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George and Erlinda Biondic arrive in Aurora on Saturday evening after beginning the day on the Lake Ontario shoreline in Toronto. By the time they finished their trek to Barrie the following afternoon they had raised more than \$12,000 (and counting) for the Aurora Food Pantry.

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Couple's trek from Lake Ontario to Barrie raises more than \$12,000 for Food Pantry

BY BROCK WEIR
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When Aurora couple George and Erlinda Biondic set out on foot from Lake Ontario to Barrie this past Saturday, they hoped to raise awareness and funds for the Aurora Food Pantry – but the success of their mission took even them by surprise. Following the completion of their

trek on Sunday afternoon, George, 70, and Erlinda, 82, had raised a whopping \$12,000 for the local food bank – and the money is still rolling in.

The couple started their journey from the waterfront on August 13, proceeding up Yonge Street to Aurora to spend the night at home before setting out the next morning, again on Yonge Street, with the final destination set for Barrie City Hall.

For the couple, each of whom hold several national and international running records in their age brackets, it was a special way to celebrate George's 70th birthday and help give back to the community they call home.

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"We're absolutely thrilled we were able to raise quite a bit of money

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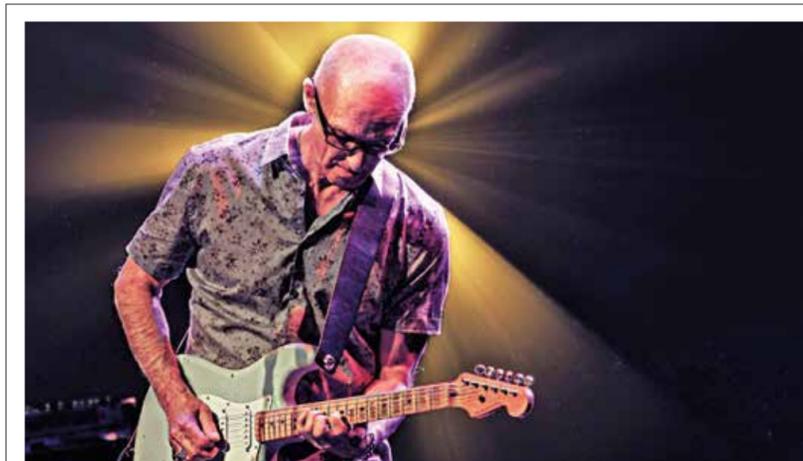
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Canadian favourites 54-40 and Kim Mitchell to headline 2022 Ribfest

BY BROCK WEIR
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They've made Canadians get up on their feet with such hits as "I Go Blind" and "Patio Lanterns" and now 54-40 and Kim Mitchell are set to bring their iconic sounds to Aurora as headliners for this year's Ribfest.

The 2022 headliners were announced last week at Concerts in

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Week of August 22	No meetings		
Week of August 29	No meetings		

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All work is for sale, please contact Andrea Araujo at aaaraju@aurora.ca if you are interested in purchasing a piece. View this online gallery at aurora.ca/skylightgallery.

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Fall 2022 Program Guide

Our Fall 2022 Program Guide has programs and activities for all ages. The guide is now available for online viewing. For full details and to view the guide online, please visit aurora.ca/recguide.

Registrations are now open for Recreation and Aquatic Leadership programs. Registration for Aquatic Learn to Swim programs starts on **September 12**.

Pre-registration is required for registered programs. Register online at aurora.ca/eplay or pay in-person at one of our recreation facilities (A.F.L.C. or S.A.R.C.).

Notice - Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex Pool Closure

The SARC Pool will be closed **September 6 to October 2** for annual maintenance. During this pool closure, lots of swim times will be available at the AFLC Pool.

View full swim schedule at aurora.ca/aquatics.

Summer Special Events

The Town of Aurora has many fun and exciting special events happening this summer, including Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, Aurora's Ribfest and more.

Check out a list of upcoming special events at aurora.ca/specialevents.

Aurora Seniors' Centre Open House

Visit the Aurora Seniors' Centre from **September 6 to September 9** for our Open House. Take a tour and meet our volunteers. Enjoy refreshments and draw prizes!

For more information, visit aurora.ca/activeseniors.

Seniors Active Living Fair

Join us for our Seniors Active Living Fair on **September 10** from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Including over 45 exhibitors, on-site and virtual health presentations, fitness demonstrations and blood pressure clinic.

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Holiday Schedules

Have fun over the holidays! We have programs and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Visit our Holiday Schedules webpage for full details at aurora.ca/holidayschedules.

Seniors Centre Without Walls

Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) is a free community outreach program that allows adults and older adults to participate in seminars, fitness classes and games over the phone or through Zoom.

View a schedule of dates and topics online at aurora.ca/scww.

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Public health preparing for challenging fall as wastewater signals dip

BY BROCK WEIR
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Wastewater signals on the level of COVID-19 in the community might be on the wane, but hospitals are still facing significant pressures and are bracing for an even more challenging fall.

In his latest update on the local COVID-19 situation, Dr. Barry Pakes, York Region's Medical Officer of Health, says wastewater signals in York Region and indeed most parts of the GTA are seeing a "levelling off."

This is a "hopeful sign" that might "translate into lower cases in hospitals in the near future" but there's a long road ahead, he cautioned.

"We have all seen the disturbing images of our acute care hospitals across the Province buckling under the pressure of the seventh wave of the pandemic as well as the cumulated health care needs and the health care human resource crisis," said Pakes. "In Public Health, our role continues to be to do our part

and to help inform York Region residents on how they can do their part to continue to decrease the burden. For now, this is a familiar refrain: we need to continue to get vaccinated, in particular, York Region residents who have only had two doses can and should get their third doses to protect themselves and to protect others and the system in anticipation of a fall wave."

All York Region residents over the age of 18 are currently eligible for a fourth dose and, ahead of a new bivalent vaccine coming from Moderna this fall, now is the time to get the latest booster, Dr. Pakes added.

This new vaccine is expected to provide "enhance protection" against the Omicron variants and will be made available in a similar prioritized way to previous vaccines once available.

"There will likely be a minimum interval between the doses of three months, so the sooner you get your fourth dose the sooner you'll be eligible for the bivalent vaccine," he said. "We are excited that we

have had an excellent start to the long-awaited vaccine for children ages zero to four years old. In York Region, the response has been great with eager families booking vaccine for their young ones and special clinics tailored to the needs of young children. This vaccine is especially important for children who are in daycare or group settings, or are immunocompromised or otherwise vulnerable. But it is also important for those who have older or vulnerable household members and families.

"I know everyone has been gathering with friends and loved ones or attending events this summer, which we all need for our mental and social wellbeing after the

past few years, but this pandemic is far from over and we're very actively planning for a fall surge, not only of COVID-19 but also other respiratory infections we haven't seen in many years. For now, as always, our goal is to minimize cases as low as they can go to give us a runway to the fall.

In addition to getting vaccinated, please be aware of your own symptoms and isolate where appropriate. If you have any new COVID-19 symptoms like a cough, cold or fever, please remain home and limit your interactions with others. You can reschedule your plans and let your close contacts know about your symptoms so they can monitor themselves as well."

Words Matter: Local hospitals add pronouns to health records systems

BY BROCK WEIR
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Local hospitals, including Southlake Regional Health Centre and Stevenson Memorial Hospital, will include patient pronouns in their health records system going forward.

The move, which also included Oak Valley Health, was announced in a joint statement last week and came into effect August 10.

From that time, all three organizations will ask patients and clients whether they would like to share their pronouns at the point of registration.

"Understanding and recognizing gender identities is important to delivering inclusive, patient-centred health care," said the hospitals in a joint statement. "Using pronouns correctly is a sign of safety and respect – an environment all three organizations strive to achieve. All members of a health care organization – front-line staff, clinicians, and administrators – play a crucial role in offering an inclusive, affirming experience for all people, including those with non-binary gender identities. One way to assure proper pronoun use is to collect this information from the start. Once the patient provides consent for their

identified pronoun to be used, it will be entered into the shared platform and the pronouns will be used by the care team." The goal, they said, is to improve care for 2SLGBTQ+ people.

"At Southlake we are committed to creating a more inclusive and equitable space for all and we are thrilled to be moving forward on this initiative with our hospital partners," said Arden Krystal (she/her), President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre, in a statement. "Understanding and recognizing gender identities and using correct pronouns is important in creating an environment where the best experiences happen for both staff and patients, which is something we strive to achieve every day."

Added Jody Levac (he/him), President and CEO of Stevenson: "This is a step forward for Stevenson in becoming a more inclusive health care organization. We want to ensure that every patient, visitor and staff member feels supported and recognized with regards to their personal identities, background, values and more when they come to Stevenson. Pronoun identification is a crucial element of good clinical care and is an important sign of respect. Proper pronoun use can also increase communication and trust with patients. We are very proud to launch this initiative with our hospital partners."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Term limits aren't what's needed, says reader

The health of "democracy" is said to be in "crisis."

Federally, concerns are raised about the NDP-Liberal "agreement." Provincially, Premier Ford's majority, based on winning the votes of only about 18% of eligible voters, has reignited debate about "proportional representation." Crushing low turn-outs in municipal elections now ignite discussions about "mandatory voting"; alternatively, some folk are even speaking about a "political literacy" test as a condition of voting.

In this context of concern, I must respectfully take issue with one of Stephen Somerville's "early thoughts" on the forthcoming 2022 Municipal election (The Auroran, August 11).

Back in 1902, the American sociologist Jane Addams quipped that "the only cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy." To me, an essential criterion of democratic governance is the voter's right to choose among candidates in a free, fair, and open election. Somerville's suggestion of "term limits" (two-terms is the number suggested) is an unnecessary and unjustifiable restriction of voter's rights. It is less democracy.

What if a popular representative does an amazing job and is prepared to do even more? What if, after two terms and forced retirement, no one of equal competence steps up or, worse, what if someone who seeks to undo the good that has been done seems poised to win?

What if Conservatives at the federal level hadn't had the opportunity to vote for Sir John A. Macdonald for a third term? What if Liberals were denied the chance to re-elect a Mackenzie King, or New Democrats to support a Tommy Douglas? What if Bill Davis had been denied a third term at Queen's Park?

Electoral politics is not a commercial enterprise. Voters are citizens, not customers. The standard is not some bloodless "quality of service" but the people's faith in the abilities of their chosen representatives - for good or ill.

At the risk of appearing cynical, while "nobility" and "selflessness" are commendable virtues, I would prefer a flawed personality who is ready and able to defend the expressed wishes of the people than an individual of immaculate integrity who is committed to an agenda that is economically, environmentally and otherwise ruinous.

Let the voters decide.

Howard A. Doughty
Oak Ridges

CORRECTION

Last week's article, "Downtown Aurora all shook up for September street party," misstated the URL for the Town-hosted event. More details on the event can be found at aurora.ca/snf. For more on the Downtown Aurora BIA, visit downtownaurorabia.ca. We regret the error.

