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At the Central York Fire Services open house in Aurora, James Scott, 2, of Aurora, wears a fire hat and has his hands on the steering wheel of Aurora's first fire truck. Open house was held at the Wellington East station in Aurora Saturday afternoon.

Auroran photograph by David Falconer

## Aurora woman killed in mishap

An 18-year-old Aurora woman was buried Sunday after losing her life in a fatal car crash the previous week, which injured two other women, including one Auroran who was sent to hospital. 7

Alessia Morisani was killed in a single vehicle crash on October 9 on Dufferin Street near Major Mackenzie Drive, said Constable Blair McQuillan of the York Regional Police.

"Investigators with the Collision Reconstruction Unit attended and determined that the collision occurred when a south-bound 2011 Nissan Sentra lost control and struck a hydro pole on the west side of the road," said Constable McQuillan. "The front seat passenger, an 18-year-old female from the Town of Aurora, succumbed to her injuries at the scene.

"The 18-year-old female driver, who is also from Aurora, was transported to hospital with serious injuries. An 18-year-old female from the Town of Richmond Hill, who was in the rear passenger seat, received minor injuries."

York Regional Police are continuing their investigation into the fatal collision and are appealing for witnesses to contact the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 1-866-876-2423 ext. 7704 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

# Standing room only at school anniversary

It was standing room only in the St. Joseph Catholic School gymnasium Saturday afternoon as alumni, former teachers, current students, parents, and neighbours gathered to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

The school opened its doors to visitors around 2 p.m. following a commemorative mass at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, and for students past and present, it was a walk down memory lane as they viewed a display set up by the Aurora Historical Society in the lobby and explored themed classrooms, one for each decade of the school's existence.

Walking down the hall, one was greeted by cardboard cut-outs of pop-culture figures from Elvis Presley to Justin Bieber welcoming visitors into the rooms representing their particular decades. Going past Elvis into the 60s room, one could look at yearbooks, old newspapers, and school photos from the decade, while Chitty Chitty Bang Bang played in the background.

Walking across the hall and parting the door beads, visitors got to relive not only the music and artists of the disco craze, re-watch highlights from the Canada-Russia series on a TV at the front of a classroom, but also get a closer look at the tie-dyed shirts and hot pants of the '70s.

Visitors seemed both amused and wistful walking through each decade, whether they were stopping to remember the days of the rotary phone or the electric typewriter, taking a miniature Oscar Meyer Wienermobile for a spin around the table, gathering around to watch E.T. in the '80s room, or watching their kids get a second hand taste of the Elmo craze - "Tickle-Me" or otherwise - of more recent years.

One former student exploring the school once again was Dan McGeown who began his time at St. Joseph on its very first day - October 15, 1961.

"I didn't realize it until they said the school was 50 years old," he said. "I didn't realize it was brand new at the time and

it still looks new to me. It is amazing to be back here; this is so much a part of my past. I can still remember the first day when I cried when my mom dropped me off. Yes, I admit I was one of those students...I cried when my mom dropped me off. I couldn't believe she was doing that to me, but then I had so many amazing years here. It was a great school."

At the official part of the afternoon back in the gymnasium, the ceremony was attended by Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Lois Brown, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, and Councillors John Abel and Evelyn Buck, who was also a St. Joseph mother.

"When I walk through the halls of schools I often think that if these walls could talk, the stories they would tell," said Ms. Brown. "Today they are telling stories and you are all part of that. Congratulations to the school for its 50th anniversary, congratulations to all of those who were part of the organizing committee - because I know that these things don't happen by chance."

Ms. Brown also brought greetings from the Prime Minister who said the occasion was a "wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the rich traditions and history of the school and the important role it has played in the academic and personal development of the

community's young people."

In her remarks, Elizabeth Crowe of the York Catholic District School Board said that since her election she has come to "love" the St. Joseph community and has found the community to be full of spirit.

"From the time it opened, St. Joseph has provided a wonderful, nurturing learning environment for all of its students; a community rooted in our Catholic faith that has grown and flourishes," she said. "With two additions, the introduction of school uniforms, and most recently the addition of French immersion, this resilient school community has adapted to address societal change yet remains focused on student achievement - just recently being recognized by the Fraser Institute as one of the top performing schools in Ontario."

The theme of St. Joseph through the decades contin-

ued with a musical program selected by the school's band, which started off their rendition of the classic '60s theme song from The Flintstones. The musical interlude also included a brand-new composition to mark the anniversary from award winning musician - and St. Joseph alumnus - Gregg Lawless, who first walked through their doors as a Grade 6 student.

