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TEA THROUGH TIME

The gardens and interiors of Hillary House National Historic Site were abuzz on Sunday as the Aurora Historical Society hosted a Victorian Garden Party. The event included a mini-high tea, as enjoyed here by Lisa and Kristen, ballroom dancing demonstrations, croquet and badminton, and heritage crafts.

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Southlake celebrates "Centennial Summer" with events, look to future

BY BROCK WEIR

Southlake Regional Health Centre is planning a "centennial summer" as it charts a roadmap for local healthcare into the next century.

The local hospital is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and amid extensive public consultation on what the community would like to see from

it in the decades ahead, they will mark the century that was with a number of events next month.

Among the free events in store for the community include the Southlake Artisan Market, which will take over Parking Lot P10 on Friday, August 9, from 4 – 8 p.m., and a Movie Under the Stars event, which will be hosted Tuesday, August 27, from 7 – 10 p.m.

at the nearby Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place.

The Market is billed to include an "evening of community spirit and fun" featuring more than 20 local vendors offering a range of unique items. The Movie Under the Stars event will see "If" unspooled for all ages

Amidst this commemoration of a full
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ACTIVATING THE ALLEY – Machell's Alley, located on a vacant lot on Yonge Street just south of Wellington, is ready to once again serve as a community gathering space in a joint venture between the Town of Aurora, Downtown Aurora BIA, and more. On site last week were Ward 1 Councillor Ron Weese, Mauro Bucci and Joanne Russo of the BIA, Ward 2 Councillor Rachel Gilliland, Sandra Ferri of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Hausz, Manager of Economic Development for the Town, and Angela Haynes, Senior Economic Development Officer for the Town. For more on the initiative, see Page 8.

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NOTICE BOARD

July 18, 2024



Council & Committee Meetings

Date	Time	Location	Meeting
Week of July 22	No meetings		
Wednesday, July 31	10 a.m.	Video Conference	Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee
Thursday, August 8	7 p.m.	Video Conference	Committee of Adjustment
Week of August 12	No meetings		
Week of August 19	No meetings		
Week of August 26	No meetings		

*Committee of the Whole, Public Planning and Council meetings are available to the public in-person and via live stream on the Town's YouTube channel.

What's Happening

TD PRESENTS
AURORA'S 2024
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- JULY 24** | The Beresfords
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- JULY 31** | Bernadette Connors
- AUGUST 7** | Material Girls
- AUGUST 14** | Pearl Jamming
Tribute to Pearl Jam
- AUGUST 21** | Fandango
Tribute to ZZ Top
- AUGUST 28** | Abbamania
Tribute to Abba

For complete series line-up, please visit aurora.ca/SummerConcerts

Food donations for the Aurora Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.

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EXHIBITION EXTENDED
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Fall 2024 Program Guide

The Fall 2024 Program Guide will be available to view online starting on **August 6**. Registration dates are posted online at aurora.ca/ProgramGuide. View the interactive guide and click on the code # to register online. Pay in-person at the A.F.L.C. or S.A.R.C.

Civic Holiday Schedule – Programs & Activities

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 2024 final property tax bills have been mailed out. There are many easy and convenient ways to pay your final property taxes, including online through your banking institution, mail or pre-authorized payment programs.

The due dates for the 2024 interim tax bills are:

Tuesday, July 23

Tuesday, September 24

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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Pilot program will impact turns at St. John's, Old Yonge Street

BY BROCK WEIR

A Regional pilot program will see significant change coming to your morning and afternoon commute on St. John's Sideroad.

Beginning next month, the Region of York's year-long pilot program will prohibit left turns at the intersection of St. John's Sideroad and Old Yonge Street Monday through Friday from 7 – 9 a.m., and again from 4 – 6 p.m.

The initiative, according to the Region, is intended to help address traffic bottlenecks at St. John's and Yonge and, moving eastward, around the GO Tracks near Industrial Parkway North.

"The intersection has had operational challenges because of the proximity to the intersection of Yonge Street," said Nelson Costa, Manager of Traffic Safety and Signal Operations for the Region of York, in a presentation to Aurora Council last week.

Costa said the intersection of St. John's and Old Yonge is too close to St. John's intersection with Yonge Street approximately 100 metres away, a space that does not allow for traffic signals just east at Old Yonge.

"Old Yonge Street currently allows for the left, through, and right turning movements – basically all movements in all directions, however it is very difficult to make these movements, especially during the morning and evening rush hour," said Costa, adding the traffic volume in this area is only likely to increase. "There is a future residential development on the north side that is planned for 39 townhomes across from Old Yonge Street. The access will be ultimately restricted to a right-in right-out as development proceeds. Another new residential development is located on the southwest corner of Old Yonge Street and St. John's Sideroad, which will consist of approximately 110 condo units. The proposed access to the development will be off Old Yonge Street; however, with these two developments, there is going to be an increase in traffic in the area that is going to add further congestion in the intersection."

Regional concerns about the intersection, he added, include westbound left-turning vehicles waiting to make a left at Old Yonge impacting traffic flow coming in from the east "to the point where traffic queues are spilling back and impacting the rail crossing."

"It is very difficult for motorists to turn right and left... due to limited gaps in traffic," he said. "In fact, vehicles exiting right from Old Yonge Street were observed climbing the curb lane because of vehicles trying to make a left out of old Yonge Street onto St. John's Sideroad and having to wait extensive periods of time. The left turns from St. John's Sideroad onto Old Yonge Street experience significant delays, upwards of more than four minutes in order to make that left turn because of the eastbound traffic flow. This is leading to driver frustration and impatience amongst drivers, resulting in aggressive driving and unsafe turns."

Following last week's presentation to Council, lawmakers said that while they had some concerns regarding traffic problems in the surrounding neighbourhoods, they agreed the issue needed to be addressed.

"There are a few problematic intersections or challenges within the road network, not only on Regional roads, but also our roads, but we have talked many times [about] this one..." said Mayor Tom Mrakas. "I thank you guys (the Regional staff) for coming up with some creative solutions for us to look at to possibly allow for better traffic flow in the area and hopefully the pilot does work and the residents

In fact, vehicles exiting right from Old Yonge Street were observed climbing the curb lane because of vehicles trying to make a left out of old Yonge Street onto St. John's Sideroad and having to wait extensive periods of time

and the community see the benefits to it.

"If it doesn't work out well, I guess we'll have to go back to the drawing board and you guys will have a lot more work to do at that time."

Regarding the impact to nearby residents, Ward 2 Councillor Rachel Gilliland said she was concerned that neighbours on Batson, for example, will have a very roundabout way of getting where they need to go, including home.

Ward 4 Councillor Michael Thompson also raised questions, particularly on the status of the future Highway 404 interchange with St. John's Sideroad, a project for which Council has long-advocated – and could impact traffic pressures in this community.

Regional staff said the interchange is not yet on the 10-year horizon of the Provincial Government.

"Maybe they can at least throw a

dart at the board and say maybe it's not in the 10-year capital [plan] but it's there at least in the 20 or 25," said Councillor Thompson.

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APPLICATION: The purpose and intent of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is to permit two (2) five-storey residential apartment buildings. One building will consist of 180 residential units and the other building is intended as a seniors living apartment consisting of 120 residential units.

PROPERTY: 14070 Yonge Street
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Part Lot 16, Concession 2; Parts 1, 2, and 3, 65R-1868
APPLICANT: P.A.R.C.E.L. Inc.
FILE NUMBERS: OPA-2024-03 & ZBA-2024-03
WARD: 4

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is available for public inspection at the Town of Aurora office located at 100 John West Way, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please contact **Felix Chau** of the Planning and Development Services Department at 365-500-3102 or at fchau@aurora.ca

Should you wish to provide comments, they may be provided by mail to the Planning and Development Services Department at the same address above, by fax to 905-726-4736 or by email to planning@aurora.ca prior to the meeting. Please quote the File Name and Number.

As per Bill 23, a Statutory Public Meeting to obtain input on the proposal will be scheduled in the future only for the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Notice of the Public Meeting will be provided in accordance with the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

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If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Aurora or the Regional Municipality of York, as the case may be, to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Aurora or Regional Municipality of York, as the case may be, before the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Dated at the Town of Aurora, this 18th day of July, 2024.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sadness and shock over anti-semitism

I am both deeply saddened and shocked at the rise of anti-semitism in this beautiful country of ours, saddened that this should happen in an "enlightened" nation, and shocked that it's being allowed to continue, unchecked. As a non-Jew, I feel the need to express my support for those of the Jewish faith.

We live in a country that has a code of humanitarian ethics written into our legal system, a country that espouses freedom of speech and abhorrence of hate expression, a country that many immigrated to precisely because of these tenets, and yet when anti-Semitism has raised its hateful head, few have spoken out and a sinister silence remains.

Most shocking is that all levels of government have remained silent on this issue.

As we look back to Germany in the 1930s there are disturbing parallels to what is happening today in Canada and elsewhere.

Love and compassion for our fellow human beings should be the signature of an enlightened society in the 21st century, regardless of religion, race or economic status.

In a perfect world our governments, religious centres, schools, media and citizens should remain vigilant and speak out loudly when these values are being attacked.

Everyone in any society has the right to feel safe!

Erika Allen
Aurora

Ford not addressing "health care shortcomings"

My wife and I were both born and have lived in Ontario all our lives.

