Smiles all around at the Sutton Fair

PAR Picnic on Simcoe Day

Congratulations to the Pefferlaw Association of Ratepayers (PAR) and the Pefferlaw Lions Club for organizing another great family picnic complete with an antique and classic car show. It was a great day and everyone had a wonderful time. According to PAR president Fronie Harpley, local businesses and sponsors gave generously to the event.

(Right) Keelan Kay, 6, from Pefferlaw got third prize at the watermelon eating contest. (Below) Ed Tutins eats his way through three rounds of hot wings from Wild Wings in Pefferlaw and came up with second prize. For more photos of Simcoe Day fun go to page 10.

(Above) Fourteen year-old Anna McNeil gave a winning performance of “You’ve Got a Friend” to win the top spot in the Georgina Idol Contest. Cindy Lunau, 13, came second and Michael Divito, 16, was third. (Right) Katie Will, 16, from Queensville was crowned the 2008 Sutton Fair Ambassador. More photos on pg. 8 & 9.

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An inspiration and role model for their peers

What a wonderful example of today’s youth. I sat through both the Sutton Fair Ambassador and Georgina Idol competitions and wandered through the youth exhibits in the arena at the Sutton Fair this year. And, I can’t tell you how impressed I was with everything I heard and saw. All of the contestants in the Ambassador competition gave thoughtful and insightful speeches. They spoke with composure and confidence that boasted an accomplishment that seemed well beyond their years.

The topics they chose to speak on were also impressive. One discussed the value and the impact Lake Simcoe has had on her young life and her environmental message was both intelligent and inspirational. Another talked of the influences in a person’s life and how a positive attitude can help you deal with negative influences. “The only thing we can do is play the one string we have and that is attitude,” she said. And she described family dynamics as fudge. “Mostly sweet with a few nuts.”

They used words like “rural tradition” and “rich agricultural celebration” to describe the Sutton Fair and they spoke sincerely and passionately about the contribution of volunteers.

The contestants in the Georgina Idol competition were just as gifted, exhibiting talent and composure most adults would envy. The first place and second place winners were only 14 and 13 years of age respectively and sang with pose and energy that was electric.

As I viewed the exhibits in the arena that were entered by Georgina’s youth I was equally in awe of the creative expression I saw there. Before I went to the fair, I was going to write an editorial about the imbeciles that took it upon themselves to destroy the flowers and hanging baskets that line the main street of Pefferlaw a week or so ago. I was going to jump all over our youth and decry the parenting skills of today’s parents. But after what I saw and heard at the fair, I was reminded that there will always be a few bad apples in every bunch and we shouldn’t let those bad apples prejudice us against the entire batch.

The kids that participated in the Sutton Fair are great role models for their peers and in the words of one of the Ambassadors, “you don’t have to be a person of influence to influence,” and I’m counting on the fact that she is right.

I’m so glad I went to the fair.

Karen Wolfe,
Editor.
Purple martin colony leaves Sutton-by-the-Lake summer home for Brazil

On Friday, August 1, Tom Mills, a Sutton-by-the-Lake resident with a registered purple martin colony in his backyard, watched as 250 of his birds began to roost as they prepared for their long trek back to their winter home in Brazil.

Mr. Mills began his fascination with purple martins 14 years ago with a single, 16-room bird house. His purple martin resort has now grown to accommodate 40 nesting pairs—and all but eight cavities were occupied over the summer.

“I had 32 nesting pairs so that is 64 adult birds and they laid a total of 256 eggs,” Mr. Mills said. He says the first scout, normally a senior bird, arrives in April to check out the best nesting spots and before long, his yard is alive with nesting purple martins.

As a registered colony, the government pays for the birds to be banded (which is done a few weeks before they prepare to leave) and it is not uncommon for Mr. Mills to record birds that have returned to his houses year after year.
Sutton couple reunites with daughter they were forced to give up

(Ending’s Note: In the December 10, 2007 issue, the Pefferlaw Post profiled Linda Dawe and Ray Cave, a Sutton couple who were reunited and wed after 40 years of separation. Their story began when Linda, at the age of 16, was sent away by her parents to give birth to Ray’s child at a home for unwed mothers. After the baby’s birth, Linda and Ray’s daughter was given up for adoption and Linda was forbidden to have contact with Ray. They met again 40 years later at a high school reunion, rekindled their love for each other and were married. Shortly after, they began their search for their daughter—a little girl Linda had named Melanie. They had a few details to go on—her birth date, the fact that she had an older brother who had also been adopted, the occupation of the adopted father and the city in which the family had lived.)

