

Grad receives \$1,000 bursary



KAREN HARRIS

STOUFFVILLE — Eighteen-year-old Karen Harris, daughter of Ivan and Gale Harris, Main Street West, Stouffville, completed her Grade 13 year with an 89 per cent average, highest of thirteen Ontario Scholars.

This, for most students, would have been a accomplishment enough. However, for

Karen, the best was yet to come. She is the recipient of a Service Award of \$1,000 provided by the Canadian Progress Club "for contributions to school and community." Karen's name was submitted by the principal and staff of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. It's the first year for such a bursary. The official presentation will

take place at Commencement Exercises in November.

On the same day of this announcement, Karen received word of her acceptance into a four-year Physical Therapy degree course at Queen's University, Kingston. She was one of only 25 applicants accepted.

Karen's involvement at S.D.S.S. was extensive. She was a student participant in the Bar & Letter System; Secretary of the Prefects; participant (every year) in the Variety Show; a member of the High School choir; a participant in Lions-sponsored public speaking competitions; involved in inter-mural sports and a

Class Rep. (three years) on Students' Council. Community participation has been equally extensive including volunteer canvasser for the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund; a candy-striper at Toronto's Wellesley Hospital; a participant in the Margie Griffiths Patterning Program and a teacher in the Sun-

day School at Stouffville United Church.

Karen expresses her feelings about Stouffville Dist. Secondary School in three words, "I loved it." Top Grade 13 subject marks were Mathematics-93% and Chemistry-92%. Favorite teachers were Mrs. Stamatou and Mr. Marshall.

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WHAT A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Citizens join celebration

STOUFFVILLE — What a weekend! A two-fold celebration marking Canada Day and Ontario's Bicentennial, gave purpose to the biggest birthday bash this Town has seen since '77.

Aided by perfect weather people attended those events that interested them most, including a colorful fireworks display, Sunday that attracted thousands.

Town Council members threw themselves solidly behind the festivities, wearing suits and gowns in keeping with the occasion. The committee chairman was Councillor Tom Wood. At his right hand was deputy clerk Tom Mowry and Mar-

lane McKee-Weatheral, Recreation Program Coordinator. Proceeds from several activities were directed to the Town Rec. Centre Fund. At the Celebrity Slo-Pitch game, Friday, over \$500 was raised for the Markham-Stouffville Hospital. The weekend witnessed

the crowning of Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville, Kris Gersovnik; the honoring of Joyce Rowley as "Citizen of the Year" and Al Piette as "Sports Personality of the Year".

Honored too were seven senior citizens who, in the opinion of a selection committee, have contributed much to the municipality over the years. Town crests were presented to Walter Atkinson, Eugene Lemon, Alma Oldham, Carrie McLaughlin, Walter Pipher, Marjorie Richardson and Clara Wideman.

These presentations followed an outdoor community worship service attended by close to a thousand.

The Town's new portable bandstand, a Bicentennial Project, was dedicated by Mayor, Eldred King. This was followed by a strawberry social with McNeil Pharmaceutical the hosts.

At a Celebrity Auction in Latham Hall, Saturday, Norm Faulkner and Norm Clements, co-owners of Cam Fella, were honored on stage along with driver Pat Crowe.

The thirty-two team Slo-Pitch Tournament saw Betz Pools emerge as champions. Chairman Wood praised the co-operation of Celebration Committee members, organizations and residents. It was suggested, however, that if an event of such magnitude is to continue, a much earlier start will be needed in putting the program together.



Sixteen-year-old Kris Gersovnik, (right), Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville-1984, is congratulated by Karen Nugent, the Queen of '83 at the conclusion of a Pageant, Thursday, in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The moment of truth, (inset), shows Kris fighting back tears of joy on realizing she's the winner. — Jim Thomas

"You won, you won!"

Kris can't believe

STOUFFVILLE — "It's you...you won, you won," whispered a candidate in the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant as 16-year-old Kris Gersovnik clasped the hand of Christina Nugent, the first runner-up.

Seconds later, Chris was embracing Kris as the true understanding of the judges' decision hit home.

For this vivacious Grade 11 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, it was two-fold recognition. She was also selected Miss Congeniality, an honor of equal importance. Heidi

Hirsch of R.R. 4, Stouffville had the Best Talent Presentation. The winner was crowned by last year's queen, 15-year-old Karen Nugent, Elm Road, Stouffville.

Pageant finalists included Donna Yeomans, Heidi Hirsch, Lori Shaw, Christina Nugent and the judges' choice, Kris Gersovnik.

The Pageant's top prize is a trip for two by Wardair, anywhere in Canada. Kris plans to visit British Columbia.

The Town's Queen of '84 moved from Mississauga to the Island Lake area of Whitchurch-Stouffville, one year ago. She has two sisters, Ellen, 18 and Robin, five. Interests include horseback riding, swimming, tennis, reading and singing. Her goal is to "work with kids."

Kris praised all persons associated with the Pageant, including the other twelve entries. She described them as "fantastic." Boyfriend Paul Graham of Ballantrae was one of the first on stage to offer congratulations. Her grandmother was next in line.

