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## Businessman fined for tax evasion

**JORDAN H. GREEN**  
 Correspondent

A Stouffville businessman and his company were fined \$10,000

for failing to file income tax returns.

Frank Ignagni pleaded guilty to failing to file personal and corporate income tax returns at New-

market Provincial Court on June 16.

"The normal time frame (for filing) is usually April 30 for individual (returns) and six months to the

end of the year (for corporate returns)," said Joe Permaul, a spokesperson for Revenue Canada.

Ignagni and his company, Sherwood Carpentry Limited, were

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each charged \$5,000 on July 8 for failing to report taxable income for the years 1991 to 1995.

Ignagni may also have to pay back taxes plus interest owing, depending on the amounts he does not report. No amounts were reported to Revenue Canada at press time. Ignagni has 18 months to pay the fines.

## Picking the berry best

**MIKE ADLER**  
 Staff Reporter

She's spent less than 10 minutes in the berry patch and already Kristine Tew, 2, has added some smears of red to her face, hands and clothes.

Naturally, she can't read the large sign on the path that says, "Please do not eat our strawberries in the field."

And patch owner Dave Howard said he doesn't think anyone goes berry picking without swallowing a few. "Which is fine. I would, too," he added.

"Four or five's okay," pronounced his son Justin, 14, "foreman" of Bethesda Springs Farm in Stouffville.

On a cool morning this week, Kristine and sister Karen, 6, were learning where the best berries hide and which ones should go into the baskets.

"See, this one's white and this one's red," mother Pat Tew told the younger girl. "You have to pick a red one."

Berries which the girls don't eat at their Ringwood home will be frozen so the family can enjoy them in winter desserts, or drop them on cereal or ice cream.

Because they pick fruit for the family, stand on Bethesda Rd. near 9th Line, Justin and sister Shannon Howard, 9, are berry experts.

Shannon said if you stand on top of the row and pick underneath, you can get all the berries. Justin suggested pushing the plants down to get a good look.

Some look for a lot. Just this week, the Howards said, a woman took 64 quarts of fruit out of the patch for her relatives.



**CROP SHOP:** You'll likely find (from left) Sommer Watts, 7, Justin Altmann, 14, and Shannon Watts, 9, with Scooter, manning the Bethesda Springs Farm and welcoming strawberry pickers with a smile. The pick-your-own farm is on Bethesda Sideroad just east of Hwy. 48. Please see p. 3 for berry-picking tips. Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Growers say strawberries on local farms will last for at least one more week. The cooler weather is helping to stretch the season, said Jonathan Hall, whose family owns Strawberry Creek Farm on 10th Line.

You can buy U.S. strawberries, but those from Ontario have more flavor, he said, and there's this saying about them: "The big one's are for your eyes

and tummies, the smaller ones are for your jams and jellies."

At Barry's Gardens on Bethesda Rd., children were excited to find a few "weird" berries with odd shapes, but not Doug Clarke, whose wife expects better.

"If I brought one home like that," he said, holding up a snub-nosed fruit, "she'd have me arrested."

But Clarke, working steadily down one row, wasn't complaining. "It's pretty hard to make them come out even — the weather, the pickers and the whole shebang," he said.

A few rows over, an Aurora man grabbing berries for jam said picking is a worthwhile experience for anyone. "It's something you still do with your own hands," said Gary Drodge.

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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum will be offering several programs during the summer months for children aged eight to 14.

Children will explore a variety of heritage activities and crafts and will complete several projects to take home. The programs will be held July 23-25 and again on August 20-22 and consist of three half-day programs. Participants may choose either the morning or the afternoon session.

Pre-registration is necessary, and the cost is \$25 for the three-day session. To register or for more information, call the museum at 727-8954.

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