

Festival was big boost for merchants

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Country Reflections owner Judy MacDonald likened it to the Canadian National Exhibition, with visitors scurrying from one attraction to another.

MacDonald was one of five downtown business owners polled last week by *The Tanner* who agreed Mill Street should be closed again if a fifth Leathertown Festival is to run next year.

The last time Mill Street was closed for a special event was in the early 1980s for Back to Acton

Days, according to Festival organizer Janis Fread.

All businesses reported increased sales and lots of enthusiasm for a repeat performance.

"Closing Mill Street was a great idea. Business was up about 50 per cent from what it's normally been since the summer began," MacDonald beamed on Friday, adding she sold about 20 cartoon T-shirts.

"I saw a lot of people for the first time at the Festival."

"I'd like to see it more often," said Halton Hills Furniture and

Appliances owner Ron Kuiken. "I had about 100 people in the store all day, which isn't a lot, but if I was taking orders I would have had a month's business."

Kuiken said he had many people stop by who said they had always intended to visit the store.

"When they came inside, they said they couldn't believe how big the store was."

Craig Auger, store manager at Acton Foodland, said special events like the Festival always bring more people to Acton.

"I'm all for it. I was impressed with the turnout," he said, adding Foodland's farmers' market was a hit, especially for corn lovers who doled out \$1.69 for a dozen ears.

After failing to open for last

year's Festival, the Red Dog Café packed their outdoor patio this year with double the business of an average Sunday.

"Hats off to organizer Janis Fread. It was great," commented owner Carol Brunelle.

"We were in a great location, because once people got to our place, they were ready to sit and have a drink."

Abdul Kahn, speaking on behalf of his son, Jug City owner Rico Kahn, said drinks were the hot item on the warm afternoon.

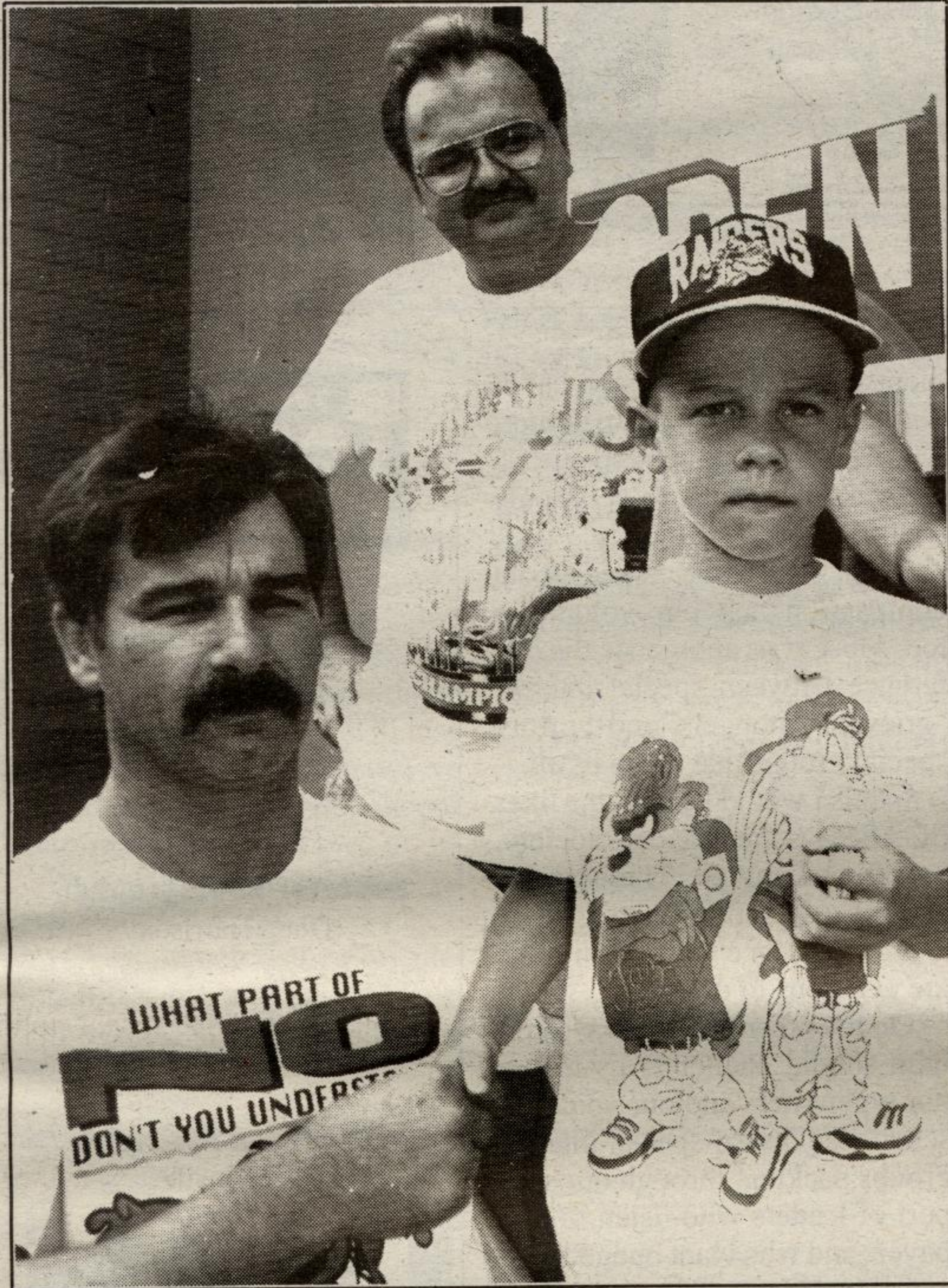
"It was the best one-day response from customers. I would like to have more than one event like that," Kahn enthused.

Sales were up about 25 per cent at the convenience store.

'We are blessed'

MP Julian Reed said last week that "we are indeed blessed," following a United Nations declaration that Canada was the world's best country in which to live.

"No one would deny that Canada has a few problems — an unacceptable level of child poverty and a continuing differential in economic standards between men and women. (But) sometimes to put it all in perspective it's necessary to look at every other country in the world."



CONGRATS! Young Chris McCulloch was a first-round winner in Centre Ice Sports Cards' Leathertown Festival POG tournament. Here Chris is congratulated by helper Wayne Tomlinson, left, and store owner Eugene Clarke. (Eve Martin photo)

Ball hockey tourney cancelled — again!

Acton's on-again, off-again three-on-three minor ball hockey tourney is off again. And this time it's for good.

Organizer Scott Withers said yesterday (Tuesday) that "the event has been called off. We thought that next weekend would be a good date, but we only got nine or 10 entries.

"It's frustrating," admitted

Withers. "We tried to accommodate people who were away on holidays, but if we went any later we'd be running into the school year and ice hockey try-outs."

Withers, who said he still was planning to run his annual Puck and Ball tournament in late September, was hoping to get at least 20 local entries to the three-on-three competition.

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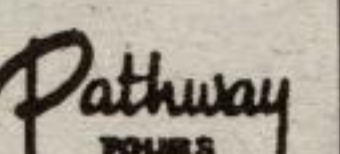
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