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**TOUCHING UP:** Nicole Marissen spent part of her summer with the Town of Halton Hills Parks department painting the soccer goal-posts at McKenzie-Smith Middle School. (Doug Harrison photo)

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**NEWS SHORTS****Guelph Street collision**

A Guelph driver was charged with failing to yield after a two-vehicle collision Friday afternoon on Guelph Street.

A 57-year-old Tidey Avenue woman was eastbound in the passing lane when the 22-year-old Guelph driver pulled out and struck the other car, according to Halton Regional Police.

**Main and Church crash**

A Division Street woman has been charged with following too close in relation to a collision on Main Street near Church Street last Thursday evening.

Halton Regional Police reconstruct the accident as follows: an R.R. 4 Rockwood man stopped his vehicle in the north-bound lane of Main Street behind a line of approximately 10 cars at the red light at about 6:45.

The vehicle driven by the 23-year-old Division Street resident slowed for the stopped cars, but skidded on the wet road and hit the rear of the Rockwood vehicle.

**Pellet gun injury**

Halton Regional Police are continuing their investigation into an alleged wounding of a Georgetown youth on a rural lot near Acton last Tuesday.

The 18-year-old complainant suffered an injury to the left knee. He was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where it was discovered he had a pellet lodged near the bone.

The injury was suffered during a house party hosted by the suspect, according to police.

**Tools stolen**

Approximately \$300 worth of tools were stolen from a backhoe that was parked overnight on Aug. 29-30 on Bower Avenue near Mill Street.

Suspects broke into the cab and took a small orange tool box, hand grease gun and key. The equipment belongs to a Toronto-based company.

**Expensive scratch**

An out-of-town woman has complained to police that her 1986 Tempo was scratched along its length, on the driver's side, while it was parked on Mill Street during the last week of August. The estimate of the damage is \$800.

**Window smashed**

Approximately \$200 in damage was sustained at the guard-house to the Beardmore Tannery when a rock was tossed through a window, according to police. Police received the report on Aug. 29.

**Stove stolen**

Overnight August 29-30 approximately \$250 worth of camping gear, including a stove, lamp and fishing equipment was stolen from a McDonald Boulevard shed, police say.

**Flaming skate ramp**

Acton firefighters were called to a fire last Tuesday behind the Scout Hall on School Lane. The large skate board ramp at the rear of the hall had been set ablaze. The flames were quickly put out. Police have no suspects.

**Reign improved P.R. skills**

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when they did a dance routine during the competition.

"The Miss Acton interviews last year were five minutes, but there were only six contestants," she added. "I thought the CNE competition would have been a step up, from the Acton pageant. I thought I had a good interview. I was disappointed but I still had fun."

The announcement of the 1993 CNE Ambassador of the Fair was also a letdown, as the winner didn't even walk down a runway and the flowers were still covered in cellophane. And within minutes after exiting the stage, the 102 girls were told to exit the building.

However, Dempsey says her public relations skills have improved significantly during her reign. She went to various functions such as the Acton Star-Thru square dance graduation night, McKenzie-Smith Middle School's Grade 4 Green (environmental) Club seminar and Robert Little Public School's Reading Day.

But Dempsey has exactly nine days to enjoy the end of an exciting and educational reign as Miss Acton Fall Fair.

"I'm kind of glad it's almost over because I have a lot of work to do this year," said Dempsey, who will be taking her OAC's at Acton High before heading for college to study social services.

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