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**HALTON WINES FROM THE FRESHEST FRUIT**

Bert Andrews, president and founder of Scotch Block Country Winery, proudly shows off his new wine vats at Andrews Scenic Acres. A premium selection many wines, including strawberry, cherry, currant, apple and blended versions will be available.

# Estate winery a first for Halton Hills

BY STELLA BRYANT  
THE COMPASS

With its 150 acres of fruit and vegetables, picnic area and playground, Andrews Scenic Acres has become one of southern Ontario's favourite pick-your-own-operations. Now, with the addition of its Scotch Block Country Winery, Halton Hill's first microwinery, it's about to become an even more popular tourist destination.

Set in the heart of what has been recently termed Escarpment Country, the winery will soon offer premium wines made from strawberries, raspberries, cherries, currants, blueberries, apples, peaches and pears and some, such as apple-raspberry, will be blended.

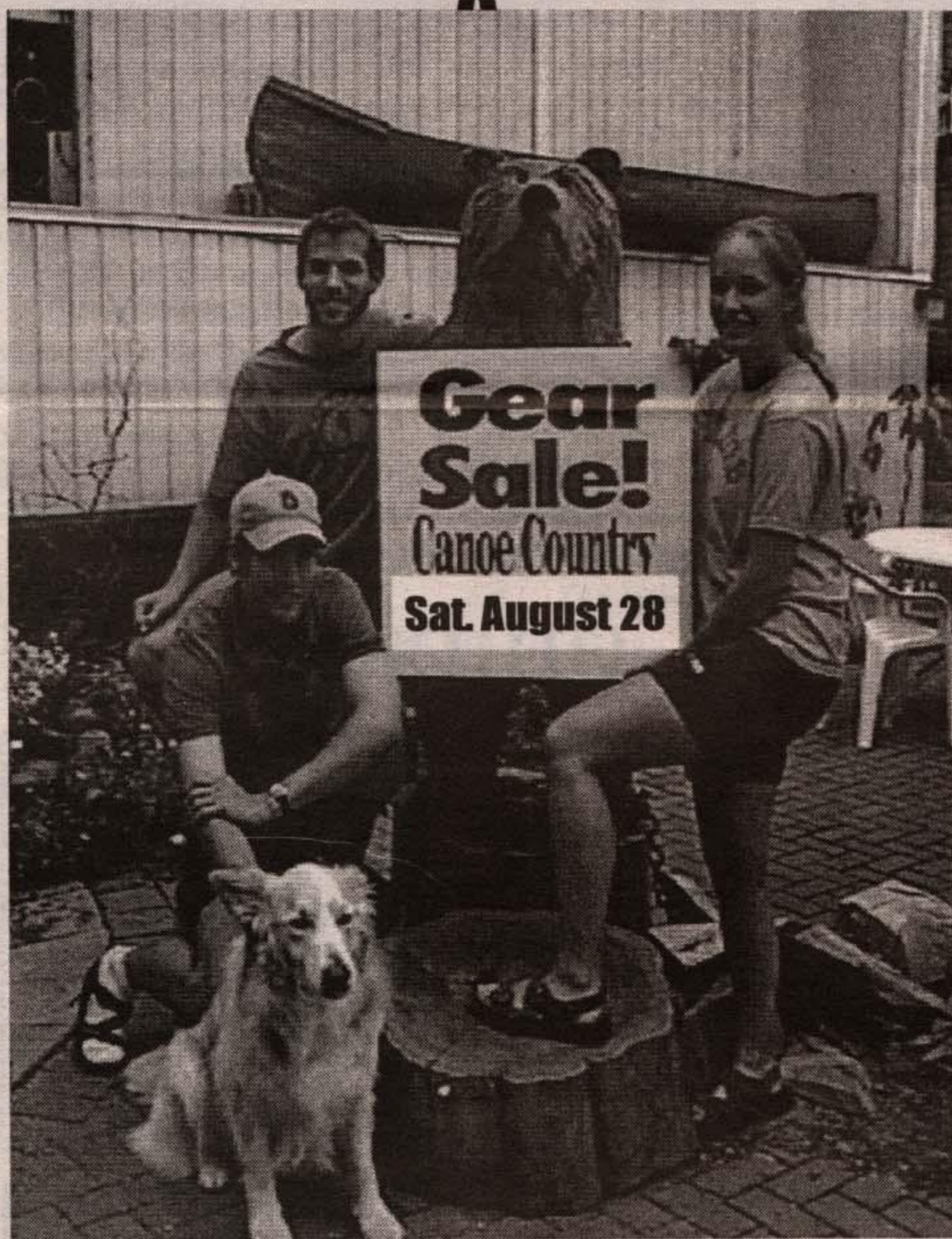
"This newest venture brings together the very best fruit we have to offer and the experience of a winemaker who has been in the business 20 years," says Bert Andrews, president and founder of the family-run operation.

