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4 TD Canada Trust closing two Stouffville branches, opening bank with drive-thru at IGA plaza.

ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR
EVENT: 7th annual Art in the Park
WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Markham Museum, Hwy. 48 (294-2200)



18 Hit the trail! Whitchurch Conservation Area one of region's hidden gems.

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WATER BAN ON IN STOUFFVILLE, BALLANTRAE

High weekend usage, hot weather to blame

BY JEFF MITCHELL
 Staff Writer

Drought-like conditions and dwindling well levels have led York Region to issue a ban on outdoor water uses in some communities.

Debbie Korolnek, manager of water and wastewater with the region's works department, said an earlier request for voluntary restraint on the part of homeowners was upgraded as dry conditions persisted this week.

An outright ban on lawn watering, car washing and other uses has been imposed on municipal water customers in the following communities: Aurora, Newmarket, Holland Landing, Queensville, Sharon, Mount Albert, Ballantrae, Stouffville, King City, Kleinburg, Nobleton and Schomberg.

An advisory on limiting water use is in place in other municipalities.

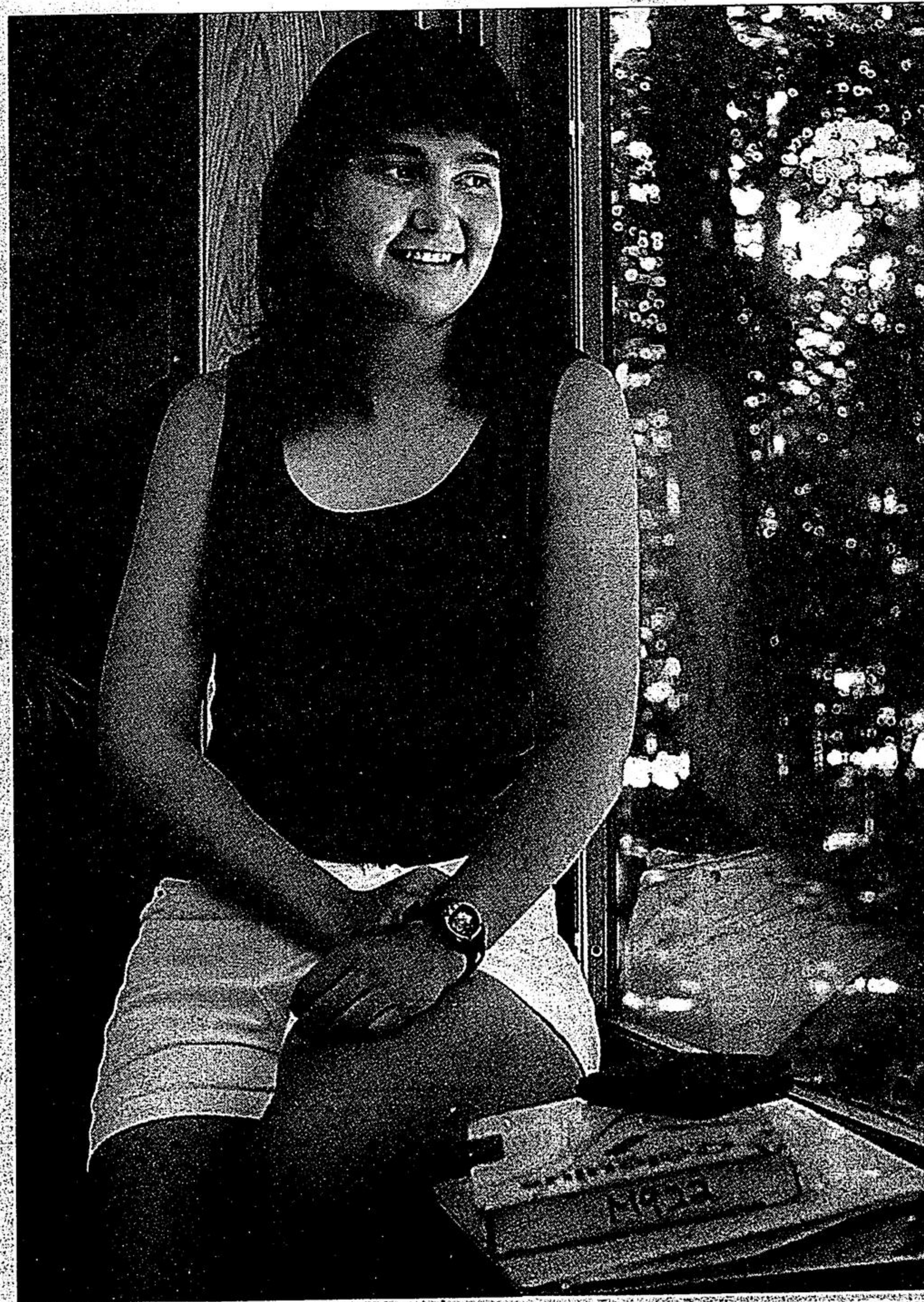
The region sounded the alarm Monday, issuing a news release imploring residents to cut back on water use. A measurement of regional wells after another hot, dry weekend indicated a sharp drop in levels, Ms Korolnek said.

"Demands were very, very high over this past weekend," she said Tuesday. "We had hoped to recover a little bit Monday when the demand went down, but we

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THURSDAY FOCUS

97.8 average heads list of 14 Ontario Scholars at Stouffville Secondary



STAFF PHOTOS/JOERD WITTEVEEN

Alanna Schad of Ballantrae has put her books aside for the summer after attaining a 97.8 per cent average, the highest at Stouffville District Secondary School. She accepted scholarships to attend Queen's University in Kingston starting this fall.

TOP SCHOLAR HOPES TO BE A VET

BY CHRISSIE O'BRIEN
 Special

Alanna Schad has wanted to be a veterinarian since kindergarten.

This year's top graduate from Stouffville District Secondary School took another step toward her goal this summer.

The 19-year-old from Ballantrae graduated with an average of 97.8 per cent.

Ms Schad says her impressive finish to her high school career has only just begun to sink in. She recently visited Queen's University in Kingston, where she will begin classes in life sciences in September.

"It has always been my goal to do my very best," said Ms Schad, who has aspired to a career in veterinary medicine since the age of five.

"I knew I needed to do sciences and to excel at them."

She believes enjoying high school, made success easier. "I had fun," she said.

Ms Schad was also the winner of a one-time \$4,000 Millennium Excellence award from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation, to be applied to her post-secondary studies next year.

She was also awarded a chancellor scholarship from Queen's, which offers a cash grant each year of her post-secondary education.

SDSS classmates Heather Taylor and Bethany Jacobson also finished their high school education with a bang. Their averages of 93.6 and 93.2

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