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by Jeanne Burnside

Return visit

Over what seemed to be a never-ending holiday celebration I was reminded of my first visit to the Orono area about eighteen years ago. My husband and I were both working at the time in corporate offices and had decided to visit his mother for my first in-person visit with my future mother-in-law. We left our respective offices on a Friday afternoon right after lunch and headed out to the airport. Fortunately, the newer security features were not in place as we dashed through the terminal and made a 2:30 flight to Toronto huffing and puffing. We landed in what seemed like no time because it was only about an hour flight. The line up at the rental car area was another story but we finally got our full sized sedan and headed out into Toronto rush hour. My husband as a rule is not very patient and had decided to check the car buttons and features as we were driving bumper to bumper on 401. After realizing we weren't going anywhere fast he decided to exit and take another route. This was a very good choice for two reasons - one being traffic, the other for safety since he had popped the hood while checking out the different buttons. We ended up on a 'back road' that was quite pleasant and I sat back and enjoyed the scenery.

After a while we seemed to be going by dozens of farms and barely saw another car. All of a sudden an elderly gentleman was waving his cane and flagged us down for some help. We pulled over and I noticed there was no other car or truck around. We asked what we could do and he explained that his dairy herd had broken through a gate and could we help

retrieve them. Actually it wasn't a question and he assumed we would pitch in and of course we did. As we both got out the car he started giving instructions on where we should go to help out. We could now see the herd about 200 yards in another field underneath the huge hydro towers. Glen was assigned the job of going up the hill behind the cows and to start yelling when given the signal by our new friend Wes. I was told to hold the gate open and point to their proper field. As we stepped through the mud in our very snappy business suits and leather shoes we just started laughing as Wes barked orders to get moving.

Finally Wes raised his cane and Glen started yelling. The next few moments are a bit of a blur as what seemed to be hundreds of huge animals started stampeding towards ME. Much to my surprise and relief they turned in at the gate as I stood numb next to Wes, who had also been yelling right next to me. The ruined shoes were an afterthought - I was alive! Wes thanked us profusely and we were on our way.

Although I still don't herd animals as a rule I do help out neighbors when they are traveling by looking after their homes and livestock. Back in my city days covering for neighbors involved picking up the mail and watering plants. Country living includes feeding the chickens, collecting the eggs and my favorite of all - giving the cattle their special feed in the barn. Maybe it's the sound of them stampeding towards the barn that makes me laugh out loud.

Whatever- I now leave the suit and pumps behind and go for the boots!

Scarborough flea market tattoo shop clients urged to call Health Department

WHITBY, ON, January 5, 2004 - Residents of Durham Region who were clients of Skin Tattoo, a Scarborough tattoo shop, are being asked to call Durham Region Health Department as part of an investigation into the risk of exposure to illness.

Toronto Public Health recently closed Skin Tattoo for improper sterilization of equipment used for both body piercing and tattooing. Skin Tattoo is located in the Scarboro Trade Centre weekend flea market at 4181 Sheppard Avenue East. Improper sterilization of equipment can lead to the transmis-

sion of diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

Clients of Skin Tattoo should call the Health Department's Environmental Help Line at 905-723-8521 or 1-800-841-2729, ext. 2188. Information on how to prevent the risk of infection posed by skin piercing, tattooing and other procedures can be obtained by visiting the Region's web site at <http://health.region.durham.on.ca> or www.region.durham.on.ca under "Beauty & Body Art Safety."

2003/04 Festive R.I.D.E. Statistics for Week 6 and final totals

The sixth week of the Durham Regional Police Festive R.I.D.E. program concentrated on Whitby, Oshawa, Ajax, Pickering and Uxbridge with the following totals:

8,450 - vehicles were stopped by R.I.D.E.

162 - people were given Roadside Breath Tests
28 - people received "12 hour Suspensions" for registering a "WARN"

7 - people charged with Exceed .08

8 - G1/2 License Holder Breach of No Alcohol Condition

37 - charged with various Highway Traffic Act offences

Charged with Exceed .08 were:

John BUTLER, age 40 Scugog St., Port Perry
Kenrick GANGA, age 50 Gardiner Dr., Ajax
Bryan MALLON, age 29 Ludlow Crt, Oshawa
David COLES, age 38, Chipperfield Cres., Whitby