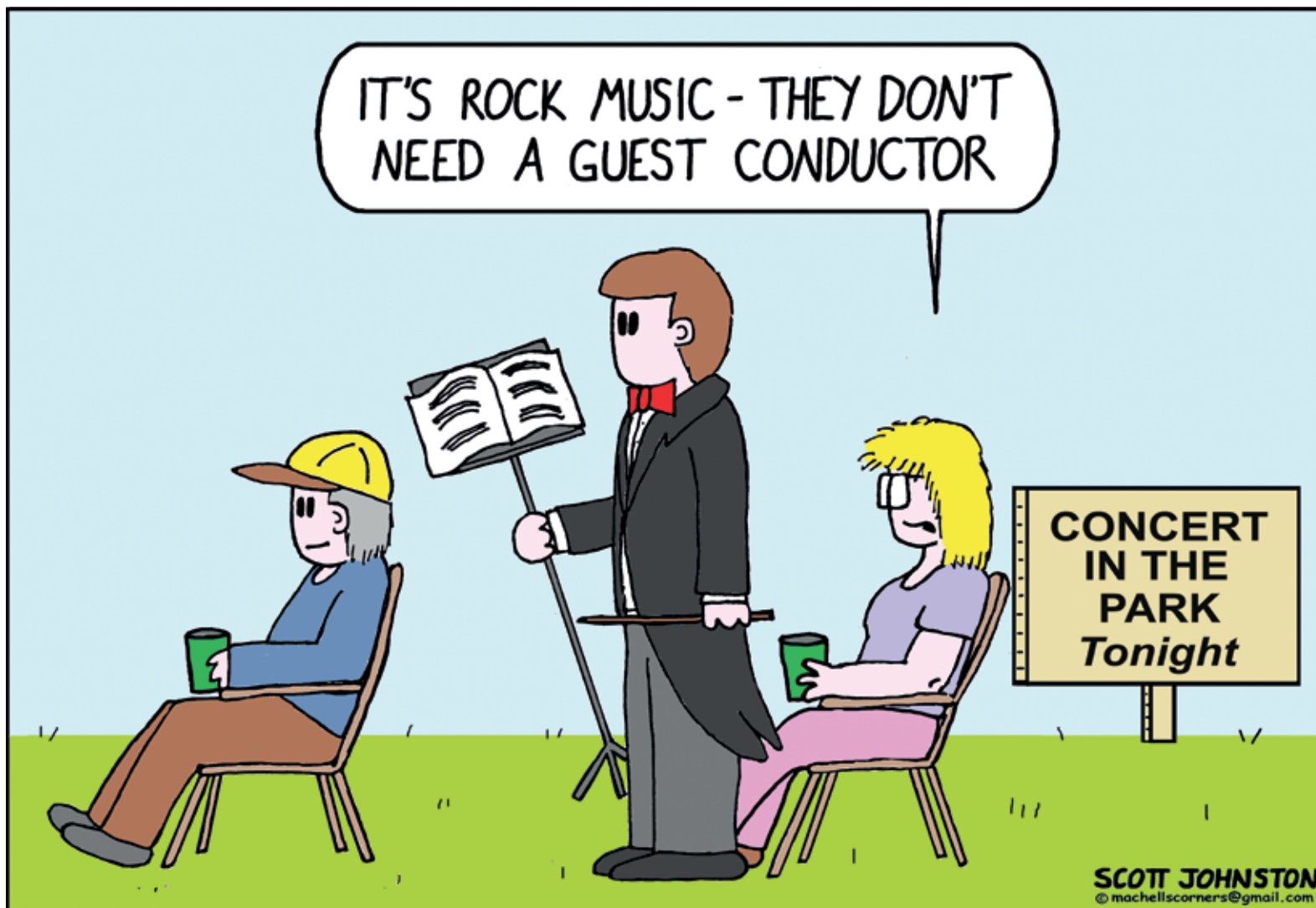
We are fortunate and grateful to have been healthy for the most part and have not had any serious illness or hospital stays.

We have paid all kinds of taxes, income, property, sales, etc., for close to 60 years and assumed that the system would be there for us.

This past week, one of us was referred to a Specialist, only to be told it was an 18 month wait, just for an assessment appointment.

How is it that the Ford Government can give the Beer Store millions of dollars (the Beer Store is owned by a multi national company), can have a French Company build a spa we don't need and spend \$10+ billion on a highway we don't need and NOT address our health care shortcomings?

Don Sargent
Caledon



Remembering where you were and where we're going

"I hate it when he gets in there!"

That phrase was uttered by Marge Simpson nearly 30 years ago, while giving, to borrow a phrase from fellow fictional icon Basil Fawlty, the dining room wall a "damned good thrashing" with a broom.

Bart retreated into this dark and damp space following a family spat. Marge may have hated it when Bart crouched down and got into this particular storage nook, but as a life-long fan of the cartoon, I didn't really see the problem at the time. After all, it was familiar territory for me!

Strange as it sounds, when I was about that perennial age of Bart's, I loved a good crawlspace and all the possibilities they might hold. My grandmother's, for instance, was nothing short of a treasure trove that I still don't feel, decades after the sale of her house, fully revealed its secrets.

Reminders of the past were thrown in there with apparently little rhyme or reason. In one dusty corner, there was a mercifully clean military bedpan. In another, boxes of well-worn Nancy Drew mysteries. Elsewhere, among the near-fossilized deposits left behind by a long-since-dead cat, there were odd pieces of furniture, small disused appliances, and stacks of old newspapers, magazines, and other mouldering mementos.

These newspapers, magazines and various paper goodies were usually my favourite finds as they spoke volumes about what previous generations felt were important - or, at the very least, interesting.

There were old Eaton catalogues, sheets of stamps commemorating the marriage of Grace Kelly to Prince Rainier of Monaco, scrapbooks on the wedding of Princess Margaret and the Moon Landing, and, shedding a light on the tumult of this period in time, scads of clippings and entire newspapers and magazines commemorating the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert F. Kennedy.

I can't say with absolute certainty what my forebears' intentions were when they squirreled those items away, but they were an education for this guy all those many years later. Looking back, I feel they not only gave me an appreciation of history, but context for the world we're living in today, and our place as individuals within it.

They also served to spark an interest in current events and attune my young brain to game-changing moments in our own history that were happening in real-time.



BROCK'S BANter

Brock Weir

At the time of the crawlspace exploration and excavation, I was able to ask my parents and grandparents questions as I uncovered pieces of the past, including how it felt to live through any one of these very important, era-defining historical events, for better or worse, and their reminiscences stick with me to this day.

They certainly had their fair share of "I remember where I was when X happened..." moments, and my generation has as well, but I have to say these types of moments are happening at too quick a pace these days. In fact, with one happening on what feels to be a near-weekly basis now, it's feeling... well, it isn't right to say the novelty has worn off, nor is "excitement" the right word in this context, but it's feeling a bit threadbare.

It or we?

This past Saturday afternoon saw another one of those, "Do you remember where you were when..." moments when news broke that Donald Trump had been injured in an apparent assassination attempt at a Pennsylvania campaign rally.

A game-changer by any stretch of the imagination, no matter what your political leanings, it would have ordinarily been a moment where the world would stop to catch its breath and try to make sense of it all. Where I happened to be, on a long-awaited beach day, there was very little of that as many people checked their phones, made a comment or two, and went on with the rest of their day.

Yet, images soon rolled out, each one more evocative than the last. One knew they would come to be among the images that defined a campaign if not the decade, or even the first quarter of the twenty-first century, and yet...

And yet with no disrespect intended to the family of the person who lost their life in this incident, nor to the Trump family, in many respects it felt like just another violent landmark on the road of uncertainty - on which we're all very weary travellers.

In a speech following the incident,

President Biden said, "The political rhetoric in this country has gotten very heated.... American democracy is where arguments are made in good faith... where the rule of law is respected."

"It's time to cool it down," he continued. "We all have a responsibility to do that."

The incumbent is very correct.

In just about every part of the democratic world, political heat is reaching scorching levels. In the United States, over the last decade, the thermostat has been cranked to such an extent that as far as political rhetoric is concerned, it's often accompanied by threats of, or sadly, even the manifestation of violence and unrest.

Similarly, when it comes to gun violence in the country, such as the example on Saturday, many of the decision-makers have appeared resigned to messages of "thoughts and prayers" rather than real action that will ultimately make a difference.

In this country, we've heard from First Nations leaders that, following the initial flurry of coverage following the discovery of children's graves associated with residential schools and the subsequent discoveries each, unfortunately, garnering less attention and outrage than the last, there might be something of a news "fatigue" on this file.

Is that the case here? Is it fatigue? Is it resignation? Have we been so desensitized over the years that something that would have defined a generation a few decades ago is greeted with a sigh and/or a brace for the next proverbial shoe to drop?

It's hard to say, but wading through today's political discourse, adapting as many "new normals" as a once-in-a-century pandemic required, and one "unprecedented" national and international event after another, can leave people, regardless of generation, mentally and emotionally exhausted.

Collectively, however, we can't let it get the better of us. Real issues with long-standing consequences haven't magically gone away or been consigned to the backburner. It's incumbent on everyone, regardless of where they live, to stay informed, vigilant and focused on the issues that matter to them. If we don't, we get the future we deserve.

I just shudder to think of future generations finding the mementos, however dispiriting and grim, we saved to remind us of "landmarks" in our own lives that are coming fast and furious at us.

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On the Record!

This boot jack (66.1.9) was used to help remove muddy or snowy boots without sullyng the wearer's hands. For the case of Canadians, probably to remove boots at the door too. The user would step on the back to stabilize the jack with one foot and place the booted foot in between the prongs and pull upwards, releasing the foot from the footwear. Boot jacks were first patented in 1887 and came in several materials. This one is made of cast iron and intricately shaped, implying a more habitual use. Today one sometimes needs to be "jacked" themselves to release a tightly fitted boot!



INSIDE AURORA

Scott Johnston

Cell Service

There are many challenges here in Town, such as navigating your way through road construction, or finding a parking spot for a Concert in the Park.

But I never counted returning a lost cell phone as one of them – until now.

I do a lot of walking, and as I've mentioned in a previous column, often find things... driver's licenses, clothing, purses, dog tags, sports equipment, health cards, money... I never know what I'll come across.

Recently, I added a cell phone to my list of discoveries.

But to whom did it belong? Of course, it didn't say "property of (name)" on the back.

It was already turned on, but was locked. Not wanting to pry into the contents, which would in any case have involved trying thousands of PIN combinations, I had to use another approach to identify the owner. Most cell phones allow one to phone a designated emergency contact without the need to use a PIN. This would be handy in a medical or other urgent situation if someone else needed to use your phone to call a contact on your behalf. So I accessed that directory, only to find that there was no emergency contact entered. Striking out there, I thought of where I found it, which was near two schools. I called the schools to see if anyone had reported a phone missing. No one had so far, but they took my information down just in case. In the meantime, I kept an ear open for the phone to ring, thinking that unless it was a telemarketer, whoever was calling would know to whom the phone belonged. Of course, the first time it happened I was driving and by the time I could answer safely, the phone had stopped ringing. The screen just noted a missed call, and not the number of the caller, so I couldn't ring them back. The next time it rang (this cell phone owner was popular) I tried to answer, but no matter how many times I pressed the answer button, and every other button, it wouldn't connect. Eventually the phone stopped ringing, and I'd missed out again.

