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In the showroom at Giles Chev-Olds, Stouffville, is a classic 1933 Chevrolet that was originally sold by Giles, Rice and Peters on the Danforth for \$575. Now, 50 years later, it's back in the "family". Bill Giles (above) will use it, June 11, to transport his new bride to Stouffville following their wedding in Central United Church, Unionville.

Refurbished Chevrolet

Car "home to stay"

STOUFFVILLE — A 1933 Chevrolet, built in Oshawa and sold by Giles, Rice and Peters, Toronto, has been "re-possessed" by Giles Chevrolet-Oldsmobile of Stouffville after fifty years.

The gleaming automobile, complete with dual horns, full windshield and two original Goodyear tires, has been through five owners. Ross Giles is the son of W.S. Giles, long-time G.M. dealer on the Danforth.

When discovered back in 1970, the exterior was in pretty sorry shape and a family of raccoons had built a nest over the engine. Now, it's in showroom condition and that's how it will remain. Priced originally at \$570, its value today is placed at \$16,000. The odometer reads 27,000 miles.

Although available for "viewing only", management is making a single exception. On June 11, Bill Giles and his new bride, the former Kim Ellis of 19th Avenue, Markham, will ride in style following their wedding in Central United Church, Unionville. How far they'll travel, Bill's not saying. However, it's a safe bet they'll head for Stouffville. That's "home".

Fund drive supported for Arena

STOUFFVILLE — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Committee has indicated support for a co-ordinated fund-raising campaign to subsidize the cost of a new arena and whatever facilities may be added.

The motion, put forward by member Daphne Goldman, followed a lengthy debate, Wednesday night, in which divergent views were expressed. Councillor Wilf Morley was opposed.

Councillor Morley argued that "the quality of life" within the municipality wouldn't necessarily be improved through the construction of a Recreation Centre. Besides, he said, "there are a lot of people—older people out there, who don't want it".

Morley admitted to confusion within Council. "Their views change from week to week," he said.

Chairman John Hutchinson claimed the Town is seeking approval of a Wintario application before giving the green light to organized fund-raising. He expressed the fear that should nothing be started before September, a \$375,000 Work Incentive Grant would be lost.

Mrs. Goldman voiced disappointment over the lack of enthusiasm displayed by Council. She pointed to the success of the current Markham Stouffville Hospital Building Fund and claimed this was due to the excellence of their fund-raising organization. "The recreation complex has been an issue for five years. People just assumed there was to be one. Now they're asking what complex? It's creating bad feeling," she said.

Mrs. Goldman wondered how the Twp. of Uxbridge, with a smaller population than Whitchurch-Stouffville, had been able to accomplish so much.

Member Kim Rogers said the Town had made a mistake in referring to the project as a "complex". He said many residents who look on Newmarket and Aurora as their communities, aren't ready to support the additional tax load. They'd vote the council out, he said.

"It'll be a long while before anyone digs a hole in the ground."

Mrs. Goldman insisted that Council's "going down the wrong path". "The wheels turn slowly—they're clogged in the mud", she stated. "I think they need a push".

She said that while not optimistic of Council support, she felt the board should be on record as endorsing a fund-raising steering committee. Her motion was approved.

Campaign premature

STOUFFVILLE — Giving the green light to a much-discussed Recreation Centre is dependent on grant approval through Wintario, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune this week. An architect cannot be engaged until then, he said.

Mayor King said also that Council had actually made no definite decision to build anything. "We don't want to mislead the public," he said.

Marnie's baton It's magic

GORMLEY — A larger room, perhaps a larger house, will soon be required to accommodate the many awards won by eighteen-year-old Marnie Ashton.

This vivacious Gormley girl, with the sparkling smile and pleasant personality, added to this number, Sunday, following a weekend of baton-twirling competitions at the Thornhill Community Centre. She received two gold and two silver medallions plus two trophies, including a first in duet with partner Darlene Baker. The corps, sponsored by Scarborough Bendale Lions, also enjoyed excellent success Saturday.

"It's been my dream," says the articulate Grade 12 student at Bayview Secondary School, "it's hard work but I love it".

