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Darlene Murray, a Grade 13 student at Markham District High School, was named Miss Markham Fair '83 on Saturday night. First runner up was Rose

Garlatti (left) and second runner up was Kelly Winnatoy. Thirteen girls entered the contest this year. —Jim Thomas.

Darlene Murray chosen Miss Markham Fair '83

MARKHAM — Nerves and tension gave way to tears of joy for Darlene Murray when she was crowned Miss Markham Fair 1983 at Saturday night's pageant and dance.

The 18-year-old high school student recalls thinking "there goes one chance, there goes two chances" as the two runners-up were announced.

And when her own name was called, Darlene thought she was hearing things. She wiped the tears from her eyes, pulled herself together so she "wouldn't look like a fool" and gave an acceptance speech.

"I think I said thank you," she said in an interview this week.

Darlene represented Flowers Fantasia, where she works part-time, in the contest. Runners-up included Rose Garlatti, representing the Economist and Sun and Kelly Winnatoy.

The blonde, blue-eyed Grade 13 student, who has never entered a beauty pageant "before in my life", won the title over 12 other contestants.

As Miss Markham Fair, Darlene's duties commence with the opening day ceremonies (Thursday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m.) of the Fair when she'll rub shoulders with the likes of Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan. She'll also be handing out prize ribbons during the four-day fair.

She enjoys reading (Sidney Sheldon's her favorite), music, bike riding and going for after dinner walks with

her mother. She aspires to be a journalist, and is currently honing her skills as the Economist and Sun's Markham Highlights columnist. And for anyone interested — she doesn't have a boyfriend.

As the winning contestant, Darlene received numerous gifts and cash prizes from the business community including a Timex quartz watch, photography session, haircut and a submarine.

The new Miss Markham Fair looks forward to representing the Fair over the next year and "would love" to participate in the Miss CNE pageant in February.

Other contestants included Jenni Schubert, Barbara Provis, Jennifer Berth, Joy Barker, Jane Grinnell, Leslie Smith, Karen Joice, Wendy Thorpe, Sandra Brown and Jacqueline Piche.

In introducing 1982 Fair Queen Deborah Fish, fair past-president Bill Walker had nothing but praise for her. Calling Miss Fish charming and quietly confident, Mr. Walker presented her with a plaque with inscription "Sweetheart of Markham Fair."

In her final speech as fair queen Saturday night, Miss Fish said her stint as Fair Queen was a tremendous experience. She called it the opportunity of a lifetime.

She said her term had brought lasting memories. The people involved with the fair are "super," she added. Miss Fish, a Unionville resident, also thanked her parents for their help and support.

Gravestones fixed for free

GOODWOOD — The Goodwood Cemetery Board has received an offer they can't refuse.

Reg Tomkinson, owner and operator of the Uxbridge Memorial Company, has offered his free services to rebuild and fix approximately 30 gravestones which were vandalised last week at the Goodwood Cemetery.

Mr. Tomkinson started the project Monday morning and he said it would probably take a couple of days and about 60 hours of labor to complete. But once finished, the gravestones

would be readable and usable.

When he heard about the cemetery, he phoned Harry Woodland who is a member of the Goodwood Cemetery Board. Mr. Tomkinson said by repairing the gravestones he was doing "a community thing".

He has been in the business for about 40 years and he was disturbed when he heard of the act of vandalism. He explained that many of the destroyed gravestones were irreplaceable and it was important to salvage them as best he could. He said gravestones are

of historic value because many people try to trace their family roots and the stones can be an important tool when conducting that type of search. For many, they are the last records of family background available, especially the older gravestones which were destroyed. Some of the vandalised stones dated as far back as the 1840's.

Mr. Tomkinson said all the repair work on the gravestones will be done by workers who have volunteered their time. He also stated he "owed them (the cemetery board) something" after a 27-year working relationship.

Shotgun blast 'accidental'

Protesting "I didn't shoot him," a 20-year-old woman insisted a shotgun went off accidentally in the shooting death of a Stouffville man nearly two years ago.

During testimony before an Ontario Supreme Court jury last week, Mary Anne Kricfalusi said that her common law husband Carl Andrew Scott had threatened to kill a man, and "he threatened to kill me too."

She was charged with second degree murder following the incident.

The incident took place Nov. 7, 1981 in an apartment in the Glendale Beach Pavilion at Musselmans Lake. Mr. Scott managed the pavillion and the couple had lived there five months at the time of the shooting.

Ms. Kricfalusi, testifying last Friday, said that she grabbed the shotgun and a struggle ensued. As she fell backward, the gun fired, she told the court.

Stating that she was "scared," Ms. Kricfalusi said she only wanted to take the gun away from Mr. Scott so that he would "calm down and come to his

senses." She grabbed the gun so he would not "hurt anyone or hurt himself," she testified.

Despite suggestions that she deliberately pointed the gun at Mrs. Scott, Ms. Kricfalusi insisted that she didn't shoot him.

In previous testimony, a friend of the accused woman, Olivia Trudel, also of Musselman's Lake, said that Ms. Kricfalusi came to her house around 3 a.m. on the day of Mr. Scott's death.

