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RISING FROM THE ASHES – The history of Aurora United Church, which marks its 200th anniversary this year, will be celebrated this week with the opening of a new bicentennial exhibit at the Aurora Museum & Archives. Here, historian Helen Roberts displays a brick salvaged from the ashes of the church's 2014 fire, alongside original artwork by parishioner Holly Williamson, incorporating pieces from the church's old organ, depicting the phoenix rising from the ashes. For more on the exhibition, see Page 20. For an update on the church's rebuilding efforts, see Page 3.

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Theatre, studios proposed for Library Square addition

By Brock Weir

The future of Library Square could take a step forward this week with the approval of a three-storey addition to the Church Street School.

Tentatively approved by Council members at the Committee level last Tuesday, the modern addition, which would contrast with the heritage

attributes of the historic downtown landmark, would include a new atrium, ample studio space, and a flexible "black box" theatre with seating for 250.

Should the Committee's decision be ratified this week, work will begin on a new laneway and other components of Library Square to provide connectivity between the area's two anchor buildings – the

Aurora Public Library and the Church Street School, home to the Aurora Cultural Centre and Aurora Museum & Archives – and commit funding for the addition, which will spur the design process.

Final costs for the addition will become clear after the design process, at which time Council will make a firm commitment on how much

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STRAWBERRIES SPREAD SMILES – The Aurora Farmers' Market held their annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday. While Mother Nature didn't cooperate, drenching shoppers and music lovers alike, Market volunteer Devin was on hand to make sure everyone got a berry. For more, see Page 5.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Two-day party planned for Canada151

By Brock Weir

Canada 150 may have come and gone, but there are more than enough reasons to party as Canada turns 151.

Aurora is pulling out all the stops this weekend to maintain the title of Canada's Birthday Town, with two days of festivities starting this Saturday, June 30.

The party begins with the Rotary Dance in the Park, which runs at

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Celebrating 31 Years



Canada's Birthday Town rolls out two days of Canada Day festivities

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Town Park from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Featuring the Optimist Food Truck and the Rotary Beer Garden, the entertainment gets underway at 6.20 p.m. with Louisa & The Planets, followed an hour later by Bernadette Connors. The band Six Ways to Sunday then takes over the bandshell from 9 – 11 p.m. to close out the night.

The party continues Sunday, Canada Day proper, with the annual Canada Day Parade, which starts on Yonge Street at 10 a.m., working its way from Mosley Street southbound to Murray Drive. From the parade route, the fun shifts over to Lambert Willson Park, just behind the Aurora Family Leisure Complex on Industrial Parkway North, where the

party continues well into the night.

"I always love seeing the Colour Guard come out with the Town Crier," says Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora, on the start of the Canada Day Parade. "Then, we have five marching bands from the White Heather Band, to the Uxbridge Band, the Barrie Pipes and Drums, and returning again this year is the Governor General's Horse Guards and Calvary Bands. It is not just about bands, we also have multicultural performers that are staggered into the bands. We have two dragons and one Chinese lion which will be orchestrated and moving in synch. We also have other multicultural performers, including a Hawaiian dance group, a Chinese group, a

Portuguese group and I believe the final group is a Russian group of dancers.

"We have a healthy mix of community participants, from the Farmers' Market, to the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society, a variety of those types of groups. They will be infused, again, with a healthy mix of bands, dancers, and community groups that are participating in the parade procession."

Post-parade, organizers hope to continue the momentum felt in last year's Canada 150 commemorations over at Lambert Willson Park with the ever-popular Passport program, which takes party-goers, particularly youngsters, on a virtual tour across the country with 13 hands-on activities representing each of Canada's provinces and territories.

Visitors to "Ontario", for instance, will be treated to a geocaching activity, which highlights Haliburton, ON's position as third in the entire world for geocaching. Next door in "Manitoba", Scientational Snakes will bring together an elaborate display of slithery creatures, noting the largest gathering of mating garter snakes in the world, which gathers in the prairie province each year in May before dispersing – a little known fact about the Province.

"As families tour throughout the provinces and territories, we're hoping they take a new experience or a new piece of information so, six weeks after Canada Day, when they are visiting friends, they can say, guess what I learned? They can say they learned it at Aurora's Canada Day festivities," says Ms. Ware.

In addition to the Passport tour, the Canada Day festivities will feature with live on-stage entertainment, kicking off with the Welsman Brothers Band, which has its roots in Wells Street Public School, where the

siblings attended elementary school.

Their performance will be followed by the traditional free pancake breakfast run this year by the Optimist Club of Aurora in conjunction with Enbridge, the Canada Day birthday cake cutting, and the citizenship reaffirmation ceremony.

The musical program will then resume with the Patty McLaughlin Band and Delayne Drive, before the Top 8 contestants in the Aurora Teen Idol competition duke it out for the crown, with former Teen Idol Louisa Barbosa and her band, Louisa & The Planets, performing between rounds.

Once the 2018 Aurora Teen Idol is named, it's over to Hot Rocks, a tribute to the Rolling Stones, which will keep the party rocking through to the popular fireworks display at dusk.

Throughout the day, there will be a Community Zone, which provides a showcase to the myriad community groups that call Aurora Home. Local scouts, for instance, will host a giant Connect Four battle while offering an opportunity to learn all about what the Scouting program offers.

The Queen's York Rangers will have two military vehicles on site for party-goers to explore. In addition, historical displays and interpretations will be hosted by Science North, Viking heritage artists, Black Creek Pioneer Village, and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Hands-on activities will be facilitated by Home Depot as well, with their Home Depot Kidz Workshop between 12 noon and 3 p.m. Past activities have included tool kits and bird house, but to find out what you can build this year, there's only one way to find out: head over to Lambert Willson Park.

For more information on Aurora's Canada Day celebrations, visit www.aurora.ca/canadaday.




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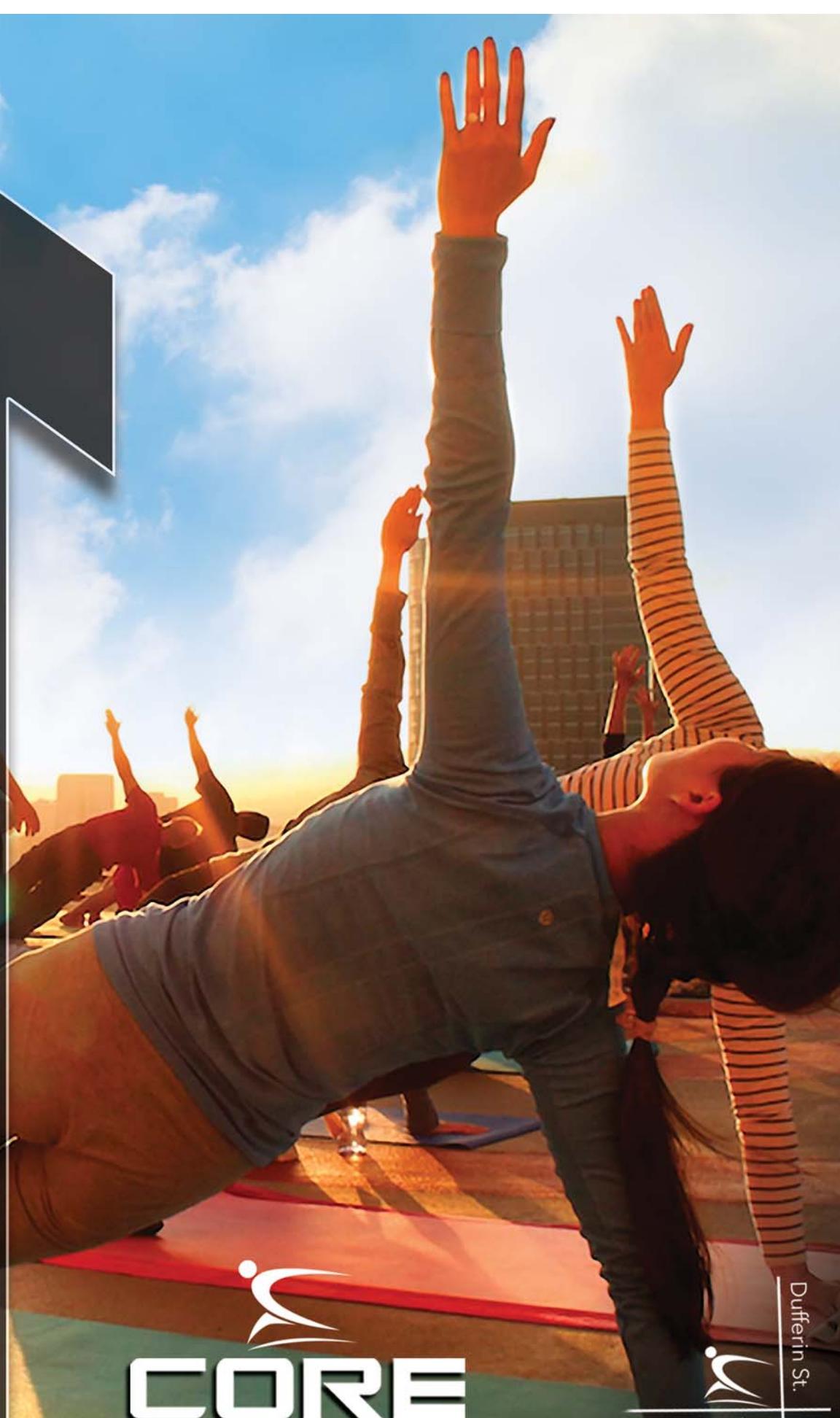



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Plans for new Aurora United Church set to take a step forward

By Brock Weir

In its 200th anniversary year, the next chapter of Aurora United Church congregation is set to flip a page forward this week.

Council is set to ratify a newly amended site plan this week that includes designs for the rebuilt Aurora United Church (AUC) at its historic site at Yonge and Tyler Streets and an adjacent seven storey retirement residence that will be built in conjunction with the church.

While site developers will not likely be able to formally break ground on the rebuild until the fall as Official Plan appeals are still working their way through the system ahead of a hearing slated for this September, the site plan approval is a major hurdle towards the church's end goal.

The tentative site plan approval, which came at last week's General Committee meeting, came on the heels of a settlement reached between developers and neighbouring residents over plans for the retirement residence.

Neighbours, primarily on Temperance Street, just behind where the residence is slated to be built, objected not only to the massing of the building but also setbacks from the street, and took the matter to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Before giving the green light at the Committee level, Council members said they were glad those details had been

hammered out.

"In the letter we received this afternoon from the appellants' lawyer, they mention... they had been working with the applicant and they made some considerable progress with respect to resolving some of their concerns," said Marco Ramunno, Aurora's Director of Planning, after Councillor John Abel said he was "pleased" to read the letter as residents' satisfaction is key.

"The official plan amendment was appealed by one of the residents and that is in front of the Tribunal. The applicant then appealed the zoning bylaw application, which is in front of the Tribunal as well. As Council is aware, prior to executing the site plan agreement and pulling permits, staff works with the applicant to tailor the zoning bylaw to the site plan. There is a Tribunal hearing scheduled for September, so I am sure the applicant, the appellant and staff will be involved as well to ensure the [documents] are finalized for the Tribunal issue."

With this hurdle out of the way, Council members expressed their satisfaction that momentum was now behind efforts to rebuild AUC after the nearly 150-year-old building was levelled by a disastrous fire in April 2014.

