

Going old school one final time

June 1 will be an afternoon and evening filled with mixed emotions.

It's Stouffville District Secondary School's last hurrah, the end of an era.

While a full agenda of events is planned, ranging from a Main Street parade to a beef barbecue and dance, the question many ex-students are asking is: Can I place a reserve bid on my old desk, the one with initials carved in the top? Other memorabilia, of no use at the new site, is of interest to many as well. What price a memory?

Nominations, please

Strawberry Festival time is fast approaching. Our town's big show begins June 27 and continues through July 1.

Leading off the event's agenda is a music festival in Stouffville United Church featuring The Men of Note male chorus and soloists Susan Brown and Tom Doherty. Admission is freewill plus a donation to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank. Net proceeds will go to the Student Music Scholarship Fund.

Presentation of the 2007 Music Town, Ontario, award will be an evening highlight and this is where you can play a part. Nominations are accepted until June 8. Write Jim Thomas, 381 Rupert Ave., Stouffville, L4A 1T2 or e-mail thomasjim@rogers.com

We're looking for an outstanding contributor to the musical heritage of our town.

Police presence

The Stouffville Lions Club is hosting an outstanding concert Wednesday at 7 p.m. at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church, featuring the 30-member York Regional Police male chorus. Tickets are \$15 from Barthau Jewellers, Card's Appliances, Chas. Richards & Sons and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will go to Campaign Sight First 11, a project to prevent blindness in children around the world, supported by Lions International.

Elementary, Harry

Possibly accepting a suggestion from Sun-Tribune editor Jim Mason's column, the York Region District School Board has agreed to name one of two new Stouffville elementary schools after former board chairperson and trustee, Harry Bowes, a decision I strongly support. H. Bowes Public School will be on Greenwood Road, not far



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

from where Mr. Bowes lives. Mr. Bowes' association with the school community spans 30 years.

100 candles

On June 3, Rev. Gibson Brown, former pastor at Christian churches in Ringwood, Bloomington and Altona, will mark his 100th birthday. The occasion will be celebrated from 2 to 4 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Leamington, Ont. He now resides in Chatham. Rev. Brown presided over three area congregations back in the 1940s and '50s. Elizabeth (Rae) McAtteer, formerly of Stouffville and now Thornhill, still keeps in close touch. Rev. Brown has one daughter, Beverley Ann, living in Chatham.

New home for Mania?

Will they or won't they? Will the transition team, headed by Margaret Cunningham, agree to utilize the new Stouffville District Secondary School for Music Mania 2008 or go elsewhere, maybe the Great Hall of Christ Anglican Church or the gymnasium at Glad Park Public School? This will be a main topic of discussion when 20 key Music Mania members meet May 30 in Stouffville United Church.

Quilting time

Several years ago, in Florida, Warren and Vera Moyer purchased sufficient material to make a king-size quilt. However, the task never advanced further than the state in which it arrived. Four weeks ago, however, Arletta McDowell, Mary Reesor and Ruth Fockler of Stouffville heard about the well-intentioned project. "We'll do it," they said. This week, the quilt was removed from its frame, ready to be bound. "It's gorgeous," said Vera. She is seriously considering entering it in next fall's Markham Fair.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

LASAGNA! WEEK

We make three types of lasagna for our frozen entrée section, and all three will be on sale this week. The types are: meat lasagna with lots of meat sauce, ricotta, onions, mozzarella and parmesan, (fresh noodles). Next is our vegetable lasagna, made with tomato cream sauce, onions, fresh noodles, lots of oven-roasted vegetables and lots of cheese, and thirdly, our chicken lasagna, made with fresh noodles too, plus mushrooms, shallots, white wine and, as always, lots of cheese!

You'll need to follow the directions on the package!

A great meal.

Reg. \$14.95

and \$15.95

Serves 3 - 4

25% OFF THIS WEEK

FRESH LOCAL ASPARAGUS

The local product is now in — it's a great time of the year!

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI!

Men, since it's your turn to put the apron on this weekend, we thought we'd give you a hand. We'll have some salmon wellingtons ready, either in individual bundles or family-sized slabs which can be portioned to any size.

With the beginning of the local asparagus season, we'll have some ready to eat, as well as some baked phyllo parcels of diced chicken with leeks, asparagus and dried cranberries, bound with a light basil creamy sauce.

On the salad counter we'll be making our napa edamame salad which has pickled ginger, Napa and bok choy with a rice wine vinegar — soy dressing. You'll find this refreshing and light.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' OUTSIDE!

We've got Geranium hangers in two sizes, either in plastic or fibre (fibre is good), some 4" pots as well as 6" (my fave) if you want a headstart, a shipment of Ivy Geraniums coming on Friday, as well as even more large fibre baskets with trim.

