

# Thornhill and District News

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## German Mills School Now Community Centre

The little old school house on German Mills Road just east of Thornhill is coming to life again as a community centre, and a community centre board has been appointed by Markham Township Council to administer it. The committee has not yet had an opportunity to get together to elect an executive, but Mrs. Lionel Frost, who lives next door to the school, is at present responsible for scheduling events and showing people inside. The schoolhouse and its predecessor, which was located nearby, have served the community since the days of the first settlers in Markham Township about 150 years ago. In 1964 the school was closed and a group of local residents persuaded the township to buy it from the school board. It has been used as a meeting place for Brownies and Cubs, and at present there are weekly art classes each Thursday evening. The township had the school painted and put in tables and chairs. It also has blackboards, low shelving and a fenced yard which would make it an ideal location for a nursery school, says Mrs. Frost, adding, "Anyone in the area sponsoring an activity which fits the facilities and character of the school house may use it at a nominal rent." Mrs. Frost's telephone number is 889-2950.

## Socially Speaking In Thornhill

**Holy Trinity Anniversary**  
It was back to 1830 in and around Holy Trinity last Sunday morning. To mark the beginning of celebrations to commemorate the church's 140th anniversary, a special pioneer service was held. Rev. Reginald Howden and Mrs. Howden, together with other church officials, rode to the church through the spring sunshine in an old fashioned horse drawn demolt.

**Scouts and Cubs**  
Congratulations to Wayne Carswell of 3rd Thornhill Scouts who was awarded his Queen's Scout Certificate during a ceremony at Bayview Secondary School on Saturday. The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award in scouting and Wayne was the only scout from the Thornhill area to be so honoured. Don't forget the 1st Thornhill "A" Cub Pack Hobby Show and Fair to be held at Thornhill United this Saturday beginning at 2:30. There will be something for everyone, including a pet show, ceramics and crafts, as well as home baking. Also through the day an exciting technicolor movie will be shown. The movie, which is a sea thriller entitled "Seige Of The Saxons", will be shown at 10 am, 2 pm and again at 7 pm. Admission is 35 cents.

**Horticultural Society**  
The May meeting of the horticultural society will be held on May 19 at 8 pm in the United Church Auditorium. There will be a flower show featuring tulips, daffodils, narcissus and flowering shrubs; a competition in decorative design based on themes of the season and an exhibition of early vegetables. Murray Smith will give an illustrative talk on "Recent Developments In Iris And Lillies". Premiums will be distributed and plants will be available for purchase. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

**Two Gold Medals**  
Congratulations to Donna Cole, Longbridge Road, who was very successful at the Feel Festival on April 29, receiving no less than two gold medals and one silver for her poetry reading. Donna was awarded a gold medal in the under 11 years class and a silver for being second in the under 10 years of age group. She received her second gold medal in the creative dramatics class for under 10 year olds. Donna is a student of Miss Marguerite Boyle, Centre Street, a well known drama teacher.

**Nursing Assistant Graduate**  
Congratulations are very much in order for Mrs. Marjorie Corkill, Idleswift Drive, who has recently graduated as a nursing assistant from the Department of Health and Welfare Training Centre on Christie Street in Toronto. Mrs. Corkill decided to take the nine month course since her children are now all grown up and she felt she would like to do something outside the home, after being housebound for many years with a growing family. Although she had no previous idea of a nursing career she has thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of her training period and hopes to begin work in a hospital this fall. The course, which is offered by the Ontario Department of Health, is open to girls and women from grade 12 to 55 years of age, and Mrs. Corkill reports that more than one quarter of her graduating class was made up of grandmothers who were just within this upper age limit. This was also very impressed by the younger members of her class who showed much determination and dedication.

**Guides and Brownies**  
Congratulations to the following Guides who have recently been awarded badges: Nella Poscente and Jennifer Lea of the 2nd Thornhill Guides who received their collector badge; Sharon Boyd of 3rd Thornhill who was awarded her senior religion and life as well as her collector badge. Congratulations too to 1st Thornhill Brownies Janice Heramchuk and Pauline Turko who received their thrift badge and Lorissa Pedak for obtaining her interpreter badge. Third Langstaff Brownies would like to thank Anne Antonnaci for making their first fly-up such a success. Brownies from 3rd Langstaff who flew up and were awarded badges are: Ingar Packard flew up; Susan Eaton, Julie Meeks and Jocelyn Beauvais housekeeper; Janet Harris and Susan Rodger - writer.

