



WITH HIS entry ready for the fishing derby is Gary White. Still at work on theirs are Peter Wright, Tony Wright and Joel Pin, Gary's biggest fish was a rock bass. He wasn't in the winner's circle.

## Highlights of Back to Acton Days in pictures



STATION HOTEL management staff check on the roast pigs they served at the Back to Acton Days weekend. The hotel had a beer garden and parking lot dance in the evening both Friday and Saturday. A good crowd was reported on both evenings.

## Restaurants, hotels happy with Acton Days

Hotels and restaurants were well pleased with the amount of business they did during Back to Acton days. Their owners all used different words, but they all meant the same thing: excellent.

Cosimo Mercuri of the Dominion called the turnout "beautiful". He had a group playing outdoors Friday night and all day Saturday.

The Station Hotel's owner, Eli Kekic, told the Free Press that attendance at their outdoor pig roast was "really good". The hotel roasted six pigs, three Friday and three Saturday, and also had beef, chicken and hamburgers available.

Berton Bigelow of the 747 lounge described the crowd as "very nice. A nice mixed crowd of young and old". He said the weekend was "good in every respect".

Cory Van Merkestein of the Chicken and Pizza Spot told the Free Press the turnout for his outdoor cafe was "fine".

Mr. Van Merkestein was in charge of the placing of booths at this year's event, and he tried to spread activities out all along Mill Street by keeping booths separated, and he indicated he was "quite well satisfied" with the way the booths did their job.



THE BAND got in the Calithumpian spirit. They played in uniform Friday evening on the mall and in the park on Sunday evening. They also took part in the Rockwood parade.



PAYING tribute to Canada one of many bike riders in the parade asked spectators to wave if they love Canada.



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## Cleaners contests test strength, skill

Attracting contestants of strength and skill at the Back to Acton Days celebration on Saturday were the Family Cleaners events.

Throughout the weekend children were invited to guess the number of pennies in the jar. A four way tie had the \$18.69 divided into four prizes of \$4.65 each. The four winners are Mandy Green R.R.2 Acton, Carrie Frizzel, 43 Cobblehill, Barbara and Steven Robinson, 92 Acton Blvd.

Tests of strength were displayed in the log sawing and nail hammering competition.

Competing against a variety of different contestants, Fred Archibald took first place in the nail hammering competition taking an astounding two seconds to get the nail hammered in the plank.

In the log sawing competition Pat Graham and Bill Chagnon took first place when they sawed the end of the log in a record 21 seconds.

Family cleaners management were pleased with the success of their contests and the enthusiasm shown by all those taking part.



LOG SAWING contest entrant Fred Archibald is timed by organizer Ed Wood.



ENJOYING LUNCH at the Chicken and Pizza Spot Outdoor cafe are LeeAnne, Beth and Ian Munday. The outdoor umbrella tables made it a popular place to have a snack.

## Private parade

Residents of Jeanette's Home for Senior Citizens were treated to a private parade on Saturday. The Back to Acton Days Calithumpian parade was originally scheduled to proceed down the highway and past the Senior Citizens' home. However, police clearance was refused and it was also decided this would be too dangerous for the many children taking part in the event. This group went down Bower instead.

Disappointed residents of the home eventually left the sidewalk where they had been waiting for the parade.

The parade came to a halt at the four corners, and later organizers gathered parade participants together and headed for Jeanette's where they paraded through the home singing and greeting residents.

## Next week

Bike rodeo and pet show results and pictures next week.

## Nail contest

Winners in the nail driving contest: first Fred Archibald, two seconds; second Rob Jarrett, two and a quarter seconds; third Reg Tabir, two and a half seconds.

Half the money went to the Sick Childrens hospital and half to winner Archibald. Each for \$14.50.

TERRY Grubbe visits with Jeanettes Home for Senior Citizens resident. Terry was the organizer of the Back to Acton parade and took part of the parade through the home to visit with residents.



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