"It was horrifically sad that day, but I can see it just pulled our community together and made us closer," said Councillor Sandra Humfries. "I am really looking forward to seeing this place of worship on the main focal point of Yonge Street,

where it is going to serve many purposes, and I really look forward to the integrated support – a central place where people can go, central to our downtown core, and I want to say thank you to everyone."

Added Councillor Abel: "The re-establishment of the United Church is a significant benefit to our community and we count on the services and support they provide. I am very pleased to be in support of this motion put before us."

The new church, as presented, will be a modern twist on the classic church design, with a large amount of glass on the façade acting as a window into the sanctuary. The gothic twin towers, which were an iconic feature of the former church, will be echoed in the rebuild, and the rebuilt facility will feature a series of stained glass windows salvaged from the fire which once provided a focal point to passers-by on Yonge Street.

"Shortly before the fire, I was in the United Church to attend a memorial service for a friend of mine and the church looked so beautiful, they had done such a wonderful job, and then the fire happened," recalled Councillor Wendy Gaertner. "I am looking forward to having the United Church back in its position and

looking beautiful – looking different, but beautiful once again."

Added Councillor Tom Mrakas: "I think the Church is going to be back where it rightfully belongs in the heart of the Downtown and I think this is exciting times not only for the church, but for the Town itself, with the United Church being rebuilt... Library Square, and there's Niagara College coming. It is exciting times for Aurora."

Other Councillors shared this excitement, noting the benefits the rebuild plans will bring to the downtown core once brought to reality.

"I think we're all eager to see the Church rebuilt and reclaim its position in the downtown core," said Councillor Michael Thompson. It is nice to see all the hard work is coming to fruition. I know that many have been involved in trying to address some of the causes and concerns that have gone on. Maybe they have lost a few hairs over it all, but it sounds like from my colleagues that for the first time this item has been before us it will be unanimously approved. I know the last time there were two Councillors who voted against this and it sounds like they have changed their mind, so I am glad to see it unanimous."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**"It was truly an honour to serve," says Chris Ballard**

I am grateful to the residents of Aurora and Newmarket for giving me the privilege to serve as your Member of Provincial Parliament. A special thank you to my dedicated staff, both in my constituency office and at Queen's Park. I wish Christine Elliott all the best as the new MPP for Newmarket-Aurora.

While I will miss the work on behalf of the residents of our communities, I leave with great memories. Our communities are unique and wonderful places to live, work and play. While growing in size, they haven't lost their small town appeal.

Back in 2014, when I was elected, I promised to work on a number of issues that are important to local residents: protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt, improving GO Train service, increasing funding for our hospital, working closely with municipal government; advocating for jobs and reforming the Ontario Municipal Board – to name a few.

I can honestly say that all the "boxes" have been ticked, and even more was accomplished in four busy years. But the most fulfilling part of the job was constituency work – the day-to-day work helping residents and businesses access government services, or simply helping them with a personal problem. My staff cared a great deal about people and I am thankful for their work in helping thousands of constituents.

I was excited when my very first Private Member's Bill to have the Chair of York Region Council directly elected by residents was made law. In the upcoming municipal election, you and I will – for the first time – have the opportunity to vote for the person who is the most powerful politician in York Region.

Before my Bill was made law, the Chair was appointed by fellow councillors.

As a new MPP, I soon learned how underserved York Region is for mental health services and how dire the situation is. I worked to bring new mental health beds to Southlake and to gather stakeholders to create a Mental Health Hub in our area for adults and teens. That hub proposal is almost ready and I hope the new government will see fit to properly fund it.

I got into politics to help people. That was always my focus.

As a first term MPP, I was humbled to be asked by the Premier to join her Cabinet as Minister of Housing and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy. Later, I was thrilled to be made Minister of Environment and Climate Change, two areas I am passionate about. As with my time on Aurora Town Council, my priority at both ministries was making our communities sustainable.

So, friends, both new and old, I will see you around town. I'll have a bit more time to chat at the Farmers' Market, when shopping locally or at any number of local events.

Above all, thank you for entrusting me with this wonderful riding. It was truly an honour.

**Chris Ballard
Aurora**

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Brock Weir

A passport can only guarantee so much these days.

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Before you go anywhere, you need to do your due diligence to make sure you have whatever you might require, bone up on the local traditions and customs so you can get yourself through the minefield with minimal disruption, stress, and distress, and make sure you're as up to date as you can possibly be on your destination's political climate so, once again, you can navigate yourself through whatever situation through which you might have to navigate.

Some of these waters are rougher than others, but it is a strange feeling when they're basically lapping up on your shoreline.

It's equally strange when you're preparing to go into the United States not entirely sure what you are going to get. I try to get down there a few times a year to visit myriad friends scattered throughout the country and lately, as I am sure many of you can appreciate, preparing for the trip is a very different animal than it was just a couple of years ago.

The first time I noticed it was a trip to Manhattan last June.

It was my first visit to the United States since the previous fall's Presidential election and given the reports of divisiveness we had been receiving since that time, I was unsure what I would be experiencing. Granted, Manhattan is typically a diverse Democratic stronghold, so chances were this divisiveness would not be evident on the surface.

This was, in the end, very much the case. While some people I know to be particularly civic and politically minded were, perhaps in hindsight, just a little bit less forthcoming with their personal views in everyday public conversation, lest, of course, they be overheard by the "wrong people", people more or less appeared to be on the same page – and truth be told, this particular page was one of derision of the current administration.

My next trip, over the New Year's holiday to the same destination, followed a similar pattern.

BROCK'S BANTER

Brock Weir

April, on the other hand, was very much a different story.

Before departing for Dallas, TX, I was given a few pointers from my host.

Don't mention Trump, he advised, because the very drop of the name would attract a flurry of MAGA hat-wearing supporters who would likely be packing heat in the open-carry area.

He didn't have to tell me twice.

Well, maybe he did, as I didn't exactly try to hide my light under a bushel, damn the consequences. After all, we're always told it is not healthy to bottle things up!

These pre-flight tips were, of course, well-intentioned, but perhaps they were a little bit alarmist. Aside from a couple of turned heads, the best I got out of someone was a huff or a snort.

This past week, however, offered a very different experience.

Once again in New York City for my annual summer vacation – usually always taken at the beginning of June, but delayed this year to see the 2018 Provincial Election through to its thrilling conclusion! – there was a strained atmosphere.

Maybe it would have been different had I gone at the beginning of the month when the issue of migrant children separated from their families at the nation's southern border was just simmering away on the backburner, but this simmer had turned into a violent boil by the time I had arrived.

It appeared as though the people I was visiting were shouldering a burden, a yoke, a feeling veering dangerously close to being defeated.

This sense of defeat was bolstered by anger but, at the same time, tempered with a sense of helplessness.

"This is what it is like," said one friend over lunch, before getting interrupted by another.

"This is what *what* is like?" I pressed, once conversation swung back my way.

"I keep thinking, this is what it

must have been like to live in Nazi Germany, knowing what you're living and seeing every day is wrong you can't figure out what you can do about it," he continued.

This floored me. Although, truth be told, the thought had crossed my mind, looking on from the comfort of Canada, hearing it out of the mouth of an American brought reality down with a thud.

Thankfully, this exchanged spurred a further discussion around the table on just what could, in fact, be done to effect change, in however small a way, and that sense of defeat was turned around into determination.

And here I thought the only thing I had to face was guilt about pumping money into the U.S. economy in the middle of a trade war on a trip that was booked well before the tariffs dropped.

I write this with less than a week to go before Canada Day.

In contrast to what has been going on in the United States, at this time last year, many of us here in Canada were living with mixed feelings. On the one hand, we were gearing up for the Canada 150 celebrations, a party over a century-and-a-half in the making, a thought which initially appeared to be a cause for celebration. On the other, as the day approached, we were increasingly reminded of the darker aspects of our own history, particularly the treatment experienced by Indigenous peoples at the hands of European settlers.

"A celebration?" many started asking. "What is there to celebrate?"

Indeed, initial thoughts of a "celebration" ultimately – although hardly uniformly – turned into a "commemoration" and, ultimately reflection about where we've been and where we're going.

As attention now turns to Canada Day, perhaps it is time once again to celebrate who we are now, what we stand for, and double down on preserving what it is we actually have here as a nation.

Sadly, as we have come to see in recent years, what we have, what was once shared, can be all too fragile.

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200 Years at Yonge and Tyler,
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(June 27 – October 1)

The lot at the corner of Yonge and Tyler stands empty today. Four years ago, a devastating fire destroyed the home of the congregation of the Aurora Methodist/United Church. But it was not the first fire that members of the church had experienced. Nor was it the first struggle they had faced in their 200 year history. This new exhibition, guest curated by the Aurora United Church 200th Anniversary Committee, delves into the rich history of the church and celebrates their 200 year anniversary.

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Later in the day, Town Park will transform from produce to party as it hosts the Dance in the Park. Even if you're not too graceful on your feet, you can still enjoy live bands, food and (or maybe just) a beer garden.

The following day is the big event. As kids chalk their personal visions of Canada on the sidewalk outside of the library, the patriotism will continue with the annual parade of local bands, multicultural community groups, dignitaries and others down Yonge Street.

From there the fun moves to Lambert Willson Park and the Leisure Complex. There's pretty much something for everyone through the day including concerts, horseshoe contests, kids crafts and activities, swimming and several musical performances.

And, in what seems to be the tradition of all events in Town, there will be more food,

starting with a late breakfast (pancakes) or early dessert (birthday cake).

Of course, the day winds up with a bang – literally – with fireworks at dusk. Better yet, since you can see the fireworks from virtually anywhere in Town, you have your choice of vantage points. And there's no worry about staying up too late, because the next day is a holiday.

All that's just this week-end.

The next two months will feature no end of things to do in Town.

For example, I'll definitely be taking in some of the Concerts in the Park, which yes, do have food options, as well.

As an added bonus, many of the activities, including the concerts and Movies in the Park, are presented free, courtesy of the Town and generous corporate sponsors.

And just in case there's still some room on your bathroom scale at the end of August after partaking in all the special event-related food the Town has to offer, the summer winds up with Ribfest.

Despite the food-related name, it's not just an eating event, as it also includes bands and children's activities.

So, the next time you're considering joining the exodus from Town this summer, you may think you're getting away from it all, but what you're doing is missing out on a lot of good times right here in Aurora.

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Both Beth and Lex grew up as city kids but had the desire for a more rural, self-sustaining life style in which to raise their three children. Let's just say that they read a lot of Harrowsmith magazines in their youth!

Beth had been taught the wonders of nature and the simple rustic life by her parents who stole the family away every weekend of her childhood to a small cabin they had built. The cabin had no power or running water and Lex also had fond dreams of his grandparents' farm in rural Slovakia.

Beth and Lex finally escaped from the city to rural Schomberg in the mid-90s and

enrolled the children in Waldorf education. After a couple of moves, 14 years ago they took the plunge and bought a 12.5 acre farm just outside Nobleton. Their ultimate desire was to create a lifestyle where they could be home fully for the family while comfortably supporting themselves.

Beth began an in-home dog boarding facility and Lex adjusted his company's structure to allow him to run it remotely from home. That's when they realized they had the time that most of their friends spent commuting in which to explore their interests. They always had loved gardening and loved the seasonal rituals of growing some of their own food. So, when Lex began to passionately educate himself about some of the newer methods of intensive micro farming, they were all hooked. Their sons, Griffin and Landis, help on the farm and daughter, Aurora, helps at the Aurora Farmers' Market on Saturdays. She loves this time when she can connect with the community and she gets a well-deserved rest from her adorable and active 11/2 year old son, Jack. I encourage you to find their booth in the park and try some of their exquisite greens.