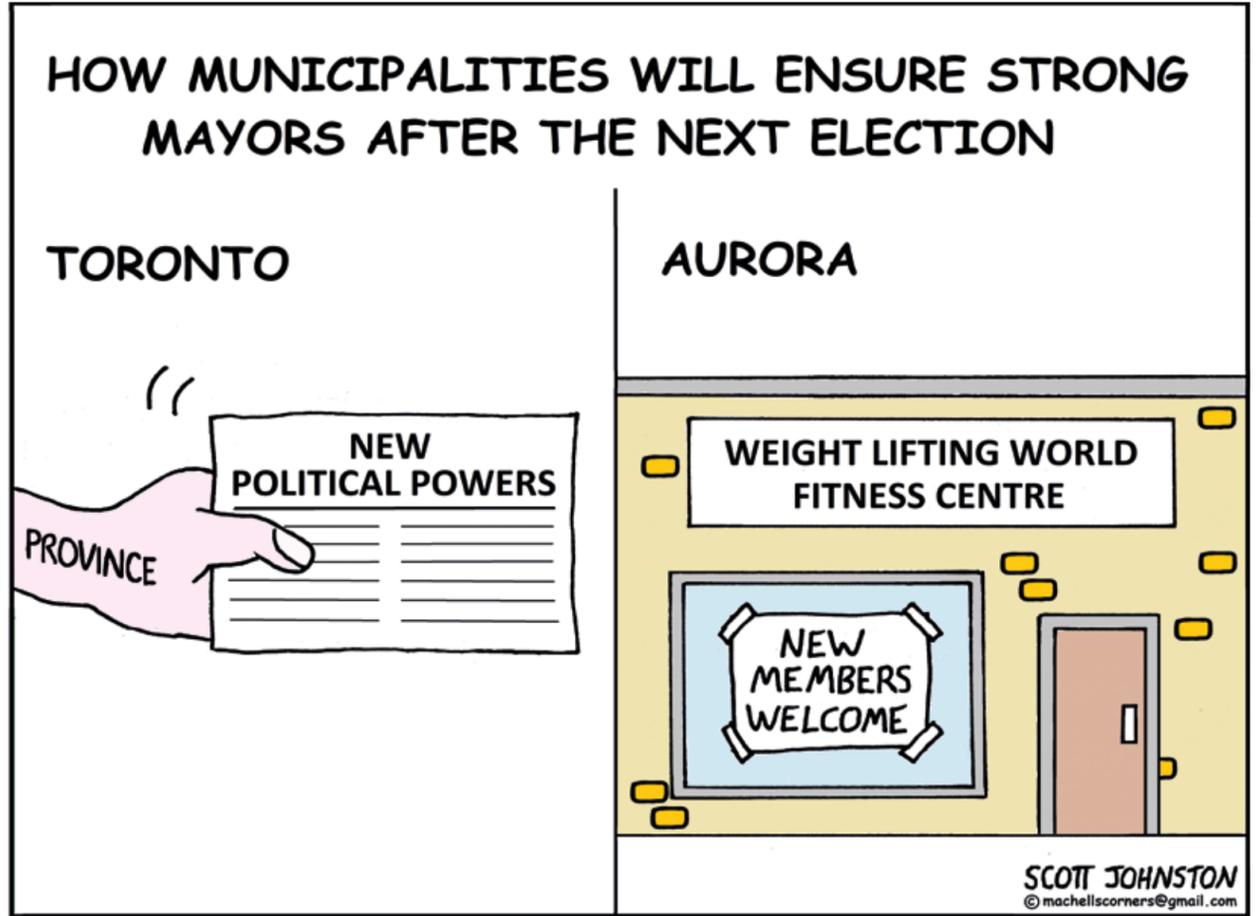


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Machell's Corners



Reassessing the envy of the world

There was a pretty tried and tested checklist given out before I made my first parentless overseas trip in Grade 11.

It wasn't a completely unsupervised trip, of course. Rather, on a trip to England for students just going into Grades 11 and 12, it was an excursion organized by a group of independent schools in Toronto. Not only did you get to see the sights and sounds of the country - everything from Stonehenge to St. Paul's - you got to earn one of six high school credits to put towards your end-of-school tally.

Exactly how this public school-educated writer got on this trip of independent schools was something of a stroke of luck. Although it was open to any family willing to pony up the amount of money it would take to get over there, if I hadn't spotted a tiny poster out of the corner of my eye during a routine visit to my high school guidance office trumpeting this otherwise unpromoted excursion, it would have been an opportunity that slipped by unnoticed.

At a pre-trip orientation session, we were able to meet our fellow travellers, exchange a few notes with the people we had been assigned to room with, and we had about a half-dozen official-looking (and not-so-official-looking) handouts pressed into our hands to review at home.

The bureaucratic ones were left to my parents while I tackled the more practical ones, including the checklist of what to take: passport and travel documents; a month's worth of appropriate toiletries; a raincoat and/or umbrella; galoshes; an itemized list of suggested clothing, right down to a specific number of pairs of underwear: one or two books on the subject you had registered to study; a money belt or fanny pack; and at least five Canadian flag pins.

"Available from your local MP," read the list in the column just next to the patriotic note.

This was the first time it was driven home that people in other parts of the world viewed Canada through a different lens than we might see ourselves.

It was explained to me that Canadians (and some Americans, for that matter) wore the pins because, in some countries, they were received more warmly than those of other nations, that it was an instantly



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Brock Weir

recognizable symbol, and something bigger than ourselves.

I don't know how true that was the first time around, as I duly wore my pin at every possible opportunity as requested. Granted this was just a few months before 9/11, but when I made my return trip to the United Kingdom in the summer of 2007, I didn't notice a heck of a lot of difference when I decided to leave the trusty bag 'o pins behind in my locker at the youth hostel.

Nevertheless, in some cases, non-Canadians do see us through a different way.

While we've been bombarded with patriotic tales from the pop cultural behemoth to our south, they too look upon us at times to lead by example. There are certain things we take for granted here that seem somewhat foreign to outsiders, but, when talking to Canadians they're the prime examples that rise to the top when they try to press upon us how fortunate we are to live here.

Earlier this month during a visit to Western New York, I met up with a friend I hadn't seen for several years. Although we're both still under the age of (well, fill in your own blank) the topic of discussion at some point tuned to comparing notes on a non-COVID-related ailment we found we both lived through at the height of the pandemic.

But our experiences were drastically different.

Whereas she was in and out of the hospital for weeks until the doctors (and it was sometimes tough going finding one due to impenetrably complicated insurance issues) ultimately found the problem and had to cool her heels for more than a month before they could do anything about it, I was somewhat shy to say that my own experience had been smooth sailing almost from the very beginning.

"That's why we want your healthcare," she said...moments after

getting a news alert signalling how just a few hours' drive away back in Ontario, our healthcare system appeared at the surface to be crumbling before our very eyes.

I could almost feel myself wince before responding in somewhat diluted agreement, but despite its problems, I knew it is better than most alternatives.

For all its problems, public healthcare can be something we take for granted but in places that don't have public healthcare, what we do have is the envy of the world.

Now, we are getting a glimpse of its future and it's fairly grim.

Last week, we got a response to crisis after crisis in our healthcare system, a system where some of the most valuable players are woefully underpaid, work under a one per cent salary cap thanks to Bill 124, and other cost-cutting measures that have made the workplace inhospitable in the best of circumstances, let alone an alleged once-in-a-century global pandemic. The Ontario Government threw up its hands wondering how we could possibly be in the situation we are now.

As such, Health Minister Sylvia Jones said "all options" were on the table to look at solutions - and wouldn't rule out privatization.

"We've always had a public healthcare system in the Province of Ontario and we will continue to," the Associated Press quotes Jones. "Are we looking at options? Absolutely. There are jurisdictions in other parts of Canada, in the world, that have other opportunities that we're going to look at and all of those suggestions are being considered."

There has been little suggestion at this point that lifting the wage cap on nurses is one of those "opportunities" that are on the table.

Surely paying nurses and others impacted by Bill 124 to provide wages commensurate with what we expect of people in these respected and celebrated professionals is the most "common sense" option available to us.

In my view, it sure as heck isn't adding a private layer to our healthcare system where healthcare itself can take a back seat to the shareholders' bottom lines.

A home-grown solution like this is the only answer to a homegrown problem - and I find arguments that it is anything but a homegrown problem harder to swallow than a bee.

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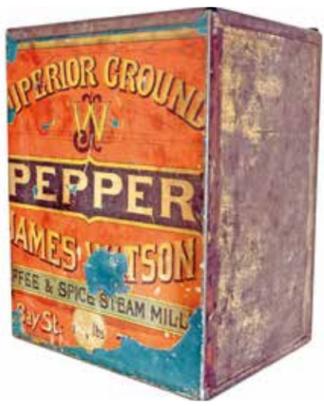
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Time Travellers Diary

By Claire Smith
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The Power of Spice

“You really need to stop fidgeting, Captain Beckett. Didn’t they teach you anything in those 19th century etiquette lessons you attended last month?” Ellis said rather sharply under his breath.

Ellis must really be anxious about this meeting, since he rarely ever called me Captain anymore.

“I’m sorry, Commander, but no amount of etiquette lessons will ever adequately prepare someone to wear a corset in nearly 30-degree heat,” I said in huff, as I once again tried to adjust the corset I was wearing under four layers of lavender-coloured petticoats.

“It won’t be much longer, Charlotte. You just need to stay calm until the end of our tour, and then you can feign a headache and excuse yourself,” Ellis said more calmly this time, as he took out a small gold watch from the pocket of his dark brown waistcoat.

Today was August 1st, 1873, and Ellis and I had a 10.30 a.m. appointment with Mr. Ashton of the new Ashton and Hutchinson Spice Factory. The factory had just opened in Aurora just off Wellington Street and had been drawing a lot of attention from residents across Aurora.

On this assignment, our supervisors wanted us to learn more about the factory, the men in charge, as well as the technology they were using, specifically, the factory’s use of steam power. Steam power was by no means new technology in 1873, but the invention was still bringing about many socio-economic changes.

In order to get a meeting with one of the factory’s founders, Ellis was posing as a wealthy businessman from Toronto who was very interested in investing in the factory.

Since I did not want to be left behind and miss a chance to see a 19th century steam engine, I had convinced Ellis to bring me along.

“I still think that I should have at least sent Ashton a courtesy note to inform him that you would be joining me today,” Ellis said as he adjusted his black top hat.

“Don’t worry. I highly doubt that Ashton would turn down your generous investment in his factory just because you brought me along on your guided tour,” I said as I took his hand.

As we walked arm-in-arm toward the factory, I noticed a rather large crowd of well-dressed Aurorans starting to gather outside of the Presbyterian Church at the end of the street.

