

USS students win science Olympics

Uxbridge Secondary School students had a rewarding mental workout at the second annual Durham Science Olympics.

The quick-thinking Grade 9 trio of Brooke Fletcher, Kristina Lukavsky and Matthew Bells won the intermediate title Oct. 25 at Whitby's Anderson Collegiate.

Another USS entry, made up of Grade 10 students Stephanie Long, Michelle Dejak and Heather Williams, placed third in the same event.

Gordon Imrie, assistant science head at USS, was impressed by Uxbridge's strong showing.

"To place first and third out of 13 high school teams is pretty good," says Mr. Imrie, one of three Durham Region teachers who organized the competition.

Students were judged on how quickly they answered a series of challenging mathematical brainteasers.

"It's a relay race against time where students are awarded so

many points for correct answers," Mr. Imrie says.

The other phase tested the engineering abilities of team members, who were required to construct a bridge-type structure using straws, strings and one metre of tape.

"With those materials they had to build in a 50-minute time period the tallest and strongest bridge. The structures were then judged according to how much weight they could hold, and on their size."

Results of the two event components were added up to determine the winning teams. Members of the top three schools were awarded plaques while all entrants received lapel pins and ribbons.

USS was not represented in the senior division, won by Henry Street High School of Whitby.

"Everybody had a good time," Mr. Imrie says. "It's not a report-card session. It's more of a creative sort of fast-thinking competition."

Claremont scarecrow contest winners

Claremont residents showed a flair for eerily creative Halloween displays this year in the community's annual scarecrow contest.

Prize money was awarded to the top five creations put together by local residents. From first to fifth place, the winners are:

The Stephan family who created a wicked witch display. They win \$100; the Bell family of Old Brock Rd. for the Halloween Fun display. They take second place and \$50; the Bigalke family for their Space Age creation. They win \$25; the Card family for their Light Changer display. They win \$15; Norrine Hill wins for her fun display on Dow Street. She wins \$10.

