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THERE SHE IS!

Acton High student Jamie Davies, 17, was crowned Acton Ambassador at the annual pageant Friday night at the arena. Beside Jamie is outgoing Ambassador Shana Peddle. Natalie Tuitman was first runner-up in the pageant, while Melissa Toth was second runner-up. Jamie said she wants to learn more about the Fall Fair and the community. We profile Jamie on Page 9 of this edition, and we have lots more fair photos inside! (Doug Harrison photo)

Fair just shy of '94 record

Thousands take in 'Best Little Fair'

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Despite lower-than-expected gates on Friday and Sunday, Saturday's sunny skies saw thousands flock to Prospect Park to get a glimpse of what the 82nd edition of the Acton Fall Fair offered. And no one was disappointed.

Fall Fair president Janis Fread on Monday reported big crowds for new attractions such as the Northern Borders Canine Performance Team, the crazy canoe relay race, Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull and 4x4 Truck Pull.

As well, the beer tent was busy and thousands filled the midway, visiting their favourite vendors, lining up for rides or nibbling at their favourite concession treat to make this year's event the second-best in terms of revenue.

"We came in \$600 less than last year," Fread said at Prospect Park as the midway crew loaded rides onto trucks. "Financially we're extremely healthy. We made a profit at the beer tent and Saturday, gate receipts topped last year. And the weather was beautiful.

"It's kind of scary when you start planning at the beginning of the year, but it comes together every year; everyone pulls together and it happens."

There were a number of new expenses this year, but Fread said the Fair board trimmed a few, so that "a healthy profit" was made. This year's budget was \$65,000.

Also a hit, according to Fread, was the Battle of the Schools on the showcase stage. While all Acton schools were invited to participate, only Acton High and Robert Little were represented.

The battle — which ended in a draw — revolved around products from MacMillan's Frozen Foods.

Each school entered three staff members, who took part in a number of activities, some messy.

Events included apple-eating, pie-eating, an egg toss and a race across the stage with one member kneeling in a wheelbarrow with corn chips on their back.

Fread's two-year stint as president finishes in January and next year's fair will be headed by current V.P. Jim Warrington.

"I think I will be glad when it's over, but it's been a fantastic experience, in terms of the people I've worked with and the activities I've been involved with."

As for Warrington, he joked about taking over the president's chair saying, "I'm not counting my chickens, yet. I might win the lottery and take off."

In a more serious tone, he added, "I'm very happy and proud the way the Fair is going, but we need more people and have to put more fun into it."

Knox wins

Knox Presbyterian Church's 150th Anniversary float was judged best in the Fall Fair parade on Saturday.

The Junior Y Daycare program was second, while the Acton Community Garden was judged third-best.



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