“Ellis, look,” I said enthusiastically, “A wedding.”

There was so much noise and commotion that no one noticed Ellis and I walk by.

“I’ve always wanted to attend a 19th century wedding,” I said as I looked over my shoulder, just in time to see the bride and groom walking down the church’s front steps and into the waiting crowd of well-wishers.

“That’s the last thing I need,” Ellis said. “Why do you say that?” I asked. “Because knowing my luck, you would somehow catch the bouquet,” he replied with a slight smirk.

Enjoying Summer

Nights are getting cooler and daylight is now more limited. Yes, summer is showing signs of change, but we still have plenty of time to enjoy it. There is much to see and do throughout Newmarket and Aurora.

Enjoy a meal at one of the many great restaurant patios or take a stroll on our main streets – perhaps even while enjoying an ice cream. Local retailers are the backbone of our communities and need your support. And don’t forget to take advantage of our many cultural activities, which include free concerts. These are among the many benefits of living in such great communities.

Over the next month, I will be working on two caucus gatherings, with an aim to engage in our priorities as we get ready for the House of Commons to resume sitting. This is always an opportunity to share what members are hearing within their constituencies. I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues, which I am sure will include inflation, housing, employment, healthcare, and the environment.

Doubling Federal Funding to Address Homelessness

Everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home, but as we’ve seen recently in communities across our country, far too many Canadians face the daily, unacceptable reality of homelessness, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the situation for those most vulnerable. The Government of Canada recognizes the collective responsibility we share to act in the face of this emerging crisis.

Last week, the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion announced that the Government of Canada has nearly doubled its investments in Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy, from over \$2 billion over nine years to nearly \$4 billion in federal funding since its launch in April 2019.



MP'S REPORT

Tony Van Bynen, MP
Newmarket - Aurora

This includes over \$1.1 billion in new investments through Budgets 2021 and 2022, to further support communities in addressing homelessness for individuals and families across Canada. These investments will provide longer term certainty for the organizations doing vitally important work across the country and ensure that communities across Canada have the support they need to continue their efforts in preventing and reducing homelessness. These are in addition to new contributions by the federal government throughout the pandemic to help address the growing crisis those most vulnerable were faced with.

Overall, in the first two years of the program, over 75,000 services were provided to prevent persons from becoming homeless or that helped place them into housing. Reaching Home funding is having an important impact to support services provided by shelters across the country. Reaching Home has also funded education programs, job training programs and social integration activities.

The Reaching Home program supports the goals of the National Housing Strategy by helping the most vulnerable Canadians maintain safe, stable, and affordable housing and eliminate chronic homelessness across the country.

Banning Handguns

This month, we announced that Canada is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of restricted handguns. This means that businesses

and individuals will no longer be able to import handguns into Canada, keeping dangerous firearms off our streets.

This ban will take effect on August 19, 2022, and will last until the national freeze on handguns under Bill C-21 comes into effect.

No single measure can tackle gun violence on its own. We’ve done more than any government in a generation to keep Canadians safe from gun violence. In addition to the handgun ban we have introduced comprehensive measures that include:

- Taking away the firearms licenses of those involved in acts of domestic violence or criminal harassment;
- Fighting gun smuggling and trafficking by increasing criminal penalties and providing law enforcement with more tools to investigate firearm crimes;
- Banning assault-style weapons like the AR-15 and launching a buyback program to get these weapons of war off of our streets; and
- Stopping gun violence before it starts by investing in crime prevention and programs to help young people succeed and build stronger communities.
- We remain committed to keeping our communities’ safe places to live, raise children and spend time with families and friends.

Passport Delays

We know that increased demand for passports remains a challenge, and delays are still causing stress and uncertainty for Canadians. We have been clear: this is unacceptable. Canadians deserve efficiency, courtesy, and clarity when accessing important government services.

Service Canada has introduced a series of measures that are improving passport processing times. Most recently, Canadians who provided a

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Where’s Spogy?

Where are all the spogy moth caterpillars?

A few months ago I wrote of the dread I was experiencing while anticipating a repeat of last year when these critters were everywhere in Town, leaving slippery droppings on sidewalks, swinging from threads into the faces of unsuspecting pedestrians, and hungrily defoliating trees, amongst other nasty habits.

Regular checks of the trees on our property in 2021 always produced a small bucketful of the insects.

It was so bad that several of us on the street had a company give us a quote on preventatively spraying this spring, although our family did not go down this route.

Instead, I prepared a non-chemical plan of attack, arming myself with an arsenal of Town-supplied burlap for wrapping our trees, tweezers for plucking off caterpillars found in the sacking, and a bucket of soapy water in which to dispatch them.

With our trees festively festooned with their little collars of burlap, I did my daily inspections starting early this summer, and found...not much.

I got the occasional caterpillar, but not the hundreds from the same time last year.

Walking through the neighbourhood, it was obvious that our property was not alone in being spared. Although many neighbours had placed burlap on

their trees, there was little evidence of the insects. Leaves looked uneaten, the sidewalks were clear, and one didn’t have to debug oneself after returning from a walk under the tree canopy.

On our property, the scarcity of spongies got to the point after several weeks that when we had company stay with us, I felt safe enough to remove the burlap to make the place look a little nicer.

I described last year’s horrors to our visiting relatives. On a walk later that evening I said I’d show them what we had been up against. Passing several wrapped boulevard maples, I lifted the burlap on each and found nothing.

Finally, about to give up the search, on the last tree we came across two caterpillars. Hardly the ravenous hoard I had described, and making my relatives even more skeptical of the accuracy of my powers of recollection.

It’s not just the caterpillars that have mysteriously vanished this year, but not surprisingly, the adult moths, as well.



INSIDE AURORA

Scott Johnston

Although not as annoying as their young, the males did tend to fly into one in small clouds.

At least the females couldn’t fly, although they did leave masses of spongy eggs everywhere last summer, including odd non-tree places such as on our garage door, deck, exterior light fixtures and even under the handle of our garbage pail.

Don’t get me wrong; I am not in any way disappointed that they’ve left us alone this year. I have more enjoyable things to do (pretty much anything, really) than deal with an unwanted abundance of caterpillars.

I’m just curious as to why we’ve been spared.

Is it one of those cycles of nature where populations of certain species peak and then crash, and we’re seeing this demonstrated with spongy moths in 2021 and 2022?

Can we thank staff for their extensive Town-wide egg mass burning blitz late this past winter, which destroyed millions of potential caterpillars?

Or at this stage in late summer are the caterpillars just catching their collective breath, and marshalling their forces for an even bigger population explosion in 2023?

Who knows, but with an immense sigh of relief, I’ll enjoy the calm while it lasts.

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Couple's trek from Lake Ontario to Barrie raises more than \$12,000 for Food Pantry

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for the Food Pantry," George told The Auroran on Monday afternoon after a good night's sleep knowing the mission had been completed. "By today we had raised about \$11,000 which is really way more than we anticipated."

This figure had swelled by press time this week.

As they set out, Erlinda helped propel them forward as George, by his own admission, was feeling a bit out of shape and trying to "get back to the swing of things."

"Erlinda was really a tower of strength and got us through to the end of Aurora," said George. "Yesterday, the roles were reversed. I guess I got my second wind and Erlinda was struggling. Going from Bradford to Barrie as a pedestrian is not exactly pedestrian-friendly in the sense that it's a lot of shoulder, almost no asphalt to walk on, so on gravel shoulders and going uphill, it was really tough."

Adds Erlinda: "Even the stones were getting into my shoes. Had I known, I would have worn gaiters – and the traffic? My gosh, the cars were just whipping by."

"We didn't know these hills when we drove up and scoped it out, but on foot it's a totally disparate terrain," George interjects.

By the time they reached Barrie's

city limits after traversing all the hills along the way, the couple briefly considered a short cut to City Hall but keeping in mind their promise to travel Yonge Street the entire route, they stuck to their guns and completed the mission.

"Anything worthwhile in life you have to struggle for and, by the end of it, we really felt alive and felt that we had added value to Aurora," said George.

Adds Erlinda, recalling some of the well-wishes they received along the way, "We had signs on our backpacks supporting the Food Pantry and some people we met on the street gave us money. They didn't know us, these were strangers and they're not even from Aurora."

For George, it gave him "faith in humanity that there are kind people everywhere."

"It certainly made us feel good and we think others should feel the same way."

Now that their mission is accomplished, the Biondics could be forgiven for resting on their laurels, but this is certainly not the case.

For Erlinda, this past weekend's walk was something of a warm-up for another running competition at the end of this month in Manchester, Tennessee.

As she gets into the zone for that, she encourages other people in their

respective communities to get up on their feet and make a difference for their local food banks or the causes close to their hearts.

"People can do the same things in their community," she said. "You can walk, bike, climb the CN Tower – whatever. You can even swim 100 laps."

Added George: "We're contributing to Aurora, but everyone has their own town or their own city [to support]. We encourage others across Ontario and Canada to do the same thing, to be of value beyond the age of 65 – a great value to their communities."

"We hope this will continue in the sense that we have raised awareness for this need the Food Pantry is providing. It really is an important service for those less fortunate. At the same time, people were getting all kinds of emails saying how they are inspired and hopefully people of all ages are inspired to be more active in not necessarily walking but active in whatever is their passion. They should find something they feel really strong and just pursue that. Those are two things that we're pleased to have an influence."

To continue to pledge funds towards the Biondics' efforts, visit aurorafoodpantry.ca, click DONATE, and select George Biondic's 70th Birthday Walk from the dropdown menu under "FUND."

Charges laid following Aurora cell phone store robbery

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit have charged five people in connection with a robbery in the Town of Aurora.

"On August 11, 2022 at approximately 4:50 p.m., York Regional Police were called to a cell phone store located at 91 First Commerce Park Drive, near Aurora Road, for a report of a robbery," say Police. "Two male suspects entered the store and held a gun to the store employees while demanding cash and mobile devices. The suspects filled a bag and fled the scene in a vehicle where other suspects waited."

"Through the investigation, officers identified the vehicle used by the suspect group and located them in the City of Toronto. With the assistance of Peel Regional Police, the suspects were stopped and taken into custody."

The investigation is ongoing.

Tomar Taylor, 19, of Brampton, Jahmani Grey, 18, of Mississauga, Michael Opoku, 22, of Mississauga and Sheanno Whyte, 18, of Brampton face the following charges:

- Robbery Using Restricted or Prohibited Firearm
- Possession of a Firearm Without a License
- Possession of a Firearm Knowing Serial Number Has Been Tampered With
- Possession of Property Obtained By Crime
- Pointing a Firearm
- Possession of a Loaded Prohibited or Restricted Firearm
- Fail to Comply with Judicial Release Order (two counts)

A 16-year-old from Toronto faces the following charges:

- Robbery Using Restricted or Prohibited Firearm
- Possession of a Firearm Without a License
- Possession of a Firearm Knowing Serial Number Has Been Tampered With
- Possession of Property Obtained By Crime
- Pointing a Firearm
- Possession of a Loaded Prohibited or Restricted Firearm

The charges have not been proven. Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6631, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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Conference offers pathway for inclusion at Aurora Cultural Centre



Glenn Marais of the Aurora Cultural Centre is pictured at the I.D.E.A. Symposium with speaker Taylor McKinnon.

Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger

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INITIATIVE REPORTER

Facilitators for the Aurora Cultural Centre are aiming to make sure the entire community feels like it has a place at the table following a symposium this summer on inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility – or, I.D.E.A.

Held at the Aurora Armoury in May, the I.D.E.A. Symposium was an interactive event for cultural providers and those with an interest in the field to share ideas and start a conversation.

The concept, according to Cultural Outreach Coordinator Glenn Marais is to build a model where people feel “included in the experience so you can grow and learn.”

Reviewing the success of the symposium, Mr. Marais says conversation is the best path forward.

“A lot of the issues we’re seeing in the world right now are presumptive, in that ‘I see this person and I think they are this and I will react this way’ and what this really pointed out to us is there are a lot of things we just don’t

know because we haven’t lived those lived experiences and it is a matter of coming to these spaces, being open, asking good questions and engaging with an open heart,” says Marais. “You learn and grow from that – and that capacity is there for everyone.

“Some are afraid to ask Indigenous people, ‘What happened to you? What was your experience? How can I help you?’ You have to start somewhere and a good starting point is to ask those questions and learn. If we don’t, we’re never going to learn and we’re going to be stuck in this cycle of perception and ideas about people and never really learn. It’s a shame because the potential in Canada is enormous for us to be an example to the rest of the world.

“People need to speak out and get involved, learn and share a better message.”

This was exemplified at the first I.D.E.A. event when he says three musicians formed a triangle at the Aurora Armoury, put a variety of international musical instruments in the middle, and each musician took turns leading and facilitating a song.

People were encouraged to pick up an instrument and try them out and, as the session went on, people became more comfortable jumping in, singing, and participating in a very valuable exchange.

At the end of the day, that’s what the symposium was all about.

Marais was not interested in a conference of talking heads. Rather, the aim was for participants to be involved and engaged as much as possible on ways to increase accessibility in all facets of programs and demographics.

“The goal was to allow people’s voices to be heard so they could strengthen and embolden our community,” says Marais. “By giving people a platform to speak uninhibitedly and to share their life experiences with you to grow as a person and learn from [others]. Many people were unabashed in what they were saying, just forthright and clear in sharing their experiences. We had someone from the Indigenous community, the Black community, someone with accessibility issues and someone from the 2SLGBTQIA+ who were speaking as keynotes.

“We also had a professor from Laurier with a project where he is able to amplify the bio-vibrational energy of plants. It synthesizes the sounds so that you can actually hear music coming from plants. The overarching message of this is everything has an energy, a spirit and connection on this planet. In our history we haven’t approached it that way. It’s here’s this planet with a harvest for us to pick from as the dominant spirit, but it ties into this concept of inclusivity and equity that it extends not just to human beings. It’s a novel concept but one that is actually starting to grow.”

Other key takeaways came through a workshop led by Indigenous knowledge keeper and former educator Jan Beaver

who facilitated a talking circle that invited attendees in to participate in Indigenous culture.

“Her message is to not be afraid of Indigenous culture and don’t look [at] it like it’s always Reconciliation; look at it as an invitation to come in and learn and grow from it,” says Marais. “It was an amazing experience to have a talking circle and it brought out things that really blew people away. She said when you get the feather in your hand, what you planned on saying will change and you will be amazed at what you do say.”

What the community has to say to build on the findings of the Cultural Centre’s first I.D.E.A. symposium could offer Aurora a few more surprises in the months ahead.

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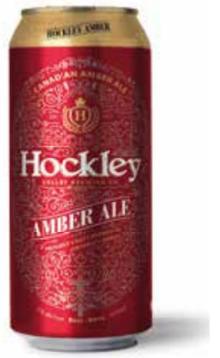
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More than 400 charges laid related to firearms, drugs in Operation Monarch

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More than 400 charges related to illicit firearms and drugs have been handed down by York Regional Police and partners in Peel Region and beyond following Operation Monarch.

Police from across Southern Ontario converged on the YRP's Aurora headquarters on Wednesday morning to announce the results of the investigation, which began in October 2021 before concluding on July 28. Through the process, search warrants were executed at 22 residents, at two businesses, and in 198 vehicles located in Brampton, Toronto and London.

22 people were arrested, and 27 handguns were seized, along with 17 prohibited magazines, more than 300 rounds of ammunition, nine kilograms of cocaine, 1.5 kilograms of fentanyl, more than 20,000 Xanax pills, 28 grams of heroin, and 41.5 pounds of cannabis.

All told, the street value of the seized drugs is more than \$1.3 million.

"The overall objective of Operation Monarch was to disrupt and dismantle

the large-scale criminal network trafficking guns and controlled substances across the Province – a criminal network that we believe were smuggling illicit firearms into Canada from the U.S.," said York Regional Police Deputy Chief Brian Bigras at last week's press conference.

"These handguns will not be making it into our cities, our towns, our communities, and our neighbourhoods. We are tracing the origins of each and every one of these handguns and, to date, we have determined... at least 20 of these 27 firearms did originate from the US and therefore were smuggled into Canada. The remaining seven we continue to look into but I can assure you that we probably would all agree that the fact that these firearms could potentially land in the hands of criminals on our streets is a significant problem, one that every agency here is committed to eradicating."

The investigation began last fall when members of the YRP's Guns, Gang and Drug Enforcement Unit began investigating an individual who Police say they believe was "involved in the trafficking of cocaine and fentanyl," said YRP Inspector Ahmad Salhia

"As the investigation began to progress, we identified a fairly robust criminal network surrounding this specific individual who we believe were also involved in the distribution of controlled substances as well as firearms – firearms [and] drugs we believe were being trafficked here in York Region and the GTA," he continued.

"As such, we formed a joint forces operation with the partners you see here today dubbed 'Operation Monarch.' As the investigation began to evolve we identified a suspect in the London area who we believe was involved in illicitly importing firearms into Canada from the United States. We believe that one of the points of entry for this smuggle of firearms was Walpole Island, a First Nations community [bordering] Port Huron in Michigan. "We continue to work closely with Walpole Island, their Chief and Council to ensure that their community is safe and secure."

Of the 27 firearms that were found in the July 28 searches, 20 were traced to the United States, including Florida, Ohio and Michigan and "we believe the seven remaining will also be traced to the United States."

A "disturbing" factor in the investigation, added Inspector Salhia, was quantities of the fentanyl seized were "pressed [into] pills to appear like candy, whether it be a car, or a butterfly, or a variety of other things."

"If you can imagine, a young child or even an adult accidentally consuming what they believe to be candy. I assure you the result would most definitely be fatal," he concluded. "Ultimately, this investigation has dismantled a sophisticated criminal network involved in the distribution of cocaine, fentanyl and other controlled substances. We identified a criminal pipeline we believe was responsible for the flow of illicit firearms coming into Canada from the United States. Firearms we believe were destined to the hands of violent gang members and other violent offenders.

"Our communities deserve to feel safe. YRP and its partners recognize the devastating impact that guns, gangs and drugs have on our communities, not just here locally in York Region, but Provincially and nationally. We recognize that the combination of firearms and drugs can often lead to violence and any time we can seize a firearm we are confident we're saving a life and we're enhancing public safety."

Peel Deputy Police Chief Nick Milinovich added that "roughly half" of the homicides seen in Peel Region can be attributed to illegal firearms.

"This is not a concern that is exclusive to Peel, it's an issue that affects all of our communities, extending well beyond the boundaries of Peel and across the Province and the country," he said.



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Golf tournament benefiting youth coming this month

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York hosting event at Caledon Woods Golf Club

By Zachary Roman

Golfers will be hitting the links “fore” a good cause this summer in Caledon.

Registration is open for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York’s (BBBSPY) annual charity golf tournament, Golf For Kids’ Sake. It’s being held at Caledon Woods Golf Club on August 25.

Fees for the event are as follows: \$225 for a single golfer; \$900 for a foursome or \$1,100 for a foursome and a hole sponsorship.

Included in the registration fees are 18 holes of golf, a golf cart rental, breakfast and lunch, and a swag bag. There will be giveaways and prizes at the tournament, as well as a silent auction that will take place in person and online.

The tournament was held at Caledon Woods in 2021 and it sold out, something BBBSPY public relations manager Lori Plati was very pleased with. A total of 158 golfers participated and \$46,000 was raised.

Plati said Caledon Woods is a beautiful course with lots of hills that people love playing. She added it’s been a pleasure to work with the golf club on past tournaments.

Plati explained Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel and Big Brothers Big Sisters of York officially unified into one organization in January 2022. However, last year’s tournament supported service in Peel and York.

“It just made it bigger and better... we just joined the best of both ways that we’d always traditionally do our

tournaments,” said Plati.

This year, Plati said room will be made for 170 golfers and that 90 of those spots are already spoken for. In addition to more golfers, Plati said BBBSPY is still looking for sponsors and items to be donated to be auctioned off.

“Another thing that we do at this tournament, which is really fun, is we have what we call a cheers wall. It’s all a different variety of bottles of wine and different spirits, and people buy tickets for it and you automatically will win... you may not win the big 60-ounce bottle of Crown Royal but you may win a \$10 bottle of wine or something,” said Plati. Donations for the cheers wall are also welcomed.

For those who don’t know, Big Brothers Big Sisters is all about matching youth with caring adult mentors.

“Through regular outings, a relationship is developed between the mentor and the mentee, which is built on trust and common interests, and is supported by our experienced case workers. The result is a life-changing experience for both the mentor and the mentee,” reads BBBSPY’s website.

The organization also offers many other mentorship opportunities for youth in Peel and York.

“Really, it all comes down to... we’re doing this fundraising event so that we can have the sufficient funds to be able to make sure that every child who needs a mentor has a mentor,” said Plati. “People participating in an event like our golf tournament — and whatever way that is — either coming out, or donating an item to help us raise extra funds, it all comes back to allowing us to provide better service for the young people in our community by ensuring they have a mentor.”

The annual Golf For Kids’ Sake

We’re doing this fundraising event so that we can have the sufficient funds to be able to make sure that every child who needs a mentor has a mentor.

“We’re really trying to educate the community about how much variety there is within our programming... realistically, it could be just a couple of times a month for a few hours or we have other programs where it’s just the school year for one hour a week,” she said.

Right now, Big Brothers Big Sisters has a marketing campaign underway called “Be Big” that encourages people to realize they have it in them to be a mentor for young people. Plati said the pandemic has led to a bit of a backlog in the system, as many people did not want their child to start a mentorship program online as kids have been spending enough time online for their schooling already.

