

## 'Gung ho' for festival...

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an obstacle course and face painting. McDonald's is a new corporate sponsor, joining 10 companies who help make the event a success.

"We've got the (mobile) skateboard park coming in and Trinity (United) Church is holding its dessert café. Last year we had 50 per cent of our downtown merchants with booths on

the street, so we hope to have even more this year," Bonnette said, adding that local merchants have donated prizes to the juried art show, which is being organized by Acton artist Jennifer Osborn.

After scrambling to have an art exhibit last year, Osborn said it's very different this year, with Internet inquires from Turkey and South Africa and

submissions from local and GTA artists including pottery, painting, jewelry and wood-working.

"Hopefully, there will be a little arts and culture area - one street - it should be interesting," Osborn said.

Osborn, a painter with a home-based web and graphic design business, was one of the volunteers who stepped forward to help after reading a story in The New Tanner that the Festival was in jeopardy because there were no volunteers.

"I just moved to Acton and I wanted to see a Leathertown Festival. I enjoyed it and came back this year to help," Osborn said.

The deadline for vendors who want to participate in this year's event, and artists submitting work to the exhibition, is June 30; call 853-1031, ex: 274.

The Leathertown Festival is Sunday, August 11.



**FAST ACTON HORSE:** Queen's Plate winner T J's Lucky Moon, with Steven Bahen onboard, was born at Molinaro Stables on Dublin Line, south of Acton. The three-year-old gelding was an upset winner in Canada's most prestigious race on Sunday at Woodbine. - Michael Burns, W.E.G. photo

## Wins Queen's Plate...

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third and fourth in two earlier races this season.

"We kind of thought we had a good horse, but you never know until you run him. It came together in the last couple of months. It's the biggest race of his career, and now he's the champion," Molarino said, adding anyone can buy a winner, but to breed one, is something "extra special."

Another Molarino horse, Kristy Krunch, ran third in the 1996 Queen's Plate.

Molarino Stable farm manager Jo-Anne Martin delivered T J's Lucky Moon, a "tiny" colt three years ago at the Acton farm, the third foal, the only one with straight legs, from the brood mare, who won 10 races for

Molarino.

"The stallion Tejabo, who also stood outside Acton where we bred him, was called T J. This colt was pretty lucky to be born with straight legs and was born under a full moon," Martin said, explaining his name.

Martin said T J's Lucky Moon was a "kicker and striker with a little mean streak," who was gelded after he injured several people at the track, including a groom who was kicked in the stomach.

Asked if T J's Lucky Moon will race in the Prince of Wales Stake on July 21 at Woodbine, Molarino said that's up to the trainers, but if he doesn't race "he gets what he wants for the rest of his life" - a champion pet.

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