

Outbreak of rabies is feared in area

STOUFFVILLE — An outbreak of rabies has hit this area during the month of October.

During this month three foxes and two cows were examined and proved "positive".

At this time the federal Health of Animals Branch is in the process of sending six or seven more specimens from the Stouffville area to Ottawa for testing.

Earlier in the year outbreaks were reported to the south in the Unionville area and on the fringes of Toronto.

Dr. Cameron Hyatt, District Veterinarian for health of animals, said the outbreak should die down very soon with the advent of colder weather. Rabies, he said, is worse at this time of year as animals are more prone to congregate. The last major outbreak of rabies in this area was in 1975.

Dr. Hyatt advises that in areas, such as this, with a high incidence of rabies, animal owners should have their pets inoculated yearly rather than every two or three years.

Children should be warned to stay away from "friendly wild animals" and in fact should stay

away from all strange animals.

He said rabid animals search out dark places to hide and so will head for a barn. There have been cases where rabid animals have fought chained dogs to get into the doghouse.

Dr. Hyatt said that in one recent case a man looked out one morning onto his enclosed back porch and saw what he thought was a dead fox lying there. The man picked the animal up by the tail and threw it out onto the lawn. The "dead" fox then got up and started walking around.

Rabies, he said, is directly proportional to the density of wildlife. Once the population is thinned out rabies will decline.

Even inoculation is not a guarantee as the vaccine will only work on about 65 to 70 per cent of animals. For the rest it will provide no immunity.

He said the Department of Natural Resources is now working on a program whereby they would seed forest areas from airplanes with food containing an anti-rabies vaccine. This program is still in the developmental stages.

Town's taxi closes down

By Keith Bolender
STOUFFVILLE — Realizing that he was fighting a losing battle, a bitter John O'Connell has decided to close down his Stouffville Taxi business.

Bad business and the fact that another taxi company will be locating in town were the

reasons Mr. O'Connell gave for closing down.

He had been contemplating continuing for another month but that would require him to sell his personal car and he commented that "what's the point going on for another month when this other taxi company is coming in. I'd only have to close down then and I'd also be out of a car. It would just delay the inevitable."

Stouffville council recently heard an application for another taxi to locate here. As of yet final approval for the licence has not been given.

Business was never good for Stouffville Taxi, as Mr. O'Connell stated that he only made a few dollars a day. "There's certainly not enough business for two taxis and hardly enough for one. There wasn't any point in carrying on," he said.

The business was also hampered by the fact it did not take parcel deliveries.

John who now plans to find another job to pay off the money he borrowed to start the business, expressed some bitterness towards council.

"I don't think council realized the situation, that Stouffville can really only support one taxi company. I also think they should have talked to us before, to hear what we thought of the situation."

The Taxi will officially close this Friday or Saturday, when the monthly insurance bill runs out.

John does not see any future for himself in the taxi business, saying that "it is not a profitable business, it's hard to make any money."

"And as for me, I'll never get back to the taxi business, anywhere, not ever again."



Warren Mucci gives a big smile as he lifts a large bundle of papers while Terry Jacobsen takes it easy below Warren. The boys took part in last week's Stouffville Clubs and Scouts successful paper drive, which netted the groups over \$400. For further pic see page two.

—Keith Bolender

Health council possible

YORK REGION — A district health and social planning council may be formed in York Region if there is enough community interest and support.

Purpose of the council would be the co-ordination of present services, planning for future needs, and reviewing plans for changes in existing programs.

A special review committee has been formed to study the possibility of developing the council and several public meetings to discuss their findings will be held in various places in the region.

The first meeting was held today (Thursday, November 3) at Newmarket Community Centre, another will take place at Keswick P.S. on Friday, November 4, at 8 p.m. and a

third will be held at the Richvale Community Centre on November 10 at 8 p.m.

If formed, the council would consist of 12 to 16 volunteer members and a paid staff, with a budget estimated at \$100,000 a year. It has not yet been decided whether the council would account to regional council or directly to provincial ministries.

Car crashes into barrier, worker hurt

A construction worker at a Main Street construction site was seriously injured Friday evening when a car crashed through a road barrier near Stouffer Street and struck the man.

York Regional Police said a car driven by Maureen Petersen, of 281 North Street, Stouffville, was westbound on Main Street about 5:45 p.m. when the accident occurred. Severo Atinani, 22, of 964 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, was taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital with major injuries. After striking the victim, the car crashed into a cement mixer parked nearby, causing \$1,000 damage to the car and \$300 to the mixer. The driver received only minimal injuries. She has been charged with careless driving.

Santa Claus November 26

STOUFFVILLE — The Kinsmen organized Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, November 26 at 2 p.m.

All schools, businesses clubs, and individuals wishing to participate in, or help out, are invited to call Chairman Jerry O'Hearn, 640-4098.

Community support, financial and otherwise, would be greatly appreciated.