This happened again shortly afterwards, so relying on this person's network of contacts was also not an identification option. Scans of local social media did not note anyone looking for a lost phone. I then contacted the manufacturer. After much bouncing between people, I finally reached someone who said that they could not assist in any way. Even if I gave them the serial number, they couldn't identify the owner. They said to call the police.

Unsure that this lost and found issue was a 911 situation, I next tried the cell provider, this time going directly to their shop in Town. Realizing this was a bit of stretch, I explained I'd found the lost and locked phone and was there any way they could figure out who owned it. "No problem", the man said with a smile, handing me back the phone to unlock for him.

I explained (with much patience) that if I could unlock the phone, I could figure out myself who owned it, and wouldn't be standing here asking for his help. His sunny demeanor vanished, and shooing me out the door, he told me to call the police.

So away I went to Don Hillock Drive, and handed it off to a person who, to my surprise, was apparently responsible for lost cell phones.

Glad to be rid of this frustratingly uncommunicative communication device, I returned home and ensured I had an emergency contact entered into my own cell phone.

Feel free to e-mail Scott at: machellscorners@gmail.com

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As we enjoy the warmth of summer, I want to take a moment to connect with you. This season is a time for spending time with family and friends and enjoying the natural beauty that surrounds us.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the beautiful weather. Explore our parks, enjoy local events, and support small businesses. Ontario is offering free admission to provincial parks from July 19, making this a great opportunity to spend more time outdoors.

On July 18, we join the global community in celebrating Nelson

Mandela International Day, a day dedicated to recognizing the life and legacy of one of the world's most renowned leaders. Nelson Mandela's unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity continues to serve as a source of inspiration.

So, let us use this day as a reminder to reach out to those in need and work towards a society where every individual is treated with respect. Whether through volunteering,

community initiatives, or simple acts of kindness, we can commemorate President Mandela's legacy by making a positive impact in our neighbourhoods.

As always, my top priority is to be your voice and to be there for you, the residents of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill. Whether it is addressing your concerns, supporting local initiatives, or facilitating opportunities for growth, I am dedicated to making our riding a place where everyone can succeed. I look forward to continuing to serve as your representative at Queen's Park.



GETTING THINGS DONE

Mayor Tom Mrakas

Last week at Council, York Region presented a new pilot program that the Region will implement to help alleviate traffic issues at the intersection of St. John's Sideroad and Old Yonge Street.

This area has long been a problem for traffic. During peak hours, turning left onto Old Yonge Street causes backups on St. John's Sideroad. Unfortunately, traffic lights can't be installed because the intersection is only about 100 meters from the main intersection of St. John's and Yonge Street.

I have asked the Region to look at this issue many times and work on solutions. After months of analyzing traffic patterns, the Region has proposed a pilot program that

prohibits left turns in all directions during peak hours, Monday to Friday. This would keep traffic flowing and eliminate the backlog caused by left turns.

The pilot will begin in mid-August with new signage being installed.

For the first few weeks, enforcement will focus on educating drivers. The Region will be communicating this change to residents by sending out flyers to the neighborhood via mail, and the new on-street signs will be highly visible to make everyone aware of the new restrictions.

During this pilot, the Region will

monitor traffic patterns. If the pilot is successful, the Region will re-evaluate after one year to see if the changes should become permanent or if additional changes are needed to improve traffic flow and safety in the area.

I want to thank the staff at the Region for their work, and I am hopeful that this pilot will be successful in the long term. I will keep everyone updated on when the on-street signs are installed and of the exact date that the restrictions will take effect.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email tmrakas@aurora.ca or by phone 905-726-4746. I am here for you.

Aurora salutes Leaders of Tomorrow with John West Scholarship

BY BROCK WEIR

Student leaders were honoured Town Hall last week with the John West Memorial Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

Established by the Town of Aurora following a bequest from late Aurora mayor John West, the scholarship honours two high school graduates each year who are moving on to post-secondary



Dr. G.W. Williams grad Ananya Murlidharan, who was awarded the 2024 John West Memorial Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship alongside Anika Radulescu of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, was celebrated at Town Hall by Council, family and friends last week. Radulescu participated remotely in the ceremony, and Mayor Mrakas said he would present the award in-person at the earliest opportunity. **Auroran photos by Glenn Rodger**



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education, whether it is university or college, who have shown a remarkable commitment to leadership within their school or wider community.

This year's recipients are Ananya Murlidharan, who graduated from Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School last month, along with Anika Radulescu, a recent graduate of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Secondary School.

"Ananya will be attending McMaster University next year where she plans to study, make lifelong friendships and

discover her future," said Miranda Link, Youth and Community Development Coordinator for the Town of Aurora, in a presentation to Council. "This year's first winner is Anaya Murlidharan who recently graduated from Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School. Ananya will be attending McMaster University next year where she plans to study, make lifelong friendships and discover her future. Ananya has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, consistently making honour roll throughout her academic career. As the vice president and head editor of the school newspaper, Words by Wildcats, she has empowered her fellow writers. Her leadership extends beyond academics as seen in her roles as an English tutor and executive member of Change by Coffee and fundraising coach for Relay for Life.

"Her dedication to volunteerism is equally impressive. At the Sringeri Vidy Bharati Foundation, she has contributed over 350 hours supporting events and community engagement, creating a vibrant and inclusive space for all. Her efforts have been recognized with several awards, including the Youth Volunteer Award, Ontario Volunteer Service Youth Award, and the Give Back Award. Ananya's commitment to volunteerism, leadership and personal excellence exemplifies the qualities we strive to honour and inspire in our youth. Her dedication not only enriches the lives of those around her, but also gives us hope for a brighter future."

Ananya was present in Council Chambers on July 9 to receive her scholarship, while Radulescu participated in the presentation remotely, with Mayor

Tom Mrakas promising to present the scholarship in person when possible.

Radulescu, who will begin her post-secondary studies in Business Administration at Brock University this fall, pursuing an International Double Degree program, was saluted for her long-standing drive to give back to Aurora.

"Anika's commitment to volunteerism is evident through her extensive involvement at the Aurora Community Tennis Centre where she has dedicated over 138 hours teaching tennis and promoting an active lifestyle among the youth," said Link. "She has also been instrumental in revitalizing tennis at St. Max, serving as a team captain and inspiring her peers to embrace sportsmanship and teamwork. In addition to her athletic achievements, Anika's excelled academically as a member of the Advanced Placement and French Immersion programs, consistently achieving honour roll status throughout her High School career. Her leadership as Athletic Council President has not only fostered a spirit of inclusivity and participation, but has also contributed to the growth of the school's athletics community and won her the athletic leadership award.

"Her commitment to community service extends beyond sports as shown by her participation in Town events and charitable initiatives, including the Aurora Food Pantry and various other school-driven food drives. Anika's dedication to making a positive impact in Aurora exemplifies the values that we celebrate today."



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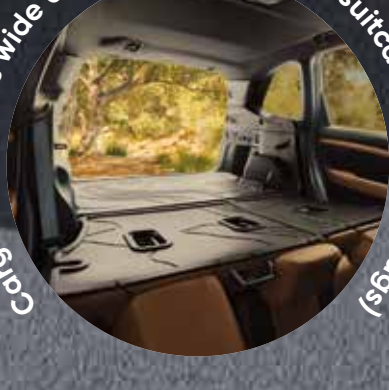
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Machell's Alley returns as community gathering space in downtown core



Picnic tables decorated with orange-painted hand-prints by members of the public at events related to Truth & Reconciliation, feature prominently in Machell's Alley this season.

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BY BROCK WEIR

The grand opening of Aurora Town Square might still be two months away, but another community gathering space in Aurora's downtown core is now ready to welcome guests.

Lights have been hung, picnic tables have been placed, and umbrellas have been unfurled on the east side of Yonge Street, just south of Wellington Street, signalling the return of Machell's Alley.

Located on the site of a vacant lot between Old Town Hall and the Clocktower building that once served as Aurora's post office, it is hoped that Machell's Alley will once again serve as a focal point for people in the core, and also as a venue for live music and other attractions this summer.

Machell's Alley, the name of which honours early founders of what is now Aurora, has been resurrected in partnership with the Town, the Aurora Economic Development Corporation, Downtown Aurora BIA, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Explore Aurora, Central Counties Tourism, and property owner Yonge Developments Inc.

The space, according to Lisa Hausz, Manager of Economic Development and Policy for the Town of Aurora, has value in supporting local business and, of course, being complementary to Aurora Town Square, just metres down the street.

"The value is in place-making in the downtown and supporting Aurora Town Square and the businesses in the local area, having a gathering space that is open air and casual for people just to come in and enjoy the space and downtown," she says. "The other value in revitalization is our future streetscape design and how it can incorporate parking and gathering space with businesses in the downtown."

"[This year] we had the opportunity of working with the owner and it took some time to really decide if we're going to be able to do it this year or not. We tried to get it open for Canada Day, we did, and we're pretty pleased about that."

Since the launch of Machell's Alley in previous seasons, Joanne Russo of the Aurora BIA says she's been encouraged by the uptake from local residents and employees in the business community.

"It was just a significant place of gathering," says Russo. "People were ordering dinners, having their dinners at the table, cars driving by... were always looking at the space. It brought some livelihood to the area and [brought] a place of gathering. I thought it was a great success."

Adds realtor and BIA Board Member Mauro Bucci: "All these business owners want different ways to get people down here and this is following their request. This supports what they are looking for, so we're trying to get people in downtown Aurora [like] families. I think it is great. They can come and sit and have a meal or just be downtown."

Representing the Town on the Board of the BIA are Councillors Ron Weese (Ward 1) and Rachel Gilliland (Ward 2). Councillor Weese says the Town has "always been interested in the revitalization of this area" and the return of Machell's Alley is a step in the right direction.

"This is one part, a start of the process in doing that," he says. "It's not going to be done overnight; you have to start somewhere and this is a great place to start."

