



Orchard Park Public School Fun Fair draws large crowd

Top: Luke Anderson prepares to cut the ribbon at the official opening of the Orchard Park Public School annual Fun Fair May 3. Luke was a student at the school before attending SDSS. A portion of the proceeds from the event have been donated to his trust fund.

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Tattoo you. Stephen Simpson decorates Ryan Dunlop's right arm while Ryan's dad, John, looks on during Orchard Park School's annual Fun Fair May 3.

Rural Reflections

Wild In the Country Close To the City

by Ruth LeBlanc



You ain't nothing but a hound dog if you don't come to the Stouffville BIA's second annual Tribute to the King.

Over 25 Elvis tribute artists will be converging upon our community June 13 and 14 to rock 'n' roll your blues away. Not only are they arriving from Hamilton, Ottawa and the GTA, but two of our headliners are coming all the way from Las Vegas and Barbados.

This year's Tribute to the King will have dancers, singers and so much good music you will swear you have died and gone to heaven to meet the King himself. Yes indeed, the BIA is rockin' with plans to make this an unforgettable event for both the performers and all of you remarkable folk who are invited to attend.

The Business Improvement Area is

proud of downtown Stouffville and we love showing off all our shops and services by holding a host of events every year. Among them, in 2002, was our first ElvisFest, which drew close to 1,500 people from near and far.

This year, yours truly and my dedicated assistants, Kacey Young, Kellen Gray and Clive Ross, are working feverishly to make this two-day event so memorable that it will stay etched in your mind long after the kings have left the building.

Put on your blue suede shoes and come over to the Stouffville train station on June 13 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. to join the fun at our Meet and Greet Elvis evening. Sing a song with any of our fantastic kings and meet Kacey, Kellen and the crew behind the tribute. We will gladly encourage you to sing, swing and meet these incredible artists. The entertainers attending will be thrilled to have you sing along as they belt out the songs that made Elvis Presley the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

On Saturday morning at 11, the big event starts with a Parade of Stars cruising Main Street. Elvis impersonators will ride in classic cars accompanied

by the Motor Maids motorcycle riders. When the parade ends, the shows will begin. Decorated stages will be located in the Clock Tower square and at the train station and concerts featuring non-stop music will start at noon and finish at 9 p.m.

Don't forget your lawn chairs and sunscreen, and plan to spend the whole day. Study your Elvis trivia for the contest that will run throughout the event. Your hard work could win you an outstanding prize, and if you can twist the night away you could become our Official '50s Twister. So turn up your jukeboxes, grab your poodle skirts and leather jackets, and let the good times roll.

The rock 'n' roll legacy Elvis left behind when he went to that great Graceland in the sky is a modern-day phenomenon. Thousands of faithful fans flock to Memphis, Tennessee every year to pay homage to the man who swivelled his hips and made the ladies swoon.

Save your airfare, grab your keys, but don't forget to let your hound dogs loose. This is going to be one event you will not want to miss!

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