

A fond farewell to Stouffville

By DOUG IRVINE

Hey Mom! I'm back from the sunny south to write, unfortunately, my last column for The Tribune. But more about that later.

As for news to report on this week, we are now just one short day from deciding the fate of our now minority Liberal government and I can assure everyone no one is taking this one for granted. At the time of writing this column, Progressive Conservative candidate Ross Stevenson had just held a corn roast at Musselman's Lake with Larry Grossman, Leader of the Opposition in attendance.

Meanwhile, the Liberal candidate, Bill Ballinger has been preparing his agenda for the last eight days, including a visit from Premier David Peterson on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Beaverton office, between 11 p.m. and 12 noon.

As for other news from around the town of Uxbridge, resident Mark Zillman recently competed in the National Disabled Games in Brantford and has now qualified to compete in the 1988 Special Olympics to be held in Korea. Congratulations Mark.

Upcoming special events include the annual Uxbridge Fall Fair and the Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts.

As I mentioned earlier, this will be my last column for The Tribune. I'm taking another post a little closer to home through the school year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Shanahan and Jim Thomas for making my stay at The Tribune an enjoyable one.

Language act opposed

STOUFFVILLE — The Heritage Language Act isn't mandatory in Ontario but Harry Bowes, trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville and former York Region Board of Education chairman feels certain it soon will be.

He's opposed. Should the requirement become law, any 25 students across the Region could demand the language of their choice even though

it might not be the language of their roots, Mr. Bowes said.

Even now, 58 individual languages are now being taught across the province, Bowes explained.

The local trustee sees nothing wrong with language study being a part of the continuing education program. He points out, however, that some groups want it included in day school. He thinks it'll be-

come an election issue.

The Board, he says, would have to provide facilities, transportation and qualified teachers.

At present, there's no one available to supervise such a program, he says. He feels qualified instructors may also be difficult to find.

Mr. Bowes expects to issue will be discussed at length when the Board meets Aug. 31.

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