

# Six blocks of attractions at Sunday's Festival

There will be six blocks of constant music and motion at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Leathertown Festival this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There's buskers galore, sidewalk sales, miniature bowling, tea leaf readings, book signings, plant sales, car shows, the Halton Police seat belt en-

forcer and as always, great food! The kiddies will love the fish pond, candy floss, bouncy castle, pony rides, story times and face painting. There's leather crafts, painted birdhouses, jewellery, picture frames, wood crafts, herbal soaps, hand-made puppets, towel critters and lots more products offered by over 60 vendors.

Pepsi will challenge you with a taste test, Mugs Root Beer will offer their Foam Centre for games and contests, Coke will be offering samples of their new Dasani bottled water, AGFA Film will be offering samples and coupons and Teletoons will have all kinds of surprises!

Be sure to stop at the Acton BIA booth


beside the stage to get your millennium festival souvenirs (all profits to the millennium mural project).

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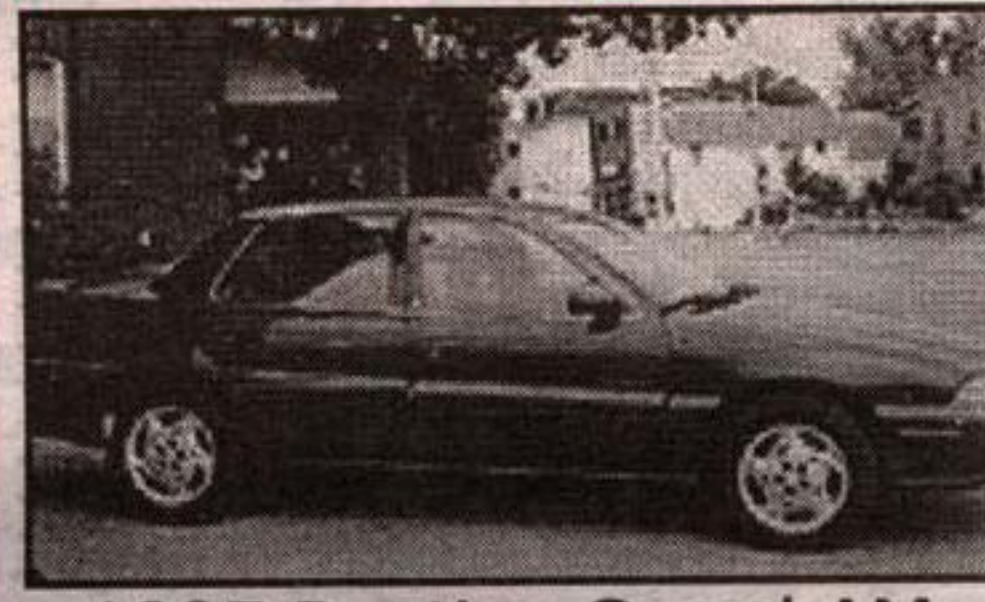
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## What's Inside



In a scene that looked like a sailing regatta youngsters were learning how to handle sailing dinghies on Fairy Lake this week. Photo on Page 4.



The big Leathertown Festival arrives this Sunday with lots of activity for everyone. See the program spread on Pages 6 and 7.



First event of the Leathertown Festival is at Prospect Park on Saturday in the form of a Truck and Tractor Pull. Over 100 entries were in by Wednesday. See classes on Page 9.



Cruise night in Rockwood again drew some artful entries. See Page 9.

# New trial over quarry licence

## No time for cat bylaw

Halton Hills staff feel they have managed to licence about 80 per cent of the town's dogs, but it will be year end before they receive much of that revenue.

Enforcement Services director Henry Tse said it was late in 1998 before many of the animals were licenced so their renewals are not due yet. That's why staff feels most of their job is done even though their revenue does not reflect that.

Tse said they have licenced 4,400 to 4,500 of the town's 5,400 dogs. While they hope to break even on costs, if they can't they will look at other ways to increase their revenue. There is also room to raise the price of licences since at \$20 per licence, Halton Hills is one of the lowest in the area.

A couple of councillors said they receive calls from people concerned about cats on the loose.

Chief Administrative Officer Steve Andrews said some municipalities do have cat bylaws and copies of them could be brought to council for discussion later this year "if you want to do something."

Tse warned that staff has no time to get into a bylaw on cats because they need to finish working on the exotic pet bylaw first.



NOW LET'S SEE: Katelyn Kurpieweit, 8, considers her next stroke carefully during a lesson in painting birdbaths at Paintin' Friends. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

## Cut back on rural lighting

Halton Hills councillors lent a sympathetic ear Tuesday to rural residents concerned with light pollution from overlit estate subdivisions.

Dan Poirier of the Fourth Line Rural Watch and Geoff Knuff of the Halton Hills Rural Community Consultation Committee told councillors people moving to the country value the dark starry night sky the way they value fresh air and bird songs.

Excessive lighting in es-

tate subdivisions interferes with this darkness, especially in winter when street lighting reflects off snow or cloud cover, Knuff said.

The common belief that lights deter break-ins does not apply in rural areas because statistics show in those areas break-ins happen mainly during daylight hours, he said.

The other big concern is traffic safety, and again strategically placed lights will suffice. Accidents happen on

hills, blind curves and intersections, he said, not at driveways. By placing lights at these specific locations safety could be maintained without overdoing the lighting.

Knuff said a meeting with planning department staff was very helpful in explaining how lighting can be controlled by reducing the wattage or using bulbs with different gases. The way the lights are aimed can also reduce the amount of light

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## Blue Circle operated without licence

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY  
The New Tanner

It's back to square one for participants in the battle over the Acton Quarry.

Provincial Offences Appeal Court Judge John Robinson recently ordered a new trial of the case against Blue Circle Cement for operating Phase 2 of its Acton quarry without a licence in 1996.

The ruling will require former Minister of the Environment and Guelph MPP Brenda Elliott to testify should Blue Circle continue to rely on its defence of "officially induced error" when the case returns to court, probably later this year.

Speyside resident Rita Landry launched the case against United Aggregates Limited (now Blue Circle Cement) with the Sierra Legal Defence Fund.

When a Halton Justice of the Peace quashed a subpoena ordering Elliott to testify about her conversation with UAL executive vice-president and chief executive officer Bill Burkart, then ruled in UAL's favour, Landry and Sierra appealed the decision.

Burkart testified Elliott told them to proceed with their operation without a licence. Landry and Sierra

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