Linda Dawe and Ray Cave began their search for their daughter in Sault St. Marie, Ontario. It was where they had both lived in the 1960s and armed with non-identifying information from the Children’s Aid Society, it was where their baby girl’s adoptive parents lived. Ray and Linda poured through old high school year books during the years their daughter would have attended. They created a website called firsttruelove.org and joined numerous support groups connecting them with people who were also searching for adopted children. During one trip to Sault St. Marie, the couple decided to visit the local newspaper there to pitch their story in hopes that it would get published—a few weeks later it hit the front page.

“We got tons of emails and tons of phone calls. We were just deluged with people,” Linda says, “and we followed up on all of those leads.”

Near the end of January 2008, one of the emails they received was from a man who said he was certain that one of his coworkers was a cousin of the girl Linda and Ray were searching for and it included a telephone number. After calling and confirming the sparse details known about Melanie’s adoption, Linda and Ray were certain they were on the right track—but there were complications.

“Our daughter and her brother did not know that they were adopted,” Linda said and as a result their contact was reluctant to divulge her name and whereabouts. “It was a family secret that had been kept for over 40 years because her adoptive parents didn’t want them to know,” Ray said. It was then that Ray and Linda realized the magnitude of the consequences surrounding the birth of their daughter 40 years earlier.

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According to Linda, the adoptive mother was terrified at the prospect of having to reveal a secret she had kept for more than 40 years.

“She told us to go away,” Linda said. Undaunted, but painfully aware that the situation had to be handled gently and with grave concern for everyone else involved, they were ecstatic when the adoptive mother finally agreed to pass along a letter that Ray and Linda were to write to their daughter, but send to her adoptive mother first.

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her lead the way,” Linda said. “She told us how much she loved her mom and dad and how devoted she was to her husband and children. She was very protective of her adoptive family. Ray and I were the new intruders in her life and we knew that, so we soft peddled ourselves.”

Before long, Karen contacted them and asked if she could visit and Linda had to suppress all of her maternal instincts that were urging her cram 40 years of lost time into one day.

“It was going to be her birthday in a couple of weeks and I had been celebrating her birthday inside my secret room in my head and in my heart every year and my instinct was to have a party and have balloons and have a cake and buy her presents,” she said.

Ray’s calmer head prevailed and the couple finally met their daughter for the first time in April in the driveway of their Sutton home where they spent the day talking over burgers and few glasses of wine. Later in the day, Karen also met her half-brother Ash, Linda’s son from a previous marriage.

“We were so excited about her coming here and I just fell in love with her, I couldn’t help it,” said Linda. “She reached out and gave us a hug right in the driveway with flowers and a beautiful card.”

“It is like a new friendship,” Ray says. “And hugs and kisses is a good way to start a new relationship.”

To celebrate their first year wedding anniversary, Ray and Linda hosted a garden party on June 21 where they proudly introduced their daughter Karen and her family to their guests—some of whom had no idea they even had a daughter.

Linda and Ray are very aware of how lucky they are and they have no time for regrets.

“I’ve never felt so grateful in my life. I feel a whole lot better as a person all around. I feel calmer, I feel good, I feel fulfilled. It is amazing. I have this calmness inside of me that has never been there before,” said Linda.

“Our daughter coined it the best by saying ‘we have the rest of our lives’ and for me that was total peace.”

As Linda and Ray move forward on a new journey, they have pieced together the fabric of their former lives and have started writing a book. The couple is aware that their story is the kind of material that movies are made from and Ray and Linda have talked to individuals who are interested in writing the screenplay.

“We are crazy about each other, we are totally devoted to each other and we are so grateful to be together,” Linda said. “And to actually believe we could find our baby after more than 40 years to us, was phenomenal. It was a miracle.”
Digital v.s. analog television reception

If you haven’t gotten the digital versus analog TV discussion figured out yet, the following information might help you. Right now, television stations and broadcasters are sending their signals out in both analog and digital formats. On February 17, 2009 stations in the U.S. will stop sending their signals in analog. Instead they will use a digital signal exclusively which means depending on how you are receiving your U.S. TV signals, you may or may not be affected. (Canadian TV stations will also exclusively broadcast their programming in a digital format beginning August 31, 2011.)

