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**High News
Host band
from Olean**

By Chris Garbutt
Stouffville, Dist. Secondary School has many students with exceptional musical talents. Proof of this comes with listening to the band and choir perform.
The choir has been active all year and recently received much acclaim for performances in the Variety Show.
The band has been busy during assemblies, visiting the public schools in the area and last month, received a mark of 82% at the Kiwanis Festival.
To continue this high standard and learn more about how another group sounds, the band and choir have arranged an exchange with a high school in Olean, New York.
This is the first exchange trip for the choir. However, the band has participated in exchanges on several occasions. Last year, they travelled to Parry Sound, a visit that was thoroughly enjoyed and very successful.
Olean is a city of about 20,000, (yes, it's a city), south of Buffalo, near the Pennsylvania border. Much like Stouffville, it's a growing industrial town, set in a rural area. It's a very popular ski resort.
The school in Olean is larger than S.D.S.S. but the band is about the same size as ours. There are 78 members in the combined choir and band.
Our Olean guests will arrive here Monday, (March 25), and leave March 27. During this time, they will stay with members of our band and choir and, in so doing, really get to know Stouffville.
Many activities are planned. A highlight of the visit will be a concert, (open to the public), Tuesday, March 26. This will include four groups, something special to see and hear. In addition, the two bands will join forces on several pieces.
Speaking of music, congratulations and good luck to those students representing S.D.S.S. in the York Region All-Star Band. They are Shannon Clarke, (flute); Denise Davidge, (alto clarinet); Gary McGilivray, (trumpet) and Geoff Tiller, (trumpet).



Thirteen enrolled in sewing class

During the recent March Break, Ann Rae of Ann's Fabrics, Main Street East, Stouffville, conducted a three-day sewing workshop. Thirteen future homemakers were enrolled including (left to right) Tina Fraas, 11; Heather Bowman, 12; Tracy Fockler and Brenda Bowman, both 10. The instructor, (foreground), is Ann Rae.
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Turtles suspect

YORK REGION — A warning has been issued by the York Region Public Health Branch, advising owners of pet turtles, purchased since last September, that a high percentage of these and similar reptiles may be infected with Salmonella Bacteria.
Analysis of pet shop aquarium waters in York Region has confirmed salmonella contamination of aquaria housing the small red-eared slider turtles. Recent cases of illness in children have been traced to this source.
In issuing the warning, public health officials said the disease can be transmitted by the turtles to those who handle them or by the tank water in which the turtles are kept.
Distributors and pet stores are aware of the problem and residents are advised not to buy these turtles.
For those who have already purchased one or more, it is recommended they be destroyed. However, where turtles are retained as pets, children should not be allowed to handle them or put their bare hands in the aquarium or terrarium water.
Children should not be involved in cleaning the tanks and adults who must handle the turtles, or the tanks, should wear rubber gloves and wash thoroughly afterward.
In testing for the presence of Salmonella in turtles, public health inspectors also obtained positive findings in tanks containing newts and frogs.



Sisters display skills in coloring contest

During the recent March Break, the Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library had a number of interesting activities going on, organized by staff. A coloring contest attracted many participants including sisters Yvonne Hippmann, 6 (left), and Nicole Hippmann, 9, of R.R. 4, Stouffville. Both are students attending St. Mark's School, Stouffville.
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