**Sympathy**  
Sympathy is extended to the family of Harold John Dibb, Kirk Drive, who died on May 10. Sympathy is also extended to James Drynan of Thornhill in the death of his brother Charles Rapley at Hamilton May 9.

**Thornhill Secondary Spring Prom**  
Thornhill Secondary School will hold its Spring Prom "Maria" tonight (Thursday) at the Four Winds Club on Steeles Avenue. Gerry Reidt and his orchestra will provide music for dancing and six prom princesses will be present from which two prom queens will be chosen - one junior and one senior. The three junior princesses from which a queen will be chosen are Linda Harris, Barb Massey and Wenda Walker and the three seniors are Pam Phelan, Nancy Proulx and Gail Robertson.

## From Austria With Skis: Where Air Is Rarified

By FRED SIMPSON  
It would be a slight exaggeration to say that 19-year-old Mary Rea Corkill of 27 Idleswift Avenue, Thornhill, had to go all the way to the mountains of Austria to gulp a breath of fresh air. But maybe not that much of an exaggeration in this day of smog, pollution count, pollution this and that which hovers over Metro Toronto. "The air was clear, it was beautiful," effused Mary Rea who was one of 16 high school students who spent a 10-day Easter skiing vacation in Austria. Mary, a student at Langstaff Secondary School, accompanied fellow classmates Bill Neale, Barb Neale, Janet Springer, Glen Sicsarsin, Leoman Benton, Bill Steed, Jennifer Spafford, Heather

Hall, Darlene Bulger, Wayne Sherman, Jeanne Valentin and Bob Bailie. Three other students, Chris Trow, Len Geno and George Hunter, went along with Thornhill Secondary School. The entire trip was arranged through the Canadian Youth Hostel Association and comprised a total of 70 students and 50 adults. "We flew to Munich in Germany," relates Mary, "and from there took a bus to Myrhhoffen which is a ski resort on top of a mountain." Mary and the other students were split up into three boarding houses and for the next 10 days it was one great big skiing ball. "We didn't have a chance to do much communicating with the average citizens while we were there," she

said. "They spoke little English and the landlady we stayed with didn't speak English at all. She was a little stout woman, just like you see in the movies dealing with such places in Europe." The skiing, as can be imagined, was terrific with special areas for those who weren't as nimble on skis as the experts. "The weather was warm, about 50 degrees, but there was so much snow the temperature didn't really affect the skiing at all. But it was a mild winter in Europe and that's why there were so many difficulties with avalanches. We read about them but there were no problems in our area." The entertainment turned out to be all too-Canadian

with dances discotheque-style. "We went to the discotheque a couple of nights but we didn't stay long," said Mary. "It was too much like you have over here. We were there to see something different." The villagers of Myrhhoffen lead a "hard life and they go about their business. A number of them work at a sawmill in the area. I think we got on their nerves sometimes when we got a little noisy. We'd whoop it up in the streets. In some cases they'd get angry and dump water on our heads. You can't blame them." The food was typical Austrian. "I enjoyed it for a change. But it was pretty much the

same every day. We ate mostly sausages, cheese and bread and such. "We didn't drink much Coke over there because it was very expensive. And if you wanted catsup with your meals you had to pay extra for it. That's a switch." An average day for the students would begin at 7:30. Then came a "hearty" breakfast of two pieces of bread, coffee or tea. A continental breakfast, as Mary puts it. Then came the skiing, skiing, and more skiing. "It was a delightful experience," concluded Mary. "But the next time I'd like to go to some other spots in Europe. Myrhhoffen was nice but I've seen it once now. There are so many other places to see."

## 400 Youngsters Ready To Play North Thornhill Minor Softball

Some 400 girls and boys will be kicking off the softball division of the North Thornhill Recreation Association on May 25. Practices, exhibition games will be held all during the time leading up to the schedule opener. Training classes for coaches, umpires and scorekeepers will also be held. The girls will play Monday nights this season with the senior division being managed by Glen Hunter. Games will be played at Royal Orchard Public School. Bryan Leonard will manage the Junior girls who will play at Baythorn Public School. For the boys it will be Gary Larivee handling the reins for beginners (ages 6 and 7). Their games will be held Tuesday nights at Baythorn. The beginner boys will once again use the "two pitch" which will see two pitches thrown to each batter who will then be