The next visit from Natalie Allan is on July 7 when she will again be teaching two yoga classes in the park. Her Prenatal class runs from 9.15-10.15 and the Hatha yoga class runs from 10.45-11.45 a.m.

I will tell you more about her in my next column.

See you at the Market!



TIME TRAVELLER'S DIARY

Michelle Johnson
Canada's
Birthday Town

You may have heard that Aurora is Canada's Birthday Town, but do you know how that came to be? Let's travel back to 1967...

Momentum from Canada's Centennial celebrations was building across the country and the very successful Montreal Expo ignited a patriotic fever that was sweeping the nation.

In Aurora, Canada's centennial celebrations consisted of a four-day program of events. The theme was "March on Centennial Fun" and was inspired by the main Saturday event – a re-enactment of the 1837 Lloydtown March. What might be surprising for today's reader is that this took place during the middle of June, not July 1st. At the time, July 1st was just a regular day without fan fair and jovial festivities. Enter the residents of Aurora's Richardson Drive who had their own ideas about how to celebrate Canada's Centennial.

A few days before July 1st, residents of Richardson Drive formed a committee, headed by Norm Stewart, and arranged an evening full of activities that would celebrate Canada's birthday – on the actual day. The festivities began at 7 p.m. with a children's costume parade and races. Almost every home on the street was decorated with Christmas lights or Centennial themed displays. The street party was repeated the following year and by 1969 the whole town wanted to participate in celebrating July 1st!

On June 9, 1969, Town Council approved a proclamation that declared Aurora as Canada's Birthday Town. Soon after a by-law was passed ordering stores to close on July 1st. Approximately 15,000 people attended the inaugural two-day celebration, which was praised by surrounding communities and featured in the evening edition of the CBC news broadcast. The celebration featured fireworks, firefighter competitions, a parade, races, a beer garden as well as a performance from Bobby Gimby – who happened to arrive by helicopter.

It might be hard to believe, but Aurora was very ahead of its time in celebrating July 1st. At the time it was not normal for a municipality to make a holiday out of Canada's birthday. Year after year, both residents and people from out of town flocked to Aurora Canada's Birthday Town to celebrate July 1st. Each year a new commemorative mug/stein was produced and handed out with admission to the beer garden – I'm sure a few of our readers have one or two tucked away in their kitchen cupboards.

Of course, Aurora's celebration inspired patriotism along with local and national pride. It also prompted a more unexpected outcome as Ron Wallace recalls, "July 1st joined Aurora, because prior to that, Aurora was three towns, the North End, the South End, and the Old Town" (Aurora Banner, June 25, 1975).

In 1982 July 1st was re-named Canada Day and municipalities were encouraged to plan their own local festivities to celebrate the country. I'm sure that these other celebrations were fantastic, but as great as they were, I'm equally positive that none could compare to those first years when Aurora celebrated the day under the banner of Canada's Birthday Town.

THIS WEEK'S NEW POLL

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Mindfulness helps tackle cognitive bias: experts

By Brock Weir

How many of you are aware of how your body is positioned while reading this? Are you aware of the contact between your fingers and this newspaper page, your computer keyboard, phone or tablet? How many of you paused just now to double check?

If so, you're following the advice of Yuk-Lin Renita Wong, Associate

Professor of the School of Social Work at York University.

Ms. Wong is a firm proponent of mindfulness, an exercise making people aware of the present without focusing on the past or the future.

She recently led nearly 200 local residents through this exercise this month at the Aurora Cultural Centre at an Iftar fast-breaking dinner to mark Ramadan.

Ms. Wong was part of a four-person



Entertainers performed a musical interlude at this month's Iftar Dinner, a fast-breaking evening which provided plenty of food for thought for all attendees.

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multicultural and interfaith panel exploring the relationship between mindfulness and combating cognitive bias in our society. She was joined on stage by Anthony Anirud, Human Rights Commissioner for the York Region District School Board, Stephen Wong of the Shan Buddhist Temple, and mental health therapist Taskeen Mansur, all of which was moderated by Michael Bowe, Supervisor of Diversity and Outreach for the York Region Children's Aid Society.

"Bias, fear, as well as prejudice are part of how we are socialized, which then become an inseparable and unconscious part of the mind in its normal processes and it helps us to categorize, perceive as well as to remember to learn about each other and the world around us," said Mr. Bowe. "We all embody cognitive or unconscious bias about all aspects of the world around us, which includes how we perceive and treat others who are different from us as those who are similar to us."

But, how do we tackle it? The first step is recognizing it, according to Mr. Anirud.

"When we think of cognitive bias, the idea of bias in general is sometimes people look at it as a negative," he said. "We're all biased in everything, in all our actions around us. When we think of cognitive bias, we're thinking about how our brain processes information and very often we are confronted with a variety of different stimulations around us, ideas, thoughts, impressions, thousands of pieces of information that we must process very, very quickly. In that processing, we choose to simplify because simplification is actually much more important than trying to find logic out of that information. Very often that simplification actually causes us to make mistakes because we draw inferences from that simplification."

"Very often when we are faced with

an issue, it is not only the issue that confronts our bias, but also the way in which we frame that issue and the way we look at it. It actually tells us more about us than the issue itself and that is the cognitive function in terms of bias."

From the Buddhist perspective offered by Mr. Wong, when you understand your own thought processes, you can recognize and get away from those biases within you.

"What we want to do is self-cultivation," said Mr. Wong of Buddhist teaching. "In people's minds, we always see the bias because we're actually at a level where we don't have the wisdom cultivated enough to see the similarities. Cognitive bias, from a Buddhist perspective, would be a self-cultivation to think about the thought process. When you understand your thought process, you can actually get away from that bias. When we understand where we crossed that line with the bias, that is where we can become a better community person or practitioner."

For Ms. Mansur, the issue has a "twofold" importance to her. As a Muslim, she says she is reminded and challenged on a daily basis that she has to remain mindful of her actions towards all beings and "towards my worldly footprint all in preparation for the afterlife."

"As a social worker who has experienced agency work and as a therapist, I have learned that in order for me to be my most effective for my community and my clients, I have to be mindful," she said. "We come across many diverse ways of living, believing and understanding. Cognitive bias means that we, as individuals, have difficulty with difference. I am sure all of us have experienced the direct and indirect impacts of strained community or client family relations, or the projection of another's biases

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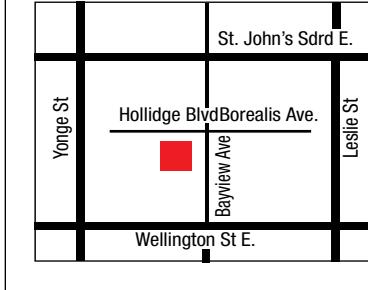


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As new Provincial government prepares to take office, Council delivers message on Greenbelt

By Brock Weir

It was one of the most heated issues to dog Premier-designate Doug Ford on the 2018 campaign trail, but once he takes office this week, the Progressive Conservative leader will receive a pointed message from Council on the preservation of Ontario's Greenbelt.

Mr. Ford, along with our local MPPs-elect Christine Elliott (Newmarket-Aurora) and Michael Parsa (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill) are set to arrive at Queen's Park to be formally

sworn in this Friday.

Just days after the election on June 7, however, Aurora Council moved to formulate a message that the Government should keep its hands off the Greenbelt.

Council took the measure following a motion from Councillor John Abel, who alluded to a closed door meeting between Mr. Ford and land developers, promising to open up chunks of the protected Greenbelt for future development, a move which prompted immediate fury from environmentalists and residents alike, and resulted in

backtracking from Mr. Ford shortly thereafter.

In his motion, Councillor Abel called on Aurora to take a stand with its municipal neighbours to "undertake continued action to maintain and grow the current Greenbelt, of which the Oak Ridges Moraine is a part" and "strongly urge" the Province to "extend Greenbelt protection to include the appropriate white belt lands within the inner ring, lands that are most immediately vulnerable to development in the Province."

"The Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning that complements the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrogeological features and agricultural lands," said Councillor Abel in his motion, noting a similar motion was passed by the City of Oakville. "The Greenbelt has protected 1.8 million acres of farmland, local food supplies, the headwaters rivers and important forests and wildlife habitat for more than 12 years.

"A permanent Greenbelt is an important part of the planning for sustainable communities [and] there is a tremendous amount of land already planned and available in excess of the development needs of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) without weakening protections provided by the Greenbelt."

Efforts to open the Greenbelt, he continued, open the door for land speculators to "build expensive homes at immense profits in remote areas" and would move the urban boundary, fostering sprawl, increased traffic, and

increased taxes.

"It was in the Provincial Election that there was some talk about the Greenbelt and although it wasn't pursued, in Oakville they thought it prudent to advise the Provincial government that we should protect the Greenbelt and be very careful about the Whitebelt area and how to handle that buffer zone," Councillor Abel told his colleagues before the matter came up for a vote. "We have two members of the government [and I thought it was important] they know where their Council stands and that it be relayed to them and the governing legislation."

Council members agreed, voting for the motion unanimously.

Councillor Paul Pirri, however, cautioned that reinforcing Greenbelt protection could have consequences down the line.

"I just wanted to point out that there are many individuals and many people who blame the Greenbelt for the escalation of property values and this is one of the largest contributors to the cost of housing across Ontario," he said. "I just want to point out that if people are really strongly in favour of the low cost of housing, this goes against that. With that said, from an environmental standpoint, I definitely support it so I will be voting in favour."

Councillor Wendy Gaertner, on the other hand, had a different viewpoint.

"I think it is known I am very much in favour of low cost housing, but not at the expense of the environment," she said.

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Summer won't be a time of rest and relaxation for some Wellington students

By Brock Weir

It's the end of June and students have excitedly made a break for summer – but, for some Grade 5 students at Wellington Public School, the excitement is spending the summer following through on the work they started this year.

Earlier this year, Amanda Bonura's Grade 5 class and members of Wellington's Eco Team formally "adopted" the nearby Elizabeth Hader Park through the Town of Aurora's Adopt-a-Park program.

Throughout the fall and winter, the students were regular visitors to the Timpson Drive green space, keeping it clean, picking up trash, and making sure all the playground equipment was graffiti-free and in working order.

As the school year drew to a close, however, they joined forces with members of the Town's Parks team to get their hands dirty planting a variety of trees and shrubs which will be a lasting legacy for the class.

"All of the students were so excited to plant," Ms. Bonura tells The Auroran. "We have been cleaning up the park all year so the planting portion of this project is something that they have been looking forward to all year long. This was a true incentive for the students first hand. Students were paired in groups of two or three, and worked together to find a great spot with lots of sunlight for their new tree. The students named our new 12 trees (Fred, Chanrey, James, General Fragrant, Treeless, Ivy are some of the names). They were also very happy to have the town workers who were able to share their knowledge on the types of trees that we planted. (*Rhus typhina*, *Cornus sericea*, *Viburnum lentago*, *Rhus aromatica*, *Amelanchier canadensis*).

"Students will continue in the participation of the Adopt a Park program in September, however, many local students have already expressed excitement to visit the park in the summer months. They want to visit their newly planted trees and watch them grow. They want to ensure they are cared for in all ways possible. Students have taken great pride and ownership in their contributions and have definitely learned that experiencing the outdoors and enjoying nature benefits our overall well being."

