

Blue Box brigade out in force



If the response to recycling in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Dec. 1, is as enthusiastic at the Blue Box Blitz, Saturday, then the program will be successful. Shown here are Recycling President Doug Hickman with children Dana MacDonald and Melissa Miller.

The contents of these boxes weren't meant for recycling. They're just four of the many people who turned out Saturday to distribute the containers across Whitchurch-Stouffville. The boys are — Trevor Fogel (front); Scott Clubine, Brent Fogel and Tyler Lamphier. —Bruce Stapley

Recycling program commences Dec. 1

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent
Blue box recycling has arrived in Whitchurch-Stouffville. About 100 volunteers descended on the south end of the Recreation Centre property Saturday, emptying 6,000 blue boxes from a tractor trailer to distribute them

to houses across Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Blue Box distribution drive, organized by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Group, is aiming at a 75 per cent participation rate among local residents.

"When I walked in here today it felt fantastic to see all these volunteers come out," said Recycling Group President Doug Hickman. "We're hoping we can recycle 15 to 20 per cent of our garbage. If we can eventually get composting going, then we should be able to eliminate a further 30 per cent."

Hickman, who has served as president of the local recycling group for more than three years, feels a sense of vindication as a result of the success of the recycling program.

"When we started 14 years ago, we were seen by some as do-gooders who were out of touch with reality. Recycling is a reality here now," said Mr. Hickman. Boxes were delivered to each house in Whitchurch-Stouffville, with the exclusion of apartment buildings, nursing homes, schools, institutions and industries.

When it was all over, it was back to the Rec Centre lounge for a party complete with hot dogs, cider, dancing and a performance of Little League Theatre's production of Rip Van Beanie, a play about recycling.

Recycling begins Dec. 1, and residents are asked to put the boxes out with their regular garbage for pick up.

Acceptable materials include newspapers, bottles, cans, jars and soft drink or liquor containers made of P.E.T. plastic.

Recyclable goods will be taken in a special compartment truck purchased by the town to a Richmond Hill depot where it will be sorted, handled and sent to industries which use them.

"This is something that helps people feel real good," said Mr. Hickman. "If there are environmental problems out there, then the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville want to feel they are doing something about them."

Anyone with questions about the program can call the recycling hotline at 640-1870.

This Friday night Youth Service

STOUFFVILLE — The 1st annual Young People's Sacred Music Concert will be held this Friday (Nov. 25) at 8 p.m. in St. James Presbyterian Church, 101 Main Street East.

Participants are representative of several congregations within the community. The following are taking part:

Michael Szucs, Heather Kerswill, Margaret Crothers, Melanie Chong, Paige Maddock, Tim and Laurie Pugh, Sheri Brushett and Wendy LaPlant, Andrea Grundy, Michelle Powell and Mark Mazzi, Kris and Valerie Hoover, Mary-Lynn Thomas and Laura Summerfeldt.

The evening's emcee is Jennifer Morrison.

A free will offering will be received. Refreshments will follow. The public is invited.

A letter to Santa

Last week, The Tribune received a copy of a letter dated Nov. 2, 1988. It was signed simply 'Children of Whitchurch-Stouffville'. It reads:

Dear Santa:

We heard you are coming to town Dec. 3 for the Stouffville Santa Claus Parade.

We were wondering if you

could stay for a visit. We'd like to meet you and tell you our Christmas wishes.

We promise to provide lots of warm milk and cookies.

Please let us know.

Signed,

Children of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Host spelling bee

STOUFFVILLE — Orchard Park Public School hosted the annual Area F-H Spelling Bee, Thursday, and one of its students finished among the top three.

In the Intermediate Division, Jomo Hendrickson, 12, of Grade 8, placed third. Yasmien Mathews and Vicki Ip, both of Milliken

Mills finished first and second respectively.

In the Junior Competition, Dominic Chu of Grade 6 at E.T. Crowle Public School, Markham, topped the class.

The high three in each category received engraved medallions.



Todd Bright, (left), staff teacher at Orchard Park Public School, Stouffville, presents Jomo Hendrickson with his third place award at the conclusion of an Area Intermediate Spelling Bee hosted by Orchard Park last week. Jomo, 12, is a student in Grade 8. —Jim Thomas

Parents can be teachers

Dear Editor:

On Friday (Remembrance Day) I was helping out in a local kindergarten class. At the early morning assembly at which all the school took part, the students were told about Lester B. Pearson and how he was held up as a hero of peace, a role model that all might follow.