Adds Councillor Gilliland: "I attended a lot of the events when we had Machell's Alley before and saw how successful it was. I do feel the community did get an idea of what's going on in this space: it created that curiosity in what is going on downtown. I think it creates excitement and that's what we want. We want people walking, stores bustling, we want people to get excited being down here, and we want the businesses to thrive. Residents like to walk and shop, and socialize, and I think that's what we're really trying to do. We do have Town Square right down the road, so I think it is good connectivity between that, Town Square, Town Park and our markets. I think it brings it all together."

One of the factors that made Machell's Alley a success in the previous seasons were live music performances.

Hausz says her office has received interest from performers and artists to once again activate the space going forward this season and interested parties can reach out through the Town's Engage Aurora platform at engageaurora.ca or to Hausz directly at LHausz@aurora.ca.

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Town Hall picked as location for Community Reflection Space

BY BROCKWEIR

Aurora's planned Community Reflection Space will be located at Town Hall.

The location for the Reflection Space, which was an initiative proposed by Aurora's Indigenous Relations Committee in 2023, was formally approved by Council last week.

Town Hall was long on the shortlist of potential locations around Town, with the east end of the nearby Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park being among the preferred spots. Other locations considered included Lambert Willson Park and Town Park, but the amenities located within the municipal building helped the Town Hall forecourt win the day.

Following Council's approval on July 9, design work will now begin to transform the spot, just to the east of Town Hall's main entrance, where the Town's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony took place prior to the pandemic, into a space where residents can come together in times of trouble and challenge.

Potential designs and budget will be the subject of further Council review and approval.

"During consultation, staff learned that selecting a location that is publicly connected and provides a level of privacy best supports the mandate of the Community Reflection Space," said Michelle Johnson, Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator for the Town of Aurora, in a report to Council, noting that, in addition to residents, consultation included York Regional Police and Oasis Bereavement.

"A designated Community

Reflection Space acknowledges the complexity of emotions evoked during tragic circumstances," Johnson continued on why the parks didn't ultimately make the cut. "These sentiments are not consistent with those expressed during casual recreation activities, sports competitions, special events or celebratory gatherings. During consultation, staff heard that the juxtaposition of uses would not be conducive to the goals of the Community Reflection Space.

"This concern is especially relevant for Town Park, where the density of existing amenities makes it challenging to redefine an area. Staff also heard this concern when discussing Lambert Willson Park, which has an active trail system, a playground, multiple types of sports fields, and regularly hosts baseball tournaments. To a much lesser extent, this concern was shared when discussing Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park, which contains a playground, soccer field, and landscaped pathway. The layout and design of Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park tempered this concern as the recreation-based features are largely located at the west side, and the area being considered is at the far east side."

The Town Hall location was unanimously approved by Council on a vote of 7-0, but Ward 2 Councillor Rachel Gilliland indicated some hesitation on the designated space.

"We were talking about a Reflection Space and how great of an idea it was; we had this vision it was going to be in a serene park, somewhere that was quiet, or somewhere where we could have

a moment of reflection for a lack of a better term," she said. "I read through the report and some of the comments...all seemed to circle back to Town Hall."

The approved location, she added, was on a "very busy corner" of the Town Hall property.

"I just think we can do better." Robin McDougall, Aurora's Director of Community Services, said the recommended corner had been used in the past as a gathering space and municipal staff today currently use it to take a few quiet moments throughout the day, such as enjoying their lunch on one of the benches already in place.

"It is a busy corner [but] it is somewhat tucked away and down grade from a busy street, tucked away behind the retaining walls. When it comes to actually a peaceful environment, some would say that it already is that," said McDougall. "I agree with you - a park setting would...provide a lot more of that as well, but when they looked at the evaluations of all the possible variations on how the space could be utilized, Town Hall, through all the vetting, landed that it was the most suitable. I think there are pros and cons to this site as there was with all the parks as well for various reasons."

Noting she was "surprised" by the final recommendation, Councillor Gilliland asked what happened to interest expressed by the Aurora Seniors' Centre to put itself forward as a potential location with a gazebo.

"That is still a possibility if the seniors wish to propose the gazebo idea [but] it was not part of a public reflection space," said McDougall.

"Our concern, as I believed I relayed to you, would be the intention of this Community Reflection Space is it could gather quite a large group, it could be very political at times depending on the content of what the subject matter may be. It would have to be understood by the Seniors it was very public and wide-open, it couldn't be an exclusive site or location. I think in determination of the four sites that were proposed was based on the capacity, this space that was available, would not preclude the seniors from still proposing from having their gazebo if they wished to have that project."

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Auroran cartoonist launches third volume of collected work

BY BROCK WEIR

Slow and steady wins the race – it was the mantra of the fabled tortoise when he took on the quick-footed hare.

But what if the tortoise was more of a hare in tortoises' clothing? We wouldn't venture a guess as to who would win here, but it's a theme that's explored through art by Auroran cartoonist Scott Johnston.

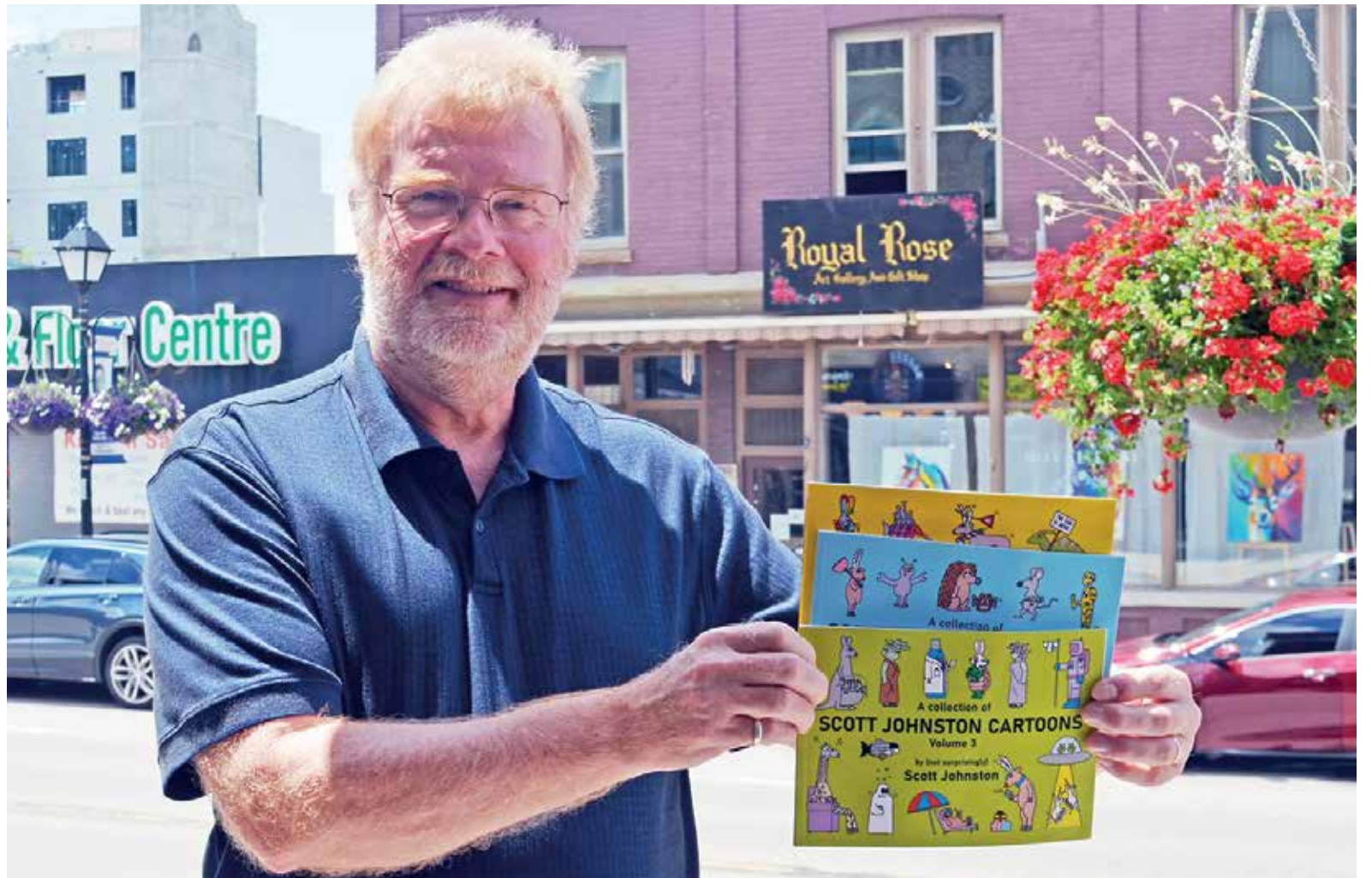
Johnston hasn't followed the mantra of "slow and steady," instead he's been hard at work collecting his non-editorial cartoons, producing two volumes in as many years.

And now the third volume is here for eager eyes.

Johnston's third volume of cartoons launched last week and is now on sale at Aurora's Royal Rose Gallery.

"I've been having so much fun cartooning; retirement has been so wonderful – getting out of my real job, I really needed that so much," says Johnston. "When I was working full-time, I could do a cartoon a week for The Auroran but I really didn't have time to do more than that. Once I retired and paused for a bit at the start of COVID, I started cartooning and it has been so much fun connecting with other cartoonists, getting their feedback."

As The Auroran's in-house cartoonist, art created for these pages, more often than not, focuses on hyper-local issues. Since his



Cartoonist Scott Johnston displays his latest volume of collected works outside the Royal Rose Gallery, where copies are being sold.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

retirement, Johnston has trained his pen further afield, particularly towards what he describes as "gag cartoons" that were, at first, just for him, but now for a growing band of online fans and followers.

"I let my mind go wild, which I can't do on editorial stuff, where I have boundaries and a very specific

subject matter of Aurora. Here, the sky is the limit," he explains. "It is literally anything. I like to challenge myself. I'll go, 'I really want to do a cartoon about Isaac Newton' or something and I'll think about it. Sometimes I'll think of something right away and sometimes it'll be two years later. It is fun challenging yourself and thinking of things you think will be fun."

Johnston has always been a cartoonist at heart.

As a child, he grew up copying some of his favourite funnies on paper, creating his own strips and characters as well, and, about 25 years ago, found a wider outlet for his work through the now-defunct Aurora Creative Connection and, a short time later, through The Auroran, where founder Ron Wallace handed over space on Page 5 for Johnston's unique take on the community.