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An amazing variety of wedding gowns was modelled at the Summitview P.T.A. sponsored Bridal Fashions through the Years show held at SDDS recently. Shown here, from left to right are: Jane Mosely, wearing a 1929 dress belonging to Mrs. William Simpson; Mary Baker, glamorous in black lace designed for Addie Pipher in

1921; Anne Murray Hetherington, modelling a 1900's gown belonging to Bertha Maude Amoros; Christine Simons wearing Lisa Jane Harvey's 1887 dress; and Shirley Ramsey in a 1892 dress belonging to Mrs. Barkey.

—Annegret Lamure

Arrests mark Hallowe'en

STOUFFVILLE — The former village of Stouffville has the somewhat dubious distinction of being one of the top three Hallowe'en trouble spots in York Region.

According to York Regional Police the town shares this honour with Aurora and King.

Along Main St. hordes of rowdy youths congregated, throwing eggs, pumpkins and some rocks. York Regional

Police cars, including at least one paddywagon, became prime targets for the various missiles.

Most of the downtown stores windows were soaped or spattered with rotten eggs although serious damage was very rare in town. The side door of the new library was sprayed with a paint bomb and will now require repainting.

There were several fires set in the area. A barn on the former

Hand Bros. farm at the 9th line and 19th Ave. burned as was an abandoned house on 14th Ave., west of Box Grove.

Markham Fire Department were called out several times between 12:30 and 3 a.m. to extinguish tire fires on the 9th line.

Stouffville firefighters were called out twice; to put out a grass fire around 10:30 p.m. in Bloomington and to douse a

flaming bucket of garbage in the town park around 3:15 a.m.

Hallowe'en night arrests across the region filled a whopping six pages of police reports, with several arrests in the Stouffville area. There were a reported 35 people arrested during the night.

A charge of common assault was laid in town for throwing eggs, arrests were made for causing a disturbance, being drunk in public, having liquor in a car, dangerous driving, impaired driving, and causing a disturbance by being drunk.

Elsewhere in the region a man was charged with mischief to property under \$50 after he threw a bag of paint at another person.

Council's fence bylaw hopes to prevent boundary disputes

STOUFFVILLE — Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville may now put up any type of fence they like, provided that the owner of the adjoining property agrees.

Council had been discussing a fence bylaw to supplement the Line Fences Act which sets out some guidelines for fences. It was felt by many of the councillors that more guidance was needed in this area to prevent

disputes between neighbours over boundary fences.

The bylaw states that any fence up to four feet high constructed in picket, ranch style or chain link may be put up by a property owner without the consent of his neighbour in residential areas. Industrial chain link security fences up to eight feet tall and topped by an 18 inch barbed wire security apron may be erected in an Industrial or Commercial zone.

If the owners of adjoining properties agree, a fence of any other description, with the exception of barbed wire or other barbed material, may be erected.

Violations of the bylaw carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000 for each offence.

Several of the councillors had serious reservations about the bylaw and opposed its passing.

June Button, who termed the proposed legislation "difficult and ambiguous", said that the bylaw would create more disputes that it would prevent. She was especially concerned about the putting up of tall privacy fences.

Eldred King shared her concern although he stated that the bylaw did provide some direction. He proposed that a building permit be mandatory before a fence can be erected.

"...Otherwise people will put up an eight foot fence and then the neighbours complain."

Legion holds remembrance this Sunday

The Stouffville Legion is holding their Remembrance Day service this Sunday, November 6. The service will take place in the Legion Hall with numerous ministers attending. For times see story, page 7.

Expansion planned

UXBRIDGE — To expand or not to expand, that was the question at last week's special public meeting in Uxbridge.

The meeting, held at the Music Hall, dealt with the maximum use of Uxbridge's present sewerage system which can accommodate almost double the present population of the town.

Uxbridge Mayor Gord Davie said the sewer system can handle about 7,000 residents and several small industries and institutions. With a population now of between 3,200 and 3,000, Uxbridge could roughly double in size with the existing sewer services, the Mayor said.

Dr. Michael, Durham region planner who presented the maps showing where the expansion would affect the town, commented that there would be many problems with the plan, including financial ones, that council must decide on. He said he tried to develop the plan so the sewerage services and expansion go equally out in all areas, but there were some problems due to the land. He noted that in the south east section of town, serious drainage problems exist.

The meeting was open to public comments and many took the opportunity to voice their opinions.

A few questioned the reason for changing the official plan to amendment form to accommodate the expansion. Lee Langua, commented that it took three years to draft the official plan only to turn around and suggest such a major change. The original official plan showed a residential area larger than the existing sewer system can handle.

Dr. Michael responded by saying "there was an error in the

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As well as treats, the tots at Stouffville Nursery School got to enjoy a few tricks at their Hallowe'en party on Monday. One of the clowns looks suspiciously like proprietor Norah McElroy, but with all that pie in the face, it's hard to tell.

—Annegret Lamure