

You can be an ambassador at this year's Markham Fair

The Markham Fair is looking for young people to represent the annual agricultural celebration as fair ambassadors.

Community minded young men and women with integrity, character, public relations skills and the commitment to fulfil the role are being sought.

The winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship, sponsored by Upper Unionville Inc.

"The ambassador program is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with our community," said chairperson of the ambassador fair committee, Mary-Lynn Seeley Warr.

You do not need to have a farming background, Ms Seeley Warr added. However, it is an exciting opportunity to learn more about how important agriculture is to our community.

For those still in high school, the day of competition as well as the time spent at the fair can be used toward community service hours.

Winners represent the agricultural society at events during the year, including Santa Claus parades and local festivals. They also attend a district meeting, present a speech at the president's banquet in November, attend the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention in February at the Fairmount Royal York



Last year's pet show winner Hannah St. Louis is joined by ambassadors Victoria Osadchuk-Hammond, Alana Tufford and Jenn Lee.

Hotel and enter the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Competition Aug. 9, 2014.

The Markham Fair ambassador has been a tradition of the Markham Fair for more than 40 years.

The ambassador and two team members will be selected Oct. 3 on the evening of the first day of this year's fair. The ambassadors are expected to be at the fair for the four full days. The competition is open to males and females 18 to 24 years old.

Contestants present a two- to three-minute speech on a topic relating to the fair or the community and answer a randomly picked question.

Contestants are judged

on their ease of communication at a microphone, knowledge of the fair and its activities, their familiarity with the community, poise and public interactions.

Many prizes are donated by local business for the ambassador and their team.

The program is an opportunity to develop resume and life skills, such as public speaking, publicity and networking, Ms Seeley Warr noted.

The ambassador gets the chance to meet new people from across the province and develop new skills.

Interested candidates can call 416-557-1442, e-mail seeleywarr@hotmail.com or visit www.markham-fair.ca

Be aware of ad scam: York Police

A York Region business owner expressed his frustration after getting caught up in a phoney advertising fraud by a "smooth talking" scammer.

Raymond Reading, owner of Aurora's Water Depot, said he was approached by a man who identified himself as Jerry King about four weeks ago when the seemingly

affable alleged salesperson walked into his shop at 15483 Yonge St. He was selling advertisements in Percolator magazine.

So far, police said about four businesses in York have come forward. Even more have come forward in Barrie. Police said the publication is legitimate and does solicit advertising, but the suspect does not work for it.

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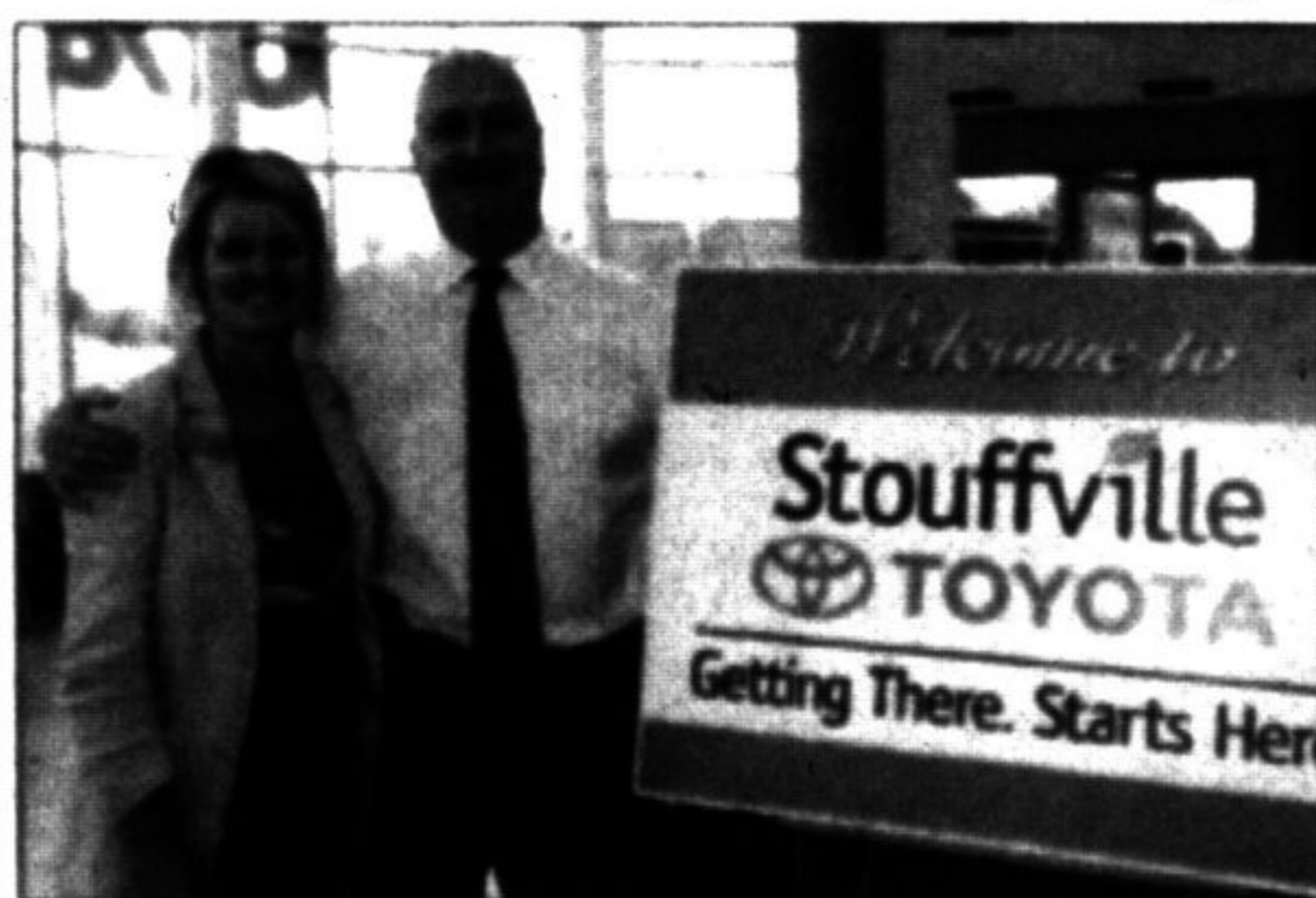
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Pictured right are Kevin, dealer principal and wife, Jennifer Baxter

Despite the rainy weather all day Saturday, Stouffville Toyota had a great turnout for their 3rd birthday celebration and a great time was had by all.

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