

# New pastor at Stouffville Pentecostal

Church welcomes new Pastor Rev. Gene Clark moved to Stouffville from St. John's, Nfld. at the beginning of August, to take up his duties as pastor of Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

Originally from St. John's, he was a pastor there for eight years and prior to that he was in Montreal for five years. Rev. Clark brings with him his wife Donna and sons Jeffrey, 10, Bradley, 9 and Daniel, 5. "I just love this area," Rev. Clark said. "It's quite different from what I was used to in St. John's; the pace of life is quieter, and yet you've got all the amenities and a big city within easy reach."

### Thinking green

"It's the best of both worlds." A growing concern Thinking green has given the Street Family, of Percy Lane, a few unexpected bonuses, not least of which is the giant pumpkin which sprouted in the area of their garden reserved for composting.

Last year David Street grew a pumpkin and kept the seeds for planting in the vegetable patch.

When the new plants needed thinning out, he placed the discarded roots on the compost "and a few weeks later, we had plants growing there," explained his wife, Maggie.

The area has also yielded some squash and a cherry tomato plant. The pumpkin was originally wedged between the compost and the wire fence, but they had to move it because it was getting too big, and it now measures approximately 65" in circumference, "and it's growing daily."

The Streets have entered their pumpkin at Markham Fair. Orchard Park hosts open house Orchard Park Public School held its third annual Meet the Teacher



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barbecue last Wednesday evening at the school.

### New playground

Hundreds of parents visited new classrooms, chatted with teachers and enjoyed hot dogs, doughnuts and juice. Mayor Fran Sainsbury was on hand for the official presentation of the new playground to the school board and the town.

The total cost of the equipment was over \$22,000 and fund raising efforts, including the Christmas fun fair, pizza lunches and Christmas gift wrap sales, were spearheaded by the Home and School Association.

### Not his year

No one can accuse ex-MPP Bill Ballinger of not doing his best, both politically and athletically. But despite his heroic efforts in goal for the Uxbridge Pylons at a recent oldtimers hockey tournament, Scarborough's Am-Pro Sports was the eventual 2-1 winner.

Mr. Ballinger sported his team's orange sweater, a color which did a lot more for his political rivals than it did for him.

With the score at one each, and just a second's play left, the opposition slid the puck into the net to give Scarborough's Am Pro Sports a 2-1 win. Mr. Ballinger's efforts didn't go unnoticed however; he was named Most Valuable Player in the D division title match.

### Travel bug bites

Bitten by travel bug Stouffville resident Marie Cote visited Italy for the first time this summer, and the experience has made her determined to do more traveling.

Mrs. Cote joined four other women for the three week trip, and their tour took them to many famous landmarks including Milan, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Capri, Rome and Assisi. "I'd never been across the pond before; it was a wonderful holiday," she declared.

"I think what amazed me most was the fact that everything was so old. We just marvelled at how they constructed buildings in those days before they had modern equipment like cranes."

The five friends travelled across the country by train and van and also did a lot of walking. "It was very hot, so we drank lots of bottled water, and we just kept moving because there was so much to see." Mrs. Cote hopes to take another trip before too long, this time to Ireland and Scotland with her husband Joe.

### Anyone for croquet?

The fourth annual O'Brien

Avenue street party was held at the home of Norm and Barb Waring, which is 100 years old this year. Residents got into the spirit of things by dressing in 1890s period costume and posing for formal Victorian photographs while looking suitably demure and unamused.

Croquet and charades were played with varying degrees of decorum, and prizes were awarded for the most original and the most humorous costumes.

### Corn barbecue

Fall activities at Christ Church The congregation at Christ Church Anglican welcomed the fall season with a corn barbecue and square dance. "We managed in spite of the rain," said Linda Parker, "we just had to cook some of the corn inside."

All the families, even the little children, were involved and some of the young children did

really well with the square dancing. The event was such a success, they hope to do it again next year.

### Book worms and apples

This Saturday, the church is holding the second annual book-worms and apples sale.

"We'll be selling used books and apple desserts and it's also a giant yard sale," advised Mrs. Parker. "It starts at 8.30 at the church."

### 50s and 60s dance

On October 27th, Christ Church will host a fifties and sixties dance at Latham Hall; details are available from the church office. Brownie activities are now in full swing, but new leaders are urgently needed.

If you can help, call commissioner Jean Mann at 640-3714.

## Museum decadence

Calling all chocoholics!

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, responding to popular demand, is once again holding a Chocolate Decadence Fundraiser.

Area residents with a sweet tooth are invited to sample a variety of chocolate concoctions donated by local dessert and bake shops, restaurants and individuals during the fundraiser, at a cost of \$5 each.

And when you've had your fill of chocolate, visit the Log House for a cup of warm cider, or take a stroll down to the Barn where Dan Zaroski, museum cooper, will be working on his latest barrels and kegs.

Chocolate Decadence is being held Sunday, Sept. 30 from 12:30 until 3 p.m. All proceeds from the event go to the restoration of the historic Brown House on the museum grounds.

The museum is located on Woodbine Avenue in Vardorf.

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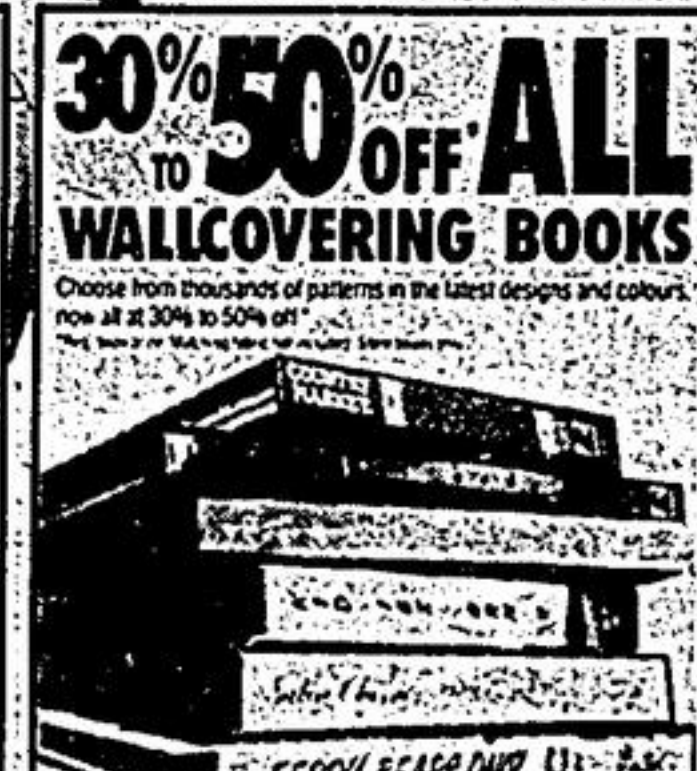
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