

GRAPEVINE



Friends rally for kids

A substantial amount of money was raised for the McNabb children trust fund at last Wednesday's benefit golf tournament at Acton Meadows.

"There was a phenomenal turnout - Acton is a small town with a big heart," said Councillor Clark Somerville, one of the organizers, adding they had 120 golfers and people dropped off donations and prizes during the day.

Former Acton resident and Blue Springs pro Bob McClure, now of Rockwood, won the big screen television in a tournament draw. Acton's Bob Baker won the round for four at Blue Springs Golf Club.

Anyone who would like to donate to the trust fund can do so at the Halton Credit Union.

What a deal

What's the best deal at the Acton Trunk Sale? The free kittens? The fresh and affordable edibles? The as-far-as-the-eye-can-see good deals? No.

The BEST deal, according to sale volunteer Jake Kuiken, is the space the vendors get for the \$5 fee.

"They can retail to their hearts content until 12:30 p.m. You know? Five bucks, like if you go to Snelgrove its \$40," Kuiken said, adding, they had 80 vendors - the most ever - two weeks ago - are hope the Town will allow them to use more of its property.

"We have in excess of 1,500 or 1,600 people come through there every Saturday morning and the vendors are tickled pink with the volume of business they are doing... if the

price is right, the product is right, people will buy it," Kuiken said.

Among the lucky benefactors of Trunk Sale proceeds so far are the Acton Citizens' Band (\$1,000) and the Acton Horticultural Society (\$500).

Wall art

Scenes of Acton's rich leather heritage are being created on the building wall at BIA parkette at Mill and Main Streets.

B.C. artists Michelle Loughery and Liz Allardice, the same artists who won the competition for the Acton arena mural and one in Georgetown, are creating a mural with a business and commerce theme.

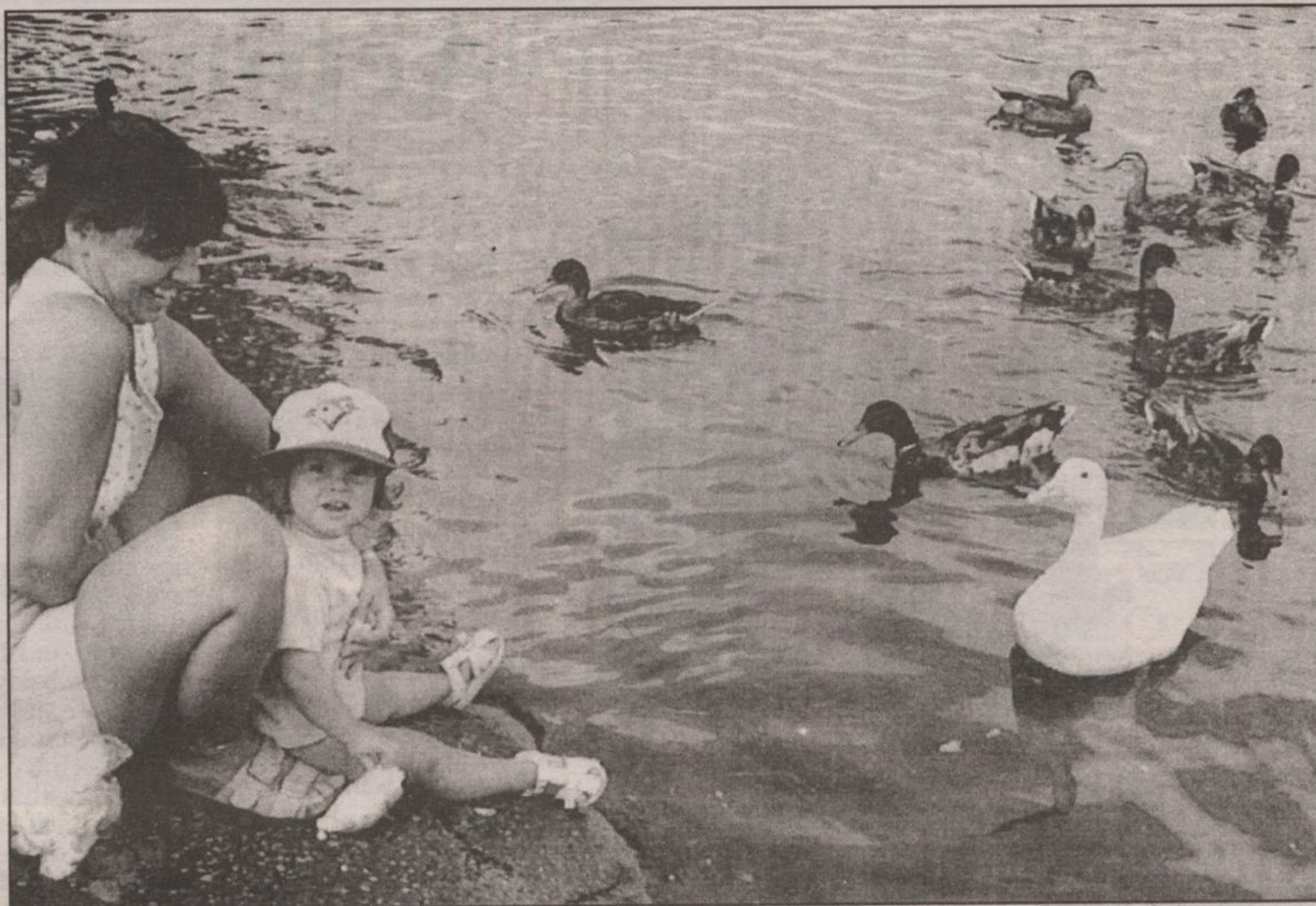
"It will include the Story glove factory, reference to the Beardmore tannery, so it will have some people representing industry from the past," said BIA spokesperson Janis Fread, adding after Michelle saw the unique brick she didn't want to cover it all up, so redesigned the mural in a long strip.

