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## MARCHING FOR THE CHILDREN

The March for Truth and Reconciliation makes its way up Oak Street toward Erie Street in Leamington on Friday, September 29. Led by John Pavao, Sarah Parks and Michelle Stein aboard their trusted steeds, the group of about 400 participants took part in Leamington and a large group marched in Kingsville as well. Story and photos on pages 2 and 3.

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## Apple Fest return has great appeal with locals

By Mark Ribble

After two days of misty rain leading up to the 44th annual Ruthven Apple Festival, organizers were more than pleased with the sunny skies that prevailed over the September 30-October 1 weekend at the Colasanti's Tropical Gardens grounds.

Saturday morning kicked off with opening ceremonies at the main stage, followed by the always popular Apple Peeling Contest featuring a number of local dignitaries. When all the apples were peeled, the longest continuous peel came off the knife of Essex County Deputy Warden Joe Bachetti.

First-time peeler Bachetti, who is also the Deputy Mayor of Tecumseh, narrowly beat fellow newcomer Mayor Michael Prue of Amherstburg.

All seven municipalities in the county were represented as well as local MP Chris Lewis and local MPP Anthony Leardi.

The crowd then came in droves as local residents appeared excited to attend their first Apple Fest in four years.

Community Living Essex County's Manager of Community Relations Tony DeSantis was thrilled with the turnout and the weather.

"We were absolutely thrilled to see the over-

whelming community response to our return to a live in-person Apple Fest," he said. "It truly was a weekend of reunions, celebrations and coming together in support of Community Living Essex County."

About 130 craft, product, art and food vendors were set up along lanes named after apples — such as McIntosh and Granny Smith.

The Community Living Farmers Market was teeming with fresh produce — especially plenty of apples — as patrons managed to get some healthy snacks for home.

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Young Aubrey Piorro wasn't quite sure about meeting Ruthie Van Apple on Sunday morning at the Ruthven Apple Festival, but in the end she gladly held Ruthie's hand.

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