



New in town

The Stouffville Discount Store opened with the help of Mayor Wayne Emmerson (centre) last week. From left are Bittu and Minni Shota, Emmerson, and Kiran, Munish, and Navnit Sharma.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Harrowsmith makes star of railway

York-Durham Heritage Railway is going to be a star. A crew from Harrowsmith Television Productions visited Stouffville and Uxbridge Friday to film work on Uxbridge's Grand Trunk Railway Station, which is being restored to its former glory by volunteers so that it can be incorporated into the planned tourist railway between the two communities.

Representatives of Harrowsmith Magazine were also on the scene, working on the third part of their series on the restoration project. Early in the day, the television crew arrived at Schell Lumber in Stouffville, which is supplying missing trim sections for the station, and recorded the production process in the heritage wood shop with master carpenter Harry Schell.

The rest of the day was spent at the Uxbridge station, where Minwax products were applied by company experts to create an authentic finish to the interior wood panelling. A team of local volunteers was on hand to assist with the project.

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The Uxbridge station has been videoed and photographed and was presented as a heritage project at (Minwax's) international convention in Florida, explained Woods, an avid proponent of historical restoration projects in the area who has donated many hours of time to work at the station.

With the assistance of various companies in supplying products and labor, a hard-working group of volunteers and the strong support of Uxbridge Township, Woods said, "the station will be done for probably about 10 to 15 per cent of what it would normally cost."

Kate Gilderdale

Letters

Breaking laws, no matter how small is still not right

Dear Editor,

Here it is Dec. 1 and I wonder how many cars were parked on the streets of Stouffville last night.

It seems to me that we divide our minds into two when it comes to breaking the law.

There are big laws against theft and murder which most of us would never break. Then there are the little laws which are okay to break.

The problem is more and more people have a hard time separating the big ones from the little ones.

How do you tell your children that Daddy broke the law and parked on the street? It's not really his fault, but that of the politicians who made the law or the policeman who wrote the ticket (which is very seldom).

How about the dog owner who takes his dog(s) to the conservation area to let them run free (they need exercise) and then doesn't bother picking up after them (because it is more natural or is it just macho)?

How about the drivers who don't stop at the stop signs on Millard between midnight and seven in the morning because there is no one coming anyway? I guess it's okay to cheat on our income tax, too, if it's just a small item and we don't get caught?

Is it any wonder that our children are having problems deciding on what is right from wrong? It seems that Mom and Dad have the same problem.

*Aubrey Wilkinson
Stouffville*

Studies have tapped us dry

Dear Editor,

Now we have consultants trying to make our city bigger. Didn't we get enough of that when we created regional government? Less politicians and school trustees? They are the only ones who can control these bureaucrats spending. Haven't we found out from experience that the bigger a place gets the less efficient, farther from the people. It isn't the politicians and trustees that cost us so much, it's top bureaucrats and consultants that are hired, also the studies that are done.

Maybe we should do a study and find out how much of our tax dollars go to studies, consultants and lawyers. It isn't just small government, it's all governments. Some of us can remember when we didn't even need or have a bylaw officer.

Maybe the old ways of doing things weren't so bad after all. At least if the politician made the mistake we knew who it was. It also seems we just go from one crisis to another at all levels of government.

Even our former Prime Minister is suing the federal government. Wouldn't an apology be better if he is innocent?

I'm sure he don't need the money. That way we would all have more respect for him.

*My view from here,
Jim Rae
Stouffville*

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Cat Came Home on

Whitchurch-Stouffville Library brings Christmas a little closer this afternoon with a presentation by the Mr. Theatre Co. that will delight youngsters.

The Cat That Came Home For Christmas follows the adventures of a jaunty alley cat and his friends, incorporating music, slapstick and clowning in a production featuring fabulous life-size puppets.

The fun begins at 2 p.m. and admission is \$2 at the door.