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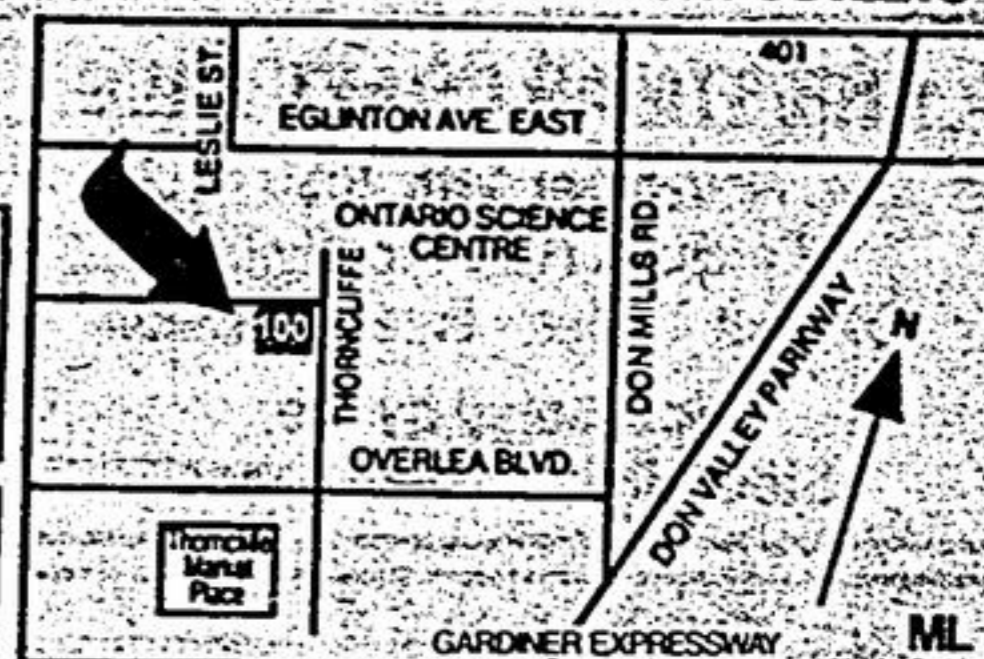
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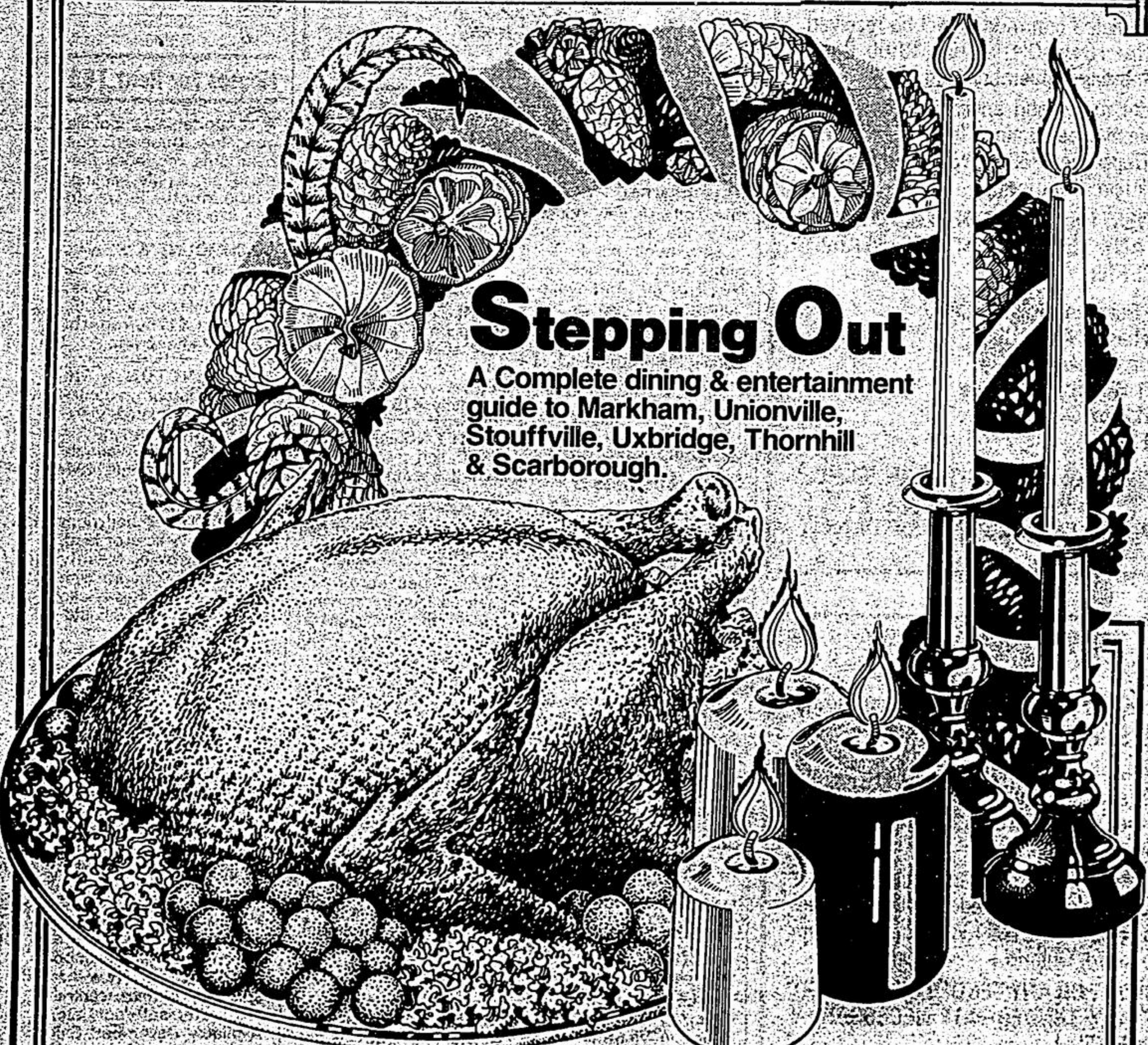
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Wednesday, November 29 - Community Involvement Day
Thursday, November 30 - Show, "Face To Face" at 8:00 p.m.
Friday, December 1 - Community Involvement Day

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