

COMING UP: Monthly sing-along at 19 on Park

# Johnny Cash impersonator got late start on career

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Close your eyes and you'd swear you were listening to the late Johnny Cash up on the stage, according to Musselman's Lake residents Al and Trudy Yetman.

In reality, it's tribute artist Brian Simon who will perform at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park Sept. 18 as part of the monthly series Sing-Along with Al and Trudy and Musician Friends.

The North Bay-based tribute artist is also bringing along a number of his musician friends.

Like most other musicians, Mr. Simon learned how to play the guitar when he was a teenager. But unlike most teens, he kept his abilities to himself.

"I was finding it hard to find a voice I was comfortable with so I sang alone a lot," according to Mr. Simon's website.

But one day, someone who actually heard Mr. Simon sing said he sounded similar to Johnny Cash and suggested he become a tribute artist.

Mr. Simon started taking part in jam sessions, then formed his own band, the Johnny Cash Tribute band, in 2005 and started play-

ing at local events up north.

Mr. Simon performs mostly Johnny Cash songs, but he does add a few of his own originals.

Al and Trudy's monthly concerts have historically been free, however, the Yetmans are requesting those attending the Johnny Cash tribute show donate \$10 at the door, \$15 per family, to help pay for the expenses incurred by the musicians who travelled from North Bay. Reservations are also being accepted.

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The show runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.alyetman.com/singalong/index.html](http://www.alyetman.com/singalong/index.html) and <http://sites.google.com/site/johnnycashtributetthewiky3/>

## Historic site hosting service

You can step back in Stouffville history next weekend.

The Altona Mennonite Meeting House is hosting its annual service and hymn sing Sept. 11 at 3 p.m.

Built by pioneers who emigrated from Pennsylvania, the 1852 brick meeting house with plastered walls has never been renovated.

It still contains its original unpainted pine pews and floor. The cemetery on the grounds is the burial place of the founder of Stouffville, Abraham Stouffer, and his wife and family.

The meeting house is at 5475 Sideline 30 in northern Pickering, just southeast of Stouffville.

For more information on the service and the house, call trustee Graham Fretz (905-640-2547).

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# 'As cops, we stick together'

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"We were never close friends but do share many memories," he said. "As cops, we stick together and I am very proud of the brotherhood of the badge. When we lose a colleague or a friend, we come together and do whatever it takes to support each other and our families."

The open jam starts at 8:30 p.m., but a sign-up board for musicians goes up at 8 p.m.

"We believe it's going to be a very busy, busy night," Mr. Burns said.

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$10 at the door and there will be draw prizes and raffles.

The show will also be broadcast live on WhiStle Radio.

"(Const. Styles) was a big lover of the Tragi-

cally Hip, so we hope to do a couple of Tragically Hip songs," Mr. Burns said.

Const. Styles pulled over a 2005 Dodge Caravan, with four people inside it, on Hwy. 48 just south of Herald Road in East Gwillimbury June 28. The location is just north of the Whitchurch-Stouffville border.

While investigating the driver, he was caught by the vehicle as it accelerated, York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe said.

He was dragged about 300 metres before the driver lost control and the vehicle rolled over, pinning the officer.

East Gwillimbury firefighters extricated Const. Styles and he was rushed to Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, where he died.

A 15-year-old male youth from York Region was behind the wheel, police say.

## Trains rolling next weekend

Richmond Hill Live Steamers will hold its fall open house next weekend, Sept. 10 and 11, opening the club's gates to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Admission is free and train rides are offered to families, with donations accepted.

The Live Steamers is a group of railway enthusiasts from across the GTA who operate miniature railway equipment, including working steam and diesel locomotives, on a 3.5-acre wooded property.

The site is at 15922 McCowan Ave., a mile north of Aurora Road.

For details visit [richmond-hill-live-steamers.tripod.com](http://richmond-hill-live-steamers.tripod.com) or call 905-277-0969.

