

# Stouffville cleans up at Markham Fair

It's Markham's fair. For two reasons. First, it's identified with Markham. And likewise, the location. This being said, Whitchurch-Stouffville has, and hopefully always will have, an integral part to play in this annual event.

Recently, however, our town's involvement has increased, to a point where boundary lines are solvent and co-operation's inclusive. We've been made to feel welcome and encouraged to participate.

And residents have responded. Fair 2007 was a prime example.

President Blair Purcell divides his enthusiasm equally between both towns. This was evidenced by the support received, resulting in one of the finest country exhibitions Markham has known. Waiting in leadership wings are 1st vice-president Blair Seeley and 2nd vice-president Karen Murphy, both from Stouffville.

This trend was also apparent in the selection of three fair ambassadors - Cindy Schickedanz, 19, of Ballantree; Anikka Bolender, 18, of Stouffville and former Stouffville resident Victoria Sider, 21, of Uxbridge. Over four days, these girls excelled in public relations roles.

Twelve-year-old Colleen Spencer, a Grade 7 pupil at Whitchurch Highlands School, topped all students for the third year in a row.

In addition to seven red ribbons, she received the Boag Family Award and the Helen and Maurice Hamill Memorial Award. Colleen's golf-designed basket will advance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

Three-month-old Michael Roskar, son of Scott and Michelle Roskar of Markham and soon of Stouffville, was named grand champion in the fair's baby contest. There were 80 entries.

"When Michael smiled, his whole face lit up," committee chairperson Cathy Lee said.

The mother-daughter team of Carolyn and Keeley Shantz of Stouffville won the Chip off the Block event.

Stouffville's Jared Simpson has a secret formula for growing large potatoes. His monster spud weighed in at 5 lbs., 9 ounces, the heaviest on record.

The quilt displays were magnificent. Hundreds viewed the grand champion machine-quilted entry by Martha Schellingerhoud of Aurora and the reserve grand champion hand-quilted entry by Ruth Wagg of Stouffville.

Helen Badgerow of Stouffville scored a first on her crib quilt and a second on a wall-hanging.

The antique implement display was the largest on record, requiring two rings.



## Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

Stouffville organizers included George Reesor, Bob McAloney, Murray Painter, Bill Brown and Trevor Watson.

Whitchurch-Stouffville schools swept the scarecrow class. Summitview won a first and a third, Glad Park a second and Whitchurch Highlands a fourth.

Carolyn Ratcliff of Stouffville had a best-in-show lemon meringue pie. Other pies winning red ribbons were entered by Merna Burkholder of Pickering and Joyce Lapp and Branch Duncan of Markham.

Rolly Scott of Stouffville won the Reesor family domestic science award with a double crust apple pie.

Other firsts went to Stephen Barnett, Stouffville, white bread; Rolly Scott, Stouffville, chocolate cake; Darryl Sellers, Stouffville, pickled eggs; Martha Dodd, Stouffville, white buns; Ellon Barnett, Stouffville, whole wheat bread; Connor Hawey, Stouffville, carrot layer cake; Joyce Lapp, Markham, marble cake; Lorrie Bolender, Stouffville, applesauce cake and gingersnap cookies; Carolyn Ratcliff, Stouffville, dark fruit cake; Susan Wannop, Stouffville, shortbread cookies; Trina Wicks, Stouffville, glazed lemon loaf; Lynda Vincent, Stouffville, cranberry-orange loaf and Alyssa Cass, Markham, graduation cake.

In the vegetable division, Guy Ferintosh won a first with a 38-pound watermelon.

Other red ribbon winners were Kim Cowan and Jean Painter of Stouffville and Jack Warriner of Markham.

Murray Norton of Goodwood won championships in hay and potato events.

Two interesting sidelights. All feed required at Old McDonald's Farm, was supplied free by Schell Country Depot in Stouffville.

Also, all proceeds from the Tim Hortons booth went to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Yes, I too was a beneficiary. A lemon cream pie, perfected by Merna Burkholder of Pickering, was delivered to our door by daughter Betty.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.



Rebecca Empringham of Stouffville wins a second place from judge Scott Wilson with her jersey senior heifer at the Markham Fair last weekend.

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# ON OCTOBER 10th

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YOUR JOHN TORY PC CANDIDATE



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### TO HEALTH CARE THAT WORKS

Provide catch-up funding for York Region and ensure everyone has access to a family doctor.



## YES!

### TO LOWER TAXES

Reduce personal income taxes by over \$2 Billion by eliminating Dalton McGuinty's unfair "health" tax.



## YES!

### TO BETTER TRANSIT & ROAD SYSTEMS

Combat congestion by investing \$1.1 Billion in Transit & Transportation infrastructure.



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Keep the most dangerous offenders behind bars by creating and empowering special prosecutors.



## NO!

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My constituents have voiced their overwhelming concerns during this campaign and I will always listen to & represent the concerns of my constituents.

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