

# Leathertown Festival to 'go country' this year

Acton's Leathertown Festival will have a country twist this year.

"Gone Country" is the theme of the 15th annual festival set for Sunday in downtown Acton that will feature performances by country music artists Jamie Thorne and Alysha Brooke.

There will be a wide range of entertainment, activities and more than 130 vendors selling a variety of items including clothing, candles, jewelry and food. Vendors are expected to decorate their booths in a country style.

"Last year was a record year," said festival organizer Josey Bonnette. "We had 9,000-plus people."

She said they are hoping for that turnout again this year.

"It should be a great day weather-wise and a great day for the entire family," said Bonnette. "We hope to see everyone out there."

The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with opening ceremonies set to begin at 11 a.m. on the main stage.

At that time Mayor Rick Bonnette will provide opening remarks and 11-year-old Emily Loewen of Acton will be crowned Leathertown Festival Ambassador.

The lineup for the day includes Classic Karate Demonstrations at 11:30 a.m., Acton Citizen's Band at noon, followed by country and western singer Jamie Thorne at 12:30 p.m.

Former area resident comedian Jeff McEnery, who recently took top prize in the first annual Yuk Yuk's Great Canadian Laugh Off competition in Toronto, will perform a family-friendly stand-up routine at 1:30 p.m.

Country music artist Alysha Brooke will take the stage at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Acton Idol finalists at 3:30 p.m. The five finalists in the competition will all perform before the winner is selected.

Zero Gravity Circus, featuring modern high-impact circus-style performances, will take the stage at 4 p.m.

The Kids Zone lineup will include the Everybody Dance Club from Robert Little School at noon, Spinuvo at 12:30 p.m., Zero Gravity Circus at 2 p.m.,

the popular pie-eating contest at 3 p.m. and Nuvo Entertainment's Mr. Bill Show at 4 p.m.

Bonnette said there will be several other activities for kids at the festival such as the mechanical bull in front of The Station Hotel.

Halton Place will also be providing pony rides, and there will be rock wall climbing, face painting and a round-up bouncy castle.


For those a little older, Mill St. Crossing will extend its patio into its parking lot where it will feature a live band.

Starlight Café and Andy's Restaurant will also have outdoor patios. Andrew's Scenic Acres will be selling cooked corn.

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