The woman had blood on her hands and was crying "I blew him away," Ms. Trudel testified.

According to Ms. Trudel, a distraught Ms. Kricfalusi said there had been an accident when Mr. Scott was leaving the apartment with a loaded shotgun. He vowed to shoot a man he had had a fight with the previous evening.

Ms. Kricfalusi told her friend that she had attempted to stop him; he was shot; and she had dragged him into the apartment so he wouldn't get cold.

Edward Anderson, a firearms expert, told the court that the shot was fired

from five to seven feet away. He added that there was no powder residue found on the dead man's clothing.

Another witness, Robert Bateman, an 18-year-old man who worked for Mr. Scott said that he had seen Ms. Kricfalusi threaten Mr. Scott with a knife two days prior to the shooting.

He testified that the woman had waved a butcher knife and threatened to kill Mr. Scott.

Another witness, Daniel Bangay, 24, said that Ms. Kricfalusi had threatened to kill Mr. Scott an hour prior to the shooting.

The dead man's father Murray Scott testified that both Ms. Kricfalusi and his son had a "drinking problem" and wept when his son's blood-stained clothes were entered as evidence.

A pathologist, Dr. Edward Warburton, told the court that Mr. Scott died of massive internal injuries from a shotgun wound in the back.

The jury is expected to hand down its verdict this week.

More than \$7,000 raised

Terry Fox run a success

STOUFFVILLE — Participants were off and running in the 1983 Terry Fox Run last weekend with a total of \$7,567 being raised for the Stouffville Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

There were 76 entries in the run and the first place winner, with a time of 37 minutes, was Fred Robbins, 336 Rupert Ave., Stouffville. Trailing in second place with 39 minutes was Jim Stanton, R.R. 3, Stouffville. David White, 72 Thicketwood Blvd., Stouffville, placed third with the time of 40 minutes.

"We were disappointed in the number of people, but other than that it was no problem," said Dixie Sellers, special activities organizer for the Canadian Cancer Society's Stouffville Branch. "Some may have

been afraid of getting wet."

The total amount raised wasn't only from the race's participants. Mrs. Sellers said some of the money was donated from people who didn't walk or run in the race.

Jack Watson was the participant who raised the most money through pledges. He raised \$2,749. The second highest amount raised was \$1,100 from Terri Surman.

Other runners included; the youngest — five-year-old Cathy Hendren and seven-year-old Steve Topping; the family groups — four members of the Stonehouse family and four members of the Murphy family ran. The Murphy family raised more than \$700 in total of which William Murphy raised \$475. His contribution was the third largest single

amount raised.

The oldest runner in the race was Donald Anderson, 72, of 92 Stewart St., Stouffville, and for Mr. Anderson, age didn't make any difference.

"I did excellent, and I had a very good time," he said. "I ran part of the way trying to catch up to a friend...then I walked about half way."

Mr. Anderson started the six mile course at approximately 1 p.m. and when he finished he had raised \$445.25. However, this race

wasn't his first because he ran in the 1982 Terry Fox Run which was also six miles long.

"I think it's a good cause and I like engaging in it...I hope to run it all next year," he explained. "It's the type of thing that should grow each year."

When asked if he thought more seniors should participate in such events, Mr. Anderson stated, "I think they should if they're able. It would make a favorable impression on others."

Service club goal \$50,000

STOUFFVILLE — A special meeting held Tuesday night at Latham Gallery brought together seven of Whitchurch-Stouffville's various services clubs to discuss fund-raising for the new Stouffville Recreation Complex.

There was a "very positive" response at the meeting and it is hoped that \$50,000 for the complex can be raised from the different service clubs.

Another meeting with community clubs will be held on Friday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stouffville Library and on Thursday, Oct. 6 there will be a meeting at the library for the different sports clubs.

Some of the fund-raising plans include; golf shirts

selling for \$15 and a Wall of Fame is being built. Bricks will be on sale to individuals or families for \$250 and the buyers name will be engraved on the bricks. The bricks will then be used in the building of the recreation centre.

Also planned to raise money is a householder campaign. Each homeowner will be asked to donate \$100 for the centre.

The committee's hope to raise \$200,000 for the first building phase and if they can raise more money, it will be included in the next building phase.

The Stouffville Recreation Complex Committee have many different fund-raising events planned in the near future.



Jack Watson raised more than \$2,700 in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope run, held on Sunday. He is shown with Craig Bowie, 10 of Scarborough, who also took part. —Jim Thomas

Enter the big potato contest

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune's Big Potato Contest is off and running for another year.

Although the hot dry summer has not been conducive to growing big potatoes, the Tribune is still sponsoring the annual potato contest at the Markham Fair which runs from Wednesday, Sept. 28 until Sunday, Oct. 2.

The first prize winner will receive \$10; second prize \$5; and the third prize \$3. Entry forms must be delivered to the Tribune office on Main Street, Stouffville, or to the Markham Fair by Tuesday, Sept. 27 no later than 5 p.m.

This year's organizer for the potato display is Frank Hendy, R.R. 1, Claremont.