

ON STAGE! Acton School of Dance students line up for Friday's dress rehearsal before their Saturday performance of Where Dreams Begin at Acton High School. From left: Emily Saunders, Shaelyn Johnston, Sarah Garrett, Margot Lafrance and Kaila Colavecchi. (Eve Martin photo)

New bar to open next month

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

Bedroxx, Acton's new restaurantbar, which was supposed to open by May, will likely begin operations by mid-July.

Paul Seminara, a 25-year-old entrepreneur who purchased the old Meeting Place building, says he has been surprised by the extent of renovations required.

"This is more work than I thought," admitted the Erin resident on Friday. "At first I thought 'How hard can it be?'

"Plans have slowed down. We've changed some, like adding two more bars and one upstairs."

The interior of the Mill Street building has already been drywalled. Other jobs to be completed before the opening of Bedroxx include revamping the fire system, plumbing, re-wiring and the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system.

Bedroxx will offer an upscale billiards area on the top floor with a small lounge as a waiting room, a big-screen sports lounge, a dance floor — featuring a \$125,000 sound and lighting system — and

Public welcome

The public is welcome to attend the local United Way's Annual General Meeting and Appreciation Night at the McKenzie-Smith school library on June 21. The meeting begins at 7 pm.

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18 draught lines, up from the initial plans of four.

"The kitchen will also be reopened. With Jack Tanner's closed, we'll be offering Sunday brunches," said Seminara, who admits that "it's going to be hard; I think it'll take the first year just to get over the (negative) reputation.

"But if you run a good place, people's feelings turn around quickly."

Seminara says the outside of the building will undergo a facelift. The front will include an illuminated sign with the Bedroxx logo and corner signs — similar to those advertising coming attractions at movie theatres.

With the domed look to the building, the atmosphere inside will be cave-like. The floor and walls will be like granite stone.

As for their logo, Seminara says one of five choices will be selected in the next two weeks. Cartoons with big rocks in a 3-D look could prevail. Shirts with the logo will be for sale at Bedroxx once the doors open.

Bible School returns

Imagine a town where you play games, sing songs and do crafts and other fun things all day. No, this is not one of the latest election promises, and no, this "town" is not for you — it's for your kids.

"Sontown" is the backdrop for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. It is a place where children are taught family values, community involvement, and their own uniqueness and place in God's world. The program is run jointly by the Bethel Christian Reformed Church and the Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle of Acton, and will take place July 3 to 7 from 9 am to noon.

"This year's VBS curriculum will be a celebration of family," explains VBS coordinator, Greta Haanstra. "We want to illustrate the importance of family by incorporating Bible stories, songs, crafts, and games in a meaningful way for the kids."

Because of the tremendous response to the VBS program in the past, space in the classes is limited. Haanstra urges parents to pre-



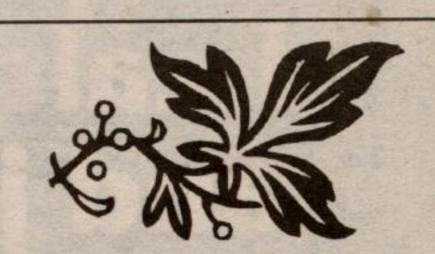
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register their children if they want to be assured of a place in this summer's classes.

"That way, we can be certain that the first day is spent fully on the program, not on administrative details."

Pre-registration is at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church (Hwy. 7 and Churchill Road) on June 13, from 7 to 8:30 pm.

A suggested donation of \$5 per child or \$10 per family will help cover the costs of the program. For more details, phone Tanja Leckebusch at 853-5161.



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