Fread also stressed there's no taxpayer money involved - BIA members, Federal and Provincial grants and other private generous contributors are paying the undisclosed cost.

Leathertown

Plans are shaping up nicely for the 9th annual Leathertown Festival - another chance to celebrate Acton's leather history.

This year's event, Sun. Aug. 13, will have something special for the younger crowd - a portable skateboard and BMX bike facility will be set up for three hours in the old Canadian Tire parking lot. Six blocks of Mill Street will be closed off for street sales, entertainment and activities.



GOING QUACKERS: Tinke Douglas helps her 19-month-old daughter, Yvonne, dispose of stale bread into the grateful beaks of numerous Malards and one lonely white duck during a visit to Fairy Lake. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Tongue-in-cheek ideas offered to aid telemarketing victims

Telemarketers? Just as you've sat down for the evening meal, the phone rings. Someone has a time share in Collingwood they're sure you'd be happy in for a mere \$2,000 a month. If you come and have a look we'll have a valuable prize for you. No obligation, of course, but the inference is we'll strangle you if you don't say yes.

The urge to strangle them as your half chewed roast beef slides down your throat and threatens to strangle you is hard to control. What then is the answer to these pests?

Next time a telemarketer rings you try these responses clipped from the Ellicottville N.Y. paper, and loaned to us by Bill Yundt:

When they ask "How are you today?" Tell them! "I'm so glad you asked because no one these days seems to care, and I have all these problems; my arthritis is acting up, my eyelashes are sore, my dog just died..."

If they say they're John Doe from XYZ Company, ask them to spell their name, then ask them to spell the company name. Continue asking them personal questions or questions about their company for as long as necessary.

Cry out in surprise, "Judy! Is that you? Oh my God! Judy, how have you been?" Hopefully, this will give Judy a few brief moments of pause as she tries to figure out where the heck she could know you from.

If they want to loan you money, tell them you just filed for bankruptcy and you could sure use some money.

Tell the telemarketer you are on "home incarceration" and ask if they could bring you a case of beer and some chips.

After the telemarketer gives

their spiel, ask him/her to marry you. When they get all flustered, tell them that you could not just give your credit card number to a complete stranger.

Tell the telemarketer you are busy at the moment and ask him or her if they will give you their HOME phone number so you can call them back. When the telemarketer explains that they cannot give out their HOME number, you say, "I guess you don't

want anyone bothering you at home, right?" The telemarketer will agree and you say, "Now you know how I feel!"

Insist that the caller is really your buddy Leon, playing a joke. "Come on, Leon, cut it out! Seriously, Leon, how's your momma?"

Tell him or her to talk VERY SLOWLY, because you want to write down EVERY WORD.

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If you're having problems deciphering some of the language used on the electronic media today, join the club. We're being assaulted by a slew of slurrings that make purists wince and people like me wonder what in heck is being said.

Now for someone like me who has trouble comprehending Coronation Street English you'll have to forgive the shortcoming but Richard Lederer, writing in verbatim (a language publication) a few years ago, culled a few classic examples of slurring language,

dubbed "Slurrian," and took them to print. Hence

Dense. A tooth expert: "I have a sense appointment today."

Forced. A large cluster of trees. "Only you can prevent forced fires."

Granite. Conceded: "Too many people take the good life for granite."

Intensive. An idiom, as in "For all intensive purposes."

Lays. The opposite of gemmen: "Lays and gemmen, I now present our speaker."

Lining. Electrical flash of light: "Thunder and lining."

Mere. A reflecting glass: "Mere, mere on the wall, who's the fairest one of all?"

Mill. Between the beginning and the end: "A table stood in the mill of the room."

Mince. Unites lasting sixty seconds: "I'll be back in a few mince."

