

Back to Acton Days celebrations this weekend

by Helen Murray

They're rolling out the red carpets this weekend for the hundreds of people expected to converge on Acton's downtown to celebrate Back to Acton Days.

The fun begins Friday when Mill Street is closed and made into one big mall. Sidewalk sales and various booths will keep everyone busy all day until the opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. in the Acton Mews parking lot.

On hand at the opening will be Back to Acton Days organizers, as well as Acton Citizens' Band, and Acton Choralliers. Mayor Pete Pomeroy, M.P.P. Julian Reed and area councillor Ross Knechtel will cut the ribbon.

Those sleeping in Saturday morning will miss the Health Hustle at 8.30 in front of the YMCA.

The calathumpian parade, beginning at various points around town, is sure to attract many.

The Glenlea-Bovis area parade starts at the Becker's Plaza with Arlie White as Grand Marshal.

The Lakeview parade begins at Lakeview Carpet with Esther Taylor as the Grand Marshal for that route. The Kingham parade starts at the corner of Kingham Road and Campbell Court. "Pop" Main is the Grand Marshal.

The Glenlea-Bovis parade moves down Churchill Rd. South to Longfield Rd., over Meadvale Rd., down Acton Boulevard and along Rosemary Rd., and Division St. to Wallace St. The leader is Terry Grubbe.

The Lakeview parade will troop up Elizabeth Dr. along Tyler Ave., over Elmore Dr. and back out Elizabeth to Main St. North and then down River St. to Willow and up Bower Ave. Alma Swetman is the leader.

The Kingham parade will travel up Kingham Rd. and over Storey Dr. and Cobblehill Rd. to Victoria St. and Brock St. crossing Main South to Agnes St., up John St. and down Church St. This route's leader is Linda Pilgrim.

There will be parade awards for best bike decoration, best old fashioned costume and best crazy costume. All three parades meet at the tracks and move downtown en masse from there.

Residents are urged to just jump right into the parade as it passes by.

But there's lots more fun on Saturday besides the gala parade.

For the youngsters, it's games in the park running from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The Optimists bike rodeo takes place at 11.30.

For the teenagers, and those who just wish they were teenagers, the rock bands Exodus and Brinx will be playing downtown starting at 1.30 p.m.

There's lots of action for all ages at 2 p.m. with a Cat and Dog contest, in front of Dawe Real Estate, a bed race, sponsored by the Y's Men, and a log sawing contest. In the pet contest, prizes will be awarded for best dressed, longest and shortest ears, longest and shortest tails, and whatever else makes for good fun.

The IODE will have a bake and craft sale in front of Acton Home Furnishings, and a bingo and bake sale in front of the Book Nook will be put on by St. Alban's church. Share Group will sell their crafts at Family Cleaners, and Acton Co-op Nursery will sell baking, books, balloons and plants in front of the former A & B Supermarket. Plates, and information will be available from the Town Hall committee in the Acton Mews parking lot, and another bake sale and display will be run by Acton Rental.

Raffle tickets and pop will be sold near Simpsons by the Catholic Women's League, and Mrs. Cohen will sell ceramics at Acton Home Furnishings. Beta Phi Sorority will have a candy booth, and the firefighters offer a fire prevention booth. The Optimists will have a candy booth, and L'Arche Auxiliary will hold a draw, and fishponds at Bendelco. Tuitman's will sell plants and flowers at Leathertown.

Other downtown fun includes a log sawing contest, the Y's Mens bed race, pony rides, sale of Vials

for Life by the Y, a fire prevention booth, Halton Hills recreation department booth, bingo and judo demonstrations.

At Prospect Park there will be a day long softball tournament featuring both men's and women's teams.

There will also be a bake sale day long at the park as well as a bar-b-q, beer celebration in the rink and a Monte Carlo.

A dance at the arena, sponsored by the Optimists, will bring a hectic day to a close.

All events on Sunday are held at the park. For the early birds, (who have the worms), a fishing derby runs from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is in the morning.

A big attraction Sunday afternoon will be the waterball contests starting at 2 p.m. This event should keep everyone hopping.

Also the ball tournaments continue and fireworks at dusk will bring the Acton celebration of Canada's birthday to a close for another year.

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Actario starts Friday night



The ten participating groups are the Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement Area, Optimists, Rotary, Acton Citizens' Band, Lakeside IODE, Cancer Society, Curling Club, Y board and the Community Services Centre.