"Please mention my mother," Kris requested of The Tribune, "no one could be more patient and understanding. I love her very much."

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Sanders admits, however, that to reduce the cost to what the municipality can afford, (\$2.5 million), several 'extras' in the original tender will have to be set aside, including a completed second storey and an elevator.

"It'll be functional," he promised, "but it'll take one or two years to finish up." He's hopeful various volunteer groups will come forward and take on these projects.

While the target date for completion will have to be extended, Councillor Sanders thinks the structure can be closed in before winter.

The committee chairman sees the Complex as focal point for the Town. "We need an identity," he said. He admits to opposition within the Ratepayers Association but claims this organization doesn't speak for all former Whitchurch residents.

Celebrity Auction

Mayor's cupboard brings \$160 bid

STOUFFVILLE — An antique cupboard, refinished by Town Mayor Eldred King, sold for \$160, a framed painting by High School art teacher, John Roberts brought \$150 and an antique foot-warmer, donated by Councillor Fran Sainsbury sold for \$75 at The Tribune's Celebrity Auction, Saturday.

The event, part of the Canada Day Bicentennial Celebrations, was held in Latham Hall. Auctioneers were Norm and Phil Faulkner, Walter Atkinson and Bryan Armstrong.

Proceeds will go to the Town Rec. Centre Fund. Prior to the sale, the audience was treated to a video presentation of "The Cam Fella Story" and entertainer Bob Davies sang his now-famous Cam Fella song. Co-owners Norm Faulkner and Norm Clements along with driver Pat Crowe were introduced on stage. A framed painting of Cam Fella was presented to the Rec. Centre Co-ordination Committee to hang in the lobby of the Complex.

The auction that followed turned the evening into a "fun night" as Norm Faulkner and would-be buyers exchanged comments back

and forth. Additional prices follow. One-hundred pounds of beef from Councillor Jim Rae \$180; autographed hockey stick from Keith Acton \$30; autographed baseball bat from the Toronto Blue Jays \$30; a 1923 edition of The Tribune \$35; autographed color portrait of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau \$23; an N.H.L. Oldtimers hockey stick and scroll from Markham's John Lunau \$47.50; a gallon jug of maple syrup from Councillor Tom Wood \$26; dinner-for-two at the Deer Park Inn \$50; a fireplace bellows from Salzburg, Austria, donated by Councillor Margot Marshall \$45; a history of the County of Ontario from Pickering Mayor Jack Anderson \$60; a centennial issue of The Tribune \$31.

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Tragic loss

MARKHAM — A tragic single-car accident, Saturday, at the interchange of Hwy. 401 and McCowan Road, took the life of 29-year-old Donald Risebrough, a highly respected former Markham area resident.

Mr. Risebrough, for the past 11 years a resident of Guelph, grew up in Markham. His parents, Bruce and Isabel Risebrough, own one of the area's original dairy farms on McCowan Road.

As a Field Man with the Ontario Holstein Association, (West Central Region), Don

Risebrough had become well-known across Canada. He had also been an active junior director on the Markham Fair Board and involved in 4-H.

He was a graduate of Markham Dist. High School and Guelph University.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, John, and a sister Karen.

Funeral service will be held today, (Wednesday), in St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, at 2 p.m., with interment Elmwood Cemetery.

Quilt-\$500

STOUFFVILLE — A Friendship Quilt, completed by five residents of the Elm Road Senior Citizens' Apartment and containing 340 names, sold for \$500 at The Tribune-sponsored Celebrity Auction in Latham Hall, Saturday.

Purchasers were Norm Faulkner and Norm Clements of the Stouffville Stockyards.

Five ladies, Esther Smith, Cora Foster, Ann Hathaway, Mary Risebrough and Susan Hutchinson spent almost ten months on the project. A likeness of the apartment holds a place of prominence in the centre. The names of council members, in office at the time of the building's completion, are also included. Reeve, Ken Laushway; Dep. Reeve, Bill Parsons and Councillors Tom Lonergan, Jim McKellar and Ethel Mole.

Proceeds from the quilt will go back to the quilt-makers who, in turn, will present cheques to the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre Fund.



Seven Whitchurch-Stouffville senior citizens were honored, Sunday, at a special Bicentennial ceremony in the Stouffville Park. Mayor, Eldred King and members of Council presented Town crests to (left to right) Marjorie Richardson, Clara Wideman, Walter Pipher, Carrie McLaugh-

lin, Eugene Lemon, Alma Oldham, and Walter Atkinson. Each was praised for his/her service to the municipality over a period of years. — Jim Thomas

Business re-birth

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Machine and Tool is back in business under new management and under a new name.

The owner and president is Charles Jackson, Main Street West. The firm will be called Stouffville Machine Incorporated. Negotiations were finalized Friday.

Everyone's staying, Mr. Jackson told The Tribune, "work is picking up." Prior to the operation take-over, all employees, including Jackson himself, had received layoff notices effective the end of May and end of June.