

Teenager killed

An 18-year-old Uxbridge man was killed in a single-vehicle accident Thursday evening.

According to Durham Regional Police, Michael Watson was driving northbound on Conc. 7, Uxbridge Twp., when he apparently lost control of his car.

Police said the 1981 Chev left the road and then rolled over, striking a hydro pole and fence before coming to rest.

Hydro crews were called to re-

pair damage at the scene, about two kilometres south of Uxbridge.

The Beech Street resident was pronounced dead at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

The vehicle was described by police as a write-off.

A service will be held for Michael Watson at Low and Low Funeral Home, Uxbridge. Arrangements had not been finalized at press time.

Police seize property during home search

A search by Durham Regional Police, Wednesday, led to the seizure of three truck loads of merchandise from an Uxbridge Township residence.

Staff Sgt. George Scott of Division 26 told The Weekender that police executed a search warrant on a home located at Hwy. 47 and Conc. 2.

Some residents were taken into

custody, questioned by police and later released.

Sgt. Scott wouldn't confirm if there will be charges in the case, but said more information will be available Monday after further police investigation.

This investigation will determine whether or not the large quantity of confiscated goods is stolen property, Sgt. added.

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Fine feathered friend

Gary van Dorp, owner of Plant Paradise, and his friend Howard the macaw welcome customers to the store on Woodbine Ave. Howard entertains visitors with his many

colorful bird antics. For a story see feature story on Page 6.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

Two years ago, a new Recreation Centre for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was only a dream.

On Thursday night, it becomes a reality. Ontario Premier David Peterson will cut the ribbon to officially open the \$2.3 million structure. Time of the ceremony is 6:30 p.m.

It was back in Oct. 1983 that Eldred King, then mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville and now chairman of the Region of York, envisioned a new arena by the fall of '84. Although his hopes fell one year short, it was he who persevered despite criticism from many sides.

Mr. King will attend the festivities Thursday, along with Premier Peterson, York-Peel M.P. Sinclair Stevens, York-North M.P.P. Greg Sorbara, the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, The Hon. John Eakins, Town Mayor Tom Wood and members of Council, Board of Education Trustee Harry Bowes; members of the Fund-Raising Co-ordinating Committee and others.

The guests of honor will be flanked by an honor guard of community sports representatives. Music will be provided by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band.

A reception will follow.

The ceremony will serve a two-fold purpose—the official opening of the Recreation Centre and start of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Trade Show that continues Sept. 13 and 14. There are 73 exhibitors.

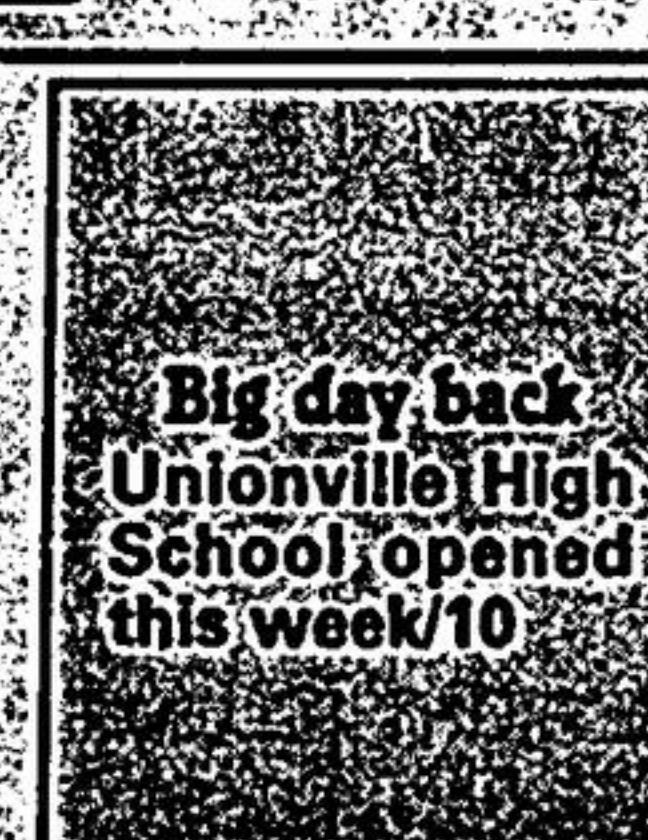
We wish to congratulate the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville on their accomplishment," Recreation Director George Schlukbier told The Tribune, "this is the theme of Thursday's ceremony." The Centre will be open to the public throughout the day. Parks and Recreation staff will provide guided tours.

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