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Train station right on track

COMMUNITY

JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Reporter

The finishing touches are being put on the cornerstone of Stouffville.

Construction of the York-Durham Heritage Railway tourist train station is nearing completion. Early this morning, a work crew was scheduled to put the dry wall on the 70 by 30-foot structure. The rest of the siding will go up on Monday and Tuesday, while the interior and the plumbing will be finished soon after.

With the station up, it won't be long before people can buy a ticket to take the scenic train trip to

Uxbridge.

Although the official opening for the Stouffville station is slated for June 28 at 10:30 a.m., local Mayor Wayne Emmerson is pushing for an early opening.

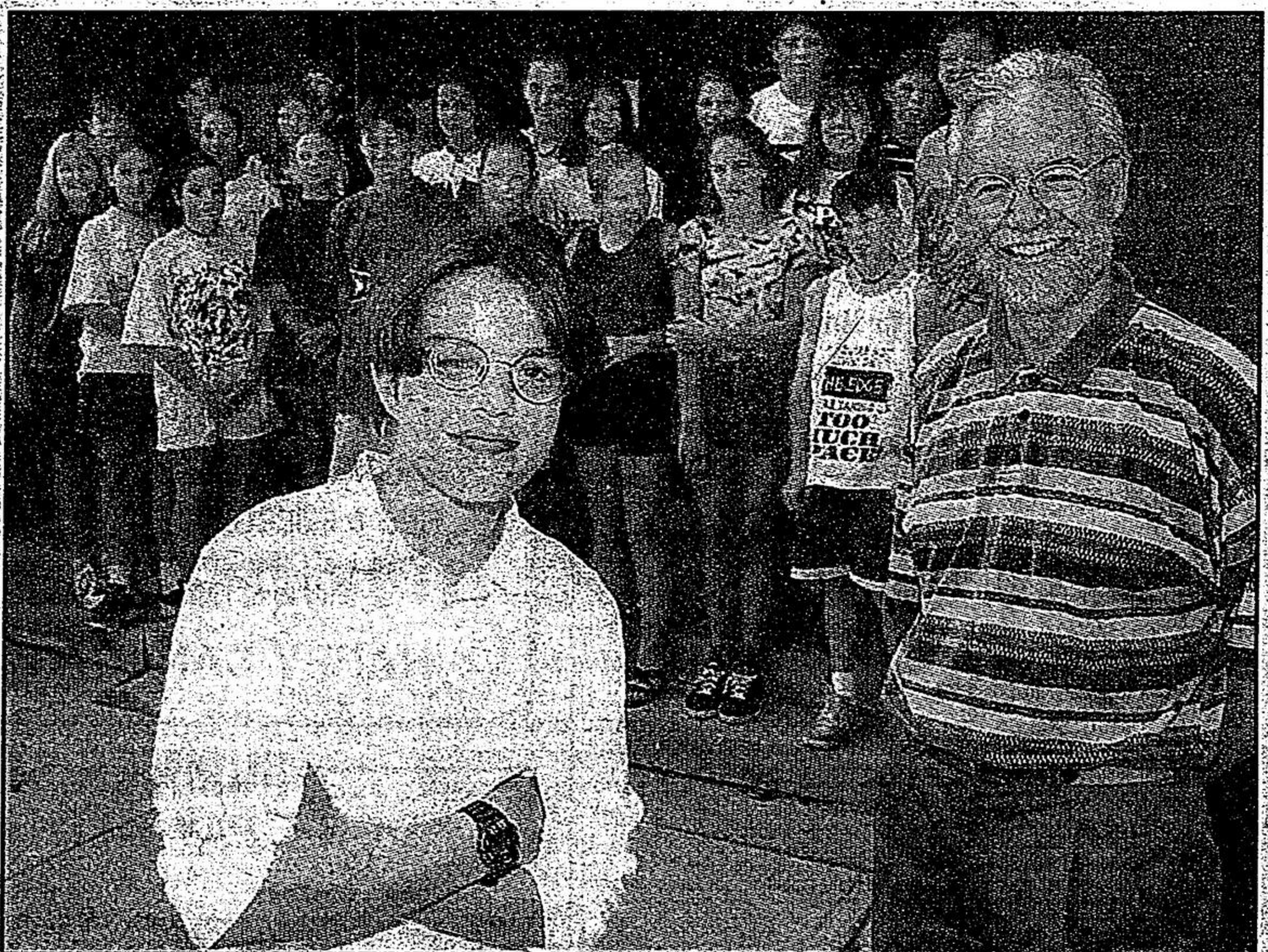
"I'm going to try to get it up and running by June 25," said Emmerson.

The multi-purpose facility cost about \$130,000 to build, but it's valued at about \$210,000. It is, indeed, a joint project.

"It's been a wonderful community effort," said Emmerson.

The mayor points out that project partners include the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Com-

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PERFECT SCORE: Thomas Strand-Allard, a Grade 7 pupil at Summitview is a true math wiz. He had a perfect score in the recent Gauss math quiz. He poses here with teacher Ted Shepherd and the other participants.

Photo by LORI EMMERSON

He's a real wiz-kid!

KATE GILDERDALE
 Correspondent

Thomas Strand-Allard, who is in Grade 7 at Summitview Public School, was one of four students in York Region to achieve a perfect score in the 1997 Gauss math contest.

The international contest, which is sponsored each year in Canada by the University of Waterloo, is open to top mathematical students from schools throughout the country. "In York Region this year, there were 80 schools which entered this contest at the Grade 7 and 8 levels," said Summitview math teacher, Beverly Hill.

