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## Stouffville girl lauded as hero in rescue of six-year-old boy



Seventeen-year-old Shaunna Sanders (left), O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, is a hero to the family of a six-year-old Downsview boy. Shaunna responded to cries for help and rescued Christopher Mathews from Lake Simcoe. She then

### Drowning victim revived by teen swim instructor

By Jim Thomas  
**STOFFVILLE** — A Downsview boy is alive and well today, thanks to the heroics of a 17-year-old Stouffville girl, employed as a summer instructor with the Township of Georgina Swim Program.  
 Shaunna Sanders, daughter of Jim and Lovanna Sanders, O'Brien Avenue, revived the six-year-old with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after responding to cries for assistance from the victim's cousin.  
 "My cousin has died—he drowned," Shaunna heard the seven-year-old call out. Tim McTague was still holding onto his cousin's foot in about four feet of water when Shaunna reached the scene.

Employing knowledge gained through extensive Red Cross training, Shaunna began respiration treatment while another girl ran to summon an ambulance.  
 "His face was blue and bloated, he was limp, he looked dead," Shaunna said. She commenced mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while in the water and continued the same procedure on shore.  
 "He began coughing, then screaming," she said, "thank God, he's alive." The boy later identified as Christopher Mathews was admitted to York County Hospital at Newmarket.  
 Susan Lewis, head swim instructor, praised Shaunna for her quick response in an emergency situation. "She acted quickly, there was no

hesitation," she said. Neither boy was a participant in the swim program. They were playing together in the water some distance away.  
 "I wanted to hug him," Shaunna told The Tribune when the lad began breathing on his own. "I asked him to squeeze my hand, and he did—what a relief," she said.  
 It marked the first time in Shaunna's memory that emergency procedures had been employed. "Everything went smoothly," she said.  
 Shaunna said both she and Susan were also concerned for the well-being of the boy's mother, expecting a baby in about a month. She was extremely distraught, the girls said.  
 Modest concerning her own heroics, Shaunna commended the older boy for staying with his companion until help arrived. She also praised ambulance operators and an attending physician for responding so quickly.  
 Later the same day, Shaunna called the hospital to enquire concerning little Mathew's condition. She was told he was doing fine but would be kept in overnight.  
 Jim Sanders, Shaunna's father, described the training course his daughter had attended as "rigorous." "Now we know why," he said. An instructor, he explained, trains for the possible, but hopes it never happens. "On this occasion, it all came together."

### Truckers charged

**STOFFVILLE** — Fifteen gravel truck operators, including three from Whitchurch-Stouffville, face charges including conspiracy to commit fraud, attempted fraud and obstructing police, following arrests July 10.  
 It is alleged the accused were carrying weigh bills overstating their loads. Deliveries were being made to CDO Contracting Limited, Wellington Street, Aurora.  
 Two of the truckers are from North Street, Stouffville. Another is from Conc. 8, Whitchurch-Stouffville. They are scheduled to appear in court July 31.

### Lot severance denied Town councillor says Plan 'stinks'

**STOFFVILLE** — "Our Official Plan stinks!"  
 Such was Councillor Ron Robb's reaction to rejection of a property severance on 16 1/2 acres at Lot 16, Conc. 4, Whitchurch-Stouffville.  
 The site, owned by Ralph Brown and Doug Hutchinson, fronts on the Vandorf Road and Don Mills Road. Mr. Hutchinson wanted to build a second house there. No objections were received.  
 Councillor Fran Sainsbury said approval of the

application wouldn't conform with the Town's rural area policy. Three other similar requests have been turned down, she said, and another is before the Ontario Municipal Board.  
 Councillor Robb reacted strongly. "We fall all over ourselves when a subdivision comes in, yet local people, who've lived here for years, can't sever a small piece of land for their families. It's a crime. Our Official Plan stinks. There's no place for people to raise

their families so they end up in Toronto or Scarborough."  
 Councillor Jim Sanders said policies with regard to the Official Plan must be followed. "If you don't like it, (the Plan) then change it."  
 Mayor Tom Wood said family relationships and longevity of residence aren't criteria for rejection or approval.  
 "There may be weaknesses in our Official Plan," agreed Councillor Sainsbury, "but you don't change it for individuals."  
 Councillor Robb said later the applicant had appeared before Planning Advisory Committee and was encouraged to come back. The process, he said, is costly.  
 "I feel like Jesse James, like I just held these people up for \$1,300. I didn't become a politician to be a crook."

