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Exclusive

Co-op tries to save mill from wreckers

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Staff Reporter

A move to save Stouffville's Co-op feedmill, along with 21 jobs, has been put into overdrive, a local Co-op official confirmed Monday.

Doug Watson, general manager of the Stouffville Co-op, told *The Tribune* that while the wrecking ball gets ready to swing in the direction of the two large feed buildings, intense negotiations to save the Co-op feedmill plant have been under way for two weeks now.

"We need that building to operate the Co-op," said Watson. "We are trying to work something out."

However, Bev Simpson, a GO Transit information officer, said the Co-op feedmill building will soon be history.

Also, an official with a demolition company told *The Tribune* that the wrecker's ball will strike both buildings in about six weeks.

The Co-op feedmill will be demolished along with the

vacant Masterfeed mill, said Simpson. Yet, the timetable for the demolition has not been ironed out, she added.

The official with the Brampton-based demolition company, however, said the wrecker's ball will strike both buildings in six weeks.

The mills, both considered to be landmarks for Stouffville, are located just off of Main Street in the GO station site.

While the Masterfeed mill closed in 1991, the Co-op mill is in full operation.

The Co-op feedmill is about 80 years old. But, it's in good shape, said Watson. "It is structurally sound," he said. Canadian National (CN) owned the land and both feedmill buildings. The entire package was recently sold to GO Transit, Edmund Shea, GO Transit's senior information officer, told *The Tribune*.

Shea pointed out that the deal was a little complicated because Co-op was a tenant of CN. Nonetheless, the real estate deal, between GO and CN, was finalized three weeks ago, said Shea.

GO's plan is to turn the site into a parking lot, said Simpson. "It will be used for future parking needs," she said. A demolition crew from Greenspoon Brothers Ltd, has just constructed a hoarding (safety) barrier around the Masterfeed building in readiness for the demolition.

GO Transit has not, however, pinpointed when the wrecking crew will actually begin the task, said Simpson.

GO Transit is giving Co-op sufficient time to make other arrangements," Simpson added.

However, Shito Valdz, a project estimator with Greenspoon, told *The Tribune* that his company will demolish the Masterfeed building immediately followed by the demolition of the Co-op building, in mid-July. "We're doing the exterminating now, and there's

the business with the other tenant to be cleared up. We'll wait for both. We'll demolish both in mid-July," said Valdz.

A pest extermination involves ridding the Masterfeed building of rats, said Valdz. "The old owner left feed in there. The feed attracted the rats. And, the

building is a fire hazard. Also, there's a concern - kids have been going in there," said Valdz.

Watson, however, said GO Transit has not notified him or any other Co-op official of the plan to demolish the building. "GO hasn't communicated this to us," said Wat-

son. "It's very difficult to speak to it."

If the Co-op feedmill building, however, demolished, officials of the agricultural business will have to "find another location," said Watson. Another option is to have Co-op make arrangements with other feed mills,

said the general manager. "Mill or no mill, we'll still be in the feed business," Watson stressed.

Watson has been the general manager of the Stouffville Co-op for five years. Everything that can be done to save the job at the feedmill will be done, said Watson.

