

Oak Ridges News

District artists display paintings

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Several art students, studying under the tutelage of well-known artist, Agnes Styrmo, displayed some of their paintings in a miniature exhibit Saturday.

Customers at Doane Hall Pharmacy in Oak Ridges were pleasantly surprised to see paintings displayed.

Some of the art work was for sale.

The students are Laurie Agostini, Charlie Muscat, Sue Castonguay and Natalia Dalla Pietra.

LIONS

Russ Andress, a former Oak Ridges Lion, has become the Charter President of a new Lions Club in Haliburton.

Several Lions from Oak Ridges and their ladies attended the Charter

Night in Haliburton last Friday.

Lion Don Cook of Oak Ridges was one of three in the district invited to be a guest tail twister. Don was selected because he is probably one of the noisiest tail twisters to be found anywhere.

DYNES JUNIOR B

The players from the Dynes Junior B team will hold their banquet

Friday, May 12.

Following the meal, they will hold a dance. The music will begin about 8:30 p.m. in the Lions Den at Bond Lake Arena.

This will be a farewell for some of the players, as this was their last year with the team.

Admission to the dance is only \$1 per person.

SWINGIN' 50'S

The Dynes Junior B Boosters and Bond Lake Skating Club are combining talents to sponsor a dance to bring back memories.

The music will be from the 50's and 60's, and the dress is optional. There will be prizes for the best costume of those times.

Pony tails and rolled up jeans will be just the thing. Crinolines and penny loafers for the gals and leather jackets and greased down hair for the guys will put you in the scene.

The fun will happen at Bond Lake Arena on the main floor, May 27 starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling 773-5564 or 773-5881.

Lake Arena in the Lions Den.

There will be music by a disc-jockey, a buffet and door and spot prizes.

Admission is \$5 per couple for minor hockey members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling 773-5059 or 773-5511.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

The Guild has elected a new executive for the coming year.

Past president is Faye Wolfer. Her duties have ended and the new president, Betty Klauke will take over. The first vice-president is Ricca Mennen and the second vice-president is Philomina Dulye.

The new secretary is Annette Mucciato and the treasurer is Elizabeth Pagganini.

LIBRARY

More than 40 people gathered at the Charles Connor library last Thursday to watch a demonstration on the art of microwave cooking by Sheila Krasowski.

A full-course gourmet menu was cooked in record time and sampled by everyone.

BEST PICTURES

The Family Week contest winners for the best pictures of their families are Denise Bub, Christine Farrell and Rosanna Farrell.

Their pictures will be on display at the library all week.

CONSERVE ENERGY

The Richmond Hill Community Conservation Centre has a display at the Charles Connor Library on conserving energy.

Brief says

Declining enrolments shouldn't cause drop in education quality

Maintaining the quality of education in a time of restraint and low enrolment is the thrust of a brief the York County Board of Education sent to the Jackson Commission on declining enrolment.

The report claims that while declining enrolment will be a short-lived problem in the region, there is a general over-reaction in most quarters that the quality of education must necessarily decline as well.

It says it would be a mistake to allow a short-term lack of enrolment, or even one in small pockets, to disrupt the system of shuffling teachers, cancelling programs and closing schools.

A tremendous amount of time, energy and

money could be lost by trying to make amends for a two-year period of over-compensation.

In its recommendations, the brief asks the Ministry of Education to recognize areas of York Region which will be affected by declining enrolment for only short periods of time.

It is hoped the same level of education that has existed in times of expansion will also be maintained during periods of student shrinkage.

Other recommendations in the brief include: a special weighting factor be introduced by the ministry, where there is enough population to provide increases in enrolment in a three-year period, to avoid temporary cutbacks in

program; a penalty be assessed a board whose quality of services and programs falls below a level provided for the same numbers of students and teachers in a time of growth; and that sufficient grants disallow the manipulation of the pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) as a means of solving teacher redundancy.

The York board is also asking to retain permission to sell or lease its buildings and sites (or parts of them) it deems as surplus, with the resulting revenues to be used for programs and-or building projects not otherwise funded by the ministry.

These expenditures would occur without any loss of grant.

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