



Fair's on

A ribbon cutting to celebrate the official opening of the 151st annual Markham Fair was held Thursday at noon. On hand for the ceremony was (from left) Fair Princess Rachel Lewis, Fair vice-president Carrie Purcell, Fair first vice-president Jan King, Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Fair Queen Kathy Downes, Fair president Doug Savage, Markham Mayor Don Cousens and Fair Princess Alison Jeaps. Markham Fair continues until Sunday at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, McCowan Rd. and Elgin Mills Rd. Photo/LORI EMMERSON

Accident victim Caroline Rea on road to recovery

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

Caroline Rea's road to recovery is gradually leading home. The 34-year-old former Stouffville resident, who was seriously injured in a head-on collision which claimed the life of her husband Rocco Rea June 8, left hospital Sept. 14. Caroline Rea suffered a broken jaw and clavicle, her pelvis was broken in three places, and she endured a closed head injury and lost 10 teeth in the accident, which occurred in Markham. She spent a month in Sunnybrook Hospital before being transferred to Queen Eliza-

beth Hospital, where she remained for the past two and a half months before returning to her parents' Lemonville home for further convalescence. According to her mother Barb Carr, Rea is walking with a cane, and has regained some movement in her left arm, which she had been unable to use since the accident. She is undergoing three physiotherapy sessions and three occupational therapy sessions weekly, and is also seeing a social worker. She is able to talk, and is aware of everything around her. Carr said her daughter is still seeing double and may

require muscle surgery in her eyes. "She's coming along really well," said Carr. "They said she would have a couple of days where she would go forward, and then one backward. But so far they've all been forward!" Carr said her daughter, who worked for three years as an orthopedic nurse at the Hospital For Sick Children in Toronto before the accident, is looking forward to returning to her Richmond Hill home. "She hopes to return to work as soon as next year, although it may be 1997 before she can go back. She's really determined."

Police invited to town council

By JOAN RANSBERRY
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Police presence in Stouffville will be explained at a town meeting providing the York Regional Police accept an invitation. On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council backed Councillor Ivanka Bradley's call to invite the local police brass to attend a council meeting to explain such matters as law enforcement including overall police presence in Stouffville. As well, the police will be asked to explain how policing is carried out in rural areas.

Police-response time for incidents taking place in Stouffville has been questioned. According to Bradley, there's a concern that recent cutbacks by the provincial government will hit police departments and consequently alter the way police service is delivered to Stouffville. Bradley told *The Tribune* rural residents worry about the police being able to respond adequately to their emergency needs. In the past, Stouffville residents have been subjected to such things as "field parties" where 100 young people gath-

er in an open space area and party. The revellers are from out of town and because it is Stouffville, they don't have to worry about the police turning up too quickly. Staff was directed to send a letter to the York Regional Police outlining Stouffville's concerns along with a request asking that someone from the force address council as soon as possible. While it was suggested a member of York Regional Police Service Board attend the meeting in Stouffville, Bradley said the board has declined the invitation.

MPP to head up volunteer initiative

Durham-York MPP Julia Munro has been appointed to lead a government initiative aimed at promoting and encouraging volunteerism. This is Munro's second major appointment since being elected in June. Two months ago, the 52-year-old Munro was named Premier Mike Harris' parliamentary assistant. Munro said the mandate given this government represents a "rejection of institutionalized big government" and a return to the belief that we all can be more self-reliant and accept more personal responsibility. "We cannot continue to expect government to do everything," said Munro. "There must be a new partnership. Setting new directions for fiscal responsibility means there will be more emphasis placed on individual responsibility. Our government will clear the way for increased volunteer activity." The Durham-York MPP noted that our communities could not function without the dedicated work and fine ethics of volunteers who give so much of their time and energy. "Volunteers have a longstanding history of deriving personal satisfaction and a sense of well-being by putting aside their own interests and doing something to benefit others," said Munro. The MPP said that volunteers make a commitment to the less fortunate. "They express that commitment in a variety of ways, according to their means and abilities. Volunteers share their expertise, energy and time. They don't volunteer because they seek personal reward. They volunteer because they care."

- Joan Ransberry



High five
The Markham Fair scarecrow greets visitors as they enter the fairgrounds on opening day Thursday.

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