In order for an analog television set to receive and display a digital signal, it needs a device called a digital tuner/converter that will take the digital signal and convert it to analog.

If you are a cable subscriber with an analog TV, you may or may not already have a set-top box digital tuner. If you don’t, your cable company is converting digital broadcast signals for you and sending the converted analog signal directly to you through your cable connection. After February 2009 when the U.S. stations stop broadcasting analog signals, Rogers Cable will continue converting these signals for their customers and as a result, “our customers will not notice any difference,” said a Rogers Cable spokesperson. However, if you still own an analog TV after August 2011, you will need a set-top box converter because Canadian cable companies will no longer send out any analog signals.

If you are receiving free over-the-air television programming via an outdoor antenna or rabbit ears, you will need to purchase a digital to analog converter box and attach it to your analog TV so you can continue to receive American channels. In some cases, you may also have to purchase an antenna head that will receive the U.S. digital signal, if the antenna you are currently using does not have one.

So, why are all the TV broadcasters going digital?

Well, according to Canada’s Office of Consumer Affairs, a digital signal is more “spectrum-efficient technology than analog television.” This means the digital signal is compressed so it doesn’t take up as much room on the airwaves as an analog signal does. As a result, a digital TV signal will free up parts of valuable airwave space for other services such as radio broadcasting, cellular telephone, radar and emergency services communication.

Once Canadian broadcasters go strictly digital in August 2011, those of us still left with an analog TV will need to purchase/rent a digital set-top box tuner to convert digital signals to analog—and that goes for every analog TV in the house. Right now, cable companies don’t offer digital set-top box tuners that supply signals to more than one TV, but by the time 2011 rolls around, that could change. Current satellite TV subscribers on the other hand, can use one digital set-top box tuner to service more than one TV.

If you decide to get rid of your analog TV and purchase a high definition television, you will find that most will have a built-in digital tuner. (This was mandated in the U.S. a couple of years ago.) But even though the digital tuner is built in, you will still need a set-top box because both cable and satellite providers send coded digital signals that cannot be decoded by a generic built-in digital tuner so it really isn’t any good to you.
Birthday greetings go to Lynne Lemeiux of Jackson’s Point. She celebrated a special birthday with friends on Aug 7 at Lagoon City.

Opening night of the play Same Time Next Year at the Red Barn on Friday July 25 was a celebration of The Red Barn’s 60th year and also Mr. John Sibbald’s 80th birthday. It was heartwarming to hear the many tributes given to Mr. Sibbald in recognition of his generosity regarding the “Barn”.

Last Sunday morning at St. George’s Anglican Church in Jackson’s Point I had the privilege of hearing Soprano Barbara Fris sing The Holy City. It was magnificent. Lakeside Music will be presenting Barbara Fris with William Shookhof, piano accompanist, on August 24 at St. George’s. The program is a theme of love entreaties. What a great opportunity to hear such famous talent. Tickets are available for $15.00 each.

The Wild Women, Untamed, Undaunted and Knox United Church recently enjoyed their 10th annual canoe trip by returning to Ox-Tongue Lake in the Huntsville area. The intermittent weather was certainly not a let down for these courageous ladies. Under their leadership Rev. Leslie Sedore, they explored several lakes and enjoyed fellowship each evening singing songs around the campfire.

Recently, the Briars Resort was the venue for the successful book launch for The Women of Wisdom calendar book. Among the many women present were Cover Girl Mary Schofield, Hazel McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga, Phyllis Morris, Mayor of Aurora, Ivy Big Canoe and Barbara Sibbald. It was photographed and produced by Gabi von Gans. They are on sale around town for $20.00 of which $10.00 goes to Breast Cancer Research.

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The familiar midway offered thrill seekers an exciting choice of carnival rides and skill testing games. It wouldn’t be a fair without them.

(Above) Councillor Jamison (left) and Mayor Rob Grossi (right) team up at the Mayor and Councillor’s BBQ where fair fun seekers could buy a hot-dog or a hamburger and drink for $1.53. Each year the price goes up—next year it will be $1.54.

(Above Right Photo) Brooklyn Crittenden, 10, (left) and Jessica Power, 8, from Keswick take a ride on the Ferris wheel.

(Bottom Right Photo) Always a popular ride at the fair, thrill seekers take a ride on the flying chairs and get a great view of the fair.

The 153rd edition of the S. Show was officially opened by Chief, Donna Big Canoe on August 7. Ms. Big Canoe has been a tradition in her community and is one she is now sharing.

