

Musician/vocalist toast of this year's concert

A Grade 12 student attending Stouffville District Secondary School defines her love of music, both vocal and instrumental, as "wonderful".

She also uses the same expressive to describe her parents; her brother; her school; her church; her friends and her town.

Emily Montesano of Stouffville will be this year's recipient of the Student Music Scholarship award when St. James Presbyterian Church hosts the 22nd annual concert tomorrow at SDSS. Concert time is 7:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$5.

Emily, 17, daughter of Sam and Janet Montesano, received her elementary education at Stouffville's St. Brigid Catholic School.

On entering Grade 9, as a member of the junior band, a friend suggested she play the oboe.

"At first I found it challenging," she says, "but soon grew to love it."

Now with the senior wind symphony, it's her favourite instrument. She also plays the ukulele, the piano and the keyboard. In addition, Emily sings first soprano with the school's Spartan Sound concert choir.

"I owe it all to band director Diane Marlatt and choir director Miriam Sellick-Smith," says Emily. She admits, however, it was Marlatt's husband, David, who helped her immensely in Grade 9.

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As for making a choice between instrumental and vocal music, Emily refuses to discriminate.

"I love both for different reasons," she says.

Time-wise, the two connections don't clash, Emily explains, since band practices are held one evening each week and choir rehearsals take place during early mornings.

The camaraderie enjoyed between students in both the band and the choir is fantastic, she says. She describes the male section of the choir as "awesome" with a balanced mix in the band.

"Common interests bring us all together," she said.

Emily, a member of the SDSS



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music council, speaks highly of her school.

"From the beginning I've loved every minute," she says, noting that it was the excellence of the music department that influenced a decision on where to attend.

But, she adds, all teachers are willing to help when help is requested.

An honour student through three previous years, Emily's hopeful of receiving an Ontario scholarship on completion of grade 12.

She's already submitted applications to three universities: Queen's, Trent and Waterloo.

In addition to high school activities, Emily has other interests including youth and worship associations within Springvale Baptist Church where she singles out youth pastors Alex Street and Ben Bartosik for exceptional praise.

"They've shaped my faith," she says. She also applauds support received from her parents.

"They've been super wonderful," she said, "never choosing to hold me back."

They're also ever-present, she says, should she have a problem.

For the past two summers Emily has assisted on the staff at Lemonville's Willow Springs Camp and on several occasions has sung the national anthem at Stouffville Spirit Jr. A hockey games.

Emily's love of travel has taken her to several distant places, with future trips planned including Africa.

As a teenager growing up in Stouffville, Emily refuses to conceal her appreciation for what the town has to offer.

"I absolutely love it here," she says, "this is where my heart is and where it will always be."

With respect to receiving tomorrow evening's music scholarship, Emily repeats the superlative she continually uses: "It's wonderful".

The award presentation will be made by St. James elder Melda Francis.

Others similarly honoured over the past two decades include: Georgina Muir, Clara Jordan, Jocelyn McDowell, Cameron MacKenzie, Kathryn Irwin, Carley MacLean, Lillian Wild, Jennifer Thunem, Kirstie Hembruff, Aaron Clubine, A.J. deBoer, Madeleine Eddy, Colton Carrick and Matthew Eeuwes.

