

**Out in Write Field**

**An Uplifting Display Of Community Support**

By Bruce Stapley  
Stouffville has always prided itself as being a town where people go out of their way to support others. But the concept took on a whole new meaning for Pamela Hauselmann recently.

When Pam woke up on the morning of her 50th birthday, her husband Ron pulled up the blind and told her she had better come and take a look out the front window. She was expecting the usual gaggle of pink flamingos scattered upon the lawn, maybe even a few skunks. Instead, she was absolutely gobsmacked to see the handiwork of half a dozen creative individuals who had descended upon the Hauselmanns' Byer's Pond Way home late the night before to show their unbridled support for their friend's half century milestone. For there, strung across several makeshift clotheslines, resplendent in reds, blues, hot pinks, blacks and polka dots, swaying in the gentle morning breeze, were no less than 63 bras.

"We laughed for half an hour," Pamela said. "There was everything from a size A to a double E. But none were mine."

No less than three signs had been set up to guarantee that no one driving or walking within a block of the site would be able to miss the dazzling display. "Happy 50th Birthday Pam - WE STILL SUPPORT YOU," said the sign posted over the garage door. "Happy 50th Birthday Pamela - HONK," said the sign on the corner of the much-travelled Hoover Park Dr. and Byer's Pond Way.

And honk they did - especially the construction workers looking for a littlediversion as they went about their daily routine. "hey were coming by all day long, coming up and ceking it out," reported Pamela's teenaged daughter Marilla, who confessed to being one of the perpetrators of the birthday bra blitz.

According to Marilla, the plot had been hatching for at least two weeks, with the ladies gathering in front of Pamela's home just after midnight the day before her birthday. Apparently, it was a total group effort as all six of the pranksters had made contributions to the collection. Pamela admitted to the plan's brilliance. "I would have loved to have been in on it!"

It even caught the attention of a town bylaw enforcement officer, who noted that there was a potential violation of a town statute prohibiting the hanging of clothes outside. "She came by and said we're not allowed to have dotheslines in Stouffville," said Marilla. "But she was laughing and said she'd let us get away with it. She even took a picture."

When asked if she would be out to avenge the deed by planning her own hijinks for the 50th birthdays of those who got her so good on her big day, Pamela said the thought had crossed her mind. "Two of them are already over 50 so I can't get back at them. But the other four, well maybe."

The challenge, however, will be to come up with something as outrageous. "It will be hard to top this."

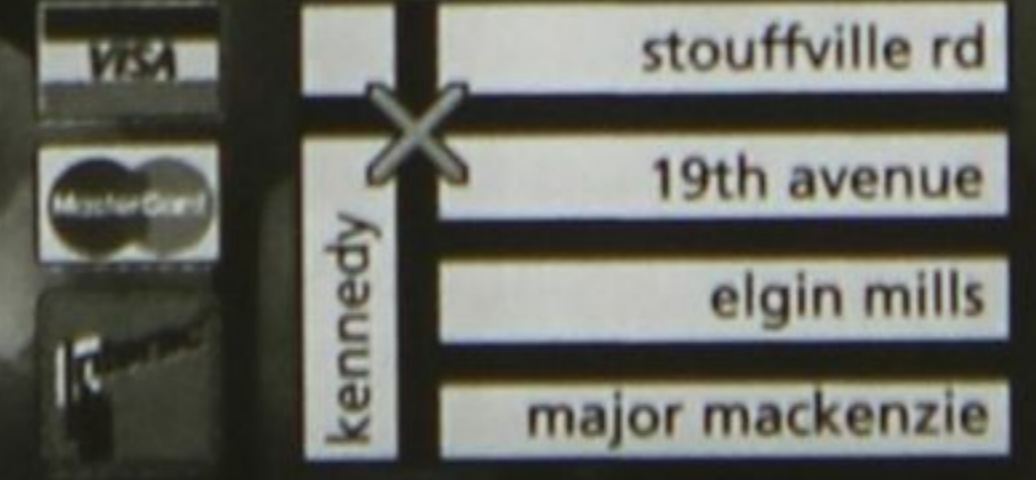
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When Stouffville's Pamela Hauselmann turned 50, her family and friends created an uplifting display in her honour, stringing 63 bras across the front of her home, along with a sign proclaiming their continued support. Wired with enthusiasm, the perpetrators, who included Pam's daughter Marilla, pictured, deserve an A for effort and creativity.

