



**BUSY HANDS:** John Robb and Jane Adshead were working hard on leathercraft at the Legion during the Special Needs Drop-in program recently. (Brad Hammond photo)

# Drop-in program gives Acton residents something to do

BY BRAD HAMMOND  
The Acton Tanner

Are you lonely and wanting to meet new people? Would you like to learn new skills? If so, then why not "drop-in" at the Acton Legion every Wednesday between 1 pm and 4 pm.

"People come and go as they like; it's a drop-in and that's exactly what it means," says organizer Susan Currie. "They drop in for an hour or they drop in for four. They drop in to get involved in a major project or they drop in for a cup of coffee and a chat."

The Special Needs Drop-in Program was designed in 1988 for adults with disabilities and senior citizens. Currie states, "The program provides a facility where people can pursue individual interests, learn new skills and get physically and mentally involved in something new."

Exercise programs, crafts, games, leather work, painting and baking are just a few of the activi-

ties available to the people through this program. Special bus trips are also provided twice a year.

"The program is supported by Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department as well as the Town of Milton Leisure Services and fundraising efforts from the group," explains Currie. "The fundraising covers the refreshments and program expenses. They (fundraisers) may take the form of bake sales or raffles or even small projects done for the community."

The program gives people a chance to get out and socialize as well as feel good about themselves and others. It gives adults with disabilities something to do and something to look forward to.

If you are asking yourself, "What can I do to help out with this program?" the answer is simple — get involved and become a

volunteer.

"Volunteers are always welcome to spend time and help make a difference in the lives of the people involved, by just keeping them company, talking and laughing with them," says Currie.

If you are interested in getting involved with this program either as a participant or as a volunteer, or if you would just like more information, contact Susan Currie at 873-1534.

## St. Joseph's volleyball teams are red-hot

### ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MELISSA PAWLAK & ANNE MARIE MCGERAGLE

Our school volleyball teams had their first game on Tuesday. The girls won 15-6, 15-11. The boys won because of a forfeit from St. Francis of Asissi. On Thursday, Oct. 7, the girls won again! The score was 15-6, 15-2. The boys also won 15-3 and 15-4. Great start St. Joseph's!

The Grade 6-7 class made food and wood stories. In the school fund-raiser this class alone raised over \$1,000.

Mrs. McMullan's class received two furry classroom pets named Pebbles and Wilma. The class is currently studying trees.

Miss Ryan's class made a mu-

ral during French class. They also started the BOOK-IT program.

Mr. Malette's Grade 8 class is having a class mass on Tuesday. They are also preparing for their confirmation and graduation that will take place in May and June of 1994.

We have purchased, through raised money, many new pieces of gym equipment. We bought a new volleyball net, new volleyballs, floor hockey sticks and many other items.

Our school has had great success in our fund-raiser. We sold chocolates and holiday decorations to our friends and relatives and the money we raised will go toward things our school needs.

That's all for now! Hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

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