In getting kids into the zone for the big day, Ms. Bonura says she and her fellow teachers had "lengthy and elaborate" conversations with the class on the importance of planting trees and what they do for the environment. They were familiarized with photosynthesis, the role trees play in cleaning the air and oxygen production, and they even helped them learn the best places to plant, including gauging optimal sunlight, digging holes, and the best types of soil.

"The key message we are trying to communicate through our student ambassadors is that we need to protect our environment and continue to be conscious of our actions as we have a huge impact on the future," she says. "Every single student's contribution helps to make an impact on our local community, and in the grander scheme of things our entire planet. Students are environmental advocates spreading their knowledge in all ways they can. Students will always remember that they contributed to the development of our already beautiful local park by planting trees. This has benefited our earth with new trees, we know that we have helped improve air quality, provide oxygen and fight climate change. They have also helped ensure that their local park is a safe place for children to visit and have also helped wildlife who also enjoy visiting the park."

With this, she says the benefits of other classes and schools taking up the Adopt a Park challenge are clear.

"We need to invest in our future by caring for our environment. We are keeping our parks and community clean and beautiful by frequently visiting our parks for clean up and spreading awareness of the consequences of



The students at Wellington Public School are pictured at Elizabeth Hader Park just before getting their hands dirty on the latest round of planting. *Auroran photo by Brock Weir*

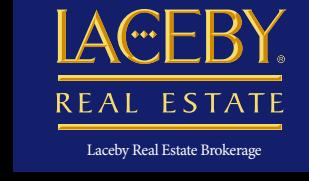
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Tough questions expected this week before Library Square decision

By Brock Weir

Local lawmakers may have tentatively approved a three-story addition to the Church Street School as a centrepiece to Library Square last week, but planners and staff will face tough questions this week before – and if – this decision is ratified.

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Last week, Council signed off on an extensive vision for Library Square, a new public space that is envisioned to become a significant community gathering space.

Bordered in the west by the Aurora Public Library and the Church Street School in the east, Library Square will encompass significant public space between the two landmarks, a seasonal skating rink, a new parking configuration and, in a feature which courted the most discussion at the Committee level last week, a three-storey addition to the Church Street School, comprising of community and studio space, as well as a 250 seat theatre.

While many Council members said this project, which could cost upwards of \$17 million once final designs are completed and approved, said this was the right investment at the right time, others said it completely missed the mark.

"I think we can do far better," said Councillor John Abel on the designs presented last week, arguing that the designs proposed would hinder the operations of the Aurora Public Library. "I am all in favour of a Library Square, don't get me wrong. I have been for both terms I have been here. My priority is the Library. It's an absolute necessity and community hub. Whatever we do, we should be able to compliment what they do and not hinder them."

Moving the parking lot from the back of the building to Victoria Street, as envisioned in the Library Square proposal, will do just that, he argued, reviving his position from last year that the Library Square open space would be a better fit for Victoria Street rather than in between the two buildings.

The parking lot issue also presented accessibility issues, he said, adding he

did not see the need for a theatre within the plan.

"We just had baseball come forward with all their metrics on how they need more diamonds, but I don't see a dance studio saying they need more dance space, I don't see Theatre Aurora coming to us and saying, 'we're operating at maximum capacity, we need another theatre.' Why do we need a theatre? Because we can build it, I guess."

"We don't need to build this, quite frankly, and we don't need to disrupt the business of the Library. If we just took a step back and gave ourselves an option, heard from our Cultural Centre, their Strategic Plans, our Museum's plans, incorporate Victoria Hall, I am sure we would have something far less expensive."

With the money they save, he contended, they could "just take the roof off" Theatre Aurora on Henderson Drive and create an extension.

"Fiscal prudence is why I am not in favour of this," he concluded.

Some Council members, on the other hand, said they took "offence" at the suggestion that they would make a decision that would hinder the Library, including many incumbent members who have served on the Library Board this term or in previous sessions.

"I was on the Library Board for seven years, chaired it for four years, so I think if anyone has a fairly good sense of how this Library operates and [its] value to the community, I think I can claim that," said Mayor Geoff Dawe. "I can't see how, in any way, this would impede the Library. I can't make that connection."

Mayor Dawe said the concept of including a theatre in the proposal came from both himself and Councillor Michael Thompson, adding the "world class" programs currently fostered by the

Aurora Cultural Centre deserve a world class facility for musicians to play.

"I don't think we do these people justice by not providing a world class facility for them to play in," Mayor Dawe continued. "The crowds would love to have that facility, so I think it would be a fabulous and incredible draw. I think it would just be unbelievably good for the quality of people we have coming to our Town. This is, in my opinion, the right facility at the right time in the right place. We are bringing, I think, an incredible advantage to our Town and that is what we have to focus on: What is our differentiator? I think this is going to be one of the differentiators. My father always used to say, 'A cynic is a person who knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing.' This is the right place at the right time."

This was a view somewhat shared by Councillor Paul Pirri.

While he took exception to the "inference" that moving forward would "damage" the Library, he was less enthusiastic about the theatre proposal, contending that larger theatres in neighbouring municipalities were struggling.

"I worry a bit about the saturation levels, [but] with that said, I am willing to consider what we have on the table," said Councillor Pirri. "I think event space would be fantastic to have and I am sure that's why [a] theatre is being promoted and set up in the way that it is to allow for that space, so we don't have to travel outside of Aurora to hold big events anymore – and that is the important thing."

As the longest currently serving Council member, Councillor Wendy Gaertner said she didn't think anyone at the table could say "they have worked as hard or as long" to make Library Square a reality. While she said the proposal before them was "great", it was not "perfect" and she questioned the financial wisdom of going forward at this time.

"In my opinion, we need to build a business case on this," she said. "We need to have an operating model. We need to look for partners who can help us with the operating costs. This is going to be, long-term, a very expensive building to operate [and] I think we need to look at the operating costs. It needs to be a fulsome discussion and a fiscally responsible one. With the information that I have – and I love the design and think modern works well with the old – I am not going to approve a budget of more than \$20 million when we don't have any detailed costing."

"I think the Library would have liked it to be otherwise, but they are agreeing to do this because Council has voted to do this, and it is going to be wonderful for the downtown core, including the Library. We really need to know what's what before we make any financial decisions."

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Design work on Library Square will continue this week, pending Council sign-off

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money to allocate to the project, but architects estimate that a full-blown three storey addition and theatre could cost between \$14 million and \$17 million.

According to a presentation made last week by David Leinster of The Planning Partnership and architect Roland Rom Colthoff, the proposed final design includes a number of tweaks from original concepts presented to Council earlier this year.

Among these changes, the Aurora Public Library has agreed to move deliveries from the main entrance down to Church Street to facilitate the growth of Library Square, a restored "drop-off" area to the Library, and a reconfiguration of accessible parking spaces.

On the Square itself, principals are proposing a design that has "the right dignity" that corresponds with the surrounding buildings. They likened the modern addition to the Church Street School to similar additions to landmarks such as Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music, which has become a landmark in and of itself.

While the complete package would cost upwards of \$17 million, smaller scale options were also on the table, including an addition for just a theatre and basement concept with an upset estimate of \$11 million, and an addition with just programmable space at a "very rough" estimate between \$7 million and \$8 million.

Looking over the designs, Mayor Geoff Dawe said he thought the look of the new building was both "complimentary" and "substantially different" from what is there.

"What you have shown here is fabulous," he said. "I am very much in favour of the three-storey building. It is a Council decision, but I think the three-storey building gives us the most opportunity and the most flexibility in the long run."

Added Councillor Tom Mrakas: "I think it is a fabulous idea and you have done an incredible amount of work [with] the residents and this Council, stakeholders, and I think you have come up with something everyone can be happy with and... this is an exciting opportunity."

Councillor Sandra Humfries was similarly enthusiastic.

"I can understand the challenge of [tweaking designs to fit into a heritage area], but this is absolutely going in the right direction," she said. "The key here was to create an attraction. It will absolutely create that and I am excited about all the potential programming space that we can have in the area. I think it is incredible."

Others, however, showed a degree of skepticism when it came to integrating this modern element into an area largely defined by its

heritage. Among those members was Councillor Jeff Thom who cited recent moves to put a modern addition onto Ottawa's landmark Chateau Laurier, a plan which has garnered no small degree of criticism and controversy.

"Our Church Street School is not the Chateau Laurier, but certainly it is the same kind of concept [of] how do we respectfully and tastefully put an addition onto an existing heritage building?" Councillor Thom said to the planners. "Obviously, we're in the early stages and by no means is what you presented the final design, but you're well aware of the situation. Moving forward, perhaps I would like to see a design that is a bit more complimentary to the heritage attributes."

Although Councillor Wendy Gaertner agreed the proposal was "exciting," she went a step further and called it an "exciting work in progress," asking for guarantees that the addition would not be higher than the existing Church Street School.

Planners told Councillor Gaertner that they could not necessarily guarantee that height at this point until all the mechanical elements were fully investigated.

"Our intention and the intention of the entire project team is that it not be taller than the rooftop, the widow's walk element of the existing schoolhouse," said Mr. Colthoff. "However, there are very large mechanical systems requirements for these buildings. They have 250 people in one room (the proposed theatre) and there is a lot of air to move back and forth. Right now, I cannot guarantee [the height] because we have only just started with the mechanical engineers."

This, however, gave Councillor Gaertner pause.

"I would say that [height restriction] is a requirement that it doesn't in any way overshadow the heritage building," she said.



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Countdown is on for Concerts in the Park's 2018 summer season

By Brock Weir

Aurora's 2018 Concerts in the Park season is less than a week away and organizers are promising a new twist on the popular summer series.

Once again sponsored by TD Canada Trust, the 2018 Concerts in the Park Series kicks off next Wednesday, July 4, at 7 p.m., with popular children's performers Team T&J, offering an interactive music and entertainment program with a high-energy and uplifting message.

The fun continues for adults – and people of all ages – the following Wednesday, July 11, with the Country

Legends Tribute Tour, featuring the music of Keith Urban and Garth Brooks.

While these and all subsequent concerts begin at 7 p.m. at the Town Park Band Shell, arrive early because, for the first time this year, running from 5 – 9 p.m., the Aurora Farmers' Market will be holding "sample markets" in conjunction with the concerts.

"We are hoping people come early and experience the sample Farmers' Market," says Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora. "They are going to strive to have seven to 10 vendors out each week, with two or three of them having food of substance like Gabriel's Café or Katarina's Kitchen. Then, they will also have some of the farmers out and some of the artisan vendors, and the nice thing about this is there is going to be variety and a new experience each Wednesday."

Following the Country Legends concert, the series continues on July 18 with returning favourite Desire – A Tribute to U2, on July 25 with A Touch of Class Steel Drums, on August 1 with country star Marshall Dane, the homegrown Borealis Big Band on August 8, maritime performer Jared Lutes on August 15, the Fleetwood Mac and Tom Petty Tribute "Fleetwood Nicks and Practically Petty" on August 22, before concluding with popular Just Heart: A Tribute to Heart on August 29.

"Once again, we're always excited with our lineup," says Ms. Ware. "We have some new discoveries and some former favourites that will be premiering. One of the concerts that might have the least familiarity, but I am really hopeful for the crowd's response to is the Jared Lutes concert. He is an Acadian musician who also



Members of the Town of Aurora, including Mayor Geoff Dawe and Councillor John Abel, were joined by TD officials at Town Park for the launch of the Concerts in the Park program last week.

dabbles in folk and indie. He has a whole slew of awards as a single solo artist. The music soundtrack for the TV series Reign is his work. Imagine a Wednesday night at Concerts in the Park and then hearing that type of Acadian music. I think it will be a really good evening."

