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## Outdoor concert gets council nod

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An outdoor concert will rock Whitchurch-Stouffville next month after local officials gave the plans a thumbs up Tuesday.

Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Kelly Kerr is planning a massive Canada Birthday bash called Field Rock Benefit '92, and hopes to sell 4,000 tickets for the June 12 event.

"I've always wanted to have a party like this and Canada's birthday gives me a good reason," Kerr said.

The 28-year-old mom is hosting the benefit to support Child Find Inc. of Ontario, a non-profit organization which helps locate missing children. She told *The Tribune* the charity is near to her heart because of a friend's brother who went missing several years ago, and has not yet been found.

Kerr has booked the popular rock group "Blue Rodeo," which headlines the entertainment roster featuring three other bands.

For thrill seekers, the afternoon offers bungi jumping where participants can plunge themselves off a 140-foot hydraulic crane. Other events include sand volleyball and an opportunity to "dunk" celebrities at a dunk tank. Kerr got a bit of a scare last week, however, when town bylaw enforcement officers told her she wasn't zoned to hold such an event on her 25-acre farm, located on Woodbine Avenue, 3/4 of a mile north of Bloomington Sideroad, backing on Hwy 404.

Staff told Kerr she must go before council and meet 12 requirements prior to holding the concert, which she had been planning for months. After her presentation, however, officials assured Kerr she has done her homework, as far as providing proper security, health and safety measures, parking facilities, traffic control and insurance. Kerr told officials she will encourage no drinking and driving, by providing free buses to drive guests home, as well as having three cab companies on standby and arranging discount rates at local hotels. "We are giving ample opportunity to arrive at a destination safely," Kerr said in a delegation.

The event, sponsored largely by Labatt's Blue, triggered fire safety concerns for chief Bill Brown, however, who said he is not comfortable with the prospects of a bon fire on the site.

And town director of finance Ed Blackburn, who wants Kerr to post a security bond to the town in case of damage, said he has seen parties like this get out of control in the past.

"I've seen riots and neighbor's fence posts torn out and used as firewood. I've seen litter for more than one mile along municipal roads. Things just sometimes happen and the town shouldn't have to pick up the tab for any damages," Blackburn said. However, Kerr said she "gone through a lot of work and research to prevent problems" and to ensure there is no damage, but will discuss bon fire issues and security bonds with town staff as the date approaches. Tickets are available at *The Tribune*, ATC Corral or Ticketmaster.



## Museum sheepish about new display

Sheep shearing is an art and local residents can discover the ancient craft of transforming fleece into clothing.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is kicking off its summer season with a Sheep to Shawl presentation on Sunday, May 17, from 1-4 p.m. Dianne Ward and Rucco Braat will be on hand to describe and demonstrate sheep shearing to participants.

Come and see the lambs and the sheep and discover the ways of using the wool that sheep provide.

Try your hand at spinning with a drop swindle

or watch a weaver at work on the loom. Participants will also learn the art of shearing, spinning, dyeing and weaving, knitting and crochet during the afternoon.

The museum's summer season runs from May 16 to October 31 and is now open weekends from 1-5 p.m., and during the week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum is located on the west side of Woodbine Avenue in Vaudor, two kms north of Bloomington Sideroad.

For more information contact Andrea Wilson or Helen Roberts at 727-8954.

### Youth

## Tired of seeing restless teens, cafe owner offers programs

A local businessman is fed up with the lack of activities for youth in Whitchurch-Stouffville, and he is preparing to do something about it.

Until a youth centre or other facility is put into place here, Joe Colicchio of the Garden Club Cafe is going to be opening his doors to young people three nights a week.

The private club, located on Ringwood Drive, will be given over to teens between the ages of 13 and 18 Monday through Wednesday for a variety of theme nights. On Mondays beginning

this long weekend, Colicchio plans to hold regular dances at the cafe.

Tuesdays will feature games, and Wednesday evenings this summer will offer a night out for young people with a penchant for video games.

Colicchio said he was startled to see how little there was for youth in Stouffville. "I've got a kid myself. She's 12 years old and she's always stuck at home with no place to go. For kids in this town there's nothing."

Colicchio added that the lack of activities are a recipe for trouble. "At 7 p.m.

the sidewalks are bare. I've had people come here from out of town and one of the first things they say is that there is nothing going on."

The summer activities will be open to parental scrutiny, he added.

"If parents want to come out and look the place over, that is fine. The hours will likely be from 7 p.m. to midnight," he said.

Colicchio said he will offer a single price for the three nights. For \$10, teens will have access to the cafe for the dance, game night and video night.

The Monday night dances will feature a disc jockey but teens can bring in their own favorite CDs or tapes, he said.

The Tuesday night game nights will feature a game of pool, a game of foosball, table soccer, a video game and a pinball game with the price of admission.

On Wednesday, pop will be offered at half price for video game players.

Colicchio said if the events are successful he envisions Sunday night dances as well.

The Garden Club Cafe is located at 86 Ringwood Dr.



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