

Carpentras students arrive

STOUFFVILLE — They're here. The long-awaited arrival of students; (and accompanying teachers) from Carpentras, France, occurred Saturday when the contingent of young people, (and adults), filed into Markham Theatre, Warden Avenue, Unionville.

The air was electric with excitement as hosts and guests were systematically paired. Arrangements, perfectly co-ordinated, were handled by Maureen Cunningham and Dale Grose of SDSS, assisted by French teachers on staff at Markham, Unionville and Aurora.

Several York Region Board of Education trustees were in attendance including Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham Mayor Carole Bell addressed the audience, in English.

Since Whitchurch-Stouffville is now 'twinned' with Carpentras, the Town will host the delegation Thursday night in the Council chambers. A reception, organized by the Chamber of Commerce, will follow at Latham Gallery.

Stouffville hosts and hostesses follow — Patrick Alles, Terri Badgerow, Jen Barker, Andrea Baston, Amy Beecham, Tracy Blackwell, Michele Bower, Heather Bull, Kerri Goulbourne, Robyn Grove, Brenda Hachey, Lise Haylow, Jill Jackson, Stephanie Lintner, Kimberley Maggs, Carolyn McKeen, Jennifer Pritzker, Michael Reed, Michelle Richardson, Kim Saunders, Mary Sled, Carrie Swain, Heather Wideman, Danny Wilson and Tracy Wilson.



Twenty-five students from Carpentras, France, who will arrive in Stouffville, (left to right) Sarah, Tracy, and Kim Saunders, Saturday, showed at the entrance to the Markham Theatre, Warden Avenue, Unionville.



Robyn Grove, (left) of Birchmount Street, Stouffville, checks her dictionary with Heather Bull, (right) of Birchmount Street, Stouffville, who is a hostess for the event.

Spring Fling

It's the Stouffville Business Improvement Area's first fund-raising project. 'Spring Fling', a dinner, dance and fashion show, is set for Saturday, (April 9), at The Maples of Ballantrae, R.R. 2, Stouffville. Time of the dinner is 7:30 p.m., with the fashion show and dance to follow. Tickets, (\$25 per person), are available from the following merchants — The Wedding Room, Freckles, The Villager, Ancheril's, Classic Collection, Josephines, Graylane Boutique and The Snowbird. The evening's proceeds will go towards furthering improvements to Stouffville's downtown business section.

Vandals anger property owner

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Gordon Hamilton of Richmond Hill, owner of Glendale Beach, Musselman's Lake, is fed up. He claims vandalism is so frequent and so extensive, he can no longer maintain the property.

He's thinking seriously of demolishing the pavilion, once described as the third largest dance hall in Canada.

Mr. Hamilton says as fast as he erects 'No Trespassing' signs on the property, they're torn down. Windows and doors have been repeatedly smashed. Several fires have been started.

The owner's fearful the whole building may some day go up in flames, jeopardizing adjacent homes on the street.

Mr. Hamilton says York Regional police patrol the area but, to his knowledge, haven't arrested anyone.

Hamilton claims the property's off limits to everyone. He's issued a warning that trespassers caught on the site could be charged with all preceding infractions.

Persons interested in leasing a portion of the beach this summer in exchange for maintenance, are asked to call the owner at 737-7342.

Close call

STOUFFVILLE — A Fairview Avenue man had a narrow escape from serious injury, even death, Friday, when pinned under his own car.

David Parcells was completing repairs to the muffler when the vehicle slipped off a jack, pinning him beneath.

With the help of his son and a neighbor, Jack Pollard, the car was raised, allowing him to escape.

Ambulance officials and the Fire Dept. responded but Mr. Parcells declined hospital treatment.



Narrow escape for trio in single-car accident

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville girl and two male friends are recovering following a harrowing experience while returning home from a ski outing on Hwy. 400 south of Barrie.

Kim Graves, Main Street East,

suffered severe lacerations to her face and hands as well as bruising to her back and shoulders.

Boyfriend Matt Macauley of Scarborough was thrown through the sunroof. He landed on the road. A companion, Allan Koren of Mississauga, was pinned under the auto. The vehicle flipped over at least six times.

The 1987 Ford Escort GT, purchased only last September, was wrecked.

Kim told The Tribune they were driving at the speed limit when the car hit an ice patch, fishtailed and rolled over in the median.

"When I opened my eyes, I realized I was the only one left inside. I was sure everyone else was dead," Kim said.

She crawled out a side window.

Kim said it was a miracle Matthew wasn't run over by other motorists. He suffered a collapsed lung and other injuries. Allan suffered a fractured pelvis. He was also badly burned.

All three were admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie. Matt was transferred to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Kim said she was wearing a seat belt at the time but not her companions. "Lucky for them they weren't," she noted, "they'd have been killed for sure. The front of the car was demolished."

Kim is an employee on the staff of 'Hair Break', Main Street West, Stouffville. It'll be some time yet before she can return to work.

Light unit stolen

Despite the joys of four successful performances, a pall of gloom hung over the instructor and staff of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Little League Theatre, Saturday. Someone had stolen a rented aluminum tripod valued at \$1,000.

The unit had been left near the entrance to Parkview Village during work in setting up the stage, leader Steve Payne told The Tribune.

"It was there but a few minutes," he said. "Such a loss could really kill us."

Mr. Payne is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to its safe return.

Clusters almost full

STOUFFVILLE — Parkview's cluster homes have been so well received, 20 additional units are planned.

This is the word from J. M. Nighswander, the Association's executive administrator.

An application has been submitted to the Town, Mr. Nighswander said. The board's awaiting a reply.

Eighteen of the twenty completed units are now occupied, accommodating 32 people, Mr. Nighswander stated. The remaining two units, accommodating three people, will be filled shortly, he said.

All who signed contracts back in 1987 followed through on their agreements. Weather permitting, the landscaping should be completed by June, Mr. Nighswander continued. Many residents are already utilizing dining and recreational facilities at Parkview Village. "The tenants have been very receptive to this," he explained.

Bulletin boards, he said, will be installed in the clusters, advising residents of upcoming events.

As for accommodation in Parkview Village, Mr. Nighswander described the demand as "incredible". Between 400 and 500 applications are currently on file, he stated.

Fire under investigation

WHITCHURCH — An Ontario Fire Marshal's investigator has been called to check out the cause of a blaze that destroyed a house on Lobraico Road early Monday morning.

The log-type residence was located east of the 7th Concession, between the Vandorf Road and the Aurora Sideroad.

The loss, including contents, has been valued at \$145,000.

"It's under investigation," Chief Bill Brown told The Tribune. He refused to speculate but The Tribune was told a tenant had been living there until only a few days ago.

The fire had a big head start, Chief Brown said. There was only one wall standing when he arrived.

It wouldn't have mattered. The laneway entrance was impassable except to the brigade's light truck. Using portable pumps, volunteers "put out what was left," Brown said.

Time of the call was 4:14 a.m.

Housing survey

STOUFFVILLE — The Ecumenical Committee for Affordable Housing is continuing its preliminary survey with respect to affordable rental accommodation in Stouffville.

Questionnaires have been placed in The Tribune Office, the Post Office, the Public Library, Stouffville Printing and Country Club Donuts.

The Committee is seeking the following information:

- (1) Are you spending more than 30% of your income on accommodation? (2) Are you having difficulty finding affordable housing in Stouffville? (3) Do you have dependants; if so, how many and what ages? (4) Your age? (5) Are you single, married, separated, divorced?

The Committee is anxious to obtain an overview of difficulties experienced by Stouffville residents in finding rental accommodation as well as the percentage of family incomes that must be expended on rent.

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