

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What do you think of the ban on pit bulls?

asked at Sobeyes Tuesday morning

Kelli CARROLL



I think there are too many instances of people being hurt and owners seem to be incapable of controlling the animals. I am in agreement with the ban.

Alfred KORB



I strongly disagree. I own a pure-bred American Staffordshire Terrier and this is the most gentle dog. It is the people who buy the dogs who can make them vicious.

Andrea BOSTON



I think it is worth it if a child or adult is safer by banning them. An injury to even one child outweighs the rights of pit-bull owners.

Michele COSCARELLA



Pit-bulls have no place in a community with small children, schools and churches. The dogs should be channeled to a good use, such as policing or security work.



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Music family affair for concert performer

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

The best of Stouffville's young musicians and performers take to the stage tomorrow evening at the student music scholarship concert sponsored by St. James Presbyterian Church.

The concert features dozens of singers, dancers, instrumentalists and bands.

Among them is Lillian Wild, a Grade 11 student who plays the trombone in the Stouffville District Secondary School band. She will also play some piano selections.

TORONTO YOUTH BAND

The 16-year-old Stouffville resident plays the euphonium in the Hanaford Youth Band at the University of Toronto. She earned her Grade 8 piano certificate last year and teaches piano to six local students.

The joy she derives from music is evident when speaking about what she does. Lillian began playing the trumpet this summer and is looking forward to learning the French horn.

"I am working my way around the brass section," she

said with a laugh.

Although she has chosen to concentrate more on the Hanaford Band this year, Lillian is working on Grade 9 and 10 piano pieces.

"I always wanted to play those five-page-long sonatas," she said. "Now I am there."

Her musical accomplishments and desire to make music a career have been gratifying for Dan McConnachie, her music teacher.

And with the entire Wild household playing some instrument or other, Lillian's affinity for music isn't surprising. Her mom, Pat, teaches piano, her dad, Bob, plays guitar, older sister Kaitlin plays piano and older brother Brandon plays piano and guitar.

Last year, Lillian played piano for the York Durham Academy for the Performing Arts' production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat.

Her ultimate goal is to be a performer with a large orchestra or on her own, playing music for Disney films or teaching music at the secondary school level.

Lillian Wild, a Grade 11 student at Stouffville District Secondary School band, has double duty in tomorrow's Student Music Scholarship at her school. She will play trombone in the school band as well as some solo piano selections.

The annual music scholarship concert, which began 12 years ago, continues to draw strong community support, said Gayle Atkinson, who organizes the concert with Jim Thomas and Stuart McElroy.

MORE BANDS, CHOIRS

This year, more schools are participating and some are sending bands and choirs.

Every year a student is presented with a scholarship. This year's recipient is vocalist Carly MacLean, a Grade 12 SDSS student.

The talent level of concert performers continue to astound Ms Atkinson.

"There are tiny little children singing and making music," she said. "The senior high school bands are close to professional."

The concert starts 7:30 p.m. at SDSS, 183 Bramble Cres. in Stouffville. Admission is \$4 at the door for adults. Children are admitted free. Proceeds go towards enhancing music programs at participating schools.

Briefly

Legion services mark Remembrance Day

Veterans and dignitaries, including Mayor Sue Sherbar and MPP Frank Klees, will be at the Stouffville Cemetery cenotaph for a Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day wreath-laying ceremony Sunday at 1 p.m.

A service follows at 2:15 p.m. in the legion hall on Ninth Line north of Main Street in Stouffville.

On Nov. 11, the Remembrance Day service, including a solemn wreath-laying, begins at the Legion's cenotaph at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Legion at 905-640-1714.

Bateman at gallery

Renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman is visiting the Golden Eagle Art Gallery in Stouffville Sunday.

He will be signing limited edition prints, including his latest, Moonlight Moose, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery will have an extensive collection of his works on display. This is the second time the Toronto-born artist has visited the gallery.

Mr. Bateman received early training as a naturalist at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. He taught high school geography for 20 years.

Starting with abstract and semi-abstract painting in the 1950s, he began to draw realistic wildlife scenes after seeing an exhibition by Andrew Wyeth in 1963.

The Golden Eagle Gallery is at 18 Ringwood Dr. off Main Street and east of Hwy 48. For more information, call 905-642-2279.

Quoteworthy

'One morning, we discovered nine pairs of men's pajamas and 39 ties. That was a little out of the ordinary.'

Elna Coetsee, manager of Stouffville's Care & Share Thrift Shop. See Jim Thomas' column on page 7.

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