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Erie may close after 36 years

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Erie Manufacturing Company's days are numbered in Ballantrae. *The Tribune* has learned.

The future of 50 people employed at the Hwy. 48 plant will be known before the end of the year, general manager Sylvio Linsincho confirmed Friday.

The manufacturing of two out of three product lines at Erie is shifting to the United States. While one line will remain in Canada, it's unlikely that it will stay at the Ballantrae plant, said Linsincho. This line, the water treatment operation, could find its way to Toronto.

Downsizing at the local branch is well under way, Linsincho stresses. The company's motor-

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ized valve operation has already gone to the US, while the damper operation is slated to go, said Linsincho.

The full effect on the workers at the Ballantrae plant will be known in about three months, said Linsincho.

"We'll know better in Decem-

ber," said Linsincho.

Erie Manufacturing, a US-

owned industry, has been in Ballantrae for 36 years.

Retirement centre expansion okayed

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A plan to expand Eastern Gate Retirement Community in Stouffville has been given another green light.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council gave the nod to a development plan for about 73 more units to be built on eight acres at the Main Street East location.

The first phase of the development, made up of 34 cluster homes, is occupied now.

Bruce Arrowsmith, spokesperson for Eastern Gate Retirement Community, said most of the seniors moving into the

retirement community are Stouffville residents.

The new plan, which is the third phase, calls for 15 blocks of cluster units and a three-level apartment building to be constructed in phases.

The second phase, approved earlier in the summer, was for nine bungalows.

Eastern Gate Retirement Community is a non-profit Christian foundation.

The goal of the organization is to benefit the community.

While the land housing the project was owned by the Stouffville Pentecostal Church, the housing complex is non-denominational.



TASTE TEST: Sylvie Katirai, left, tests the panciti guisado, a chicken and noodle recipe from the Philippines, concocted at the Cooking, Culture and Conversation day held at the Stouffville home of Jaleh Victory. On hand for the taste test were Edna Dehghani, Amy Herbito, Linda Heravi, and Rose Riemer, stirring the pot. Residents are invited to Victory's kitchen on a monthly basis to learn about a new culture, prepare a meal and enjoy the food with some new friends. Other cultures featured included India and Japan.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Food bank needs...

The response to the Stouffville Food Bank's request for pasta last week was great, said bank workers.

Earlier this month *The Tribune* reported that the local food bank was short on supplies. To make it easier for people wanting to make much-needed donations, the food bank is asking for specific items on a weekly basis, hoping to stockpile the most needed ones.

With the Thanksgiving food drive just around the corner, the Stouffville Food Bank is hoping to get a head start on stocking its shelves.

Food bank volunteers reported that residents responded with many donations of pasta, in addition to a variety of tinned sauces.

This week, the food bank is asking for pork and beans as well as tinned vegetables. Donations can be made at the local A&P, IGA, Weston Foods, the Care and Share Shop and *The Tribune* office, and anyone wishing to volunteer can call 640-1321.

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