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## HISTORY

### Back issues of papers go digital

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Sifting through back issues of the Stouffville Sun-Tribune no longer entails a trip to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and scrolling through rolls of microfilm.

History buffs can now research local lore right from home as more than a century's worth of newspapers have been digitized and made available online.

"I'm so happy that it's finally up and running," said Carolyn Nordheimer James, CEO of the library. "It took a lot longer than we thought, but the end result is well worth the wait."

In the fall of 2007, the library applied for a grant from the Ministry of Culture, which governs Ontario public libraries, for money under the Library Strategic Development Fund to digitize the papers.

A grant of \$26,750 was awarded to the library to digitize The Sun-Tribune, the Stouffville Sun and The Tribune, which dates back to Nov. 16, 1888.

The project took two years to complete because, according to Ms Nordheimer James, the host web site - Knowledge Ontario

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## THUNDER HITS BALLANTRAE



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Lake Simcoe Thunder's Brooklyn Wagner (left) battles Stouffville Mustang Markina Douvinos in under-13 girls soccer action at Ballantrae Park on Tuesday. Lake Simcoe won 5-2.

## PEOPLE

### Stouffville Doc makes house calls to Guatemala

PATTERSON FELT CALLING TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE

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**E**mphysema, diabetes and heart disease.

Sounds like the trifecta of health ailments afflicting North Americans. But they are not.

Emphysema, diabetes and heart disease are actually sweeping their way through Guatemala.

"Medical problems in the developing world are in many ways similar to the medical (issues) that we face in North America," said Dr. Andrew Patterson who has spent two medical missions at Guatemala's Santiago de Atitlan. "Fewer people are working on the land and more people are working in offices I suppose."

The one difference is the lung diseases stem more from indoor wood fireplaces and indoor wood cooking versus cigarette smoking, according to Dr. Patterson.

In 2008, Dr. Patterson was feeling the itch to do something more with his medical expertise.

Many of his colleagues were doing African missions, but "I had to be different, the contrarian in me," he joked.

Dr. Patterson investigated a variety of medical missions but had a tough time finding the right fit.

"Some of them were too short, they were

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