

## Fabulous Friday Fun At Glad Park

Glad Park Public School's fabulous Friday Fun Fair takes place May 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the school.

Everyone is invited to attend this popular annual family event which includes a dunk tank, pony rides, a great obstacle course for all ages, clowns, a cake walk, music and entertainment, a diva centre, and lots of great traditional games. Demonstrations by the York Region Canine Unit and Glad Park unicyclists will be part of the fun.

Representatives from the fire department and Whitechurch-Stouffville Museum will also be guests at the fun fair. The school is located at 300 Glad Park Avenue.

## Birthday Celebration For Rev. Gibson Brown

On June 3, Rev. Gibson Brown, a former pastor at churches in Ringwood, Bloomington and Altona, will celebrate his 101st birthday.

Rev. Brown presided over three area congregations back in the 1940s and 50s. Elizabeth (Rae) McAteer, formerly of Stouffville and now of Thornhill, still keeps in touch with him. The birthday celebration will be held at the home of his daughter Beverly in Chatham.

Friends wishing to send messages of congratulations should address them to Rev. Gibson Brown, Riverview Gardens, 315 King Street, Chatham, Ont. N7M 5K8.

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I suspect that many of the readers have just returned from opening the cottage. Not a good time - cold and wet, but I digress ... and if any activity entailed outside maintenance you were constantly molested by black flies. I feel your itch. Perhaps you are, now that you are home, reticent to work outside on, say a deck - traumatized by those marauding cannibals. If you can overcome your phobia I suggest some wood species for that deck. I suggest the following in light of the increased costs of Red Cedar and Ipe:

The first is White Cedar. It will last as long as Red cedar. However, it is a little softer and in most cases limited to 12' long.

The second one is Massaranduba or Brazilian Redwood. It is almost as hard as Ipe and similar in colour. 1 x 6 x 8 - 16' are \$2.75/lin. ft.

The third one is Tigerwood. It is creamy with dark streaks selling for \$2.75/lin ft. 8' to 20' long.

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## Festival Will Light Up The Community

### Giggles, Games, Fireworks And Guys Falling From The Sky

By Laura Roessler

This year's Strawberry Festival offers something old and something new, and I am not just referring to the hardworking and dedicated committee members.

In a few short weeks, the carnival will roll into town, the tent will be raised, the banner hung, the 'porta-potties' will arrive and we will begin five days of celebration. There are plenty of berries to be had at the festival, but it is also truly a celebration of the people of Stouffville and of this great country of ours.

There are the traditional venues: Wednesday evening we are all invited to the musical concert evening hosted by Jim Thomas and sponsored by Music Town Ontario. Thursday truly begins our festival with the opening ceremonies and the return of everyone's favourite, the Summitview Vibrations Hand Drumming Band. Their rhythmic, joyous and upbeat performance always reminds me of the spirit of our community.

On Friday, the library will host a Strawberry tea, followed by a showing of *Horton Hears A Who*. As always there will be free family swims on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the outdoor pool.

Friday evening we are presenting two comedians and a ventriloquist for our "Giggles" program. This year we have a new and exciting warm-up act. Our own "Grandpa" has agreed to a return engagement. A sprightly local fellow with years of wisdom and a few surprises as well.

Saturday, Main St. closes to accommodate over 100 vendors and crafters and the people parade. There will be skippers, cloggers, guitarists and a dance time road show on Main Street. The York Durham Heritage Railway will be running and Memorial Park will be abuzz with police K9 demonstrations, the baby contest, the pie and jam contest and the Strawberry Café. Of course, Doo Doo the Clown will be there all day to coordinate the activities and keep all of our little ones entertained.

The heart and soul of Saturday is always our Kidz Zone. There will be bird house building, free pony rides and a bouncing balls corral. Kids can decorate their own strawberry cookies, have their faces painted, participate in a water balloon fight or compete in a bubblegum blowing contest. New this year is an interactive learning centre, Watershed on Wheels, courtesy of the Toronto Region Conservation Group. Have your kids heard of i-gami? The Multiverse is sponsoring this new venue so why not bring them to the zone and let them experience it.

Although our planning for Saturday night is still in its early stages, we suggest that the men dig out their old white polyester suits, the women don their clunky high heels and get ready to dance

the night away to music from the 70's and 80's and dare I say, the glitter of a disco ball. So practise those dance moves and limber up; if you're going to throw your partner you had better be prepared to catch her again.

Sunday is our ecumenical church service, the strawberry social, the annual pet contest, possibly a return by Doo Doo the clown.

What would have been simply a fireworks display has now turned back into our Canada Day Celebration, in light of council's decision to restore funding for this grand and wonderful tradition. The Blackboard Blues Band will be providing the music for the evening. There will be Canada Day cakes and at dusk Pyro Mario will be putting on the fireworks display.

The best part is that it will be raining men again this year. Parachutists will be landing in diamond two carrying Canadian and town flags, a final reminder of why we have all gathered together with our friends and loved ones in our lovely town, and the country we live in that should always be celebrated.

For more information and updates, check the schedule at [www.strawberryfestival.ca](http://www.strawberryfestival.ca).

Laura Roessler is chair of the Strawberry Festival



The Whitechurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival draws huge crowds from far and wide.

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McCowan/Bloomington Location

A grass-roots consciousness movement has been quietly simmering in York Region for the last four years. *The Seekers of the Way* is a loosely organized network of like-minded, health-conscious, spiritually aware people meeting somewhere in the area on the third Friday afternoon of each month.

Their June 20 presenter at the Lemonville Community Centre is Jonathan Davies, the distinguished author of *The Universe Project*. In his easy-going, down to earth way, Jonathan introduces a profound teaching method, a new experiential seminar called *The Sacred Bubble* that is creating a buzz among the spiritually inclined networks in the area.

*The Sacred Bubble* is a protection field against unwanted energetic interference. In the one-day workshop, Jonathan uses his gentle, quiet authority to clear out negative influences and then creates a permanent, protective bubble.

After getting "bubbled", people report feeling more integrated and peaceful. They talk about feeling freedom to get on with their lives and creative projects. "I feel more myself. I'm not so affected by the ups and downs of everyday life," said Heidi, one of the instigators of *The Seekers of the Way*.

The June 20 meeting at 1-4 p.m. is open to all spiritual seekers in the area. The speaker event is free but a \$10 contribution is requested to cover hall rental. For anyone dropping in, Jonathan suggests checking out [hesacredbubble.com](http://hesacredbubble.com). He will autograph copies of his book, *The Universe Project* that will be available for sale at the back of the room.

The Lemonville Community Centre is at 3453 McCowan Road, south of Bloomington.