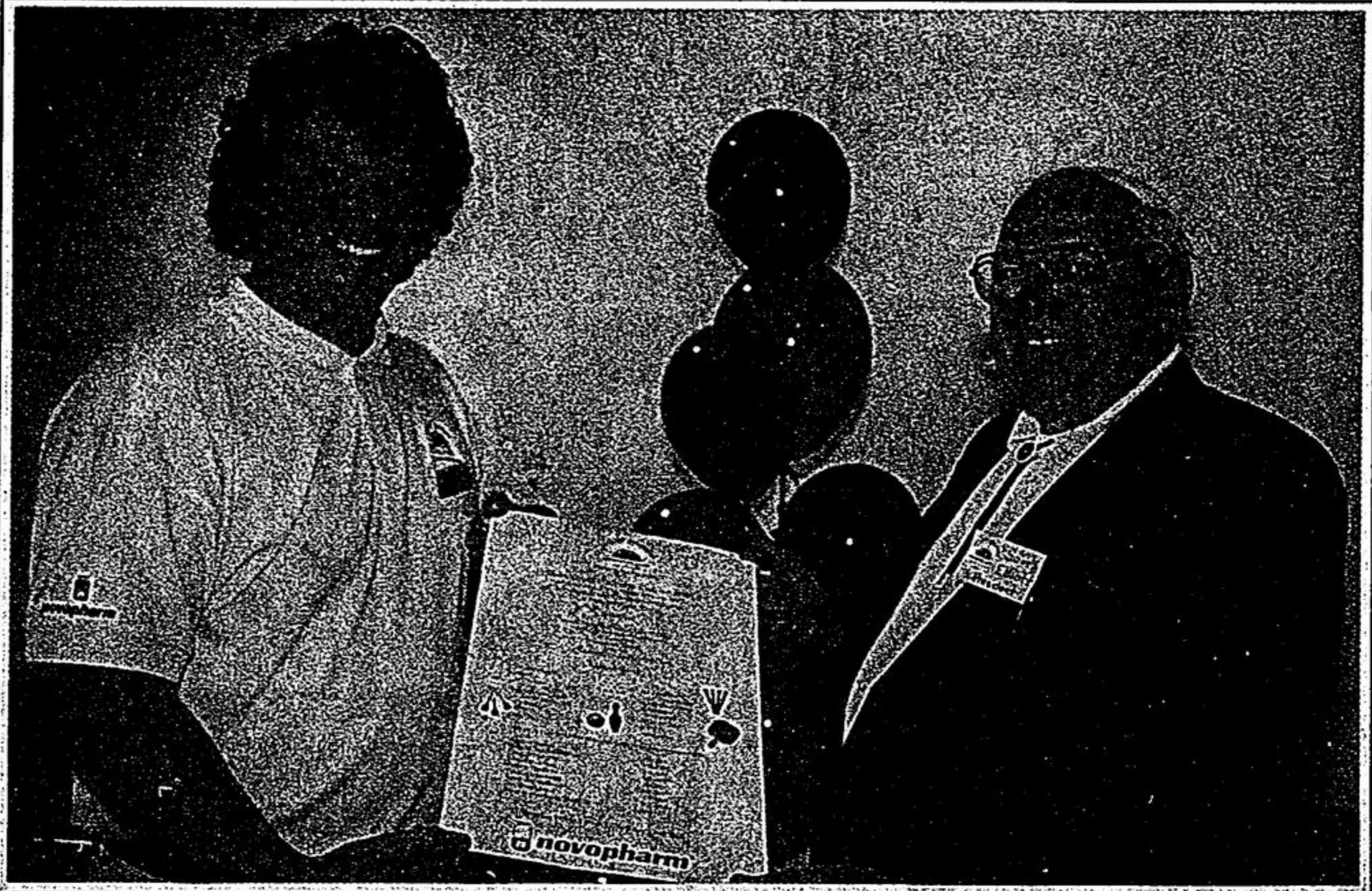
Yard sales draw fire

A two-yard sales-a-year limit is on the books in Whitchurch-Stouffville, local residents are being reminded. A bylaw stipulates that a resident of the municipality can only host two yard sales each year, councillor Margot Marshall pointed out Tuesday. Some people have more than two sales a year. Some recent yard sales caused traffic and parking problems, Marshall added.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson, meanwhile, said his office has not received complaints about yard sales. He stressed that local residents seem to enjoy hosting the sales, while "yarding" is now viewed as a recreational activity.

Purchasing at yard sales gives people a financial break, said Councillor Ivanka Bradley.

—Joan Ransberry



Let the games begin

Town recreation programmer Peter Arnott and senior games committee president Sam Elliott officially opened the 1995 York Region Senior Games Monday.

Photo: STEVE SOMERVILLE

Senior Games open in Stouffville

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

Upwards of 1,000 seniors have converged on Stouffville for the annual York Region Senior Games this week.

The games, which feature the motto Seniors for Seniors, runs from this past Monday, May 29, through June 16, with most events to take place in town.

Things got underway with an opening ceremonies program and barbecue Monday at Parkview Village, Ninth Line S. The events began with a progressive open doubles euchre event.

A golf competition is scheduled for the Maples of Balantrae today, Tuesday, May 30. Wednesday will feature bowling at the Stouffville Bowling Centre, with the first week of the games concluding with snooker on Thursday and Friday.

Events the second and third weeks include swimming, badminton, tennis, table tennis, contract bridge, shuffleboard, lawn bowling, bocci and darts.

The games have been coordinated by the York Region Senior Games Planning Committee, which includes several Whitchurch-Stouffville residents. The town recreation department is providing support and liaison.

The Senior Games concept began in Ontario in 1982, with York Region holding its first games in 1986. The games, which are open to people 55 and over, include a variety of events of interest to seniors. The object of the games is to provide the participants with cultural, recreational and fitness activities enabling them to use their talents and meet new friends.

Participants must register for events at the Whitchurch-Stouffville recreation department. A nominal fee applies to each event.

People

Students are tops

By MEGAN HOUSTON
SDSS Correspondent

Two Stouffville District Secondary Students should take a bow.

Andrea Crothers and Amy Butcher have done themselves and their school proud.

Crothers, BUTCHER, competing against 700 others, has earned a \$15,000 nursing scholarship. Butcher, meanwhile, competing against a student from every school in Canada, has placed in the top 20 for academic excellence.

Crothers was awarded the

scholarship from Hamilton's McMaster University's School of Nursing.

The special scholarship will cover a four-year nursing education program.

The school nominated the 18-year-old Crothers to receive one of the 12 scholarship provided by the university. School principal Alan Dickson expressed his pride for Crothers. He announced to the staff and student body that she was chosen from 700 other applicants to receive this special award.

In order to qualify for the

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Summertime water restrictions imposed

Once again, seasonal water restrictions have been imposed in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

On Tuesday, Mayor Wayne Emmerson announced that a public notice dealing with the water restriction is included in the water bill which is circulated within the municipality. During June, July and August, local residents are asked to water lawns and gardens and to wash vehicles, the sidewalks and driveways by hose and in the morning between 6 and 9 a.m. only.

"Water is a precious thing. We've got more than the United States, but we have to be mindful of its use," said Emmerson. The notice points out that houses with odd house numbers many water only on odd days of the month between 6 and 9 a.m. People living in houses with even house numbers may water in the morning on even days of the month.

Failure to abide by these water restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$5,000. Emmerson is urging residents to take extra care in preserving water. The mayor recommends that residents check faucets, pipes and even toilets for leaks.

Town officials are also reminding residents that the shower alone uses 25 to 50 gallons while a tub bath in a full tub uses 36 gallons. "A bath in a partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers," said Emmerson.

Emmerson recommends that residents install water-saving shower heads, use automatic washing machines and dish washers only for full loads, use a rain barrel or container at the eavestrough to collect rain water for lawn watering.



Happy 50th

The Silver Jubilee Club was the scene of much celebrating as Doris and Ed McAlooney enjoyed their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

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