

Berry picking at its peak this week

by Cynthia Gamble

All you need is a basket, a hat, and a lot of desire. What for? Strawberry picking. Picking season is at its height and the berries are big and red.

Farmers in the area say it's a good year for strawberries. The weather has been just right, according to Bob Devolin of the Chas. Greig Farm. Isla Allison of Allison's Mini Market agreed.

"The plants are just loaded. People say they just squat down and they don't have to move to get their baskets filled," she said. Strawberry season began two weeks early according to Allison and expects it will continue for at least another week.

Super berries

"The strawberries are super this year. Very big and red," said Pal James, who was picking with her two sons, David, 8, and Mike, 11. Her two sons were her best pickers, she added.

It was the second time this week James was visiting the strawberry patch to build up a reserve of berries to freeze, to make jam, or just to eat.

Henny Rus, a mother of six also had her family out picking in the patch. She said she likes to pick strawberries every year rather than buy them in a supermarket because it is cheaper, especially for a large family.

Most of the farmers said pickers like Rus and James tend to come back picking year after year, although they have also noticed a slight increase in the numbers coming out to pick.

Picking enthusiasts should come to the farms well-prepared. Jim Bick, 16, who has worked on the Allison's farm for six years and a strawberry picking expert, said a hat is very important. A Walkman radio also passes the time, he added as he pulled his own earphones back over his ears.

Devolin agrees, "A hat is very important but you really don't need anything but ambition."

Strawberries are by far the most popular pick-your-own crop with over 70 per cent of the Ontario harvest coming from these farms, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Apples, raspberries, beans, and tomatoes are the next favorites of pick-your-own enthusiasts.

The Ministry publishes a Pick-Your-Own List which lists pick-your-own farms who contact the Ministry to be included. The popularity of the List has grown from 69 farms listed 14 years ago to 377 today.



Troy Foster and Brett Reid look forward to their summer job of picking strawberries at the Land M farm, north of Acton.



David Rus, 14, can't believe the size of the red, juicy strawberries this year. He was out helping his mom pick the family's supply.

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Major award winners at Stewarttown public School's graduation last Monday were: (back row, left to right) Marimo Kubota (Senior Proficiency Trophy), Caroline Vallance (D.R. Magwood Award), Tara Robinson (Citizenship Award), Meredith Hamp and Trena Mackey (Drama Award); (front row, left to right) Jim Lowry (J. Lenz Award), Lisa Walters (Senior Proficiency Trophy), and Tom Costain (Citizenship Award).



Speyside School's graduation award winners are: (back row, left to right) Jeanette Brandford (Girl's Academic Award), Tommy Tenjis (Citizenship Award), Patrick Naughan (Boy's Athletic Award); (front row, left to right) Kurtis Andrews (Boy's Academic Award), Becky Armstrong (Public Speaking Award), and Stacey Sproule (Girl's Athletic Award).



Subject award winners at Stewarttown Public School's graduation were: Donna Fuller (Art), Ellen Froemmel (English), Susan Walsh (Family Studies), Jodi McNeil (French), Marimo Kubota (French Immersion), David Willms (Industrial Art), Lisa Walters (Math), Tom Costain (Music), Damon Hughes (Science), Samantha Burgess (Social Science), Janelle Lewis (Sylvia Brown Trophy), and Mike Johnson (Milton Brown Trophy).



Large school letter award winners from Stewarttown Public School were: Lisa Walters, Tara Robinson, Bonnie Clark, Meredith Hamp, Janelle Lewis, Krista Snyder, Tim Raunsky, Chris Stoddart, Damon Hughes, Rudy Tilstra, and Tom Costain.

Where to pick 'em

Most of the strawberry farms listed below are in the Pick-Your-Own List for this area. The owners suggest pickers phone first for conditions and times.

L&M Farms, Larry and Marg Barnstaple, 519-833-9578, on the eastern limits of Acton on Churchill Road.

Rainbow Valley Orchards, Nick Ferri, 519-833-9569, on Trafalgar Road about 10 km north of Hwy. 7.

Bull's Berry Farm, Ross and Marilyn Oldham, 455-8344 or 455-8504, Norval, near Winston Churchill Blvd. and Steeles Ave.

Kingshott Gardens Ltd., Doug Kingshott, 455-8664, Norval, on 5th Line.

The Country Apple Store, Al Ferri and Sons, 455-8202, Norval, on 5th Line.

Boonstra's Farm, Bob Boonstra, 455-8219, Norval on Brown's Line.