Now that pandemic restrictions are being lifted, people are more interested in starting mentorship programs in person, and BBBSPY wants to meet that demand.

Those interested in signing up for this year’s Golf For Kids’ Sake tournament, donating to BBBSPY, or learning about sponsorship opportunities can visit app.eventcaddy.com/events/golf-for-kids-sake-2022.

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Settlement worker program is success for Library, Newcomer Centre

BY BROCK WEIR
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A new pilot project for newcomers to Canada has proven to be a huge success for the Aurora Public Library (APL) and Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR).

Launched last month, the Settlement Worker at APL program sees a counsellor from CCSYR stationed in the Library's Living Room space once a month to answer questions on careers, employment, housing, health care, education, transit, and more in multiple languages.

In communities like Aurora without an official Welcome Centre, newcomers previously had the option of going to like centres in Newmarket and Richmond Hill – but libraries like APL are often the first starting point for new Canadians looking for answers.

The Settlement Worker at APL program was designed to help new residents get these answers and, following significant

uptake in July, is set to continue well into the fall.

"Sometimes people come to the Library because they don't know where to go to get the information," says CCSYR settlement worker Sara Meghdadpour. "As we are providing services for newcomers, many don't know much about the system and the biggest barrier is language. When we advertise that different languages are available, they're more comfortable to go and talk to the person who is speaking their own language."

"I speak English and Farsi and the community is growing in Aurora. It helped them to come in and they wanted to know how they can find job, how they can rent a house, the roles for being tenants and landlords and...how they can find English classes and assess their level of language. Many other things bring them in; they don't even know how to open a bank account, which banks they can go to. Many of them are not even familiar with online searching and they get help to find the way."

Seeing this unfold was "very rewarding"

for Claudia Olguin, Manager of Community-Led Initiatives for the APL.

"For this kind of program, it doesn't matter if you're helping one client or fifty, as long as you help one person establish themselves in Canada, find a new job, find a house, or whatever their needs are, that's enough," she says. "It gives us the energy to continue with this work. Even if you help just one person you're making a difference in a family and sometimes, with these families, you're making a big difference in the community."

"It's very rewarding when you see them months later and their English has improved, or they found a job or a career because a lot of them who come here arrive and their credentials are not recognized, they have to go back to school, but when you see them again and see that they have succeeded, that's the best reward these types of jobs give back."

Given the success of the program from the outset, the Aurora Public Library is looking to continue and grow the program well into the future.

The next two sessions will take place beginning at 1.30 p.m., on Thursday, August 18 and Thursday, September 15. Programming will change to a different monthly rotation beginning on Tuesday, October 18, from 1 – 4.30 p.m. All sessions will take place in the Library Living Room.

"Helping people has always been my passion," says Sarah. "I was always trying to update myself with new information and [when I can make a difference] I feel happy and that trust is very important. When you're providing services you can build that trust and it is a very important first step we can make with people. I can't explain how happy and glad I am to be in

this field!"

Adds Ms. Olguin: "Having a Settlement Worker for APL is connecting with newcomers and directing them to settlement information and referrals they need to successfully integrate into their new communities. All are welcome for this drop-in program. We hope to see them there and if they have any questions I can also help them learn more about the Library and how different systems work."

For more information on the program and future initiatives, contact Claudia Olguin at COlguin@aurorapl.ca.

Artists perform at Laskay Hall

By Mark Pavilons

King will reverberate with the sounds of some soulful jazz, thanks to James Brown and Clark Johnston during their August 24 performance.

Aurora's James Brown (guitar) and Clark Johnston (bass) will perform an intimate concert at the historic Laskay Hall in King Township. On tap will be music from their recent CD release as well as jazz, pop and blues standards.

Brown has performed and recorded with many leading artists and ensembles and has recorded four critically acclaimed CDs of original music.

He describes his sound as contemporary jazz with a melodic style borrowing from classical, folk and rock styles.

His recent full scale composition, "The Mosley Street Suite", was premiered at Koerner Hall in August 2021 and his fourth studio album "Song Within the Story," (featuring Clark Johnston, Anthony Michelli and Mike Murley) was released on NGP records in March of 2022.

Other recordings have featured Don Thompson, Quinsin Nachoff, Jim Vivian, Andrew Downing, Ernie Tollar, John Obercian and Christopher Lee.

This is his first time performing in King and he said he likes the intimate venues and acoustics in old buildings like Laskay Hall.

James has also performed with The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Toronto Philharmonic, Sound Streams Canada (with The Hilliard Ensemble), Art of Time Ensemble and CanStage.

He also performed in the Canadian premiere of 2X5: a new work by New York composer Steve Reich.

James's compositions range from solo guitar to symphony orchestra and have been performed and recorded by numerous ensembles and soloists including Orchestra Toronto, Trinity Chamber Ensemble, Jeffrey McFadden, William Beauvais and The Montreal Guitar Trio.

James has a Master of Arts Degree in Composition from York University and is currently on Faculty at The Oscar Peterson School of Music.

The concert takes place August 24 at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, from 8 to 10 p.m. Each ticket includes the concert and a copy of "Song Within the Story." Children 8 years and under are admitted free, one child per each adult ticket purchased.

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York United storm back to defeat FC Edmonton 3-2



Lisandro Cabrera jumps on to Jordan Wilson's back in celebration as Wilson's header proved to be the game-winning goal in York United's 3-2 victory over FC Edmonton.

Contributed photo

By Robert Belardi

Jordan Wilson's late header off of Andreas Vaikla's error gave York United the late goal that proved to be the difference in the 3-2 defeat over FC Edmonton.

FC Edmonton entered York Lions Stadium on Sunday not having won a single match since July 1.

Edmonton, have not won a match since July 1, when the club defeated The Nine Stripes 3-0.

York came into this match 2-2 in their last four games, looking to improve their home record which sat at 2-2-6 prior to this match.

Less than 10 minutes into the match, York United broke the deadlock. Ronan Kratt, the 18-year-old from Ottawa, broke free in behind the defence thanks to a nice pass from Osaze De Rosario.

Kratt finished off his chance to score his second goal of the season.

Skipping over into the second half, FC Edmonton finally managed to get on the scoresheet.

Gabriel Bitar and Tobias Warchewski played a nice one-two at the top of the 18-yard-box and Bitar fired it home past 20-year-old goalkeeper Eleias Himaras to tie it up.

In the 78th minute, FC Edmonton scored once again. Warchewski whipped in a glorious cross to Azriel Gonzalez and the midfielder finished his chance with a wonderful diving header to take the lead.

With just 12 minutes left in the match, York United came together in spectacular fashion to rewrite the script in the club's favour.

Lisandro Cabrera equalized two minutes later and in the 84th

minute Vaikla mishandled the ball off a corner kick and Jordan Wilson headed it home to give United the victory.

"I thought we started well. Got an early goal, got into some good areas. They made a tactical change and an early sub and it caused us some problems. I thought we came out a bit slow in the second half, almost in the mindset to see the game out, which wasn't the plan. Poor goals to give away from a coaching perspective. A couple of weeks ago we might have given up at that point, but these guys battled and fought and it was great to back into the game initially and to grab a winner late, it's something this group needed," said York United Head Coach Martin Nash after the victory.

After Nash's take on the victory, Wilson came to the stand to share his thoughts on the win.

"Two months ago, that would have

been a game that we tied or lost. So, we just have to take the good with the bad. So, today, you don't want to concede two goals but we still scored more than the other team, so we've got to give credit to the boys for that," Wilson said in the post-match press conference.

"I think being in the middle and being an older player on the team, when I find myself doing other things that I shouldn't be doing I'm upset and I'm the hardest person on myself. Coming into the second half, we knew we were up one-nil and we knew we had to take it to them. We knew we didn't have a lot of energy. Myself included, I took my foot off the gas a bit. I'm the hardest on myself and that should just resonate with the team."

This Saturday, York United head out on the road to take on Forge FC at Tim Hortons Field. Kick-off is at 7.00 p.m.

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Just like Will Ferrell in Kicking and Screaming, Toronto FC is passing to the Italians. And it's working.

Since the arrival of fullback Domenico Criscito, former Juventus winger Federico Bernardeschi and former Napoli winger Lorenzo Insigne, there is not just an excitement in the air in Toronto.

There is a growing hope that this team can make the playoffs, given the club's recent performances.

There is no doubt that since these three players came in – combined with the return of Richie Laryea – that their presence has reinvigorated the life back into the club that seemed to have been waning away as the season went on.

In their first game against



**Robert's
Rant**

By Robert Belardi

**Toronto FC
gaining
momentum,
four points
out of
a playoff spot**

FC will take on Inter Miami on the road this Saturday in arguably the most important match of the year thus far.

It isn't entirely a make or break, but there is surely a sense of urgency to take away the full three points. But TFC will have to look Inter Miami Forward Gonzalo Higuain dead in the face and be ready to shut him down.

In his last four games, Higuain has four goals and one assist. He has been a menace on the pitch and Toronto's back-line will have their work cut out for them in this match.

With Toronto FC's recent form, undefeated in the last four MLS regular season matches, excluding the result Wednesday, it is an excellent sign the club is gaining momentum at this point in the season.

Especially entering the postseason.

There's nothing more dangerous than a team coming in hot into the playoffs and if that's Toronto FC's destiny this season, then it could mean there is chance of a good playoff run.

After these two matches this week, there will be seven more games to go in the regular season.

There are 21 points available to make something happen.

And, at this time, for fans of the sport, this is an excellent motivator as we saw Europe's biggest leagues get their seasons underway over the weekend.

Not to mention, Canada will be participating in the World Cup in a few months, so it seems everything might just be falling into place for fans and average watchers to get ready for an exciting few months of soccer.

Charlotte FC, Bernardeschi recorded a goal and a assist in his debut as TFC earned a 4-0 defeat that turned everyone's heads in the city and in the GTA.

In the Canadian Championship finals loss to the Vancouver Whitecaps on penalties 1-1 (5-3), Toronto went and tied the New England Revolution four days later. After solving what problems there may have been offensively, The Reds won a pulsating match against Nashville FC 4-3 that saw Lorenzo Insigne score his first goal for the club.

And finally, up until now. This past Saturday, Bernardeschi and Insigne got on the score board as The Reds defeated the Portland Timbers 3-1 and now sit four points out of the final playoff spot.

Having taken on the New England Revolution once again this week, TFC have another daunting task.

Inter Miami currently holds the final playoff position and Toronto



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Aurora Votes 2022

John Gallo seeks re-election in Ward 5: "Aurora needs someone who challenges now and then"



Ward 5 Council candidate John Gallo is seen at Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park after registering for re-election last week.

Auroran photo by Glenn Rodger

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As the number of names on Aurora's Municipal Ballot continue to climb, this week The Auroran continues its traditional profile series of all candidates looking for a seat at the table. This week: incumbent John Gallo, who is seeking re-election in Ward 5.