"It's really amazing and it is really great running into people that I literally haven't seen since I was in Grade 8 and calling them by their nicknames and they haven't been called by those names since they were 14 years old," he said of being back at the school. "That's a thrill, seeing my Kindergarten teacher and some really great friends who moved far away and came back today. It feels really great and really small at the same time."

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# Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

## Town grows if you're not looking

You don't know how big your community is until you go and look.

Last week was the perfect opportunity as we (Patricia and I) had to go to the northeast corner of town to pick up a new - dare I say it? - Blackberry phone after a delivery agent had tried to deliver it to the house and there was no one home.

We live in the southwest corner of Aurora.

I decided to join Patricia on her jaunt to get her new phone...and we took Bathurst Street north to the St. John's Sideroad.

Now there is a subdivision on the northeast side of Bathurst and St. John's, which is full of very expensive looking homes.

The subdivision is in Aurora, but that's another story, since Aurora's northern boundary has always been the St. John's Sideroad.

I had no idea until I saw them that the subdivision extends to the east and up the hill.

There are some people who live in the St. John's - Bayview area, whose back yards are in Newmarket, and apparently pay taxes to both municipalities.

Not sure how that works out, but I don't hear any complaints coming from that area.

I digress.

At any rate, we picked up the new phone and headed to Sobeys's in the shopping centre right across the street.

That's when I noticed the second Wimpey's Restaurant that I had been reading about.

Apparently, Wimpey's decided to advertise (not in this paper) the fact there was another branch open in Aurora.

I remember thinking at the time that the new Wimpey's didn't know where it was because we all know the only Wimpey's in town is across from the old liquor store.

There's a new one of those in town, too, I learned from reading an ad in someone else's newspaper.

Ever since a Street Sale party one year, when a story appeared in the Toronto Star about people using Wimpey's facilities and not spending any money there, I have been boycotting the restaurant.

The franchisee, whoever he/she was, didn't bother to mention their problem to the committee. He/she simply talked to the newspaper.

My boycotting Wimpey's really must have hurt them, because they're still in business.

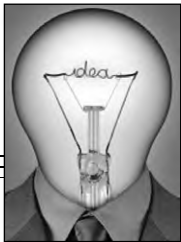
My next surprise came at the corner of Bayview and the Vandorf Sideroad, where on the northeast corner, street lights have been installed for yet another subdivision.

I always thought the hill that was there would prevent a subdivision from being built, but I'm wrong again,

There is one across the Vandorf, which I knew about, but I thought the land to the north was sacred for some reason.

This is a far cry from the day I moved to Aurora in 1969, looked out my kitchen window and saw a sign announcing the construction of the new subdivision to be known as Orchard Heights.

Look around, the town is changing, and I wish there was something I could do to stop it.



# 100 Watts

By Christopher Watts

During a recent Aurora Council meeting one councillor proclaimed widely that she believed the much ballyhooed code of conduct somehow exempts council from criticism by the press.

Aside from showcasing this Councillor's confusion of "freedom of the press" with "freedom from the press", it provides a great opportunity to revisit the words of Nobel Prize winner Albert Camus:

"A free press can of course be good or bad, but, most certainly, without freedom it will never be anything but bad...Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worse."



Where was this gas station located? Yes, it was in Aurora, and the first person to phone in the correct answer after noon Friday will win a non-alcoholic lunch for two at Jonathan's Restaurant on Yonge Street in Aurora. Call 727-3300 with your answer. The picture comes to you courtesy of Freddie's Files and is reprinted here with the permission of his daughter Lesley Bolsby-Dexter. The late Fred Bolsby was at one time the deputy fire chief of the Aurora Fire Department.

## Letters to the Editor

# Newspaper owes police \$225

**Editor's Note: The following Letter to the Editor, was sent to the Toronto Star last week, and a copy provided to The Auroran for its information. The letter was written by York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe.**

**Re: Reports on missing weapons 'personal information,' York police say**

The above-referenced story, written by reporter Jesse McLean, was inaccurately reported and contains numerous errors of fact and misleading statements which require correction.

I am very disappointed at the lack of basic fact-check-

ing by Toronto Star editors that allowed the story to be published.

On September 6, 2011, York Regional Police received a request from Mr. McLean regarding lost or stolen use of force equipment since 2005.

We conducted a search for responsive records, which took approximately 7.5 hours.

Under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 45, we are permitted to charge fees for staff resources used to respond to requests that require extensive document searches.

Our Freedom of Information analyst advised the reporter, via a letter deliv-

ered by courier on October 4, 2011, the fee associated to his request was \$225 and the records would not be released until the fee was received.

