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'Songs for Spring'



Uxbridge Chamber Choir performed in front of an appreciative Music Hall audience on Sunday. Thomas Baker (front) conducted the talented 22-voice group while his wife Anne Baker accompanied on the piano. —Chris Shanahan

Diamonds called dangerous

UXBRIDGE — The baseball diamond at Uxpark must be extensively upgraded before someone is seriously injured, members of the parks and recreation committee were told at a meeting here Thursday.

"I think it's time something was done with the diamonds," Kelland said, explaining there's a number of problems at the facilities next to Uxpark, Parkside Drive.

Representatives of local fastball and slow pitch leagues appeared before the committee to voice their concerns.

He told the committee that at least six peoples have already been injured while playing at the facility this season.

"Someone is going to break their leg and go to court, I don't know what is going to happen," he added.

The infield is too soft in some parts and too hard in others, resulting in unpredictable playing conditions, Kelland told the meeting. Players sliding on the hard turf risk injury, as do those trying to field balls that bounce wildly off the poor surface.

Other ball reps on hand included Diane Ash of the Uxbridge Ladies' Slow Pitch League and Jeff Gaston of the local men's slow pitch loop.

Another main concern is jagged wire on the top of the wire fence enclosing the dugout area.

There's been no serious cuts yet, but are we going to wait until somebody gets seriously hurt?" Kelland asked.

Parks and recreation committee chairman Ian Morrison admitted the Uxpark diamond does need some work.

"We as a committee are going to sit down and look at the situation," Morrison said. He feels a group of knowledgeable baseball people should be assembled to deal with the situation.

"We need a committee of ball reps to watchdog local ball facilities and hopefully keep better control," Morrison commented. "We need experts helping the laymen make the decisions. Let's get everyone working together and coming up with some good solutions."

Mayor Ballinger agreed that the township is in need of a better reporting system to handle such recreational concerns.

"Here we are the fifth or sixth game into the season and we still have diamond problems. They should have been discussed the 1st of March," Ballinger stated.

Ballinger said he felt this type of discussion was too little too late.

"We never seem to talk about it at budget time when we should," the mayor commented. "The concerns always seem to come after the fact."

Ballinger added that diamonds in other communities are also in poor condition.

Other concerns included "brown posts" situated in the outfield which represent a hazard to charging ball players.

Open for nominations 'Citizen of the Year'

UXBRIDGE — With a deadline for nominations fast approaching, there has yet to be any submissions for Uxbridge's 1984 Citizen of the Year contest.

Members of Council expressed their concern over the apparent lack of interest during Thursday's meeting, and hopes are interest will pick up over the next week.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, June 8. They should be addressed to Clerk Walter Taylor, P.O. Box 190, Uxbridge, Ont. L0C 1K0.

The honor will be presented to a citizen in recognition of his or her

outstanding service to the community. Candidates must be permanent Uxbridge residents who have lived in the township

Lost more than wallet

STOUFFVILLE — When Tina Beauchamp of Elm Road, Stouffville, had her wallet stolen from a Markham restaurant several weeks ago, she had no idea all the problems that would result. For not only did the 16-year-old accused remove the money, but he allegedly used her Bank of Montreal

for a minimum of one year.

Nominations must be submitted in writing with reasons outlined. The eventual winner will be

credit card to make several withdrawals.

He then made numerous purchases with the cash.

On May 24, the teenager was arrested on Bloor Street, Toronto. He stands charged with fraud over \$200, possession over \$200 and theft under \$200.

recognized at the official opening of Spring Water Days on June 25.

Lions host bike trek

UXBRIDGE — The Lions Club 20-kilometre Bike-a-thon will be held this Saturday, June 2, on a course running through the township.

The event gets underway at 8:30 a.m. from Uxbridge Arena and continues throughout the day. Members of Uxbridge and District Lions Club will supervise Bike-a-thon activities.

Special individual and family prizes will be awarded to top pledge-earners. Pledge sheets are available from Evans Jewellery and Homan's Shoes.

Proceeds from the trek will go to support Lions' community service projects.

