

Bronte Harvest Fest Saturday

Three days of amusement rides, chili tasting and a street dance will highlight the second annual Bronte Harvest Fest on Saturday.

It will be held on Lakeshore Road. The street will be closed between Bronte Road and Nelson Street.

Organized by the Bronte Village BIA, the festival will run from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

The day begins with a Belgian waffle breakfast at Vinnie's Café.

The day will feature a pumpkin decorating contest starting at about noon.

Local artists will be participating in a pumpkin carving contest. Judging will be at about 3 p.m.

Local restaurants, including Vinnie's Café, Twisted Fork,

Mixed Grill Catering, Coach and Four, Manchester Arms, Hampton's and Tin Star, will be participating in the Chili Cook-Off competition, to be judged at 1:30 p.m.

Those wishing to taste the chili at the different locations, starting at about 11 a.m., can pay \$5 at the Bronte Village BIA booth and receive a hand stamp.

That hand stamp will also allow participants into the street dance starting at 7 p.m., with the Supreme 45s.

Gables Amusement Rides will be set up at the Bronte Village Mall parking lot from Sept. 17 to 21.

For more information, call Liz Behrens, 905-825-3258.

In case of bad weather caused by Hurricane Isabel, the event

United Way bath tub race Sunday

Join in United Way of Oakville's 40th anniversary Bathtub Race festivities on Sunday.

The event, which begins at 1:30 p.m., features Appleby College defending its 2002 title as the fastest tub in town, and White Oaks Secondary School defending its Spirit Award.

Also on hand will be Donovan Bailey, five-time World Champion and Olympic record holder and Honourary Chair of the 40th anniversary festivities.

For one Sunday in September each year since 1963, Lakeshore Road between Navy Street and Trafalgar Road is closed to regular traffic to allow a different kind of vehicle to maneuver their way through.

The Annual Bathtub Race marks the launch of United Way of Oakville's annual fundraising campaign and follows a public announcement of the year's fundraising goal.

The 2003 campaign runs from Sept. 21 until the end of November, with the final total revealed at a celebration dinner at the end of January.

Last year's campaign raised a record \$3.31 million, which went toward funding 70 programs and services within a family of 35 health and social service agencies and providing assistance to over 42,000 people in need in our community.

The Bathtub Race is sponsored by Moen Inc. and OMRON Dualtec Automotive Electronics Inc.

Security guard faces fraud charges

A 23-year old Stoney Creek security officer is facing fraud charges in connection with thefts from an Oakville department store.

According to Halton Regional Police, the accused was employed by Sears Canada as a Resource Investigators at Oakville Place since Nov. 2001.

From April 3 to Aug. 30 of this year, while employed at the store in a supervisory position, the accused allegedly accessed several cash registers and processed return transactions using different employee numbers.

The transactions would then credit his personal credit cards. There were eight fraudulent transactions totaling just over \$35,000.

Sears Canada conducted an internal investigation then contacted police. The suspect was arrested on Monday.

Darin William Spencer-Penfold of Meteor Boulevard in Stoney Creek has been charged with two counts of fraud over \$5,000 and one count of fraud under \$5,000.

He is scheduled to appear in Burlington Court on Oct. 14.

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