

Hallowe'en party was a hoot



On Saturday afternoon, the Public Library and Stouffville Branch of Family Trust organized a successful Hallowe'en Hoot and Jack-o-lantern Contest. Jacob DeGroot, 3, came dressed as a mouse.

Six-year-old Laura Volpe, Ninth Line, Stouffville, won first prize for her jack-o-lantern in the six-to-seven age category. Laura's costume caught the judges' eye as well not to mention her smile.

Family Trust Contest

Pumpkins alive for the kids

Excellent jack-o-lantern entries gave Family Trust judges a tough time Saturday at The Library's Hallowe'en Hoot. Winners were: The Smallest — Ian Corlett; The Scariest — Jordan Geehan; The Prettiest — Tamara James; The Largest — Megan Rogalski; The Funniest — Larah DeGroot; Look-Alike — Jonathan Rogalski; The Ugliest — Jacob DeGroot; Best Over-All — Aime Leadbetter.

Age class winners were: Jonathan Rogalski and Lian Leadbetter (3 to 5 years); Laura Volpe and Megan Rogalski (6 to 7 years); Jordan Geehan and Denise Neale (8-9 years); Tracy James (10-12 years).



Four-year-old Carrie Jukes, R.R.#1, Goodwood, dressed as a cowgirl, upstaged the Library's scarecrow.

Jonathan Rogalski, Aspen Crescent, Stouffville, won the jack-o-lantern look-alike category.

All-Candidates Forum concluded as arguments began to warm up

By KATE GILDERDALE, STOUFFVILLE — Friday's All-Candidates Forum at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School was really starting to heat up when moderator Jim Mason declared it was time to call it a night.

Each candidate was asked to give a speech of up to three minutes before the question period was under way.

Given the time allowed for questions, it would have made more sense to open with a brief introduction and get straight into the issues rather than reiterate information already supplied in copious amounts of campaign literature.

Some speakers appeared more prepared than others and some, like school trustee Harry Bowes, kept it mercifully brief. Nevertheless, the speeches added little new information and effectively shortened question time.

One issue that dominated the questions was affordable housing, which was brought up on three separate occasions.

Afterwards, someone suggested having a panel of residents who could compile questions on behalf of the audience to avoid repetition and cover as many issues as possible.

As it was, many were left with their concerns unvoiced.

On the affordable housing issue, there were no conclusive answers with sewage capacity and land costs being major obstacles.

Mayorally candidate Crawford Thomson suggested one way to overcome the problem: "Get a couple of friends together instead of living in your own apartment; all chip in and make it work."

Perhaps that sounded naive, but no one else could offer any short term solutions. "If we don't do something soon all the young people will leave this town and you'll be left with cranky old men like me," cautioned one resident.

Resident Kimberly Sutherland pointed out that with several candidates keen to attract new, clean industry to the area, it appeared there would be nowhere for future employees to live.

"Are there going to be better transport systems set up?" she wondered. It turned out to be a rhetorical question.

One resident observed that candidates discussed "a multitude of projects and suggestions, but nobody mentioned where the money will come from.

Will the users pay for it, or residents like me?" he asked.

His property tax had been raised 25.8 per cent this year, he noted. The villain, he was told at length, was the board of education, which took the lion's share of the increase.

He finally managed to explain he wasn't questioning the cost of necessities like schooling, just pointing out that perhaps luxuries like racquetball courts were unnecessary.

"Do you think farmers would abandon their tractors at lunchtime and go and enjoy themselves on a racquetball court?" he asked to a round of applause and laughter.

It's easy to assume that issues you consider vital are just as important to everyone else. One thing that emerged Friday night was that Stouffville is a diverse area, representing both urban and rural interests.

The meeting provided an opportunity for each side to become aware of issues affecting the other.

The recreation centre may be

big news in town, but many rural residents resent that their tax dollars go to support it.

Conversely, the state of rural residential development may be of scant interest to town dwellers, but to those affected it's a major concern.

Anyone under the illusion that the mayor and council members have an easy task must surely have revised their opinion; those on the stage who didn't know it soon discovered that serving their community meant being well-informed and aware of the issues which will shape the town's future.

Last Friday's meeting generated a generally positive response. None of our current of future representatives was under the illusion we could go on living in the past.

Despite different approaches, their message was broadly the same: Work towards carefully controlled growth while maintaining the unique atmosphere of the town in both the urban and rural areas.

Paper Drive Sat., Nov. 12

On Sat., Nov. 12, the Stouffville Scouts and Cubs will hold a fall Paper Drive beginning at 9 a.m.

Residents are asked to leave their tied bundles at laneway entrances or convenient pick-up points.

Seniors requiring assistance are requested to call 640-1941.

For Arthritis

Dear Editor:

The local branch of the Arthritis Society is currently holding its annual fund-raising campaign to aid in research for a cure.

A mailing has been completed to most homes in the area, but due to a shortage, some may have been missed.

Anyone interested in making a donation but not receiving an envelope may respond to — The Arthritis Society, c/o Mrs. Ivan Harris, 194 Main Street West, Stouffville, (L1A 3R6). A receipt will be mailed out promptly.

Art Sale

Century 21 Gerry Meharg Ltd., of Stouffville is holding a Giant Art Sale with all proceeds going to Easter Seals.

The date is Sat., Nov. 12. The location is Richardson Masonic Hall, Ninth Line North and Second Street, Stouffville.

The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will feature 'custom prints at affordable prices'.

Refreshments will be served with balloons for the children.