Over the years, Ms. Ware says she has seen the traditional kick-off featuring a kid-friendly concert only grow in popularity and expects this year to be no exception.

She also says she's particularly looking forward to seeing local talent on stage in the form of the Borealis Big Band, led by Gord Shepard.

"With that being local, it takes a lot of work to get bands ready to go, and with Gord Shepard's leadership, I am really excited to see their performance," says Ms. Ware. "He is very in tune with reading an audience, knowing what they want to hear and being able to lead his band to follow."

"Given that we go from country to Acadian music [with Lutes], to youth and children's entertainers to big band music and steel drums, I think there is a diverse lineup in terms of variety of genres for people to experience, and I highly encourage people, whether that is the kind of music they are really into or not, to come out to experience it because there are always new experiences when you're trying something new or revisiting a genre

you're not as familiar with."

Whether you're coming out to hear some of your favourites, or to indeed try something new, concert-goers are encouraged to bring a food donation to the Aurora Food Pantry before the concert starts.

Each reveller who does so is entered for a chance to win upgraded TD preferred seating at the front of the concert – in comfy green Muskoka chairs, no less – and two prize packs.

"TD's partnership has been such a blessing for this concert series and we are very grateful for their continued support," says Ms. Ware. "I know that TD gets flooded with requests from various similar events, so obviously we're elated they have chosen to partner with us again. I am hoping it is the diverse lineup and the way we have approached the program, which is something that has always piqued their interest. When speaking with the executives, a lot of them do personally attend the concerts and prior to this partnership they hadn't experienced it – now it is the Wednesday tradition they are looking forward to."

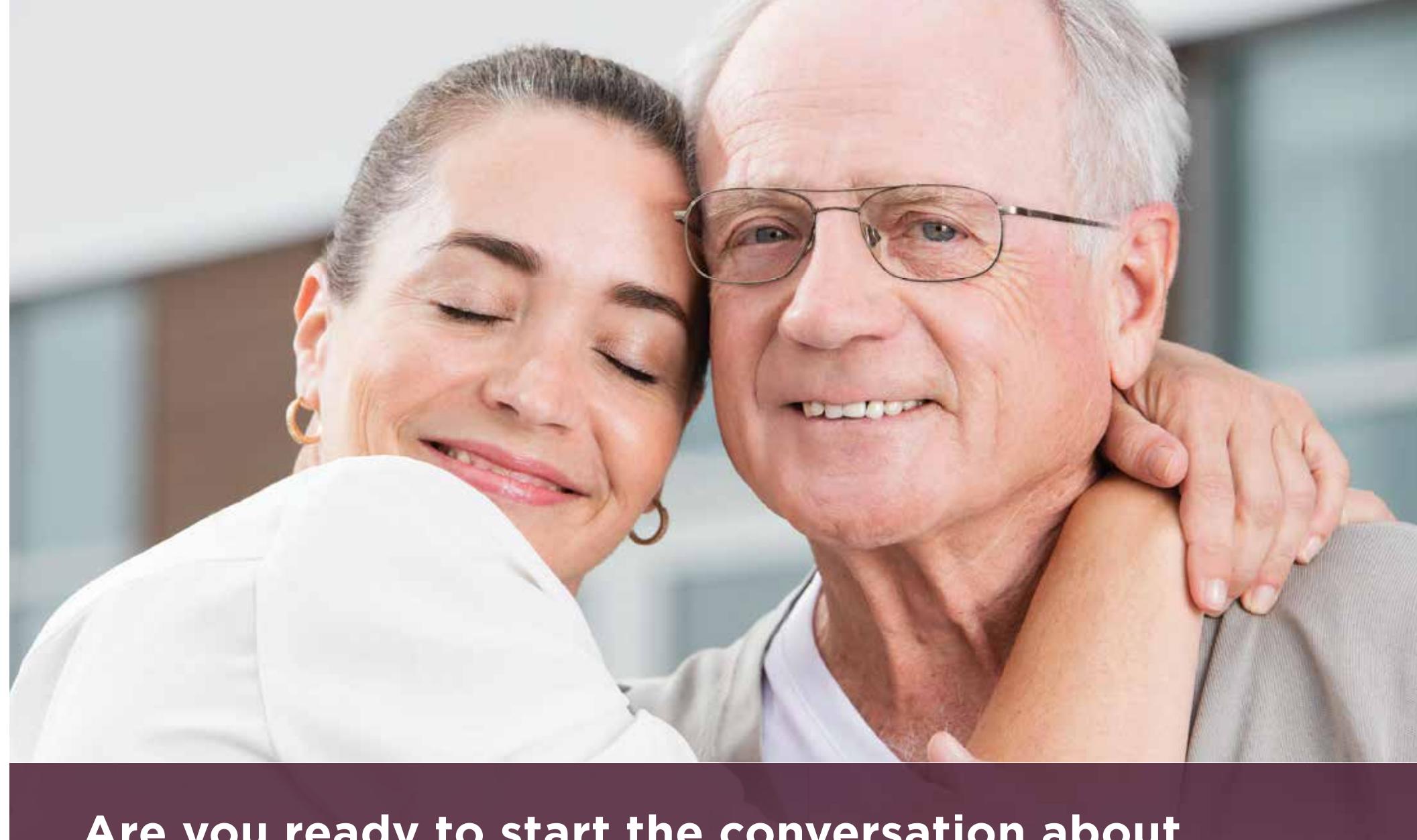
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Kerry's Place to host carnival for entire community

By Brock Weir

A carnival atmosphere awaits you at Town Park next Saturday, July 7, as Kerry's Place Autism Services takes over the popular greenspace for a day of family-friendly fun.

The first Saturday in July is traditionally Kerry's Place Appreciation Day, an opportunity for the Berczy Street-based service, which provides autism services throughout southern Ontario, to say thank you to the volunteers and families who provide vital support for their programs, but this year's celebration is a bit different, and you're all invited.

The fun runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring live music from the Therapy Seekers, carnival games, crafts, food, face painting, a bouncy castle, and the Art in the Park festival spearheaded by Deborah Campo and her team of dedicated fellow artists, and much more.

"One of the things we really want to focus on at Kerry's Place is to get to know our community better," says Kerry's Place's Kate Tansley. "This event was previously known as Appreciation Day and I think that name can get a little bit confusing — who are we appreciating? We wanted to rename it this year and make it a carnival to have more events available for people in the community. We want to encourage integration between our Kerry's Place community — our staff, our residents, those that we support and their families — and the families within our wider community."

While the event will very much focus on fostering that carnival atmosphere, they are mindful of some of the sensory issues persons on the Autism spectrum live with every day. As such, you won't see entertainers with face coverings — no clowns in full face paint — or other things that might be "intimidating" to anyone, including loud music. The Therapy Seekers, long-time performers for Kerry's Place, are mellow and encourage an atmosphere that is "enjoyable and relaxing" for the community.

New to the Kerry's Place organization this year, this is Ms. Tansley's first time getting her hands dirty helping to plan this annual celebration, which has become a hallmark in conjunction with the Aurora Farmers' Market's outdoor season.

"What I find most enjoyable about this is looking at it with a different perspective and to really think about the ways we can fully integrate our Kerry's Place community into our wider community," says Ms. Tansley. "That has been the most fun: just getting to know the people we support, the folks that work with Kerry's Place in this Region and just seeing their passion and their drive. It has really made such an impact on me and really hearing from community members how much they enjoy Kerry's Place. All of those things have given me a drive to do what I do every day and to make sure I am putting my best foot forward all the

time.

"The main takeaway I would love people to have from our carnival is, number one, Kerry's Place is a great organization that provides assistance to those with ASD and their families in this area. Additionally, I would want them to feel comfortable. I would want to dispel any myths and that there is

nothing to be afraid of. This is also an effort to educate and create awareness as well. We will also have information that people can take away, things they can learn from about what autism is and what autism isn't, as well as services and supports Kerry's Place provides in this area.

"We just really want to encourage

the community, members of all ages, to come out and enjoy a good time!"

But, before you set out to have a good time at Town Park next Saturday, Kerry's Place encourages you to register ahead of time. To register, and for more information on the Carnival itself, visit www.kerrysplace.org/communitycarnival.

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"Time for a change": Junior Aurora Tigers adopt new look

By Jake Courtepatte

Out with the old, in with the new.

For the first time in two decades, and the first drastic change in the program's history, the junior A Aurora Tigers will have a new logo for the 2017-18 season.

"The Bruins colours are great, the minor team's logo is great, I just felt the junior A brand needed a change," said Tigers owner Jim Thomson. "I'm hoping things like this can drum up even more interest."

A slick, modernized version of the Aurora Tiger eliminates the animal's body in the logo, leaving a more minimalist approach while altering the colours from black and yellow to black and gold.

Among the changes are a completely revamped set of uniforms, from gloves, to jerseys, to socks, borrowing the colour scheme and pattern of the NHL's Vegas

Golden Knights: a combination of black, gold, and hints of red.

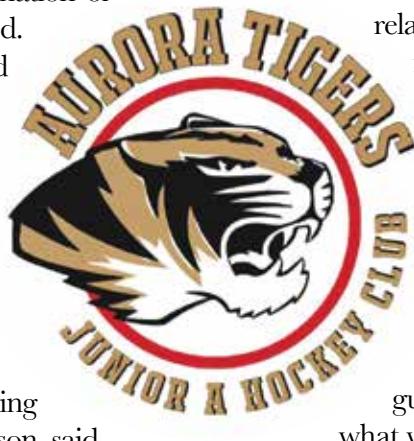
"I love the colours," said

Thomson, who came up with the idea after visiting Las Vegas for game one of the Stanley Cup Finals against the Washington Capitals. "They're slick, they stand out."

Though a longstanding logo for the club, Thomson said when he bought the team three years ago, he was told of troubles with the Hamilton Tigercats of the CFL the franchise had experienced over copyright infringement.

"They came saying 'you're stealing our logo, that's our logo,'" said Thomson. "Since we've had the team, they've never come to us, but I'm thinking we do use the exact same logo. So, it's time for change."

Designing the logo was a man with a



last name many Tigers fans will relate to. Brad Bricknell, father of 2017-18 Tigers captain Jake Bricknell was the leader in the new design, and creates all of the Tigers branded clothing from jerseys to t-shirts.

"He's a really bright guy...I told him 'this is what we're looking for', he sent me probably ten different looks, and this is what we landed on."

The offseason branding is all part of

a slogan of "a new era" adopted by the Tigers this offseason.

"It's almost like we're looking to start fresh," said Thomson. "We had a good playoff run last year, but I still felt like we needed a new start."

The team will also adopt a sponsored name for the 2017-18 season, sponsored by a major local business yet to be named publicly.

"We're partnering with a local company in Aurora, they're a big supporter of the community, a big supporter of ours, and we're really excited about it."

The new jerseys will be unveiled publicly at a press conference later this summer.

Minor Bantam Jay tagged for Under-16 Team Ontario

By Jake Courtepatte

Claire Johnson has grown used to being the only girl on an all-boys baseball team, ever since the days of t-ball, and her debut with the Rookie Aurora-King Jays.