Later, I casually asked a boy of five what he wanted to be when he grew up. He responded with a snarl: "I want to be in a war and have big guns and shoot people."

In another corner of the kindergarten room, a group of children were carefully building houses of blocks. It wasn't too long before another child stormed over and "bombed" their buildings much to the frustration of those who'd put them up.

Teachers can't possibly be expected to instill the value of peace in the minds of children if the seed isn't planted at home.

When are we as parents going to wake up and declare our homes and televisions "war free zones"? It is the parents' responsibility to determine what young children watch on television, what toys they play with. It's quite likely that the very same parents who are out buying toy guns and war gorillas for Christmas gifts would be the first to cry in justice if their sons and daughters were killed in a war or through some other violent atrocity.

We don't have to be public speakers. We don't have to be rich or wave signs on Parliament Hill to do our part to encourage peace.

Peace begins at home, begins with the values that shape our children's minds, the very minds that will lead our country should there be a future.

Sincerely,
Linda McNamara
R.R. 4, Stouffville

Graduates of S.D.S.S. Former students widely scattered

STOUFFVILLE — Fifty-nine students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School received Honor Graduation Diplomas at Commencement Exercises, Nov. 11.

Where are they now? Through the co-operation of staff teachers Ron Eldridge and Nevil Hodgson, The Tribune has established their locations as follows:

Patrick Alles — attending the University of Waterloo, Arts Program, majoring in Fine Art.

Jane Anderson — attending the University of Waterloo in the Honors Chartered Accountancy Program.

Kevin Atkinson — attending Carlton University in the Aerospace Engineering Program.

Jim Baggs — attending Queen's University, Kingston in the Pre-Law Program.

Jeff Barnes — attending McMaster University, Hamilton in the Engineering Management Program.

Patricia Benders — attending Humber College in the Law and Security Administration Program.

Boyd Blackwell — attending Trent University, majoring in English and History.

Paul Brown — attending the University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Program.

Scott Brushett — attending Ontario Bible College in the Bachelor of Theology Program.

Laura Campbell — attending the University of Guelph in the Child Studies Program.

Jeff Carney — attending at Queen's University, Kingston in the Arts Program.

Claire Chedot — enrolled at a university in France.

Doreen Chee — attending Trent University in the General Arts Program.

Jonathan Clarke — attending the University of Waterloo enrolled in the Honors Co-op Mechanical Engineering Program.

Lewis Cottage — attending Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in the Architectural Technology Program.

Scott Couperthwaite — attending Queen's University, Kingston, in an Engineering Program.

Jordan Davidson — attending at Trent University, majoring in Math and Political Studies.

Dan Fowler — enrolled as a Cadet in the York Regional Police Department.

Jeremy Gallop — attending Queen's University, Kingston in an Engineering Program.

Travis Grensted — enrolled in the General Program at Seneca College.

Neil Gunathunge — enrolled in Honors Business Administration at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo.

Annika Hannan — attending Queen's University, Kingston in the Bachelor of Arts Program.

Chris Hisey — attending Seneca College in the Real Property Administration Program.

Michelle Holden — attending the University of Windsor in the Bachelor of Arts Program.

Chris Irwin — attending the University of Waterloo in the Honors Mathematics Co-op Program with electives in Computer Science and Business.

Robert Johnson — enrolled in the Commerce Program at Queen's University, Kingston.

Sonya Klein — attending the University of Guelph in an Honors Bachelor of Arts Program, majoring in International Development.

Jeff MacDowell — employed at Parklane Nurseries; to attend Seneca College in February in the Underwater Skills Program.

Rose Margani — attending the Ontario College of Art, Toronto.

Andrew Marshall — attending Carlton University, Ottawa.

Ian Marshall — enrolled in the Commerce Program at Carlton University.

Rob McConnell — attending Georgian College in the Business Administration Automotive Marketing Program.

Emma-Jane Miller — in the Accounts Department at DGW Electronics.

Tanya Minton — enrolled in the Teacher Education Program at Trent University.

Bruno Miranda — enrolled in the Co-ordinated Business Program at York University.

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