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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

ELECTION '94

NOTICE TO ELECTORS
POSTING OF PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS
- 1994 MUNICIPAL ELECTION -

The Assessment Office of the Province of Ontario has submitted the preliminary list of electors for the 1994 Municipal Election. As of TUES., SEPT. 6, 1994, these lists will be posted for inspection at:

- Clerk's Department
Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
- Post Office
Acton Branch
53 Bower Avenue
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- Halton Hills Public Library
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17 River Street
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- Post Office
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112 Guelph Street
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Electors are requested to examine the list to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown therein. In order for additions, deletions or corrections to be made, it is necessary to complete the required form. This form is available at:

Office of the Returning and Revising Officer
c/o Clerk's Department
Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive

Revisions may be made from TUES., SEPT. 6 until FRI. OCT. 14, 1994. The office is open from Mon. to Fri., 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The final day for filing revisions to the preliminary list of electors is Fri., Oct. 14, 1994. On this day, the office will remain open until 5 pm.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1994.

Janet Lunn Stewart
Returning and Revising Officer
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Miss Acton Fairs look back

Special to The Acton Tanner

The Acton Ambassador Pageant (formerly Miss Acton Fall Fair) has been accused of being outdated and sexist, contributing only to the image of women as objects.

In an effort to demonstrate that the pageant is more than a showcase, former winners have shared their thoughts about their experience representing Acton and how it changed to their lives.

The following comments certainly support the argument that the honour of representing this community has always gone well beyond the scope of any "beauty contest."

Brenda Hillier (Spear) Miss Acton 1967

If my memory serves, I was the youngest contestant (15) that year. As I looked around at the other contestants — older, mature and very pretty — I never dreamed of winning, just having fun and getting a free wallet. But I did win, much to my surprise and shock!

The year I won was Canada's Centennial year, so it was a challenging and busy time for me. With meetings, suppers and fairs to attend as Miss Acton, it was a great privilege for me to represent Acton that year and to still be involved with the Fair, as I am now.

Linda Robson (Thomson) Miss Acton 1984

Being Miss Acton was one of the most exciting times of my life. Not only did it give me the opportunity

to learn more about Acton and about the role of agriculture in Acton and in Canada, but it also introduced me to some of the most exceptional people I have ever met.

One of my favourite memories was during the dance that was held on our second night at the CNE convention. A group of us decided to get up and dance and it turned into a snowball, where we were pulling other fair queens onto the floor. Within minutes all you could see were tiaras and sashes. It didn't take the society members long to join in and we all stayed up dancing until late that night.

One of the hardest parts of being Miss Acton was that whenever I attended a function someone would hand me a microphone and ask me to say a few words. I knew virtually nothing about agriculture, but with the help of the Agricultural Society I learned quickly.

Even though I still get nervous when I have to stand up and speak in front of a group, this experience has given me the confidence to represent myself in a professional and intelligent manner. Miss Acton gave me my time in the spotlight and I am a more confident and self-assured person because of it.

Kelly Bishop Miss Acton 1988

Some people view it as a beauty pageant; some people view it as a form of entertainment; some people even view it as completely inappropriate for the "modern times." What many people do not understand is that the Acton Am-

bassador of the Fair competition is an *experience*, and as a former Miss Acton Fall Fair, it was an experience that I will never forget.

An opportunity to learn, to enjoy, and to grow is the most accurate way to describe my reign as Miss Acton. The feeling of excitement that overcame me as I was announced as the winner is an emotional high that I will remember always. And although that fall fair weekend was filled with great enjoyment, the year that was to follow would provide me with my most valuable reward of winning the competition.

Being chosen the Ambassador gives one lucky person the chance to learn and then convey that knowledge to others. I learned a great deal about the town and its history throughout my reign. I carried a strong sense of pride each time I set out to another fair, banquet or town, knowing what wonderful people I was representing.

Leigh Whiting Miss Acton 1990

It's been almost four years since I was chosen to represent Acton and the Agricultural Society. There are wonderful memories that I could share with you about my reigning year, but instead I would like to tell you how representing my community has affected my life.

As Miss Acton I was given the opportunity to develop my self-esteem, public speaking and public relations skills. These are skills that helped me obtain a diploma in the three-year public relations program at Humber College.

For some reason there are many people who think this is a beauty pageant. As one such believer pointed out recently, I put on make-up, styled my hair and dressed nicely for the competition.

What he didn't know was that for the pageant I did research on my community, had a panel interview and spoke in front of hundreds of people. He also neglected to notice (like many others), that I put on make-up, style my hair and dress nicely when I go on a job interview, have a date or go to work, as do most women I know.

My suggestion to anyone who still has doubts about these pageants is to please speak to anyone who has ever participated. You'll be surprised to hear about their experience and how it has made a positive impact on their lives.

Heidi Dempsey Miss Acton 1992

Looking back at my reign as Miss Acton, I realize how lucky I was to have had the opportunity. I got the chance to be involved in many community events where I met lots of great new people.

Representing Acton made me feel in touch with my community. I learned a great deal about public speaking and also about myself. My experiences helped me to feel confident in front of an audience and especially secure to try new things. I was really lucky to have had such a great year!

I know I will always cherish and remember it. Never will I learn as many valuable lessons as I did during my reign as Miss Acton.

Dan C. Dolliver

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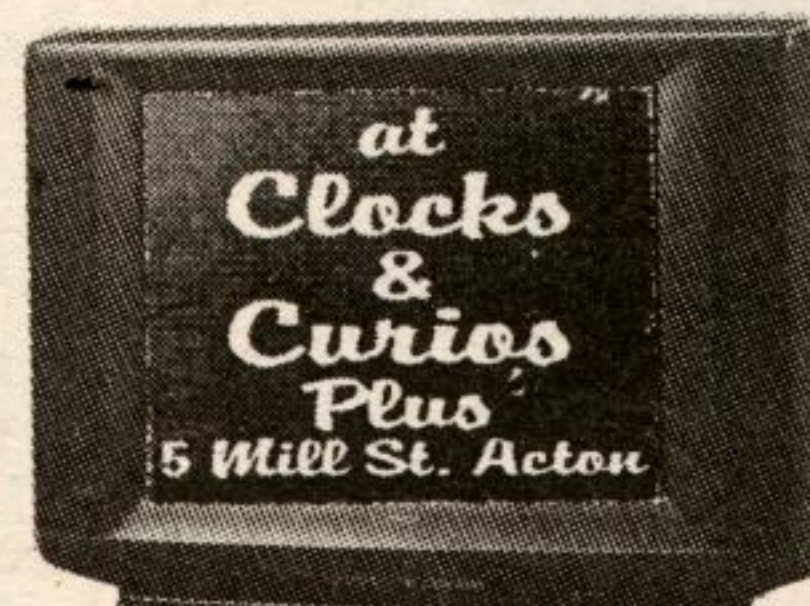
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- If you have car trouble on the highway, raise the hood and try to flag down assistance. If a stranger stops to assist you, use caution. If concerned, get back in the car. Speak through a slightly lowered window and ask that person to get assistance for you.
- Never pick up hitch-hikers (or stop to offer help to unknown stranded motorists). If you see such a motorist in distress call the in the location to the police from the nearest telephone.
- If possible have someone accompany you in underground parking garages. Stay out in open areas (away from pillars and cars). Be alert. Have your keys ready in your hand.

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