

GRAPEVINE

WORLD-CLASS JAZZ

The darlings of the Sapporo Jazz Festival, the Yoshihiro Murakawa Quartet, will make world-class music in Acton and Eden Mills on June 27 and 28 – two fundraisers squeezed between the award-winning ensemble's prize appearance at the Toronto Jazz Festival.

The local performances – the fourth at the Eden Mills Community Hall – were arranged by Nassagaweya resident John Crompton, a judge at the Japanese competition, who said the quartet “represents the very promising future of jazz in Japan.”

For information about the Eden Mills performance contact Kit at 519-856-1188 or kitbresnahan1@gmail.com

Heritage Acton will host the June 28 concert at the Acton Town Hall Centre. Tickets are available at the Acton library, at the door, and reservations are accepted at 519-853-5302 or info@actontownhall.com

ROCK THE HILLS

The Juno-winning band *Hollerado* will headline *Rock the Hills*, the first large scale music festival at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on July 12. The bill includes six local bands, and along with food, the fun includes a colour fight, art wall and hot air balloon rides.

For details visit www.rockthehills.ca

CASHH CONCERT

Tribute artists channeling the Bee Gees and Rod Stewart will take to the stage at the Acton arena on July 24 at the annual benefit concert for CASHh (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills.)

For details call 1-800-516-5810.

EDUCATORS RETIRE

Four Acton and one Limehouse educators are among the 141 staff retiring this year after providing a total of 3,300

years of service to the Halton District School Board.

Acton High says goodbye to Stephen Fyfle who taught Canada and World and Visual Arts for nine years. Principal Carolyn Reist retires after two years at the helm of Robert Little School, and teacher Julian Tysoe, at the school for less than a year, retired at the end of May.

At Limehouse Public School, Principal Mark Lyall is retiring.

The Board hosted the retirees at a *Celebrating Service* event in Burlington.

ABORIGINAL AWARENESS

Visitors to the Crawford Lake Conservation Area this Sunday (June 22) will get a sneak peak at the Deer Clan Longhouse that has been under construction for almost two years.

Aboriginal Awareness Day runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and features clay pot making, lacrosse games and a visit from Chief Top Leaf. For details visit www.conservationhalton.ca/events

SWEET TREATS

Like Bingo? Like chocolate? The two will be combined during a fun-filled afternoon on July 13 at the Dufferin Rural Heritage Centre in Prospect Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

Staged as a fundraiser by the Acton Agricultural Society, the Chocolate Bingo games play with this year's Fair theme: “Chocolate 101 – An Acton a'Fair.”

Each Bingo card will “cost” two regular size chocolate bars, and the bars will be the Bingo prizes.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Since July 1 Canada Day is on a Tuesday, Acton FoodShare, normally open on Tuesdays, will be closed that day.

The food bank on Churchill Road just south of Queen Street, will open on Wednesday, July 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



CAMERA READY: This group of Halton Hills volunteers had fun with a photo booth set up during last week's “Thanks a Latte” coffee house/reception staged by the Town to thank its many volunteers, last Tuesday at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown. - Submitted photo

Letters

Canoe for Kids

To the Editor,

On Saturday, Acton residents may be surprised to see my family carrying a canoe and camping gear through town. We won't be on our way to Fairy Lake, but to the Acton Trunk Sale to set up a booth to accept donations for The Darling Home for Kids, a paediatric hospice and respite care facility located in rural Milton.

Many medically fragile children utilize The Darling Home for Kids for respite care, and benefit greatly from the loving staff and trained nurses who meet their medical needs and care for them each uniquely.

We hope the portage through town - from Mill St. West, to Queen Street and the Trunk Sale, and the return trek - will generate donations for the Home, but the main fundraising event is in September, when my son, Tyler, and I compete in the Muskoka River X. It's a 24-hour, 130-kilometre trek with canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards. We are looking for sponsors, and will give 100 per cent of donations to the Darling Home.

Small monetary donations will be collected during the portages through town, from approximately 7 to 8 a.m., and from 12 to 1 p.m., as well as at

the “Canoe for Kids” booth at the Trunk Sale. For those that wish to contribute larger donations, they can be made at the Trunk Sale, or online with at www.darlinghomeforkids.ca/canoeforkids

Please support this important and unique local facility.

Regards,
Jeff Carson
Acton, ON

Editor's Note: Jeff Carson works with Erin Gibson, an Acton mother who fought successfully last week to receive oxygen for her palliative daughter, Piper, who sometimes stays at the Darling Home for Kids.



MARCHING MUSIC: The Acton Citizens Band, always a favourite, marched in the Pioneer Day parade in Rockwood on Saturday. - Ted Tyler photo