As a publicly-funded organization, York Regional Police has a responsibility to our taxpayers to operate in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

We have not as yet received the fee from Mr. McLean.

At no time did York Regional Police advise the information would not be released.

This is a clear error of fact and is grossly misleading to readers.

In fact, what York Regional Police advised was that we would not be releasing the actual police reports regarding the lost or stolen property as it is our view they contain personal information about the officers involved.

However, it is our practice to release non-personal information once the appropriate fee has been paid.

In addition, during a telephone conversation on Friday, October 7, 2011, Mr.

McLean advised our Freedom of Information analyst the Toronto Police Service had released its reports to the reporter, clearly in an effort to persuade us to do the same.

It seems Mr. McLean was not truthful when speaking to our analyst about information he received from other services because we know he has not received records regarding this request from that service.

During this same telephone conversation, Mr. McLean went on to say that should we not release the information he was requesting we could expect to be the subject of a negative story.

York Regional Police prides itself on being a transparent organization accountable to our community.

This letter serves to inform you about Mr. McLean's communications with York Regional Police and that these errors require correction immediately so Star readers have the true facts at hand.

**Eric Jolliffe  
M.O.M., BA, CMM III**

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**Guy Poppe  
Aurora**





## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

## Provincial election notebook

Some final musings and observations from the just completed campaign trail.

As a starting point, let's take a look at my glorious predictions. I believed that Mr. Klees would retain the seat for the Tories - by a moderate margin - over Liberal candidate Ms. Christina Bisanz.

This did occur and Mr. Klees actually increased his margin over Ms. Bisanz from the 2007 election.

Second, although I believed a lot of folks still had not yet made up their mind, and would not do so until the last two or three days of the campaign, I confidently predicted that it would be a Progressive Conservative minority government once the dust settled after October 6th: PC's - 45 seats; Libs - 42 seats; NDP - 20 seats.

To loyal readers' great astonishment, I was somewhat, okay, a way off the mark.

The Liberals finished with 53 seats while the Tories had 37 seats and the NDP won 17 seats.

But then again, just keep in mind that I confidently predicted that Kim Campbell would win 100 seats in 1993 and that incumbent Tim Jones would retain the mayor's chain by about 350 votes over Phyllis Morris in 2006!

I won't be headed to Las Vegas or Casino Rama, for that matter, any time soon!

I also predicted in my last column that the Leafs will be sitting fifth (and comfortably within the playoffs) in their division by Christmas.

With a two and zero won-loss record at time of writing, I could be right for once!

For regular readers of this column, you will know that there is a hobbyhorse that I consistently ride; that people need to get out and vote.

Voter turnout for this election was a record low - just less than 50 per cent.

Oh well, looking on the bright side at least it beat the voter turnout from the municipal election last year.

As voter turnout continues to trend downward - excepting the federal election this past May - I am starting to think some type of compulsory voting law should be brought into effect like they have in Australia.

From my understanding there is a \$50 fine for not voting in that country, and supposedly voter turnout is in the 99 per cent range.

From about 6 p.m. onward on election day, I was situated at Devins Drive Public School.

Six polls were held within the school.

The local people employed by Elections Canada were great. Collectively, they were friendly and efficient.

As I watched and listened to voters talking and laughing with their neighbours while they waited to cast a vote, I was struck by, for all its faults, how well our democratic system works.

There were no armed guards outside the school, no one was coerced into voting one way or another, there were no UN inspectors monitoring the proceedings to ensure fairness and no was fearing for their life (apart from me as a result of the death stare cast in my direction by my mother-in-law when she came into vote).

My wife Julie thought that with the federal, provincial and municipal elections out of the way that she would be safe from further elections for a while.

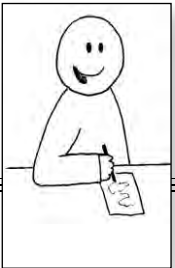
I told her that, notwithstanding recent media reports that both the provincial Tories and NDP might not be in a financial position to fight another election for three years that we could be voting at any time depending upon what transpires in the upcoming session at Queen's Park.

Julie said, "Fantastic, that's great news."

Can you just feel her sarcasm oozing through the newsprint!

Next column: political advertising and the provincial campaign platform.

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## Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

## Ashes to ashes

Well, there's good news and bad news in our neighbourhood.

The good news is that after almost 20 years, the spindly municipal trees that line our street have finally grown large enough to provide a bit of shade.

The bad news is that they are all ash trees, which means that they're all on borrowed time.

