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Eat, drink, fight cancer at festival

Cancer is "the black plague of our society," according to Councillor Phil Bannon and that is why this year's proceeds from the Wine and Food Festival will to go the Southlake Regional Health Centre's Stronach Regional Cancer Centre.

"It's getting so bad. We've got to dedicate so much time and effort and finances to fighting this disease," Mr. Bannon said.

Last year, the event raised enough money to buy the cancer centre a chemotherapy drug treatment refrigerator.

This year's proceeds will help buy a chest board for the radiation treatment unit. It costs \$11,900. Over the past five years, the event has raised \$60,000 for a variety of charities.

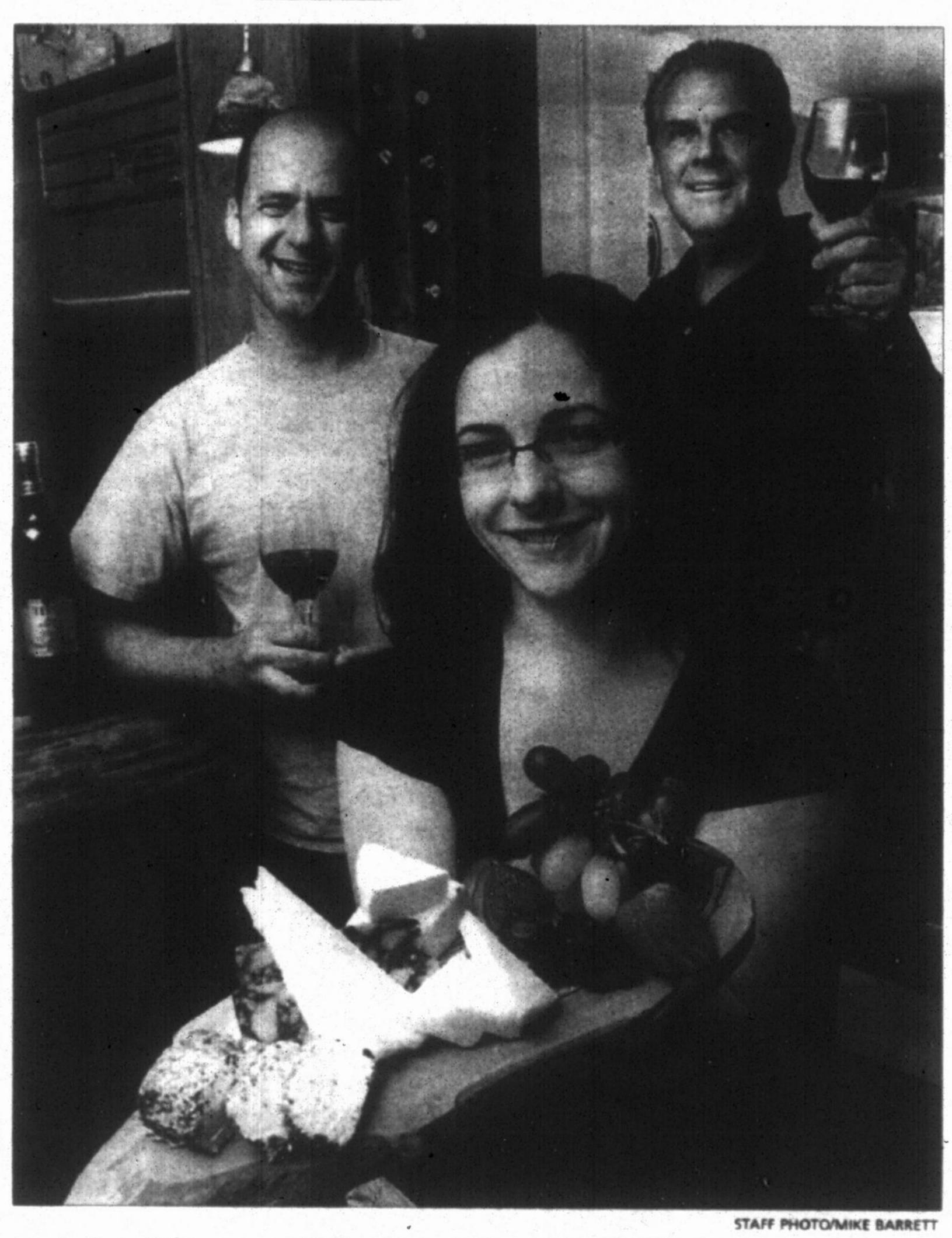
At this year's Wine and Food Festival, which takes place June 6 at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club, Hwy. 48, there will be 14 food vendors, three wineries and two beer suppliers.

Among the new eateries dishing out delectable delights will be Stouffville's The Cornerhouse on Main and The Meat Merchant, along with Hanson Restaurant from Ballantrae, Aurora's Edward Street Market and Bistro and Marianis Market on Main from Unionville.

One perennial favourite is the Greatest Little Ice Cream Shop from Cedar Beach.

Tickets are \$40 each and available by calling 905-640-7422 or going to www.philbannon.ca

- Sandra Bolan



Mario Testa (left), owner of Willow Springs Winery, Stacey Millar, general manager at The Cornerhouse on Main, and event organizer and Councillor Phil Bannon are getting set for this year's Wine and Food Festival in Ballantrae June 6. Proceeds go to Southlake hospital.

Incumbent, pharmacist set to run

Conservatives, Liberals ready for Oct. 6 provincial election

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So far, Oak Ridges-Markham is a two-candidate race for MPP.

Ontario voters go to the polls Oct. 6.

Helena Jaczek, the incumbent, accepted the Liberal nomination back in February.

The sitting member has first option to be nominated again, she said.

Ms laczek said she is seeking a second term because "there's more work to be done. Our riding in Oak Ridges-Markham is quite a challenge – four municipalities".

During Ms Jaczek's term, the Markham Stouffville Hospital expansion began and GO Transit announced the extension of its rail service into Gormley.

If re-elected, she said she will continue to lobby for the expansion of Seneca College's King campus.

In the federal election that took place just weeks ago, the Liberals lost a lot of ground. But Ms Jaczek is not concerned about the strength of the provincial Liberals.

"The federal Liberals are on a different plane than the provincial," she said. "(We) feel corporate tax cuts are a good way to go, which is a fundamental difference from the federal Liberals."

The two parties also vary on their views of the HST.

"Long-range in Ontario, it's going to be a tremendous benefit," she said.

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