



SPINNING BY: Lindsay McIntyre whirls around on the swings at Prospect Park last Friday. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Shortt trades Acton for Atlanta

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The Acton Tanner

Acton police constable Dave Shortt's Olympic dream has come true - Shortt is in Atlanta as a volunteer security guard for the Games.

Shortt, of Ballinacorney, is one of 12 Halton officers who volunteered for the Olympic security contingent, for the first time, made up of approximately 26,000 current and former police officers from across North America.

"I always have been interested in the Olympics, but I know the closest I'll ever get is to watch them because I'm not that good of an athlete,"

Shortt joked last Tuesday.

"It's always been a dream of mine to actually see the best in the world at their events. I am pumped - I can't wait.

"I mean, can you imagine seeing Donovan Bailie and Bruny Surin getting the gold and silver medals in the men's 100-metre while O'Canada played?"

Shortt, who paid his own airfare and is using vacation time for the trip, received his assignment when he landed at the Atlanta airport yesterday (Tuesday).



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"I've been told to expect to work six, eight-hour shifts with one day off until the games end.

"I'll get three meals a day, a uniform and security work, which could include everything from crowd control

to guarding equipment and sites overnight," Shortt said.

Shortt said that a group from the Austrian Olympics in 2000 will be in Atlanta to assess how well the police security contingent worked.

"What a great idea. You

get police officers from all over North America volunteering their time. Who better for crowd control, communication and security?" Shortt asked.

When he's not working Shortt will be a typical Olympic tourist - taking lots of pictures and buying lots of souvenirs, including a pen for his inspector who Shortt said might have something to say when he gets the phone bill for all the calls to Atlanta to set up his involvement.

The community helped with the travel plans of some of the other Halton officers in Atlanta.

Hertz Rent-a-Car supplied a vehicle and Ramada Inns provided free rooms on the way to Georgia. Champion Sports, an Olympic sponsor, gave the Halton officers equipment to use while away.

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Acton gearing up for 5th Leathertown Festival

Plans are well underway for Acton's biggest and best Leathertown Festival yet, on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 1-1 am to 5 pm.

On this day, Acton will celebrate its leather history with a street festival. Mill Street will be the hub of activity featuring local craft vendors, sidewalk sales, community displays, lots of food, and FUN!

There will be continuous street entertainment for you to enjoy with local cloggers and square dancers. Centre stage will showcase the Acton Citizens' Band, juggler Mike Koehler, the Free Flow Dance Group and flamenco dancers Art 'Espana.

New events this year include the Independent Order of Foresters, who will provide a child fingerprinting service, the Battle of the Bands and Wetherby's English Garden Pub.

It promises to be a fun-filled day, in the heart of Leathertown! For more information, call Elly Tuitman, 853-3896.

Tractor fire

Acton volunteer fire fighters were called to a property on Hwy. 25 south of 32 Side Road last Wednesday at 11:22 am to extinguish a tractor fire.

The cause of the fire is suspected to be oil caked to the side of the engine block.

Vehicle damaged

The windshield of a 1983 Chevrolet Caprice was damaged sometime between last Saturday and Monday. The car had been parked in a lot on Main Street South when someone threw a brick through the windshield. Damages amounted to \$600.

Country Carnival

The Recreation and Parks Department present a Country Carnival at the Acton Arena next Tuesday (July 23) from 6:30 to 9 pm.

Events include a dunk tank, live entertainment, mini tractor pull, potato sack races and more!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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— Dave Shortt, Halton Regional police constable heading to the Atlanta Olympics, Page 2

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