

Fox hunt has area woman outraged

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A local incidence of the traditional English fox hunt has a Whitchurch-Stouffville resident seeing red.

But according to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the practice is perfectly legal, despite the disdain in which it is held by animal rights activists.

Connie Boyden informed *The Tribune* she recently saw a genuine fox hunt taking place on the property adjoining her Hillside Rd. rural residence, between the Ninth Line and Durham 30, north of the Bloomington Sideroad.

The hunt consisted of a group of red-clad hunters, complete with horses and "at least 20 hounds," said Boyden.

"They were dressed in the proper hunting attire, and they had the horn to call the hounds. The people were going back and forth along the berm on the property next to ours looking for fox holes."

It was only when Boyden read Arthur Black's April 25 *Weekender* column denouncing the traditional English hunting practice, in which the hounds attack and kill red foxes, that she informed *The Tribune* of her sighting.

"I know there are foxes in the area," said Boyden, who lives on an eight and a half acre property.

"They have come around the house before and our dogs would scare them away."

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Photo/LORI EMMERSON

Once upon a time...

Mayor Fran Sainsbury reads to children at the library book sale on Saturday. The reading was followed by some casual conversation ranging from politics, to snakes to raccoons. In attendance were children Andrea Sauter, Dara Neale, Lacey Juk, Christopher Dodds, and Melissa Forkun.

Board cuts slice into pay raises

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School board employees who made pay concessions will still get raises.

An information release applauded the non-union employee groups who agreed to a pay compromise during budget deliberations of the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board. These employees included secretarial and clerical staff, professional and support staff, middle management and managers groups and senior administration. "These people stood up and stated that they were prepared to voluntarily make personal sacrifices to help with the situation," board chair Nora Sullivan said. The employees agreed to a two per cent salary rollback to take effect in September.

The pay concessions indicated by the board are not pay cuts, and in fact, the employee groups will still receive a pay raise.

The board will save \$78,000 through salary compromises from September through December.

The separate board passed a surprisingly low educational tax increase of 4 per cent, surprising in the face of its \$16.5 million accumulated deficit and its commitment to the province to reduce this shortfall.

Unionized employees were also asked to make salary concessions but refused, and Sullivan expressed sincere disappointment in this rejection by the teachers' groups. The teachers and the board signed a two-year contract last summer giving teachers 3.72 per cent pay hike in the first year and a further 4.28

per cent increase in the second year.

Non-union employees of the York Region Board of Education, who received a five per cent pay hike last January, agree to a salary freeze in 1993. These 221 employees include the director of education. Teachers in the public board were also asked to take a rollback, but like their Catholic counterparts, refused the deal.

They settled their two-year contract last year, receiving a five per cent increase last September, one per cent in February 1992 and a further five per cent in September 1992. Public trustees

also agreed last November to freeze their honorarium, but voted to include an optional benefits plan to their salary agreement.

The benefit plan, forwarded by Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes, would cover medical and dental bills to the tune of \$1,100 per trustee. "It allows trustees to have the same benefit package as other employees," Bowes said, adding only six of the 20 trustees are eligible for the coverage. So far none of the trustees have opted into the plan that would increase their salaries by .75 per cent.

Stouffville roads receive \$20,000 worth of repairs

Whitchurch-Stouffville will be receiving \$20,000 from the province for road work this summer as part of a supplementary funding project that will create 1,051 jobs province-wide this year.

The work is to improve the intersection of the Ninth Line and Vivian Road and the \$20,000 is part of a \$39 million supplementary funding for the province's road work.

"This supplementary funding is directed to specific road projects needed to preserve our infrastructure - so necessary to keep people and goods moving efficiently in Ontario," announced Transportation Minister Gilles Pouliot last week. The funds complement the \$735 million in base transfer allocations of municipal roads in 1992. The funds are made available to small municipalities which need road work but cannot accommodate under their base transfer allocations. The funds are also used to cover the cost of major equipment purchases needed in the smaller municipalities.

York chorus sings to a gold

The York Region Children's Chorus, which includes three local students, brought home a gold standard award from this year's Musicfest Canada.

Musicfest is a competitive educational music festival, which took place in Halifax May 13 to 17.

Sixty-seven York Region Board of Education students, aged 10 to 15, are members of the chorus, which qualified for the national music festival after winning a gold standard at the Ontario Vocal Festival in Oshawa last March.

The invitation to participate in Musicfest was a first for the group, which was established by the board in 1984 and has since doubled in size, with participants representing a total of 35 York Region schools.

by chorus members and their families, who held bake and candy sales and pizza lunches. Generous support was also received by schools, service clubs and businesses in the region.

Nearly 8,000 students from across Canada took part in the festival. Local participants were Brooke Maddock of Stouffville and Sarah and Vanessa Senecal of Cedar Valley. The chorus was directed by Cathy Cassel and accompanied by Ruth Ann Carswell.

Correction

In last week's *Tribune*, the date for the outdoor concert featuring Blue Rodeo was incorrect. The date is actually June 6.

We regret the error.



Photo/LORI EMMERSON

Double celebration

Reuben and Kathleen May of Goodwood celebrated 50 years of marriage this weekend at their home in Goodwood. Son and daughter-in-law Ron and Jean May (at rear) also celebrated a milestone; the couple marked their silver anniversary the same weekend.

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Teens charged in rumble here

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On April 8 where a large number of youths converged on the downtown core.

Police were called in, complete with the canine unit and emergency response officers.

The youths were cleared from the park, only to reconvene on Main St. near the Stouffville clock tower.

Police said this crowd was dispersed without incident, although several baseball bats were seized.

Funds for the trip were raised.