## Another Big Season For Thornhill Girls' Hockey Champions

A powerful band of Thornhill hockey girls waltzed their way to championship honors for the second year in a row in the North York Girls Hockey League. Enroute, the team, coached by Ed Windsor, won 23 games, lost two and tied two as well as copping four trophies. They scored 95 goals and gave up only 25. Besides winning league honors, the girls - who range from 14 years of age to 38 - entered a tournament in Preston and won the championship defeating Caledonia and Beeton. Two weeks later the girls won the Beeton Tournament downing teams from Fergus, Beeton, and Belleville. In April they took the "C" consolation in the Dominion Ladies Tournament at Doublelink Arenas competing against a 16-team division. They won their division tying Mississauga and upending St. Clair Shores, Maple, and Lakefield. The team was organized during the winter months of 1966 when the need for a girls team became evident. That year they played against a team from Maple in a series of exhibition games at Doublelink Arenas. In the Fall of 1968 a league was formed with teams from Maple, Unionville, Richmond Hill and Thornhill. A total of 10 league games were scheduled that season. The Vaughan Recreation Committee donated a trophy for the winner and that team was Thornhill. Thornhill defeated Richmond Hill in the final. Members of the 1969-70 championship team were: Wendy Dobson, Pam Huckvale, Debbie Orton, Maureen Woolnough, Brenda Colton, Terry Coyne, Carol Webb, Susan Ralph, Candy Francis, Alma Howson, Janet MacKay, Lorraine Sherman, Terry Tarling, and Carol Connor. Manager of the team is Syd Woolnough; assistant coach is Bob Sherman.

## Thornhill Tennis Club

Mrs. June Finch  
Phone 889-7091  
The season got off to a fine start on Sunday. About forty members participated in the Round Robin Tournament with prizes going to Graham Maggs, 1st man, Terry Tamblin, 2nd man, Judy Dodds, 1st lady and Gayle McCrae, 2nd lady. Lessons are beginning this week as follows: Housewives' special - Wednesday mornings from 9.00 am. Business people - Wednesday evenings 7.00 pm. Intermediates (aged 13 to 18) - Saturday mornings 9.00 am. Juniors under 13 are starting the week of May 18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Private lessons can be booked for Thursday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

## HOME THORNHILL SPORTS SCENE GUEST

**Thornhill Mixed Bowling League**  
A highly successful bowling banquet wound up the season for the Thornhill Mixed Bowling League. It was held at Glen Shields on Dufferin, May 8. Winners: Bill Doust, high average; Keith Jones, high triple; Ed Palmer, handicap; Ken Poole, high single, Reg. Edwards, handicap. Carol Jones won the high average for the ladies; Marg Van Rooode, high triple; Beryl Iverson, handicap; Mary Redman, high single; Carol Brodie, handicap. Winning team was Joe Anne Roberts. Runner-up Keith Jones.

**Thornhill Ladies' Afternoon Club**  
Over 200: Fran Clark 233, Joy Pickthall 210, Ruth Coburn 248, Betty Richardson 229, Marion Duncan 207, Shirley Hopper 216, Mary Haggart 200, Pat Thompson 233.

**North Thornhill Ladies**  
Standings: Chipmunks 50, Teddy Bears 39, Pussy Cats 43, Beavers 36. Winner of first series; Pussy Cats, and winner of the second series, the Chipmunks. High Average: Betty Cross. High triple: (flat) Joyce Muldrew 548, (hdep.) 641.

## Vaughan, North York Share Crosswalk Cost

Vaughan Township Council and the Borough of North York are co-operating in providing a crosswalk for the parishioners of St. Paschal Baylong Roman Catholic Church. The Church is located on the north side of Steeles Avenue West, in Vaughan Township, about 1,000 feet west of Yonge Street. Many of its congregation, use the parking facilities at Towne & Country Square and have to cross heavily travelled Steeles Avenue to reach the church. Cost of the crosswalk installation is estimated at \$950 with each municipality assuming \$475 as its share, since Steeles Avenue is under joint jurisdiction. Vaughan Council at its May 4 meeting indicated its willingness to pay 50% of the cost of installation and maintenance. North York required this assurance before giving consideration to the proposal.

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It adds to one's enjoyment and appreciation of the performance if one has a knowledge of the play. Some of the plays being produced at Stratford and Niagara-On-The-Lake this summer season are: Candide, Merchant of Venice, School for Scandal, Hedda Gabler and Cymbeline.

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