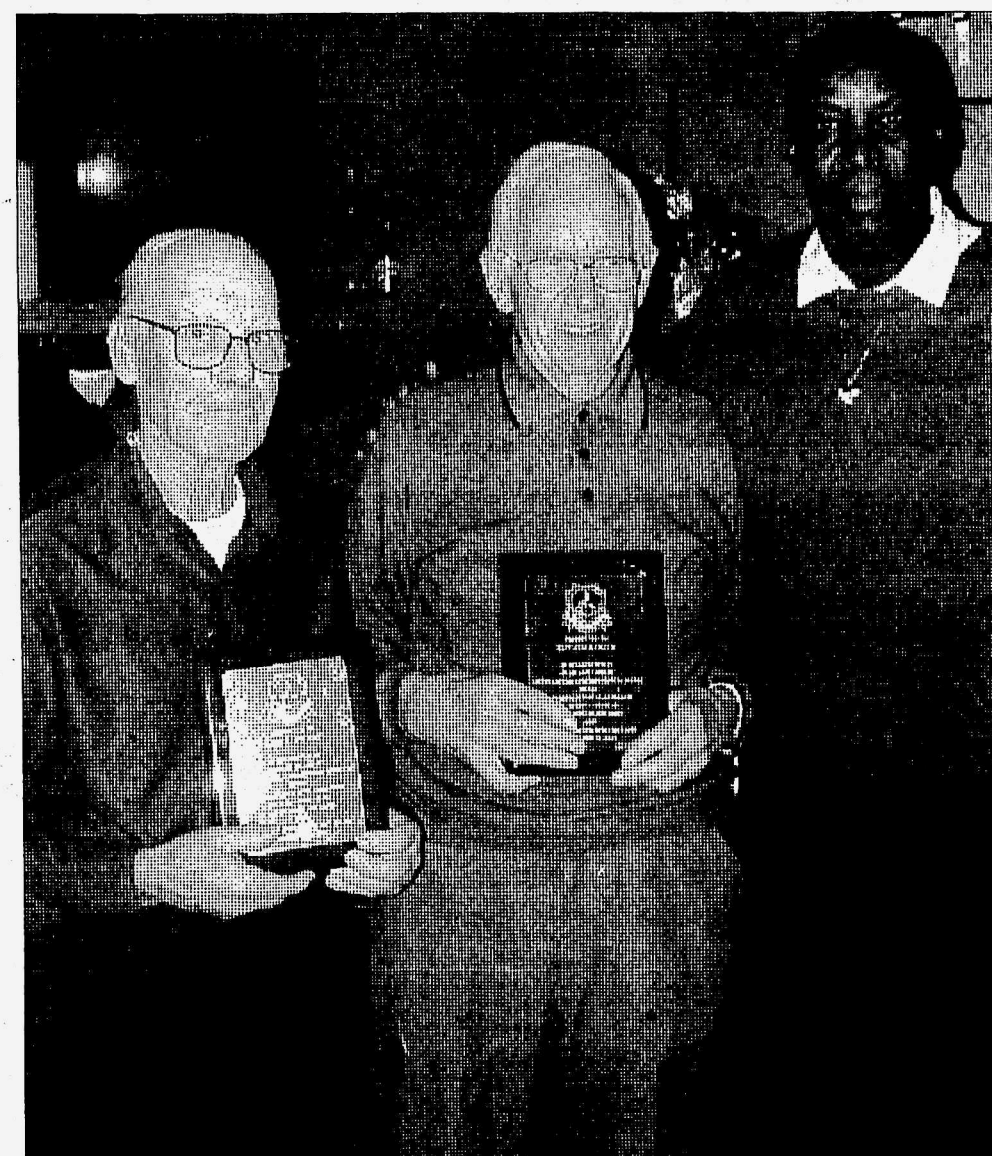
Darren GAMMON, age 43, Gaylord Dr., Oshawa

Georgina HANSON, age 63, Garrard Rd., Whitby

Brian MCKEIGAN, age 34, Glen St., Oshawa

The above persons were released and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice, 850 King Street West in Oshawa to answer to the charge.

Final Totals 2003/4: **Final Totals 2002/3:**
30,700 - vehicles stopped by R.I.D.E. 27,066



James Lowery (L) and Roy Forrester (C) were presented with plaques of appreciation from the Clarington Concert Band for their 60-plus years of dedicated musical contributions to the Band. The pair were recognized and thanked at a Band gathering held on December 18th in Bowmanville. Band President, Colin Rowe (R) made the presentation.

855 - given Roadside Breath Tests 498

129 - "12-hr. Suspensions" 136

for registering a "WARN"

50 - people charged with Exceed .08 56

33 - G1/2 License Holder 21

Breach of No Alcohol Condition

133 - charged with various N/A

Highway Traffic Act offences

Durham Regional Police will now analyze the final numbers to determine if it will continue to publish the names of those charged with exceeding the legal alcohol limit.

They would like to advise all motorists that drinking and driving will not be tolerated on our streets. Plan ahead, don't take a chance and don't drink and drive.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

*What do you want Graham Creek to look like
20 years from now?*

Join the Graham Creek Watershed Study Public Process

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2004

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Place: Newcastle Community Hall
Centennial Room (downstairs)
20 King Avenue West, Newcastle
(corner of Mill St. & Regional Rd. 2)**

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority and the Municipality of Clarington invite you to take part in the first public open house in the Graham Creek Watershed Study Public Consultation process. This is a working meeting where you'll have the opportunity to...

- ◆ Receive current information on the watershed
- ◆ Be part of creating a "vision" for the watershed
- ◆ Help identify key issues

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