

# Stouffville Idol: must-see singers

**A**merican Idol? Never watch it.  
Canadian Idol? Never watch it.  
Stouffville Idol? Wouldn't have missed it.

The big show, hosted by the Mayor's Youth Council, played before a packed Latham Hall Friday night. Ten finalists were featured, ranging in age from 12 to 18 years.

Brittney Ewart, a Grade 8 student at Orchard Park Public School, emerged the winner.

Runners-up were John Sampson, 15, and Rebecca Lowe, 18, both of Stouffville District Secondary School.

Other finalists included St. Mark students Karissa Steffoff, Sarah Steffoff, Taylor Macpherson, Nicole Chen and Kaitie Cooper and Tiffany Little of St. Brigid. Taylor wrote her own lyrics. John wrote the words and music to his song.

Judges were Jim Priebe of WHISLE Radio, recording artist Iain Lovett and Argo cheerleader Kristy Redshaw.

The evening's co-emcees were Mackenzie Gott and Ashley Smith.

Brittney's rendition of the very beautiful "Because of You," transformed deafening reception into reverential silence as her voice, vibrant and alive, rang from the rafters. Her vocal instructor is Jim McMillan of Stouffville.

No stranger to the stage, Brittney has won several awards in competitions sponsored by the Newmarket Lions Club. She has also participated in school talent shows and has sung the national anthem at Stouffville Spirit hockey games.

Still, she admits it was "a little bit scary" performing before her peers. Her mother and youth week facilitator Leslie Wilkinson encouraged her to enter. Her favourite vocal artist is Kelly Clarkson.

Following graduation in June, Brittney will enrol in the arts program at Unionville High.

For her win, Brittney received \$200 plus four free vocal lessons. The first runner-up was awarded \$100 and a gift certificate. The second runner-up received \$50 and a gift certificate.

The band Armageddon closed out the concert.

While the focus of audience attention was on the 10 idol finalists, a group of nine skilled rope-skippers opened the show and temporarily stole the spotlight.

Dubbed the Stouffville Steppers, the performers won repeated cheers and applause for their intricate on-stage manoeuvres.

Caitlin Wagg completed a difficult rope within a rope solo while Kashtin Callaghan was brilliant in a



**Roaming Around**

with Jim Thomas

freestyle routine. Other participants were Caitlin Welham, Courtney Humphreys, Melissa Carr, Robyn Paxton, Lauryn Renzella, Madison Langlois and Stephanie Kotopoulos.

Coaches are Nerine Jacobs and Tricia Flaherty.

Over the past five years, the girls have visited several schools in Whitchurch-Stouffville, encouraging staff and students to involve themselves in fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Through their efforts, thousands of dollars have been earned.

In March, the Stouffville Steppers were invited to perform at the Honda Winter Carnival in Alliston. Remuneration from this appearance was used to purchase uniforms. Design work was completed by parent Penni Paxton.

Ms Gott, chairperson of the youth council, expressed delight with attendance.

"Stouffville's been very supportive of everything we've done," she said. "This makes us want to do even more for the community."

Ashley Smith, the council's vice-chairperson was similarly appreciative.

"The whole evening went really well," she said. "We hope to do it again next year."

Last year, Ashley said, the event was called a talent show, similar in format to Stouffville Idol except for a name change and use of judges.

Mayor Sue Sherban referred to Friday's talent as "awesome."

"Brittney (Ewan) blew me away," she said.

Mayor Sherban heaped praise on show organizers.

"They put it all together. They did themselves proud."

The competition was part of Youth Week in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Other activities included a downtown garbage clean-up, a games night and a road hockey tournament.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

## T STUFFED PORK TENDERLOINS

These are the dinner of choice for many. We begin with pork tenderloins which we've trimmed nicely, and then we stuff them with a bread stuffing which is full of fancy dried fruit. The result? Not only do they present well, they taste even better!

Reg. \$9.95/lb.

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## P CHICKEN PIES

Many folk from the trade come to visit our store to see what — and how — we do what we do. Usually they'll ask how we got started in the frozen entree business. It seems to me that we've done it forever — but when I think back, Doreen's Chicken Pies were the first thing (and for the longest time, the only thing) that we made. When it came to having a huge backlog of orders, we realized that our customers were telling us something. So this is it, folks, the Charter Member of our frozen entree business that has grown quite large indeed.

