Miss Acton Fall Fair abdicates her throne

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
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Erin's Rachel Wallace has lost her title of Miss Acton Fall Fair after allegedly misrepresenting where she lives to pageant organizers and to a fellow contestant.

One week after her tearful win, Wallace, 15, voluntarily offered to surrender her crown, cape and prizes when pageant officials, questioned by The New Tanner, confirmed she didn't meet eligibility that require contestants to live in Acton, Limehouse, Ballinafad or Rockwood, or attend Acton District High School.

While pageant officials are attempting to put a favourable spin on the scandal – pageant chair Kelly White, Miss Acton 1988, said it was due to an "unfortunate misconception or interpretation of the boundaries," by Wallace, a fellow pageant participant alleged Wallace lied when asked exactly where she lived.

First runner-up, Rebecca Burtney reacted with shock when told Wallace had resigned.

"Oh, my God…I knew she lived on the 8th Line – that's what she told me. She said 8th Line when I asked her last week at the fair," Burtney said on Saturday. (An 8th Line address would not have allowed Wallace to enter the pageant.)

Burtney, an Erin District High School student who lives on the Fourth Line with an Acton rural route address, also said she would refuse the title of Miss Acton, if asked to step in.

"I don't want to get the title by default. I wanted to go into the Miss Acton (pageant) so I could represent the town at the

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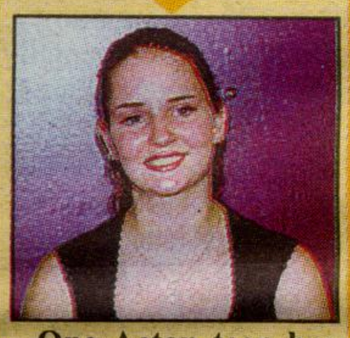


One Acton teen has found a unique vocation in Katamavik. See story on Page 4.

Four women's hockey teams will be suiting up on Friday night at Acton arena to start the season. See story on Page 13.

The Terry Fox Run keeps adding to the total of $29,500 as groups add donations. See photos on Page 7 & 8.

The Shriners present a $5,000 cheque to their biggest charity - the children's hospital. See details on Page 15.