“I love this community and community for my First Nation,” she said.

Fair president Matt Wood and MPP Julia Munro and Georgina together with the Fair Ampaid homage to the hundreds of people who have spent countless hours over the years in the fair.

(Bingo anyone? A great game and take a chance on winning)
Sutton Fair and Horse Show

By Georgina Island

Sutton Fair and Horse Show, led by Georgina Island on Thursday evening, said the fair experience for her family for many years, ringing with her own family. And I can’t think of a better Nation to be connected to.

Row, MP Peter Van Loan, Georgina Mayor Rob Grossi and ambassador contestants all owed of volunteers who have the years to stage the

place to stop and rest winning a prize.

(Left) Georgina Idol contestant Alexandra belts out “Feels Like Home.”

(Right) Dee Lawrence stops by the Georgina Historical Society booth in the curling arena to purchase a ticket on a hand-made quilt.

(Above) Maggie MacDonald, 2, (front) and Mackenzie Power, 3, on the boat ride. (Below) The bumper cars are always a hit with the younger crowd.

(Above) This 2008 fair mascot captures the theme of this year’s fair inside the arena and watches over the exhibits.

(Left) These cowboys take a rest before they are enlisted to escort the Ambassador contestants onto the stage.
PAR Family Simcoe Day Picnic

MP Peter Van Loan stopped by the Pefferlaw Post booth to try his hand at winning a prize. The Pefferlaw Post was celebrating three years of service to readers in Georgina.

The Pefferlaw Lions Club Antique and Classic Car Show attracted more than 100 entries and was a huge hit at the picnic.

Pefferlaw Picnic MC Kevin Fullbrook takes a break and switches from his microphone to an ice cream cone.

Photo Below: Pefferlaw Lion Albert Henderson parked over 100 antique cars.

Mary Findlay (centre) was a Deal or No Deal contestant and won a gift certificate from Ina’s Hair Salon in Pefferlaw. Mayor Rob Grossi (right) was Howie Mandel for the day and his daughter, Madelyn (left), helped to reveal the prizes hidden inside the suitcases. All prizes were donated by Georgina businesses and local sponsors.

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As a member of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.)/Ministry of Natural Resources (M.N.R.) Invasive Species ‘Hit Squad’, Invasive Species Outreach Liaison Heather Lotimer is spending her summer in the Aurora district, working with Ontario Streams assisting with fieldwork that involves educating the public about the threat posed by aquatic invasive species. Part of Heather’s responsibilities involves investigating the types of aquatic plants and animals that are being sold for aquariums and water gardens in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

“Some garden and aquarium species, if released into the environment, can become established and potentially threaten other fish and plant species”, said Heather. “Invasive species are a major threat to Ontario’s biodiversity and quite often people don’t recognize the impact that some exotic species of plants, fish or animals can have on the surrounding environment; purple loosestrife and goldfish for example”.

Throughout the summer, Heather is working to involve retailers in the education of their customers about invasive species and developing an information booklet for garden centers that will outline alternatives to using aquatic invasive plants in their gardens.

Invasive species pose a growing threat to the sustainability of the environment and cause billions of dollars in damage annually. The O.F.A.H./M.N.R. Invading Species Awareness Program, the largest of its kind in Canada, uses public education and awareness to prevent the introduction of new invasive species and the spread of existing invasive species that already pose a threat.

Over the summer of 2008, the Invasive Species ‘Hit Squad’ will monitor more than 200 lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands, looking for zebra mussels, spin water flea, round goby and other aquatic invaders. In addition, they will contribute to a variety of efforts to control the spread of invasive species to inland waters and most importantly, they will be on the look out for potential invasive species that threaten the future of wetlands and forests.

Created by the O.F.A.H., the Invading Species Awareness program employs university and college students through funding provided by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Government of Canada’s Summer Jobs and Invasive Alien Species Partnership programs with assistance from conservation authorities, stewardship councils and other community groups.
VQA Award presented to the Briars

The Briars in Jackson’s Point has received the 2008 Vintner’s Quality Alliance (VQA) Restaurant Award of Excellence from the Wine Council of Ontario.

“Winning the VQA award adds to the glowing reputation of this lakeside resort with a 160 year-old tradition of hospitality and excellence,” said Hugh Sibbald, Vice President of the Briars Resort & Spa.

According to Sandra Mason, Director of Marketing for the Briars Resort & Spa, the award was in recognition of the exceptional VQA wine available at the Briars.

