

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

How do you feel about gasoline shortages in Whitchurch-Stouffville?

— Asked at Nofrills plaza

Davin JAISAREE



It is unfair the government has not done anything about getting CN trains moving earlier to deliver gasoline. Gas stations are running out of gas, gas prices are higher and this is causing undue stress to motorists.

Hyla O'BOYLE



It underlines our dependence on the oil and gas industry to keep our community running. It is a big wake-up call.

Michelle CLEVERDON

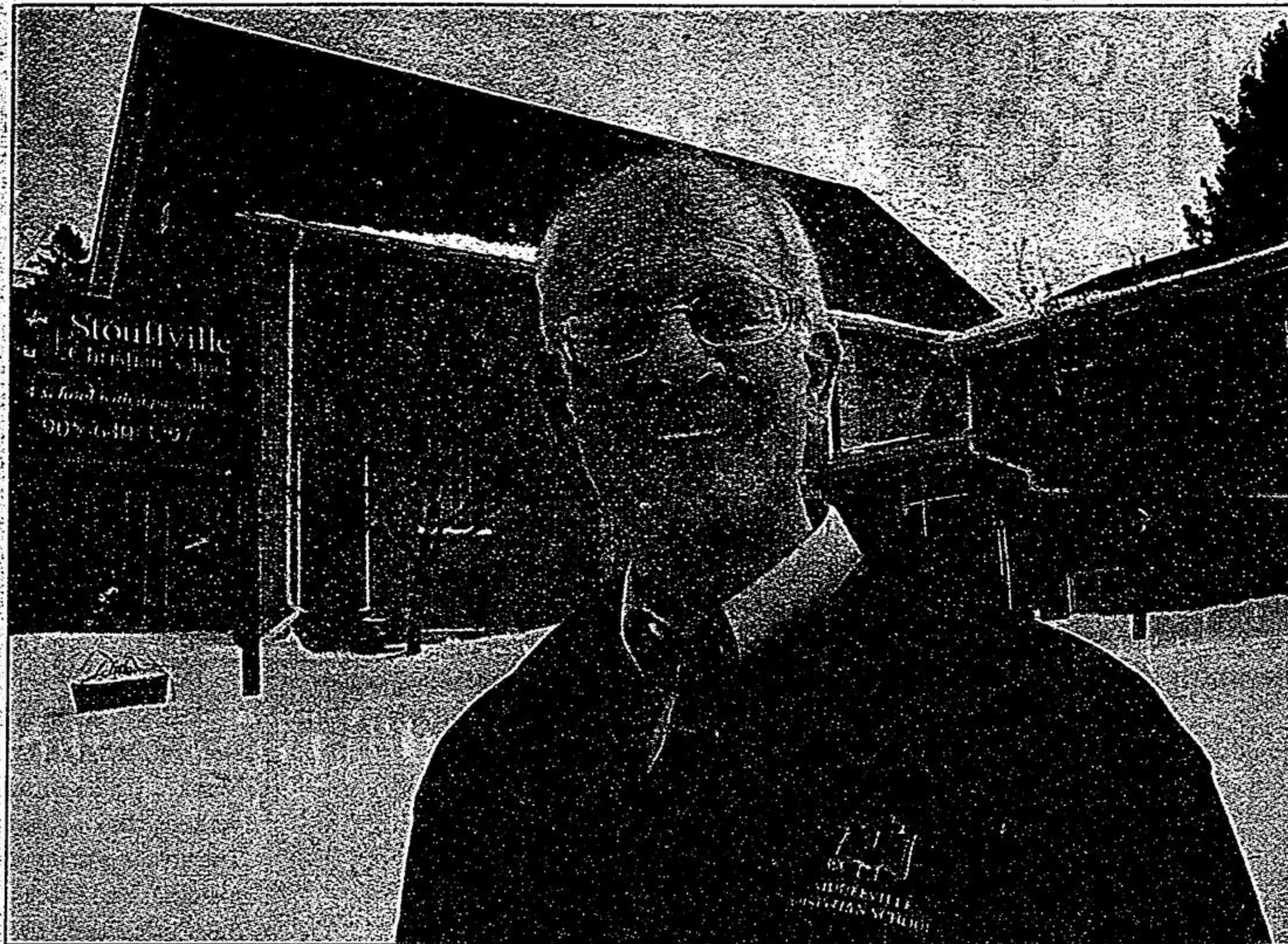


I am very concerned because most of the gas stations have no gasoline. I won't be travelling too far and we will be looking for gas outside of Stouffville.