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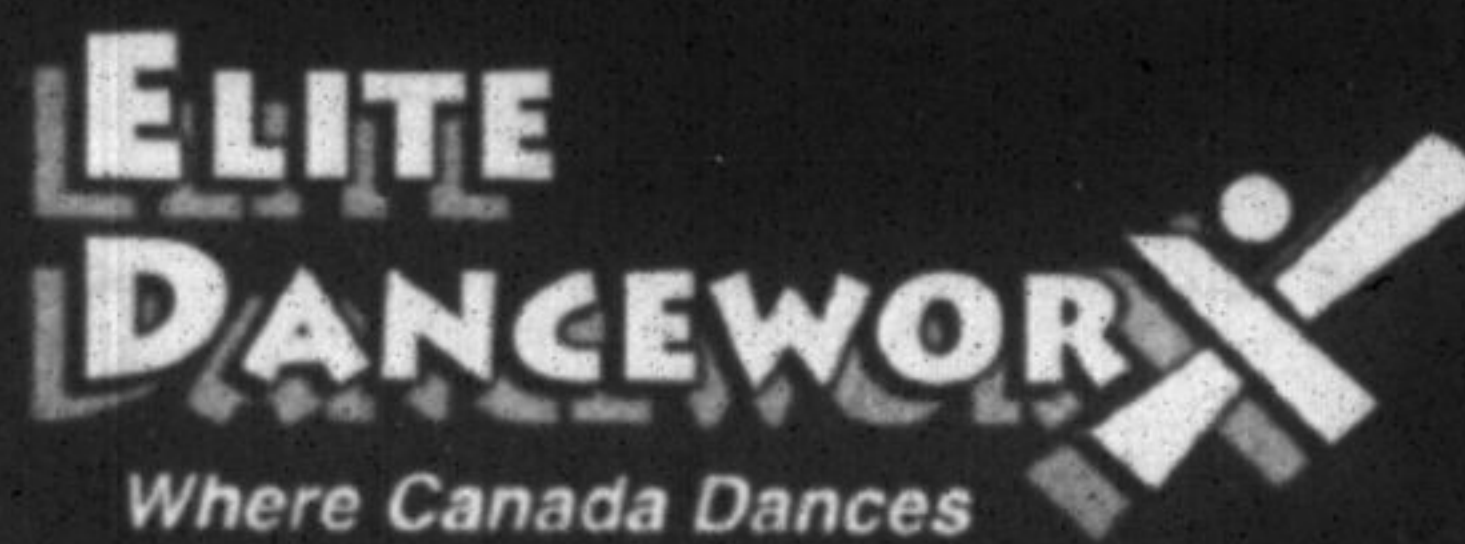
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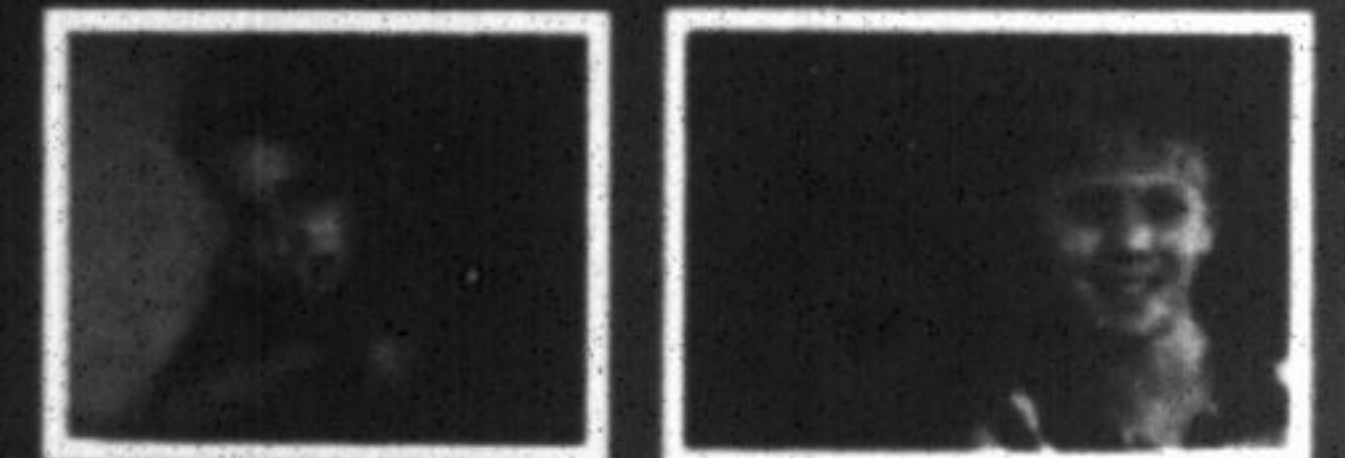
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