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QUEEN'S COURT: Acton High School student Sarah O'Hearn, 18, graciously accepted her crown, robe and flowers after being named Miss Acton at the Acton Fall Fair on Friday. — Frances Niblock photo

Sarah O'Hearn is Miss Acton

By Frances Niblock

Sarah O'Hearn was visibly stunned when her name was announced as the winner of the 43rd Miss Acton Fall Fair pageant in front of a large and appreciative crowd on Friday night.

O'Hearn, an 18-year-old Grade 12 student at Acton High School, gasped and covered her face with her hands as it sunk in and she was quickly surrounded by fellow contestants, including first runner-up Cheri Holmes and second runner-up Brittany Rukaszewski.

Eight girls entered this year's pageant that selects a representative for the Acton Agricultural Society for the coming year. The contestants were judged in private interviews, a stage walk, a brief speech and an impromptu question.

O'Hearn, who had a large and vocal contingent of family and friends cheering her on, works at McDonald's, along with a number of the other contestants.

She told the judges she'd like to be a biochemist and her hobbies include painting, environmental studies, sports and spending time with her family and friends.

O'Hearn's poise and confidence were evident during her speech when she told the crowd that her first visit to Acton was three years ago to that night when her family, who were living in the GTA, attended the fair for the first time.

She described herself as a "ride junkie" who enjoys

all that the fair has to offer, from the busy midway to the Homecraft exhibits and who entered the pageant to take part in a historic event.

"This has been such a great experience, so thank you to all of Acton for giving me a home and making me feel so welcome and teaching me what small town is all about," O'Hearn said, thanking the other contestants for their support and friendship.

First runner-up Holmes, 15, attends Acton High School and works part time at Toronto Auto Auctions in Milton. She told the judges she likes basketball, dancing, working and spending time with family and friends. Future plans include world travel and a career as a paramedic.

Holmes was named most congenial by her fellow contestants and received the Margaret Hall Award,

named in honour of the late Maggie Hall, a former Miss Acton and pageant organizer.

Second runner-up Rukaszewski, 16, a Grade 11 student at Christ The King High School in Georgetown, told the judges she likes music, dancing, basketball and her future plans include being a hair stylist, winning the Miss Acton pageant and appearing in a music video.

Out-going Miss Acton, Becky Somerville said winning last year was better than winning a second place ribbon for a large pumpkin when she was seven.

"Last year, I discovered just how much hard work goes into the planning and execution of a small town fair," Somerville said, cautioning the winners that they were in for a very busy weekend and year with as many as 20 events where they would represent the

Acton Agricultural Society.

Somerville said she was proud to belong to the Acton Agricultural Society which shows its commitment to tradition.

"Many other towns have changed their competitions to an Ambassador competition. I am proud to have had the title of Miss (Acton) and I commend the Agricultural Society for keeping this important and recognizable position alive.

Watching carefully from a front row seat was Emily Loewen, 11, who was named the Leathertown Festival Ambassador in August.

Emily, a grade six student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, who welcomed the crowd and congratulated the contestants, was heard to tell her mom that one day, she'd like to be Miss Acton.

The Miss Acton contestants also included Kim Galvin, Vithu Jesuthasan, Amy Ross, Emily Stanley and Brenna Zuest.

Pageant organizer Leigh Whiting (Miss Acton 1990) said she was pleased with the calibre of the contestants and thankful to the 69 companies and individuals who donated prizes for the contestants.

Whiting also thanked the judges, former Miss Acton Claire Langridge, Blooms Away Flower Shop manager Kelly Wilson and Global TV entertainment host Roz Weston who grew up in Acton.

By The Numbers

- 20 – people stung by wasps/hornets
- 1 – person transported to hospital
- 65 – most Homecraft ribbons won – Mel Bailey
- 65 – children in the Baby Show
- 8 – loud hissy fits at the Baby Show
- 162-kilometres – distance travelled by Tyler's free shuttle bus
- 1,008 – Education Day participants
- \$66,500 – record gate and parking receipts
- 400 – cases of beer sold at Spot in the Park
- 8 – Miss Acton pageant contestants
- 69 – Miss Acton pageant sponsors
- \$100,000 – donation to building campaign from Purity Life and the Chapman family
- 21/09/06, 5:30 p.m. – date and time for ground breaking ceremony for the new building in Prospect Park