

QUILTED WITH CARE: Wannetta Stiles and Renee Watson, two members of the Daughters of Knox, were busy selling raffle tickets for their ninth annual quilt draw Friday afternoon outside Acton IGA. The quilt is handmade each year as a fundraiser by the Daughters of Knox. They are pictured with store manager Kelly McArthur. Tickets will be available for the quilt until the draw at the annual bazaar, Oct. 30, at Knox Presbyterian Church. (Wendy Long photo)

Sundays: for family or profit?

Continued from Front Page fore Christmas and it was terrible," Reeve added. "I was really disappointed but I'll do it again this year to help my customers out." Reeve explained that he

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works six days a week now and would have to hire another employee if he were to open Sun-

Willow Lane Natural Foods is also closed on Sundays. "I think there should be a break for family days and for people to go to church," said owner Annie Kerkhof. "I really don't believe in working Sundays," she said, and added that the store has never been open Sunday.

"I'd close it down if I had to open Sundays," said Ron Kuiken, owner of Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances. "We need one day to spend with family, to regroup for the following week."

Kuiken said that in 21 years the store has never been open on a Sunday, although he did consider it briefly at one point.

On the flip side, many Acton stores and services say that opening Sunday has proved profitable and is beneficial to customers.

"It does increase sales by five to six per cent," said Mike Manes, owner of Acton IGA. Manes said Sunday is a busy day for people buying extras, such as steaks for the barbeque or cool treats on hot days. "We never force anybody to work," Manes said. "I pay time and a half. There's always lists of people wanting to work."

Glenlea Drug Mart has never been open Sundays but owner Gary Barton said they will be once they move into their new building in the next couple of months.

"The problem is having pharmacists cover the time," Barton said. "They cover 69 hours a week now as it is."

NEWSSHORTS

Motorbike accident

A 16-year-old Acton youth was injured Thursday morning after losing control of his motorbike while trail riding on Fourth Line. His bike was severely damaged, and he was taken by ambulance to Georgetown hospital for a chest injury, police said.

Patio furniture stolen

The patio of an Acton restaurant was broken into early Saturday morning. Suspects stole a plastic white patio set worth \$500 that included a table, umbrella stand, eight plastic chairs, two flower pots, two umbrellas and an ashtray garbage can. Police are investigating.

Mysterious dent

An unoccupied Nissan Sentra parked at a store on Queen Street Saturday afternoon received damage to the left fender. Police suspect another vehicle failed to remain at the scene after the collision. The damage is estimated at \$400.

Car vandalized

A 1989 Ford Escort parked on Maria Street was vandalized Friday night. An outside rearview mirror was smashed and scratches were found on the driver's door.

Cemetery trespassers

Late Friday evening police pursued youths through the cemetery on Adams Court. A 12-year-old suspect denied being in the cemetery and police were unable to press trespassing charges.

Hit and run

A car parked at Prospect Park Saturday afternoon received \$800 damage after another vehicle hit it and left the scene. When the victim returned to his damaged vehicle a witness came forth and provided details of the collision. The investigation will continue; charges are pending.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We have to be positive. If anybody's capable of restructuring, Steve and Don Dawkins will lead the way."

- Rick Bonnette, Acton councillor, Front Page

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