Store operator fined $25,000

The operator of the Pet Valu store in Georgetown was fined $25,000 recently for failing to report and remit retail sales tax.

Sharron Lewis pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to the charges in the Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington.

The Ministry of the Revenue's Special Investigations Branch charged the corporation and its director under the Retail Sales Tax Act, after discovering they failed to report and remit $137,009 collected between July 2003 and April 2008.

Lewis must also pay a surcharge of $6,250 to the Victim's Justice Fund.

The corporation, 1578399 Ontario Inc., was also convicted and received a suspended sentence.

In addition to court imposed fines and surcharges, businesses convicted of tax offences must repay any taxes owing plus civil negligence penalties and interest, if any.

Under the Ministry of Revenue's voluntary disclosure program, corporations and individuals may come forward and voluntarily report past violations of provincial tax laws and pay any amounts owing.

Health fair

Jeff Martin, general manager of Kanatan, examines the eyes of Martin Sergo, 7, using the Sho-Tai technique during the recent Health and Wellness Fair at Christ the King Secondary School. Iridology is used to analyze possible stresses throughout the body simply by analyzing the eye with non-intrusive equipment. (Left) Patti McAllister, owner of Naturally Alive, enjoys drinking directly from a young coconut. Young coconuts contain water rich with electrolytes which help the body manage myocardial and neuroligical functions.

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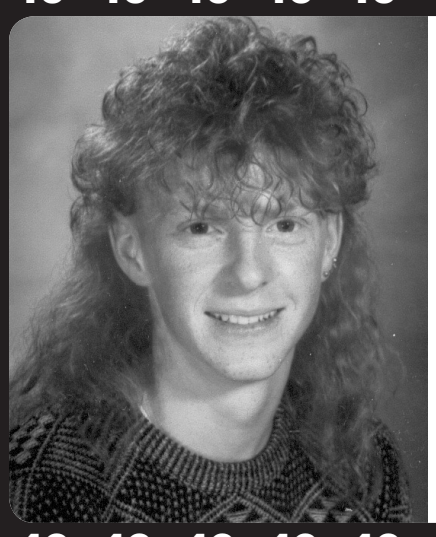

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