Outside of his newspaper creations, one such recent cartoon is one about the aforementioned tortoise and hare. Proving particularly popular on social media, it's among the work curated in this third published volume.

"I don't just plug every cartoon I draw into these volumes. I do try to be selective, to pick out the better and the more popular ones, and getting feedback on social media helps me identify which ones are working

and which ones aren't," he says. "Sometimes it surprises me – the ones I think are wonderful it's kind of a 'crickets' reaction [and] one that I don't think is that exceptional will be extremely popular."

This collection of cartoons, unlike previous volumes, includes not only more commentary from the artist on the inspiration behind the pieces, but also works in progress so viewers can see how each has been developed and honed.

While he says he isn't publishing his art to make a profit, the fun and joy it brings is reward enough.

"It feels good when people buy the book and get back to you," he says. "It also feels good to be a part of the cartooning community. Since my retirement, I am more linked in and now that I have more time, getting feedback and recognition from [other cartoonists] is really rewarding. I was accepted into the National Cartoonists' Society, a major cartooning organization... based on the gag cartoons I have been doing... that was really rewarding to get that."

As to a fourth volume, stay tuned, he says.

"I'm going to keep plowing ahead. I am fairly confident there will be a Volume 4. As long as I keep coming up with ideas, I'll keep plowing ahead!"

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Early Bird Gets the Worm is Cultural Centre's last exhibition before return to Town Square



(LEFT) Jonah Strub displays one of his eye-catching ceramic creations at Town Hall as part of the Cultural Centre's ongoing "Early Bird Gets the Worm" exhibition. (RIGHT) Artist Carrie Perreault is pictured amongst sculpted pieces representing the hidden parts of a home.

Auroran photos by Brock Weir

BY BROCK WEIR

As garage and yard sale season continues through the summer, so too does an art exhibition inspired by all the weird, wacky and unusual things you might find on this seasonal treasure hunt.

The Aurora Cultural Centre's latest exhibition, *Early Bird Gets the Worm*, opened this spring in the Centre's temporary gallery space at Town Hall. Slated to be the final exhibition in the stop-gap space before the Centre returns to its traditional home in the Church Street School, now part of the Aurora Town Square redevelopment, in September, there are still plenty of opportunities to engage with the curated art, which covers everything from landscapes made out of leather, "drag" ceramics, and even artistic interpretations of some of the less visible parts of the home.

"I am interested in residential architecture and I'm interested also in these hidden systems that exist within our homes that make the home possible," says sculptor and multimedia artist Carrie Perreault, whose pieces inspired by parts of HVAC systems can be found throughout Town Hall's second floor. "A house doesn't really work if it doesn't have heating and cooling, if it doesn't have plumbing – those invisible systems that make it possible. It's also how that translates into our relationships within our own family and all the invisible systems within our family and how, for better or worse, those systems are often very necessary for how our family structures work."

Perreault often works in cement and plaster, but also drywall and asphalt.

She wants viewers to be just as curious as she is about materials and leave with their own idea of what her work is, or isn't – and with more than 225 individual pieces as part of the show, there's plenty of food for thought.

Orono-based Caledon native David Trotter also works in a medium that challenges the idea of what's possible.

His work with landscapes and other pastoral scenes – many of which were inspired by heritage images of Aurora's past in agriculture – are tooled out of leather which appears to be anything but cowhide.

Additional participating artists include Phuong Nguyen who explores the art style of Chinoiserie and how it relates to Asian identity and Joejene Santos who, in this case, has used the humble t-shirt as his canvas of choice.

"They wanted it palatable for European sensibilities," says Nguyen of Asian-inspired porcelain

and designs that come under the Chinoiserie umbrella. "That orientalism was interesting to me. I'm someone who was born and raised here; no matter how I see the world it is going to be from a very Eurocentric, western perspective. Understanding my own culture and the people that I come from, the country my family comes from – through a western understanding of things is something I grappled with for a long time.

"No demographic is a monolith. The East Asian diaspora, it came from a place of curiosity. We recognize this material as something that references us, our people and our artwork. What are you trying to say with it? Where's it coming from?"

Ceramics have also inspired Jonah Strub.

Strub, whose drag alter ego is known as Loxanne Creamcheese, has always been attracted to what he describes as "the aesthetics of kitsch and camp" and how it relates to Queer identity and Jewish heritage.

"You see it quite a bit in musical theatre, in comedy, and if you think about all of these extremely campy women – there's like Ellen Greene in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Harvey Fierstein in *Hairspray* – I have always been so fascinated and excited by the joy they bring and how I felt it represented me in a way," he says. "I really brought my own persona of my drag alter ego to embody those aesthetics I have always been drawn to and I find my work it is really important to me in filling a gap I always felt existed in the art world where I never had art I necessarily connected with. Queer art is very political, very sexual.... I wanted to create work that brought joy, was accessible, had a lot of fun, was really colourful. I wanted people with a worldview and upbringing similar to mine to feel a lot of joy when they see my work.

"I really just want people to laugh. There are so many terrible things we can focus on. There are so many miserable, very heavy topics. I want to bring joy and happiness to people and I want to bring a lightness. I want to share my culture and my identity in a way that brings people in, makes people excited, and makes other gay and Jewish people feel represented and happy and excited. That's my goal."

For more on the ongoing exhibition, visit auroraculturalcentre.ca/early-bird-gets-the-worm. The in-person exhibition runs through August 10, continuing online through August 30.

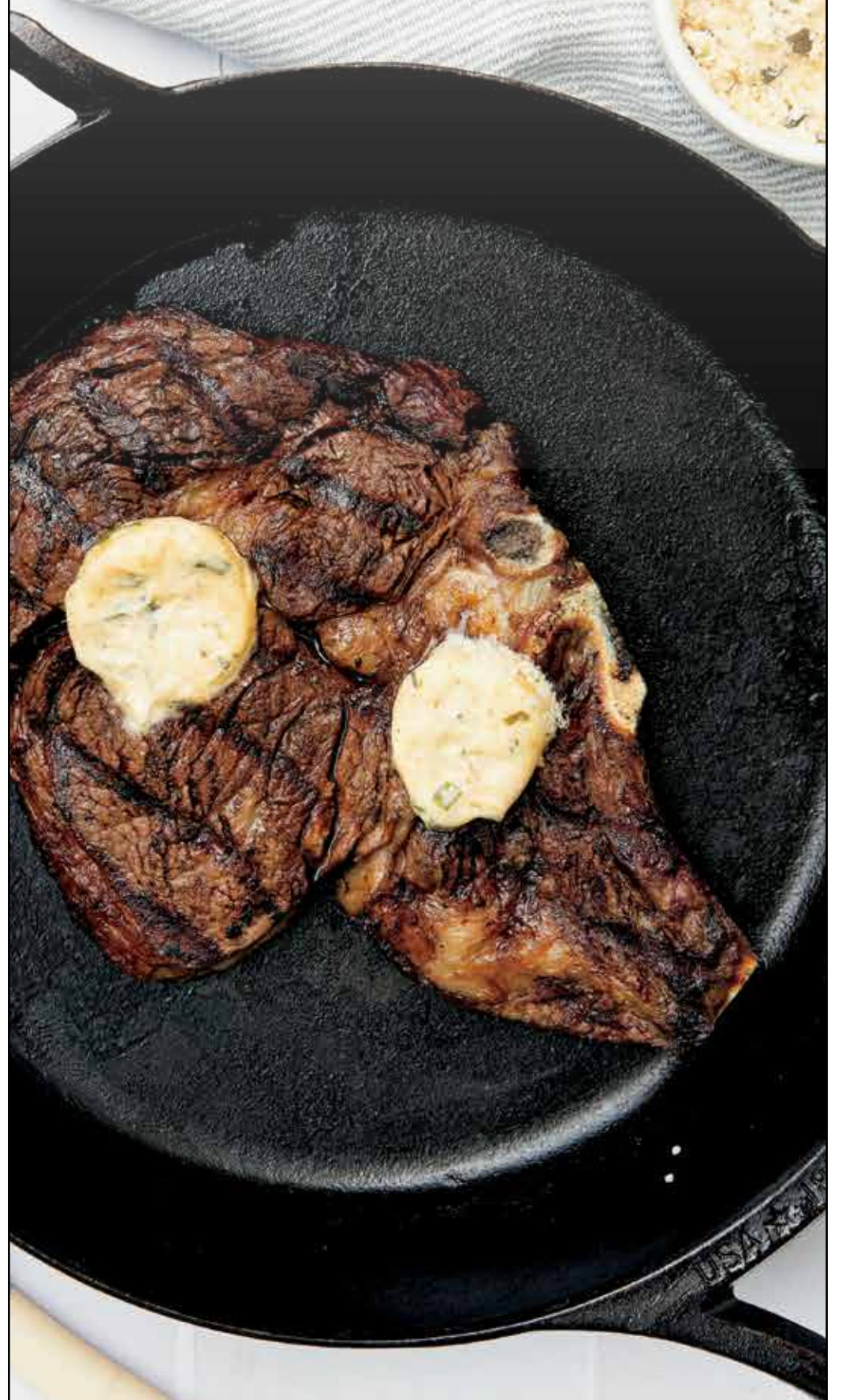


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Rain doesn't dampen the "Journey" at Concerts in the Park



Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of music lovers last Wednesday, July 10, as the Town of Aurora's popular summer Concerts in the Park series welcomed Grand Evolution: A Tribute to Styx and Journey. (Clockwise from Top Right) The tribute band wowed the crowds from the bandshell while revellers danced in the rain. Also enjoying the show were Kim and Doug, Gail and Annette, and Owen and Blake.

