

Acton girl accepted into National Ballet School

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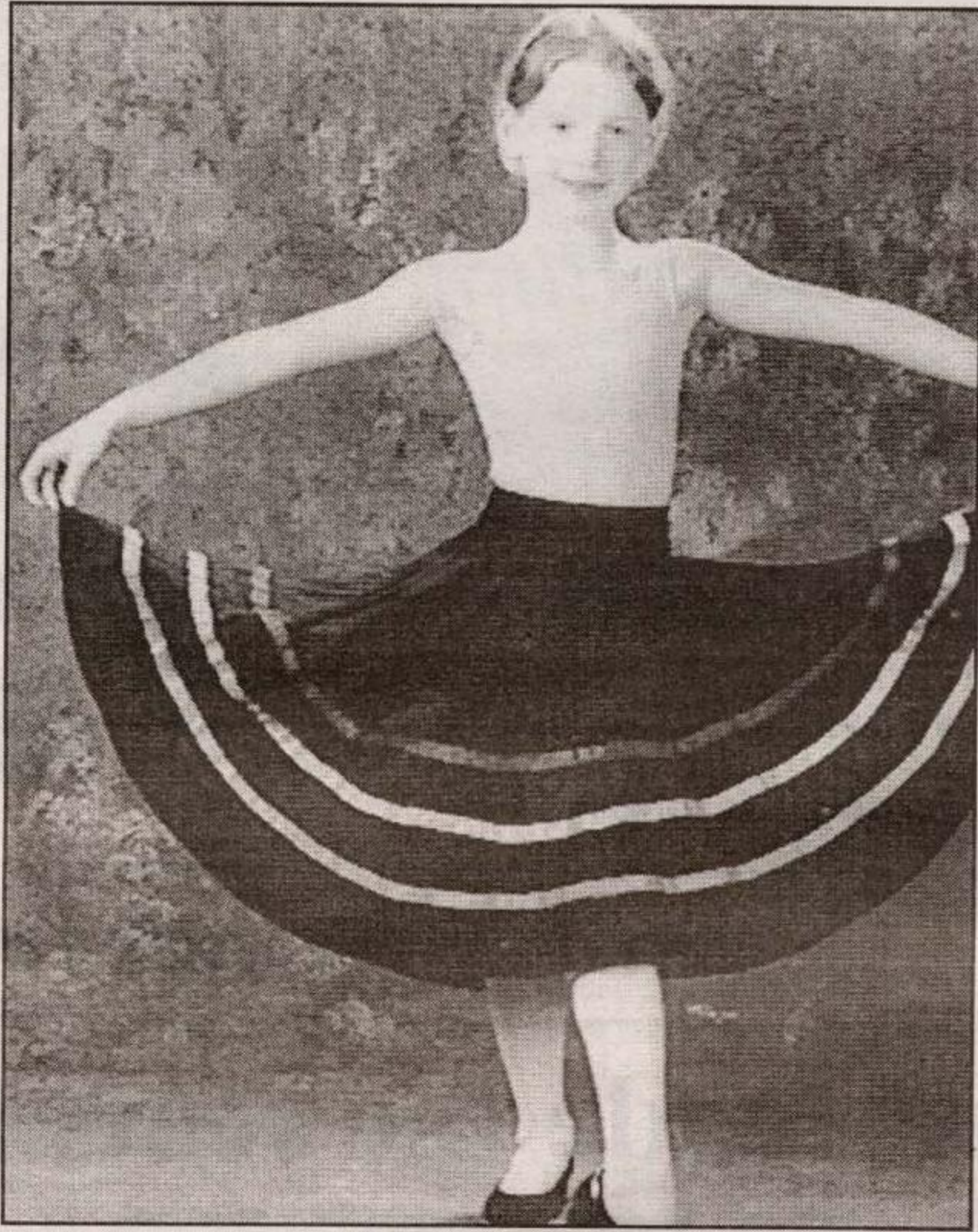
Acton's Kyra Parker, 9, has joined an elite group of young aspiring dancers invited to the summer program of the National Ballet School - the training ground for world-class dancers Karen Kain and most of the National Ballet of Canada dancers.

