

Big Daddy Festival honours Dads

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Wikipedia defines Father's Day as "a day honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society." It is celebrated on the third Sunday of June in fifty two of the world's countries, and we're one of them, so keep June 20 open. In fact, keep the whole weekend open, because the Big Daddy Festival is coming to Acton. With over 50 Dad-related activities, there is something for everyone who wants to celebrate Dad, or the special man in their life who is like a Dad to them.

Acton will host many activities and will be one of the hubs for the festival, along with Glen Williams, Limehouse and Georgetown. Acton is opening the weekend with a Youth Battle of the Bands to be held at The Roxy on Friday at 8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Georgetown Kiwanis Club and Halton Hills youth are invited to showcase their style and compete for best band bragging rights. The Roxy has room for 240 (plus an additional 60 outside in the coffee shop), so come out to cheer for your favourite band. Admission is \$5 and the judges include Mark Gross, a professional band promoter and owner of Classic Entertainment Productions. Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate at Long and McQuaid, performance at Acton's Canada Day festivities, and a master recording at a professional recording studio.

On Saturday, June 19, the popular "Taste of Acton" is back by popular demand for the fourth year. Seven restaurants in Downtown Acton will play host to Dads and their hungry friends from 2 to 6 p.m. Proceeds will help fund the Acton Soccer Club. What a lovely excuse to overeat. Passports are available for \$12 in advance (\$15 the day of) and the "tasters" will be able to enjoy food at any five restaurants of their choice.

At 4 p.m. there will be a Talent Show and Karaoke at the Rotary Bandshell in Prospect Park. You don't have to

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audition and all ages are invited to participate. The Rotary will supply the mics, karaoke, CD players, etc. So if you can sing and dance (or at least you THINK you can), come on out to the Talent show and strut your stuff. The show is free, and you are bound to be surprised at the talent we have in town. Bring your camera, though, in case someone does something really embarrassing. After the Talent Show, kids will be invited to color a giant mural of comic strip characters...fun for the little ones and for budding artists with real colouring talent.

Bring the kids to Prospect Park, where the Town of Halton Hills is hosting a "Mighty Machines" display. Kids and Dads can see a giant snowplow. Don't forget to bring your camera. At dusk, join the fun at Prospect Park as Party Cinemas presents *Ironman* on a jumbo movie screen. Free movie nights have become a tradition in Acton the past three years. Somehow it's more fun watching

a movie in the dark with a pile of people (with real stars above supplied by the biggest Daddy of them all!). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, your kids and your sweetie. It's like the Drive-in, but with no back seat. Food Bank donations are encouraged, another three-year tradition.

Don't stay up too late, though, because the Acton Rotary Dad and Me Fishing Derby is being held from 7 to 11 a.m. on Fairy Lake. This is also an Acton tradition and Herb Dodds has an exciting lineup of prizes and activities for you and your Dad. If the fish aren't biting, you could have an important and deep conversation with your Dad...or not, if you like to avoid these types of things. Most of the fishing will be done from the shore, so land lubbers ahoy, you're invited too!

At 10 a.m. there will be three other exciting activities at Prospect Park to choose from. The first is a casting contest for kids and Dads. At 10 a.m., there will be a demonstration by members of the Izaak Walton Fly Fishing Club on how to tie flies (apparently this is a real art and it will be very interesting). At the same time, there will also be a fly casting demonstration and Dads will get a chance to try their hand at fly fishing. Members of the Greg Clarke Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be there to lead the demonstration.

We hope to see you in Acton this Father's Day weekend. For a list of all the Big DADDY activities, please see www.bigdaddyfestival.ca



Downed tree

There were no injuries when a tree fell across 25 Side Road in the Second Line area at 7:45 on Sunday morning and a car drove over it. The downed tree was cut up and removed from the road.

Panel sparking

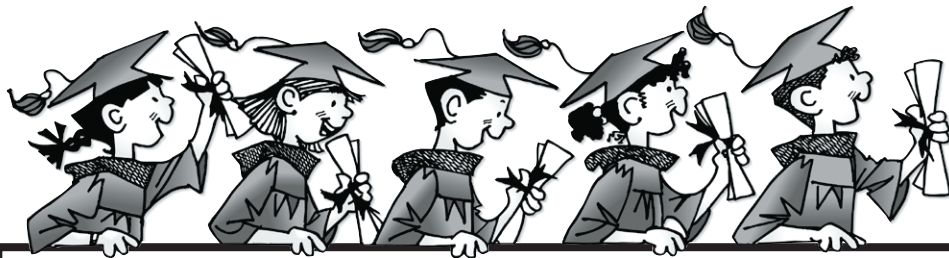
An electrician was called in to examine a sparking fuse panel at a Churchill Road South apartment building at 8:27 on Sunday morning. Tenants phoned 911 and the fire department advised the building representative to call an electrician.

In jury accident

One motorist was taken to Georgetown Hospital with undisclosed injuries following a two-car crash in the Highway 7 - Fifth Line area at 8 p.m. on Saturday. No other details were released.

False alarm

Someone pulled the fire alarm at Acton High School at 3:26 on Friday afternoon just as school was getting out for the weekend. The alarm panel was reset.



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