

## Family Wins Library Award



Brian and Rosalie Daffern and their children Maegan and Michael were presented with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Family of the Year award at the Library on Oct. 5.

### VOTE ONLINE AND WIN HERONGATE BARN TICKETS

Stouffville Free Press readers are invited to visit [www.stouffvilleonline.com](http://www.stouffvilleonline.com)

and vote in our poll on the most important election issues, from growth to the preservation of green space. Not only will you have a chance to air your views on the issues, you will also be eligible to win two tickets to

**Herongate Barn  
Dinner Theatre.**

Contest Closes November 12th

**GET CLICKING!!**

## Ramblin' Ruth

### We will remember

By Ruth LeBlanc

Remembrance Day is just around the corner and those who can should go to the special service presented by the Stouffville Legion Branch 459. The date is Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Legion on Ninth Line.

Veterans will bow their heads in memory of their lost comrades as residents join them in honouring the thousands who gave their lives for the freedoms we embrace today. The closest most of us get to war is reading newspapers or watching the grisly bombings happening all over the world on TV.

Closer to home we see Canadian soldiers returning in caskets carried by their fellow soldiers, all of them the victims of war. Parents and loved ones watch as the bodies are taken to the waiting hearse. Another life lost, another future ended.

Young wives grieve and children too young to understand watch as the camera bulbs flash and their mothers cry. War is ugly and the pain it causes changes lives forever. Those fortunate enough to escape carry a scar deep within that no doctor can heal. Time can only dull the pain. Unbearable memories become a part of their lives which they will carry to their graves.

My Uncle Guy lives in the veterans' facility in London, Ontario. Now in his eighties, he is lost to reality and lives in a place that leaves him isolated and alone except for his memories of another time. Serving in the Canadian Army as a career soldier

he used to tell stories about the battles he had fought and the number of friends he had lost. As he got older, the stories became more frequent and his eyes more distant as he told of lying in a field in the middle of the night with the dead scattered around him.

He would wait until silence filled the air before eventually crawling, slowly and quietly, filled with fear, out of harm's way. When my aunt passed away he became more obsessed with memories from the many years he had served and the horrors he had witnessed.

Looking out the window he will tell you of the enemies lying in wait until darkness falls. He will stare into a distance filled with thoughts and images that time cannot erase. The memories haunt his remaining days. Residents who share the floor live in the same world as my uncle, with their last days or years surrendered to an enemy who might not have taken their lives physically, but who left marks deep within emotionally.

I think of him spending his days lost to a war over so very long ago. I think of the Canadian soldiers who must share the same fear that is invisible to the eye but is there nevertheless. Our soldiers, our heroes, live these nightmares, over and over again, daily and forever after.

We will remember.



## Up and Coming in Whitchurch-Stouffville

The Stouffville Free Press welcomes community event listings from non-profit groups and organizations. Please send a brief synopsis of upcoming events by email to [wrinkles@hotmail.com](mailto:wrinkles@hotmail.com), fax to 905-640-FREE or drop off at 6111 Main St. The deadline for the December issue is Nov. 22.

**Nov. 3:** 7:30 p.m. at SDSS: St. James Presbyterian Church Student Music Scholarship Concert featuring choirs, bands and individual performers from area schools. All proceeds benefit participating schools. Admission: Adults \$5 at the door, Children 12 and under free.

**Nov. 3:** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Join psychotherapist Charlene Jones MA, M.Ed. as she guides a group meditation on the gallery's To Be exhibition. Call 905-640-8954 for information.

**Nov. 4:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Legion hall: Ladies Auxiliary. Craft and Bake Sale includes home baked goodies, crafts and silent auction. Everyone welcome.

**Nov. 4:** Cedar Beach Swing Dance featuring the music of The Bluesual Suspects and Brian and Alison. Cost is \$40 a head or \$75 per couple. Proceeds to WhiStle Radio. For details call 905-640-6429 or visit [www.whistleradio.com](http://www.whistleradio.com).

**Nov. 5:** 1 p.m.: Remembrance Day service at Stouffville Cemetery followed by laying of the wreaths at the Legion Hall, Ninth Line.

