

GRAPEVINE



Satisfaction survey

Instead of an invasion of privacy, Halton Hills residents who are called and asked to complete a satisfaction survey should see it as an opportunity to shape the future of the Town. At last week's council meeting, Mayor Rick Bonnette said he recognized how important peoples' time is, but encouraged anyone who is called by the Town's consultant to "participate fully" in the survey. Bonnette said council would make important decisions based on what the citizen's feel is important.

Sunday afternoon as part of the *Jazz at the Museum* series. For details call 905-875-2200, ext. 27, or visit www.halton.ca/jazzatthemuseum.com

Sports nostalgia

Local author and historian, Mark Rowe, will present a history of local sports, before hockey was king, at the October 12 meeting of the Esquesing Historical Society. Titled "Bats, Balls and Sticks: Sports in Halton Hills" the meeting will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

Quilt show

The Halton Hills Quilters' Guild holds its 20th anniversary show called *Twenty Pieceful Years* on October 14 and 15 at the Croatian Centre on Winston Churchill Boulevard. The show features a merchants' mall, Guild gift shop, tea room, Toonie draw, door prizes and a quilt raffle. For ticket information visit www.hhqg.ca

Cold weather blues

Soulful jazz/blues artists Terry Blankley and Al Matthews will heat up the Hearth Room of the Alexander Barn at the Halton Region Museum on

Volunteers needed

Want to make sure Acton seniors and those with disabilities eat a hot lunch? There is a growing need in Acton for volunteers to deliver food, Monday to Friday, for the Links2Care Meals on Wheels program.

Anyone interested in helping is invited to drop in to the Acton office at 47 Mill St. East, on October 18 when staff will talk about the program

The time commitment is one to one-and-a-half hours a week with a flexible schedule. Mileage is reimbursed and individual schedules are respected. For details call Janet at 519-853-3310.

Jakes, toms and hens

The traditional Canadian Thanksgiving usually includes a turkey. Did you know?

- Wild turkeys were nearly wiped out in North America by 1940. It took the efforts of preservationists to rekindle the numbers.
- Turkeys do more than gobble. They have been known to make up to 20 distinct vocalizations, according to animal experts.
- People are not the only ones getting fatter. Turkeys are getting larger, too. The weight of the average turkey

has increased 57 percent. Most birds now average 28 pounds.

- The best time to see a wild turkey is on a warm clear day or in a light rain.
- Domesticated turkeys do not fly but the wild ones can. They spend their nights in trees, flying to roosts around sunset.
- Only male turkeys display the ruffled feathers, fanlike tail, bare head, and bright beard commonly associated with these birds.
- Adult males are known as toms, young males as jakes, and all females as hens.



FREEDOM DAY: A contingent of students from McKenzie-Smith Bennett School recently took part in the Me2We Freedom Day in Toronto where politicians, activists and artists talked about the importance of being global citizens. – Submitted photo

By: Julie Conroy

Just a reminder the Centre will be closed on Monday October 10 for Thanksgiving.

The movie being shown on Tuesday, October 11 at 1 p.m. is a new release and Michelle says it is a romantic drama.

Forty-two members and friends enjoyed an evening at Mohawk. I should receive a prize for consistently being able to pick the horse who finishes last, or last but one. Pauline Barlow was celebrating her 80th birthday with her daughter Pat and Pauline's brother John. She was pleasantly surprised to receive a birthday cake and see her name up on the large screen.

The next visit to Mohawk will be on Friday, November 4 to see *Simmers*. This is a comedy about a local furniture store owner and the local minster's wife and the "Hankie Pankie" in the parish. Before the play we will enjoy the festive buffet which will include turkey, cannelloni and ham. There

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will even be time for the people that enjoy playing the slots to check out a few machines. I know it will be another great evening.

On Tuesday, October 18 the hiking group will be enjoying a one hour hike with members of Community Living North Halton. They will carpool from the Acton Arena at 9:30 a.m. They plan to meet at the Dawson Crescent starting point of the Hungry Hollow trail at 10 a.m., and hike the trail for about one hour. The rain date is Thursday, October 20. If you are interested, or would like more information, please leave your name and phone number at the reception desk (519-853-5951).

Our first "Introductions to Lap Top Computers" class using the six lap tops purchased with our

New Horizon grant was a great success, with many questions answered and leaving members feeling a little more comfortable using their computers. Several people were computer savvy, so hopefully they learned something also.

There is a very important "Vision for our Future Centre" meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing the anticipated expansion of the Acton Seniors Centre. Come with your ideas of what you would like to see incorporated in the conceptual design. There will be refreshments following the meeting.

Our fall social dinner will be on Thursday, October 13. We will have Debbie Misner-Jones, her mother and daughter entertaining us with music from Europe. The dinner will feature spare ribs with all the fixings, and of course desert and lots of door prizes.

Gerri Chafe is a happy lady today as she won \$72 at the weekly Friday 50/50.

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



Here we go again! The Americans, two weeks ago, introduced the American Jobs Act. If this passes, Canadian manufacturers will once again feel the squeeze of the Buy American rules. Have the Americans not learned from their "Buy American" from a few years ago? Protectionism was one of the leading causes of the Great Depression. Trade barriers hurt both countries.

It is exasperating that Canada may be back in the same position it was in 2009. Led by Halton Hills, municipalities from across Canada took a stand and said enough of Americans shutting out Canadian companies from bidding on these infrastructure projects. Meanwhile, US companies were allowed to bid on Canadian infrastructure projects. We have local jobs to protect. Last time around

the Federal Government was very reluctant to get involved. This time around, Minister Fast was quick to criticize the new American Jobs Act. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be keeping a close eye on these latest developments.

The first annual Mayor's Masquerade Ball, benefiting the Georgetown Hospital, is fast approaching. Tickets are \$75 each, and can be purchased by calling my office. Your ticket includes: a casino, entertainment by Monty Greig, Magician Kyle Livingstone, a midnight buffet and great raffle prizes. Tickets are almost sold out to this one of a kind event.

When will the demolition of the old Georgetown water tower

take place? It should be the early summer of 2012. The old water tower currently supports the existing Regional Police Radio System. The actual timing of the demolition is being coordinated with the installation of the new Police Trunk Radio System. The old tower cannot come down until the new radio system is installed. The police are hoping this will be in place in the second quarter of 2012.

Congratulations to all of the volunteers who organized both the Georgetown and Acton Fall Fairs.

Keeping it real. I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or you can read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com.