"I encouraged her to make the change to softball this past season, but she refused," said her mother, Carmen Spiteri-Johnson. "Her love for baseball is very strong."

This past weekend, the Aurora native used that passion as fuel to earn a selection to the Under-16 Team Ontario girls squad, at only 14 years of age.

An open invitation to any girls under the age of sixteen across the province, Johnson competed against approximately fifty other athletes in a six-trial grind to claim a spot for the all-around Minor Bantam Jay.

Though mainly a first baseman, Johnson has utilized her skills at the catcher and pitcher position as well, often referred to as "coachable" by team staff.

"She listens to her coaches and tries to respond to their feedback both between and within games," said Spiteri-Johnson.

Her keen eye and ear for the game comes with years of experience: first picking up a baseball as a toddler, Johnson had two key mentors on the diamond at an early age in both her older brother Matt and older sister Olivia, who played baseball and softball respectively.

Referred to as "everyone's little sister", the young Johnson showed promise when she learned to pitch at the tender age of three.

Team Ontario will travel to Bedford,



Submitted Photo

Nova Scotia in late August to compete in the 2018 Under-16 Girls Invitational Championships, competing against the nine other provinces for the national title.

Beyond her first taste of the provincial and national spotlight, Johnson has big plans for the future.

"Claire loves baseball and wants to play for as long as she can," said Spiteri-Johnson. "Her ultimate dream would be to get a scholarship, and maybe even see women playing in professional baseball leagues."

A scholarship certainly seems in the books for the up-and-coming athlete: having recently graduated from grade eight at Highview Public School, Johnson was named co-Valedictorian, while earning a pair of academic awards as well as the Female Athlete of the Year, playing on seven or more sports teams between grades seven and eight.

Johnson would like to thank her teachers, Mr. Congram and Mr. Kaufman, for helping her achieve both her athletic and academic goals.

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"Polo for Heart" a high-class affair with charity at its centre



Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

By Jake Courtepatte

One would find it easy to get caught up in the glitz and glamour of Polo for Heart, held at the Toronto Polo Club in Richmond Hill.

After all, the equestrian enthusiasts from across Southern Ontario who converge on the grounds annually for a weekend of high-fashion, fine food, and the sport of

kings are among the area's elite; though at its core, the main focus of attendees and volunteers alike is charity.

In fact, an incredible \$6-million plus has been raised over the event's 39 years to help fund heart disease and stroke treatment and research.

"It's helped us do all kinds of innovative work," said Susan Mullin, President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre, the recipient of the funds. "We've

had a couple of 'world-firsts' at Southlake, thanks to Polo for Heart in part."

The "firsts" Mullin refers to includes the first surgery of a ventricle inserted through the arm, as well as the first electronic monitor for a heart implanted in North America.

"This is an organization that has supported us for years, and we're just thrilled to partner with them...it's such a natural partnership."

Historically dampened by bad weather conditions in recent years, this year's event went off without a hitch on Thursday evening, opening with the highly-anticipated Polo Under the Stars.

Saturday's agenda followed up with everything from a pair of intense polo matches, to a performance by the Canadian Cowgirls show team, to the traditional champagne divot stomp, where guests enter the field at halftime to smooth the field while enjoying a glass of bubbly.

Though Sunday's weather was deemed to be treacherous for riders and guests alike to attend, the event still drew thousands of attendees between Thursday and Saturday, something Mullin said plays an important role in Southlake's participation.

"It's not just about the money," said Mullin. "It's about creating the awareness. "Southlake serves York Region, South Simcoe, and as far north as Muskoka for our cardiac programs, and we need to get that word out. It's about fundraising for us, but it's about community awareness raising as well, and that's key."

Every seven minutes, someone in Canada dies from heart disease and stroke. An estimated 1.6 million more are living with the devastating effects of these diseases, while nine in ten Canadians have at least one risk factor, such as high blood pressure, obesity, tobacco use, lack of physical activity & diabetes.

Over 10,000 cardiac patients are treated at Southlake each year.

York-Simcoe captain Hillis drafted by NHL's Canadiens



Ex-varsity Saint and York-Simcoe Express captain Cameron Hillis was drafted 66th overall by the Montreal Canadiens in the NHL Entry Draft on Saturday.

Auroran photo by Jake Courtepatte

By Jake Courtepatte

Cam Hillis is used to wearing a 'C' on his chest: he did so during the most important season of his minor hockey career, while with the York-Simcoe Minor Midget Express in 2015-16.

Following Saturday's NHL Entry Draft, Hillis will now get the opportunity to don another form of a 'C': the time-honoured logo of the Montreal Canadiens.

Drafted early in the third round, 66th overall in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft, it was his tenacity that attracted top scout Trevor Timmins to the NHL's most storied franchise.

"He's five-foot-ten, but he plays like he's six-foot-four," said Timmins in a media scrum following the draft. "He is as physical as (Canadiens right winger) Brendan Gallagher, but he's just as determined."

During the midpoint of the 2015-16 Express season, Hillis had committed to a scholarship at Providence College in the NCAA's top division, a common route these days for elite Canadian athletes.

It was after putting up an astonishing 72 points in just 33 games with the Minor Midget AAA Express that he put his academic goals on hold to follow his dream, going the traditional route in joining the Guelph Storm of the OHL.

A highly-successful following season with the St. Andrew's College Saints in Aurora, leading the varsity program in scoring, landed him a full-time role with the Storm.

59 points in 60 games as a 17-year old was all Montreal needed to see to put a jersey on the 5'10" centremen.

When reached after the draft, Hillis said it was "very special" to have his dream come true, adding it was his abilities as a playmaker that piqued the interest of several NHL squads.

"I think I rely on my hockey sense, and my compete level every night," said Hillis. "Seeing the ice, and making those little plays...because I'm not the biggest player out there, I kind of have to rely on making the game a little faster and play a lot harder."

Pulling on an NHL sweater for the first time was made even sweeter for Hillis, by the fact that he was able to celebrate his eighteenth birthday just one day after the draft.

"I think I may still be able to put on a couple more inches, and I've definitely got to fill out a little more if I want to play at that next level. But this is definitely a nice birthday present for me."

Just one year after three St. Andrews Saints were picked in the NHL Draft, Hillis joins fellow alumnus Kody Clark as this year's crop of Saints draftees, with the son of ex-NHLer Wendel Clark going 47th overall to the Washington Capitals.

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Stewart Burnett soccer facility has rainy, but spirited kick-off



(Top) Seema Sakran winds up to take a shot on Aliya Garrett at Sunday's official opening of the artificial turf field at Stewart Burnett Park. (Above) Presiding over the opening were Mayor Geoff Dawe, AYSC president Roy Cohen and Councillors Jeff Thom and John Abel.

Auroran photos by Brock Weir

By Brock Weir

If it was a natural turf field, the opening kick-off would have been soggy, muggy mess, but the new artificial turf soccer facility at Stewart Burnett Park was more than up for the task.

Members of the Aurora FC and Aurora Youth Soccer Club huddled under a tent early Sunday afternoon for the official opening of the new 500 seat outdoor facility located just behind the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex and the Marilyn Redvers Tennis Centre on Wellington Street East.

Doing the honours at the ceremony, which was also attended by Councillors

John Abel and Jeff Thom, were Mayor Geoff Dawe and Roy Cohen, President of the Aurora Youth Soccer Club.

"It is quite a pleasure to be here, even if it is somewhat less than ideal weather, to celebrate the official opening of this field, the Stewart Burnett Park Field," said Mayor Dawe. "It is really a fabulous facility, and, as we all know, the World Cup is playing right now and this is also a FIFA regulation field. That is doubly impressive and seating for 500 people, it is really quite a tremendous facility and I am very pleased we have had the opportunity to put this together like this."

"Because it is an artificial turf field, we are going to have longer playing play later into the evening, and on the

shoulder seasons. We cut down on our maintenance costs, so it is a good story all around. Thank you to everybody who has helped get this organized. Eventually we will also be adding in the area a splash pad and playground facilities to make it even more useful."

With 500 seats, meeting FIFA regulation standards, and featuring electronic scoreboards and other amenities, the Stewart Burnett Field is now the official home of the Aurora FC. The finishing touches on the park, including the splash pad and playground, as well as washroom facilities and a trail connection into the adjacent wildlife park, are expected to be completed in 2019.

"I would like to say a quick thank you

not only to our Town, our Mayor, but Council and the hard-work that they do for us on behalf of all the sporting communities and to have better facilities for you young ladies and all our other teams," said Mr. Cohen. "It is an honour to be a part of the Aurora Football Club, more importantly the Aurora Youth Soccer Club. We are [going on our] 55th year of service in Aurora and I have been a part of 20 of them. I am very proud, I am very blessed and very honoured to be a part of it. I am happy for our athletes and our participants."

"It is very, very important to them to have good quality fields and facilities and our Town is doing it. They are making it happen."

Awareness is the "Starting Point" in making a difference

From page 6

upon ourselves. The here and the now is what we use to authentically assess a situation for what it truly is and the here and now is where I can assess if I am able to handle the situation and if I have the right tools to be mindful of the situation I am in. Islam teaches me in many ways to be mindful of what I am about to start before I go into it and I want to go into every situation giving off positive energy.

"I want to go into every situation with the pretext I am going to learn from the other and I am going to collaborate with the other. If this is my goal as a service provider, I better check myself and I better check myself often, for I possess the ability to error and I always will. Therefore, mindfulness is the most powerful tool I have in my service delivery toolbox to face my cognitive biases."

But, according to Ms. Wong, mindfulness can't really be administered in practice, or in your day to day life, until you actually

experience it. Hence, the exercise she walked the crowd through above. This continued with asking the audience to take a deep breath and exhale, following the breath out of your body for as long as you can.

"How many of you noticed that your mind wanders? How many of you noticed the content of your thoughts? How many of you were aware that even though you try and stay with your breath, the mind just goes off? How many of you noticed how your mind runs almost on autopilot before you did this exercise?" she asked. "Basically, this very brief exercise just brings two very brief points about mindfulness – one is for us to be mindful we need to be grounded in the body. Only the body is in the here and the now. Only when we are grounded and connected to the body are we aware about what is going on in the mind. Forget about cognitive bias; how many of us are even aware that our body is running and all these thoughts are going on? That is the starting point."

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Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes: New exhibition charts 200 years of Aurora United Church

By Brock Weir

They were once sold as fundraisers to support restoration work, but, in a sad twist of fate, these bits and pieces of an old pipe organ, are one of the few remains of what was once Aurora United Church.

But, as Aurora United Church (AUC) works towards becoming that legendary phoenix to rise from the ashes of their April 2014 fire, these pieces of pipe organ have come together to form a very poignant visual reminder of this end goal.

"Phoenix Rising," a vivid sculptural mixed media piece by AUC parishioner Holly Williamson, forms one of the centrepieces of "200 Years at Yonge and Yonge", a new exhibition which opens this week at the Aurora Museum & Archives.

Marking the bicentennial of what is now the Aurora United Church community, it features an array of archival material salvaged from the burnt out church, pieces from the Museum archives, items recovered over the course of archeological digs on the Yonge and Yonge site ahead of a ground-breaking on a new church facility, and visual displays of what Aurora

United Church wants to be over the next 200 years.

