

Area resident a veteran of fight against spreading rabies

For Stouffville area resident Dr. Charlie MacInnes, spending five weeks in Texas fighting a rabies epidemic is a little bit like going home again. MacInnes is a second year veteran of

the Ontario/Texas aerial rabies baiting project that started in 1995. He also spent part of his PhD thesis in goose country

just north of Alice, Texas in 1961. The Ministry of Natural Resources coordinator for rabies research and control in Ontario said, "This is an incredible project. We have Ontario rabies unit and aviation staff working closely with the Texans who come from the department of health, department of agriculture's animal damage control, the Texas National Guard, and gets along well and the project runs very smoothly. It is not unlike the annual Ontario rabies baiting program," he noted. "This is just done on a bigger scale. Like Ontario though, the project runs seven days a week, dawn to dusk.

"This is also very interesting country," said MacInnes. "It is flat and typical chaparral with lots of cactus and mesquite trees. There's grazing lands and within 20 minutes flying east we're over the coastal plains of the Gulf of Mexico, and to the west, mountains and the Rio Grande.

"There are more coyotes per square kilometre in Texas than there are red foxes per square kilometre in Ontario." Other wildlife abound in Texas as well. "On any given three-hour bait dropping flight, the people on the aircraft report seeing white-tailed deer, antelope, elk, wild pigs and goats. And there are millions of birds," said MacInnes. Texas is on the southern migratory flyway and large numbers of birds winter in the Lone Star State, as one of the MNR pilots found out when a flock of smaller birds flew into the aircraft and six evident strikes showed up on the nose and windscreens. The Texans jokingly threatened to report him to a conservation officer for exceeding the bag limit.

"These are wonderful people to work with," said MacInnes. "They go out of their way to be helpful and everybody is so pleasant and courteous, including the local residents working in hotels, restaurants and shops."

Since this is the last year of Ontario's two year contract and there could be a couple more years baiting for coyote rabies, plus several more years baiting for gray fox rabies, the Texans will have to re-tender the job and Ontario will have to bid again. "We definitely want to see this project through to successful completion," said MacInnes. "Right now Ontario is being positioned in a very positive light as a world leader in rabies research and large-scale aerial vaccination."

This could lead to additional projects with other states in the northeastern U.S. Laura Bigler, who heads up rabies research at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. and who is a driving force behind the proposed vaccination projects in the U.S. mid-Atlantic region, is very keen on utilizing Ontario aerial vaccination baiting to fight raccoon rabies in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Hampshire and Maine.

"This particular strain of raccoon rabies is threatening to move into Canada through Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick," said MacInnes. "It is definitely in our best interests to support the fight against this disease in the U.S. and eliminate it there before we have to contend with it here." Ontario MNR aircraft made limited vaccine bait drops in New York State in 1995 and '96, with financial support from Quebec, and state officials are very impressed with the results.


CHURCHILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DECORATION SERVICE
Sun. June 8th, 1997
3 P.M.
Speaker: Pastor Ebenezer M. Sikakane
Soloists: Jackie MacMurchy
 (9th Line N. of Aurora Sdrd.)

BLOOMINGTON GOSPEL CHURCH
 13660 Ninth Line
 (South of Bloomington Rd.)
SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1997
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 Dan Dwyer
 6:30 p.m. - Evening Service
 Everyone Welcome

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of CHRIST CHURCH
 254 Sunset Blvd.
 The Rev. Robert A. Shields 640-1461
JUNE 8th, 1997
Third Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Church School & Nursery provided
 Everyone Welcome!

Springvale Baptist Church
 Stouffville Rd. at Kennedy Rd.
887-5651
 Senior Pastor: Bob Flemming
 Associate Pastor: Byron Stewart
 Associate Pastor: Bill Thornton
 Youth Pastor: Brian Simcoe
 Visitation Pastor: Bill Smith
Sunday, June 8th, 1997
 9:45 am - Family Bible School
 11:00 am - 55 Alive Sunday
 Pastor Bill Thornton
 6:00 pm - Concert of Prayer
 Adult Prayer and Bible Study

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
 10530 Hwy. 48 - North of Major Mackenzie
 Phone: 640-6219
 Pastor Lawrence Burkholder 294-0649
SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 1997
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Service
 Pastor Lawrence Burkholder
 7:00 p.m. - Geralde Reesor IVEP Interview
 Vacation Bible School July 7-11
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 Pastor - Rev. Gordon Bickle
Sunday, June 8th, 1997
Bible Class - 10 am.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
 Message
 "The astounding ministry of the spirit"
Music - Miss Amanda Fockler
 Instrumental
WEDNESDAY
 7:30 p.m. Hour of Power
 "If you pause to think,
 you'll have cause to thank"
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Stouffville Missionary Church
 6500 Main St., Stouffville
 640-3911
 Teacher/Co-ordinator Pastor - Lou Geense
 Administrative Pastor - Dave Ianuzzo
 Youth/CE Pastor - Mark Pratt
Sunday, June 8th, 1997
 Pastor - Lou Geense
 9:30am - Attitudes, Killers & Givers
 11:00am - Virus Detection and Cleaning Part 1
 6:30pm - Testimony Service
 Sunday School Program
 For all ages - 9:30am
 Bringing Hope in a Changing World

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
 34 Church St. N.
 640-1163
 Rev. Robert Nightingale
Sunday, June 8th, 1997
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 Sunday School from Baby Fold to the Grade 8 level
 Everyone Welcome

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 345 GLAD PARK AVE.
 STOUFFVILLE - 640-6665
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 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00
 Weekdays: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 7:30 p.m.

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 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
 Everyone is Welcome

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
TENDER CALL
 Sealed tenders, for the following contract, placed in the envelopes provided, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Clerk's Department, Municipal Offices, 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 7Z6 until:
THURSDAY, JUNE 12th, 1997
3:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME
CONTACT WS-97-11 - RECREATION COMPLEX PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION
 The work consists of the supply of all material, labour, and equipment to excavate, construct and pave the south parking lot of the Recreation Complex located within the community of Stouffville. Materials required will consist of placing 1381 Tonnes of Granular "A", 6057 tonnes of Granular "B" and 450 tonnes of HL-3 Asphalt as specified on the Contract Drawings.
 Tender documents may be obtained from the Clerk's Department at the above mentioned address, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time, Monday to Friday on payment of a \$20.00 non-refundable fee payable to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
 If information is required, please contact Mr. T. Parry, P.Eng. Director of Engineering/Planning or Mr. M. Cooper, C.E.T. Development Technologist at (905) 640-1900 or (905) 895-2423
 The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, and also reserves the right to accept other than the lowest bidder.