Program of music

An anniversary weekend of sacred music is planned for the Bloomington Christian Associated Gospel Church, Friday, Nov. 4 and Sunday, Nov. 6.

On Friday evening, at 8 p.m., participants will include — Winston Thurton and Lynn Hinchliffe of Markham; Bryan Coker and Joy Rose of Stouffville; Philip Warder of Gormley; Glenn Langford of Newmarket; and Angie Maher of Bloomington.

Organize concert

The YouthQuest Singers are coming to Springvale Baptist Church.

The first of two concerts is this Saturday, (Nov. 5), at 7 p.m. The second is Sunday, (Nov. 6) at 11 a.m.

The 13-voice choir comes from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Torchmen

The Torchmen Quartet are returning to Stouffville.

The all-male group, famous across North America, will present their 4th annual gospel concert in the Stouffville Baptist Church, Sat., Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

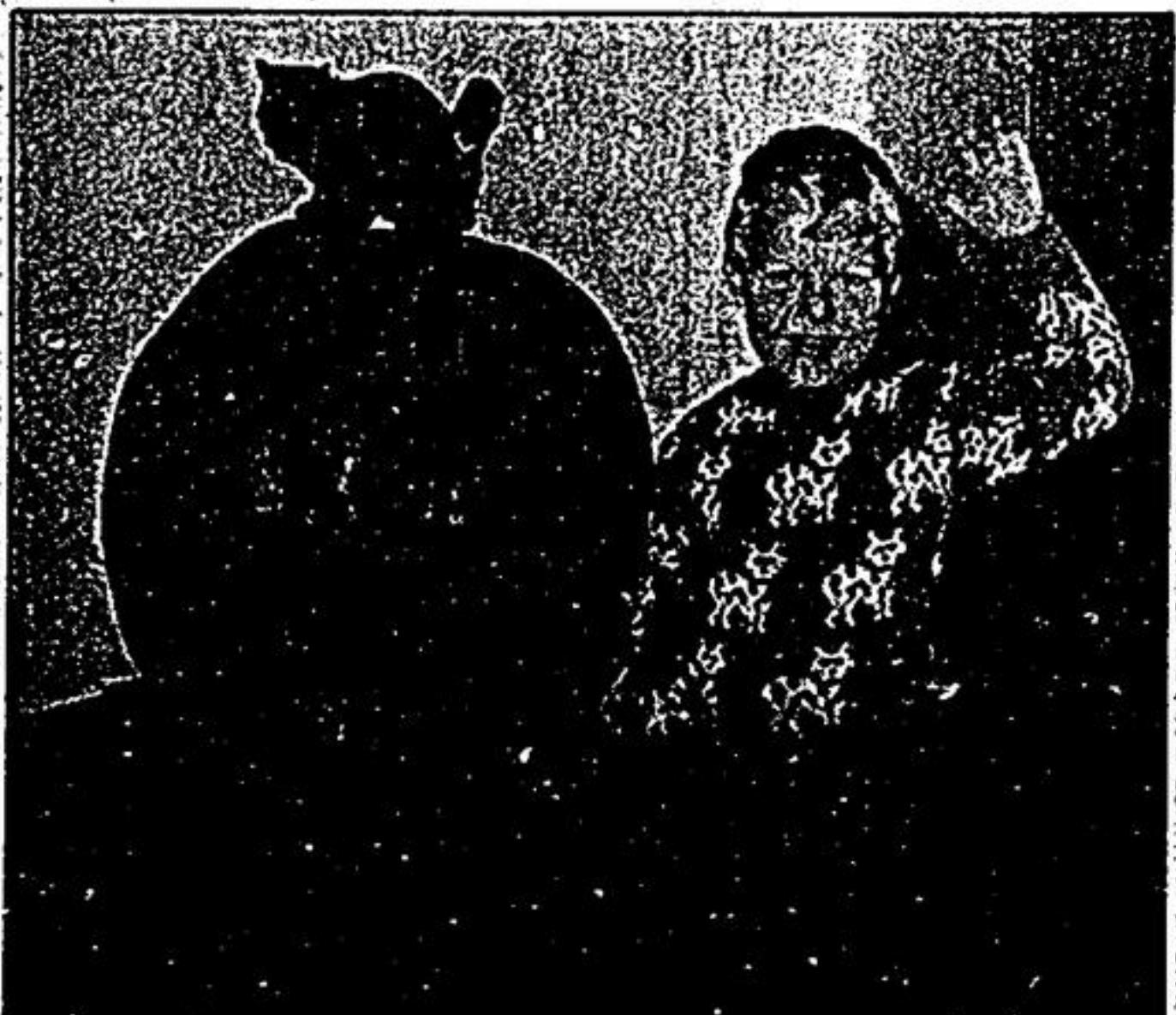
Tickets on sale

The White Church Stouffville Historical Society is holding an Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lemonville Community Hall.

Roast beef, plum pudding and all the trimmings will be served.

Dorothy Duncan, executive director of the Ontario Historical Society will speak on 'Christmas in the Past'.

Tickets, \$22.50, are available from Ruth Burkholder, (640-7391); Bill Mowat, (640-2136); or Fenella Smith, (640-6418).



A wagonload of pumpkin

If the Dion family home on 18th Avenue, Mongolia, had the largest jack-o-lantern Monday night, it was because five-year-old Ricky won this giant pumpkin in a draw at Stouffville's A&P. Store employees delivered it by truck, Thursday. It weighed almost 200 pounds.

—Jim Thomas



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