

# Fisher family goes 'loony' during recent open house

Former Stouffville Postmaster Gary Fisher's love of loons caught up with him recently when he and his wife Wanda hosted an open house for those who had worked with him at post office over the past 15 years.

Says Gary, who took an early retirement in March: "It was just our way of saying thank you to all those people, and to renew our acquaintance with some old friends."

Among the Fishers' guests was previous postmaster George Collins.

Gary was overwhelmed with the wonderful gifts he received, which included a beautiful limited edition print by Lissia Calvert, entitled "Courting Loons," a ceramic loon and a sweatshirt with, yes you've guessed it, a loon on the front. Guests started arriving at 1:30 p.m. and they said goodbye to their last visitor at 9:30.

"I felt very good about the whole day. I was really happy that so many people came."

Over Easter Gary, Wanda and their daughter Elisa took a train trip to Quebec City, where they had "a fabulous time."

The people were extremely friendly, notes Gary, and the family's lack of French created no problems.

"It's a wonderful place for families. I'd go back tomorrow if I had the chance."

### Volunteers honored

April 22-28 was Volunteer Week and on Monday, April 23, Home Support Service volunteers were honoured with a special tea, at which everyone was presented with a beautiful wooden duck, hand painted by June Deegan and donated by Re/Max Imperial Realty.

Volunteers also received a handwritten note of appreciation from board chairwoman Kay Marshall.

### Moving up

Grant Larmer, long-time owner



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of the Stouffville Canadian Tire store, recently received an offer he couldn't refuse from the company, when they asked him to take over their store at Keele Street and Hwy. 401.

It's a big step up for Grant but, for the foreseeable future, "nothing will change here," he stresses. "I'll be spending half my time here and half there, so customers won't see any difference."

Although he'll eventually sell his interest in the local store, he definitely has no plans to leave Stouffville.

"We can still live in town and keep involved in the community. I have absolutely no intention of moving."

Just before taking up his new duties, he took a rare family break with a quick trip across the border to visit Stowe, Vermont and Lake Placid.

### Crafty invitation

Local residents who are interested in operating a craft table during this year's Strawberry Festival should get in touch with the Festival committee.

Crafters are invited to set up their own tables on Saturday, June 30, in the town square for a \$25 fee.

Main Street will be closed to traffic between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to give visitors the opportunity to safely enjoy the many activities planned during the day.

Interested individuals should call 640-5560 for more information on booking space.

The committee would also like to hear from anyone who is interested in helping to run the remote control car races which were a popular feature of last year's Festival.

### Friendly theme

This year's DanceCentre recital, to be performed at Stouffville District Secondary School on May 24 and 25, will feature more than 200 performers and 290 costumes.

The hour-long, second-half segment is called "Friends" and follows the fortunes, misfortunes and adventures of two girlfriends, from babyhood right through their lives.

Says DanceCentre director Michèle Green, "you watch them play games, go to school, meet people who are very different from themselves and you even share their nightmare."

As with last year's production of "The Wizard of Oz," "Friends" will be a complete show within the recital, but the theme will be more mature.

One hundred students will take part, some of whom will be in several different segments of the show.

Tickets are available from May 1 at a cost of \$3 for seniors and children under 12, and \$5 for adults. For more information call 640-6082.

### Book club invitation

Whitchurch-Stouffville Library's book club, which is held on the first Wednesday of every month, would be delighted to welcome new members to the group.

"It's a very informal club, and we're looking for new ideas from anyone who enjoys reading," notes librarian Catherine Whittaker.

At present the group discusses Canadian literature, but "we're willing to open it up to a broader range of topics," she says.

Club members talk about the books they have read, compare notes and recommend different authors to each other.

"People learn about new writers and it opens up the library's own reading list."

Although the present membership meets at 2:45 in the afternoon, the library would consider offering an evening session if enough people were interested.

For more information call 640-2395.

## Study subjects sought by CAS

York Region's Children's Aid Society (CAS) is seeking two-parent families with at least one child between the ages of 10 and 16 to take part in a research study.

It's part of a CAS project run by Family Research and Clinical Studies, and requires approximately two hours of a participant's time in their own home. Confidentiality is assured.

For further information, contact Debra Brick at 895-2318, 731-3150 or 722-3474 between Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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You are invited to an Information Session to be held on Thursday, May 10, 1990, at the Uxbridge Public Library's Tokai Room at 8:00 p.m. The topic of this session will be the TOXIC TAXI SPACE PROGRAM, which will be conducted in your area throughout the month of May. This program is designed to allow the residents of Uxbridge a safe, convenient and proper method of disposal for their Household Hazardous Wastes. If you have any questions about the program of Household Hazardous Wastes, this is your chance to get some answers.

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## Wanted!

Crafts people are invited to participate in Strawberry Festival Sat. June 30th, 1990. Stouffville BIA street closing 10 am. to 4 pm. from Park St. to Albert St. \$25.00 per Booth. Call Paul Roney 640-4396



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