You'll find lots of herbs, including basil now, in the 4" size — we'll have some herb pots planted up as well. Lots of 4" perennials — and the beginning of 4" annuals for those of you who are keen to get going with your pots. For shade we'll have another assortment of non-stop Begonias, some Reigers in 4", 6" and baskets (full shade), lots of Bacopa 4" and baskets, as well as Scavola baskets. The most amazing morning Glories have arrived in a large size — and a shipment of Diplodena in 8" and Mandevilla in a small size for containers. On Friday we'll have some of the medium Fuchsia standards and some Geranium window boxes. Boston Ferns are in again, as well as a further shipment of Kimberly Sunshine Ferns.

WE'VE GONE FISHING!

Our fish feature for this week will be fresh pickerel fillers. When I think of pickerel, I invariably think of my old Aunt Lela who had a large farm on the river just downstream from Sturgeon Falls. As a kid, we'd often spend summers there, just havin' fun — and in the evenings when all the chores were done, we'd go fishing with her — and she was an expert. Pickerel were the fish of choice and many a feed was had. They'd just be panfried with a bit of butter, but there are many other delicious ways to have these; just ask the meat counter guys from Ontario.

12.95 LB. THIS WEEK

STUFFED PORK TENDERLOINS

These are the dinner of choice for many. We begin with pork tenderloins trimmed nicely, and then we stuff them with a bread stuffing full of fancy dried fruit. The result? Not only do they present well, they taste even better!

Reg. \$9.95 lb.

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CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Our feature in the soup department will be our chicken noodle. You might be forgiven for thinking that, since it's just soup, we could get by using the cheap chicken to make this — and that we would save lots of money because we use lots of chicken — but we use our really nice air-chilled chicken that we pay a premium to get — and to cook with. The result will be proof enough of our quality thinking.

Reg. \$5.99

Serves 3 to 4

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WHAT'S BAKING! THIS WEEK!

We're thinking Mother's Day this week, and we'll be making...

- **CHOCOLATE-RASPBERRY HEARTS** — It's our chocolate cake (the one with chunks of chocolate in it) cut into a heart shape and filled with ganache and raspberries, decorated with chocolate-dipped strawberries, raspberries and heart-shaped sugar cookies — two sizes \$12.95 & \$18.95 ea
 - **FROSTED CHOCOLATE CAKE** — This is a new fluffy chocolate frosting on our chocolate cakes — kids (and the odd mom) will love it — Available in three sizes \$6.95, \$14.95 and \$22.95 ea
 - **PINK HEART CAKE** — This is a heart-shaped white cake with a light pink icing and sugar cookie flowers — two sizes \$12.95 and \$18.95 ea
 - **STRAWBERRY PASTRIES** — These are puff pastry with berries, seasoned with a touch of Grand Marnier. They are then baked and adorned with even more berries \$3.99 ea
 - **MOTHER'S DAY SUGAR COOKIES** — We make the most amazing sugar cookies — as you already know. You'll find that these are over the top; in fact, we employ one person who makes and paints these full time. It's quite a labour of love, especially so for Mother's Day.
 - **RASPBERRY-PECAN TRUFFLE TART** — with a crushed pecan crust filled with chocolate ganache that has been flavoured with raspberry liqueur — decorated with fresh berries — two sizes \$12.95 and \$22.95 ea
 - **MOCHA RASPBERRY CARAMEL CHEESECAKES** — It's our mocha cheesecake taken up a notch with caramel and raspberries, decorated with caramel, dark chocolate and fresh raspberries \$14.95 and \$22.95 ea
 - **LEMON MOUSSE CAKES** — It's a lemon-lover's dream — Two layers of lemon mousse with our white sponge cake and lemon curd between the layers \$22.95 and \$29.95 ea
 - **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE** — Stacked three layers tall with white cake, fresh strawberries and freshly whipped cream. It's topped off with freshly dipped strawberries and toasted almonds \$16.95 and \$28.95 ea (*This cake can also be had without the almonds, should you wish).
 - **WHITE CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY MOUSSE CAKE** — Made with one layer of raspberry mousse and one layer of white chocolate mousse between three layers of white cake, all decorated with fresh raspberries and white chocolate \$22.95 and \$29.95 ea
 - **RASPBERRY WHITE CHOCOLATE CREME BRULEE** — As it sounds, with a hint of lemon \$3.99 ea which, as most of you know, includes a 50¢ deposit on the ramekin.
- Lots and lots of chocolate-dipped stem strawberries in various guises — all dipped with really good (not the cheapest) chocolate.
- We will be making more than this; any of our bakery counter staff (about 10 of them) will help you with the full list. Orders are suggested — 905-940-0655.

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