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Holds North American Grand Championship

Eighteen-year-old Holly Purcell of R.R. 2, Markham, won the Ladies' Driving Class in the Shetland Harness Stakes at Markham Fair 'Bandido', a repeat winner many years, is the only All-American, All-Canadian Shetland in

Canada. The Fair's Light Horse Show featured close to 1,500 entries. The chairperson was Carrie Purcell, Holly's older sister. — Jim Thomas

Disappearing act by councillors raises criticism

PINE ORCHARD — Steve Pliakes, a candidate for Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, (Ward 1), is irritated by the actions of some politicians as the end of their three-year term comes close to conclusion.

Mr. Pliakes, father of two, is critical of those who, he claims, disappear for three years, then show their faces a few weeks before the election. "Suddenly they pop up," he says.

The Pine Orchard service station owner and manager says no politician should remain in the same office more than three terms (nine years). "They should either move up or move out and allow others to come in," he states.

Pliakes refers to the north-west section of the Town as 'the outcast ward'. He feels just because it has fewer people, it shouldn't be "totally ignored."

He claims twenty cents of every tax dollar should be spent in Ward 1. He hopes to find out exactly what the proportion is.

Locally, he wants speed limit signs erected on the 5th and 6th concessions at approaches to the Vivian Sideroad. He says speed-

ing is definitely a problem in the area.

Pliakes raps aspirants to the mayor's chair for running up large expense accounts. "Later, if successful, they'll have to be greedier to make it up." The Ward 1 candidate says his election expenses won't exceed \$700. "I'll do it on my own merit," he promises. "I'll battle it out on the floor."

He plans to attend both All-Candidates meetings, one Oct. 22 at the Ballantrae Community Centre and the other Nov. 7 at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Rather than bashing each other, the mayoralty candidates should be telling the people their plans for the next three years. "When they have nothing to say, they begin picking on each other," he claims.

Pliakes says Whitchurch-Stouffville needs better representation at the regional level. He feels it's unfair to expect the mayor to handle both roles.



STEVE PLIAKES

For lack of funds Layoffs feared

YORK REGION — As many as 15 employees of the York Region Public Health Branch face layoffs if more provincial funding isn't allocated.

However, some Regional Councillors are confident the money required will soon be received from the Ministry of Health.

"It's unlikely there will be layoffs and no action will be taken at this point," Markham Regional Councillor Bud Bonner told The Tribune.

Deputy Minister of Health Darwin Kealey was informed in August by Health and Social Services Committee Chairman Gord Rowe that the amount required for general programs exceeded the Ministry allocation by \$126,128. It was pointed out to Mr. Kealey that the Ministry's three per cent budget increase restriction for 1985 didn't take into account the substantial population growth in York Region in recent years.

"They were basing the allocation on figures that are outdated," Councillor Bonner said. "They were short by about 52,000 people."

He added that council repre-

sentatives will meet with Premier David Peterson and his Cabinet to bring them up to date on the population figures.

"If (the basis of funding) questions other things, if grants are based on population then what other areas are being under-

funded as a result of this," Councillor Bonner noted.

Since the August correspondence with the Ministry, a meeting was arranged between York Region representatives and Health Ministry staff to propose measures to reduce the budget short-

Usual business at town A & P

STOUFFVILLE — It's business as usual at the A & P Food Store, Main Street West, Stouffville. It just looks a little unusual due to exterior construction.

Nothing's changed inside, manager Bob Hudson told The Tribune. "We're still smiling and as pleasant as ever."

The one million dollar expansion project has temporarily removed the carrier-to-car service that many shoppers found so convenient. This will be restored once the new windows are in, hopefully by the end of October, Mr. Hudson said.

The entire contract should be completed by February.

The addition will give A & P 30,000 square feet of floor space, 10,000 square feet more than presently available. A portion of the new part should be ready by Christmas, Hudson says.

A & P currently employs 65 full and part-time staff. With the new addition and increased business, Mr. Hudson hopes to add 25 to 30 more people.

In the meantime, "bear with me," he says. "It looks worse than it really is."



