

Market boosts Leathertown's confidence

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to perform alone or with some of the entertainers in front of the old town hall as a measure of the market's success.

"When the people get so enthusiastic about what's happening that they come out and join in, you know it's been successful," he said.

Mr. Tyler believes the market is one of those ideas which could be picked up and capitalized upon by some local group. The contacts

have been made and people would come out if it were held on a regular basis - once a year or once a month throughout the warm weather.

"We had a good mix of booths and everyone seemed to be satisfied with it," he said. "The contacts have been made and it could be carried on if someone wanted to take it over. The merchants would come back while Mr. Tyler was pleased with the response from

Georgetown residents who either travelled on the free bus he provided or drove their own cars, he wasn't as pleased with the Milton response.

"The response was lousy out of Milton," he said. "We hadn't a passenger on any of the three runs we were going to offer. I haven't seen the figures to know how many from Georgetown actually did travel with us, but I know we have some on each run. They did support us."

Saturday marked the end of the first series of Actario draws. The draw, with a weekly prize of \$350, plus merchant prizes and monthly trips, was inaugurated one year ago to raise money for the restoration of Acton's 97-year-old red brick town hall. It raised almost \$30,000.

That sum, however, is only a drop in the bucket Halton Hills councillors fear since estimates placed restoration

costs at \$235,000 four years ago. Deterioration and inflation may have changed the figures dramatically.

An updated evaluation of restoration work and its cost, as well as a feasibility study on uses for the hall, has been undertaken by council with a view to ending the lengthy debate on the hall's fate.

In 1977, council voted to raze the building in favor of providing parking for fire-fighters adjacent to the fire hall attached to the town hall building.

Acton citizens rallied to stop the demolition and a committee formed to raise funds to save the hall. Over the four years, the committee raised only \$10,000 for a total of \$38,000 when its proceeds are combined with Actario.

Actario will continue for a second year, Mr. Tyler said, and tickets are on sale from

the same outlets as last year. They are priced at \$100 each and only 1,000 will be sold. So far sales haven't been brisk but ticket holders have been more interested in what was happening with the present series than with worrying about next year. Now that it's done, he expects sales to pick up.

Mr. Tyler said he hopes to be able to take a less active part in the second series of draws. He wants service clubs to come forward and take over the actual draws, probably on a rotating basis, under the guidance of a member of the Actario committee executive.

The clubs are already involved in ticket sales and Mr. Tyler feels a bit more participation from them would lighten the load considerably for everyone while still keeping the draws working smoothly.



Now shopping day is complete without taking home some fruit from Acton's Leathertown Market. Here Mayor Pete Pomeroy, daughter Jill and wife Judy collect a bag of fresh produce while Paul O'Brien (left) and Bill Doran help to serve the family.



Now that's a real shopper-stopper! Willow Street in Acton was closed to all traffic Saturday so that only inquisitive pedestrians who wanted to browse among the Leathertown Market displays were allowed on the streets. Many visited the craft and bake stand manned by Mary Van Dam (left), with Marianne (centre) and Helena Vanderwal, at the corner of Mill and Willow.

Acton's Leathertown Market drew crowds from Milton and Georgetown Saturday as neighboring townsmen joined in to shop in the open air. Here Betty Barton from Georgetown (left) stands ready with her friend Ivy Dickson from Edinburgh, Scotland, to board their bus on the return trip to Georgetown. About 45 residents from Georgetown took advantage of the free bus service courtesy of Tyler Coach Lines to Acton which left at three different times during the day.

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By JUTTA PETINGILL
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Halton Hills enjoys a great variety of social and community services, but not all are approachable around the clock. Here, the Contact Centre fills the gap with a much-needed service of its own - it could be a life-saver.

The past summer, unfortunately, has seen Contact Centre phones left unattended during some shifts for the first time in the Centre's history. Incoming messages were taped, but that was doubtless of little comfort to many who phoned.

The unmanned shifts were the direct result of a shortage in Contact Centre volunteers willing to spend, where possible, one three or four-hour shift per month answering the phone for this worthwhile service.

It's not a glamorous job; we remain anonymous. It can be tedious work, but it can be exciting work. The relief and help you transmit to the caller are to your reward. New volunteers tend to worry: "Have I said the right thing?" We don't claim to be perfect, but we do listen with empathy.

If you're a mature citizen, have a few hours to spare and like to commit yourself to do something for your fellow man, or if you'd simply like to know more about the Contact Centre, write to the Centre at Box 85, Georgetown, Ont., or phone 877-1211.

The Centre's next six-week volunteer training session begins Oct. 21. Applicants should apply soon in order to have interviews arranged.



Thomas Spencer, 7, seems impressed with the artistic touch of woodcraftsman Alan Millison as he reaches for Mr. Millison's business card. The Woodbee proprietor has been making his wood designs only since last October, but seems to have a thriving business constructing mirror hangings, plant holders and other crafts.



Long-time Acton merchant Elma Braida of Acton Home Furnishings had the pleasure of opening the Leathertown Market Saturday. Many Actonians showed up for the early morning start and had the advantage of touring the numerous craft booths before the noon-hour rush.



Selling plates, prints and Actario tickets in support of the old Acton town hall, Kara Rosenquist (left) and her mother Yvonne set their booth on the prominent corner of Willow and Mill Streets. They seemed to be capturing the interest of all onlookers with the promise of purchasing the ceramic plates for sale or a chance on a trip to England.



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by Dave Rowney

MPP Julian Reed (right) and other prominent citizens of Halton Hills helped stir the Actario audience in front of the stage with the promise of pulling out a winning ticket good for a trip to England. Ted Tyler (in baseball hat) was the master of ceremonies during the Actario draw while assistant Tracey Tyler loaned a hand also. William Nelles of Mill Street won the trip to England while assistant Dino Brazolot of Guelph left the stage \$350 richer when he accepted second prize. The "Texas Mickey", a giant size bottle of Canadian Club whiskey, was won by Oral Norton of Acton. Other prize winners accepting store vouchers were Elma Braida, Stella Brunelle, Lynne Robertson and Pauline Barlow.

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With "back to school" on his mind, one small boy declared his reason for not wanting to go: "Because it wastes my daytimes."

To ensure the continued operation of the ActiVan bus service, a further \$12,000 is urgently needed. Most of those using the service have expressed their pleasure with the operation. Funds go to Town Treasurer, 36 Main St. South, Georgetown, L7G 4X1. Please mark envelope "ActiVan".

Drivers are urgently needed to provide transportation for patients needing out-of-town medical treatment. Anyone wishing to help may call 877-5920 (before 5 p.m.).

Handyman help is needed by some seniors to do small electrical, plumbing and carpentry jobs. If you can help call 877-5920.

Did you know that, in most cases, a landlord can only raise the rent once a year, even if new tenants move in, and that a landlord can never evict a tenant without a legitimate reason, and a tenant always has a right to a court hearing? For more information, call Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic, 877-5256.

A legal education series will begin Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Halton Hills office, 5 Wesleyan St., Georgetown. All interested people are welcome. No admission charge. This meeting deals with Landlord and Tenant Law.

Jane Sanders, working with the Halton District Health Council, has spent most of the summer months working with a group of senior citizens representing all areas of Halton Region, in the development of a new directory of services for seniors in Halton, which will be distributed in the near future. It can be kept near the phone for easy reference and is printed in bold type.

Each service listing is readily available at a glance under titled headings on the front cover, e.g. health, pensions, services, housing, etc. Phone numbers are given for contact in each of the local areas of Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

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-By Lola F. Sutherland