"We had 13 Grade 7 students and 11 Grade 8 students who were selected and wrote the contest."

Across the region, 1,771 students in Grade 7 and 1,872 in Grade 8 took the test, she noted.

While Thomas was the only one at Summitview to achieve 100 per cent this year, the school did exceptionally well overall. He and two of his classmates—Matthew Wright and Joanne Crymble—were among the top 91 Grade 7s from York Region to have their names recorded on an honor roll plaque at the University of Waterloo.

Heather Lyon, Ben Lowrie, Andrew George and Lindsey Hutchison were among 100 Grade 8 students in the region to achieve the same distinction.

Last year, Lindsey also attained a perfect score in the test. As well, the following students received certificates of distinction, given to those who score in the top 25 per cent of all students in each grade who write the test:

Grade 7—Thomas Strand-Allard, Matthew Wright, Joanne Crymble, Jewel Keller, Jessica

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News you can use

■ The York Regional Police detective stabbed in the neck in the hallway of the Newmarket courthouse on Monday morning has been released from hospital.

Det. Robert Wiche was released from Sunnybrook Health Science Centre and is resting at his home in northern York Region.

In February, Wiche was charged by the SIU with manslaughter, in connection with the June 1996 shooting

death of a Markham teenager. He was attending the first day of a preliminary hearing into the charge.

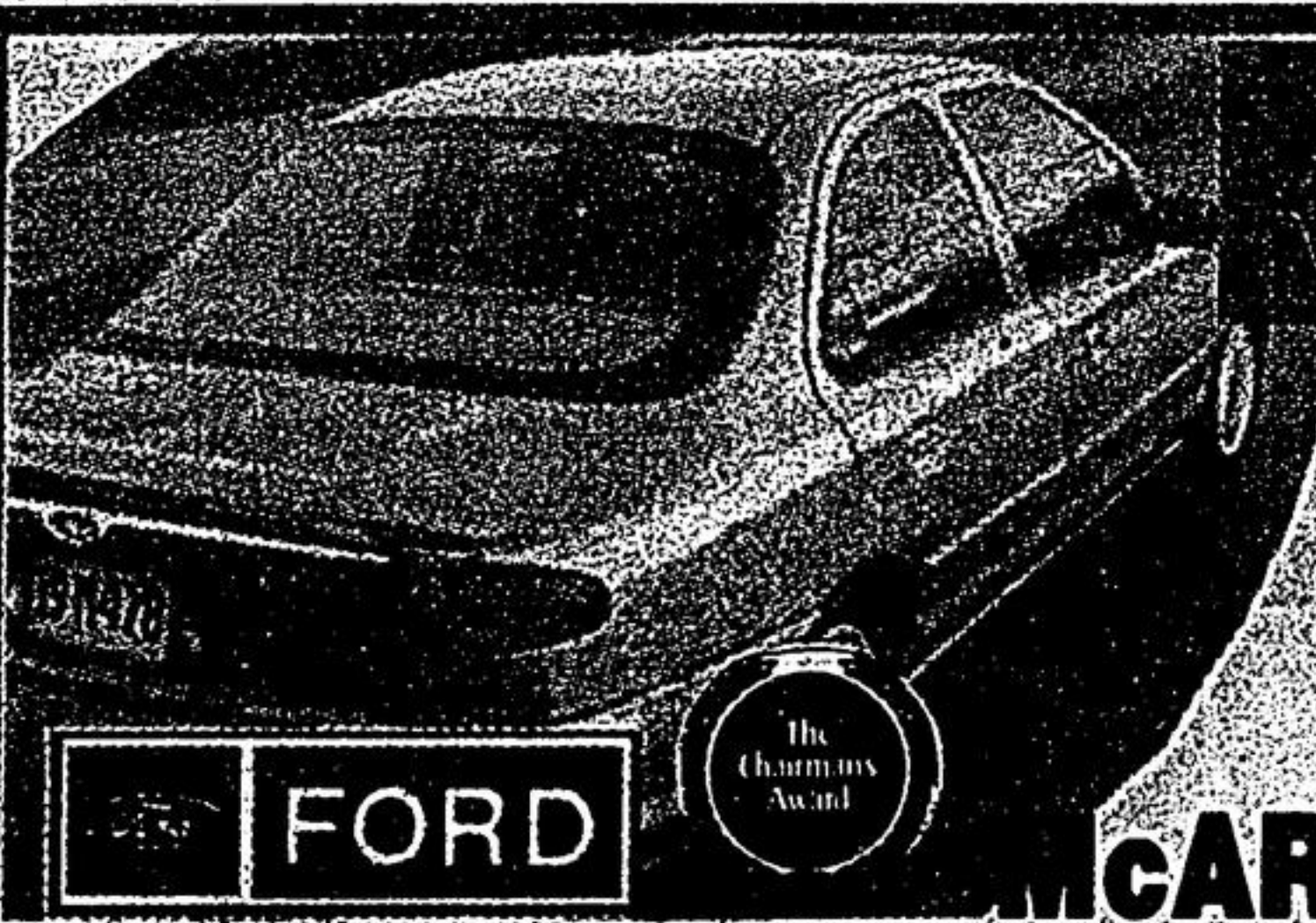
A 15-year-old teen was arrested Monday, shortly after Wiche was attacked, and charged with attempted murder.

The preliminary hearing into Wiche's manslaughter charge will continue on August 18.

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