

Crime stoppers

Windows damaged by vandal

Crime Stoppers and Durham Regional Police are asking for the public's help in solving numerous acts of damage which occurred in Uxbridge.

Some time during the late evening of May 18 and early morning of May 19, someone broke windows in seven cars which were parked on the street or in driveways.

Windshields, rear windows and side windows were broken. It is suspected that a pellet gun was used.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the people responsible for this damage. Up to \$1,000 cash will be paid for information leading to arrest in any serious crime.

Have you any idea who broke these windows? Do you know anything about any other criminal offences? If you do, call Crime Stoppers. You will be given a code number and never asked for your name.

The new Crime Stoppers number is 436-8477.

If it's long distance, call collect or through your local Durham Regional Police Force number. In Uxbridge, it's 852-3366, and ask for Crime Stoppers.



Scooter winners

The Tribune Distribution Department's Sandra Kately recently presented two local youngsters with prizes earned by entering the newspaper's coloring contest. Shown with their new scooters and their winning artistry are left, Graham Smith, 8, of Stouffville and above, Joann Gorry, 9, of Uxbridge.

—Jim Thomas

Drought spells farm damage

By CHRIS GARBUTT

Dry weather in Durham Region has caused permanent damage to some crops, a spokesman for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture says.

Bill Baxter, representative for the Durham East office in Uxbridge, said Monday that certain spring crops like oats, wheat and barley are dying, and many might not survive.

"Where the plants have begun to die back, it's probably too late to save them," he said. "I'm guessing that wheat is going to be a major disaster."

Other crops, such as corn, are also in danger unless substantial rain falls within a week.

"Three inches (8 cm) would be nice — followed by an inch every week after that," Baxter said. "We did get rain two weeks ago, which makes us lucky compared to other places like western Ontario."

Corn plants are about two feet shorter than they ought to be at this time of year, he said.

But the extent of the crop damage won't be known until harvest

time, Baxter noted.

Baxter said that Sunday's rainfall was not enough to improve the situation.

"It certainly was not adequate to allay the drought," he said. "Perhaps it gave us a day's reprieve, but nothing more."

Even crops that use irrigation, such as strawberries, potatoes or cabbage, may be in trouble because of water levels that are becoming dangerously low.

Farms with livestock are affected by the drought as well. Hay grown to feed livestock is not being harvested at its full potential.

Baxter said farmers only got one-half to two-thirds of the normal crop in the first hay harvest, and there may not be enough regrowth for a second harvest.

If farmers have used up the hay that was stored from last year's harvest, they have to start using the hay being harvested now.

"If they're already feeding this year's hay, it will be a long winter," Baxter said. "I don't know where they'll be able to buy more hay."

Fourth line

Jones couple takes shuffleboard finals

By MARJORIE WOODLAND

Congratulations are due to Gordon and Mae Jones, now of Haliburton, who won the silver pin in the Shuffleboard Finals at the Haliburton County Seniors Games last week.

They missed, by a slim margin, participating in the Provincial Playoffs to be held in Brampton in August.

The Baptist Church was tastefully decorated last Sunday for the morning worship. Gary and Lin Madryga presented their young son Joshua Nicholas in a dedication service. The support of their extended family as well as church members was requested and accorded. The guest speaker and friend of the family was Rev. J. Burns of Virginia, who also conducted the dedication. A fellowship luncheon followed was hosted by the Madryga family and the church ladies.

Blanche Taylor accompanied sons Walter and Dale and June Taylor to Ottawa last week to attend the funeral of June's father, Mr. Burton. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Eve Harris tops list of continent's students

PICKERING — Pickering High School student Eve Harris is a winner.

Eve completed her fourth and final year at PHS where she maintained a grade average of approximately 90 per cent.

Knowing that a high score in the North American Student Aptitude Tests would increase her chances of university acceptance, Eve opted to take the tests last November. She joined a group writing at the University of Toronto, one of the many designated centres across Canada and the United States.

Eve scored in the top percentile of all competitors in both the English and Mathematics fields. Her achievement earned her a \$6,000 scholarship from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, one of two awarded in Canada. She'll use the scholarship next year at the

University of Toronto where she's been accepted in the Mathematics and Commerce program.

Family picnic

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society is hosting a Pioneer Family Picnic, Sunday, July 17.

The location is the Country Heritage Museum on the 6th Concession of Scott, north of the Sandford Road.

Families are asked to bring their own picnic suppers. Refreshments will be provided.

A car pool has been arranged. The pick-up point is the A&P parking lot, Main Street West, Stouffville.

The rain date is Sunday, July 24.

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