According to recent reports, the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect that over the past few years has been munching its way towards us from its toehold in southwestern Ontario, has now been spotted in Aurora.

Based on its track record of devastation, that means that the 2,700 or so ash trees within our borders - at least, the ones not already targeted for felling to make way for development - don't have much time left.

With no natural predators, or apparently not enough hungry ones, the only way to stop the borer is to inject the ash trees with specific chemicals.

This requires ongoing and very costly treatments, so the town is not anxious to pursue this option.

So we're more likely to have our trees cut down and replaced with something else.

This brings up the challenge of what species should replace the ashes.

Dutch Elm Disease has already done a number on all but a few hardy specimens of elm tree in town.

This past spring, the Yellow Headed Spruce Sawfly damaged ornamental conifer trees on Bayview and elsewhere.

But perhaps worst news of all is that near our southern doorstep in Vaughan lurks the Asian Longhorned Beetle.

This is another particularly nasty invasive bug that has acquired a taste for our most iconic of trees, the maple.

Unfortunately, it's also been known to snack on other trees such as poplars, willows, and horse chestnuts.

This means we're kind of running out of options as to which trees to plant.

And how will the parks department folks know which ones are safe, because if ash trees were okay until recently, who knows if we'll run into the same problem again?

We may choose to plant oak trees, for example, which aren't impacted by any of the above pests.

Then five years from now, something like the "Mongolian Oak Budworm", makes its way to town via a well-travelled wooden packing crate, and discovers we've planted for it an all-you-can-eat oak buffet.

But you can't cover every eventuality, and short of shielding the town in an insect-proof dome, or equipping all

residents with invasive species identification guides and big flyswatters, there aren't that many options.

Perhaps the way to go is to resurrect the concept brought to the former council a few years ago to just cut off the top of the dead trees and leave several feet of the trunk.

These would then have carved into them fanciful faces and figures.

This has been done along the streets of Orangeville with great success as a tourist attraction.

Of course, the trunk on our ash tree is not very wide, so may not be suitable for a face.

Well, maybe a narrow one, like an anteater, or a stick insect.

But there were issues with this proposal last time, and I doubt the current council would support it.

So, the more likely option will be that sooner or later our street, and many others throughout town, will be getting all new spindly trees at the ends of the driveways.

Then, once ours is in place, all I'll have to do is wait another 20 years for it to be large enough to provide some shade, unless the Mongolian Budworms get it first.

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Letters to the Editor

Time to look for new voting stations

To the editor,

I wasn't surprised to hear that there was a low turnout for the Provincial election - which I feel was too bad. I don't know where you voted but my designated voting station was in a Public School when the little darlings were still in attendance. I think there could be a more appropriate place where strangers could access without taking the unnecessary risk of unso-

licited contact with a minor. Maybe I have just read too many newspapers and watched too many news reports but I found this unsettling. I almost didn't cast my vote as I had to circle the packed parking lot several times before I parked on the street, hoping that I wouldn't get a parking ticket. Thank goodness I didn't - somebody would have heard about that, you can be sure. Even the designated

handicapped parking, a fair distance from the entrance, was full. I think a more thorough search for proper facilities, in the next four years, would be most beneficial to all. My Thanksgiving started off with someone hitting my car in a grocery store parking lot and then leaving. The young police officer said that it could have been hit by a large SUV and they might not have even noticed. Well, isn't that just special! To have it fixed, I have to pay the deductible. This was not my fault - it doesn't matter because in Ontario we have "no fault" insurance. I don't remember putting in my two cents worth on this issue. What happened to people taking responsibility for their actions - owning up as it were? So because of their actions I pay, not only in money, but the inconvenience is steadily mounting. My insurance rates better not go up 'cause you can bet money on the fact that I will raise the roof! Anyway, I was going to spend most of the weekend baking, cooking, and cleaning which I did. My family had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. I always enjoy having my family for functions and it is almost worth the three days of preparation. I don't know about you,

but I get motivated to do all those chores, that I can procrastinate about doing, until company is scheduled to arrive. I enjoy baking pies and, if I do say so myself, make the best apple pie in Ontario, if not Canada, and with contributions from those attending had the most delicious meal, even though my homemade soups missed their mark. Too much food! Every year we go around the table giving thanks and this year was no exception, even if my car was crunched, I consider myself lucky to be surrounded by a loving family and friends. As an aside, I had just purchased two new signs for my van, that say "Practice Random Acts of Kindness" (the sign that I had previously was stolen) when the hit and run occurred.

