



Happy 40th!

Well-known residents Jim and Sharron Brazier celebrated 40 years of marriage together with a party for family and friends on Friday at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club.

Photo: LORI EMMERSON

Council

Consultation on betting not necessary

Ex-councillor Ken Prentice is questioning why council held an in-camera meeting to discuss telewagering at Ricci's East, formerly Chariots Motorsport Restaurant. (See page 5). Telewagering, in which bar patrons can bet on horse racing and watch the race live on television, will be featured downstairs at the revamped Chariots. The ticket booth, at which customers can place bets and collect winnings, is a completely separate entity from the restaurant and regulated by the Ontario Jockey Club. According to the Ontario Racing Commission, council has no obligation to go to the community and get input on telewagering before giving it the thumbs up. "We require some form of correspondence from the municipality that states they have no

objection to telewagering being located at that site," said Wendy Hoogeveen, of the ORC's communications branch. The ORC received such a letter from Ward 5 councillor Judy Scala. Prentice questioned how council could tell the ORC they have no objections if they have not consulted the community. According to Hoogeveen, "how the municipality goes about telling people is their business." It seems the public will have a chance to hear more about telewagering. Council is expected to approve a request from Ward 2 Councillor Ed Lyons to invite a representative of the OJC and Ricci's East co-owner Ed Hakonson to a future council meeting to explain telewagering.

—Mike Ruta



Hockey's back

Troy Sheridan was at the Stouffville Country Market shopping for skates with his dad Dave. Troy says it is just like winter again, now that the ice, snow and hockey are back.

Photo: CHERYL JOHNSON

Teen dances meeting with some success

By MIKE RUTA
Staff Reporter

Dances. More dances. That's what Stouffville youths say they want after Stouffville Parents for Teens (SPOT) accepted suggestions at the December dance at Latcham Hall. A meeting was held last Tuesday night at which SPOT discussed the suggestions and tried to figure out how to get more youths involved. "We had new faces at the meeting, which was nice to see," said president Sue Sherban. She said youths were initially reluctant to make suggestions and had to be encouraged to do so. The number one activity youths who responded wanted was more dances, which encouraged Sherban and the group to keep up the work they've been doing. "They were very pleased we are doing this for them," she said, adding she has had inquiries about a Valentine's dance. Sherban said a dance is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 17 at Latcham Hall. A local band will likely play for an hour or so before a disc jockey takes over for the rest of the night. Stouffville Parents for Teens is now an official group in town. Members of the executive include Sherban (president), Stan Kerswill (vice-president), Gina Jackson (treasurer) and Denise Forgie (treasurer). In the works are events for teens at the Strawberry Festival.

Woman in hospital, man killed in crash

A Stouffville woman is in hospital and a 40-year-old Markham man is dead after losing control of his car on a snowy road Saturday night. A North York man, who along with the Stouffville woman were occupants of another car, was also injured in the crash on Kennedy Road just south of Major Mackenzie Drive. According to police, Che Ming Cheung was southbound on Kennedy Road at about 11:20 p.m. when he lost control of his vehicle on the snow covered roadway. The 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier crossed the centre line and collided with a northbound 1989 Nissan Pathfinder. Cheung was pronounced dead at the scene. Steven Nakatsu, driver of the Pathfinder, and his passenger Anne Asa were rushed to Markham Stouffville Hospital. Nakatsu was treated in emergency and released. Asa remains in hospital. At press time she was listed in stable condition. York Regional Police continues to investigate the accident.

Crime

Truck stolen

A customized truck was stolen from a Ringwood Drive storage garage Saturday evening. According to police, at about 7 p.m. a steel rear entrance door was pried open. Once inside, the culprit stole a blue 1982 Chevy truck with a lift back box and oversized tires. The vehicle was worth about \$10,000.

Nothing stolen

A Main Street car lot was broken into Saturday evening, but nothing was stolen.

Police said, a bay window at Eldin Motors was smashed causing about \$100 damage.

Suspects nabbed

Two women and a man were arrested after more than \$11,000 in merchandise was shoplifted from a Main Street store.

Graydon Card, owner of Card's Home Hardware and Appliances, noticed individuals concealing merchandise while in the store Saturday afternoon. Police were notified and suspects were arrested in the parking lot.

About \$11,025 worth of VCRs and a compact disc player were removed from the store, police said. A 19-year-old Georgina woman, a 33-year-old Aurora man and a 34-year-old Richmond Hill woman are facing possession of stolen property charges. A court date is scheduled in February.

Parenting seminars offered

The town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's parks and recreation department, in conjunction with Kinder Kare staff, invite you to a series of free, informative group discussions on parenting for tots aged three and four. The sessions will be held at Pentecostal Church. Class dates and times are as follows:

- Four year olds, Wednesdays Feb. 8, Mar. 8 and April 12, from 9:45-11:15 a.m.
- Three year olds, Tuesdays Feb. 7, Mar. 7 and April 11, from 1:45-3 p.m.

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