

Stouffville Says

By Joan Ransberry

What were your highest and lowest marks in school?

— Asked in downtown Stouffville.

Doris KENNEDY



"My favourite subject was boys. But, I didn't do all that well with the boys. I didn't like mathematics. I got 49 per cent. I'm 94 now. School was a long time ago."

Jim RAE



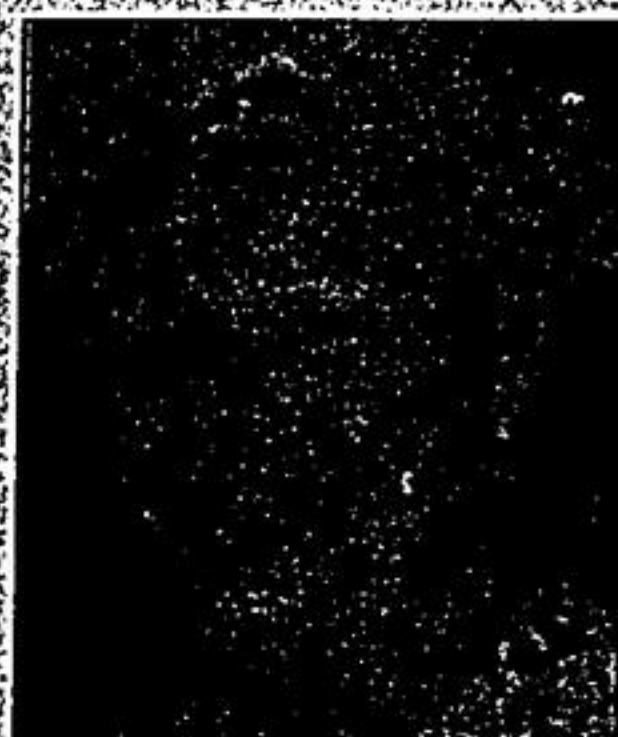
"I went to Lemonville Public School. I didn't do very well in spelling. I'd get about 62 per cent. Math and geography were my favourite subjects."

Lucille OPPERMAN



"I went to high school in Toronto in the 1940s. My best subject was French. My lowest was in biology. I graduated from Grade 13 with an 85 per cent average."

Doris HARVEY



"I went to Bowmanville High School in the 1950s. I failed French. I got 43 per cent. My best mark was in geometry. I got 97 per cent."



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Saturday garden tour

Gary Bouwmeister and Diane Ward, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Horticultural Society, check out Mr. Bouwmeister's garden in preparation for a fund-raising garden tour 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds go to the Parkview Building Fund. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. Call 905-642-4227.

Town foots bill for pond fix up

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

A Stouffville couple is hoping a \$60,000 investment from the town will save a pond at the back of their Cam Fella Boulevard property.

Run-off from the northern part Westfield Estates has caused such a silting problem their pond is shrinking, said John Michaluk.

When Mr. Michaluk and wife Carol Ann Ross bought the property 12 years ago, the pond covered half an acre. It's less than half that size now.

Bull rushes, cat tails and other vegetation are taking over. The pond is also losing depth.

"When we moved 12 years ago, it was 11 foot deep," said Mr. Michaluk. "Today, I can walk out into the middle and the water's only up to my knees."

After a seven-year struggle with the municipality, the fight is finally over: last week, Whitchurch-Stouffville council agreed to foot the rehabilitation bill.

Taxpayers, however, will not feel the pinch. Half the anticipated \$60,000 bill will come from development charges, while the rest is coming from money in under-spent accounts from roads



STAFF PHOTO/JOAN RANSBERRY

John Michaluk shows the pond at the back of his property. The town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is paying to remove silt from it.

and other public works capital accounts.

Whitchurch-Stouffville public works director Paul Whithouse said the pond was a natural feature and was incorporated into the stormwater plan for the subdivision. It collects silt from water headed into Reesor Creek.

Area councillor Harry Bowes said when the subdivision was built, there was a flaw in the design of the drainage system, causing a serious silting problem at the Michaluk property.

"The pond is full of silt, weed and algae. It's a mess," Mr. Bowes said.

A pleased Mr. Michaluk said, "Mr. Bowes has been very helpful. We appreciate everything he's done and we welcome the town's decision to improve the situation."

One of the main worries was the link between standing water and West Nile virus, said Ms. Ross.

"The pond was becoming stagnant. With the worries about West Nile, it's a concern."

The pond does not have to be drained to be fixed. A suction hose will be used to vacuum the silt and sediment from the bottom.

The cleanup is expected to be completed this fall.

Briefly

Latcham show extended

The Latcham Gallery's "Water" exhibition has been extended by one week to Aug. 10 at 6240 Main St., Stouffville.

Local artists include Frank Smith, Helen McKenna and Lorne Grove. The show is part of a series of art exhibitions exploring the water theme at 67 galleries throughout southern Ontario.

The shows are a project of the Ontario Society of Artists. Call 905-640-8954 for more information.

Legion hosts barbecue

Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion is holding a beef barbecue from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Legion Hall on Ninth Line, Stouffville.

The dinner includes roast beef, baked potato, mixed vegetables, salad, a bun and tea or coffee.

Tickets, at \$10 per person, are available at the Legion in advance or at the door on the day of the event.

Recycle printer cartridges

Computer printer cartridges piling up in homes and businesses can now be recycled in town at the Stouffville Recycling Depot.

The depot is open on Thursdays between 10 a.m. and noon and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

For further information, call 905-640-8294, e-mail recycle@enoreo.on.ca or check log on to worknotes.com/on/stouffville/recycle

Book program available

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library's "Books on Wheels" program is being offered to those who are unable to travel to the library. Call 905-642-7323.

Quoteworthy

'After all, we're dealing with a gender not noted for asking directions.'

Hannelore Volpe, Stouffville Sun-Tribune reporter writing about lawnmower races taking place in Stouffville Sept. 27.

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