

Trow misses tryouts at Carolina due to broken hand

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She was hoping to crack the lineup, but she ended up breaking her hand.

Former Rockwood resident Kari Trow saw her hopes of grabbing a spot on the Western Carolina varsity basketball squad dashed in early October when she tripped over an opponent's foot during a workout and fell the wrong way, breaking her right hand a week before tryouts began.

A five-year standout with Guelph's John F. Ross Collegiate Royals, Trow initially thought the hand was only bruised, but "I just remember it hurt."



KARI TROW

While she was hoping to wear the purple, gold and white of the Catamounts, Trow figured, before heading to school in late August, that she would likely have been red-shirted, meaning she would practice with the team, but not play.

However, after her first look-see at her competition while working out on campus, the 5-foot-11 power forward realized that was even a lofty goal.

"There looked to be two other walk-on players. I don't think I would have played at all," Trow said prior to Christmas when visiting her parents Princess Street home. "They were big, probably new recruits. I wouldn't want to play against them."

Had she made the team, Trow said she would have had to switch to playing guard, which requires strong ball-handling skills, "something I haven't worked on much." She noted a long layoff before tryouts next year will give her plenty of time to improve her conditioning.

"The worst part (of not playing) is saying you're going to study and after classes I haven't been. Playing would have forced me on schedule," the former McKenzie-Smith student admitted.

Being away from the court has allowed Trow to involve herself with the sorority Zeta-Tau-Alpha. "They make you study six hours a week, too," she smiled.

Trow, who sent out 500 to 600 applications to universities through the College Prospects of America recruiting service last year, nar-

rowed her choices to Bridgeport in Connecticut (she's a former Connecticut resident) and Western Carolina. She favoured Western's breathtaking mountainous backdrop.

"When I left, people were in shorts. The climate is perfect. I'm ready to go back. I've seen everyone I want to," Trow said after a few days in warmer-than-normal, but mountainless Rockwood.

Public notice about-face

All it took was a few phone calls to persuade some members of Eramosa Township Council to reverse a recently approved policy change altering public notification rules on planning applications.

Just weeks ago, Council, at the suggestion of the clerk-administrator, voted to only use newspaper ads to notify land owners of upcoming public meetings on particular development applications. This eliminated sending letters to all landowners within 125 metres of the proposed development and posting a sign on the property.

Council has been told that those two notification options would be "onerous" for staff to comply with and costly, especially in Rockwood where two new subdivisions have been approved.

Council flip-flopped on the issue when Councillor Gord Tosh said he'd had several calls from ratepayers complaining about the reduced notification and when Reeve Hughes said there was a "strong possibility" that the 700 non-resident ratepayers would not see a newspaper ad.

Jeep crashes

A 19-year-old Guelph man was taken to hospital with minor injuries after his Jeep Cherokee left the road and struck a tree outside of Rockwood last Wednesday night.

Police report that driver Christopher Berry may have had brake problems while travelling on the Guelph Line, one kilometre south of Hwy. 7. He left the road at an S-bend in the road - a spot that is well-known to Rockwood residents as a dangerous curve.

The Rockwood Fire Department attended the scene and administered First Aid. The man's vehicle sustained severe damage in the crash.

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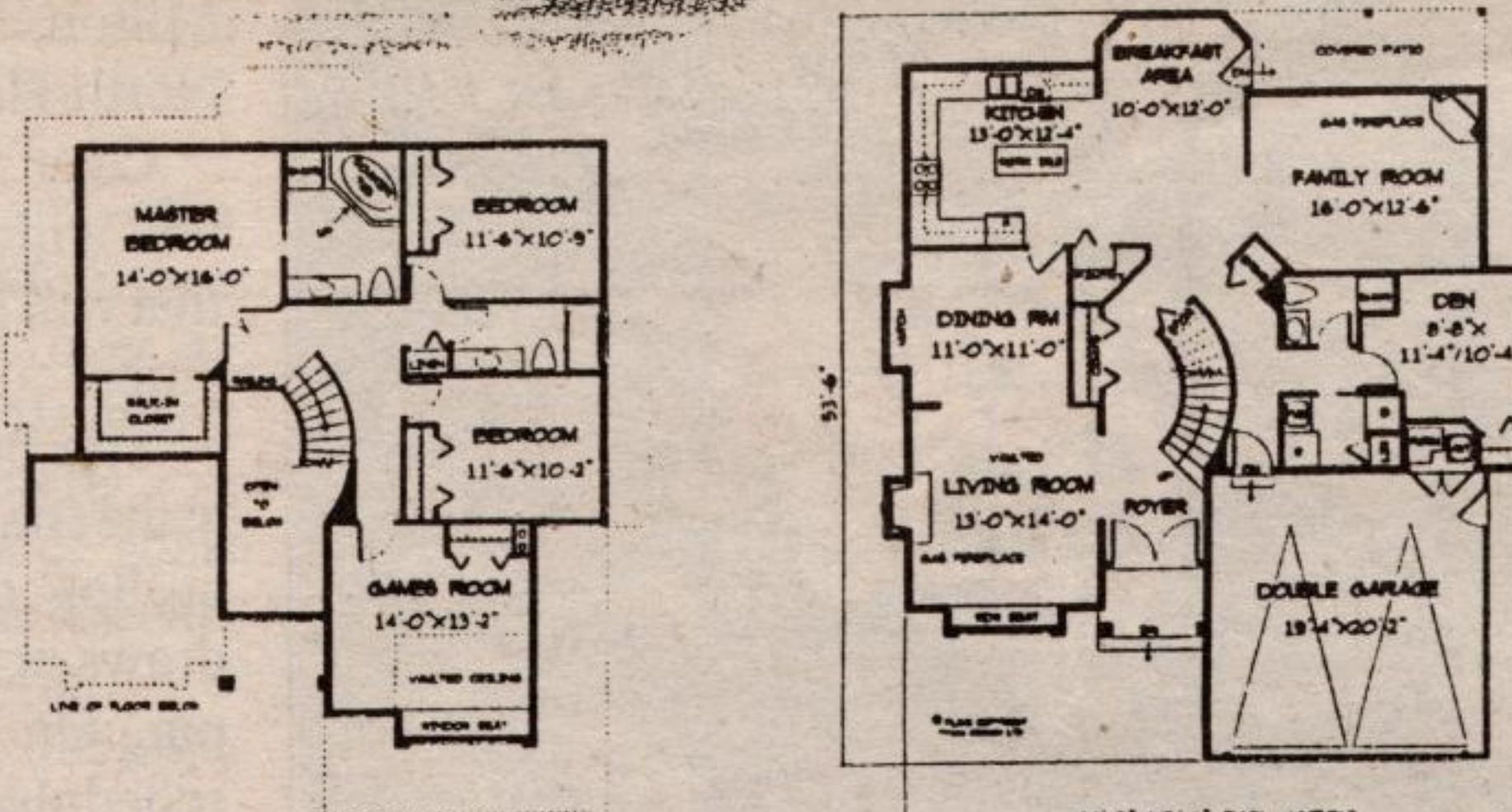
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