

Miss Acton Pageant undergoes significant changes

This year's Acton Fall Fair will introduce significant changes to the Miss Acton Fall Fair Pageant. This is in an effort to distance the pageant from the negative image of beauty contests.

The first and most noticeable change will be the name. After 30 years, the winner of the Miss Acton Fall Fair Pageant will now be known as the Acton Ambassador. The name change was suggested by representatives from various fair boards across Ontario as well as the officials at the CNE and is thought will better reflect the pageant.

The second change is within the pageant itself. In the past, the pageant format consisted of a private interview with the judges, then two on-stage appearances in which the contestant walked across the stage. It has been suggested that these two on-stage appearances were redundant and added to the image of a beauty contest. As a result the contestants will now appear in only one on-stage walk. There will be a biography of the contestant read during this walk to give the audience an opportunity to learn a little about each con-



Miss Acton 1993
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stant. In place of a second walk the contestants will now be asked to prepare a two-minute speech on a pre-determined topic. These speeches are designed to demonstrate the contestant's knowledge of their community and themselves. The topics for this year are:

1. Small Town Experience. Describe any experience you have from living in a small town. This could be something that happened to you or someone you know or it could be how you feel about living in a small town.

2. The Acton Fall Fair. Describe what the Acton Fall Fair means to you and/or the town. This could be your favorite part of the fair, a memory of the fair or an overall description of what the fair represents.

The Acton Ambassador Committee would like to ask anyone who has an opinion on these changes (negative or positive) or would like more information to write to The Acton Ambassador Committee, c/o The Acton Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 59, Acton, Ontario, L7J 2M2.

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Successful sale
The garage sale held in Georgetown to raise money for the Red Cross Rwandan appeal raised a total of \$201. These sales were held on two consecutive (and rainy) Saturdays by Sally Bowden. She was pleased with the results, and wants to thank everyone, family, friends, neighbors and strangers who helped out and contributed.

Blood clinic
The Georgetown unit of the Canadian Red Cross, in conjunction with the Georgetown Marketplace Mall, will hold a special blood donor clinic at the mall this Monday, August 29, from 2 until 8 p.m. Donors are asked to bring photo/signature identification.

Last chance!
This is your last chance to enter The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press photo contest. First and second place prizes will be awarded in two categories, Kids in Hats and Those Amazing Animals. Entries must be submitted by noon on August 31. Photos are to be submitted on a sheet no larger than 5x7 inches. Mail or drop off entries at The Georgetown Independent Acton Free Press, 211 Armstrong Ave., Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4X5. See page 10 for details.

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Caught in the act

Joanne Ruth, (Kelly Retford) great granddaughter of baseball star Babe Ruth, blasts Sam Simmons (Jesse Desjardins) and Ace Ventura, Play Detective (Ryan Snyder) for being caught in the locker room during Acton Theatre Camp's production of "The Chocolate Factory," set in the year 2021, when only girls are allowed to play baseball. The play ran Thursday night at Acton High School.

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Council approves quarry committee

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Independent/Free Press

A recommendation to establish a committee to develop a rehabilitation plan for the Acton Quarry was approved by town council Monday evening.

During a recent meeting with United Aggregates Limited (UAL), representatives of the company indicated that they are currently beginning to rehabilitate the quarry site according to the 1972 Site Plan Agreement.

Council had previously expressed interest in ensuring that the town has input into the rehabilitation of the site, stating that the "community would be better served through a revised site plan which could include such things as a lake, wetlands area, treed areas and parklands."

A further recommendation was passed that the committee be established to approach UAL to discuss site rehabilitation. These recommendations were brought forth by Councillors Pam Johnston, Marilyn Serjeanston and Rick Bonnette.

Addressing council Monday night, Acton resident Doris Mittwollen said that the committee was a good idea, but felt that now was not the time for such a venture. She stated that existing construction on the site has meant a number of inconveniences for area residents including noise at all hours of the day as well as increased traffic on residential roads.

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