Kyra, a Grade 4 student at Robert Little School, was one of 180 students chosen to attend a NBS summer program from the 1,000 young dancers seen in auditions held from coast to coast. Approximately 50 of those summer students are admitted to the full-time Professional Ballet/Academic program that begins in September.

For Kyra, who had been dancing since she was four years old, the acceptance into the NBS summer program is not that big a deal.

"It's more of a big deal to my parents and teacher than it is to me," Kyra said, adding that she had a good time at the audition and was "very happy and surprised" when she was chosen at the Toronto audition.

Kyra said she likes everything about dancing - the music, the costumes and the performing - but doesn't know if she wants to be a



Kyra Parker

ballerina, only wanting to have a good time and meet dance students from around the world during the summer session.

Kyra's parents and dance instructor, Suzanne Keith, knew she was good, but were still very surprised when she

passed the first stage of the audition process earlier this month.

All that mom Karen Reczuch, wanted was for the audition to be a positive, fun and stress free for Kyra.

"It's a once in a lifetime kind of thing. If it doesn't go past the summer school, it's something that Kyra will

take with her, for her life," Reczuch, an award-winning book illustrator, said.

"She's 10 so I don't know if dance is her life. It would be nice if she would come out of that with her interest kindled because she has a talent. One the other hand Kyra has lots of talents and I'd just like to see her pursuing one of them - I don't know what that will be yet," Reczuch said.

Kyra's dance instructor, Acton School of Dance owner Suzanne Keith, didn't expect her to be chosen for the summer program.

"Not because I didn't think Kyra had the potential, but because there are so many children that audition and so few are accepted. I'm always a bit of a pessimist and think that they (the judges) don't see what I see in a dancer," Keith said.

"She has a wonderful body, she's very, very flexible which are two very important things for dancers, along with the right-shaped head and long neck. I think that she has a lot of potential."

Keith, who attended the NSB for two years as a teenager, has been teaching in Acton for 15 years.

"Acton is a small town and one of ours has been accepted ... I think to have a little Acton girl accepted is really rather neat and I think that Acton should be proud of Kyra."

Nominations wanted for Citizen of Year

It's that time of year again. The Acton Rotary Club is seeking nominations for Acton's Citizen of the Year.

Rotarian Doug Fread asks nominators to include an explanation supporting their

nomination and mail it by March 1 to Citizen of the Year, c/o Acton Rotary Club, Box 22, Acton, L7J 2M3

Fread wants people to resubmit nominations for candidates who were not selected in previous years.

Greetings from Acton's BIA

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For '99, we would like to re-introduce you to some of our established merchants in Acton. One such business is Acton Musicland. Operated by Debbie Feenstra and family since July 1995, it is a well stocked store featuring new and used CD's, new and used musical instruments and accessories such as guitars, bass and drums, sheet music and books, artists' T-shirts and gifts. Hours of operation are from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, (closed Mondays). It is located at 41 Mill Street East, beside the current Acton Home Hardware.

Congratulations are in order to Valerie and Bill Manes. Their new Home Hardware premises on Queen Street nears completion. Valerie expects to be re-locating in March and will offer the same great service.

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The approval of the capital expenditure for this project is still subject to the approval of the Town of Halton Hills.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 10th day of February 1999.

Brian Shynal
Manager of Parks and Cemeteries
Recreation and Parks Department

PUBLIC NOTICE Prospect Park Master Plan Request for Public Comment

A master plan is being prepared for Prospect Park to serve as guide for future park improvements over the long term. The master plan process provides for extensive community participation to ensure that the best possible Park Master Plan is achieved. To date, public input regarding the future use of the park has been collected through an opinion survey and public workshop culminating in a report entitled "Prospect for the Future" (January 1997). Copies of this report are available for reference at Halton Hills Libraries, the Acton Community Centre, and at the Recreation and Parks Department. Members of the public are invited to review the report and provide any further comments by written submission to the Recreation and Parks Department prior to **March 8th, 1999**. Based upon an analysis of public input and physical factors, alternative park concept plans will be prepared and presented to the public for further comment. A final park development plan will be prepared for consideration and adoption by Council.

For further information, please contact Bryan Shynal, Manager of Parks and Cemeteries at 873-2601 extension 274 or by email at bryans@town.haltonhills.on.ca

Written comments should be forwarded to 1 Halton Hills Drive, P.O. Box 128, Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario L7G 5G2

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