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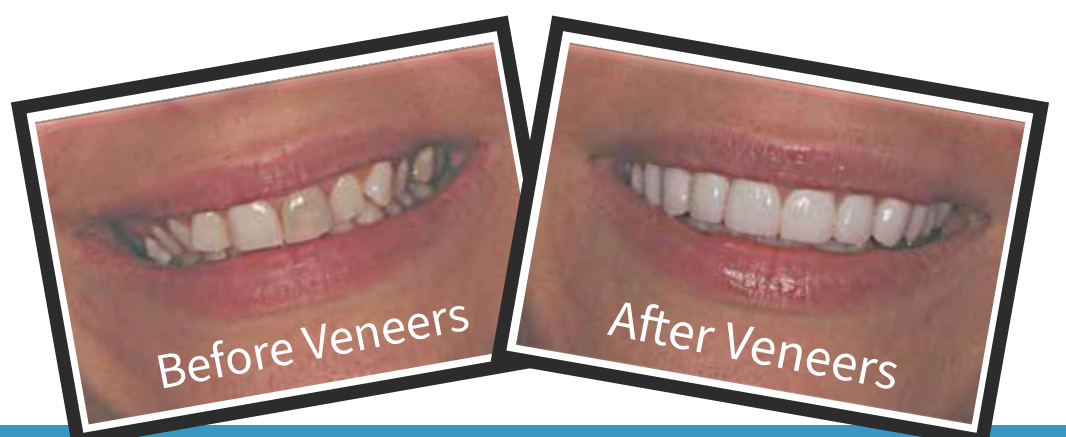


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Beresfords bring music of Taylor Swift to Town Park next week

Aurora's popular Concerts in the Park series continues July 24

BY BROCK WEIR

If you haven't been able to snag a coveted ticket to Taylor Swift's Eras tour, you're not alone – but, if you want to hear the music of Taylor Swift live, Aurora has you covered.

This Wednesday, July 24, the Aurora-based band The Beresfords will take over the Town Park Band Shell with the songs Swifties have come to love as the Town's Concerts in the Park series continues.

The Beresfords, comprised of brother-sister duo Brendan and Shannon, have seen their careers go from strength to strength since their debut album dropped in 2017 and have been a mainstay of stages both local and national.

This latest program of Swift material, says Shannon, has "snowballed organically" since they launched it three years ago, but the wildly popular singer's music has never been too far in the background for them.

"We have always done at least one Taylor song at any of our sets for the last few years and the response we get every time is just overwhelming," says Shannon. "It's undeniable the effect her music has had on people. She had an influence on my own song-writing and my own approach just to being a woman in the music industry and to some level, but I think she appeals to other people because she really keeps her heart on her sleeve and she writes what she feels. She doesn't really sugar-coat things or beat around the bush; she writes what she knows and she knows what makes sense to her and what comes to her.

"As much as we are all different and have unique experiences, we all share very similar emotional capacities and feelings, so at some point a Taylor Swift song is going to connect with you, whether you want it to or not, because she has a way of writing for so many scenarios and so many types of heartache, joy and happiness. It clicks with so many people, I think. It's fun playing her music and seeing how it just brings people together."

The Beresfords – which also includes bandmates Carlos, Nick and Graham – have become a multitalented well-oiled machine and the development of a set is very much a collaborative process.

"Everyone is just open to try new things, trying different arrangements or songs we have never played before," says Shannon. "I think that's what continually inspires myself as a performer and a songwriter, but it's also about being in a band because it is never just the same old thing. We love what we do, we have so much fun doing it and we inspire each other constantly, trying to change it up...and seeing what we can do to make it the most fun, that people will see we're having so much fun they can't help but want to be a part of it."

To be a part of this Wednesday's evening of music from the Taylor Swift songbook, join the Beresfords at Town Park.

Concerts in the Park run from 7 – 9 p.m. each Wednesday through to the end of August.

Concerts are free, but donations to the Aurora Food Pantry are encouraged.

Vendors will be on site beginning at 6 p.m.

For a full lineup, visit aurora.ca/summerconcerts.



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Southlake to celebrate “Centennial Summer” as engagement sessions continue

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century of leading-edge care, Southlake is busy taking “snapshots” of what the next century might look like.

Throughout the first half of 2024, Southlake has held several community engagement sessions in the areas they serve, including one such event at the Aurora Armoury last month.

The next time the public can formally weigh in on the development of the hospital’s new strategic plan is a virtual event planned for July 30 from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

“We want to develop what will hopefully shape the next 100 years of care in our communities, obviously recognizing that no plan can actually plan for a whole 100 years, but this is the start of developing that plan for the future,” says Angelica Cruz, Manager of Communications and Public Affairs for Southlake Regional Health Centre.

One of the certainties in the plan is the creation of more space to meet the needs of a growing community, and this will require a new campus.

“Southlake is bursting at the seams,” says Cruz. “We know that we serve one of the largest-growing and aging populations in all of the country and we want to be able to bring that to the communities and hear directly from them about what they are hoping to see from their local hospital as we continue to grow. Access to care varies [between geographic areas] and we want to just make sure everyone is heard and everyone has the chance to really weigh in on what the future of Southlake looks like.

“I think one of the things we have heard a lot recently is, at the heart of it, Southlake’s strength is its people. We have really good people who are incredibly dedicated to providing leading-edge care, being compassionate,

and providing the right services to patients when they need them and being right there by their side in making sure they have the care they need close to home.”

During the feedback sessions, one of the questions Southlake has asked the community is what they would like their families, friends and neighbours to be saying about the hospital 10 years from now. Feedback from the Aurora session indicated residents would like to see wait times reduced, a decrease in ambulance offload times “so that patients have better access to care and emergency medical services can get back on the road faster,” and a “diversity in care” to meet the diversity of the community as a whole.

Needs and challenges seen through an Aurora lens include a difficulty in

accessing primary care and urgent care clinics, as “limited alternatives have resulted in overcrowding” in the Emergency Department. More urgent care, home care and satellite resources are needed, feedback continued, as is a streamlined process from diagnosis to treatment.

Participating residents called on Southlake to expand partnerships with fitness and wellness programs, offer education in the school environment on “general health and nutrition”, preventative education with community health fairs and other forms of outreach, support programs for seniors, including social opportunities, and to develop an education portal to serve the community in different situations, including knowing when to go to the Emergency Department.

Other calls include “culturally appropriate” services for patients, increased education on navigating the Ontario Health System, the development of a “system thinking approach focused on the aging population by expanding home care and health education to get ahead of the higher acuity curve,” and a focus on “improving staff satisfaction to better the patient experience.”

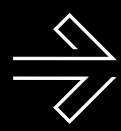
For more information on the continuing community engagement, including how to take part in the upcoming virtual session, visit southlake.ca/about-southlake/planning-for-our-future. Residents can also share their feedback via email at strategy@southlake.ca.

For full details on how Southlake is celebrating its milestone 100th anniversary, visit southlake.ca/centennial-summer.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS – On Thursday, Mayor Tom Mrakas formally cut the ribbon on the St. Andrew’s Village Courtyard Market. The Market will run at the plaza (2 Orchard Heights Boulevard) every Thursday from 4 – 7 p.m. through August 29 and will feature live music, fresh produce and baked goods, local artisans, and a pre-loved clothing pop-up, which will benefit Southlake Regional Health Centre.

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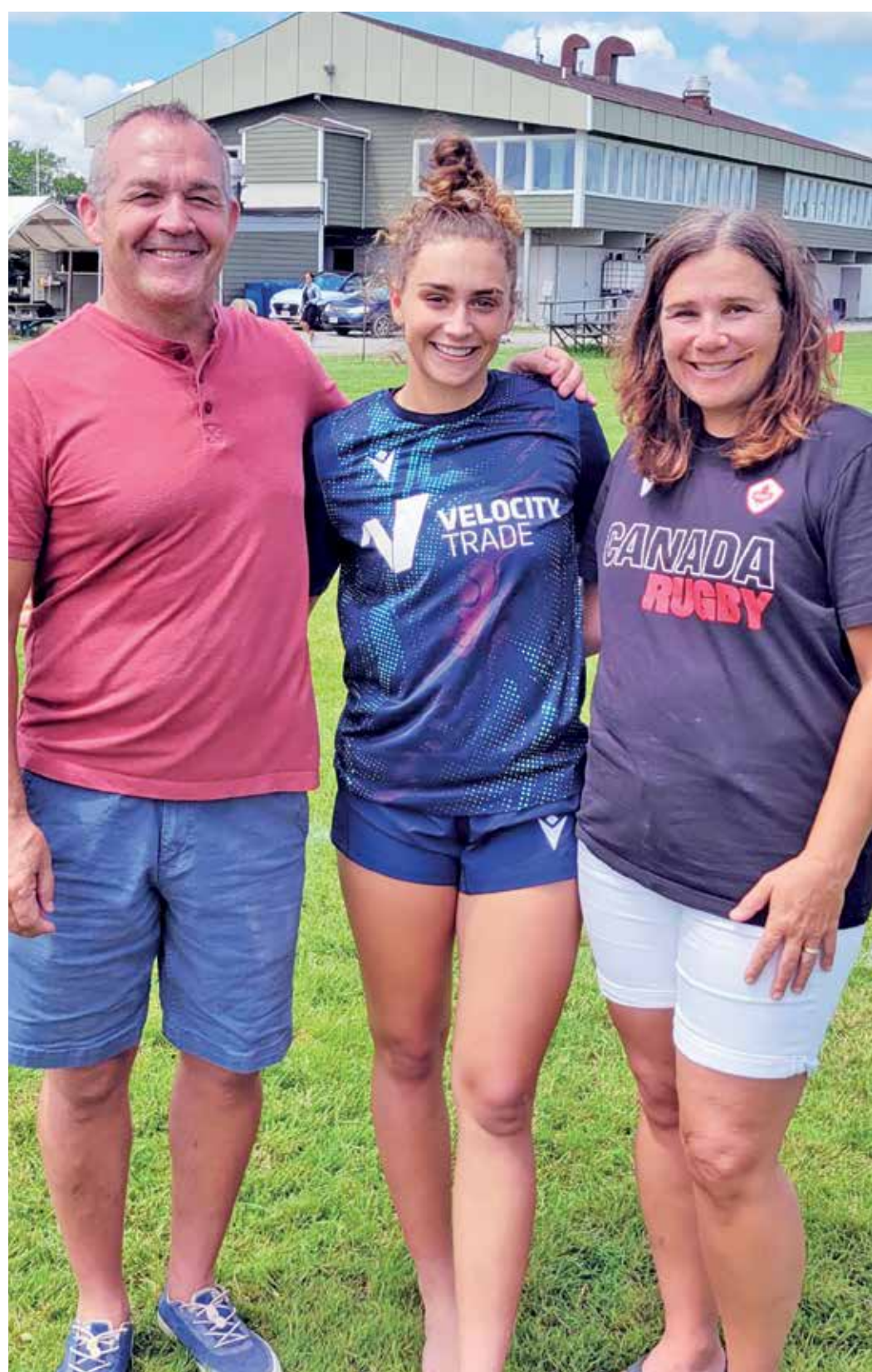
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Barbarians' Chloe Daniels named Vice-Captain of Canadian Senior Women's Rugby 7's Olympic Team



Nick, Chloe and Sue Daniels are pictured at Fletcher's Field.

