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Royal honor for 4-H club



Myron Angus, who cannot use his hands and feet, showed how a handicap need not stifle creativity when he demonstrated his mouth-painting technique to Grade 5 students at Unionville's John XXIII

school on Thursday. He also showed a short video on coping with life as a quadriplegic.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

By JIM THOMAS
Editor

For ten members and two leaders of the Bethesda 4-H Club, the evening of Nov. 16 was an occasion they'll never forget.

They participated in the closing ceremonies of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, representing 4-H organizations all across Canada.

The event, described by co-leader Jean Yake of R.R. 4, Stouffville, as "a real thrill", all came about by coincidence when Mrs. Yake and Cathy Wilson, Farm Management Specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Newmarket, talked it over at the York Region Plowmen's Banquet in Victoria Square, Oct. 23.

"Ten members and two leaders were needed and Bethesda 4-H had the right number," Cathy told The Weekender. The request, she said, came through Joe O'Neill, Ontario 4-H Supervisor at the Guelph Agricultural Centre.

Participants included Gloria Hall, Tammy Yake, Bonnie Stewart, Nancy Stewart, Cammie Ratcliff, Jennifer Pritzker, Cindy Morton, Dina Emery, Heather Wideman, Holly McNamara and leaders Jean Yake and Sandra Hall.

The procession took place in the

main ring of the Coliseum. The program, including dignitaries from a wide area, lasted about twenty minutes.

The girls carried 4-H flags representing all the provinces. Lynne Beckett of R.R. 1, Unionville, Ontario's Guernsey Queen for 1985 also took part.

"We were pleased to be asked," said Mrs. Yake, "such a thing may never happen again." For some of the girls, it was their first time at The Royal let alone in the closing ceremonies.

One first-time attender was 14-year-old Cindy Morton of Thornbay Drive, Bloomington. She said the procession was almost an hour behind schedule "but it was well worth the wait." Cindy was impressed with all aspects of The Royal, particularly the horse show. She voiced no objection with sharing the promenade with a cow, a sheep, a pig and a goose.

Mrs. Yake said the Club was "royally treated. Each member was presented with an engraved medallion and a 4-H T-shirt. They also received free passes and a free meal.

The girls walked side by side, Cindy said, each carrying a flag. "It was excellent," she enthused.

Despite the lateness of the hour, the stands were packed, Mrs. Yake said.

Courts don't stop RC school board

By GREG COATES
Staff Reporter

Separate school board trustees are forging ahead with desperately needed high school additions — including expansion of a Markham school — even though the extension of separate school funding has been stalled in the courts.

On Tuesday, trustees approved several projects including the sketch plans for an addition to Markham's Brother Andre Catholic High School and the go-ahead to proceed with tendering.

Just the day before, Mr. Justice Joseph Potts of the Supreme Court of Ontario temporarily stopped the province from providing interim payments to Catholic high schools. Approximately \$34 million was to start flowing to Catholic boards next month.

The addition to Brother Andre is to be bridge-financed, with the board paying up front and retroactive funding to be requested

from the Ministry of Education when enabling legislation for secondary schools is in place.

Several trustees expressed concern and questioned the move to proceed while funding remains an unknown factor.

"We shouldn't be committing ourselves until we know what the Ministry is going to do," said Richmond Hill Trustee Garry Marsh. "We don't want to move along creating expectations."

John Sabo, superintendent of business and finance, said it's the board's intention to be ready when funding is available.

"We're already behind. We have to push it, we want (these facilities) ready for September," he said.

Mr. Sabo explained that if the board goes ahead with tendering, it will then be ready when the funding situation is resolved.

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