

GRAPEVINE



Fair Facts

Winning beauty pageants is a tradition for the Gabriel/Hamilton family of Rockwood. Anna Gabriel, 2.5 months, won the red ribbon in the zero to three-month-old category at the Baby Show at their Fair on Saturday. Anna's mother Debbie was the Miss Acton first runner-up in 1990, and her son, Devin Hamilton, placed first at the Acton baby show in 1999, and his sister Lilly took first place in her category in 2001.

Fair Prince

Not to be outdone by the young women vying for the Miss Acton crown, an impromptu Fair Prince/Princess contest took place during the Miss Acton pageant on Friday night. By a show of hands, Acton's Thomas Caligiuri, 8, was chosen as Acton Fair Prince. The Grade three student at St. Joseph Catholic School won a string of ride tickets – which he promptly shared with his sister – and a tin of hot chocolate mix.

Fair crashers

While there were no major security incidents at the Fall Fair – security was once again handled by members of the Knights of Columbus – there was a security breach about 9 p.m. on Saturday by a group of approximately six “determined” youths. They tossed their backpacks over the fence beside the ticket booth to their friends, and then jumped the fence and took off before anyone could stop them, avoiding the \$8 youth entry fee.

The Fair – By the Numbers

- 45 – number of babies entered in the Baby Show
- 500 – number of people at the Legion breakfast
- 150 – pounds of bacon served at the Legion breakfast
- 100 dozen – number of eggs cooked and served at the Legion
- 15 – number of St. John Ambulance volunteers who worked in shifts over the weekend on the fairgrounds
- 44 – record number of antique and from the field tractors entered in the pulls
- \$6,000 – total of prize money awarded to winners in the truck and tractor and min-garden tractor pulls
- 12 – the number of first-place red ribbons in the Homecraft division won by Acton's Citizen of the Year, Dorothy Rognvaldson

No hiding

A sharp-eyed Grapevine reader reported seeing the Google mapping car cross Highway 7 and head south on Tanners Drive, mid-morning on Monday. She was waiting to make a turn, and can't wait to see if her car turns up on Google's Street View.

The street view technology provides panoramic views from various positions along many streets in the world. A fleet of specially adapted cars, which have nine directional cameras for 360-degree views, captures images.

Tickets available

Dimensions, a metal band with four Acton members, plays an all-ages show Sunday evening at Ares Restaurant in Georgetown, with special guests Mojave Bloom, The Shroud of Gaia and Vicevera. E-mail dimensionsmetal@gmail.com for details.

Ducks make a splash

There are still spots available in the Acton Aqua Ducks Duckling program for swimmers to learn basic strokes, how to dive, and build endurance. Eighty-one swimmers are registered to date for this season in the pool. For details call Marlene at 519-853-1443 or e-mail jmlobelio@sympatico.ca

Gate crashers welcome

On Sunday, Acton churches mark “Back to Church Sunday” by inviting one and all to join them at local services. The initiative began in England in 2004, and is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism – that church members should invite others to church.

The Acton Ministerial Association said everyone is guaranteed an “especially warm welcome this Sunday.”

Lord Johnny reads

Lord Johnny Acton – a British baron visiting the town named after his forbears – will sign and read from two of his books at the Acton library tonight (Thursday) at his last official function in Acton.

Lord Acton will read from *The Man Who Touched the Sky*, a true account of a U.S. Air force test pilot and his exploits in a hot air balloon, and also from *The Sausage Book*. The event begins at 7 p.m., and light refreshments will be offered. Call the River Street branch at 519-853-0301 for details.

CORRECTIONS

• The telephone number to reach Bill Spielvogel to participate in the annual Acton Fire Fighters Association Santa Claus parade is 519-853-2924. An incorrect number appeared in last week's issue.

• Renowned Canadian author, Judy Fong Bates, is the daughter of Acton Chinese laundry owners, not diner owners, as was the main character in her novel *Midnight at the Dragon Café*. Fong Bates will read from her book at the Acton library on October 5 at 7 p.m.

The New Tanner regrets the errors.



BEST DRESSED: Binki, a two-year-old Feist – part of the Fox Terrier family – won first place for the best costume at the Acton Fall Fair pet show on Sunday. – Marie Shadbolt photo

Letters

Road construction woes

To the Editor,

RE: roads woes
You have published several articles about the inconvenience of road construction in Acton.

Have you checked out the Wallace Street closure? The

basics of the project there are done. They do hardly any work there, but keep the road closed even after working hours. The barriers are there.

If you ask me, this is total nonsense. I don't think there is a valid reason to keep this road

closed except to make traffic needlessly busier downtown.

I would really like to know their reasons or logic to this.

Thank you,
Cees Braamse
R.R. 1, Acton

What do you have in your pocket for YOUth

Dear Editor,

As the provincial elections are approaching and seem to be a hot topic for everyone. I was considering the promises that are being made, and what are their forthcoming plans to our community.... especially for youth in Halton Hills. Being a youth, I am curious to find out what our MPP is going to contribute towards developing the potential of our upcoming generations. What facilities will be provided for youth in addition to what we have?

What are their plans for post secondary education in Halton Hills? Are there any plans for a University in our community so that we do not have to commute or live away from home? What are the incentives for youth to participate in community growth?

Unfortunately, I didn't see much for youth in the provincial agenda. The list is endless but it is the right time that WE should talk. Therefore, I urge all YOUth in our community to ask each and every can-

didate on September 30, at Gellert Community Centre and on other occasions before elections what they have in their pocket for YOUth.

Make sure to use you use your right to vote if you are 18, and let all the candidates know on October 6 that YOUth matters in Halton Hills.

Yours Sincerely,
Harnoor Gill
Grade 8 student
Stewarttown Middle School, Georgetown, ON

Seniors on the road, an easy target?

To the Editor,

The letter sent by J.Valvasori concerning my letter regarding what I consider to be a tax grab at seniors, obviously was not clear enough to be understood. The five mile speeding over the limit

was just an example.

I was complaining about the fact that seniors have to take a MANDATORY driving test, which I understand costs around \$100. If they make ANY infraction, large or miniscule of the Highway

Code prior to the issuing of a new driving license, they must take a road test. This is done every TWO years.

For everyone else driving over the speed limit, at say 15-kilometres, gets a ticket and points, I think

– A BIG difference. The OAFS (old age fogies) are an easy target. And, I would not care if it was a Liberal, PC or NDP law, it's still unfair.

John Shadbolt,
Acton, ON