

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: Ballantrae Lions Club's rabies clinic

WHEN: Today, 1 to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Ballantrae Community Centre, Aurora Rd.



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9 Stouffville woman killed in car crash at Newmarket intersection yesterday morning.

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Police track dead man's final hours in Niagara

Plane spots Stouffville student's car in field

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

Police are trying to piece together the last few hours of a Whitchurch-Stouffville man's life after his body was found in a car in a corn field near Grimsby.

Paul Bouchard, 21, a Mohawk College student, was reported missing along with a 1996 blue Honda Accord after leaving a home in the Smithville area early Tuesday morning.

The Grimsby Division of the Niagara Regional Police launched a search and issued an appeal to the public for help in locating the carpentry student.

Mr. Bouchard's body was found early Friday afternoon when the blue Honda was spotted lying on its roof, buried in a corn field. The car had gone off Hwy. 20, near Grimsby west of Smithville, close to where Mr. Bouchard was living while he attended college. The car was spotted from the air by the pilot of a small aircraft.

Mr. Bouchard, a graduate of Stouffville District Secondary School, was the son of Ida Cyr of Vandorf Road, south of Ballantrae.

Mrs. Cyr had left for Hamilton to take part in the search a few hours before her son's body was located. Police continue to investigate the death.

Doing the 'Foxtrot'



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Saira Arshad, 11, gives friend Amber Daniels, 12, both grade 7 students at Glad Park Public School in Stouffville, a free ride as they participate in the school's Terry Fox run on Thursday.

Wells running on empty

Dickson Hill, Vandorf homes hit by water shortage

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

York Region officials say they need several more weeks to determine whether constant water removal for sewer construction in Markham is disabling household wells as far as six kilometres away.

Indecisive answers on why 15 private wells are now inoperable and at least eight more have had their pumps lowered to find water were not what Mario Frocione hoped to hear Thursday, when the region and its contractor held a closed-door meeting with residents.

Water troubles are also haunting residents in the rural Whitchurch-Stouffville community of Vandorf, though the reasons are different. See page three for the details.

Meanwhile, Mr. Frocione went home to face the same plastic holding tank by his front porch. Like others whose wells no longer work, the McCowan Road resident said he's been told he may have to use supplied water for two or three years.

"And I get to drink it, and I get to cook with it, and shower with it," he said, leaning on the hood of his pickup that afternoon.

Although he joked about it, it's no added pleasure for Mr. Frocione that water from the tank smells like bleach and, when its level is low, is "sticky like glue" even after it passes through a filter and softener.

"It's lucky sometimes, because we save on soap."

Although Mr. Frocione was one

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