**Nov. 7:** 7 p.m. at SDSS: Stouffville Toastmaster's Club. Overcome your fear of public speaking, improve your speaking skills, learn how to run a meeting. For details call 905-642-4898.

**Nov. 7:** 8:55-9:45 p.m. at the arena: Adult skating. For information call 905-640-1149.

**Nov. 8:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Museum: Adult Craft Workshop. Create Christmas items using metallic thread and wire. To register call 905-727-8954.

**Nov. 8:** York Region 55+ Games begin. For more information call 905-642-PLAY.

**Nov. 9:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Library: Afternoon movie: Memories of the Earth. Free.

**Nov. 9:** 7 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Deborah Colvin and Frank Smith discuss their current exhibition To Be. Everyone welcome.

**Nov. 9:** 7 p.m. at the Library: Movie night: The Devil Wears Prada. Free.

**Nov. 11:** 11 a.m.: Remembrance Day service and laying of the wreaths at the cenotaph.

**Nov. 11:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Stouffville United Church: UCW annual Bazaar and Quilt Auction. All welcome.

**Nov. 11:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 121 Charles St.: Gifts and Giggles Craft Sale includes unique jewellery, funky hats, home and garden décor. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

**Nov. 11:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Museum: Adult Craft Workshop. Create Christmas items using metallic thread and wire. To register call 905-727-8954.

**Nov. 11:** 1-3 p.m. at the Library: Finding Your True Spiritual Path. Free. For details call 905-642-7323.

**Nov. 13:** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Municipal Election. For information visit [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com) or call 905-640-1900.

**Nov. 14:** 7 p.m. at SDSS: Stouffville Toastmaster's Club. For details call 905-642-4898.

**Nov. 14:** 8:55-9:45 p.m. at the arena: Adult skating. For information call 905-640-1149.

**Nov. 14:** 7:30 p.m. at Markham Theatre: Voices for Hospice concert, featuring Men of Note, Bill King, Heather Bambrick, June Garber and Shakura S'Aida. Proceeds to Evergreen Hospice. For tickets and information call 905-305-5985.

**Nov. 16:** 7:30 p.m. at the Library: Collette Yvonne reads from The Queen of Cups. Free admission, reservations required.

**Nov. 17:** 5:30-9 p.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre: Family Free For All with swimming, movies and fitness. Call 905-642-PLAY or 905-642-READ for details.

**Nov. 18:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Christ Church, 254 Sunset Blvd.: Country Christmas Bazaar features local artisans, tea room, book nook, crafts and collectibles, silent auction.

**Nov. 21:** 7 p.m. at SDSS: Stouffville Toastmaster's Club. For details call 905-642-4898.

**Nov. 21:** 8:55-9:45 p.m. at the arena: Adult skating. For information call 905-640-1149.

**Nov. 24:** Noon-3 p.m. at the Museum: Victorian Tea: a taste of Christmas past hosted by the Friends of the Museum. For details call 905-727-8954.

**Nov. 24-26:** Country Pastime Craft Show at Lemonville Community Centre. Friday 1-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Nov. 25:** Christmas Festival Show and

Sale at Latcham Hall featuring local artists, retailers and artisans. To book a table email [artshow@cienow.com](mailto:artshow@cienow.com) or call 905-642-6679.

**Nov. 25:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Latcham Gallery: Free Family Day. All welcome.

**Nov. 28:** 7 p.m. at SDSS: Stouffville Toastmaster's Club. For details call 905-642-4898.

**Nov. 28:** 8:55-9:45 p.m. at the arena: Adult skating. For information call 905-640-1149.

**Nov. 29:** 6 p.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre: Aquatic registration begins.

**Nov. 30:** 7:30 p.m. at the Library: Smart Nutrition and Supplementation for Optimal Health presented by pharmacist Farid Wassef. Free admission.

**Attention parents and caregivers: Tot Spot is a fun, interactive playgroup for parents, caregivers and their children ages newborn to 6. It is held in the basement of the Stouffville United Church Monday to Thursday from 9:15 to 11 a.m. Sept. to June. First visit is free. For more information, call Jeri-Lynn 905-640-7467.**