The grand kick-off for the sale will be at Back to Acton Days, when the first ticket will be ceremoniously sold Friday night. A huge picture of the town hall will form the backdrop for the program. Committee members will be selling tickets all weekend, and after that a desk will be set up in Family Cleaners, where tickets and information will be available when the desk is staffed.

Limiting the number of Actario tickets to 1,000 will keep chances of winning unusually good. As well as an exciting "Trip a Month", Actario offers \$350 cash every week. Plus a host of other bonus prizes.

Ticket holders need not be present to win a trip or cash, but must be there for the bonuses. A ticket may be purchased for \$100, or for \$26 plus three post-dated cheques for \$26 each.

This single project will raise the entire sum required from Acton and Aarex—\$60,000—before Winario and the Ontario Heritage Foundation will add their grants.

The first draw will be the first Saturday in September, so all 1,000 tickets must be sold over the summer.

Actario—the giant draw initiated by the fund-raising committee for the town hall restoration, will be outlined at a special meeting in the Y tonight (Wednesday, June 25.) Representatives of 10 participating groups will be attending, to pick up tickets and sellers' kits for their own groups.

The fund-raising committee, a small group of concerned citizens, is an offshoot of the original town hall restoration committee.

Having few members and no funds, the committee is counting on clubs and groups to take advantage of the offer which sees their own groups keep five per cent of total ticket sales.

Heller's for sale

Frank Heller and Co. Ltd. has listed its Acton plants for sale, but that doesn't mean the firm is definitely moving to the closed Disston plant.

Heller's spokesman Fred Dawkins said this week the plants have been for sale since June 1, however any sale would be conditional on the deal for Disston being finalized. A for sale sign went up at the Eastern Ave. plant yesterday (Tuesday).

Negotiations for Heller's to move to Disston have been on since early last winter, but in late March a

deal collapsed and the proposal appeared to be completely done the drain.

Later as interest rates dropped talks resumed and have continued since April.

Provincial government assistance is a key aspect of current negotiations for the Heller's move to Disston. Discussions about government aid are continuing.

Nothing is finalized yet, Dawkins said, and won't be until July.



Elva Newton of Nassagaweya has created a flag from the Ontario Ensign and the former crest of the old Township of Nassagaweya. The flag of Nassagaweya is the "rallying point" for the protest by residents who want to leave Halton Region and the Town of Milton. More on Nassagaweya's efforts to opt out of regional government on page 9.



Members of the Limehouse scout troop were among many enthusiasts who enjoyed canoe lessons Saturday as Paddlecade docked in Fairy Lake. Paddlecade is a summer program sponsored by Canoe Ontario. Two instructors, Hugh Dobson and Cathy Frost, both university students, will be travelling around Ontario

this summer with canoes donated by various companies to give the lessons in basic canoeing. This particular manoeuvre is called a raft. In the far left canoe are Mike Hannah and Tim Rock, left is Linda Hipp and brother Patrick, centre is Dobson and Debbie Sannucks, right canoe is Dick Rock and son Matt.

Divide and Conquer

17 tons collected in two months

In its first two months of operation in Acton Divide and Conquer has collected 17 tons of paper, glass and tin for recycling, but participation here has been low so far.

Works superintendent Frank Morette said in an interview the town is disappointed that participation in the recycling program is low, about 12 per cent of the households in Acton. The 17 tons of

recycled garbage would previously have wound up in the dump.

The level of participation in Acton in Divide and Conquer is half what it is in Georgetown, Morette noted.

Divide and Conquer began in Georgetown over two years ago as a provincial Ministry of Environment pilot project in garbage recycling. When the

province ended funding for the program at the start of this year Halton Hills decided to continue it and also extend it to Acton too.

Support for Divide and Conquer in Acton has remained fairly constant Morette said, although nine tons were collected here the first month and eight in May. The May recycling was broken down into five-and-a-half tons of paper, one and three-quarter tons of glass and three-quarter-three-quarters of a ton of tin.

Initial support for Divide and Conquer here has been lower than it was at the outset in Georgetown, Morette noted. He said his department expected support might be low in Acton at the outset because of poor spring weather and the program hasn't been promoted here that much yet. Rain on Wednesday's have reduced the amount of paper put out by residents for recycling and some of what was put out wound up soaked and couldn't be recycled.

However, Morette says the level of support for the program has remained fairly constant so he no longer believes weather is to blame.