Migue Farm Fruit and Vegetable, 877-5582, Georgetown, south on 5th Line.

Braeside Farm, Peter, David and Jane Hughes, 453-2300, Norval, near Winston Churchill Blvd. and Steeles Ave.

Chas. Greig Farm, Bob & Mabel Devolin, 877-7484, Georgetown, on 15th Sideroad, west of Trafalgar Rd.

Allison's Mini Market, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, 877-6085, Georgetown, on 8th Line.

The Big Apple, Nick Ferri, 455-8414, 5th Line.

Jacerae Strawberries, Cathy and Ted Chudleigh, 878-3708, Milton, on 4th Line.

Andrews Scenic Acres, Bert and Laurie Andrews, 878-5807, Milton, on 4th Line.

Curry's, Elgin and Rosemary Curry, 873-1589, Georgetown, on 15th Sideroad, west of Trafalgar Road.

The Farm, 877-7976, Georgetown, on 15th Sideroad, west of Trafalgar.

J. Croteau, 877-6715, Georgetown, 15th Sideroad.

Pine Acres Farm, 877-0860, Halton Hills, on 4th Line.

But don't get your picking finger too tired. More fruit and vegetables like raspberries, beans, and corn are ripening fast.

The list is available free to anyone. To get one, enthusiasts can visit a local Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food office, phone 416-968-1760, or write the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto.

175 graduate at Stewarttown school

Stewarttown Public School graduate 175 Grade eight students this year.

At the school's commencement ceremonies last Tuesday at Georgetown District High School students were honored for their achievements.

Marimo Kubota earned an average mark of 87.7 per cent for the Senior Proficiency Award. Lisa Walters, with an 86.5 per cent average, won the same award as the student with the second highest average.

Tara Robinson and Tom Costain won awards for their outstanding citizenship.

Jim Lowry won the J. Lenz Award for being the most improved boy and Caroline Vallance won the D.R. Magwood Award as the most improved girls. Meredith Hamp and Trena Mackey won the Drama Award.

Subject Awards were presented to: Donna Fuller (Art), Ellen Froemmel (English), Susan Walsh (Family Studies), Jodi McNeil (French), Marimo Kubota (French Immersion), David Willms (Industrial Arts), Lisa Walters (Math), Tom Costain (Music), Damon Hughes (Science), Samantha Burgess (Social Science), Janelle Lewis (Sylvia Brown Trophy) and Mike Johnson (Milton Brown Trophy).

Lisa Walters, Tara Robinson, Tim Raunsky, Chris Stoddart, Damon Hughes, Rudy Tilstra, Tom Costain, Bonnie Clark, Meredith Hamp, Janelle Lewis, and Krista Snyder all received large school letters.

Raeanne Chridleigh, Jennifer French, Ellen Froemmel, Kim Hollinger, Katie Jennings, Claudia Koller, Liane Monchamp, Susan Walsh, Janic Gregson, Kelly Sherrard, Bret Robinson, Chris Bewley, Julie Ward, Carole Eros, Stephanie Hanman, Brenda Wilson, Vanessa Mitchell, Lauren Richardson, Todd Haines, Dick Jamer, Mark Shepherd, Mike Huffman, Mike Johnson, Louise Evans, Marimo Kubota, Trena Mackey, Nancy McDonnell, Emma Parkinson, Rich Carman, Rob Jickling, and David Willms earned small school letters.

Graduates of 1984 are: Peter Atherley, Jennifer Blach, Geoff Barnes, Rory Barton, Chris Bewley, Peter Boettcher, Willemena Boks, Lisa Bouskill, Scott Brander, Donna Brandford, Cathy Britton, Andrew Brock,

Wendy Brunelle, Kathryn Buchan, Samantha Burgess, Margaret Brunas, Leanne Burt, Aaron Cameron, Richard Carman, Jill Carter, Brad Caves, Mike Chiovitti, Tina Chiovitti, Raeanne Chudleigh, Bonnie Clark, David Clark, Joan Clement, Kevin Cooper, Rod Core, Tom Costain, Mark Covert, Marry Croll, Martha Darling, Angle Daugherty, John-Paul Dewsnap, Angela Diperso, Franzer Dougal, Elaine Easdale, Rick Englert, Carole Eros, Nicole Esposito, Louise Evans, Michelle Evans, Scott Ewins, Gary Foster, Janet Fournier, Joanna Fraser, Jennifer French, Ellen Froemmel, Mike Frost, Donna Fuller, James Gage, Raymond Gils, Alan Giray, Deborah Gray, Tracy Green, Tracy Gregory, Janice Gregson, Paula Hagen, Todd Haines, Lisa Hall, Lori Hall, Meredith Hamp, Richard Hancock, Stephanie Hanman, Jeanette Hannahson, Mike Hayes,