Aurora needs someone "with some history" at the Council table – "as well as someone who challenges now and then."

That's the view of incumbent John Gallo, who is seeking re-election to Council this fall as a Councillor representing Ward 5.

Gallo, who has served nearly ten non-consecutive (and eight consecutive) years on Council, says he feels he has contributed to the community and still has more to give.

One of his top priorities, he says, is keeping an eye on the Town's finances and how tax-dollars are being spent, "particularly in Capital projects during this term."

"I think there needs to be some oversight," he says, of many Capital projects, the spending of which he has

critiqued during his time on Council.

It's a stance which has sometimes put him in opposition to the majority of Council but that certainly isn't a negative thing, he says.

"I think you need the voice throughout the term as 'second thought' and I hope my Council members looked at me as someone who would bring that to the Council table: a different perspective for them to think about, particularly in our finances," he says. "There are many projects I took maybe a different angle than the majority of Council members and I hope I provided a different perspective to help them make a better decision and try to do that at the Council table.

"It's frustrating at times because I believe some poor decisions were made and not in the best interests of the Town, but I have to accept majority rules and navigate that as best I can and try to convince my Council colleagues of the direction I believe we should be taking. Sometimes I am successful and sometimes I'm not."

One of the projects he differed from the majority on was the redevelopment of Town Square, formerly Library Square. Keeping a focus on this ongoing project

is something he says is a "highlight" of what he would like to bring to the table if re-elected, along with steering the Town's new Official Plan to completion, and a revised and updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

"There are two main areas I tend to focus on and spend a lot of time on [and that is] our finances and our public planning," says Gallo. "Those are two areas that I tend, for whatever reason, to gravitate [towards] and try to fully understand what we're doing, the decisions we're making and the impact of those decisions – and continue to do that and, again, bring to the Council table, my thoughts on both of those topics, because they are two of the things that impact the Town but don't really go away.

"We spent a lot of money, it takes a long time to recover."

Mr. Gallo, in his most recent term of Council, had reservations about Aurora ditching the outgoing at-large Council system where residents can elect up to six Council candidates to represent the whole community in favour of a Ward system. But, he's nevertheless signed up to represent the community he's called home for nearly 25 years.

"My view on the ward system is obviously it is very new and I still consider myself to be a Councillor for all of Aurora," he says. "Every decision at the Council table is one

for the entire Town, no matter where it is located, in my view. Obviously there will be a little more concentration on a particular geographic area, but our budgets, our capital projects, and I think it would be wrong to only be focusing on your area and not look at the bigger picture.

"I'm going to be focusing in on creating some events in the various parts because it is a rather large and populated area with a lot of parks and a lot of businesses and I want to tap into all of those, not only residents but the businesses along Bayview and understand their needs. There are things the Town can help them out with. That is probably one of the things I am going to enjoy while I'm there as a Ward Councillor; it is very difficult to do when you're a Councillor at large, representing the entire Town and it does take a monumental effort to go to every business and seek their input – or residents for that matter.

"I look forward to listening to them and getting my views out to the residents in the ward."

By press time, four residents had put themselves forward as candidates for Ward 5. They include, in addition to Gallo, candidates include former Ontario New Blue candidate Iwona Czarnecka, local business owner Mae Khamissa, and Robert Lounds. The profile series will continue next week.

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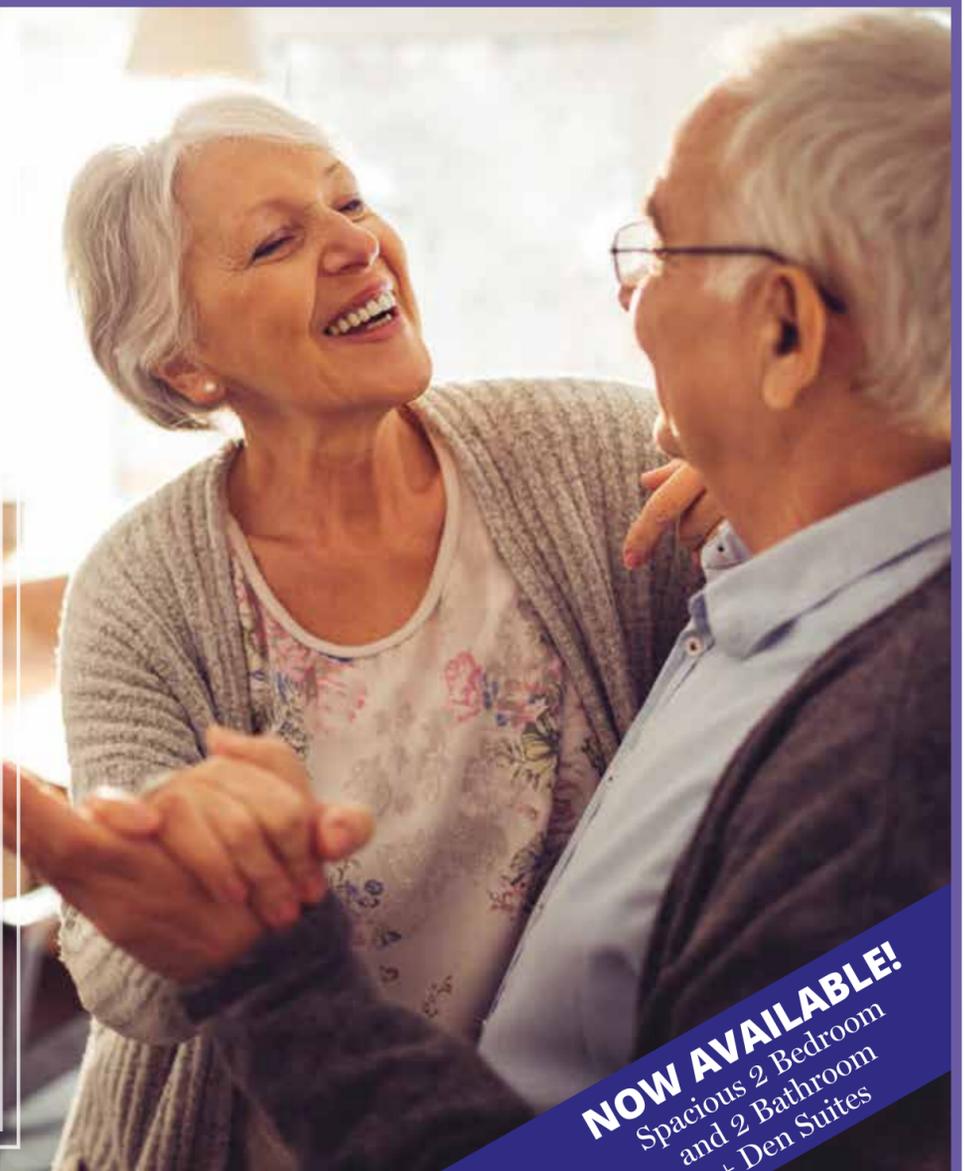
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Mudmen to bring Celtic sounds to Concerts in the Park

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They've been praised by the CBC, applauded by The Queen, and have a few tunes under their belt that are well-known to hockey fans across the country – now The Mudmen are bringing their Celtic sounds to Aurora next week as part of the Town's Concerts in the Park series.

The band will take the Town Park Band Shell stage on Wednesday, August 24, beginning at 7 p.m., with some audience favourites, along with some fresh tunes from their new album *Farmer's Tan*.

"We like to perform and stay busy," says band co-founder Sandy Campbell of being able to perform again after the worst of the global pandemic. "COVID was a tiny bump in the road for us compared to what we have been through. There was more time to sit down and actually work on new songs and materials. Our brand-new album, *Farmer's Tan*, came out just a few weeks ago. It was recorded after the pandemic, but we were writing songs during the pandemic – so the creative [outlet] was there."

While they were creating during the pandemic, the Mudmen were also recalibrating. A couple of members went in different directions during those long two-and-a-half years and new musicians were brought into the fold.

In Sandy's words, "we pretty much put together a whole new band" of "extremely good, top-level musicians" including current vocalist Colin Amey, who was nominated as Best Independent Male Vocalist previously at the Canadian Country Music Awards.

"The lyrics (on *Farmer's Tan*) a lot of songs talk about good times and positive

messages," he says. "Farmers Tan talks about being raised right – they raised us right, they made us strong, and they taught us how to get along. It's about having a good sense of community."

Sandy and his brother Robbie started the band several years ago and, since its inception, they have experienced many career highlights, including playing with the Irish Rovers, John McDermott and The Chieftains. They have created music for television shows including *Shameless* and *The Black Donnellys*, and even for Don Cherry's *Rock 'em Sock 'em* videos.

Their music was also used for the new CBC version of the *Hockey Night in Canada* theme for more than seven years.

"We started off pretty traditional and then we came out with a fairly wild rock and roll band, which I think we had to do to get people's notice," he said. "Many people have a misconception of bag pipes; they think you're going to be a pipe band marching down the street, so we decided to come out pretty hard and heavy when we signed with EMI Records."

"We just want audiences to have a good time and enjoy themselves. We're going to tell stories and have some fun – and we're going to visit after with anyone who wants to meet us. I think audiences will have a good time, love the stories, and I am pretty sure they're going to leave feeling happy and hopefully with a really good feeling."

"We're all about the good times."

The Mudmen are the penultimate band of the Town's Concerts in the Park series.

After their August 24 concert, the series will wrap August 31 with *Epic Elton: A Tribute to Elton John*.

Concerts run at Town Park each Wednesday from 7 – 9 p.m. through August 31. Admission is free but donations to the Aurora Food Pantry are encouraged.

MP'S REPORT

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Canadians are not always aware that Black and Indigenous Peoples were once enslaved on the land that is now Canada. Those who fought enslavement were pivotal in shaping our society to be as diverse as it is today.

Let me share my thanks to the many community members and organizations who took the time to share their voices, stories, knowledge, and expertise for making Emancipation Day in Canada a reality.

My offices are open for inquiries and assistance via e-mail at Tony.VanBynen@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 905-953-7515. You can also sign up to receive bi-weekly e-mail updates on vanbynen.ca/get-updates.



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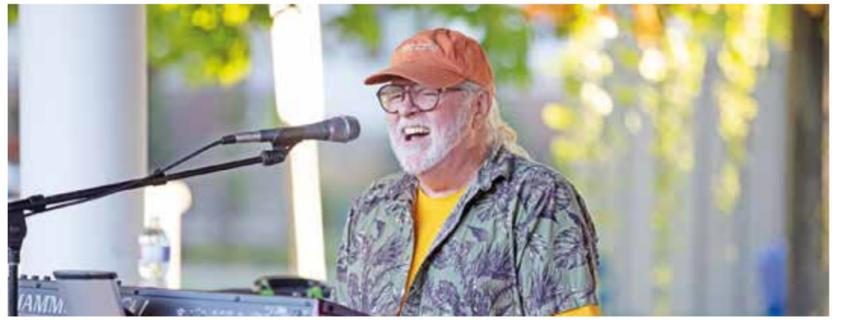
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Soul on tap at Concerts in the Park



The seven-piece band Soul Up Top filled Town Park with the sounds of Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Otis Redding and more last Wednesday, August 10, when the band performed as part of Aurora's popular Concerts in the Park Summer Series. Clockwise from bottom left: Enjoying the show were Raj and Emma; and Jackie and Shae. The band on stage.

