to develop an 18-hole golf course. After studying the land uses they came back with the conclusion that our front 89 acres of pasture would make a dandy nine hole course, but the 100-acre woodlot adjacent to it was useless to them as it was deemed escarpment and "the Queen of England could not erect an outhouse on it", according to their words. Since they would not develop a nine hole golf course they walked away from the deal. We ended up selling that 100-acre parcel to the Bruce Trail with the understanding that not only our former land but the land around it would be protected. The proposal for expanding the quarry borders the property line of our former property. A golf course cannot be built but a quarry can be expanded?

Last of all, I need some clarity from one of our brilliant provincial politicians who in their infinite wisdom deemed much of the land in our area including ours as Greenbelt. When this was shoved down our throats it

was under the guise "to preserve our agricultural and rural heritage". Well if this quarry is allowed to expand, and if it effects the water table (as it often does) how does one participate in agriculture? The last time we raised livestock (cattle) I remember that they consumed huge volumes of water. If we are going to be Greenbelt then we all need to be Greenbelt. If they are going to continue to halt development under Greenbelt then certain resources and behaviours are a prerequisite in a rural and agricultural community and they must include water, enjoyment of property and the tranquility of the countryside. If this not possible then give the quarry their expansion, let's get rid of the Greenbelt, bring the big pipe from the lake and start developing a skyline in Acton that will be the envy of New York and Hong Kong. But from my prospective our governments and the NEC cannot have it both ways.

Regards,
Chuck Snow
Speyside, ON