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Serves 3 - 4

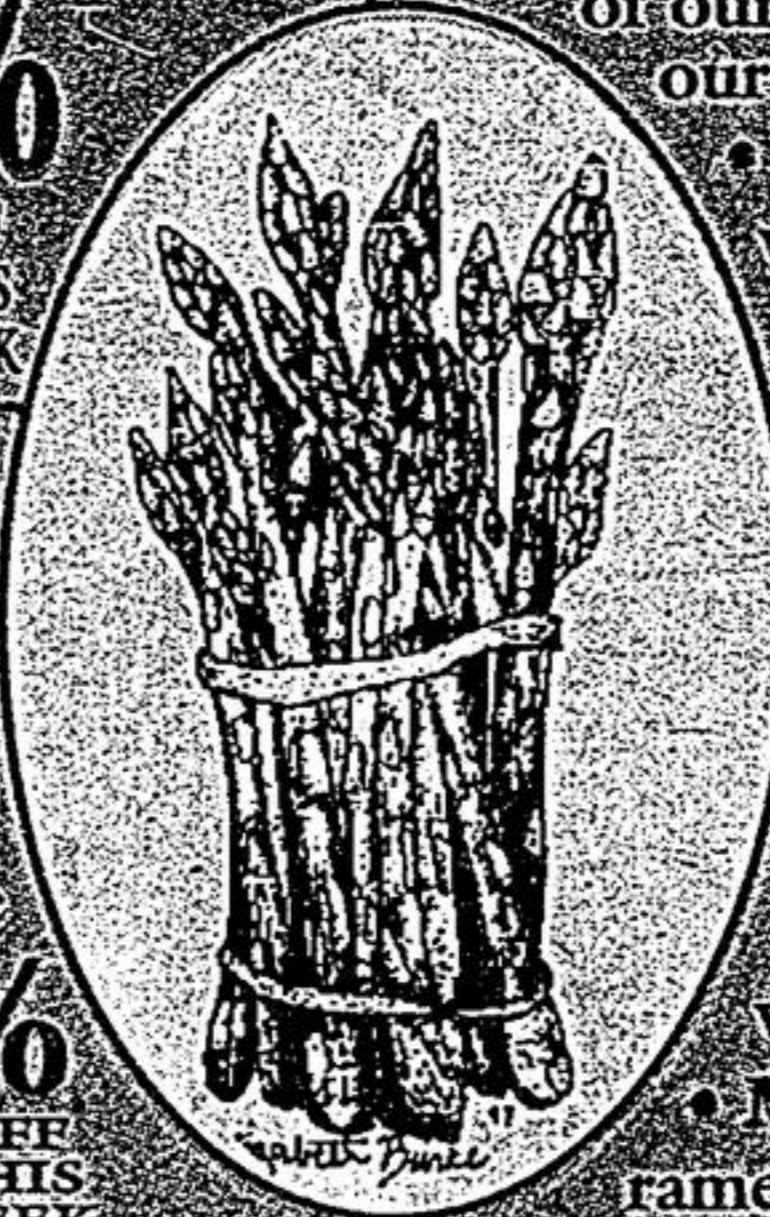
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## A FRESH LOCAL ASPARAGUS

The local product is now in — it's a great time of the year!

## S CREAM OF CAULIFLOWER SOUP

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## WHAT'S BAKING! THIS WEEK!

We'll be making lots of beautiful desserts for this weekend! You might wish to order if you have a specific dessert in mind. We will not be making some of our usual items in order to concentrate all of our energies (and space) on these:

- **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKES**, made with layers of white cake, whipped cream (real of course) topped with chocolate-dipped strawberries. Two sizes available, mostly because families (and appetites) come in different sizes. . . . \$18<sup>95</sup> and \$27<sup>95</sup>
  - **PINK CAKES** — made with white cake layers, pink icing and decorated with a Mother's Day motif. . . . \$13<sup>95</sup>
  - **CREME BRULES**, our usual raspberry vanilla bean and Grand Marnier. . . . \$3<sup>95</sup>
  - **MOUSSE CUPS** — these are in our ramekins as well (usual refund applies) and the flavours will be chocolate, lemon, white chocolate and raspberry. . . . \$3<sup>95</sup> ea.
  - **JELLY ROLLS** — only one type this week, that being with mixed fresh berries. . . . \$12<sup>95</sup> ea.
  - **MOUSSE CAKES**, either fresh raspberry, pistachio with white chocolate and our 'Black and White'. . . . \$20<sup>95</sup> ea.
  - **STRAWBERRY CUSTARD FLANS**, made in a shortbread crust, lots of fresh berries, drizzled with dark chocolate. . . . \$12<sup>95</sup> and \$17<sup>95</sup>
  - **CHOCOLATE DIPPED STEM BERRIES** — in both white or dark — or 'Tuxedo' style. . . . \$1<sup>95</sup> ea.
  - **ECLAIRS** — the genuine article, as you would expect. . . . \$2<sup>95</sup> ea.
  - **FRESH STRAWBERRY PIES**, made in a pastry crust, with lots of custard filling, lots of fresh berries, whipped cream and a touch of amaretto. . . . \$14<sup>95</sup>
  - **PRALINES and CREAM CAKES**, made with an Orco cookie crust, white chocolate mousse, pralines and sparked-up pecans. . . . \$8<sup>95</sup> and \$22<sup>95</sup>
  - **GIFT-SHAPED CHOCOLATE CAKE**, filled with white chocolate Grand Marnier mousse, decorated with marzipan ribbons and flowers. . . . \$22<sup>95</sup>
  - **CHEESECAKES**, in either lemon with swirled curd, fresh raspberry or strawberry. . . . \$12<sup>95</sup> and \$20<sup>95</sup>
  - **HEART-SHAPED CHOCOLATE CAKES**, with a raspberry filling and vanilla custard. . . . \$6<sup>95</sup> and \$15<sup>95</sup>
  - **DEEP-DISH PIES**, in either apple, raspberry or one of my faves, peach. . . . \$14<sup>95</sup>
- **AND LASTLY**, we'll be making a limited supply of our cinnamon buns on a first come, first serve basis.

— Mom's like desserts, in case you're not sure!

## O WHAT'S HAPPENIN' OUTSIDE!

In a word, a whole bunch. A load of small stuff has arrived if you're ready to make urns and planters.

I just helped unload the first truck of mixed hanging baskets, some patio pots of assorted colour and some balkan geranium window boxes. Mother geraniums are arriving in great numbers — and apparently, as well, geranium hangers in straight colours, with mixed plantings in fibre pots and some ivy geraniums as well. The first tuberous begonias in baskets are here, lots of lobelia in fibre in many colours, some azalea standards just ready to bloom. Ferns have sold out till the next shipment arrives, Martha Washingtons are running low, hibiscus are just starting and sunflowers are looking happy. Add to all this colour some enthusiastic and exuberant staff, and you've got the full picture, in colour!

## ROASTED RED PEPPER DIP

From the dip fridge, we'll have a feature on our roasted red pepper variety. We've got a whole aisle of biscuits just itching to get hold of this dip!

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