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Harcort still has it — see for yourself Sept. 19

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COBOURG — The well-trained, long-polished and internationally known voice of Baltimore's own Ruth Harcort will be heard again Sept. 19 in a special kind of birthday celebration.

Harcort celebrated her 80th birthday last year by doing something she enjoys: a benefit concert.

She'll celebrate her 81st birthday the same way on Sept. 19, as she sings some of her favourite songs from a long, illustrious career in support of the venue — Trinity United Church.

Raised in the Hamilton Town-

ship area, Harcort had a voice that took her along for the ride on a wonderful and multi-faceted career in the US that included a tour with Carousel (starring John Raitt) and being founder and artistic director of the West Side Theatre for Children in New York City.

She returned to Canada in 1970, and to Baltimore in 1980 to care for her aging father, but the local theatre scene claimed her and kept her singing.

Like last year's concert, this year's show will feature refreshments afterwards and a display of photos from her many roles, costumed as everyone from Sophie Tucker to the malevolent sultan who bedeviled Aladdin.

Her program will again feature music in different categories (such as show tunes and concert pieces), with plenty of light-hearted fare like the sing-along hit George Washington Bridge that got the whole room moving last year. For this year, it has been revised to honour a special Cobourg landmark: Victoria Hall.

Brad Halls is back to do the honours on piano, and the Trinity Men's Chorus returns to provide back-up.

Harcort said last year that, along with supporting the church's renovation project, her concert was a celebration of the fact that she still has her voice. Asked if that's still the case, she

said, "As far as I know. My brother Roy would tell me loud and clear if I didn't."

At the time she was interviewed last year, Harcort vowed she would not sing two well-loved but way-overexposed and You'll Never Walk Alone.

Will she cave and perform them this year? See for yourself Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Church (15 Chapel St., Cobourg).

Tickets are \$15, either at the door or in advance from the church office.

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WHALEY, Martin Edward - Peacefully at Scarborough General Hospital in Toronto on Monday August 30th, 2010 in his 56th year. Youngest son of the late Earl and Evelyn Whaley. Dear brother of Richard Whaley, Carolyn Atkins (Bob deceased), Dianne Knight (Ron) and Linda Whaley (Brian). Predeceased by his brothers Peter and David. Dear nephew of Aunt Mary and Uncle Bill. Loved dearly by several nieces. A graveside service will be held at Salem Cemetery on Friday September 10th at 1 pm. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal." Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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Crown seeks adult sentence for teen in Warkworth murder

Boy, 17, a 'serious threat', court told at sentencing hearing

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OSHAWA — A judge is to rule this month on whether a teenaged killer will be sentenced as an adult for the murder of his mother two years ago in Warkworth.

Superior Court Justice Alexander Sosna said he'll consider what's the best way to deliver treatment to the boy, who was

convicted last December of the first-degree murder of his mother, Michelle Barnoski.

"There is no doubt in my mind that (the teen) is a troubled young man," the judge mused as lawyers for the Crown and defence completed arguments last Friday in Oshawa.

"What is there in the adult system to treat (him)?"

The Crown is calling for an adult sentence for the youth, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

An adult sentence would allow for the young man to be held in custody longer

and monitored when his term of incarceration has been served.

The extra measure is needed to control a young man who participated in a brutal murder, prosecutor Nancy Rae said.

Ms. Barnoski was shot eight times, bludgeoned and buried in the yard behind her Warkworth home, she reminded Justice Sosna.

"This was a planned and deliberate killing," Ms. Rae said. "It is the Crown's position that (the youth) himself was the shooter.

"He remains a serious threat to society," the prosecutor said.

The boy, now 17, was 14 when Ms. Bar-

noski was murdered in May of 2008.

At trial he denied being the killer but admitted he was coerced into taking part in the cover-up that followed the shooting.

Defence lawyer Howard Goldkind said the youth will benefit most from the treatment programs offered him in a youth facility.

"We're dealing with a young man who was 14 at the time the situation arose," Mr. Goldkind said.

"There's no evidence he's a risk to anyone."

Justice Sosna will deliver his ruling Sept. 30 in Cobourg.

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Grafton Legion has plenty of activities planned

GRAFTON — The Grafton Legion is keeping busy with Friday-night meals, which cost \$6 per person.

We are hosting the annual Merle Crowe Horseshoe Tournament on Sept. 11. Register at 9 a.m., play at 10 a.m., \$10 per person.

Darts start Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m., everyone welcome.

Our 200 Club tickets are on sale now at the bar, \$20 per ticket.

Legion Week starts Sept. 18. Come out and enjoy the hospitality of the branch. Public are very welcome.

We will be having a pot-luck supper Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The ladies' auxiliary are having a

bake sale and harvest tea Sept. 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't forget to put Oct. 22 on your calendar for Oktoberfest. Scott and Susan Stanley will entertain.

The Neil Diamond Tribute Show is planned for Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each.

Our annual Christmas bazaar is

Nov. 6. Call 905-349-2148 or 905-349-3252 to book a table (\$10).

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