

Students returning to safer schools next week

Following decisions by Peel and Durham trustees, the York Region District School Board has finally agreed to fall in line and upgrade security at all elementary schools, including Whitchurch-Stouffville's. Main school entrances will be monitored as to who can or cannot enter while classes are in progress. The decision follows the mass shooting of 20 children and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. last December. While praising the York board's ruling, the question remains: "What took so long?"

New road rutted

Every week on receiving our Thursday and Saturday Sun-Tribunes, we've expected to read letters related to the sorry condition of Stouffville's Rupert Avenue between Westlawn Crescent and Winlane Drive. It was Ward 4 councillor Suzanne Hilton who, several years ago, absorbed considerable flak from motorists and residents over the street's jaw-jarring state of disrepair. Finally, the



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town saw fit to re-construct it. So what's happened since? Instead of tunneling under the road to provide services to the former Parkview Home property, workers tunneled through it, creating four significant depressions. Surely, in an age of high-tech improvements, the problem could have been better resolved

Main problem

The main street of any town is crucial to commercial satisfaction. It would seem most arterial roads

require resurfacing or replacement every 50 years. Stouffville's Main Street is no exception. Have you observed this mile-long thoroughfare recently? Particularly the area from the Tenth Line to Park Drive? It's full of cracks and crevices that Band-Aid treatment can't eliminate. "What, not again," we hear downtown merchants saying, especially those recalling chaos created the last time this job was done. To ease the pain, perhaps a new layer of asphalt could be applied atop the surface already there. This form of re-construction proved successful on Bloomington Road between Hwy. 48 and Yonge Street.

Stouffville zoo no more

A year ago, rabbits were prime attractions on Stouffville's Mill Street, but not any more. "I think the coyotes got them," one resident said. At one point, there were dozens of jolly jumpers hopping everywhere. Now there are none. The story goes, two rabbits escaped from a pet-owner's yard and soon numbers increased. Some homeowners built shelters for their new friends. Others provided food. The

street became known as the Mill Street Zoo. But no more.

Champs reuniting

The Stouffville Cardinals, 1958 Ontario Jr. 'C' baseball champions, will hold their fourth reunion Sept. 19 at the Fickle Pickle Restaurant. All, with the exception of the late co-manager Harold "Ike" Hodgson and outfielder Eric Barber are expected to attend including co-manager Murray Stewart, Ted Suzuki, Murray Holden, John Little, Ross Madill, Lynn Taylor, Bob Stover, Harry Barber, Don Haynes, Gord Eckardt, Lawrence Wideman and Glenn Jackson. The Cardinals won the title with a 6-3 victory over Wheatley in Port Dover.

Historic service

The Altona Mennonite Meeting House, three kilometres east of Stouffville, will be the location for an historic service, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. The church, built in 1852, is managed by a board of trustees including Graham Fretz, Eric and Cathy Paszat and Lisa Nighswander. Abraham Stouffer, Stouffville's

first reeve, his wife Esther and his mother are all interred in the adjoining cemetery. The guest speaker is Emily Nighswander of Kitchener.

Little bit country

Stouffville singer/guitarist Marlene Geremia was an instant hit at an Old Time Country Dance Aug. 16 in the Brooklin Oddfellows Hall. During the open mic portion, Marlene sang the Hank Williams' favourite Your Cheatin' Heart and a selection written for her mom appropriately entitled My Mother Taught Me to Yodel.

Painter's art featured

Donna Painter, a class of '84 graduate from Stouffville District Secondary School, is one of this area's most exquisite artists. Her paintings will soon be on display at the Coach House Studio, 605 Regional Road 21 in of Utica, between Uxbridge and Port Perry.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 60 years.

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