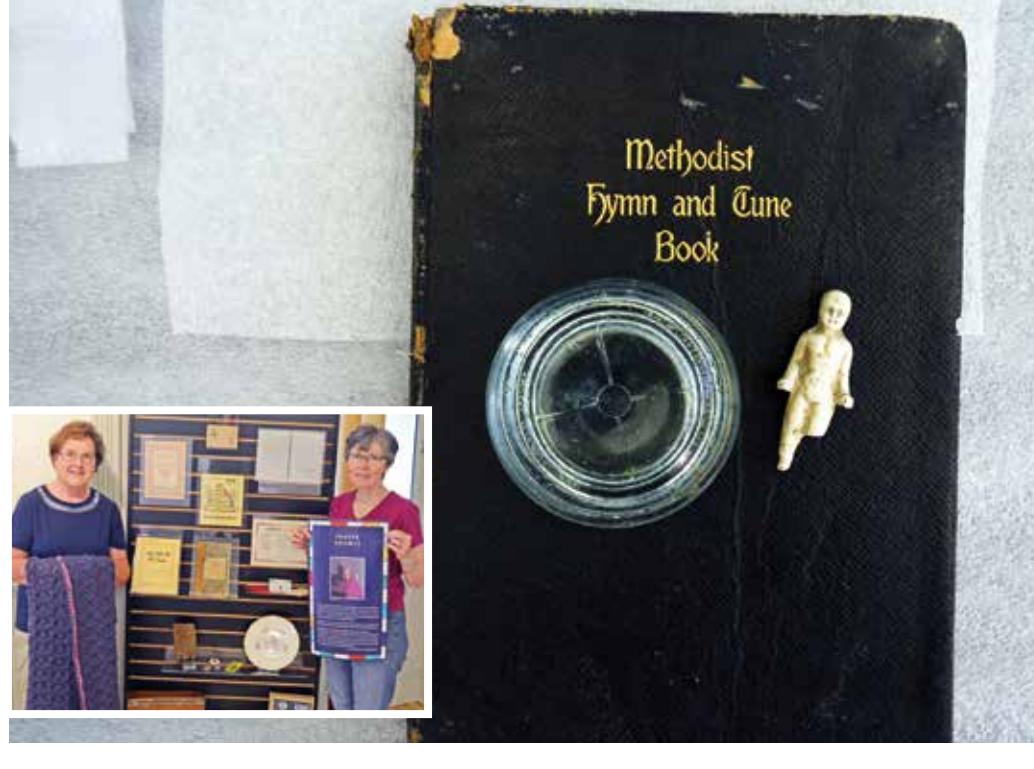
The exhibit is co-curated by church historian Helen Roberts, alongside parishioners Mary Smith and Bill Newman. Ms. Roberts and Ms. Smith were hard at work Friday putting the finishing touches on the exhibition, which was set to open June 27 as The Auroran went to press.

Looking forward to the Grand Opening, they said they were eager to drive home the message that although the church building was destroyed, the congregation continues to thrive.

"There are people who don't even know we're still around, but the building burned down, the church did not," says Ms. Roberts. "The congregation is still alive and kicking, well, and moving forward. The building's gone, but there have already been three buildings on the property, and the journey continues."

The "Journey" is very much the driving force behind this exhibition, highlighting the journey from its very beginning as Tyler's Meeting House in 1818, founded by landowner William Tyler.

"Our 200th Anniversary committee



(Main) The glass jar and "Frozen Charlotte" were recovered from the church site during recent archaeological digs. (Inset) Co-curating this exhibition are Helen Roberts and Mary Smith, pictured, as well as Bill Newman.

Auroran photos by Brock Weir

came together and worked out a theme," says Ms. Roberts. "We wanted to look at what the church has really stood for over 200 years other than worship. We decided a lot of it was service – service to the community, world service, and service to each other."

This is highlighted in many areas, from the "reach out" programs AUC has spearheaded over the years benefiting the community both locally and abroad, as well as the Rise & Shine Breakfast, a weekly meal bringing together food and fellowship that continued without missing a beat little more than 12 hours after the fire.

"We look at this as a journey," says Ms. Roberts. "It starts in 1818 and, in 2018, it is still continuing into our church building."

As an AUC member, Ms. Smith has been along for 50 years of this journey and, when the opportunity popped up to be a part of this commemoration, she says she jumped at the chance.

"As a member for 50 years, the church means a lot to me," says Ms. Smith. "It just felt very dear to my heart to celebrate the 200th anniversary and thought I could help. I had no experience in this kind of thing, but I thought I could be the gopher! Helen was the knowledge and I did a lot of things to just help, which is good, because we need lots of help."

A great deal of help also came from Shawna White, Curator of the Aurora Museum & Archives, as well as the Museum's Michelle Johnson, who aided with the mural-like timelines, panels, and provided pointers on how to properly display the artefacts in this new setting.

But these artefacts are only a fragment of what could have been. Ms. Roberts was tasked with stewarding an abundance of materials related to the church, including original framed plans for the last church building, but much of this went up in smoke.

What survived, however, provides a tangible link to the past.

"We have the 1878 account book from the trustees who were in charge of building the 1878 building, which is, of course, the one that burned down," says Ms. Roberts.

"We had the minute book from that same group. The minute book disappeared in the fire, but the account book survived; they were identical books and they were in the same place, so I don't know why one lived and one did not. We were looking at the women's organizations items: we have the treasurer's accounts from the 1800s where she collected the money and sent it to the National church in Toronto and they sent a receipt back to her. It is amazing the number of things that just pop up at you. We also have the charter for the Third Aurora Scouts, which is 60 years old this year, and that survived the fire and that is kind of special to have."

Rounding out the exhibition is an original coat belonging to a "saddlebag preacher", the type of which would have originally served Tyler's Meeting House,

featuring a formal coat with a pocket in the tails in which to snugly hold a bible; an original choir robe that survived the fire; documents charting AUC's war dead; and, found in the archaeological dig, a glass jar top from a company in Hamilton, and a small "Frozen Charlotte" doll which served as a cautionary tale to Victorian youngsters.

By the time the new church is built, the curators hope Ms. Williamson's piece will find a place in the new building.

"The whole theme of Phoenix Rising from the Flames is so meaningful to our church – rising from the ashes and becoming a new creation," says Ms. Smith.

"The spirit of [reaching out] is still there and it is still working," notes Ms. Roberts.

200 Years at Yonge & Yonge is on now through October 1. The Aurora Museum & Archives is located at 22 Church Street inside the Church Street School.

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Ontario students send different message to Queen's Park – but Aurora bucks the trend

By Brock Weir

Aurora might have crested a blue wave in the June 7 Provincial election, which sent PC candidates Christine Elliott and Michael Parsa to Queen's Park – but if local students had their say, this blue wave might have been doused by an orange crush province-wide.

Local teens in the province-wide Student Vote program bucked the Provincial trend which sent Doug Ford's Progressive Conservatives to Toronto with a decisive majority; instead, these teens, most of whom were below voting age, elected Andrea Horwath and the NDP into a majority government.

By the afternoon of election night, 2,166 schools across Ontario, representing all 124 electoral districts, reported their results.

While the students voted Ms. Elliott and Mr. Parsa into office, they would have been part of the official opposition. Province-wide, participants elected Andrea Horwath and the Ontario NDP to form a majority government with 66 seats and 32 per cent of the vote.

Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives took 45 seats and 27 per cent of the popular vote.

As far as students were concerned, however, it was very much the same story for Kathleen Wynne and the Ontario Liberals – but just slightly better than the actual results of just seven seats, one seat shy of official party status.

Students elected 11 Liberal members, handing them 19 per cent of the popular vote. Ms. Wynne, however, would have lost her seat to NDP candidate Amara Possian.

Rounding out the results was the Green Party with two seats.

"What makes this even more incredible is the timing," said Taylor Gunn, President and CEO of CIVIX. "This is the busiest time of year for schools with culminating activities, assessments and exams, and more than 5,000 teachers have made citizenship education a priority. We are sincerely grateful for the time and energy dedicated to the program by teachers."

Student Vote is the flagship program of CIVIX, a national civic education charity focused on developing the habits of active and engaged citizenship among young people. CIVIX programming focuses on the themes of elections, government budgets, elected representatives and news literacy.

Participating Aurora schools voting in Newmarket-Aurora – that is, on the north side of Wellington Street – included St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, St. Jerome Catholic Elementary School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Elementary School, and Lester B. Pearson Public School.

Riding-wide, Ms. Elliott of the PC Party placed first with 639 student

votes, followed by Melissa Williams of the NDP with 449. Coming in third was incumbent Liberal Chris Ballard with 358, followed by Michelle Bourdeau of the Green Party with 183 and independent Dorian Baxter with 60.

At St. Max, Christine Elliott came in first place with 58 votes, followed by incumbent Liberal Chris Ballard with 39, NDP candidate Melissa Williams with 24, and Michelle Bourdeau of the Green Party with 20.

Ms. Elliott also took the St. Jerome poll with 52 votes to 15 for Mr. Ballard, 14 for Bob Yaciuk of the Trillium Party, and Ms. Williams and Ms. Bourdeau tied with 10 votes apiece.

Ms. Elliott handily won the Our Lady of Grace ballot with 71 votes to Ms. Williams 54. Coming in third was Mr. Ballard with 28.

It was a different story over at Lester B. Pearson where Ms. Bourdeau came out on top with 35 votes, with Mr. Ballard coming in second with 31. Third place went to Ms. Elliott with 27 and Ms. Williams 19.

A total of seven schools on the south side of Wellington Street participated in the race for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill. Mr. Parsa won the riding with 1,284 votes. Katrina Sale of the NDP was second with 741 votes, followed by Liberal Naheed Yaqubian with 580 and Stephanie Nicole Duncan with 304.

It was a tight race between Mr. Parsa and Ms. Sale at Aurora High School, with the PC candidate receiving 85 votes compared to the NDP collecting 80. In third place came Liberal Naheed Yaqubian with 41, followed by Ms. Duncan with 39.

Mr. Parsa won Cardinal Carter by a wide margin, taking the poll with 73 votes compare to second place finisher Ms. Sale with 24. Ms. Yaqubian was third with 16, followed by Ms. Duncan with 13.

It was a similar affair at Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School, where Mr. Parsa cleaned up with 67 votes compare to Ms. Sale's 42. Ms. Yaqubian came third with 35, followed by Ms. Duncan with 19.

Light of Christ Catholic Elementary School was a different story altogether. Ms. Yaqubian and Ms. Sale tied with 43 votes each, compared to 34 taken by Mr. Parsa. Coming in fourth was Santiago Amesh Desilva of the None of the Above Direct Democracy Party with 14 votes.

Regency Acres Public School also bucked the trend with Ms. Duncan and the Greens taking the poll with 22 votes, compared to Ms. Sale's 15. Mr. Parsa was third with eight and Ms. Yaqubian fourth with six.

Over at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Ms. Sale took the poll for the NDP with 23 votes, followed by Mr. Parsa with 16, Ms.

Yaqubian with six and Ms. Duncan and Margarita Barsky of the Ontario Moderate Party tied with one apiece.

Ms. Yaqubian was victorious at

ESC Renaissance with 23 votes, followed by a tight race between Ms. Sale and Mr. Parsa with 17 and 16 respectively.