Honored

Sgt. Dennis Sealey of Unionville, an officer with Central Traffic Division, was presented with a medal for long and meritorious service with the Metro Toronto Police Department, at a ceremony, Oct. 9. Lieut. Governor Lincoln Alexander made the presentation assisted by Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott.

Lighted buildings

STOUFFVILLE — If a recommendation from the Business Improvement Area board is approved, the Town's municipal building and clock tower could be "all aglow" as early as this Christmas.

A motion was approved at a meeting Wednesday, asking Council to consider the installation of white lights around the edge of both structures. If okayed, it would give the area of Main Street and Civic Avenue an appearance much like Markham Street, south of Bloor and the Old City Hall at Queen and Bay Streets, Toronto.

With the Town taking the lead, the board is hopeful individual merchants will adopt similar exterior lighting projects for their stores.

Take tour for ideas

STOUFFVILLE — While Stouffville's downtown core shouldn't necessarily take on the refurbished appearance of Main Street, Unionville, members of the town's B.I.A. (Business Improvement Area) board agreed Wednesday they should take a look at what the former police village has to offer.

A tour of the Unionville Business Section is set for Oct. 16, (tonight).

Both Mayor Tom Wood and board member Tommy Thompson said that while pretty to drive or walk through, Stouffville shouldn't adopt the heritage stereotype of either Unionville or Markham. Instead, improvements should be geared to a more practical end, they said.

Ron Roberts Receives Town academic award

WHITCHURCH — Commencement time is fast approaching, in fact, for students of G.W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora. The platform promenade is Friday night.

Since a number young people from Whitchurch-Stouffville are enrolled there, the Town presents a \$50 award to the student with the highest average. This year it goes to 19-year-old Ron Roberts, son of Norm and Shirley Roberts, Conc. 6, R.R. 3, Newmarket. Ron had a Grade 13 average of 84.1%.

Presently enrolled in mechanical engineering at the University of Waterloo, Ron was the recipient of a bursary from Waterloo covering his first semester.

The awards presentation, Friday, will be made by Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall.

Commencement Exercises at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School are Friday, Nov. 8. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville academic award will be presented to Grade

13 graduate Jim Ku. Jim had an average of 98.3 per cent, highest in York Region.

Reunion

STOUFFVILLE — A Girl Guide leader reunion, the first ever held here, could bring as many as 75 people to Latcham Hall, Saturday.

The gathering, a concluding event in Guiding's 75th anniversary, will include leaders dating back to 1960. Commissioner Barbara Hie told The Tribune.

In total, there have been 97 Guide leaders in Stouffville in the past 25 years. However, six of these have passed away and several have moved away, some as far distant as the United States, Mrs. Hie said.

The get-together will be quite informal, a chance to renew acquaintances, Mrs. Hie explained.

Mayor Tom Wood

Touts experience

As a proven leadership, that is the main thrust of Mayor Wood's campaign for re-election.

As a spirited gathering of workers and supporters was held at the mayor's home on Sunset Court, Ballantrae, Friday night.

To date, three persons have entered the Whitchurch-Stouffville mayoralty race: Tom Wood, the incumbent, Ward 4 Councillor Fran Sainsbury, and newcomer Vic Wilson, Bethesda Sideroad, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

The deadline for filing nominations is Monday, Oct. 21, at 5 p.m.

Mayor Wood, in a press statement Friday, stressed the fact Council controls only 24 per cent of the nine million dollars collected in taxes.

"My years as Council's finance chairman, my business background and my proven experience as mayor enable me to best utilize these limited resources," he said.

Mayor Wood set forth the following goals: (1) Stringent control of taxes; (2) Citizen input in government; (3) Good planning for residential development; (4) Incentives for industrial growth — to promote jobs and broaden the tax base; (5) Protection of natural resources — water, farms and forests.

Introduced by Jim Hie and brochure for a first-time Mayor Wood said his campaign would run on a modest budget. A maximum figure of \$3,000 will be used.

Mayor Wood said he would be available for a one-on-one meeting with voters on Oct. 16, 17 and 18.

— JIM THOMAS



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