Bonnie Tiffin  
Oak Ridges

Reader is happy with our coverage

To the editor

This note is from Scott Sillcox, Sandra Sillcox's son. Bob Ince and your team at The Auroran did a great job for me on a full colour, back page ad in last week's paper for an art show I'm hosting at the Aurora Cultural Centre. Many thanks to The Auroran team for a great job! I am also led to believe that you are kindly giving the show a bit of coverage in this week's paper - many thanks!!! We are having a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, October 26th at the Aurora Cultural Centre and hockey historian/author/broadcaster Brian McFarlane will be

saying a few words at around 8 p.m. to the 200 to 300 people in attendance. It was suggested to me that this might also be something you might want to cover in the pages of The Auroran - the show closes Saturday, October 29th, so from a "publicity" point of view the reception won't be of direct benefit, but it might still be something of interest to your readers. Thanks for considering! Congratulations on the sale of the paper - well done! You have done a tremendous job with the paper and deserve a break at some point down the road!

Scott Sillcox  
King Township

Councillor is delighted with EMS services

To the editor,

Last Tuesday afternoon while getting ready to leave for a meeting I unfortunately misjudged my footing and fell down a flight of stairs! Our hardwood staircase, that I had been contemplating putting a carpet runner on, is not very forgiving! My husband and friend were home at the time and immediately dialed 911. I was pretty sure I was okay, but I did bang my head at the bottom of the staircase on the porcelain tile with a huge SMACK! EMS was on the scene in less than five minutes -

courteous, caring and very quick to action. A short and safe drive to Southlake where the "Shockingly Excellent Service" continued. I feel privileged and comforted to have this exceptional emergency service in our Town!! As for my diagnosis...well, with the exception of a headache and some bumps and bruises...I'll be just fine - a few days rest and it'll be back to normal! Thank you York EMS!! You are AMAZING!

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Aurora

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# Schoolhouse series begins on Saturday

Aurora's Indie music scene will have its time to shine at the Aurora Cultural Centre beginning this Saturday as the Centre mounts its new concert series SchoolHouse at 7.30 p.m. featuring a performance from the Postcard Comets.

The Postcard Comets, according to the Cultural Centre's Jane Taylor, is the "nom de tune" of their own guitar and song writing instructor David Partridge, and will be the first artist showcased in the series which is based on "house concerts".

"The popular new notion of House Concerts has taken living rooms by storm across the country," said Ms. Taylor. "A celebration of indie music hosted by individuals in private homes, this musical movement is the perfect showcase for up-

and-coming talented acts looking to expand their audience.

"Join [David Partridge] for a performance of lyric driven originals from his two previous CDs - Bodies of Water and SuperNormal - with a sprinkling of familiar favourites of classic era pop and rock song writing. David may even sneak in a musical guest or two to round out the evening."

General admission tickets are on sale now from the Cultural Centre for \$15 either in person or over the phone.

The series continues November 26 with guitarists Evelynne Ross and Howard Rabkin, then on February 4 with a yet-to-be-announced headliner, and on March 31 with Glenn Marais as part of their Earth Hour Unplugged programming.



DAVID PARTRIDGE

# Council plans to keep DVDs in Aurora Library

DVD copies of Aurora's Council and General Committee meetings will now be housed in the Aurora Public Library to increase the opportunities for residents to take in the process of the Town's decision makers.

But as much as it will provide another avenue for civic engagement there is still more work to be done to make the meetings accessible for all, say councillors.

The decision to place the DVDs at the Aurora Public Library was made after a motion from Mayor Geoffrey Dawe received council consent last week.

"I put in a motion a couple of weeks ago that we provide on a regular basis a copy of the DVD that is recorded on our in-house system for both council and general committee meetings to the Aurora Public Library so they can be available for anyone who would wish to have those," said Mayor Dawe in speaking to his motion.

As things stood, the only way members of the public could watch council and committee unfold in real time was to watch the proceedings on Rogers TV when broadcast, come to the meetings, or shell out a \$30 fee to get your own personal DVD copy of the proceedings.

Now, the digital copy will be available to borrow from the Library.

While this is likely to increase access to the meetings, however, outfitting the Town's website to

stream live video of what is going on in council and committee is one big hurdle in making the business of the municipality accessible to everyone.

"I'm hoping that at some point in the near future we're going to figure out how to stream the general committee meetings," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner to Mayor Dawe's motion.

Indeed, this has been a hope held by many councillors for quite some time.

Last April, for instance, councillors were told by the Town's communications department that future developments could include live streaming of the public meetings, but improvements were needed to the Town website's bandwidth before that could become a reality.

