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Art of James Bessey
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Wed., 20, 7 - 7:30 p.m.
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Thurs., 21
Patron Appreciation Day (Free coffee and cookies)

Fri., 22, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Slide into History
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Sat., 23, 2 - 3 pm
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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE LIBRARY

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In Business

Cassanos dig in their heels

BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

Despite a setback that has threatened to dead end their Edward St. Stouffville grocery and bakery business, Frank and Ross Cassano continue to dig in their heels.

The two brothers, who are partners in the Villa Bakery Food Town outlet, have been fighting what up until now has been a losing battle to have Edward St. reopened all the way north to Millard St. The road had allowed access from Main St. to Millard ever since Millard St. was first built in 1984. But the York Region Board of Education, which owns the right of way to the west of Stouffville District Secondary School, had the road closed immediately to the south of the school, and just north of the business, in 1990. The Cassanos insist the closure has cost them business, while preventing them from hiring more staff.

While efforts to convince the board, or the town, to reopen it

Wilcox, who served his apprenticeship at Sutton Place, the Sheraton Centre, and the Inn on the Park, specializes in mousses, cheese cakes, and pastries

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have failed, the Cassanos remain hopeful. "Hopefully it will be open sometime in the future," said Frank in a recent *Tribune* interview. "We have another 2,400 or so feet of space we're not using yet. If the street opens up, I'm sure we could open it up and hire another five or six employees. We hope that eventually the politicians will realize they made a mistake."

The Cassanos originally countered the closure by gathering 700 signatures on a petition in support of reopening the road, but the board still voted unanimously to keep it closed. "It's frustrating," said Ross. "We did more business in the days when the road was open."

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will provide special collection of organic yard waste, including leaves on the regularly scheduled garbage collection day during the following weeks:

OCTOBER 26TH TO 29TH
NOVEMBER 16TH TO 19TH

Yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. in **CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS** or tied in bundles having dimensions not greater than four feet long and one foot in diameter and weighing not more than fifty (50) pounds. Materials acceptable for collection includes leaves, grass clippings, plants, fine brush, tree clippings and branches. Branches must not be more than six inches in diameter.

Organic yard wastes have been banned from the Keele Valley Landfill to help conserve its remaining capacity. Residents are requested to compost much of their yard waste or assist by taking measures to reduce the amount of yard waste.

Due to reductions in Provincial funding, leaf collection by Town forces from streets and ditches by leaf vacuum has been cut back. The Town will collect only leaves that fall on public road allowance that pose a safety concern or drainage impediment. It is requested that residents do not place leaves from private property onto public road allowance. Please compost or mulch leaves for home use or place leaves in clear plastic bags for yard waste collection.

Residents who have large quantities of yard waste or who do not wish to keep their yard waste until the next collection, may take this material to the York Region's Composting Facility. This facility is located on the south side of Bloomington Road, just west of Leslie Street and is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding statutory holidays.

For details on future yard waste collections, residents are requested to check their local newspapers for advertisements.

For further information, please call the Public Works Department at 640-1900 or 895-2423.

SHIATSU WORKSHOP

FOCUS ON NECK & SHOULDERS

WHAT: With the use of finger pressure to accupressure points on the body, a deep internal relaxation is induced which stimulates the body's inherent healing process.

WHERE: *Stouffville Therapeutic Massage Clinic*
- 34 Civic Ave., 2nd floor

WHEN: Tues., Oct. 26th - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

COST: \$25.00 per person

INSTRUCTOR: Rosemarie Wright C.S.T.

PRE-REGISTER: 642-4237

The Cassanos, who helped their mother run a bakery in Italy when they were high school students in the early 1960's, continue to work towards providing a viable grocery-bakery outlet. They originally opened up on Edward St. as a bakery and small deli operation in 1980. A restaurant was installed next door in 1985, with the grocery section added in early 1990.

They recently hired pastry chef Dave Wilcox to expand the bakery line to include cakes and French pastries. Wilcox had worked at the now defunct Le Petit Gateau, a French pastries specialty shop on Main St., since 1987. Wilcox, who served his apprenticeship at Sutton Place, the Sheraton Centre, and the Inn on the Park in Toronto, specializes in mousses, cheese cakes, and pastries using Belgian chocolate.

STOUFFVILLE AND HARTMAN CEMETERIES MARKER RESTORATION

As a result of changes in the New Cemeteries Act, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is obligated to implement marker inspections in the Stouffville and Hartman Cemeteries in order to ascertain whether or not markers must be repaired to eliminate potential risk to public safety.

Families with older markers in either Stouffville or Hartmen Cemetery are requested to contact Michele Skinner or Dianne Barnes at 640-1900 or 895-2423.

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With the double whammy provided by the closing of Edward St. and the current uncertain economy, the Cassanos have rolled up their sleeves to dodge the bullet. "It all means more work and less profit," said Frank. "The recession has been very tough. Like in any business, expenses have gone up while profits have gone down. But we're working hard, and putting in lots of extra hours. We survive by doing lots of hard work."

Despite the obstacles, the Cassanos have been convinced right from the start that they are in the right town. Both reside in Stouffville with their families. Frank and Ross have three and two children respectively. "It's a very friendly town," said Frank. "I knew that when we first opened up, when a couple of families came in to welcome us to town."