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BY JIM STEWART

Chloe Daniels has had a year of stratospheric achievements with Canada's Rugby Sevens team.

Last August, Daniels' squad qualified for the Paris Olympics by going undefeated in the 2023 Americas North Sevens Regional Qualification event in Langford, British Columbia. Team Canada crushed Mexico 53-0 in the final.

Earlier in 2023, Daniels helped lead the National 7s team to a silver medal at the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile. This year, she led the team in points during the 2024 HSBC SVNS Series with 131. To cap off 12 months of meteoric team and personal accomplishments,

Daniels was named officially to the Senior Women's Rugby 7s Olympic team and designated as its Vice-Captain on Wednesday—quite a feat for a 21-year old.

After a Team Canada recognition dinner on Wednesday evening in Toronto, amid an Aurora Barbarians' celebration on Thursday afternoon in Markham, and just prior to her imminent departure for Pearson Airport for her flight to France, Chloe Daniels maintained her steely on-field focus and discussed the prospect for national team success this month at the 2024 Olympics.

"We have Fiji, New Zealand, and China in our pool. I like our chances. It was exciting to beat New Zealand recently. It was a historic

win and gives us confidence going into pool play in Paris."

With the venerable Fletcher's Field clubhouse as backdrop, the graduate of Sutton District High School described the best part of playing for the national team that will compete at the 33rd Summer Olympiad.

"I love the people in the program—my teammates are close and we fight for one another. I've been in the national program for four years and with the Senior 7s team for three of those years. It's a special group—like a family. It's also a sisterhood—we build so much confidence and trust on the field because of our off-field connection."

The Senior Women's 7s leading scorer also feels a deep connection to both the Aurora Barbarians with whom she started playing rugby at the age of eleven and to Fletcher's Field—the much-loved rugby facility that is being decommissioned this Fall.

"I grew up playing here with the Barbs, with my high school team in Sutton. I've played in over 100 matches on these fields, but I look forward to having a new field and facilities for the Barbs. It's a successful organization and has been producing so many great players for years."

Sharing his daughter's connection to Fletcher's Field is long-time Barbarians' Coach Nick Daniels.

He described the 21-acre facility at Gamble and Leslie with reverence.

"It's iconic. I coached Chloe here for eight years and I've been going to this field as a player and coach since 1983."

The father-daughter connection through rugby was evident, especially in Coach Daniels's sentimental insights regarding Team Canada's recognition of Chloe on Wednesday night in Toronto: "Last night was pretty emotional. To see your kid's dream come true kinda chokes you up a bit. Chloe also played AA hockey for the Central York Panthers and the Panthers were at the reception at the Globe and Mail building in Toronto to show their support."

Equally-moved was Chloe's mother, Sue Daniels, who noted the significance of the recognition dinner: "Last night was special with family and friends surrounding us. The Canadian team has given Chloe so much support. It makes me feel great to be a Canadian and it's exciting for us to see her compete in the Olympics."

The patriotic spirit of her mother is not lost on Team Canada's young Vice-Captain who played OUA Rugby with the Queen's University Golden Gaels after years of starring for the Barbarians.

"I'm looking forward to going to my first Olympics. I feel proud to represent the Barbarians and my country in Paris."

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Stephen Maar and Andrew Nembhard named to Canadian Olympic Volleyball and Basketball Teams

BY JIM STEWART

Two of Sport Aurora's former Athletes of the Year have demonstrated their transition from the playground to the podium.

Stephen Maar has been named for the second time to the Canadian Men's Olympic Volleyball team and Andrew Nembhard has been named for the first time to the Canadian Men's Olympic Basketball team.

Both are jetting to Paris, France, and will don the red and white national team singlets at the 33rd Summer Olympiad.

Sport Aurora President Ron Weese said he couldn't be happier for these homegrown athletes.

"Stephen played for the Aurora Storm Volleyball Club until he was 17 before he transferred to Scarborough for more exposure. He was a multi-sport athlete. So was Andrew, who played volleyball, soccer, and basketball. They played these sports in Aurora and now we're seeing the results of our multi-sport athletes. The best athletes—like Stephen and Andrew—are

excelling in multiple sports experiences. Sports specialization at a young age has fallen out of favor since Sport Canada's change of heart almost twelve years ago. We're now seeing athletes like Stephen and Andrew developing careers and career mindsets. The evidence is very clear that high performance, multisport athletes are driven and have so many opportunities because they're smart and resourceful. Everybody in the community should be proud of the quality coaching and the great opportunities available to our local athletes. We've got high quality folks leading our member organizations and it's aspirational for our younger local athletes to see Stephen and Andrew going to the Olympics."

Maar, 29, is an outside hitter currently playing professionally for Gas Sales Piacenza in Italy. He starred with the OUA McMaster Marauders and led his team to the CIS championships every year—winning two silver medals and two bronze medals. Maar was named Best Spiker and Best Outside Hitter at the Pan Am Games in 2015 when Canada



Andrew Nembhard and Stephen Maar will represent Canada at the upcoming Olympiad in Paris.

Photos courtesy of Team Canada

placed fourth. He led three bronze medal-winning Canadian contingents at the North American championships in 2016, 2017, and 2019. Maar's Olympic debut was in Tokyo in 2020 when Canada reached the quarterfinals. He turned pro in 2016 and has played in the Italian Serie A1 for eight seasons.

Nembhard, 24, a guard who starred for the NCAA Gonzaga University Bulldogs, just completed his second season with the Indiana Pacers of the National Basketball Association. Nembhard's sparkling performances in the NBA Eastern Conference semifinals helped eliminate the New York Knicks and lifted the Pacers into the Conference Finals versus the Boston Celtics.

Nembhard's international experience includes leading Canada to a silver medal at the 2018 U18 Americas where he averaged 15.7 points and 8.8 assists over 6 games. The dynamic passer will complement Team Canada's star-studded backcourt that features Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Jamaal Murray, and RJ Barrett.



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Escape room shines light on cyber security issues

BY BROCK WEIR

A new escape room experience is set to open this summer in Aurora's downtown core, providing an immersive dip into the world of cybersecurity.

The Cybersecurity Escape Room is a joint initiative between the Town of Aurora, Emerging Aurora, and siberX, which will power the experience. It is designed to give business owners and residents alike a fun – and free – experience that will, according to organizers, “take you through a series of thrilling scenarios designed to boost your cybersecurity skills.”

“You will navigate through a meticulously crafted home, office, and hacker’s den, each filled with challenging

puzzles and realistic simulations,” they say of the experience, which will open in a former dental office on Yonge Street, just north of the Aurora Public Library. “Learn how to defend against brute force password attacks, understand the dangers of ransomware, and sharpen your awareness of phishing scams. This experience is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their cybersecurity knowledge in a fun and engaging way.”

Lisa Hausz, Aurora’s Manager of Economic Development, says she and her department were looking at how they can “best educate businesses on cybersecurity” and get through threats facing their operations.

“We wanted to come up with an



interactive way to engage them and train them at the same time,” says Hausz. “The [idea] was to open up the Cybersecurity Escape Room training centre that is free for Aurorans, free for our local businesses to come through, and it’s right in the heart of the downtown on Yonge Street next to the Library, so we’re pleased about that.”

“Some businesses don’t really understand some of the nuances [of cybersecurity] and how hackers can kind of live on their server for many months, and then all of a sudden surprise them with an attack later on. [The question was] how do we train them on that to recognize the threat? The other part of the experience, through training, is they will know what phishing is, how to identify false emails, how to double check that if

someone is sending an invoice that it isn’t a fake invoice, how to verify your vendors, and watch for your vendor connections.”

Work continues behind the scenes to make sure all the details of the experience are just right, but Hausz says the Escape Room will first put Town employees and lawmakers through their paces, then businesses and the community at large. For more information, including how to book your time, visit www.siberx.org/escape.

“One of the fun things about it is you’ll get an experience not only from an office environment, but you also see some of the nuances of what a hacker would view, or some of the vulnerabilities you might see when you go back to your business,” says Hausz.

Whooping cough on the rise in York Region: Public Health

Similar to other health units across the province, York Region is reminding residents about the importance of vaccination as cases of pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, are increasing.

From January 1 to July 4, 2024, there have been 27 reported cases of pertussis in York Region.

This is a significant increase compared to eight cases reported in all of 2023.

Pertussis is highly contagious and vaccine preventable. It infects the lungs and airways and can easily spread person-to-person through coughing or sneezing. Early symptoms of pertussis are like a cold and can include a runny nose, sneezing and cough.

With time, coughing fits become more severe and can sound like a high-pitched “whoop” when someone gasps for air. Coughing fits can also cause vomiting, loss of breath and exhaustion.

Pertussis infections can be dangerous for children under age one and pregnant individuals.

York Region advises anyone experiencing symptoms of pertussis to avoid contact with higher-risk individuals and seek medical assessment through their primary health care professional or at a walk-in clinic. Pertussis is treated with antibiotics.

Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to stop the spread of pertussis. Ontario’s routine immunization schedule recommends people receive multiple vaccinations, including boosters, against pertussis throughout their lifetime to maintain immunity against the disease. Critical times include:

Childhood: A total of four doses given at ages two, four, six and 18 months and one additional dose between ages four and six;

Teenagers: One booster dose between ages 14 and 16;

Adults: One booster dose in adulthood and once in every pregnancy, between 27 and 32 weeks to help reduce risk of disease in the newborn before they can be immunized.

If you or a family member are not up-to-date on your immunizations, please speak to your health care professional. York Region Public Health is also offering eligible students, ages four to 17, routine immunizations. For more information, visit a York Region community immunization clinic and/or book an appointment.