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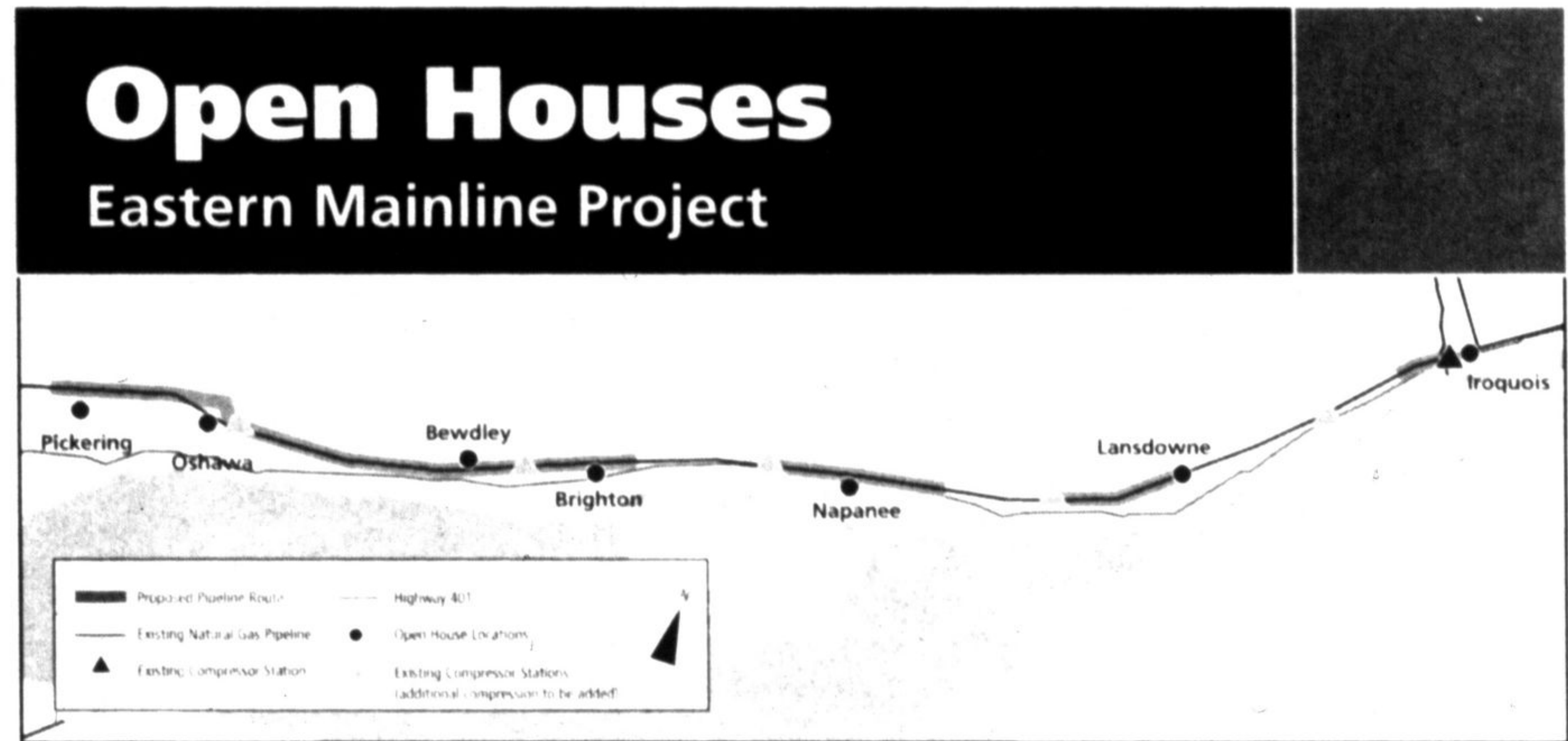
The organizing committee is hopeful this year, the \$100,000 total will be exceeded.

All monies will be returned to Whitchurch-Stouffville's eight participating schools to assist their music programs including:

St. Mark; St. Clements; Glad Park; Summitview; Wendat Village; Stouffville Christian; Ballantrae and SDSS.

The concert's master of ceremonies is Sun-Tribune editor Jim Mason.

Jim Thomas has written for area newspapers for more than 60 years. He is a member of the student concert's organizing committee.



You are invited to attend a TransCanada Open House for the proposed Eastern Mainline Project.

TransCanada is proposing to construct approximately 250 kilometres of new natural gas transmission pipeline in Ontario between the City of Markham and the Township of South Dundas. The proposed pipeline will be constructed in four sections and will be 36 inches in diameter primarily following the existing route where TransCanada currently operates two natural gas pipelines.

The Project is also proposed to include nine new compressor units at five existing compressor stations located in the Municipality of Clarington, the Township of Alnwick-Haldimand, the Township of Tyendinaga, the City of Kingston and the Township of Augusta. Additional Project information including detailed mapping for each community is available at www.easternmainline.com.

TransCanada is committed to engaging with First Nation and Métis communities and organizations, area residents, community organizations and interested parties throughout the development of this proposed project. There will be informational displays and TransCanada experts in attendance to answer questions.

Light refreshments will be served.

Open House Hours:
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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November 20, 2014
Codrington Community Centre
2992 Highway 30, Codrington

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November 25, 2014
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1711 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa

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Claremont Community Centre
4941 Brock Rd., Pickering

Bewdley
November 27, 2014
Bewdley Community Centre
7060 Lake Street, Bewdley

Napanee
December 2, 2014
Strathcona Paper Centre
(Lafarge Banquet Hall)
16 McPherson Dr., Napanee

Iroquois
December 3, 2014
Iroquois Civic Centre
2 Dundas St., Iroquois

Lansdowne
December 4, 2014
Lansdowne Community Centre
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