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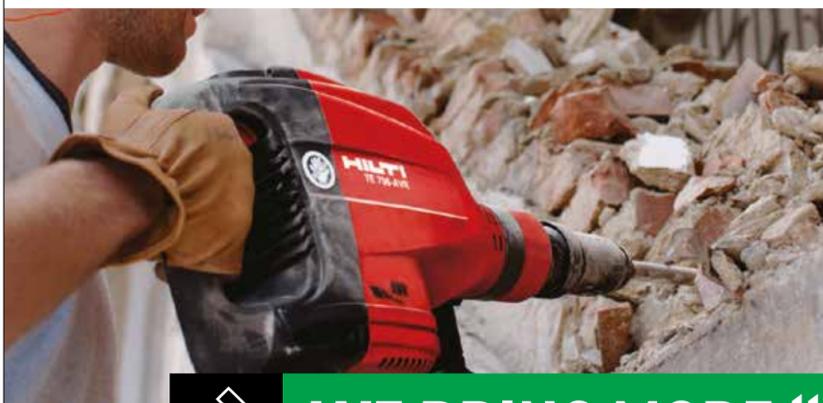
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Farmers' Market prepares for Saturday's Corn Roast



It was a busy day at the Aurora Farmers' Market this past Saturday as residents flocked to shop local. Enjoying the day, which included a musical tribute to the late singer-actress Olivia Newton-John spun on vintage vinyl by David Heard, were (clockwise from top left) Siena and Sebastian; Kristine and Matt; A.J. and Melinda; Mike, Jordana, Michael, Leo, and Naomi; Enzo and Bianca; Isaac, Jonah, Finley, and Oliver. Be sure to check out this Saturday's Community Corn Roast at the Market. For more, see Page 8.

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Senior Scape

Christina Doyle

"Grandma, tell me another story"

This month is incredibly special to me, dear readers, and I so wanted to share it with you all.

We are going to be grandparents for the first time! Although at the time of printing this article, we will know the name of our little grandson, you will have to wait for the September Seniorscape issue to find out!

A new life is about to unwrap itself around our hearts, our eyes are filled with tears of joy, and we are blessed in a most amazing way! Oh, the excitement of it all; for the first time I recently started paying attention to young children more than I usually do when out walking. For so long I would hear from seasoned grandparents the constant chatter and bragging about, "my granddaughter does this or that, she is so talented" -- Oh brother, to the point I really had nothing in common with other seniors who were grandparents.

Alas, my time has come. I am going to become "one of them", heehaw.

Although parents are the most important teachers in a child's life, grandparents also have a role to play. Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren.

One of the hardest jobs I have heard from veteran grandparents is to keep your mouth shut. Today's world is vastly different from the world in which we raised our children. This presents current parents with challenges we did not face.

I think that today's parents need to determine how to carry their beloved child through a raging sea of new technologies and social trends. Therefore, our advice may not always be up-to-date, or even wanted for that matter. It is important however, that we as grandparents must respect the decisions the parents make for their children-even if we do not always understand or agree with those decisions.

Thank goodness that we are blessed with good health, however slow in

walking and forget running, but we are in a perfect position to help the parents in tangible ways.

Like us, young parents must make their own rules and we as grandparents must honor them as well. However, it will not be enough to just tell them, "Do what your mommy and daddy tell you." We too, must do what their mommy and daddy wish. Giving our grandchildren the idea it is OK to disobey is not OK at all, I feel.

Let us then honour the parents who have blessed us with our dear grandchildren.

We excited grandparents look to the positive aspects of grandparenting in that of offering parents a break, or to attend a special function. Hey, we are cheap, we work for free, are accessible and have a huge bias for our grandson.

We know we aren't perfect, yes, no doubt we will make mistakes, and our lips will be sore at times, but we will try to be the best grandparents for our wee little grandson. After all, all I need to look at how wonderful my daughter and her husband turned out!

Lots to do at the Aurora Seniors' Centre!

Now that the Centre has reopened following the long impact of COVID-19, we are welcoming back renewed members, new members and volunteers like never before. We encourage you to join the Aurora Seniors Association to benefit from all of the programs, events, trips, movies, lunches, BBQs, other activities and more we have to offer. We encourage all older adults 55+ to drop by and fill out a membership application and take a tour of Aurora's best-in-class Seniors' Centre. Membership is still only \$25 for Aurora residents and \$35 for non residents. Meet new friends and old friends too! See you

there soon!

Seniors Activity Living Fair

The Aurora Seniors' Centre will host a Seniors Active Living Fair on Saturday, September 10 from

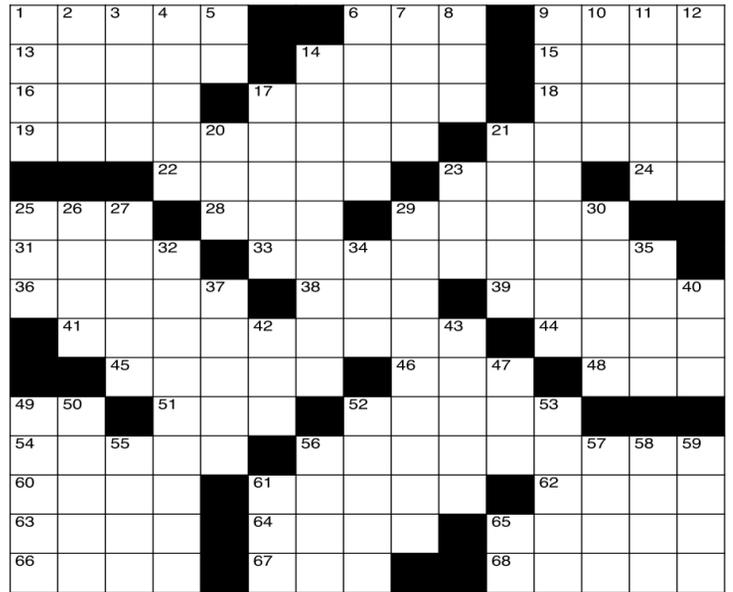
9 am - 1 pm.

There will be health and lifestyle exhibitors, seminars, a blood pressure clinic and fitness demonstrations and much more. For more information

email seniorscentre@aurora.ca. Save the date! This will be a terrific event.

For more information on the Aurora Seniors' Centre and all it has to offer, drop by 90 John West Way, visit the web site www.auroraseniors.ca, or call 905-726-4767 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. The monthly Seniors Association bulletin is posted on our web site so for all the details on Association activities, clubs, events, bistro lunches and BBQs, sports, and movies to mention a few, and town programs, trips and other valuable information concerning the Aurora Seniors Association, take a look at www.auroraseniors.ca!

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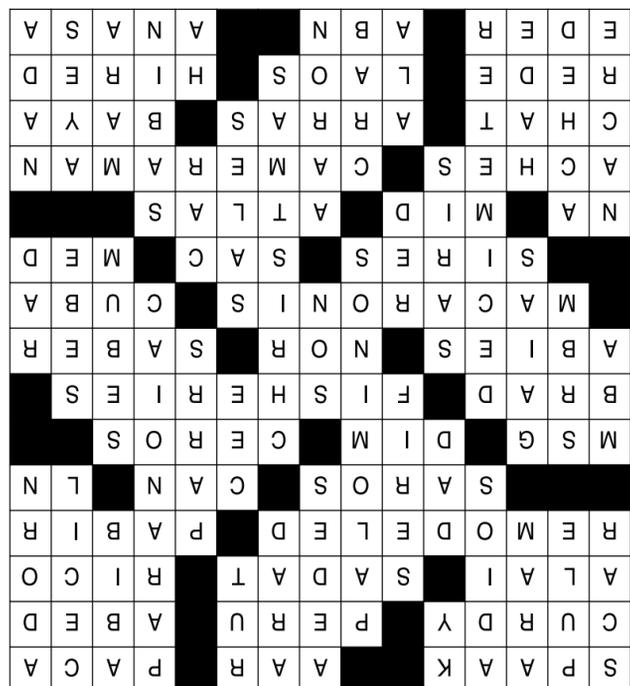


