



SLUGGER STYLE: Acton's Bill Sheppard cracked this ball into the outfield during the Untouchables' 18-14 win over Urine Trouble in recent Acton 3-Pitch Softball League play at Limehouse. - Melissa Paul photo

Purity celebrates 30 years

From a small Mill Street West storefront in 1984 to state-of-the-art health industry distributor, Acton's David and Elyse Chapman grew Purity Life into Canada's leading distributor of natural health products including dietary supplements, vitamins and natural health products.

The Chapman's were guests of honour recently as Purity celebrated its 30th anniversary with a trade show/party.

With strong family ties to the local tanning industry, David Chapman joked that his great-grandfather, grandfather and father all worked at the Beardmore tannery, but he was the only one to make it into the President's office when Purity rented tannery space

after Beardmore closed in the mid-1980s.

In 1994 the Chapman's moved Purity from the tannery offices into an existing building on Commerce Court, and then expanded that building, and bought two adjacent buildings.

In 2006, the Chapman's sold to SunOpta and David stayed on as president and landlord. The company sold again in 2012 to Banyon Capital and President Matthew James and the Chapman's retired again.

"I have a lot of strong feelings for the company," Chapman said after the anniversary, adding he got into the natural health industry following both personal and business interests.

"I started off in life as an

accountant. I had done the books for people in town in the distribution business and I saw they did well," Chapman said, adding they lost money with the first attempt at mail order, but found success with distributing to health food stores and then pharmacies.

Chapman said he is happy and enjoying another round of retirement, and does not miss the "tremendous stress" of owning and running a business. He said he's proud of being products to people that made a difference to their lives.

"I'm most proud to have employed a lot of Acton people, including people I grew up with. We created a lot of jobs and that's what I'm most proud - contributing to the town I grew up in."

Knoll removal safety

Removal of a knoll to improve sight lines for drivers means a section of 32 Side Road, east of the Fourth Line, will be closed to traffic until the end of August.

Cox Construction began the \$274,902 job on Monday. Material shaved off the knoll will be used to fill in a low area just west of the knoll. "We're only closing

around the knoll and we'll work around the traffic," said Todd Cronkright, the Town's Supervisor of Design and Survey, said on Tuesday.

He said flagmen will direct detour traffic on the west side of the Fourth Line, while the east side is closed. The project also includes bank stabilization and paving.

OPP launches self reporting program

OPP hope in increase efficiency within one of the largest deployed police services in North America. This week, the OPP unveiled a new on-line reporting system that will enable the public to report specific occurrences from a computer.

Citizen Self Reporting will offer the public another way to report select incidents which are not an emergency, by completing a report online at their convenience.

The OPP is one of several Ontario po-

lice services who have adopted an Internet-based crime reporting system where people can report certain crimes such as lost property, theft from vehicles, and property damage, without an officer having to be dispatched. Only occurrences that do not involve an injury, a suspect or evidence are applicable. An officer will attend if requested by the complainant.

It is expected that Citizen Self Reporting will be beneficial to both the

public and the police. It will provide a convenient alternative to the citizens of Ontario, while allowing frontline officers to focus their efforts on other enforcement and crime prevention strategies within our communities.

By providing people with another option for reporting crimes, the OPP is hopeful that more incidents will be reported, resulting in the collection of information to develop future crime prevention initiatives.

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Members Needed

The City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville and Halton Region are currently seeking interested applicants for appointment to the Joint Compliance Audit Committee.

The purpose of this Committee is to review and respond to compliance audit applications from eligible electors who believe, on reasonable grounds, that a candidate has contravened the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) relating to election campaign finances.

Further information on the Committee, including qualifications and the application form, is available on Halton Region's website - Halton.ca, or at the Office of the Regional Clerk, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Questions may be directed to regionalclerk@halton.ca or by dialing 311.

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