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Town outlaws public parties at Britton's farm

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

The town has clamped down on a local farm being used for community picnics, corn roasts, swimming and weddings.

David Britton said that while his family will respect a municipal-written order telling them to stop letting Willowmead Farm be used for large and small community events, the family is very disappointed.

"We will respect the town on this, but we are confused and we, my parents (Lloyd and Marg Britton) especially, are disappointed," said David Britton, family spokesman.

The town took issue after

neighbors filed noise complaints, said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Britton said that his parents took a community-minded approach to welcoming others to their farm. "My parents gave to the community for many years," said Britton.

The family has been told violating the order carries a \$20,000 fine, said Britton.

The property is not zoned for such activity, stressed Emmerson.

As well as noise complaints, the town received a petition from area residents asking that the town intervene, said Emmerson.

The farm includes a sheltered picnic area, a swimming pond, a pedal boat and

a baseball diamond. Area Councillor Margot Marshall said the petition signed by "about 20" people was presented to her.

The property has been used by many groups over the years.

"The Salvation Army used to bring kids to swim in the pond," said Britton. "Where are these kids going to go now?"

Also, the Lemonville farm has been a popular spot for various functions, including church picnics, charity association and club gatherings, fundraisers and weddings.

"It was innocent enough in the beginning," said Marshall. "It started out as church do's and seniors do's and it snow balled."

"It's such beautiful property, everybody wanted to use it," she said.

The ruling forced the Brittons to tell an American couple that they can't host their wedding on the farm.

"The bride was formerly from Stouffville. Now they can't get married here," said Britton.

Neighbors were "bothered by cars" coming out of the Britton property from weddings at 1 a.m., said Marshall.

The people getting married at the Britton farm have nothing to do with the

Brittons," said Emmerson. "The Brittons can, however, host

family gatherings and small private parties, stressed the mayor.



David Britton, shown here with daughter Margaret, is upset about council's decision to outlaw community events on his parents' farm. The decision came after complaints from neighbors.



Back to school

Janice Rich gives her daughter, Jaclyn Mowatt, right, a hug, along with her friend Amy Ruhl, as the girls head back to school at Summitview Public School. Jaclyn and Amy are in Grade 3 this year.

Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Local boards unaffected by plan

By JULIE CASPERSEN
Staff Reporter

A provincial task force promoting the elimination of half the school boards in Ontario will have little direct impact on York Region.

On Wednesday, the Ontario School Board Reduction Task Force released its interim report that contains measures to redefine the way boards are run so that more money

is directed into the classroom. A plan to redraw the school board boundaries and erase up to 50 per cent of the 168 Ontario boards won't change the look of the York Region public and separate boards, two of the largest in the province.

"It's really a non-issue," said Bill Crothers, chair of the York Region Board of Education. "There's no apparent impact at the

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