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## **ALTONA MAN** CHARGED IN DEATHS OF MOM, SISTER

Suspect 'kept to himself': Stouffville-area neighbours

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Neighbours in a sleepy hamlet just outside of Stouffville are reeling this week following news a local man was arrested in connection with the deaths of his sister and mother.

Durham Regional Police arrested Kevin Plein, 47, on Nov. 2 for his alleged involvement in the "separate and untimely" deaths of two family members.

Mr. Plein is charged with two counts each of criminal negligence causing death and failure to provide the necessaries of life. He was living in the family's Altona home on Concession 2, Uxbridge Township, at the time of the arrest. The small community is on the Uxbridge/Pickering border a five-minute drive southeast of Stouffville.

Court documents indicate that Mr. Plein is alleged to have caused the deaths of Cindy Plein and Erika Plein. The women, aged 49 and 72, are identified as being unable to provide them-

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#### **COMING THROUGH**



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Fraser Crowley, 11 months, tries bowling at the indoor playground upstairs in the Stouffville Arena Wednesday. The centre is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. For more information, call 905-642-PLAY. For additional photographs, go to yorkregion.com or see page 3.

### Toys for tickets 'win-win' for Lions, food bank

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If you leave your vehicle on the street overnight, you may find yourself the recipient of a \$50 fine.

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is once again conducting its Toys for Tickets program. This will be its fifth year running.

Between Dec. 1 and 12, if you

receive a ticket for parking on the street between 2 and 6 a.m., you will be given the option to pay the fine with brand new toys, nonperishable food items, clothing or gift certificates.

However, the value of the donation must be equal or greater than the fine of \$50. A receipt must be provided.

"By giving the donation, you're helping out a family. It's a good

deed," said Nancy Cronsberry, senior bylaw enforcement officer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. "The whole goal is not to have (the vehicles) on the streets during snow removal. ... It's a winwin situation."

Last year, of the 191 tickets handed out during the first 11 days of December, 66 were paid via donation.

Donations, which will be hand-

ed over to the Stouffville Lions Club and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank for distribution, will be accepted until Dec. 17 in the reception area of the town offices, 37 Sandiford Dr., 4th floor.

Anyone from the community can also make a donation - no minimum value is required.

The town's winter parking restrictions remain in effect until March 31.

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