Divide and Conquer needs to be promoted more in Acton town officials feel and the first step was to send out a household mailer on recycled paper last week. Other promotion ideas being examined include a resource recovery week in Halton Hills and bringing garbage separation information to local schools this fall.

The town wants to collect 50 tons of recyclable material each month so the aim is to get 30 per cent of that amount, about 16 tons, in Acton. Acton is a long way away from the 16 ton goal. Support in Georgetown has dropped off a little of late too, from 25 to 27 per cent of households participating to around 23 or 24 per cent.

One problem Morette sees with Divide and Conquer in Acton is that groups in the community were already collecting paper and glass here before the program started and have continued. But the town isn't trying to put those groups out of business, Halton Hills wants to attract new recycling families.

For the time being Morette said, noting while he doesn't have figures for June it appears support for Divide and Conquer still isn't growing, it looks like 12 per cent of Acton families participating is "the best we are going to do."

Appoint market value assessment committee

Acton councillor Ross Knechtel will chair the special Halton Hills committee investigating market value assessment on which four citizens will be invited to sit.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy, who will sit on the committee, announced Monday night Knechtel, ward two councillor Russ Miller, Walter Biehn from ward three and ward four councillor Harry Levy will all sit on the committee. Pomeroy jokes he had named two hawks, supporters of market value assessment, and two doves, to the committee.

Last month council voted not to implement the new form of property tax assessment at this time, but to set up a committee to study it further. The

committee's job is to fully explore and research market value assessment.

Four citizens, one from each ward, will also be named to the committee next month. Pomeroy asked each of the four councillors to pick a resident of their ward to sit on the committee. Town treasurer Ray King will also sit on the committee.

Pomeroy said he waited until after the public meeting in Acton last week to name the committee. At that meeting many Bovis subdivision residents voice concern about unfair assessment and high property taxes. They urged council get on with the study and implement market value assessment as soon as possible.

50 candle cake for Eden Mills

Eden Mills will be a lively place this weekend. In celebration of 50 years as an incorporated police village, the hamlet is planning a two-and-a-half days celebration.

The fun kicks off with a sold-out Old Tyme dance on Friday night, with participants in costume dancing to the music of Wellington.

Saturday at 1 p.m. a Calathumpian Parade, in old fashioned tradition, led by a Guelph pipe band, will wind its way from the Presbyterian Church west of the village down the main street, to the ball park. The parade will consist of "anything and everything."

A baking contest will involve both male and female bakers who will be judged in separate categories. Each entry will consist of a plain white sheet cake decorated with a 50th anniversary theme.

Cakes will be donated.

For the younger residents, children's races and a bicycle contest will be held followed by a "Miss Eden Mills Contest" aimed at young ladies from 5 to 12 years.

Hamburgers will be sold for supper and a rip-roaring sing-song will finish the day in style.

On Sunday an outdoor church service will take place in the ball park at 2 p.m. led by Rev. R. Finley and Rev. C. Doehring.

Children's games, horseshoe pitching, a pot-luck supper picnic, with available barbecue facilities, will make the day a family community celebration.

Souvenir plates made in Collingwood and picturing the Eden Mills mill will be sold for \$5. They will be available at the anniversary celebrations or through Jean Rinehart at 856-9857.

Rabies warning: avoid skunks

Parents are advised to keep their children and pets away from all wildlife, particularly skunks, because of the danger of rabies.

The province and regional health units have been issuing warnings about rabies on the increase, especially in the Mississauga area.

Dr. Ron Trenton, Halton Hills Veterinarian Services, says "overall reports of rabid animals is down this year. Reports of rabies is down in our area but it is still significant."

There have always been rabid animals in a rural area like Acton but rabid skunks in Mississauga means they are now moving into urban areas Dr. Trenton says. The biggest problem with rabid animals this season is skunks, he noted.

This is not the first warning about rabid skunks in the Acton area this year. In late winter rabid skunks were spotted in the area of the sewage treatment plant on Churchill Road South.

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Prizes were awarded to Acton and area pupils who shone in the Rotary Skate-A-Thon this year. See photo and story on page B4.

There doesn't appear to be much chance mosquitoes will be sprayed in Acton this year. More on page 3.

Halton Hills opposes regional industrial development levies. More on page B7.

Over 100 residents gave blood at the recent Red Cross clinic. The honor roll is on page B6.

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