Marnie attends practice sessions five days a week, sometimes more. Her parents are very supportive, she says. On top of this, she must still keep up with her high school work. She takes advantage of every available hour.

Marnie has a busy schedule just ahead. On June 4 and 5, she will attend the Central Canada Competitions in Kitchener-Waterloo, then go on to the Canadians, July 7, 8 and 9 at McMaster University, Hamilton. On June 26, she flies to Ohio to try for her teacher's certificate. Marnie's instructor is Margie Taylor of Scarborough.



Eighteen-year-old Marnie Ashton of Gormley is one of the top baton-twirlers in Ontario. She's competing in Canadian competition at McMaster University, Hamilton, July 7, 8 and 9.

Lucky to be alive

STOUFFVILLE — A sign just inside the front door at 120 Booth Drive reads: "Welcome Home Mom and Dad".

It was placed there by sons and daughters in the family of Jim and Betty Skinner, with a prayer of thanksgiving attached to every word.

For 2 1/2 months ago, there was uncertainty as to whether their parents would ever be home again. Both were badly injured in a two-vehicle crash on Hwy. 48, north of Markham. One died and two others were hurt in the second car.

Neither Jim nor Betty recall anything of the collision. The last Jim remembers is turning left from Hwy. 7 onto Hwy. 48 following an evening of bowling at the Markham Centre Lanes. When he regained consciousness, twelve days later, he was a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital and Betty was in Scarborough Centenary.

Jim suffered a broken left knee, a broken left leg and wrist, a fractured hip, several broken ribs and a deep gash over one eye. Mrs. Skinner suffered a ruptured spleen, a broken jaw, a broken ankle and other injuries. Their car, a 1980 Dodge Diplomat, was demolished.



Ten weeks following a head-on collision in which one person was killed and four seriously injured, Jim Skinner of Booth Drive, Stouffville, is beginning to get around again, with the aid of crutches. Wife Betty, also badly hurt, is now out of hospital.

Through all the pain and anguish, Jim sees one blessing. "I've quit smoking," he says with a smile.

Welcome ideas

STOUFFVILLE — Organizers of The Great Canadian Magic Festival are looking for people interested in making a profit-selling baseball caps, mugs and other articles marked with the Magic Festival logo.

"We'll grant free logo rights to anyone with a good marketing idea," said Ged Stonehouse, the Festival's program director.

"We're expecting thousands of people to attend this three-day event. Most of them will want to take home a souvenir".

For additional information, the number to call is 640-5491.

On a less profitable note, Festival organizers are looking for volunteers to assist in the Video Games Competition; at the street dances and in the information booth. All offers of help, from teens to seniors, will be welcomed. The contact person is chairman Bill Kamps, 640-2154.

Jim has nothing but praise for the medical staff at Sunnybrook. "Marvelous", is the word he uses. "They pieced me together again without as much as a cast."

As for the five weeks of convalescence at St. John's, he admits it was tiresome. "I grew weary of counting the tile on the floor and watching the same fly crawl across the wall. Now, he says, "I'll just sit around and watch the grass grow".

A self-employed electrician, he doesn't expect to return to work until some time next year. Mrs. Skinner hopes to get back in September. She's employed on the staff of a medical centre in Scarborough.

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Moto-Cross Champions

WHITCHURCH — Two Whitchurch area boys have qualified for the National Moto-Cross Finals in Tennessee next August.

Tyler and Todd Townend, ages 15 and 11 of Cherry Street, R.R. 3, Stouffville, won their divisions in competition last weekend at Fishkill, New York. They were the only Canadians entered.

"Unbelievable" was the way Linda Townend, the boys' mother described the feat. Todd is a Grade 6 student at Ballantrae Public School. Tyler's in Grade 10 at S.D.S.S.

New church

STOUFFVILLE — The official opening of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church will take place Sunday, May 29 at 2 p.m.

His Eminence, Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carer will attend.

Following mass and the Cardinal's blessing, a parish reception will be held in the church hall.

Each person attending the service will receive a souvenir booklet of the occasion. A supportive announcement of this special event is published on Page A-8 of this issue.

—Jim Thomas