

Sun-Tribune people

Margaret King (left) and Heather King at Tim Hortons in Stouffville. The family hopes to open another store at the Wal-Mart centre in Stouffville and at Coppins Corners by the end of 2007. They're existing stores are in the top 100 of Tim Hortons outlets.



STAFF PHOTOS/JOERD WITTEVEEN

Kings of Tim's eyeing two more stores

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

Operating two of the busiest coffee shops in Canada is all in a day's work for the King family.

Margaret King and her husband, Rodney, and his brother Jan and wife, Heather, own and operate the two Tim Hortons franchises in Uxbridge and Stouffville.

About 2,800 people a day visit each store for their fix of coffee, pastry and food.

The Uxbridge store opened in late 1992 and the Stouffville store less than a year later.

Volume-wise, the stores average in the top 100 of the 2,800-store chain.

Shortly after the stores opened, the two couples became engaged.

"We didn't plan it that way," said Margaret. "We had two stores, two engagements and two weddings all in a year."

"It gets busier every year. That's why we need another store."

Plans for expansion have been discussed.

The Kings are waiting on approval from head office in Oakville before they can move forward. Two stores are propose, one at Coppins Corners, south of Uxbridge, and the other in the Wal-Mart Supercentre Plaza in Stouffville. They could open by the end of the year.

"Both will be our stores, if they happen," she said.

The Kings share duties at the two stores.

"The customer and the employees are the best part," Margaret said. "The customers are very patient (during busy times)."

She credits the staff for having good work ethic.

"I don't know how the staff do it," she said. "Eight hours a day, five days a week. It's hard work."

Both stores are active in the community. Besides offering free public skating and swimming events, the Kings sponsor sports teams and participate in fundraisers for Uxbridge Cottage and Markham Stouffville hospitals, as well as other local community events.

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Suspended driver found behind wheel in Stouffville

Police have arrested a Stouffville man previously barred from driving in connection with to impaired charge.

On Wednesday, York Regional Police officers, participating in the Operation Disqualified program, were running surveillance in a residential area of Whitchurch-Stouffville after being tipped off that a banned motorist was allegedly driving around.

While in the area, police say they spotted a motorist matching the description of the driver and stopped him, arresting him at the scene.

The year-round initiative targets and monitors drivers who have been prohibited or suspended from driving.

York police busted 95 drivers for the Criminal Code offence of driving while disqualified last year, according to Sgt. Bradley Bulmer.

Another 1,187 motorists were charged with the Highway Traffic Act offence of driving while suspended.

"It is clear some drivers, who are prohibited or suspended, continue to drive," Sgt. Bulmer said.

"Many of them have been prohibited or suspended because they have been convicted of impaired driving or dangerous driving and, in some cases, have previous convictions for prohibited driving."

A 42-year-old man was charged with driving while disqualified.

—Joe Fantauzzi

WEEKEND PRIMER

Fine wine, music on tap tonight

Nothing to do? Not in Whitchurch-Stouffville, not this weekend.

Classic sounds in church

An evening of music, food and wine is presented by Christ Church Anglican as a fundraiser for church outreach programs tonight at 8.

Students in the University of Toronto's graduate voice performance program will perform selections from Die Fledermaus and La Boheme, as well as Gilbert and Sullivan, Cole Porter, Mozart and Strauss pieces. Food and wine from local businesses will be served. The church is at 254 Sunset Blvd.

Tickets are \$25 from 905-642-9507.

Minor hockey night has Spirit

Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey players will be admitted free to tonight's Stouffville Spirit Jr. A Hockey game at the Stouffville Arena.

Game time is 7:30 as the Spirit face the arch-rival Newmarket Hurricanes.

For more on the Spirit, go to stouffvillespirit.com

Guitarists take over coffee house

The York Region Fingerstyle Guitar Association holds its monthly open stage at the For the Love of Jo coffee house on Main Street in downtown Stouffville Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Guitarists from around the region will perform.



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Donivan Munro and his Jr. A Stouffville Spirit host arch-rival Newmarket tonight at 7:30 at the Stouffville Arena.

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