Wendy Heaton, John Hillier, Kim Hollinger, Richard Hubert, Mike Huffman, Damon Hughes, Braden Hulme, Bobbi Hyde, Dick Jamer, Darren James, Katie Jennings, Rob Jickling, Mark Johnson, Mike Johnson, Shonna Jones, Kiyomi Kawase, Trevor Kemp, Ronnie Klymont, Aeryn Kennedy, Chris Kilpin, Lee-Anne Knight, Claudia Koller, Marimo Kubota, Shelley Lawrence, Donna Leadley, Jason Lefebvre, Frank Lendvay, Chris Lewis, Janelle Lewis, Pam Lopers, Jim Lowry,

Andrew Mackenzie, Trena Mackey, Beth MacLeod, Laura McColeman, Nancy McDonnell, Rob McHugh, Don McIsaac, Janene McMullen, Jodi McNeill, Charlene Mitchell, Jamie Mitchell, Vanessa Mitchell, Liane Monchamp, Jodi Moneypenny, Kim Moore, Alison Morgan, Barb Morris, David Mounsey, Alison Mulder, Kathy Newlove, David Nicholson, David Oldford, Emma

Parkinson, Grant Partington, Geoff Peirce, Shannon Pyke, Tim Racinsky, Bill Rea, Heather Reid, Boyd Renwick, Martin Rochefort, Tsung Rochefort, Steve Ryall.

Rob Scarrow, Mark Schrader, Nancy Sharpe, Mark Shepherd, Kelly Sherrard, Rushpal Singh, Tammy Skau, Krista Snyder, Jason Solley, Rosy Spina, Julie Squires, Craig Stephens, Vicki Sliets, Chris Stoddart, Joanna Street, Greg Tait, Brand Thorn, Jay Thornton, Lisa Thurston, Rudy Tilstra, Alexandra Treviranus, Theresa Tripp, Caroline Vallance, Julie Van Alphen, Dean Vanoverbeke, Susan Walsh, Lisa Walters, Julie Ward, Linda Waters, Teddy Weatherall, Steven Wells, Stan Whitehead, Mike Wilde, Ian Williams, David Williams, Brenda Wilson, Debbie Wilson, Letitia Wilson, Paula Witherly, Ho Yoon, and Diane Zylstra.

Ask approval

The Regional Health and Social Services committee is recommending council approve a renewal of purchase of service agreement with Halton Women's Place.

If approved, the agreement would run until Dec. 31 of this year with a per diem rate of \$22.60.

But the committee is also recommending the region not cost share the supplementary funding program that the Ministry of Community and Social Services has introduced for shelters for battered women.

Last November the province announced it would provide additional funding to improve services to battered women but it announced no details.

Based on talks with the Region and the Province's announcement, Halton Women's Place decided it would not approach regional council in 1984 for a social service grant to offset operating costs.

The details did come out in March and it called for two things: that per diem rate of \$22.60 be paid; and municipalities pay 20 per cent of an addition agreement for "counseling and other support services" provided in the hostel to a maximum of \$3,000 per per year.



Musical accompaniment for Sunday's outdoor church service was provided by an orchestra consisting of Ralph Hollis, Ray Denay and Glenda Benton, all part of Canada Day activities in Limehouse. More pictures on B4. Photos by Ted Brown.

Region briefs

Halton region continues to show a surplus in the bank, according to regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo's monthly report on the health of the regional bank account.

As of May 31, the region had a Canadian net balance of \$259,742 and a United States net balance of \$106,031.

As of May 31, Halton had outstanding investments of \$34,529,872.

The weighted average rate of return on investments for the month was 10.69 per cent and for the five months ending on May 31, the net average rate of return was 10.13 per cent.

The report was received by regional council.

Group Forms

A local-regional-provincial committee on highway planning will be formed.

During the discussion phase of the route of Highway 407, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communication suggested forming a group between itself and the region to discuss trends and increase communication.

Such a committee exists between the ministry and Peel region. Halton staff want the committee but they feel it should also include representatives of the area municipalities.

The Ministry has agreed to this and formation of the committee is now expected to take place.