

# Science Fair big success at Ballantrae

By BLAINE KANEKO  
**BALLANTRAE**—Debbie and Susan are destroying the ozone layer. Joe is toying with mold, and Susan is trying to cultivate bacteria.

It might appear the 'garbage-can kids' have invaded York Region, but they're only demonstrating their ingenious projects at the Ballantrae Public School's Science Fair.

"There are high calibre projects here," said co-coordinator Shirley Weidmeyer. "A science fair exposes the child to a wide variety of scientific knowledge. It also mentally stimulates the student to explore scientific investigation."

So many students were bitten by the science bug that almost 200 youngsters decided to take part in the Fair, constructing everything from Tammy Amos' taste test, Mike Morrison's solar cell, Megan Morrison's force and inertia to Joey Sherrren's jets, planes and rockets.

"The science fervor didn't stop with the students. It carried over to parents in the community. They were involved in record numbers."

According to Mrs. Weidmeyer, parents were given a letter requesting their participation as judges at the event and they responded in enthusiastic fashion with 23 parents and public officials volunteering their time.

It was the judges' responsibility to evaluate each project in the categories of Life Sciences, Math and Physical Sciences, and Applied Science and Engineering. The judges based their comments on the following criteria: How much scientific thought went into

the project? The written presentation. The oral presentation. And how effective was the display?

Three finalists in the divisions of primary, junior, and intermediate were chosen, with at least one student representing the school in the Area 'F' Science Fair at Aldergrove Public School March 10, with the winner of that contest going to the Regional Finals and possibly the Canadian Finals.

But the Fair's emphasis was not on winning. It was on participation, said co-coordinator Donna Friedbacher. She explained positive comments as opposed to high marks were stressed. Mrs. Friedbacher went on to say the Fair atmosphere should broaden each student's interest in all forms of science and entice them to enter the Fair again.

Ballantrae principal Jim Jeffries agreed with Mrs. Friedbacher's assessment. "I think this experience gives students the opportunity to explore, in greater depth, the importance of science. They learn to coordinate ideas and work in an independent way. As a result they can learn from each others' projects."

"Mrs. Weidmeyer and Mrs. Friedbacher did a fine job in organizing the Science Fair. They deserve all the credit," Mr. Jeffries concluded.



**Rod and Tracey are kissin' cousins — almost**

Tracey Hassard, 4, and Rod Assinck, 5, are more than friends. They're cousins. But friends or cousins? It doesn't really matter on St. Valentine's Day. On Feb. 14, friendships are for everyone, cousins included.

—Jim Thomas

## Band beckons

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Legrady, is receiving new members.

Rehearsals are Monday nights at 8 p.m. in the Stouffville District Secondary School. Clarinets, tenor saxophone, trombones, basses and drums are particularly needed.

Dr. Legrady's musical background is extensive — it includes a doctorate of music from Hungary, as well as many years of teaching in the professional and public education system. Dr. Legrady was also the composer of the CBC production entitled "Charlie Goes To War."

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band not only offers educational instruction to its members, it also provides musical opportunities to the residents of the town and a service to the community as a whole.

Organizations requiring the services of the WSCB call Shirley Heath at 294-9786, or Patricia Ratcliffe at 640-5076.

## Youth skating party

By EVELYN MILSTED  
**GORMLEY** — The Young Adult Class of Heise Hill Church will enjoy a skating party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shropshire.

Mrs. Peter Gibbins spent a few days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Knight of Toronto.

Irene Olszewski remains a patient in Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Gary Ungurin of Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener, will play the piano at the 11 a.m. service in the Missionary Church.

The Ladies Coffee Hour will be held on Thurs., Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Heise Hill Church.

The Ladies Meeting will be held Thurs., Feb. 18 in the Missionary Church. The program will include the Secret Sister Exchange. Mrs. Denise Foster and baby Luke will be honored.

The annual Missionary Conference will be held in the Missionary Church, Sunday, Feb. 21. More details will be published later.