Nicola MURRAY



It's sad we only have a small number of hybrid cars and are so dependent on petroleum. Everything happens for a reason. People should be commuting or car-pooling.



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Principal Jake Vriend stands outside Stouffville Christian School, which will move from north Pickering later this year. Springvale Baptist Church will become the full-time home in 2008.

Churches pave way to school's new location

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

After nearly 26 years, Stouffville Christian School is finally getting a place of its own, thanks to co-operation from two local churches.

The school has been at its rural location in north Pickering east of Stouffville since 1981, where all classrooms are in portables.

Two moves are scheduled for the school, which currently has 57 students but now has the opportunity to welcome more. While the permanent home for the school will be Springvale Baptist Church, its first move, slated for September, is to EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church on Tenth Line near the Stouffville Country Market.

FUNDRAISING TIME

This will give the school time to raise the estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000 needed to build part of Springvale's addition, which is still under construction on the church property at Stouffville and Kennedy roads.

The school will be on the second floor of the new addition between the new double-sized gymnasium and new

sanctuary. As well as more classrooms and other space, the school will have more green space for its students.

"We are eventually hoping to own our own building on that property," principal Jake Vriend said.

The Stouffville Christian School's aim is to begin its 2008 academic year in Springvale.

But in the meantime, the school will have five classrooms in EastRidge, as well as other rooms. The space can still be used by the church during evenings and weekends.

Negotiations with the school and the two churches have been ongoing for some time, Mr. Vriend said.

Board chairperson Russ Whitehead was instrumental in the negotiations.

"This is a major milestone in the history of our school," Mr. Vriend said. "We are excited about the fact that we are moving and that both churches were among the founding churches of Stouffville Christian School."

In 1981, 44 elementary school children were taught at the school.

Over the years, more stu-

dents came, pushing the school population to almost 300 elementary and high school students. That number has dwindled, with students still coming from Stouffville, Markham and Uxbridge.

BIBLE-FOCUSED

The school offers a wide variety of academic programs, based on Bible-focused teaching, which exceed the demands of the Ontario Ministry of Education. The school's students support a Guatemalan child as well as local food drives and give musical and dramatics performances throughout the region.

There's an extensive physical education component with sports as soccer, volleyball, cross-country, track and field, swimming and softball. A hockey team has been added to the sports menu.

The school was one of 52 taking part in the Christian Schools Science Fair this week.

For more information about the school or to register your child, call 905-640-3297. Information is also available on the school's website, stouffvillechristianschool.org

Briefly

Undelivered mail found in rented Ajax garage

Mail as old as seven years delivered to Whitchurch-Stouffville homes last month came from an Ajax home.

The owner of a rental home in the Lake Ontario town called police after finding "stacks of mail" in the garage of the home in late January, Durham Regional Police spokesperson David Selby said.

A tenant moved out of the home and left several items.

Police called in Canada Post officials, who identified the mail as coming from RR 4, Stouffville.

The mail, including Revenue Canada notices and utility bills, was delivered, with an apology from the post office, this month.

No charges have been laid.

—Jim Mason

Trade Ducky for May

Being traded is not new to veteran National Hockey League player Brad May.

The 35-year-old Stouffville native who played his minor hockey in Stouffville and Markham, was dealt Tuesday during the NHL's trade deadline from the Colorado Avalanche to the Anaheim Ducks in exchange for goalie Michael Wall.

A six-foot, 220-pound forward, May was in his 16th NHL season and played in just 10 games for the Avalanche, compiling just three assists.

May launched his NHL career in 1991-92 with the Buffalo Sabres and spent more than six seasons with them before he was dealt to the Vancouver Canucks in 1997-98 and stayed there for just over two campaigns.

He has also played for Phoenix. May spent the last two seasons with the Avalanche and scored three goals while adding three assists in 54 games with them last year.

Wall, 21, has spent most of the 2006-07 season with Anaheim's American Hockey League affiliate, the Portland Pirates, where he was 10-6-1 with a 3.13 goals-against average and .880 save percentage in 19 appearances.

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