Still face acute doctor shortage

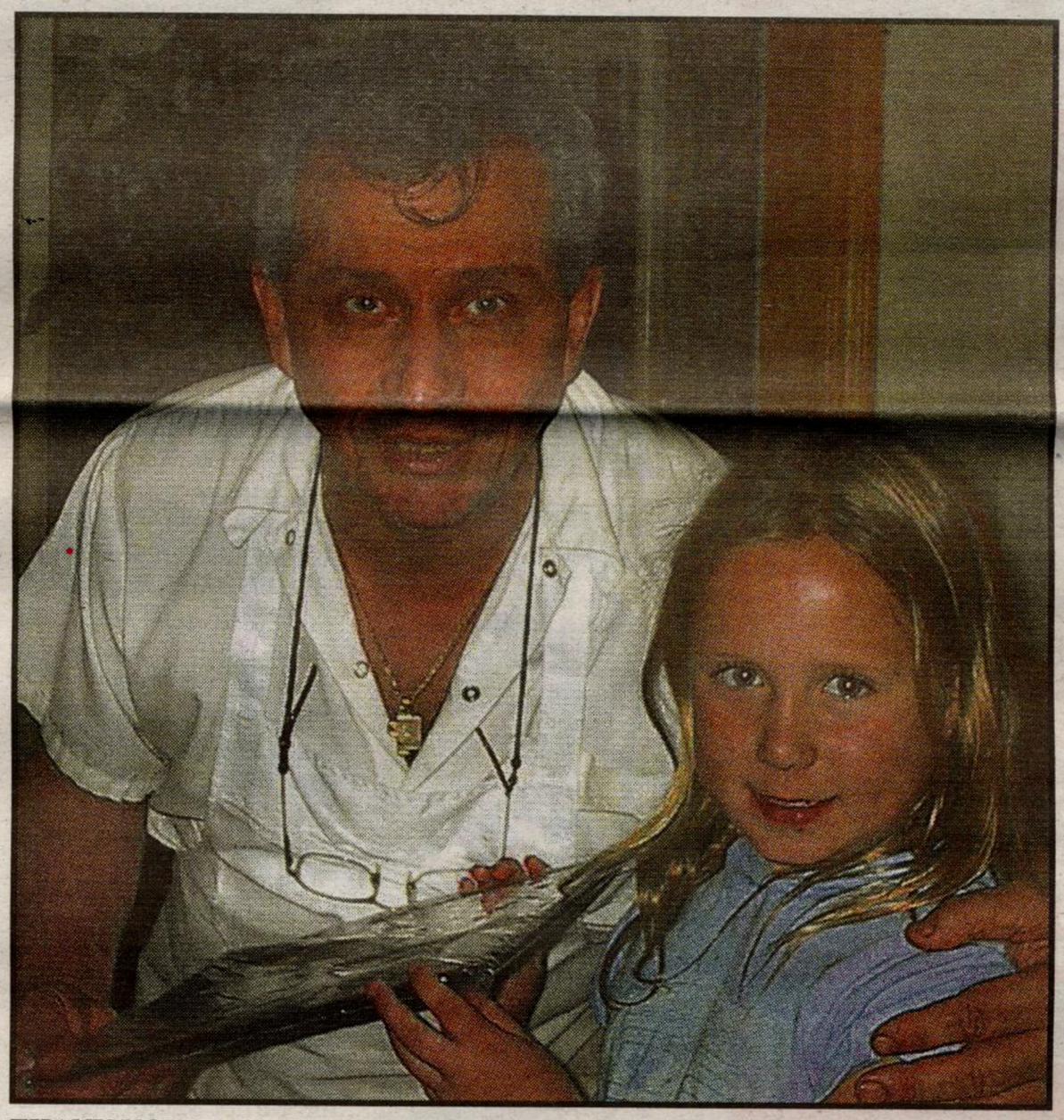
Steer Draw raises $3,500

Acton Rotary Club's 34th annual Steer Draw raised approximately $3,500 for Rotary's charitable works.

Top prize of a steer was won by Michelle Simms of Acton while Don Smith of Georgetown won the Pork. A Terra Cotta woman, Mrs. Kerman who says she does her shopping in Acton, won a 25lb turkey and two other turkeys were won by a Fall Fair mini-horse exhibitor from Dobbington (Chesley area) and Debbie Pereira from Georgetown, who like top winner Michelle Simms, works at Purity Life in Acton.

Debbie Fendley of Godfathers Pizza, Acton, supplied and drew the names of 12 winners who each won four pizzas, one of them from New Zealand and another from Manitoba. A Rotary Club spokesman said they are wondering whether Debbie promises "30 minutes or it's free" and whom the delivery person will be.

The Rotary Club says it is thankful for all who support them annually each year and especially the Manes at Acton IGA and Debbie.



THANK YOU: Emily Hansen, Female MVP for Andy's Family Restaurant Acton Soccer Club Under 9 team presents Lacky Dalios, owner of Andy's, with a plaque thanking him for his sponsorship this season. The Andy's team players and families enjoyed dinner together celebrating their season compliments of Andy's Family Restaurant.

Nine more physicians are needed

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Officials attempting to lure more general practitioners to North Halton will take to the road at the end of the month with visits to the five Ontario universities that educate future doctors.

Doctors and staff from the hospital in Georgetown, municipal economic development staff and Halton's recently hired physician recruitment officer will visit each of the universities to tout Halton Hills and Milton – both designated as under-serviced communities – as places for new graduates to locate.

In all, 88 under-serviced communities will set up booths at each of the universities for a trade show to highlight what each of their communities has to offer. Medical students visiting the Halton Hills-Milton booth will be eligible for raffle prizes, leather goods generously donated by the olde Hide House.

Based on the accepted physician-to-patient ratio

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Buckle up - seat belt campaign on

Police forces across Ontario will take part in the 2002 Fall Seatbelt campaign for a two-week period extending from this Saturday (Sept. 28) until Saturday, October 12.

During this year's spring campaign, OPP officers checked almost 860,000 vehicles. A total of 14,706 people were charged for not wearing their seat belt over the two week span excluding the 281 charges regarding children not properly secured in approved child restraint systems.

Seat belts reduce risk of fatal injury by 45%, police maintain. If you are worried that a seat belt traps you, think again. Seventy-five percent of those ejected from a moving vehicle die.

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