“In fact, over 60 per cent of the current wine list at the Briars consists of some of the finest wines in Ontario,” Ms. Mason said.

The VQA is a set of standards for winemaking in Ontario.

A waterspout on Lake Simcoe

Jacqueline Kucharchuk from Peninsula Resort in Pefferlaw sent in this photo on Thursday, August 7 after she witnessed this sight from the beach at the resort. She said this was the second waterspout they saw within minutes of each other.

“I took this just before we took cover. The water spray was unbelievable,” she said. “I couldn’t see where it dissipated. It was too close to us and our shore to view.”

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Congratulations to proud parents **Crystal and Ryan Bugg** on the birth of their first child **Brody Austin** who was born on June 25 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. Spoiling rights go to Grandma Kathy Cundell, Grandpa Monroe Marchand and Uncle Derek Cundell. Congratulations to all!

Happy 60th Birthday wishes are sent out to **Ken Clodd** on August 12 from Jane, Shannon, Debbie and Sean. Cheers to you Ken!

Happy Birthday also to **Wanda O’Neill** who celebrates her special day on August 14. She hates it when I tell everyone she is older than me so I have pledged not to do that again. Happy Birthday Wanda! (nudge, nudge, wink, wink).

I want to send a very special Birthday greeting to **Mary Bicko** of Pefferlaw. Mary celebrated her 90th birthday on August 8 and is still driving around town to hook up with friends at the various coffee shops. Cheers Mary, our very best to you!

It was a great **PAR Simcoe Day Family Picnic** this year and I want to congratulate all of the organizers at the Pefferlaw Association of Ratepayers and the Pefferlaw Lions Club for all of their hard work. In particular, I want to recognize the local businesses that supported the event because without their donations, the fun wouldn’t be free. They certainly deserve your support as I know they contribute to dozens of events every year.

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Pefferlaw resident releases children’s CD

Pefferlaw resident, Lynn Thacker, also known as Miss Lynn to the students at her learning centre in Keswick, released her new children’s CD at the Sutton Fair and Horse Show this year.

Entitled “Miss Lynn—Three Cheers for You”, the CD is based on Miss Lynn’s teaching philosophy and features a number of original songs and music designed to inspire children and support parents.

“It is a CD to help empower children to be the best they can be...to be confident and positive and believe in themselves,” Ms. Thacker says. The release comes complete with an insert for parents with hands-on learning ideas they can try at home.

In addition to the songs performed by Miss Lynn, a number of young singing artists from the community perform with her as backup, solo and duet singers.

Ms. Thacker credits the children she has taught over the years as the inspiration for her lyrics and the motivation for the CD.

“It is all about the messages the children have given me and now I’m giving back messages to the children on how to empower themselves through life and their learning,” she said.

One dollar from every CD sold at the fair will be donated to Georgina Cares.

In addition to the CD, Ms. Thacker is launching a new “Miss Lynn—Three Cheers for You” children’s party product. Parents will be able to “rent” Miss Lynn and her cache of old fashioned party games for birthday parties and other children celebrations. This product will be launched at a garden party at her home on Aug. 16.

It’s festival season and yours to enjoy

There are two upcoming music festivals in August and organizers are keen to share their line-up with music lovers across Georgina.

The popular and familiar Eaglewood Festival takes place from August 22 to 24 at the Eaglewood Resort in Pefferlaw.

For almost 20 years, this event has had a mandate to make the festival completely accessible to everyone and this year, organizers have partnered with the University of Toronto radio station CIUT to broadcast the Saturday portion of the program. Listeners will be able to hear The Perpetrators, the D. Rangers, Kobo Town, Little Miss Higgins, Nathan Rogers and Scarlett, Washington & Whitely plus an all-star, all-woman jam and other daytime collaborations. CIUT broadcasts on 89.5 and the concert will run from 1:00 to 11:00 pm.

On August 23 and 24, the second annual JK Jazz Festival at Camp JK at the Estonian Camp in Udora gets underway and will feature performers from Canada, Estonia, Latvia, Brazil, Cuba and Mexico.

According to Tom Kutti, an organizer of the event, the JK Jazz Festival 2008 is intended to be “the carrot” that gets folks out to Camp JK to rekindle old friendships, establish new ones, enjoy some terrific entertainment and “ultimately leave behind a few dollars in support of the cause.”

