

Receive message to think about



On Sunday, the Brownies and Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts held their annual Thinking Day at Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville. The service leader was Angela Mayer, R.R. 2.



Three members of 4th Stouffville Brownies proudly display their banner. The girls are, (left to right), Brooke Maddock, Blair Road, Susanne Diesberger, Hemlock Drive and Valerie Paoker.

Manitoba Street Guest speakers were Rev. Wayne Reed, Stouffville United Church and Rev. Brian Coker, Bloomington Gospel Church. — Jim Thomas

Business Improvement Area board

Decision Day nears

By BLAINE KANEKO
It's decision time for Business Improvement Area merchants.

Downtown business people must decide by next month if they're willing to commit \$100,000 over the next ten years for the beautification of Stouffville's downtown core.

At a public meeting Feb. 18, held at the Recreation Centre, Mayor Fran Sainsbury told the audience of about 15 merchants they must respond quickly with their proposal to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Presently, the Ministry has offered a PRIDE grant of \$280,000 on the condition the Town's Community Improvement Plan is approved by all groups involved in financing the \$680,000 project.

Mayor Sainsbury said if the plan isn't submitted by next month they'll lose the opportunity to beautify a section of Main from Albert Street to Park Drive.

The issue of refurbishing Main Street was initially discussed about one year ago. At that time the Community Improvement Committee, with the support of the BIA and the Stouffville Hydro-Electric Commission were one of the 1,742 applicants vying for about 70 PRIDE grants.

In addition to the Ministry's grant, under the present scheme Hydro will pay \$100,000 over the next four years; the BIA will spend \$100,000 and taxation and lot fees will cover the balance.

Ged Stonehouse, a former BIA member, voiced concern. While

supportive of the idea, Mr. Stonehouse questioned the BIA's procedure in informing its 85 members.

He wondered at the BIA's financial commitment of \$100,000 for 10 years noting that when the proposal was put forward at a meeting a year ago, the board recommended it be discussed with the membership before a commitment was made.

If provincially approved, signage, decorative lighting, and sidewalk-curb repair would begin on Main Street in early summer and be completed by early autumn, according to Hydro chairman Herb Peach.

Business Improvement Area members will likely decide their course of action at the March 2 General Meeting in the Public Library.

Appreciation

Dear Jim and Bruce:

Thank you very much for the excellent article published in The Tribune's Community Focus section, (Feb. 10 edition), related to our treatment of children with learning disabilities.

The story was extremely well written with a high degree of accuracy and sensitivity.

We've already had several calls from some very excited parents who had no idea there was someone who could help their sons and daughters.

The Toronto Star also called and expressed an interest in doing a story as a result of The Tribune's article.

Your help is very much appreciated by myself and the many families who otherwise might not have found out about this treatment.

Sincerely,
Dr. Allen R. Turner, D.C.,
120 Main Street West,
Stouffville

Witness says thanks for support

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your fine articles and support in the Parminand trial.

It's been a difficult two years. I want you to know your encouragement and support has helped us through.

Sincerely,
Dave and Joan Houston,
Altona

Show reaches serious stage

By JEFF YOUNG
STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's Variety Show '88 is only one week away.

The dates are March 3, 4 and 5. The performance will include six dance routines, twelve skits, selections by the SDSS choir and a quintet.

The director is Kris Hoover. The producer is Robyn Duke. The MCs are Pam Powell and Jenny Pritzker.

Robyn is confident the 1988 edition will be one of the best shows yet. Both Robyn and Kris say they've received excellent cooperation from all participants. The material is all original.

Tickets, (available at the door), are \$5 adults, \$3 students, \$2 seniors and children.



Back stage crew move front and centre

With Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's 1988 Variety Show heading into its final week of rehearsals, students are working at a furious pace to have everything in readiness for March 3, 4 and 5. The scenes are stage crew members (left to right), Faye Rosenberger, Tammy Yake, Susan Carter and Michelle Barker. Show dates are March 3, 4 and 5. — Jim Thomas



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Reduced load regulations will be in effect on all roads under the jurisdiction of the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville from March 1st, 1988 to April 30th, 1988 inclusive. Vehicle loads must not exceed the allowable limit of five tonnes per axle.

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Welcome Horizons' Home

Dear Editor:

I must admit it was nice to see an editorial in The Tribune related to an occurrence in Uxbridge. Unfortunately, it related to a self-inflicted 'black mark' smeared across the face of this community.

It never should have happened. For a delegation of residents to oppose a Christian Horizons' home in their subdivision is one thing. For Council to condone such an attitude is another. Combine the two and you have a situation that warranted editorial comment.

I'm glad someone had the intestinal fortitude to condemn an action that reeks of discrimination and political palm-greasing.

Would I want a Christian Horizons' home next to me?

You bet I would. I'd welcome it with open arms. And so should home-owners in Testa Heights.

One last word: Councillor Cal Avery, don't quit. We need you!

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Theresa Thomson,
North Street,
Uxbridge