The new winery was built by a team of Mennonites headed by 80-year-old Noah Martin. Andrews, impressed by the standards and speed of their craftsmanship on previous projects at the farm, says it was just a natural to invite Martin and his men back for the new undertaking.

With its interior walls and ceiling of tongue and groove pine, a tasting bar in the retail

section and picture window viewing to the manufacturing process, the winery is an interesting blend of old and new. The retail section's antique farm equipment contrasts with state of the art fermenting tanks in the processing area. Visitors to the winery will have direct access to the farm market and free educational tours will be offered seven days a week.

Andrews Scenic Acres is situated just west of Trafalgar Rd. or just east of old Hwy. 25 on 10 Sideroad (Ashgrove Rd.). The popular area farm holds a number of special events each year. For more information concerning upcoming events and Scotch Block Winery call (905) 878-5807.



**One Day Only!**

Canoe Country will sell your used canoes, kayaks, rowboats, bikes, skis, clothing and any other outdoor gear in reasonable condition on consignment. Some rules do apply and all equipment must be received by Wednesday, August 25.

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## Halton Information Guide Now Available

The Region of Halton 1999-2000 Information Guide is currently being distributed to residents and businesses throughout Halton. The guide is an excellent source of information about the Region of Halton programs and services.

"It is important to us that our residents understand the Region's role in the community and the range of services they receive for their tax dollars," said Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Office, Region of Halton. "For this reason, we developed the Region of Halton Information Guide." The guide was last produced in 1996.

New to this issue is a page about the Region's 25th Anniversary, a section titled "Working for You" which provides examples of how the Region works for Halton every hour of every day, and two

pages on Regional web sites.

"The Region of Halton Information Guide was created by Regional employees. It takes the portions of the guide developed in 1996 and enhances it with information that is useful, interesting, and easy to read," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

A helpful section in the guide is the Alphabetical Directory of Services. The 18-page directory provides a thorough overview of all the programs and services offered by the Region of Halton. To help residents easily access the services' programs, each directory description has a telephone and fax number, and in some cases, an e-mail address.

Also new to the guide is a postage-paid comment card. "As a learning organization, we are committed to listening to

our residents and businesses to ensure that we are offering the best possible resources," added Marshall. "This comment card will allow us to evaluate the guide and the sections within so that it meets the needs of Halton citizens."

Residents of Halton who have not received the guide at their home will be able to obtain a copy from the Region by visiting the Regional Administration Centre at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville, or by calling (905) 825-6200.



## Six blocks of entertainment!

### The 8th Annual Leathertown Festival

BY DEBORAH QUAILE  
THE COMPASS

Acton's Leathertown Festival, an outdoor summer street party, offers six continuous blocks of entertainment in downtown Acton!

"We invite everybody to come enjoy a relaxing day at the last Leathertown festival of the century," says Janis Fread of the Acton B.I.A.

The one day event on Sunday, August 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is a shopper's paradise with over 60 craft ven-

dors, sidewalk sales and festival millennium souvenirs. The streets will be alive with the constant music and motion of buskers and clowns, plus dance and musical entertainment on the stage all day.

Have you ever eaten an elephant's ear? Attendants can sample one (and lots more delicious food) at the Leathertown Festival! The kiddies will love the Children's Village, pony rides, candy floss, bouncy castle

and pet show. To celebrate Acton's last festival of the century, the Halton Hills Camera Club will capture you and the family with a festival photo keepsake.

Come for the day and join in the celebration of the last Leathertown Festival of the century.

Janis Fread promises, "We have more entertainment than ever before with lots of music and motion in every block!"



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