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## 'Friendly' motto?

**STOUFFVILLE** — "The Friendliest Town in Ontario". A survey, conducted throughout the southern portion of the province in May 1983, by University of Toronto student Jeff Brice, listed Whitchurch-Stouffville as the community "most helpful and trusting to strangers."

Mayor Tom Wood suggests the municipality should take advantage of this information and adopt the 'friendly' theme as its motto.

"It's only a recommendation," Mayor Wood said, "I'd like to know what other people think."

The Tribune is encouraging its readers to respond in support of this theme or with suggestions of their own.

## Plaza start this fall

**STOUFFVILLE** — A fall start is anticipated on Stouffville's first enclosed shopping mall, developer Frank Fisco of Scarborough told The Tribune, with completion by late spring.

The location is Main Street West, adjacent to Card's Hardware.

Interested tenants include a supermarket, a bank, a trust company, a drug store and a hair salon. Fisco described the location as "superb."

## Lay drug charges

**STOUFFVILLE** — Two Stouffville men, one residing on North Street and another on Sunset Boulevard, have been charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

The pair, aged 24 and 29, were arrested by York Regional Police, July 17, when officers checked out a parked vehicle on Hwy. 7 in Markham.

Long-Standing Theft Police investigation into a theft from the Foxhunter Equestrian Centre Day Camp, R.R. 4, Stouffville, back in June, 1984, has led to the arrest of a Richmond Hill couple.

The pair, aged 33 and 23, are charged with theft over \$200 and possession over \$200 of a quantity of equipment was allegedly removed from the property.



"Hey, let's get on with the show!" Sixteen-year-old Jane White, Bethesda Road, R.R. 3, Stouffville, takes time out to read The Tribune's July 20 edition of Weekender, during noon intermission at the Lions-sponsored Ballantrae Horse Show, Sunday. Her horse, "Sterling Road", owned by Forest View Farms, appears more interested in getting on with the next event. — Jim Thomas

## Leaky arena roof causes concern

**STOUFFVILLE** — Whitchurch-Stouffville's two-and-a-half million dollar Recreation Centre has a problem.

The roof leaks.

At a site inspection meeting, June 20, Edward Lundman, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, reported fourteen holes in the structure's upper section. He recommended the municipality insist on assurances from the general contractor that this problem be corrected before the municipality assumes responsibility for the building.

At a site inspection meeting, July 18, the number of roof leaks had been reduced from fourteen to four.

Because of this, the contractor has agreed to extend the warranty from one to two years. Corrective measures are still underway.

Project Engineer J.H. Vierhuis told Town officials and members of Council, Thursday.

Mayor Tom Wood earlier described the condition of the roof as "serious" and a "very grave concern". He charged that a "patched roof" could be "a continual headache" and might necessitate doing the work again.

The problem has been attributed to the timing of the roof work during the winter when conditions were extremely cold and windy. This has affected the hot air welding, resulting in leaks where the welds were not sufficient, the Town was told.

To correct this condition, the gravel ballast and top layer of roof insulation has been removed. All seams have been resealed, the report stated.

Referring to this and other deficiencies, Mayor Wood advised the contractor and the engineers to "iron out their problems."

"We're spending a lot of money and we want it (the Centre) finished properly. The Town contracted for a building to be built and we want it done right. If mistakes have been made, we, (the Town), shouldn't be on the hook."

## York 4-H holds judging contest

**MARKHAM** — Sixty-seven 4-H members participated in a successful York Region Judging Competition at Markham Fairgrounds, Wednesday.

The event was organized by Cathy Wilson, Farm Management Specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Newmarket, assisted by several volunteer parents and 4-H leaders.

Results follow:

**JUNIOR** (14 years and under): Carla Machel, Mt. Albert; Rick Fieldhouse, Woodbridge; Robbie O'Connor, Markham; Steven Cowieson, Queensville; Karen Irwin, Newmarket.

**INTERMEDIATE** (15 and 16 years): Brian Lewis, Markham; Lynn Reesor, Markham; Kelly Little, Markham; Paul Brown, Markham; Scott Burrows, Unionville.

**SENIOR** (17 to 21 years): Russ Brown, Unionville; Bill Reesor, Markham; Teresa Sheardown, Schomberg; Ray Brown, Markham; Peter Leonard, Schomberg.

**OPEN CLASS**: Bob Robson, Maple; Lois Livingston, Woodbridge; John Sheardown, Schomberg; Evelyn O'Connor, Markham.

The top group entry was the York 4-H Crops Club

comprising Russ Brown, Bill Reesor, Peter Leonard and Brian Lewis.

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## Ballantrae faces costly water problem

**BALLANTRAE** — Forty-one home-owners in the Ballantrae area of Whitchurch-Stouffville have been advised not to use water from their shallow wells.

