

# Weekender

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## Will that be cherry or apple?

Anna Ruth Ressler (left) and Adeline Reaman of Heise Hill Church north of Victoria Square display a couple of homemade pies that will be available during next weekend's three-day celebration at Harbourfront. The three-day event caps off the Menno-

nite Bicentennial Festival which began last month. Residents are invited to see displays of crafts, literature, art and music. See story on Page 6.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

## Couple survives head-on crash

By ROBERT DONNELLY  
Doctors spent hours plucking shards of glass and metal from Reginald Doucet's face and legs following an early afternoon head-on collision between his homemade mobile home and a tri-axle gravel truck Tuesday.

The 62-year-old Welland resident and his wife Martha, 59, were returning home from a Campbellford cottage when the accident occurred at the intersection of Hwy. 47 and Conc. 3 in Goodwood.

Both vacationers were pinned in their vehicle by the 15-ton dumptruck for almost one hour as Stouffville and Uxbridge firefighters used 'jaws of life' of Life equipment to pry them free.

Upon arrival at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, the couple was flown via helicopter to Toronto's Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

Mr. Doucet received multiple lacerations, broke his right leg and crushed his right ankle while Mrs. Doucet suffered a dislocated hip. They're both listed in stable condition at Sunnybrook.

The driver/owner of the dump truck, Dimitrious Dimitriou, 58, of Toronto, walked away from the accident unscathed.

Speaking from his hospital bed, Mr. Doucet — in great pain and heavily drugged with pain-killers — praised the Lord that he and his wife were alive and then slowly recounted his experience.

"The whole thing took less than two seconds," he recalled.

"I was making a left turn when all of a sudden I saw this big truck coming at me only 25 feet in front of my face," Mr. Doucet paused. "I don't even think I had time to touch my brakes — then I nearly blacked out."

Whitby OPP stated that the westbound mobile home and the on-coming eastbound gravel truck both began to turn left, when the mobile home suddenly changed direction and attempted to go straight through the intersection.

The vehicles were travelling approximately 40 kilometres per hour at the point of impact.

Damage to the camper, a write-off, and the gravel truck was estimated to be \$15,000 each.

Mr. Doucet has been charged with improper use of his signal lights.

## Tests show nitrates high in eight wells

Results show that eight of 34 Ballantrae wells tested in May of this year have unacceptable nitrate levels, according to the Ministry of the Environment.

Information officer John Steele said ministry officials are now reviewing all Ballantrae study material, which includes results from testing conducted in 1984-85 as well as the 1986 samples.

The most recent findings, compiled by the consulting firm, Underwood, McLelland Associates, reveal three of eight elevated nitrate levels were above 20 parts per million, the highest being 22 ppm. Young children and pregnant women are advised not to drink water containing more than 10 ppm.

These findings have been available since early June, according to Mr. Steele, but do to a mix up, were not forwarded by the consultant to York Region's Medical Officer of Health (MOH) until this week.

"Perhaps in the future, we should pass on the information to the MOH, not the consultant," the ministry spokesperson said Tuesday.

Mr. Steele expects a public meeting will be scheduled when the report is finalized within "three weeks to a month."

Cause of the contamination has been narrowed down to either faulty septic tank systems or agricultural practices, he said, adding "we do not believe this is related to the (Hwy. 48) landfill site which is located south of Ballantrae."

Possible solutions to Ballantrae's water problems include drilling deeper, replacement wells or establishing a communal water system.

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