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7 The long weekend is approaching and residents are urged to keep ERs free and clear.

ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR

EVENT: Antique and classic car show
WHEN: Sunday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum



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POLICE: Latest rumour circulates about missing woman

Disturbed earth checked by police

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

A police search failed to turn up a grave or a body on Mostar Road in Stouffville Tuesday evening.

A report of disturbed earth near the soccer fields at the back of Cable Tech and Novapharm Pharmaceuticals, was investigated by about 15 York Regional Police officers, triggering speculation that the body of a missing Newmarket woman had been found.

Jammy Lamondin-Gagnon was "first and foremost on our mind" when police received a call that the ground had been disturbed, Det. Frank Taylor told the *Stouffville Tribune*.

A woman walking her dog noticed something out of place and called police, Taylor said.

"It looked like there may have been a grave," he said.

The area was roped off and a thorough check carried out but nothing was found, Taylor said.

The last person to see Lamondin-Gagnon alive was Pol Claassen of Goodwood. The 27-year-old committed suicide in Vandorf a week after police questioned him about the woman's disappearance.

Evidence gathered by police indicates that on May 29, the pair spent time together in a Newmarket night spot and then in a home in Stouffville.

Numerous searches by police and the woman's family have been unsuccessful.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Chrissy Hood, on ground, and Malcolm Gilderdale struggle with a tall ladder as the College Pros get set to paint a house on Main Street in Stouffville Tuesday as part of a summer work project.

Firehall tab could reach scorching \$1 million

Ballantrae to experience most Stouffville growth

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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Ballantrae's million dollar fire hall is about to open.

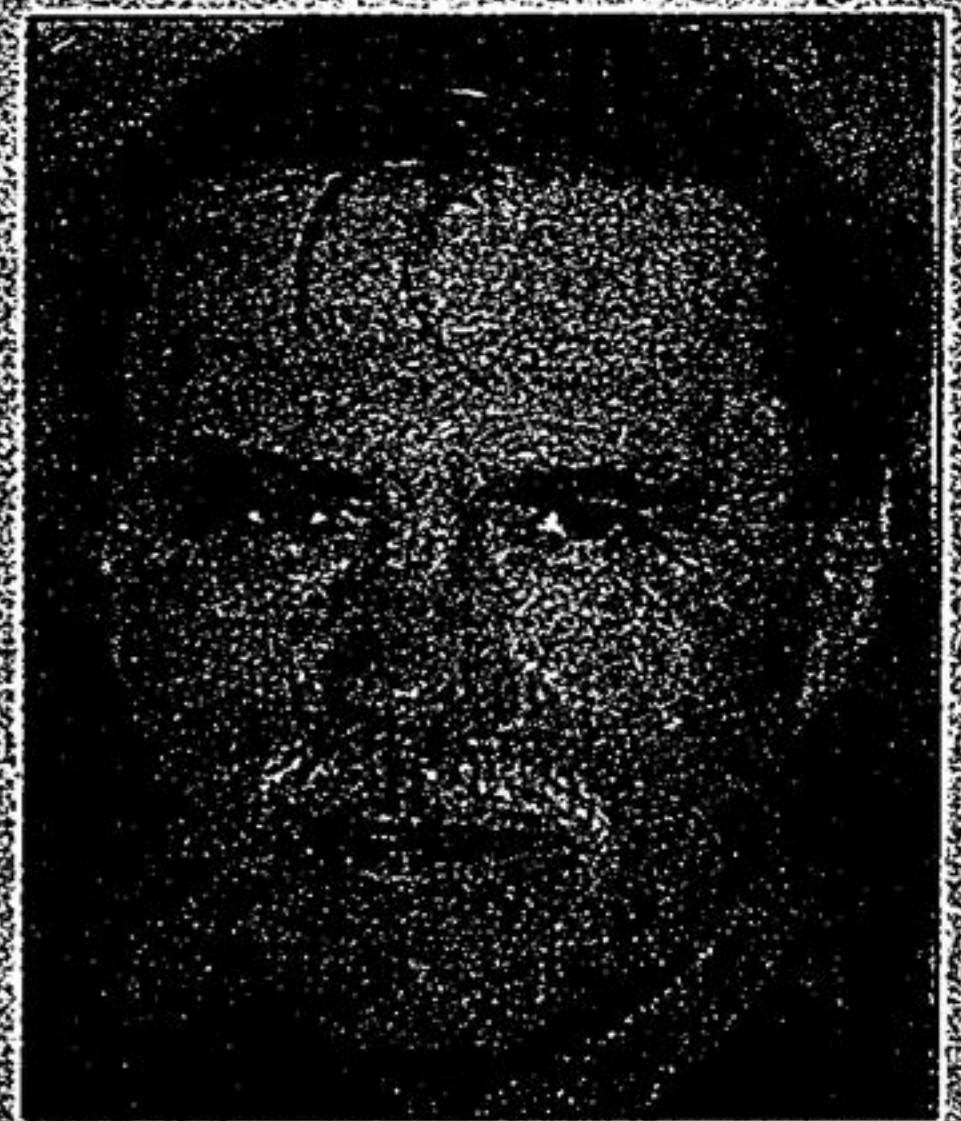
While work crews put the finishing touches on the new 12,000-square-foot facility on Hwy. 48, Fire Chief Bill Brown is working on a master plan for the department, including deciding if the chief's office will

move from the Main Street station to the five-acre site.

"I know some people thought we went overboard," Mark Carroll, Ballantrae councillor, said.

"We definitely need more office space,"

Some local politicians questioned the fact the proposed cost of the fire hall has almost doubled from the original budget. At first, town officials suggested a \$500,000 hall would be appropriate. It's been confirmed that the actual cost



BILL BROWN: Chief may move Main Street office to new five-acre site.

could go high as \$940,000. Gottardo Construction Ltd. secured the contract for the job beating out 40 other contractors.

"I know some people thought we went overboard," Councillor Mark Carroll said.

"We're spending almost \$1 million, but the town needs this. The station on Main Street can't expand. There's no room. This (new station) will eventually become the town's main fire station."

In fact, more growth will occur in the Ballantrae area.

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