

Canada Day fireworks at Ruth's are full of excitement

I just love Canada Day. Being a little partial to long weekends I protest not having one this year.



Rural Route Ruth

Ruth LeBlanc

Buy hey, that's the great thing about being a Canadian, you never know what will be next.

Who would have thought our currency would one day be called loonies and toonies. Only in Canada eh?

My favourite Canada Day celebration is the firework displays.

From Vandorf to Ballantrae to Uxbridge the skies will be lit up with colorful explosions.

One year the Big Guy and I decided to send our own rockets into the sky ourselves.

We bought the traditional burning school house, and sparklers and funny little ones that were guaranteed to amaze.

All went well until the advertized "dazzler" went bezerk.

Flying in a circle inches off the ground, it spewed yellow and red and white light.

We were doing the usual oohing and aahing when disaster struck.

As we watched, the rocket turned and faced the deck, and me.

Without time to react it flew onto the deck hitting the wall literally inches from my head, nearly decapitating me.

The impact made it bounce off and explode on the grass closest to the deck.

That was more exciting than the fireworks.

Now, we drive to any of the great displays held in near our rural home, leaving it to the experts.

Did you know that 20 years ago Stouffville held its Centennial celebration on the July long weekend?

More than 5,000 invitations were mailed to past residents and friends to come back to the country.

On that long weekend back in 1977, thousands did flock to participate in the many festivities, making the celebration an overwhelming success.

A parade was held with more than seventy entries with people dressed in Centennial costumes decorating the streets.

Just up the rural road to Uxbridge, then Mayor Gord Davie congratulaed his neighbors to the south by presenting Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff with two historical books.

Not to be deterred by the summer sun, hockey and sports fans choose that week to appear before Uxbridge council.

What they wondered, had been happening with plans for the new arena.

At the time a suitable site had not been found. Today the arena is located on Brock Street and is home for many athletes and parents, and plans are going ahead for a second ice pad.

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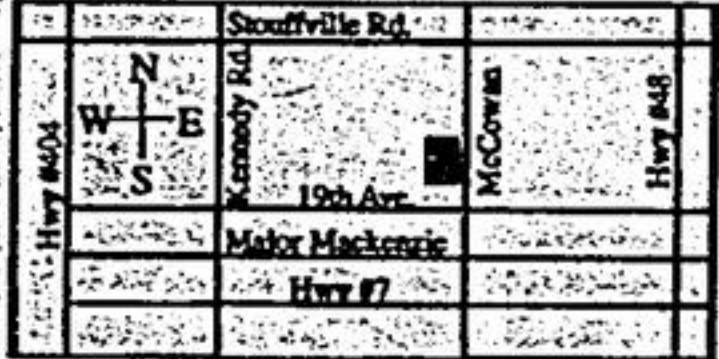
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