Dr. Robt. McClure, former moderator of the United Church of Canada, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service this Sunday, (Feb. 14), in Victoria Square United Church.

## Hearing aid is lost

**STOUFFVILLE** — While tobogganing down Hunt's Hill in the Rupert Avenue Park, Monday, 12-year-old Gregory Kirby, Elm Road, Stouffville, lost his hearing aid.

A search of the area failed to locate it.

Should the hearing aid be found, Gregory's mother would appreciate a call. The number is 640-4201.

## Valentine's Day

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## Division winners are announced

Hard work, hours of thought, and a keen interest in the sciences helped the over 200 participants in the Ballantrae Science Fair complete their ingenious projects.

While not all the students could be winners, hopefully those who did take part in the Fair will compete again next year.

As for those selected as the top projects, at least one of the following students in each division will represent Ballantrae Public School in the Area 'F' Science Fair.

**Life Sciences:** Primary, first—Tammy Amos, second—Marianne Succi, third—Melanie Gibson. Junior, first—Tammy Timms, second—Nicole Niemzyk and Andrea Wilson, third—Joe Amos. Intermediate, first—Debbie Sanson and Sara Burdon, second—Susan Schader, third—Natalie Reid and Edith Coates.

**Math and Physical Science:** Primary, first—Patricia Van Veen, second—Brendon Insey and Gary Bender, third—Jenny Cuddie. Junior, first—Mike Morrison, second—Garilee Miles, third—Rebecca Morrison. In-

termediate, first—Megan Morrison, second—Karen Beam, third—Ryo Hoshino and Ulof Klint.

**Applied Science and Engineering:** Junior, first—Joey Sherrren, second—Daniel Banks, third—Steven Bender. Intermediate, first—Matthew Tinker, second—Chris Bellerby and Greg Spytz, third—Mark Haug.

## Time limit

Dear Editor:

The question of abortion is a very emotional issue. Those 'for' and those 'against' will not change their minds. Each believes he/she is right.

I firmly believe an exacting time limit on abortions should be enacted and enforced.

An abortion at three months is, in my opinion, taking a life. An abortion at one month is, in my opinion, a different matter.

While there may indeed be 'life' at conception, I do not believe we can draw the line that finely. Better some restrictions than an open season.

Sincerely,  
 (Mrs.) Carolyn Ellis,  
 Lori Avenue,  
 Stouffville

## Appreciation

Dear Editor:

Through the courtesy of The Tribune, I wish, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Campaign Volunteers and Staff, to thank the people within your readership who gave so generously to our 1987 United Way Campaign.

In York Region, there are 30 social service and human care agencies who depend on United Way for much of their operational budgets. It is only through the help of local businesses, their employees and local residents that the money can be raised.

In Campaign '87, a total of \$1,459,000 was raised. This represents a 12% increase over 1986; a very significant sum. We wish to convey to all our donors, a hearty thank you for the wonderful support.

We also wish to thank The Tribune for the excellent Campaign coverage that helped tell 'The United Way Story'.

Sincerely,  
 John F. James,  
 President



Ballantrae students Susan Schader, (left), and Joey Sherrren set up a display all about planes, rockets and jets. Ballantrae School is considered a Science Fair leader in York Region.

—Blaine Kaneko

## Sex case adjourned

**LEMONVILLE** — The owner of a Whitchurch-Stouffville riding stable will go to trial March 7 on charges of sexually assaulting two Markham teens.

Richard Chase, 41, was charged with two counts of sexual assault in connection with several incidents alleged to have occurred at the Whitchurch Horse Farm in August 1986 and January 1987.

Chase was to stand trial Monday but a Newmarket District Court judge ordered the case put over until next month.



Elizabeth Thompson was one of close to 200 student participants in Ballantrae Public School's annual Science Fair. Elizabeth had a rather unusual exhibit entitled 'Diapers'.

—Blaine Kaneko

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