Precautions against eclipse

DURHAM REGION — School students around the region should be well protected from the potentially dangerous effects of today's (May 30) partial eclipse of the sun.

Special precautions are being taken to ensure school children won't be outdoors when the eclipse occurs between approximately 11:20 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Direct eye contact with the sun during the this phenomenon, or at any time, can result in serious damage, experts have warned. As many as 20 Canadians, most under age 19, suffered permanent eye damage during the 1979 solar eclipse.

Due to the fact that today's eclipse will run through the lunch hour, the education ministry has

directed school boards to warn children to be extremely careful.

Schools in Uxbridge and Pickering have made special provisions for those students who usually walk home at noon hour. They'll stay at school for lunch today in order to be on the safe side.

These precautionary measures were supported at Monday's meeting of the Durham Board of Education held at Uxbridge Secondary School.

Woman faces charge

ZEPHYR — A 43-year-old woman has been charged with attempted murder after a stabbing incident here Friday, May 25.

The woman's husband was allegedly stabbed in the stomach during a domestic dispute, according to a Durham Regional Police report. The man was taken to hospital but was not considered seriously injured.

The parties involved are residents at Lot 31, Conc. 2, Uxbridge Township, police said.

Exchange opens doors Friday

CLAREMONT — The hamlet's new trade exchange will open its doors for the first time this Friday, June 1, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The Claremont Exchange, located in a former garage on the northwest corner of the main intersection, will also be open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exchange owner-manager Peter Gillespie is hoping the extensively renovated structure will help boost the hamlet's downtown core.

"We're attempting to give Claremont a better visual image," Mr. Gillespie explained, noting that the barn-like garage has always been an eyesore in the past.

"We're trying to replace that truck repair look with a moire arts and crafts

appeal," Mr. Gillespie said. Merchandise available at the exchange will include antiques, homebaking and collectibles.

There is still stall place available at a cost of \$65 per month, he noted. He looking for vendors selling items such as stain glass, paintings, quilts, plants and flowers, ceramics, as well as fruit and vegetables.

Mr. Gillespie is looking at three main sources to attract customers: town people who will want to shop locally; traffic coming through Claremont on the way to the Stouffville flea market, as well as a clientele which will develop through word of mouth.

Anyone wishing more information on The Claremont Exchange can contact Peter Gillespie at 649-3366.

Beautiful residences



Trinity United Church Women are holding their fundraising House Tour tomorrow (May 31), featuring a number of attractive Uxbridge Township residences. One of those is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lacoursiere, 2nd Conc., just north of Bristol Pond Estates. —Chris Shanahan

Show features local business

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge and District Chamber of Commerce to promote the business community.

The chamber will be running a cafe in the community hall throughout the show.

A dance will help wind things up Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the hall. Tickets are \$5 a couple with music being supplied by the Taylor Brothers.

The show is set to start this Thursday, May 31, and will continue until Saturday. It'll be open from 5 to 10 p.m. each of the three days at Uxbridge Arena.

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Test tube babies pose a threat

DURHAM REGION — Society must come to grips with reality before advances in modern science like those which produce test-tube babies destroy western morality, Durham Catholic teachers were warned recently.

Father Steven Connors of Toronto told a professional activity day workshop in Oshawa that our view of ourselves and our society may be drastically altered by such technology.

"If man was made in the image of God, then in those image are we remaking him," Father Connors asked the teachers.

He noted that part of the 'reality' is the rapid growth of in-vitro fertilization clinics in which test-tube babies are conceived.

However, the speaker cautioned that this technology is "caveman stuff" compared to what the future holds.

Genetic surgery, for instance, removes certain genes from a chromosome in the human body and replaces it with another gene.

Father Connors stressed that doctors and scientists have to be careful they don't overstep the boundary between healing - the object of medicine.

Mural chosen

CLAREMONT — An historical mural, completed in 1969 by Claremont area artist John Richmond, will hang in Oshawa's City Hall.

The masterpiece, divided into three panels, depicts Oshawa's early history, through the past one hundred years. It took eight weeks to complete.