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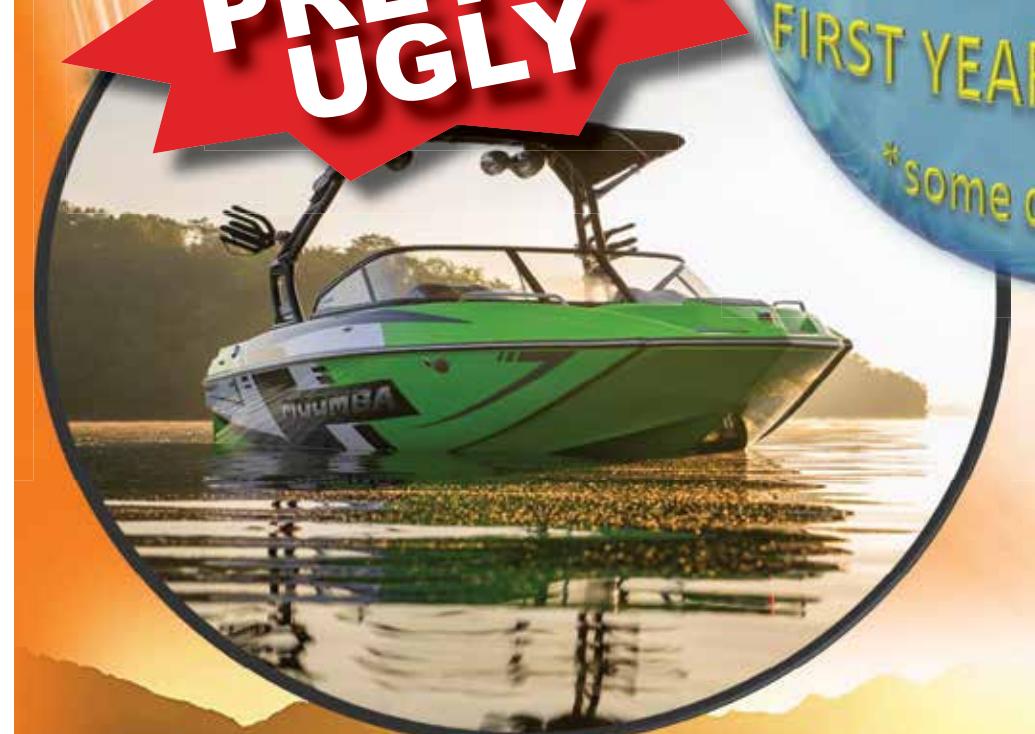
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SATURDAY, JUNE 30

DANCE IN THE PARK – The Rotary Club of Aurora presents the annual Dance in the Park tonight to kick off the Canada Day weekend. The party runs from 7–11 p.m. at Town Park. Great music, dancing, food, a beer garden and more. For more information, visit www.aurora.ca/canadaday.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Come out to Yonge Street this morning for Aurora's annual Canada Day Parade. Join the Town of Aurora from 10–11 a.m. as the parade moves down Yonge Street from Mosley Street to Murray Drive. Kids can participate in pre-parade sidewalk chalking at 9:30 a.m. outside of the Aurora Public Library. For more information, visit www.aurora.ca/canadaday.

The Canada Day party continues over at Lambert Willson Park (135 Industrial Parkway North) from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Join the Town of Aurora for exciting Canada Day celebrations. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with free pancakes (while supplies last), live music, a cake cutting, citizenship reaffirmation ceremony, crafts, food vendors and much more. Fireworks begin at dusk.

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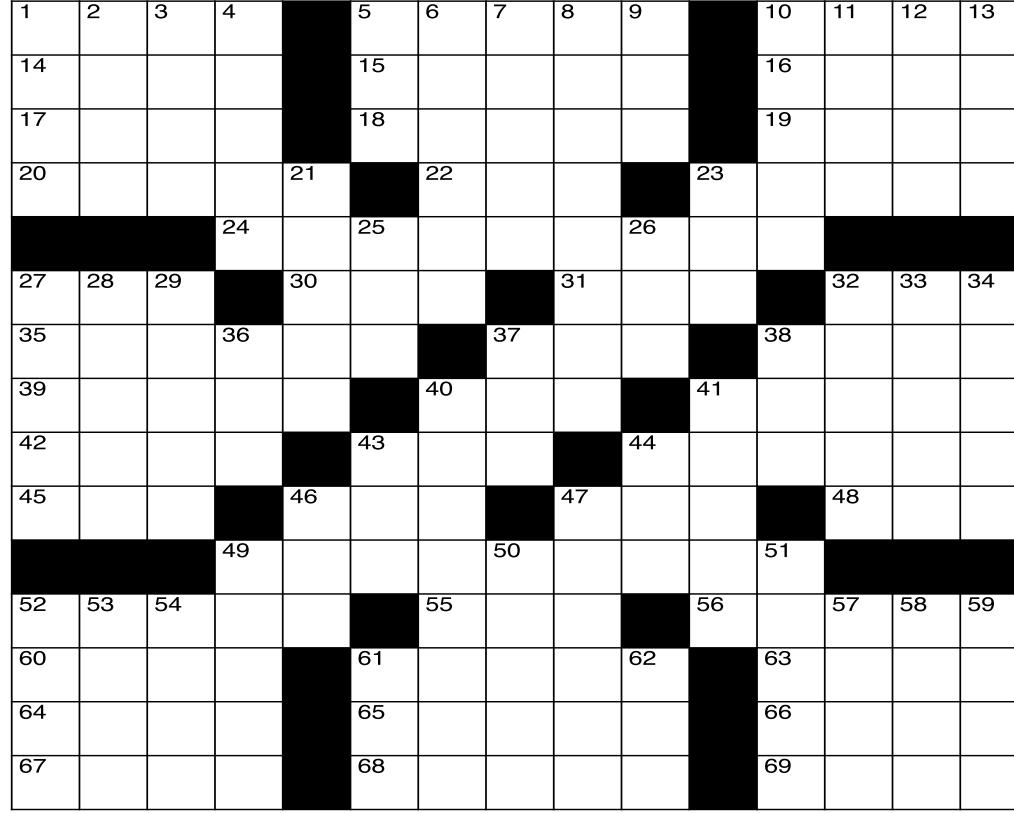
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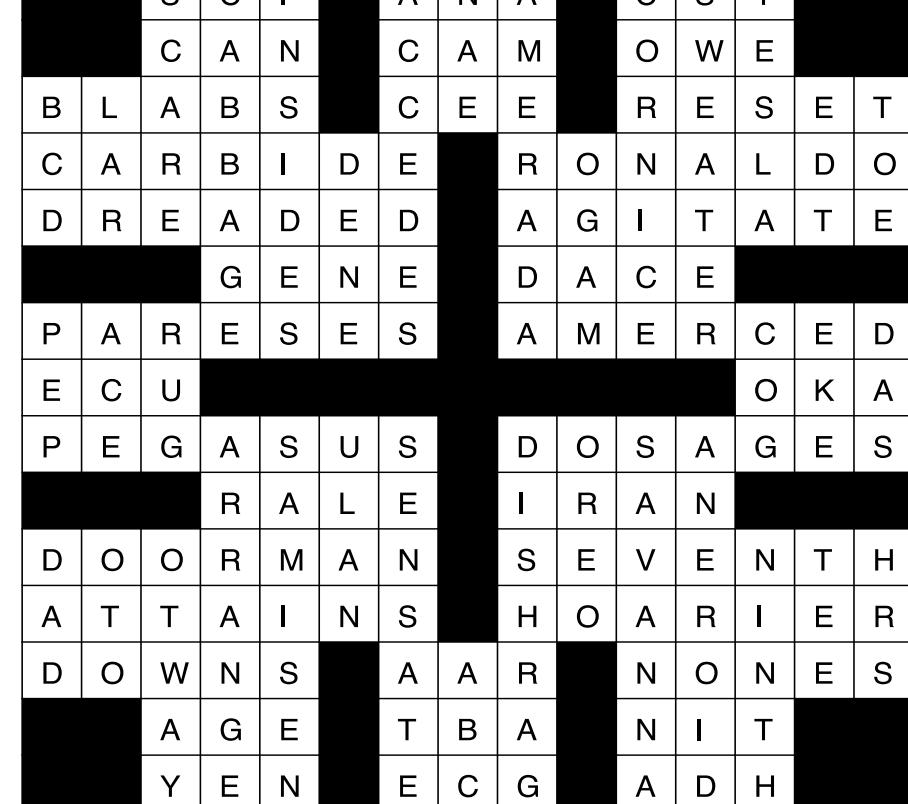
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Green and yellow citrus fruit
- 5. Type of clock
- 10. Die
- 14. A hammer needs one
- 15. Leopard (Hebrew)
- 16. In the Hebrew calendar
- 17. Away from wind
- 18. Type of footwear
- 19. Malaysian coastal city
- 20. Arm bones
- 22. A type of diligence
- 23. Banquets
- 24. Home of The Beatles
- 27. Electromotive force
- 30. Small amount
- 31. Type of cola
- 32. Adult female
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Hall of Fame
- 38. Type of gazelle
- 39. Places
- 40. Women from the Mayflower
- 41. Liquid served with food
- 42. Predatory semiaquatic reptile (abbr.)
- 43. Angle (abbr.)
- 44. Touched lightly
- 45. Cannister
- 46. Crony
- 47. Tell on
- 48. Body of water
- 49. Sorts out
- 52. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 55. Collegiate athletic conference
- 56. Sword
- 60. Protein-rich liquids
- 61. Emaciation
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Agreement
- 65. Chinese ethnic group
- 66. University of Miami's mascot
- 67. People who buy and sell securities
- 68. Genus of mosquitos
- 69. Holds up your head

CLUES DOWN

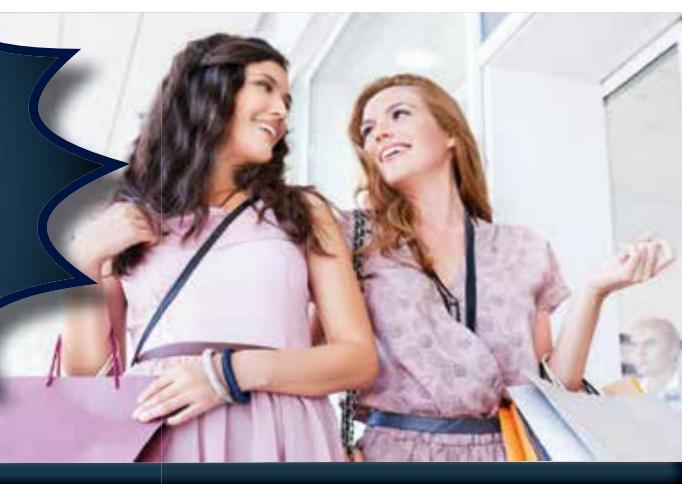
- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Impudent behavior
- 3. The right to take another's property
- 4. Refers to end of small intestine
- 5. Mandela's party
- 6. Inserted strips of fat before cooking
- 7. Secret love affair
- 8. Responds to stimulation
- 9. Wife
- 10. Desert mammal
- 11. A nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- 12. Uncommon
- 13. Kristofferson, actor
- 21. Where buildings are built
- 23. Chain attached to a watch
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. Clod
- 27. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 28. Australian eucalyptus tree
- 29. Aerosol propellant
- 32. Coats with a sticky substance
- 33. Master of ceremonies
- 34. The venerable ___, British theologian
- 36. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 37. Witch
- 38. Strike with a light blow
- 40. The First State
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. A way to fish
- 44. Magnetic tape used to make recordings
- 46. For each
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes off
- 50. One who supports fanatically
- 51. Type of vaccine
- 52. Approves food
- 53. Hoofed grazing animal
- 54. Drearly dull
- 57. Youngster
- 58. Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 62. Female sibling

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