

GRAPEVINE



X-Ray staying

A widespread rumour about the future of Acton's x-ray and ultrasound clinic has been quashed by Peri Peters, manager of Ontario Medical Imaging, the company that has operated at the Acton Medical Centre for approximately 15 years.

"We are not planning to move. We have no plans to close," Peri stressed on Tuesday, adding nothing will change at the clinic, despite the imminent opening of the new Acton Medical and Urgent Care Clinic.

Canvassers wanted

Do you have a few hours to spare in April to canvass a residential street for Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh)?

CASHh has provided services for cancer patients for 10 years and a "dramatic" increase in demand for services means a successful door-to-door campaign is even more important. For more information call 905-702-8886.

Ski kudos

Congrats to Isaac Daleman of Acton, whose strong performance at the recent Ontario Special Olympics, Region 5 alpine skiing provincial qualifiers at Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard Centre put him in contention for selection to compete in the 2011 Ontario Special Olympics Winter Games in Thunder Bay.

Daleman and his brother Austin, 8, are both autistic and ski with the Milton Snowblazers Special Olympics Alpine Ski Team.

Dance party

Proceeds from another popular Video Dance Party at the Town Hall Centre on Friday (March 5) will help pay for some the on-going renovations at the Willow Street building.

Party Cinemas' fun includes big screens, big sound and a big light show as well as a snack bar, contests with prizes - all chaperoned by adults and aimed at kids seven to 14. Doors open from 7 to 10 p.m. and tickets are available at the door or online at www.videodanceparty.ca.

Members of the group that is lovingly restoring the Town Hall Centre hope to be ready for a grand re-opening ceremony in April. Plans for the celebration are developing as crews complete as much of the rehab work as they can afford with a mortgage they took out to

complete the work and restore the facility.

At the opening, members of the Acton Town Hall Players dinner theatre group will portray some of Acton's early and colourful citizens from the time when the building was the centre of social life in Acton.

Affordable housing

With a no-interest mortgage, Habitat for Humanity Halton wants to make home ownership a reality for a family who would move into Habitat's three-bedroom house on Crescent Street.

It is inviting people with three or four children to come to a public information meeting to fill out an application on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Solar tour

The solar panel installation at a Crewsons Corners residence is one of two local stops on a solar tour on Sunday, hosted by the Halton Residential Solar Project. At the two locations, homeowners and vendors will be on hand to discuss solar technology, financial strategies and incentives associated with installing solar systems.

For more information visit halton.ourpower.ca or call 905-299-2327.

Cancer kickoff

Acton Canadian Cancer Society volunteers - canvassers, drivers, knitters, daffodil salespeople and all others - are invited to the March 24 kickoff dinner for the annual Acton campaign for funds.

The volunteer appreciation dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, and includes door prizes and entertainment. Anyone willing to volunteer during April's campaign can call Cathy Gerow at 519-853-1425.

Safety suggestions

Personal safety is on the agenda next Wednesday at the meeting of the Silver-Wood Women's Institute when a representative of Halton police offers a presentation on "How to Keep Yourself Safe."

All are welcome to the meeting that begins at 7 p.m. at Limehouse Memorial Hall. For more information call Shirley at 519-853-2604.

Youth dance

Youths in Grades six, seven and eight are invited to a dance at the Acton Community Centre run by the Town's recreation and parks department on Friday, March 12. The adult-chaperoned event runs from 7:30 to 10 p.m.



CHEF'S SURPRISE: Members of the First Acton Scouting Group - Cubs, Beavers and Scouts - cooked up a storm on Sunday morning at the Acton arena for the Kinette's monthly Community Brunch. Group leaders Anthony Galati (left), Mike Byers (right), with his son Kenneth, 10, helped serve at the popular event. - Denise Paulsen photo

Olympic Au Revoir

With apologies to
Lawrence Thayer;

*The outlook wasn't brilliant,
For the Canadian Six that day.
The Yankees had tied the game,
With scant seconds left to play.
Millions of true north hearts,
Skipped a beat as they scrambled to pee.
The Olympic gold medal hockey game,
Was headed to O. T.
As 30-million Canuks wondered,
If it was time to try to pray,
Which one of our stalwart lads,
Would rise to save the day?
The action was furious as end to end,
They dashed beyond belief.
Until Sid the Kid slid one past Miller,
And the whole country breathed
a sigh of relief.*

Yes Canada, we won the Olympics! I know that the Americans and Germans won more medals, but we won the hockey game. Our national pride is salvaged from the Turin train wreck. If everyone else would just realize that the Winter Olympics is all about hockey there would be worldwide peace.

I don't know about you but I'm emotionally exhausted after the last two weeks. I'm relieved the Olympics are over, my heart wouldn't take another week of that. When I realized I was madly cheering the home side at the gold medal curling match, I knew someone would have to come and do an intervention.

I know I've said it before, but aren't you proud of all our Canadian athletes? They truly are role models for our younger generation. That's something I've been aware of over the years. Competitors, whether in sports, academics, the arts, whatever, are role models we should be pointing out to our children. We are fortunate to have so many in our town. Just tune into a Mu-

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nicipal Awards ceremony as a starting point.

Did you notice the vast majority of athletes who sang the anthem when they had the chance? Even the men's hockey team joined in. The result is our national anthem has gained worldwide exposure, thanks to our athlete's gold medal performance, notwithstanding the bastardized version that was performed at the opening ceremonies.

The closing performance showed a side of this country that I think the world needed to see. From the beginning, when we poked fun at the non-functioning torch arm, through the stereotypical Mounties, beavers, lumberjacks and so on, this was a message the world needed to see.

No more will we be perceived as nice but dull. The beautiful City of Vancouver showed that we don't all live in Igloos. I couldn't believe the number of visitors I saw on TV who were concerned that "Beaver Tails" were actually made with beaver tails. We won't tell them what's in seal flipper pie. We don't have to share all our culinary delights with the world.

I trust all those who complained that VANOC boss John Furlong didn't speak enough French at the opening ceremonies. At the closing ceremonies he spoke a second language. Not sure what it was but it sure wasn't French. I'm sure the poor man knew he was butchering the language but had no option

other than soldier on. While I realize this is a bi-lingual country, I don't think embarrassing this poor man in his moment of triumph was worth the nod to political correctness.

I knew I was getting old when I couldn't recognize any of the popular songs played at the closing ceremony. At least I had heard of some/most of the artists but much of the music(?) left me less than cold. The felling stayed with me until the next day when my youngest daughter called to complain about the music too. I felt somewhat exonerated.

I hate to sound like an old fogey but did everything have to be hard rock/rap/whatever? Obviously I'm not counting Neil Young in the above.

While I'm at it I would like to dispel the rumour that Steven Harper had demanded Neil be in the show. There is also no truth to the rumour that Young also planned to sing "I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends." Not True!

I think these Olympics will have a lasting positive effect on our country. I see a lot more overt national pride than I've seen in the past. I welcome the change, it's about time. The Olympics have, the way I see it, changed the way many of us look at ourselves as a country. Young people especially no longer consider themselves to be hyphenated Canadians. This bodes well for our future.

In the past I've always felt a letdown when the Olympics were over, especially the Winter Olympics. This week, I feel like I have an Olympic hang-over. Anyone know of a cure, the next Olympics are four long years away.

NO, not beer, uh-huh!