An additional 28 wells, containing water from a middle aquifer, are questionable, an official of the Environment Ministry told a committee meeting of Council, Friday.

There's no immediate solution to the problem, the meeting was told.

Road salt is the main contaminant of the shallow wells. However, effluent from septic tanks and lawn fertilizers are also contributors. Road salt has seeped into the middle aquifer as well, officials said. A lower level water source is so far problem free.

To replace the 74 wells in the Study Area will cost an estimated \$670,000. To pipe water from the Stouffville artesian system, north of the Bloomington Road, to Ballantrae, will cost in excess of \$1 million.

No estimate was given on a communal water service.

There's no money available in the Ministry's budget to cover the expense in 1985, the Town was told. The application deadline for work to be done in 1986 is Oct. 1. Division of costs is expected to be 85 per cent assumed by the province and 15 per cent by the home-owner.

Both Mayor Tom Wood and Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb displayed frustration at the time lag between identifying the problem and correcting it.

"We can only hold these people off so long," protested Councillor Robb. Little wonder, he said, citizens show distrust in government.

Mayor Wood argued residents should face no expense since putting salt on the roads wasn't their responsibility.

Dr. John Hodgkinson, Associate Medical Officer of Health said many of the shallow wells are in a poor state of repair. He noted too that ingredients other than salt were polluting the water.

Dr. Hodgkinson warned against band-aid corrective measures, only to encounter additional problems a few years down the road.

With respect to a public meeting, Mayor Wood recommended discussion be postponed until test drills are complete. A mid-September date was considered desirable.

Ministry officials advised that, if possible, an independent well program be approved. In the meantime, those whose wells have been condemned, should continue using bottled water, it was agreed.

Councillor Fran Sainsbury wondered about future development in the Ballantrae area and asked whether specific standards with respect to well depths should be spelled out in subdivision agreements.

Dr. Hodgkinson said close to fifty letters had been sent out from his office to residents in the Ballantrae community. Out of this number, no more than fifty replies had been received.

Mayor Wood said most enquiries had come to the Town.

### Cam Fella Generation

On and off the track, Cam Fella's a winner. To date, the famous pacer, co-owned by Norm Faulkner of Stouffville, Norm Clements of Willowdale and J.E.F.'s Racing Stables, New Jersey, has sired eighty foals, the first arriving in February.

The owners are all happy. Norm Faulkner told The Tribune Norm has personally visited several farms in the United States to see Cam's offspring.

One veterinarian told him the foals were the finest he'd ever seen. Among others in a field, they stand out from the rest, Norm said.

Armstrong Bros. of Brampton have seven. They are also stabling three that belong to other owners.

"We're very, very pleased," said Dr. Glen Brown, the farm's general manager. He said some of Armstrong's best mares were bred to Cam because he was such an outstanding horse.

Faulkner admits he's anxious to find out if the foals can match their famous father on the track. "It'll be interesting to see what they can do a couple of years from now," he said.

## Car crash was planned

**GORMLEY** — An unsanctioned demolition derby, on property at the corner of the 5th Concession, (Warden Avenue), and the Stouffville Road, Sunday, prompted a call to the Stouffville Fire Department when one of the vehicles burst into flames.

Spectator Cathy Robichaud of Mississauga, said driver Rick Costello, also of Mississauga, was rammed from both the front and the rear on the grass-covered track. He escaped without injury.

Cathy said she attempted to put out the fire with an extinguisher until the unit went dry. A backhoe was used to push the burning car out of harm's way.

Cathy said, to her knowledge, no one on the property had called in the alarm. She assumed someone driving past had seen the smoke and summoned the brigade.

Two fire units were dispatched.

Chief Walter Smith said the cost could come close to five hundred dollars.

## New Deli site

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Stouffville Delicatessen, presently located at 353 Main Street West, is moving downtown.

Jack and Wilma Verhoog have purchased the Marguerite Shoppe at 21 Main Street West. Dick Fintelman of Town Living Realty Limited, Stouffville, completed the sale.

Mr. Verhoog, assisted by his wife and son Jeroen, will move in over the Labor Day weekend and hopefully have everything in readiness for a grand opening Sept. 3.

Both the interior and exterior will be completely redecorated. Mr. Verhoog told The Tribune. A few surprises are being kept secret until opening day.



Town staff and members of council held an on-site tour of inspection Thursday of the new Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre and later met with company employees and project engineers. Shown here outside the facility are (left to right) Councillor Margot Marshall, Chief Building Official Bruce Arrowsmith, Mayor Tom Wood, Chief Administrative Officer Edward Lundman, Councillor Jim Rae, Councillor Fran Sainsbury, Parks and Recreation Program Co-ordinator Marlane McKee-Wetheral and Company Project Manager Camille Resciniti. — Jim Thomas