

YOUTH

"Girl Next Door"

Sunshine in the shade

STOUFFVILLE — On weekends all summer, folks flock to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area to swim, picnic and soak up the sun. On occasions, however, officials toss in a little bonus, a little sunshine in the shade, so to speak.

She's eighteen year old Kim Dixon, Ninth Line North, an employee in the park's refreshment booth.

Kim's our "Girl Next Door".

While it's indeed busy at this location from May through October, the winter weekends are supposed to be busy too. But a shortage of snow has all but cancelled the cross-country ski program, a project that attracted hundreds of visitors last year.

Kim likes it there, recognizing many of the same people who come back time and time again.

Roller-skating, ice-skating, swimming, horseback riding, rug-hooking and embroidery are her favorite past-times. While still a little uncertain as to what the future holds, she's considering a course in modelling following graduation from Stouffville High.

English is her favorite subject and Mrs. Krabe her favorite teacher.

This summer (if she can save up enough money), Kim hopes to accompany her mother on a trip to England. If this doesn't work out, she may join several friends for a holiday in Barbados.

Kim is one of three in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dixon. She has two brothers, Mark and Wayne.



Eighteen year old Kim Dixon, Ninth Line North, Stouffville, is a part-time attendant in the refreshment booth at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. Other activities include - roller and ice skating, swimming, horseback riding, rug-hooking and embroidery.

Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail

Need more for young

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my praise for the work the County Breakers are doing in providing entertainment for the Grade six to nine young people here in Stouffville.

The dances are well organized and chaperoned. Terrific prizes are provided with all proceeds going back into the program since it's a non-profit project.

Last year, a 50's dance contest was held. The Tribune sent a reporter (with no camera) and the results were published on the last page of the paper.

I don't know if you're personally opposed to these dances, but you've personally never attended.

They have a good disc-jockey; eight to ten chaperones, of which I am one, who give up 3½ hours of our time three Friday evenings a month.

Unless one has a boy playing hockey or a girl taking figure skating lessons, there's nothing in town for the kids to do.

Our biggest dance so far attracted 200 kids, so obviously they're enjoying them.

I'm not a member of the C.B. group, but from what I've seen, a big thank-you should go to Darlene Brown and her helpers.

In my opinion, I think it's high time The Tribune and the Stouffville Council started something else going for the young people here, perhaps on a Saturday night, instead of parents having to take them out of town for entertainment.

A parent.
Editor's Note: Either you don't read The Tribune very thoroughly or you haven't talked to Mrs. Brown concerning our paper's support of this project. We've publicized these dances (free of charge) since they were started and also did two personal interviews with Mrs. Brown concerning their success. As far as additional youth programs are concerned this newspaper and Council too are always open to suggestions.

Finalists

DICKSON'S HILL — Heather Hoover, Grade six and Ann Smith Grade seven, placed first in a recent public speaking contest at Dickson's Hill Public School.

Heather's topic "Helping a Laotian Child", won her top position in the junior category Grades four to six. Ann discussed "Relatives" which awarded her first in the intermediate class, Grades seven and eight.

Second place junior was Billy Hollywell, Grade six for his delivery entitled "Space Age". Karina Bates, Grade eight placed second in the intermediate group for her talk about "Acid Rain".

Judging the contest was Mr. R.G. Guyatt, principal, a teacher on staff, Mr. Ron Myles and Mrs. Mary Barkey, a former teacher, now retired.

These four students have advanced to the Area Two competition. Heather and Billy will be judged Feb. 15 at Ballantrae Public School. Ann and Karina competed Feb. 13 at Dickson's Hill.

Top speakers

BALLANTRAE — Ballantrae Public School held its public speaking finals Feb. 7 and selected a winner and runner-up in both the junior and intermediate divisions.

Results follow: JUNIOR - Janet Price, age 9, Grade 4; Laurie Karlsson, age 11, Grade 8. INTERMEDIATE - Michael Von Zuben, age 13, Grade 8; Penny Holt, Grade 8.

Janet's speech was entitled "Dreams". Laurie spoke on "Color". Michael selected "Computers" for his address while Penny spoke on "Roller Skating".

The junior finals are at Ballantrae on Feb. 15. The champion from Area 2 will be chosen at that time. The intermediate finals were held at Dickson's Hill School, Feb. 13.

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