### Town fireman Aids arrest

**STOFFVILLE** — Firefighter Bill Brown is accustomed to rude awakenings. He keeps his "beeper" close to his bed.  
 Sunday morning, however, it was an alarm of another kind. It was a crash, the sound of crunching metal and shattering glass.  
 Capt. Brown arrived out on Main Street in time to note the licence number of a car that later left the scene. He called police and the driver, believed from Oshawa, was apprehended.  
 Although the police report wasn't complete at press time, it is believed the motorist struck a parked truck, then slammed into a hydro pole.  
 One witness said the driver lost control of his vehicle during a physical encounter with his girlfriend. Another said he'd been drinking.  
 Employees of the Stouffville Hydro Commission were on the scene from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Power to the area was restored in about six hours.

## Farmers praise veterinarians

### Heads Force

**YORK REGION** — Deputy Police Chief Donald Hillock will be promoted to the position of York Region Chief of Police, following the retirement of Bruce Crawford.  
 The Commission appointment was announced July 11. Chief Crawford advised the board of his plans to retire Jan. 31, 1986.  
 Hillock, 44, began his career in 1960 as a cadet in the Town of Aurora. He became a constable in 1961. In 1964, he joined the Whitchurch Township Police Department and was placed in charge of the criminal investigation branch a year later.  
 Although he assumed added responsibilities following promotions to corporal, patrol sergeant and sergeant, he retained his

wishers attended, far in excess of tickets available. The event was organized by Harvey Brown, R.R. 2, Markham and Grant Carson, R.R. 2, Claremont.  
 It was 27 years ago that Denis and Terry O'Connor established their veterinary practice in Stouffville. During this period, they have served livestock and pet owners over a wide area. In addition, they have assisted in many worthwhile community projects, chairman Harvey Brown said, including the East York Agricultural Society, (Markham Fair), and the Markham Stouffville Hospital.  
 The guests of honor were presented with two framed paintings. They will also receive two school-designed clocks, crafted by Ivan Grove, 18th Avenue, Markham. Their wives, Ursula and Colleen, received bouquets of red roses.  
 Terry and Colleen have seven children—Karen, Kevin, Chris, Mary Angela, Margaret, Michael and Teresa. Denis and Ursula have five children—Brian, Maureen, Cathy, Eileen and Monica.  
 Terry said it seemed only fitting they should be thanking the people instead of the people thanking them. "You have helped us achieve many goals. We described the evening as 'one of the most important in my life.'"  
 Denis said the confidence displayed by patrons over the years was appreciation enough. "You shouldn't have done it," he concluded, "but I'm glad you did."

Aspen residents  
 Walk on road

**STOFFVILLE** — At residents' request, Council will roll up the sidewalks on Aspen Crescent.  
 The decision followed an appeal by home owners Thursday, supported by several letters.  
 Only one speaker favored the project.  
 Councillors Margot Marshall and Jim Rae expressed surprise. Mrs. Marshall said the safety factor was

being disregarded and Rae claimed sidewalk deletion from the plan would force residents to walk on the road.  
 Councillors Fran Sainsbury and Jim Sanders asked that the wishes of the majority be respected. Mrs. Sainsbury claimed the Town would be creating a maintenance and repair monster.  
 Sanders made reference to Stuart and Booth Streets

in the Thicketwood Subdivision where no sidewalks exist. He called it "a park-like setting" with lawns extending to the curbs.  
 It was agreed that funds originally allocated for sidewalks on Aspen Crescent be placed in a reserve sidewalk fund and further that all developers identify clearly where sidewalks are to be located and that these be indicated on all future subdivision plans.



More than 600 people attended a gathering Friday to honor Stouffville area veterinarians Drs. Denis and Terry O'Connor. Chief organizers of the event were Grant Carson (left), R.R. 2, Claremont and Harvey Brown, (right), R.R. 2.

—Jim Thomas