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A record 35,000 people enjoyed the 32nd annual Strawberry Festival last weekend. For more coverage, see pages 3, 6, 15, 16 and 17.

After record festival, work begins for next year

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Heavy rain or high winds didn't stop a record-breaking crowd of 35,000 from adorning the streets and parks of Stouffville for the 32nd annual Strawberry Festival.

From a First World War plane fly-by to a jam-packed pancake breakfast, residents and visitors enjoyed the many offerings of the festival over the Canada Day weekend. The festival ran from June 30 to July 3 and featured a fireworks display to celebrate the country's 149th

"It was amazing, even with the rain," said festival co-chairperson Nancy Matheson. "Everybody stuck it out and had a great time."

The weather wasn't as sunny as the smiles seen in the crowd which covered Main Street. Canada Day was met with rain and heavy winds which cancelled a plane fly-by scheduled to coincide with the Canada Day celebra-

But the fireworks were a blast.

"The feedback we're getting is it was the best fireworks to date," Matheson said. "It just keeps growing and growing, keeps getting better and

Spectators did see a plane fly-by on Saturday morning at 10:45 a.m. Matheson described seeing a sea of faces looking up into the sky.

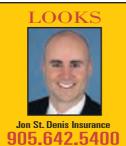
Several hundreds of people wanted more than just the fly-by, evidenced by the 1,000 visitors at the Roy Brown exhibition at 19 on the Park. Visitors caught a glimpse into the life of Captain Arthur Roy Brown, the RAF pilot credited for shooting down the "Red Baron".

A pancake breakfast, served by Markham-

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