

Terry Fox Run records record receipts

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There were babes in strollers, kids on bikes, serious joggers and plodding walkers and they all had one thing in common as they participated in Sunday's 19th annual Terry Fox Run in Acton - they all believe that research is the key to finding a cure for cancer.

With dogged determination and hope in their hearts, 114 participants, down from 160 last year, took to the track at Acton High school to walk, run, jog and cycle 10-kilometres to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Organizers report a record \$25,200 in pledges, bringing Acton's total pledges over the years to \$264,341 - a phenomenal amount which could place Acton among the top run sites per participant in Ontario.

"This is such a generous community and I want to thank everyone who helped make the run such a success," said volunteer George McPhail after the event.

"The great weather certainly helped, but even if it rains we always have a wonderful turnout and this year was no different"

McPhail said, adding that the recent visit to Acton by Terry's mother, Betty Fox, gave this year's event some great publicity. Betty Fox wasn't able to participate this year as she was hospitalized with pneumonia after her cross-country promotion trip for the run.

While almost everyone on the track had in some way been touched by cancer, there was a feeling of optimism, and stories about survivors.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, who lost a brother to cancer in 1986, believes more than

ever that a cure will be found and that keeps her coming back every year.

"Lives are strengthened because of all of the on-going research. Survival rates are increasing and some kinds of cancer can be cured," Serjeantson said.

"There are such milestones being made and you have to believe those milestones will save lives - that's how you get through it. I know people who now have a clean bill of health after being diagnosed with cancer and that's

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Prize winners from infants to teens in the baby contest and Miss Acton Fair. See Pages 3 and 6.



The Petting Zoo at the Fall Fair was a real attraction for children of all ages from two to 82. See Fair photos on Pages 10 and 11.



A pep rally at Acton High School was led by Jeff Birrell. See photo Page 9.

'Elvis' thrilled fans at the "arena show" Saturday night in the big tent. See photos on Page 10.

Fall Fair breaks all records

Approval for dams site

From a fenced off, uninviting area to a pleasant lakeside vantage point, the transformation of the Fairy Lake dam on Mill Street should be complete within seven months.

A Kitchener company, Engineered Concrete Limited, was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$135,941 to repair and replace the existing dam's crumbling concrete structure and sluice gate system. The chainlink fence along Mill Street will be removed and 35-metres of wooden boardwalk will be installed along the waterfront. Landscaping will also be done under a separate contract.

"The goal is to provide better water edge access and I think by having a boardwalk system with a railing there'll be safe access for people to get a little closer to the lake," Warren Harris, the Town's new manager of Parks and Cemeteries, Warren Harris, said last Thursday.

Early in the 1800s, Fairy Lake was only a wide spot in Black Creek. The dam was built around 1830. Canada Packers deeded the 88-acre lake to the Town in 1990.



PERSONALITIES who enjoyed the three day Acton Fall Fair last weekend included Guy Paul Morin, top, radio and television MC Mike Bollard, left. To the right, Purity Life supplier Nancy Cheeseman of Oregon, was taken to see our fair by David Chapman. See inside for extensive coverage of this record fair. - Ted Tyler photos



Gate receipts up \$10,000

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

The 87th edition of the Acton Fall Fair was the best ever.

Preliminary reports estimate a record crowd of 15,000 attended the rural social event of the year, giving the Acton Agricultural Society a gross increase of \$10,000 over last year, which was also a record year for both attendance and gate revenue.

"Wow," was how Society treasurer Daniel Varanelli said fellow fair volunteers reacted to the excellent news, adding there isn't any one thing that makes the fair exceptional.

"It's a combination of great weather, a community awareness in regard to our situation and maybe some additional support," Varanelli said, alluding to the Society's on-going fund raising efforts to raise enough money to replace the arena in Prospect Park.

"The Elvis show was a big hit and it allowed us to keep our gates open on Saturday night for an additional two hours. People also came because of the old favourites - the livestock competitions, the truck and tractor events and all of the free events that people enjoy just by paying at the gate," Varanelli said.

Approximately \$27,000 in prize money this year with the bulk of it going to Homecraft division prizewinners. Entries in some of the Homecraft division categories were down

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Acton teacher in Taiwan quake

What's it like talking on the phone to a daughter thousands of miles away while she's experiencing an earthquake which reached 7.6 on the Richter scale?

Linda Coe of Acton knows. Her daughter Alison Coe is teaching school in Taiwan. When Linda heard news

of the earthquakes there, she phoned Alison as the quake was still shaking the island off the coast of China. She got through quickly.

Linda could hear the noise of the tremendous quake as she talked to her daughter on the telephone. Alison wasn't hurt in the quake which killed

hundreds of people early Tuesday morning.

Alison sent an account of her experience to her parents Ric and Linda Coe, which follows:

Subject: a shaker
Date: Tues., 21 Sept. 1999, 6:38PDT
No, I'm not talking about

a good party ... had a nice evening on Monday the 20th, read a bit and listened to Drew's radio show ... and went to bed shortly after midnight. Drew came in about 1:30 so I was stirred from sleep when he got home ... and wasn't quite back to sleep yet

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