

# Turn back clock on slogan, council

**H**as the symbol "Country Close to The City" exhausted its usefulness?



## Roaming Around with Jim Thomas

Memorial Park 20 years ago. Fran Sainsbury was mayor at the time.

Her personal acknowledgement reads:

*Thank you for your concern and enthusiasm regarding your community. Your persistence has been rewarded. We are indeed officially Music Town, Ontario.*

*The large crowd gathered in Memorial Park was certainly an expression of support for this new endeavour.*

*Please accept a special thank you from Council to St. James Presbyterian Church as well as all who were involved in making this event a great success on Sept. 21, 1991.*

*Fran Sainsbury, Mayor*

Later, the symbol was recognized by then Premier Bob Rae and local MPP Larry O'Connor.

However, for better or for worse, town councils change. Mayors come and go. So do councillors, premiers and MPPs.

So, also, do decisions. The Music Town symbol was displaced by Country Close to the City, put on the back burner so to speak. But not replaced.

Thanks to then councillor Cliff Dunkeld, it was agreed the logo should still stand for events related to music. And it has.

The June music festival is an example. The honour roll plaque contains the names of 20 individuals who, since 1990, have contributed selflessly to our community's musical heritage.

The time has come to turn back the clock. Let us recognize the emblem originally authorized - Whitchurch-Stouffville "Music Town, Ontario."

We'll be unique in all Ontario.

*Jim Thomas is a Stouffville area resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 60 years.*

# PORK BACK RIBS

We'll have our Back Ribs on sale this week at the meat counter and hopefully we'll have enough. I say this because we've run out of the meat feature a bit early the last couple of weeks. What makes our back ribs so good? First, we buy very marbled pork - that streakiness makes the meat more tender and juicy. Secondly, we don't have the insipid little tail hanging from the one end (you would normally pay full price for it if you shopped elsewhere). Thirdly, our pork is not 'seasoned', which means that it's not cut from pork loins which have been injected with water and phosphate to make them juicier (just imagine the thinking behind that); and lastly, our price is very competitive because we cut our own pork. So think ribs this week, perhaps with our own Jack Daniels B.B.Q. sauce, or any other. We have lots to choose from!

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

# CHILI CON CARNE

I'm usually loathe to mention 'Chili con Carne' because it conjures up the product that came in the tin, and sometimes still does I think. This is far different, and as the name promises, it does have lots of meat, as well as the beans and everything else. I know that Chili is a big item for SuperBowl Sunday, so we'll have it for you, and a couple other options as well. Serves 2-3. Regular \$12.95

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

# S - FLORIDA - STRAWBERRIES

After what seems like a long winter in the better business, we've got some pretty good ones coming from Florida now. These are in clamshells, they are sweet, with very little waste - and flavourful. From Florida.

**\$2.49 CONTAINER**

# WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI!

Our salad feature this week will be our Bruschetta Pasta. This started out as one of my fave warm lunches, and eventually made its way to the salad repertoire. The ingredients are vine-ripened tomatoes, fresh garlic, sliced green onions, parsley, olive oil and 'spices'. I personally like to add in a few of those beauty pitted black olives and a dollop or two of grated parm - and warm it! It's good both ways.

**1/2 PRICE THIS WEEK**

Reg. \$1.49/100g

- AND -

We'll be making a fresh soup too, and this week it's Carmelized Onions with Sweet Potato. This is chicken-stock based, with sweet and Yukon Gold potatoes, the onions of course, some garlic, maple syrup and 'spices'.

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

Serves 3-4. Reg. \$7.99/cont.

- AND -

For dinner we'll have some Mango-Ginger Butter Chicken. We start with our boneless, air-chilled chicken, sweet onions, tomatoes, homemade mango chutney, vinegar, sugar and 'spices'. This will be available in the 4"x15" foil, which is a more than generous personal portion.

**\$7.95 THIS WEEK**

# D - SMOKED TURKEY - DRUMSTICKS

In our big kitchen, we use the whole turkey. The breasts go to the deli for our sliced roast and smoked turkey, the thighs go into the beauty turkey pies, the wings and bones go into the big pot for stock, and eventually gravy, and the drums go to the smokehouse for neanderthal snacks. Sooo.....you can't watch a football game without one these in one hand, and a bevie in the other. And from what I hear from those who go to football games south of the border, these are a steal at a buck each! We will limit the quantities a bit, just so you know. Regular \$2.49 each.