The issue took another step forward the following month when council passed a recommendation to begin looking into a deal with Rogers to install five permanent remote

cameras in the chambers to broadcast the meetings.

The deal would allow Aurora to use the Rogers cameras "to allow for special broadcasting" when not in use by the cable company.

While this would allow the Town to film committee meetings and ready them to be put on the website, lack of bandwidth and server space is still proving to be the main issue holding things up.

"The problem with the streaming was the bandwidth capacity," said Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's Manager of Corporate Communications. "I know there have been some discussions with York Region about running fibre optic cable into the building, but it was a question about bandwidth. If we had multiple people watching it, it would just choke us, but they were looking for a solution and a work around for that."

# Special pricing announced for children's show

Theatre Aurora has announced special children's pricing for the matinee performance of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown; The Musical" Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m.

Producer Jo-anne Spitzer recommended a discounted price since this is a family friendly show.

She is Aurora's 2011 "Citizen of the Year".

Tickets for children 13 and under will be \$10 (HST included) for this performance.

Adult tickets will be the regular price, \$23.

This special price is available only through the

Theatre Aurora box-office, either in person or by phone, said theatre Marketing and Communications Director Andrew Kipfer.

The production is a musical adaptation of the Charles M. Schulz comic strip "Peanuts".

Music and lyrics for the 1967 musical-comedy are by Clark Gesner.

The production is being directed by Bob Riddell and runs selected dates between November 25 and December 10.

Visit the Theatre Aurora website at [www.theatreaurora.com/54/charliebrown.php](http://www.theatreaurora.com/54/charliebrown.php) for more information.

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The Aurora Cultural Centre was the scene of a first Saturday...a wedding. A couple from Aurora, Garrett & Kira Tone, head down the front steps of the building following their 3 p.m. wedding at the historical school building once known as the Church Street School.

# Town asks province to “fix the grant”

Municipalities - including Aurora - are calling on Ontario to "fix the provincial operating grant" situation for public libraries.

Aurora council expressed its support of the request from the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries at last Tuesday's meeting, where they endorsed a resolution from the Federation to ask the province to increase its funding envelope for public library operating grants to \$43.9 million by 2013, "and for the allocation of those grants to be allocated based on a consistent per capita rate plus fixed area supplements for libraries in rural and northern communities."

In their pitch to the municipalities, the Federation said it is clear that the Province of Ontario is not contributing its "fair share" towards libraries, despite the Public Libraries Act, "which is supposed to ensure service equity and access to all" regardless of a specific municipality.

This, they said, has resulted in libraries becoming too reliant on municipal funding which has resulted in a "patchwork of service levels" Ontario-wide.

"Public libraries are community hubs and are already a trusted component of the public's travel and usage patterns," said Jim Bennett, Chair of the Federation's Board of Directors in a letter. "No other cultural institution sees as wide a range

of residents (demographically) as the public library.

"Without strong public libraries, Ontario is at a significant disadvantage in attracting knowledge workers, recovering from the current economic recession and growing a knowledge economy."

With council's endorsement of the resolution, their support will be forwarded to all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, including Newmarket-Aurora's newly re-elected MPP Frank Klees.

Mr. Klees said the Federation has a right to lobby for additional resources but added he particularly "empathizes" with their views on the "inequity that has developed over time across the province and even the municipalities within regions."

"There is the issue that has been raised that I believe is very legitimate and needs to be addressed," he said. "I think with regard to the request for specific funding, everyone knows the province is in a very tenuous fiscal situation. We have a huge debt and a huge deficit and what we all have to remember is in the end there is only one taxpayer and municipalities, provincial governments and federal governments all tap the same taxpayer."

"We have a challenge in front of us regardless of which level of government it is and the challenge is to set priorities as

we go into the next number of months and years as we attempt to get our fiscal house in order."

Per capita funding, he added, for regions such as York have fallen behind due to population growth, creating a present disparity, "whether it relates to the funding of libraries or whether it relates to social services or health care," he said.

"The disparity is something that has to be addressed and I think that because of the fact municipalities have, to a large degree, the responsibility for funding of some of these services, different municipalities have put services such as libraries into a lesser priority and that was the decision that was made by the locally elected Councils."

"I think that it really is a matter of bringing that back into balance. I am not suggesting for a minute that this is the sole responsibility of the municipality. I think because of the population growth and demands that services have put on municipalities there is a role for the province to play in terms of levelling out some of that funding."

# Yet another dog bites dog story

A hearing into an August dog attack which may have involved a pit bull is scheduled to begin this week at the Provincial Courts in Newmarket.