As a fundraising event, festival proceeds will go toward improving facilities at the Estonian children’s camp, “Joekaaru” in Udora.

Advance tickets ($25 in advance, $35 at the door, youth $15, Under 4, free) can be purchased at the Udora General Store and from Valhalla Travel in Pefferlaw.
Some people collect salt and pepper shakers, coins and stamps and some people, like Udora resident David Murphy collect old bicycles—a hobby he says is “huge in the states” and beginning to catch on in Canada.

His interest in vintage and classic two-wheeled vehicles transcends from his former career as a professional motorcycle racer. And even though he is still involved in the mechanical end of motorcycle racing, he enjoys the charm of a quieter and gentler ride on one of his more than 40 vintage bikes.

His collection dates back to bicycles that were manufactured in the 1880s. And his pride and joy is an 1885 Victory high wheel (often referred to as a penny farthing). Completely remanufactured using parts that were recast from original moulds, his Victory high wheel took nine months to build and it draws attention wherever he goes with it.

“I get a kick out of riding it and I enjoy the joy it brings to people who see it. I can’t go anywhere without stopping to talk to people about it,” Mr. Murphy says.

He is particularly interested in vintage Canadian bicycles and he owns a number of old CCMs, Sears and Massey Ferguson offerings from the 1930s and 1940s. Most of his finds, (he says the internet and auctions are his favourite haunts) have deteriorated beyond all recognition and he spends hours upon hours with steel wool and sanding tools removing rust and paint from frames, fenders and spokes.

But sometimes, in the deep, dark recesses of a damp basement he unearths a particular treasure.

“This bike,” he says pointing to what looked like a reconditioned 1950s Planet manufactured in Toronto, “is all original. A lady had it in her basement and it was all covered in linseed oil and dust and I wiped it off and that is what was underneath.” He isn’t necessarily interested in just old bicycles, but rare ones and he has several that boast wooden wheel frames, wooden handles grips and unique head badges (the metal shingle usually found on the front of the frame that identifies the manufacturer).

“Some of these head badges can cost $200,” he said. In addition to his collection of bicycles, he also picks up interesting classic bike paraphernalia such as an 1899 trophy won in a turn of the century bicycle race in England. “Bicycles were there before the car and the way things are going with gas prices, they are on their way back,” he says.

David Murphy loves riding his 1885 high wheel Victory bicycle and talking to onions about his passion for vintage and classic bicycles.

In the basement of his Udora home, David Murphy spends hours reconditioning old bicycles.
The Georgina Hospice Best Ball Golf Tournament takes place at the Pines of Georgina on August 20. Call (905) 722-9333 to register.

Pefferlaw Anglers Annual Golf Tournament on August 22 at the Pines of Georgina. Call (905) 722-5000 to book!

It’s that time again! Bring the kids and your camping gear to the 19th Annual Eaglewood Folk Festival which runs from August 22-24 in Pefferlaw. This year organizers say it is their best line up ever of talented musicians where the lines between performers, volunteers and audience disappear, leaving just a bunch of good folks hanging out in the woods together and digging the music. Call (800) 437-1567 or visit www.eaglewoodfolk.com for more details.

Lake Simcoe Gardeners invite you to their meeting on August 24 at 7:30 pm at Keswick United Church. Guest Terrance Lauren wills peak on “Iris for Months of Bloom and Beyond”. Also enjoy the Fall Flower & Vegetable Show. All welcome. Call Joyce (905) 476-3087.

Pefferlaw Ice Pad Golf Tournament, Fri. Sept. 12. 1:00 pm shot gun start. $125 per person. Call Megan Keith (705) 437-4409.

You are invited to the second annual JK Jazz Festival being held on the grounds of the Estonian Children’s Camp “Joekaru” in Udora on August 23 and 24. International artists from Estonia, Latvia, Mexico, Cuba and Brazil in addition to Canadian entertainers will be on hand. For information visit: www.jkjazz.ca

One of the best tasting events we promote at the Pefferlaw Post is the Egypt Hall’s Annual Best Pie and Cake Contest which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21. Entries to be dropped off between 9:00 and 11:00 am and the doors open to the public at 1:00 pm where you can buy a piece of pie or bid on a winning entry. Call Angela Jamieson at (905) 722-7888.

Call Deb Harpley at (905) 722-8021 to register kids from 5-13 yrs in the free Vacation Bible School sponsored by St. James, St. George’s, St. Andrew’s and Knox and Virginia United Churches.