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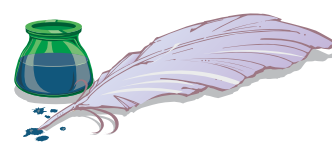
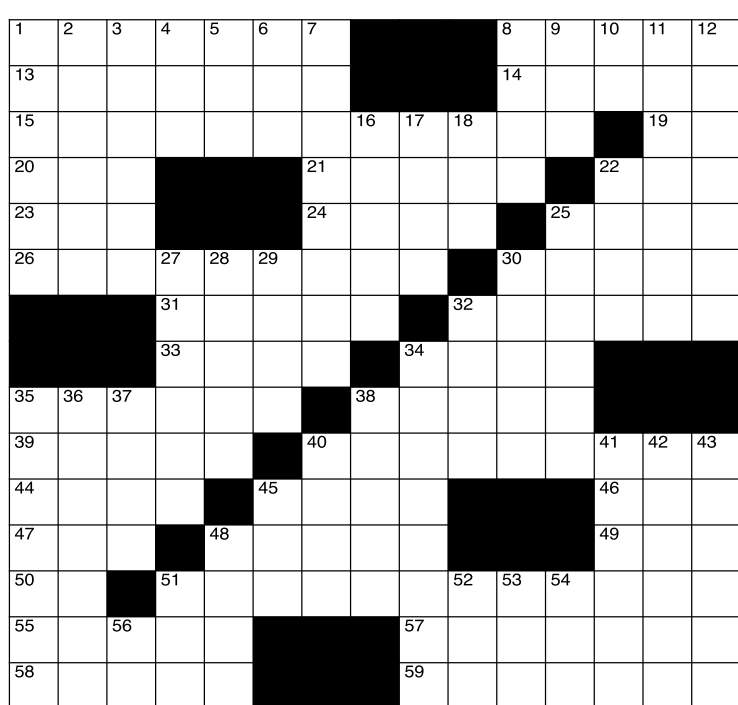
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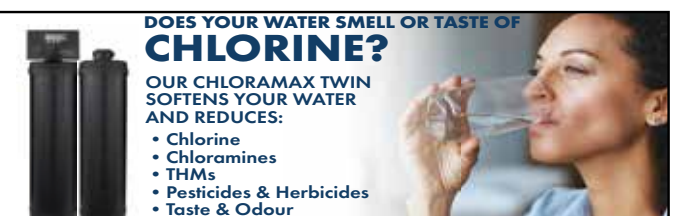


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Aurora's Concerts in the Park summer series continues tonight at Town Park with Hotel California: A Tribute to the Eagles. 7 – 9 p.m. Concerts are free, but donations to the Aurora Food Pantry are encouraged. "For over 30 years, they've captivated audiences with their masterful tribute to The Eagles' music. Boasting over a century of combined professional experience, they continue to dazzle and resonate with fans, showcasing that their passion for the music remains as strong as ever." For more, visit aurora.ca/summerconcerts.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

The Aurora Farmers' Market returns to Town Park today. Come by and shop local from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Aurora's Concerts in the Park summer series continues tonight at Town Park with The Beresfords performing Taylor Swift. 7 – 9 p.m. Concerts are free, but donations to the Aurora Food Pantry are encouraged. "To all the Swifties, don't miss this incredible concert night. The Beresfords bring the incredible music of Taylor Swift to life. No lawn chairs, only dancing shoes will be needed for this summer concert, as you will be dancing and singing the entire evening." For more, visit aurora.ca/summerconcerts.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

The Aurora Farmers' Market returns to Town Park today. Come by and shop local from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

The Aurora Historical Society's Speakers Series continues this evening with Arlene Chan, speaking on the subject of Chinese-Canadian Game Changers. A hybrid presentation will take place from 7 – 8.30 p.m. Pioneers, heroes and game changers – extraordinary Chinese-Canadians defied the odds and overcame challenges to make a lasting difference. Stories of courage and determination celebrate their legacies. Arlene Chan has written seven books and contributed to numerous publications about the history, culture and traditions of the Chinese in Canada. Her work has been recognized with several awards and serves as an advisor for the Chinese Canadian Archive and president of the Jean Lumb Foundation.

Aurora's Concerts in the Park summer series continues tonight at Town Park with Bernadette Connors. 7 – 9 p.m. Concerts are free, but donations to the Aurora Food Pantry are encouraged. "Bernadette's authentic style defies industry norms, showcasing her dynamic vocals and heartfelt lyrics. Her album 'Monarch', produced by John-Angus MacDonald of The Trews, captures the essence of

small-town community spirit. With a unique Canadiana sound and top-notch musicianship, Bernadette delivers a captivating and ageless musical experience." For more, visit aurora.ca/summerconcerts.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

The Aurora Farmers' Market returns to Town Park today. Come by and shop local from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

The Aurora Seniors' Association will host an Ice Cream Social fundraiser from 1 – 3 p.m. Build your own sundaes! Music from the 50s and 60s by Dave's Vinyl Party. Old fashioned trivia fun Tickets on sale July 15 – August 16 or until sold out. For more information, call 905-726-4767.

ONGOING

JULY 4 – AUGUST 29

St. Andrew's Village (2 Orchard Heights) will host a Courtyard Market each Thursday from 4 – 7 p.m. Live music, fresh produce, flowers and baked goods, local artisans, and a pre-loved clothing pop-up with proceeds benefiting Southlake Regional Health Centre.

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Support AbuseHurts' Delivering Hope Full Circle Program textile recycling and donation program. In the current COVID climate, a greater number of people are wanting to donate or get rid of unwanted items, increasing the need for more outlets being available to receive the items. This program will provide a convenient way for people to donate or get rid of used/unwanted clothing, blankets, linens and furniture and will help lessen the amount of items ending up in landfills. Materials that were previously perceived as waste will now be seen as a valuable resource further encouraging redistribution. The items will be recycled in the following ways: To be given to individuals who are survivors of violence and are transitioning from shelters into new homes; To be sold in our store; To be sold to a textile recycler, which makes for an ongoing source of funding for Abuse Hurts enabling them to provide their services to the thousands of people that require them each year. When and Where: Monday and Wednesday, every week, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with 30-minute time slots – only 1 drop off per time slot. If you do not have an appointment, we cannot accept your donation. The Abuse Hurts Warehouse is located at 1208 Gorham St, Unit 4, Newmarket - rear unloading dock. Visit AbuseHurts.ca to select your drop off time slot.

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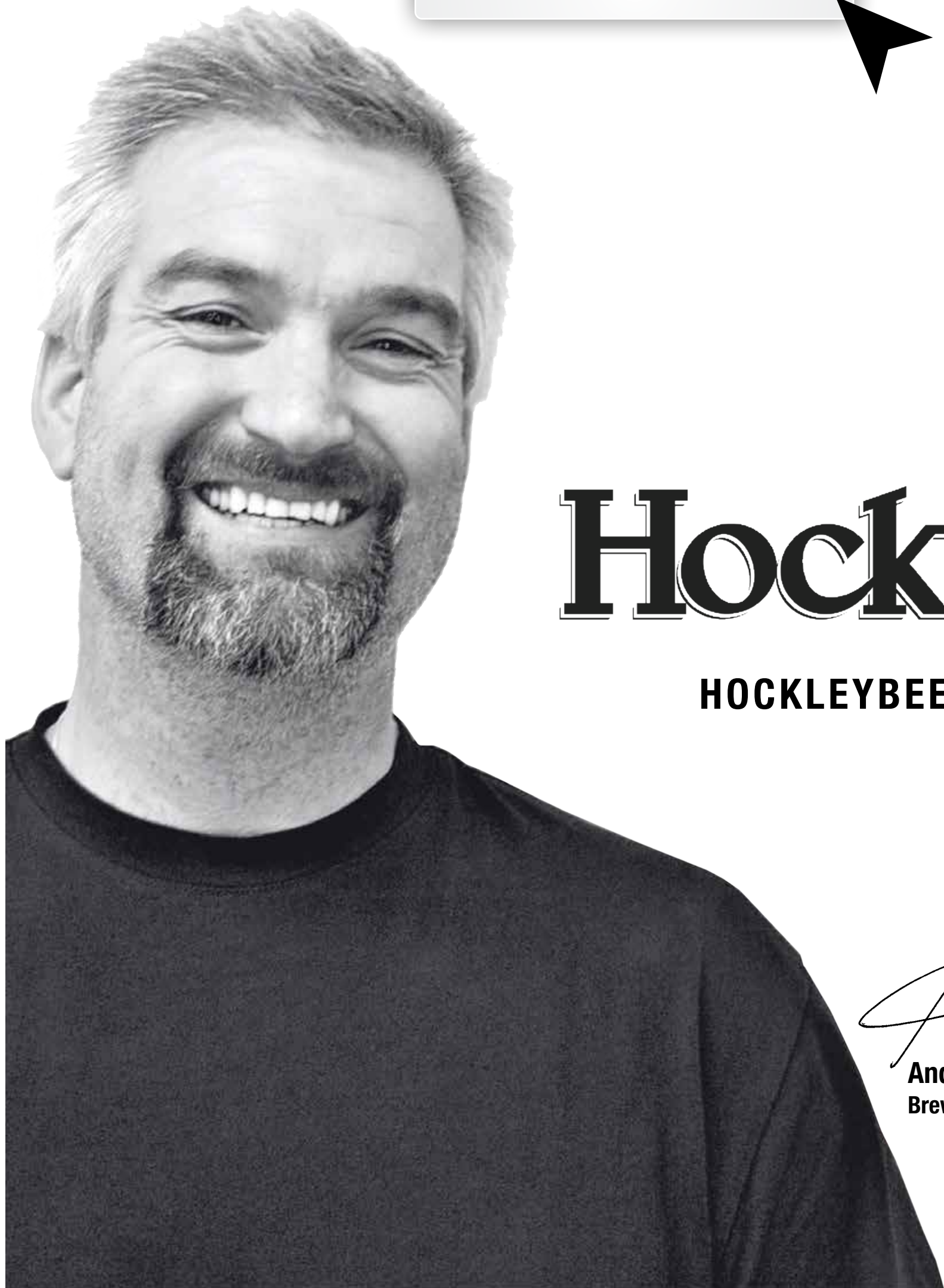
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