**\$1.00 EACH THIS WEEK**

# H - FRESH - HADDOCK

Weather permitting, this will be in store Friday, or at the latest, Saturday morning. It's so much easier to deal with frozen because there is much less that can go wrong, but alas, it will be worth it on the fork. From Newfoundland.

**\$8.95 /lb**

# K - OUR - KOLBASSA

I invite you to take the 'Kolbassa Test' with a coil you feel would rival ours. There are two parts to the test: The visual part is taking a competitor's and cutting it lengthwise (and ours too) and comparing the 'integrity' of the product. Ours is lean (very lean), with more meat than filler, by a wide margin! The nose test is done by taking it into a hockey change room to accompany the after game beers - and having the aroma naturally overwhelm that of 14 sweaty guys, and their ripe gear. That, sports fans, is flavour! So - you can do the test, or just take my word and get some this week while it's on sale. Reg \$1.69/100g

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

# S - ITALIAN - SAUSAGES

These are made with coarsely-ground fresh pork, salt and pepper, lots of fennel, and in the case of the hot, a great deal of crushed chillies. Having these on a bun is probably the dinner of choice, but to cook these and cut them into a pasta is good, too. Another option is to remove the casing and use these as the meat in the sauce. Anyway at all, these are great.

Regular \$4.99/lb

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

# BEEF BARLEY - SOUP -

Sometimes I am tempted to look over our past ads and take the easy way out: That is, to re-print a literary masterpiece of the past - and sometimes it's really hard to wax euphoric about an item that you've probably featured 30 times in the last 12 years or so. I must say though, that when words fail me, in cases like this, I go and get one of the soups from the freezer, and start over. You don't have to go further than the ingredient list on the back. It's a 'clean' panel, meaning that you'll recognize all the ingredients, you probably have them all at home, and if you had the time (and inclination), this is what you'd cook for your family. Our frozen soups and dinners are pretty simple really - and the idea of having them frozen is the reason that we don't need any other 'production aids' or other things that wouldn't inhabit your home cupboards. Anyway, you'll love the full-flavoured heartiness of this soup.

Serves 3-4 - 900ml Regular \$6.99

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

# B - WHAT'S BAKING - THIS WEEK -

All the specials for this week are football, specifically SuperBowl related. We've researched the Steelers and Packers, their respective towns, and the players - and Texas too, where it's all going down. Enjoy the game... and your dessert!

**Cranberry Muffins** - Cranberries are the 'state berry' of Wisconsin, and we use both fresh and dried, and some orange, to make these. Reg. \$1.69 each

**Football Cakes** - This is a four-layer chocolate cake in the shape of the old pig-skin, complete with stitching. Super-Bowl official 'Wilson' and the appropriate logos. You'll love these. (Since these are new, and don't have an 'established retail', they will be sold for \$14.95 each)

**Sugar Cookies** - Sugar cookies are the 'official dessert' of the state of Pennsylvania, where the Steelers lead from, so we are making footballs, Cheeseheads (for Packer fans), terrible towels (for Steeler fans) and some of the players from both sides. Reg. \$2.99 each

**Cheese Sticks** - These will appeal to all the 'Cheeseheads' in the crowd. We make these with our puff pastry and cheddar, twisted into long sticks. These are great for snacking, and they are about the size of a line-backer, so you'll have enough on your hands. Reg. \$1.99 each

**Footballinis** - These are 'little footballs', made with the remnants of our chocolate cake, with rum, raspberry and ganache. - \$1.99 each.

**Apple Strudel** - To honour Texas, we are making their official state dessert - which is surprisingly, 'Apple Strudel'. This is with homemade spiced-apple filling, rolled up in our puff pastry - 8" sections. Reg. \$9.95 each

**Pecan Pies** - Another dessert from Texas, pecan being their state nut! Reg. \$12.95

**XLV Cupcakes** - these are vanilla cupcakes decorated with a football cookie on 'astroturf'. \$2.99 each

All these items, except the football cakes, will be featured this week at...

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

SPECIALS IN EFFECT UNTIL CLOSING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

Hours: Mon. 10:00-7:00 - Tues.-Thurs. 9:00-7:00 - Fri. 9:00-7:00

Sat. 9:00-6:00 - Sun. 10:00-5:00

548 Carlton Road, Unionville

940-1770

www.thevillagegrocer.com