The incident, which resulted in charges being laid under the Provincial Dog Owner's Liability Act, occurred on the afternoon of August 12 on Gurnett Street when an alleged pit bull ran up and bit two dogs, which were being walked by a local woman around 4.30 p.m.

Following an investigation into the incident OSPCA officers and the Town said that the seriousness of the charges wasn't simply the attack itself, but the breed of the dog that is alleged to have bit the two dogs resulting in puncture wounds.

"We contend it is a pit bull," said Jason Ballantyne, Aurora's Director of Corporate Communications. "They laid two charges under the Town's bylaw, similar to all other cases - one was allowing a dog to run at large and the second one was allowing a dog to bite a domestic animal. We issued a dangerous dog notice similar to other cases that it needs to be muzzled and under the care and control of an adult at all times when off the property as well as being contained within the dwelling when on the property."

An application was made under the Ontario Dog Owner's Liability Act (DOLA) as the dog in question is argued to be a pit bull and the reverse onus in this case is on the dog's owner to prove that it is not a pit bull, according to Mr. Ballantyne, who added the dog owner contends the "pit bull" is actually a Scottish terrier.

Here, the OSPCA officer will have to "demonstrate that [the dog] has any of the characteristics" associated with the pit bull breed.

"If it turns out that the animal is a pit bull, under DOLA if it was born in 2006 or

sooner, it would be a prohibited animal," said Mr. Ballantyne. "If it was born prior to 2006 it would be considered a controlled animal. Depending on which way that swings, if it is considered a prohibited animal, the usual first course of action for the OSPCA is to try to get the animal sent out of Ontario because it is illegal in Ontario and there are three main centres they typically send them if they are adoptable and those are Quebec, Alberta, and Michigan. If the dog is not adoptable then it would be put down."

"If it turns out it was born prior to 2006 and it was covered under the grandfathering clause there would be a list of things that would need to happen. The dog would need to be muzzled at all times under the control of an

adult, basically like the dangerous dog offender. That would apply for the life of the dog and on top of that, if it hasn't already been, it needs to be spayed or neutered. There are a lot of ways this could go."

If the dog owner fails to prove it is not a pit bull at the hearing, everything rests on the dog's age - whether it is adoptable or whether or not it is old enough to be grandfathered within the legislation. According to Mr. Ballantyne, the dog in question was actually wearing a muzzle at the time of the attack, but a grooming muzzle, however "that is not sufficient to stop an animal from actually biting another animal."

This will be the third dangerous dog hearing involving Aurora dog owners in as many months.

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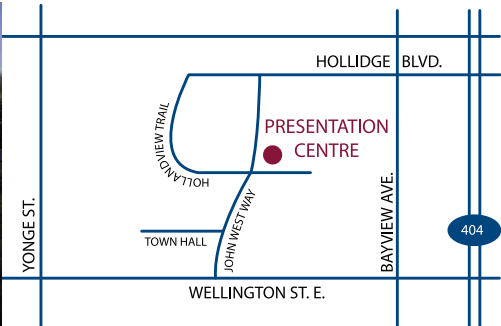
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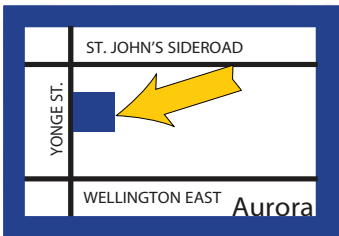


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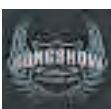
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**406 McDonald's - Purple 2** - Jackson Galbraith 1G, Christian Fermo 1G. **405 McDonald's - Black 1.**

**401 McDonald's - Red 4.** **409 McDonald's - Teal 3.**

**405 McDonald's - Black 5** - Cody Fisher 1G, Joshua Anselmo 2G, Jack Nicholson 1G, Eric Flicker 1G, Justin Just 1A, Eric Flicker 1A, Owen Bell 1A. **404 McDonald's - Blue 1** - Max 1G, Ethan Edwards 1A.

**407 McDonald's - Kelly Green 8** - Harrison Colby 4G, Preino 1G, Elbaum Connor 1G, Gilpin-Mier Hunter 2G, Harrison Colby 1A, Hall-Lalonde Owen 5A, Bishenden 1A, Baek Casey 1A, Song Kevin 1A. **402 McDonald's - Gold 0.**

**410 McDonald's - Orange 9** - Evan Robertson 1G, Giuliano Iervasi 2G, Steven Seitz 1G, Jack Gautier-Moulton 1G, Aaron Murphy-Sealy 1G, Kyle Trumper 1G, Dylan Shaban 1G, Ethan Joiner 1G, Evan Robertson 2A, Steven Seitz 1A, Aaron Murphy-Sealy 1A, Dylan Shaban 1A, Garrett Kohler 2A, Nathan Chang 1A. **408 McDonald's - Grey 3** - Brennan Powell 1G, Jack Viney 2G, Sebastian Negulescu 1A.

