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**WHEN:** Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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## Rare June flood warnings issued

*Even small creeks pose dangers*

BY MIKE ADLER  
 Staff Writer

When they are ready to flood their banks, the little creeks in your neighbourhood can be as dangerous to a child as any river. "They'll lull you into a false sense of security," Tom Hogenbirk, flood warning co-ordinator for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, warned this week.

The LSRCA and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, which watches York Region's southern river systems, both issued flood advisories Tuesday — a rare step in June, when spring runoff has usually come and gone.

But following a wet May and thunderstorms this month, the ground is unable to absorb more water, making flooding possible in some areas.

The authorities' main message is to keep all children and pets away from fast-flowing streams, whose banks have become slippery and unstable.

"That's a natural attractive thing for them and yet it's the most dangerous place for them to be," Hogenbirk said, adding smaller creeks tend to flood more quickly.

Both authorities have sent their warnings to district school boards, where teachers are supposed to instruct children to stay

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## AWARD WINNER



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Yvonne Salmon, activities co-ordinator at Green Gables Manor in Stouffville, is recipient of the Alzheimer's Society Family Choice award.

# Family choice of Green Gables

BY JANET RICHARDS  
 Special to The Tribune

Yvonne Salmon, the activities co-ordinator at Green Gables Manor, was one of five people honoured with the Alzheimer's Family Choice Award in Newmarket last Thursday.

Salmon, who lives in Markham, has worked at Green Gables in Stouffville for 13 years.

There were 37 nominees for the

five awards, including another from Green Gables, and Salmon was surprised to win.

"I never win anything," she said. "Out of 37 people, I thought I didn't have much chance."

Salmon was sitting with one of the people who had nominated her when she was announced as the second recipient. She was reading her program and a gentleman said, "That was you."

Along with a plaque for herself,

Salmon was given a plaque for Green Gables, a pin and a bouquet of flowers.

"I hung the plaque up in the lobby on Friday morning as soon as I came in to work," she said. She added that it is nice to be recognized, especially after 13 years of work.

### STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Salmon has been busy at work organizing the Green Gables annu-

al strawberry social which takes place this Saturday.

The family event starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. There will be four entertainers performing throughout the day, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Anyone is welcome to drop by and take part. The strawberry social will be held in front of Green Gables Manor, located on Ninth Line just south of Bloomington Road.

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