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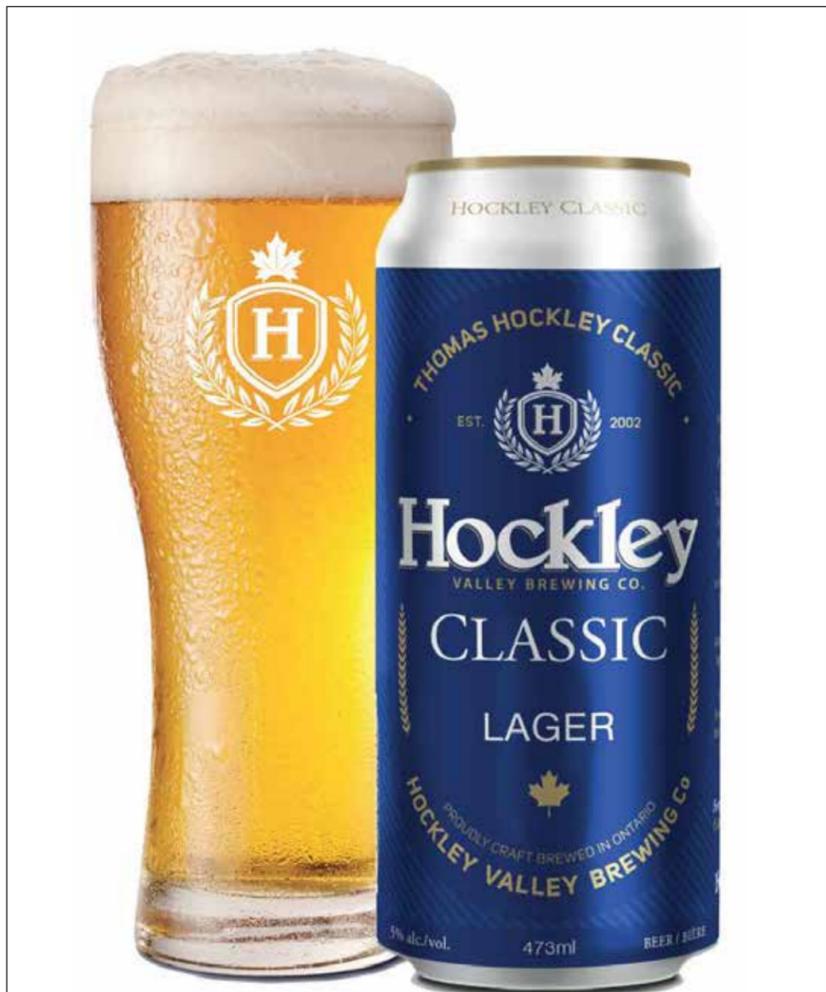
- 1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan
- 6. Swiss river
- 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 13. Like coagulated milk
- 14. Lima is its capital
- 15. Lying down
- 16. Jai __, sport
- 17. Egyptian statesman
- 18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
- 19. Renovated
- 21. Chadic language
- 22. 18-year period
- 23. Beverage container
- 24. Natural logarithm
- 25. The "mecca" of basketball
- 28. A way to darken
- 29. Mackerels
- 31. Actor Pitt
- 33. Places to buy seafood
- 36. True firs
- 38. Neither
- 39. Fencing sword
- 41. Italian pastas
- 44. Island nation close to the U.S.
- 45. Begets
- 46. Resembles a pouch
- 48. __ student, learns healing
- 49. Sodium
- 51. Indicates position
- 52. The world has one
- 54. Partner to pains
- 56. Photographer
- 60. Chew the fat
- 61. Culture of the British Iron Age
- 62. Weaverbird
- 63. Advice or counsel
- 64. Asian nation
- 65. Brought on board
- 66. German river
- 67. Airborne (abbr.)
- 68. Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mark left behind
- 2. Cry weakly
- 3. Ancient region in modern Syria
- 4. Farewell
- 5. Blue grass state
- 6. Genus of mosquitoes
- 7. S. Israeli city
- 8. You can get stuck in one
- 9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
- 10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 11. Tigers legend Fielder
- 12. Make more attractive
- 14. Horses
- 17. Slight projection in typefaces
- 20. Male parent
- 21. Jack and Jill are two
- 23. After B
- 25. Licensed for Wall Street
- 26. Missile with about 600-mile range
- 27. Goddesses
- 29. A day kids love
- 30. Oily secretion
- 32. One-tenth of a meter
- 34. A father's male child
- 35. One point east of southeast
- 37. Silk garments
- 40. Cool!
- 42. The color of anger
- 43. Trade profession
- 47. It can get you around
- 49. Mother-of-pearl
- 50. Hurt
- 52. Legendary slugger Hank
- 53. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Incline from vertical
- 56. Sea creature
- 57. Actress Kate
- 58. Affirmative votes
- 59. Nothing
- 61. Pie __ mode
- 65. Expresses surprise



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Canadian favourites 54-40 and Kim Mitchell to headline 2022 Ribfest

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the Park.

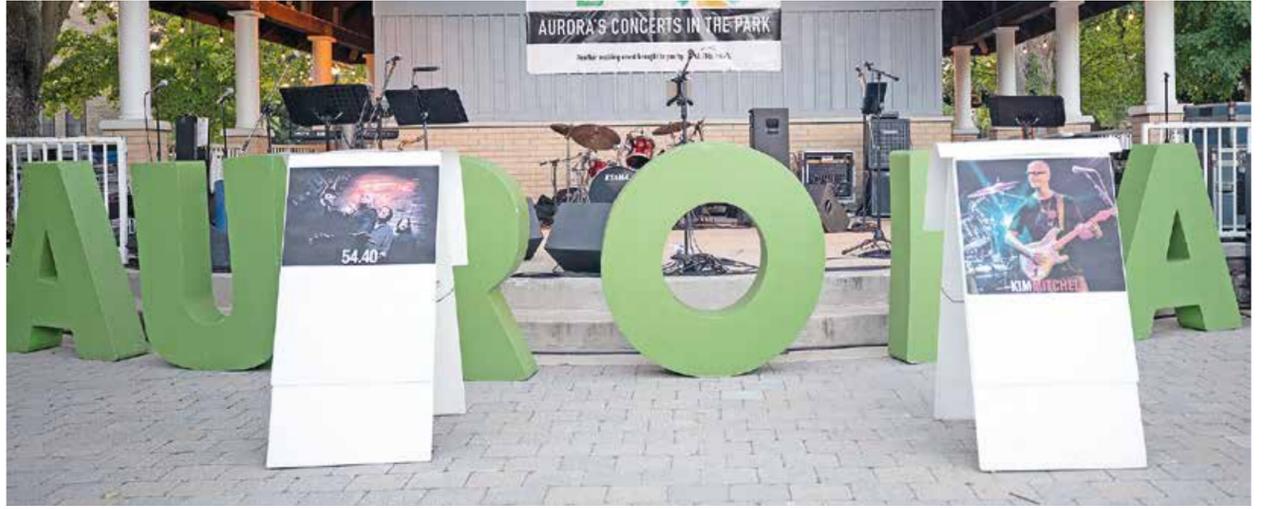
Ribfest will take place at Machell Park from Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28.

54-40 will take the stage at 9 p.m. on the Friday, while Mitchell will perform on Saturday, August 27 at 9 p.m.

“This is really starting off the Ribfest weekend really strong,” says Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora, who says she has strong memories of listening to 54-40 during her Frosh Week in 1994. “It’s nice to polish a gem in Canadian music history. It’s quite humbling when you research 54-40 and find they have four Platinum and one certified Gold albums in Canada, which is a really amazing contribution.”

Being able to book Kim Mitchell for the Saturday evening show came as something of a relief to organizers as well. Mitchell was just about to be signed as the Ribfest headliner in 2020, but, of course, the height of the global pandemic got in the way of that.

“It is really gratifying to make it possible this year; I remember learning to drive when you would only listen to a radio or a tape cassette and I learned to drive when Mitchell was on and here I am at the 16th Ribfest being able to see him live for the first time” says Ms. Ware, who makes an effort



Aurora's 2022 Ribfest headliners were announced at last week's installment of Concerts in the Park.

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to ensure the acts reflect homegrown Canadian talent.

“Just like Canadian actors, Canadian musicians have made a world of contributions to the industry in North America and beyond, and it’s the right thing to do in terms of how we choose to support our artists. When you look at the combination of the two headliner bands, which are a treat for us and the event – 54-40 is a five-piece band and with Kim Mitchell we’re able to celebrate a soloist. He has had a smashing career and it’s a good balance.”

Since the headliners were announced last week, Ms. Ware says feedback has

exceeded their expectations – and has been positive from a wide range of ages, with many going back to revisit the artists’ respective music catalogues for familiar and not-so-familiar tunes.

Other artists sharing the Ribfest playbill are It’s All been Done Before: A Tribute to the Barenaked Ladies, performing August 26 at 5.30 p.m.; Fleetwood Nicks and Practically Petty opens the entertainment on Saturday, August 27, at 12 noon, followed by The Beresfords at 2.45, and Tangent at 5.30 p.m.; and closing out Ribfest on August 28 are 2021 Aurora Teen Idol Ysabel Cattle at 12.45 p.m., 2022 Teen Idol Olivia Varma at 1.45, From

the Hip at 2.45 p.m., and Fiddlestix at 5.15 p.m.

“Some people might recognize the bands, some might not, but every single band performing this weekend has been specifically selected, vetted, and screened and each band will do a top-notch show,” says Ms. Ware. “Whether it’s the headliners that really drives you and motivates you to come to Ribfest, I would equally challenge you to take in one of the other bands and time slots. You will definitely not be disappointed.”

For more information on this year’s Ribfest, including hours, food vendors and a “ribbers”, visit aurora.ca/ribfest.



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Aurora's Concerts in the Park Summer Series presents Desire: Tribute to U2. Desire brings to the stage a unique combination of showmanship and style that is rooted in a magnificent grasp of the musical intricacies behind U2. Desire is the total package. Concerts take place at Town Park each Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. Concerts are free to attend with no pre-registration required. Donations to the Aurora Food Pantry are encouraged. For more, visit aurora.ca/summerconcerts.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Aurora's Movies in the Park summer series opens at Town Park tonight with the classic "Dennis the Menace." Arrive early to make a comic strip of your own starting at 8 p.m. Showtime is 9 p.m. For more information, visit aurora.ca/moviesinthepark.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

The Aurora Farmers' Market returns for its 20th this year. Open at Town Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through Hallowe'en, the Market will offer an array of farmers, food vendors and artisans. For more information, visit theaurorafarmersmarket.ca.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

The Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will host a free car show from 6 p.m. until dusk. Come on out to enjoy an evening

at the Legion with a barbecue, beautiful rides, prizes, awards and more. 105 Industrial Parkway North.

Aurora's Movies in the Park summer series continues tonight with Disney's "Encanto." Race your way down to the final movie of the season. Arrive at 7.30 p.m. to see if you can match Sonic's speed as you navigate your way through obstacles. Showtime is 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

The Aurora Farmers' Market returns for its 20th this year. Open at Town Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through Hallowe'en, the Market will offer an array of farmers, food vendors and artisans. For more information, visit theaurorafarmersmarket.ca.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Aurora's Movies in the Park summer series continues tonight with "Sonic the Hedgehog 2." Family is the centre of this story, so be sure to gather your family for a night of fun. Arrive early to explore the world of Colombia through crafts and activities at 8 p.m. Showtime is 8.45 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Aurora Public Library, as part of the One Book One Aurora Program, presents An

Evening with Jan Wong at 7 p.m. Jan Wong went to China as a starry-eyed Maoist in 1972 at the height of the Cultural Revolution. Learn about her experiences and how her love affair began to sour as she became aware of the harsh realities of Chinese communism. A talk followed by a Q&A period. Tickets are available beginning August 1. To register, visit bit.ly/3rFdZHL.

CONTINUING JULY 25 - SEPTEMBER 17

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents Backwards and Forwards: Reflections in Porcupine Quills, a solo exhibition by Vanessa Dion Fletcher. Recent quillworks (2020-present), ranging from intimate pieces on paper to large mural installations, at the core is a negotiation between the artist's hands and porcupine quills. Vanessa Dion Fletcher is a Lenape and Potawatomi neurodiverse Artist. Her family is from Eelūnaapēwii Lahkēewiit (displaced from Lenapehoking) and European settlers.

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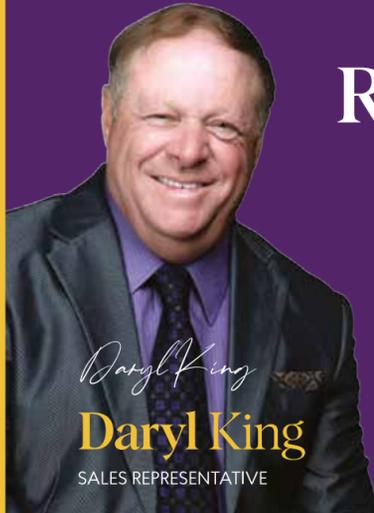


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