

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What are you planning for March Break? How much free time should kids have?

—asked at Tot Spot, Stouffville United Church, Tuesday morning

Susan LOGAN



We'll go to the science centre and a children's concert and visit grandparents. I am a big proponent of down time for creative free play.

Tamara STOKES



We hang out in our PJs and don't go anywhere. We don't have to go to school; we don't have to go to programs. We love it.

Jeri-Lynn VOGAN



We arrange play and lunch dates. We enjoy skating and swimming. Kids should go outside for at least one hour a day.

Nancy MILLER



We'll go to the library programs and a hockey tournament. I have four children. There will be a lot of unstructured time during the week.

Highway star



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Steven Lummiss stands over Hwy. 404 where he saved the life of a girl Dec. 14. The Whitchurch-Stouffville resident, who is a Toronto firefighter, was honoured for his actions at a ceremony Tuesday.

Firefighter honoured for saving girl while off-duty

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

A Stouffville resident, credited with saving the life of a little girl who was critically injured in a car accident, has been honoured by Toronto Fire Services.

Steven Lummiss, 26, who lives on the Ninth Line, was recognized Tuesday at the annual rescue and merit awards ceremonies at the North York Civic Centre.

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Mr. Lummiss, a firefighter with the Toronto Fire Services, was on his way home from work on Hwy. 404 Dec. 14 when he came upon a two-vehicle accident just

south of Stouffville Road.

After stopping and asking if he could help, he was directed to a woman who managed to get herself out of one of the wrecked vehicles. Her daughter, however, remained inside. Mr. Lummiss checked the child's vital signs.

"She was badly hurt. She was unconscious," he said. "The child was breathing a little, but not much."

Recognizing such a severe breathing restriction was life-threatening, Mr. Lummiss used a bag valve mask to get air into the girl's lungs.

"I carry a mask in my car," he said. "I worked on her for about 20 minutes. Her breathing improved."

The child was transferred by ambulance to the Hospital for Sick Children, where she remains.

Toronto Fire Services Captain David Sheen said Mr. Lummiss was recognized at the awards ceremony for

"going beyond the call of duty" through his life-saving actions.

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the first one there.

"He also assisted in removing the child from the vehicle to get her to the Hospital for Sick Children," Mr. Sheen said. "He performed well."

Mr. Lummiss doesn't consider himself a hero. "Anyone in the Toronto Fire Services would have done what I did," he said. "I just happened to be the first one there."

Mr. Lummiss grew up in Stouffville and attended local schools.

Briefly

Ballantrae students send cancer kids to camp

They're only 300 strong, but they raised enough money to give 46 children with cancer summer vacations at Camp Trillium over the past two years.

The students of Ballantrae Public School raised more than \$10,000 this year and \$13,000 last year under the leadership of Grade 5 teacher Alison Williams.

Students in both Grade 5 classes at Ballantrae were involved in organizing the two-hour Trek for Trillium around the school yard two weeks ago.

They made posters, read announcements and visited classrooms to talk about the event. All students and staff at the school collected pledges before the trek.

Mrs. Williams has volunteered at the camp for the past two summers and wanted a fundraiser where "kids were helping kids," she said.

Skating, free swimming on March break schedule

Not going to Disney World for March break, kids?

There are plenty of local activities next week for parents and children:

- public skating each weekday from 12:10 to 1:55 p.m. at the Stouffville Arena;

- free public swims at the Lebovic Centre, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.;

- hikes March 15 to 19 and children's activities March 20 and 21 during the maple syrup festival at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Stouffville Road. Call 416-667-6299;

- daily performances and activities at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and;

- workshops and activities at the Latham Gallery and Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.

For more information, see the Community Calendar on page 16.

Quoteworthy

'Even the fathers in our group were in tears.'

Karen Hord on skaters winning medals in France. See story on page 18.

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