Neck store. Adjacent: "I'm in love with the girl next store."

Nigh. Opposite of day: "She woke screaming in the mill of the night."

Pain. Giving money: "I'm tired of pain these high prices."

Pal. To propel a craft of water: "It's your turn to pal the canoe."

Paramour. A modern grass-cutting instrument. "I mowed the lawn with my new paramour."

Pitcher. An image or representation: "As soon as we get the pitcher framed, we'll hang it above the sofa."

Torment. A competition: "Mabel and I have entered the bridge torment."

Whore. Inspiring terror. "Whore films always scare the pants off me."

Win. Movement of air: "He was awaked in the mill of the night by flashes of lining and gusts of win."

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LETTERS

Writer proud to be small town Canadian

Dear Editor,
The Rockwood Reaction to the train wreck in the July 13/2k edition amazes me, too. Why, I don't know. I grew up between the communities of Acton and Rockwood and have seen this all my life. People coming together at a critical time in someone's life and meeting the need.

Thirty years ago a neighbour's farm house burned and the community rallied to raise the funds for a new one. About two years ago a

young man, hurt in a farm accident, lost the use of his legs and again the community rallied.

A month ago people rallied together to help with Susan's U.S. medical expenses as she fights to recover. And the Rockwood train wreck shows that our neighbours are not just the people we know.

I am small-town CANADIAN and proud of it!

Ian Pasmore

Reunion tribute to organizing committee

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter to congratulate the Organizing Committee responsible for the Acton High School Reunion. It was evident by the success of the events that this was the culmination of several years of planning by dedicated individuals. The task that these people took on was a thankless job that most of us would not consider to undertake. The Reunion was an opportunity for many of us to travel back to our younger years and reminisce with old friends about things long forgotten.

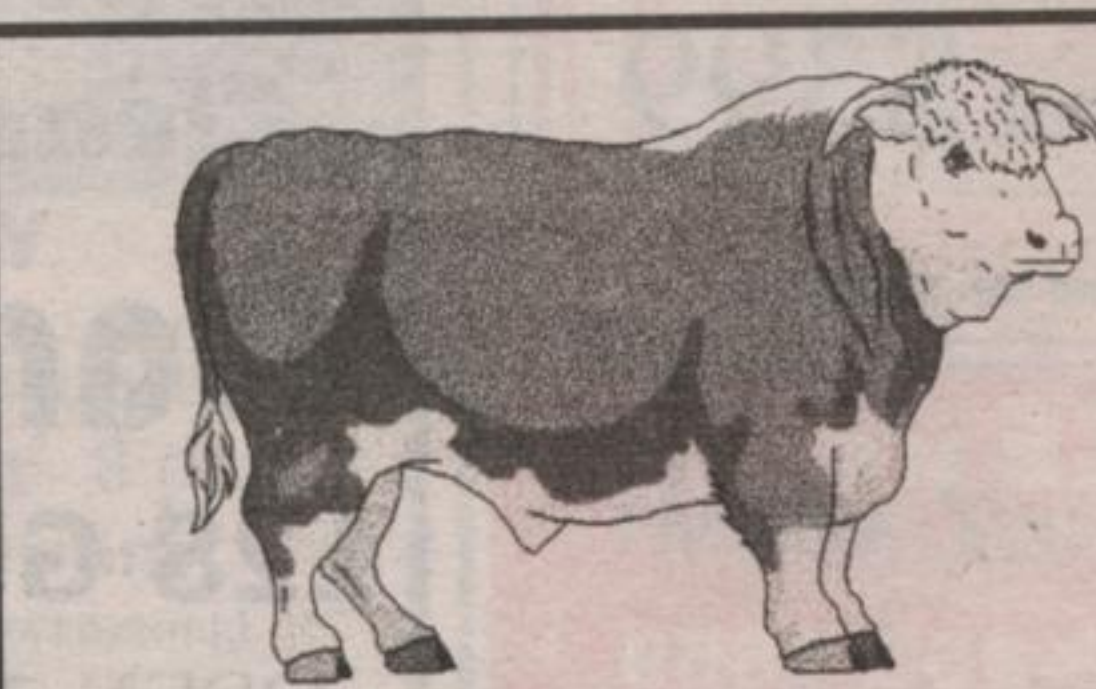
While most of us were enjoying the trip down memory lane, these

volunteers were busily running the events and ensuring that the show went smoothly forward. It would not surprise me to find that these volunteers, years earlier, were the same students that inspired Acton High with their school spirit and enthusiasm.

Next year my eldest daughter starts her first year at Acton High and I am confident that if she follows the traditions that past generations of previous students have set then she will make her parents proud.

Thank you to all for making this a memorable event for all whom attended.

Ron Moore



WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

Put it in a letter to the Editor!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.