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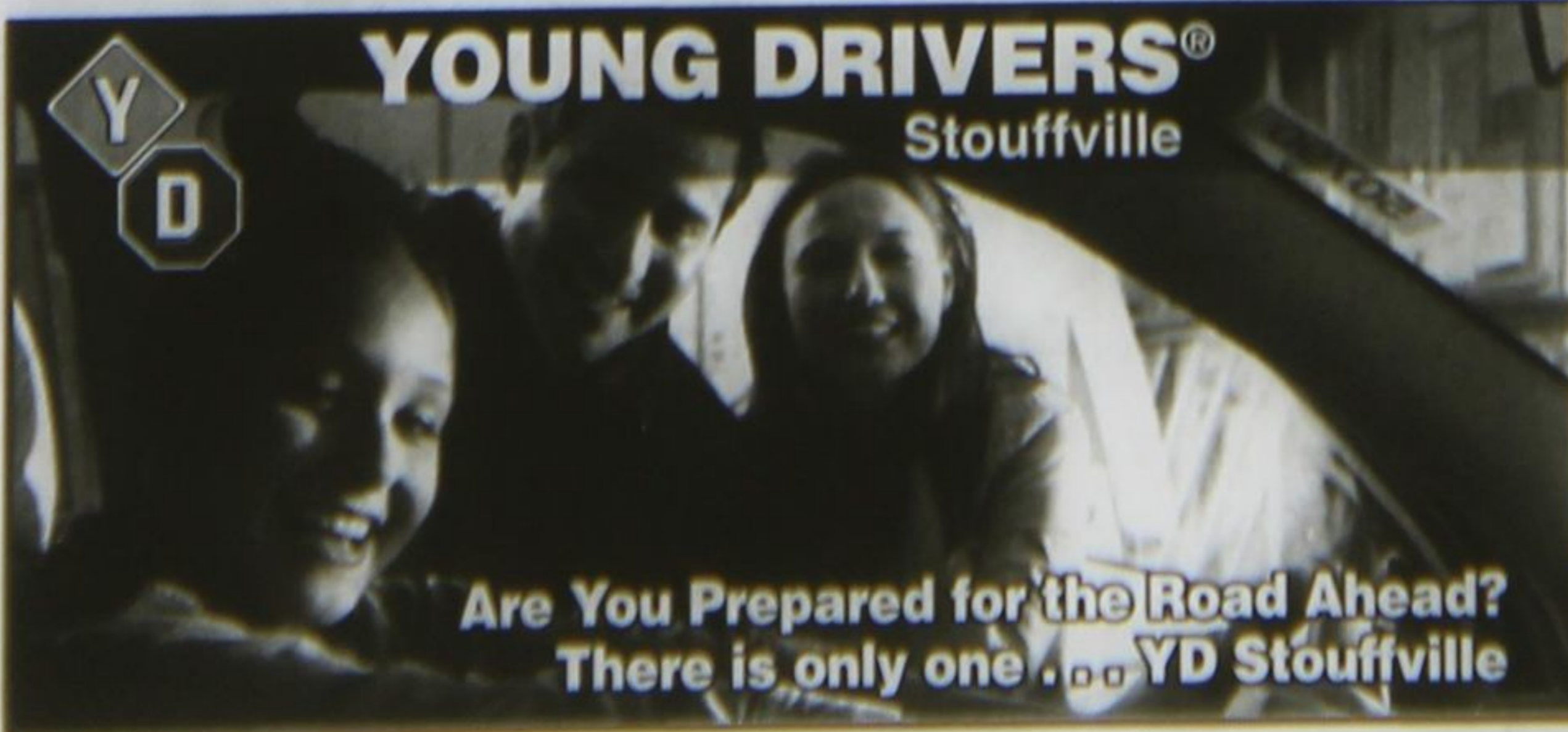
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