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SDSS update
Sports and speakers

By Julie Simmonds
 On January 31 the Senior boys' basketball team prevailed against Newmarket to a 60-50 score, setting the scene for the following day's game against Williams. About 290 of our students, the Booster Club, the dance line, the cheerleaders and the Williams' cheerleaders and fans, for a total of

approximately 400, crowded into the gymnasium to view the season battle. Stouffville enthusiastically triumphed over Williams 41-30. Outstanding players were Joe Marra, Mike Roadway, Lloyd Johnston and Mike Lafleur.

On the same day, the girls' volleyball teams travelled to Williams to take on Newmarket. Although the Junior team was defeated, the Senior girls skillfully won their first game of the season. The girls' next home game is February 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Members of the girls' and boys' ski racing teams were posted this week after careful consideration of the competitors' time, ability and desire.

Representing Stouffville will be David Dart, Peter Hamilton, Greg Murphy, Craig Toews, Leigh Hamilton, Lesley Hamilton, Peggy McBride, Livie Petrie and Franci Wade. These students will journey to Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Huntsville on Wednesday, Feb. 8 to contend in the Georgian Bay Ski Championships.

On January 31, the Stouffville Lions' Club junior public speaking contest was held with Cathy Morin of St. Mark's

finishing first. Ellen Dowswell and Lynn Stacey of Stouffville placing second and third. Their trophies will be presented at the Lions' dinner, March 13, during which time the Senior public speaking contest is to take place.

An exciting upcoming date for many S.D.S.S. students is February 10 when the annual Dance-A-Thon is scheduled. From 2:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight the dancers will go-go to the sounds of disc jockeys Larry Holt and Mike Lafleur. The purpose of the dance is to raise money for the students' council which sponsors many clubs and teams in the school.

Summoned threatening

A Stouffville man has been summoned to appear at Newmarket Provincial Court February 14 on a charge of threatening.

York Regional Police said Salvatore Presta, 52 Chester Avenue, Toronto swore out an information before a Justice of the Peace January 31 making the complaint against Ronald Rosnatoski, 38, 206 Manitoba St., Stouffville.



Baffing an Oopik in the nose is only one of the pleasures enjoyed by three year old Suzanne Hamilton at the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival last weekend.

Sleigh rides, bands, skating, and a bed race were all featured at the Mill Pond. —Annegret Lamure

Lions - Mardi Gras
Stouffville Park -
February 11 - 1p.m.

Come and enjoy the fun.
 Afternoon sleigh and cutter rides, Kinsmen snowmobile rides, novelty games and tug of war.
 Refreshments by Firemen and Kinnettes
 Evening 8:00
 Adult costume skating
 9:00 - Intermission: Figure skating performance. Judging of costume skating.
 Adult skating
 Teen Dance: Latchman Hall: 8:30 - 11:30.

Uxbridge assessment to be equalized

UXBRIDGE — Tax could in the near future be changed to be made fairer for all. The change would

come under the proposed provincial plan to base tax assessment on market value, and not on sample house sales, as it is presently done.

The plan is near completion, but as of yet no commitment has been made as to the implementation date.

Inequitable tax assessment has long been a thorn to the township, as people living outside the town would find themselves paying much higher taxes than those in the town in some cases up to 20 per cent more.

The problem was compounded when the assessments were frozen in 1970 and residents found little chance of changing them.

Under the new system, according to councillor Alan Wells, there would be a great impact to all areas.

He stated that in a typical single family dwelling in the town of Uxbridge, those now paying an average of \$529 would be revalued to \$397, a decrease of \$131.

Those in Scott, whose

assessment has already been decreased, pay an average of \$457 now. Under the land market value assessment, they would pay \$438, a decrease of \$19.

However, the biggest change comes to those living in Uxbridge township, including Goodwood and the Glen Acres areas. For those paying a present \$716 on average, it would be adjusted to \$575 for a decrease of \$141.

Mr. Wells also stated the mill rate would be the same in the three areas.

He noted that the market value assessment would also help farmers. "Under this system the province would pay the tax on everything except farm residential use. That includes all other farm property. Our natural industry is farming and this would certainly help us out."

Mr. Wells said the system is already on computers, and he hopes "it will be implemented as soon as possible. But we don't have any in-

duction just when that might be."

He felt most people would be in favour of it, although he admitted with the adjustment some might be paying more. He stressed however, that overall "this system is much fairer than our present form of assessment."

Uxbridge township area has one of the highest tax bases in the whole of Durham, and the new system would make Uxbridge more desirable for people looking to buy homes, he said.

Mr. Wells then explained that the new system will make it easier for residents to understand their assessment.

"Most people know their market value for their home, so they will probably comprehend the reasons for the assessment better. And they will be able to determine whether their assessment is fair or not under this system, and not be totally lost in the complications of the old one."

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Three people hurt

Bloomington crash

WHITCHURCH STOUFFVILLE — Three persons were seriously injured late Friday night when two cars collided at the intersection of Highway 48 and Bloomington Rd.

Andrew Nauta, 19, of R.R. 4 Stouffville was west bound on Bloomington when he collided with a nor-

thbound car driven by William Cheatham, 44, of Uxbridge.

Mr. Cheatham was going north on 48. Both he and his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Farquhar, 72, were thrown from their car and taken to Newmarket Hospital with various injuries.

Mr. Nauta was pinned inside his vehicle,

a Cadillac, and the Stouffville Fire Department was called to free him. His car travelled over 140 feet from the impact. Mr. Nauta suffered from head injuries and a fractured pelvis and was taken to Sunnyside Medical Centre, intensive care unit for treatment. Charges are pending.

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