

Stouffville Says

By Jennifer Anderson

"How have you felt lately about buying Canadian beef because of the 'mad cow' scare?"



FRAN DODDS

"I have no concerns. One cow doesn't mean that the whole country is contaminated. I'm more worried about SARS than one cow."



SANDRA BRAIN

"It hasn't affected my buying beef at all. We have beef three times a week in some form. I still enjoy buying and eating it."



LARRY ROSS

"I think the whole issue was blown out of proportion. It's just the story of the day. I do enjoy eating beef often."



MICHELLE BRITTEN

"I think the media reacted too quickly in their coverage. The 'mad cow' issue hasn't affected my family. We still enjoy eating beef."



Ready to retire tires Saturday

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville senior bylaw enforcement officer Keith Saunders (left) and Ward 2 Councillor Mark Carroll empty two tires of stagnant water in preparation for tire amnesty day Saturday. Residents can bring old tires to the Stouffville Arena or the Ballantrae Community Centre between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The program is designed to lessen the availability of stagnant water for breeding mosquitoes.

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Briefly

Candidate for council switches wards

In an unusual move, a candidate for a seat on Whitchurch-Stouffville council has shifted her interest from Ward 6 to Ward 5.

Three weeks ago, Brenda Lobraico filed papers to run in Ward 6. The south Stouffville ward became vacant when Ward 6 councillor Sue Sherban opted to run for mayor.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Lobraico returned to the municipal office and resubmitted nomination papers to run in northeast Stouffville's Ward 5.

Mrs. Lobraico said when she filed papers to be council's representative in Ward 6, she was the only candidate. Since then, three other Ward 6 candidates came forward — Jim Hobbs, Owen Craig and Rob Hargrave.

Three weeks ago, when there was no competition in Ward 6, a lot of people asked me to come over to Ward 6," explained Mrs. Lobraico. "Then when three others came forward in Ward 6, people said I might as well run in my own ward. It's not that I have anything against competition. It's just that I will now run in my own ward. Mrs. Lobraico lives on Aspen Crescent. With her name in Ward 5, she will square off against incumbent Harry Bowes and John Relph.

—Joan Ransberry

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Quoteworthy

"He was a very nice guy, no trouble." Grill owner Peter Syrakos on murder victim Joshua Anthony Julien. See story on page 1.

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Festival has events; needs volunteers

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

Strawberry Festival volunteers are needed to put 25,000 people, heaps of strawberries, smiles, music, crafts, food and entertainment on Stouffville's Main Street on the Canada Day weekend.

The town's famous Strawberry Festival is gearing up for dozens of events from June 26 to 29 as well as July 1.

A small but dedicated team of people headed by Strawberry Festival chairperson Liz Fraser, make it all happen. Carol Guinane, who is heading this year's volunteer committee, says, "We really need people on the Saturday, so come out and help the community. It is a great way to meet people around the town."

More volunteers are needed, particularly for traffic control for pedestrians and cars that converge on downtown Stouffville on Saturday and also for the spelling bee.

Volunteers look after everything from the craft sale along Main Street on Strawberry Festival Saturday, co-ordinated by Barbara Sharp, to the early morning parade organized by Ruth LeBlanc. A gastronomic



selection of foods from ice cream to sausages on a bun is there thanks to the efforts of food co-ordinator Anne Collard.

Strawberries will be gloriously evident at this year's fair. Reesor Farms will deliver two truckloads of its berries to the Stouffville Train Station and Memorial Park. Homemade jams, pies and other baked goods will also be available.

The Stouffville Lions' Beef Barbecue in the Park is the traditional signal that Strawberry Festival season has officially begun. The Lions served close to 800 dinners last year. The beef dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Lions picnic shelter June 26.

"It's the social kickoff for the festival," noted Lion Tom Winters. Tickets are available at the TD Bank, Scotia Bank,

Stouffville Co-op, and Chas. Richards & Sons and at the door. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

A new event, the Lumberjack Show, will come to Thicketwood Park, June 28. Yuk Yuk's on Tour, sponsored by Stouffville's community policing centre, will return to Stouffville for its fourth year, June 27.

The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show, with comedians Wayne Flemming and Fred Proia, starts at 8:30 p.m. under the entertainment marquee near the Lebovic Leisure Centre. Proceeds go to York Region's Community Safety Village. A barbecue will be available. Tickets at \$15 a person will be on sale next week. Call 905-642-4248.

The Blackboard Blues Band will entertain on Canada Day evening. A giant Canada Day cake will be served under the picnic shelter in Memorial Park at 8 p.m. and the traditional fireworks will begin at dusk.

To help with the festival this year, call 905-642-4462 or 905-642-3779. More information is available at www.strawberryfestival.ca

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