**406 McDonald's - Purple 5** - Jackson Galbraith 3G, Griffen Charnley 1G, Jacob Lopez 1G, Dylan Anderson 1A, Christian Fermo 1A. **403 McDonald's - White 4.**

**612 H.J. Pfaff Audi 11** - Jack Camplin 4G, Tyler Justice 1G, Nicolas Verbeek 1G, Niklas Seidel 2G, Jordan Kagan 1G, Dylan Cowell 2G, Jack Camplin 2A, Tyler Justice 1A, Evan Knowles 3A, Cameron Palmer 1A, Jordan Kagan 1A, Gianpaolo Infanti 1A, Dylan Cowell 1A. **611 Rotary Club 1** - Ryan Cameron 1G.

**608 Mastermind Toys 9** - Evan Lambert 3G, Christian Loria 1G, Stephen Silverio 1G, Nicklaus Reid 1G, Ryan Mascarenhas 1G, Jack Hosmer 1G, Nicholas Sever 1G, Evan Lambert 3A, Kyle Gillies 1A, Nicklaus Reid 1A, Thomas Tantalio 2A, Jack Hosmer 3A. **603 Optimist Club of Aurora 3** - Adam Medeiros 1G, Jayson Perkins 2G, JP Schnabel 1A, Lennon Dranfield 2A, Jacob Turriff 1A.

**604 Omar's Shoes 7** - Jacob Cowl 2G, Andrew Warner 2G, Tristen Macklin 1G, Jacob Leblanc 1G, Peter Leontis 1G, Tristen Macklin 1A, Jacob Leblanc 1A, Scott Wilson-Smith 1A, Paul Cotturo 1A, Blake Vandervalk, shutout. **606 Dr. Weaver's Drillers 0.**

**603 Optimist Club of Aurora 5** - Jason Cox 1G, Mathew Lancaster 1G, Jayson Perkins 1G, Austin Hendy 1G, Elias Pasani 1G, Jason Cox 1A, Adam Mizuguchi 1A, Micheal Vivian 1A, Austin Hendy 1A, Jacob Turriff 1A. **607 Crabby Joes 3** - Tyler Frise 1G, Roberto

Iervasi 1G, Anthony Livia 1G, Tyler Frise 1A, Roberto Iervasi 1A, Ben Pitre 1A, Raffaele Parente 1A.

**612 H.J. Pfaff Audi 10** - Tyler Justice 2G, Jack Camplin 1G, Jason Langdon 2G, Dylan Cowell 2G, Niklas Seidel 1G, Ian Lefrançois 1G, Cameron Palmer 1G, Tyler Justice 1A, Jack Camplin 2A, Dylan Cowell 2A, Niklas Seidel 1A, Gianpaolo Infanti 1A, Ben Lalonde 1A. **607 Crabby Joes 1** - Roberto Iervasi 1G, Tyler Frise 1A.

**604 Omar's Shoes 6** - Joshua Fallavollita 3G, Tyler McKechnie 1G, Andrew Warner 1G, Dillon Varone 1G, Joshua Fallavollita 1A, Tyler McKechnie 1A, Dillon Varone 1A, James Kypreos 1A. **610 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 1** - Colin Boorn 1G, Dylan Clark 1A.

**608 Mastermind Toys 3** - Evan Lambert 1G, Nolan Roy 1G, Bradley Shennan 1G, Jack Hosmer 1A, Nicholas Sever 2A. **606 Dr. Weaver's Drillers 1** - Alexander Mueller 1G, Evan Bryan 1A.

**602 Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Ctr 2** - Brandon Hui 2G, Liam DeSouza 1A, Matthew Parkin 1A. **601 Chouinard Bros. 2** - Ryan Lewis 1G, Nicholas Robinson 1G, Matthew Glionna 1A.

**611 Rotary Club 4** - Claudio Basso 1G, Ryan Cameron 1G, Joel Attalla 1G, Connor DeVogel 1G, Benjamin Godber 1A. **603 Optimist Club of Aurora 3** - Mathew Lancaster 1G, Jason Cox 1G, Austin Hendy 1G, Jason Cox 1A, Jacob Yap 1A, Lennon Dranfield 1A.

**605 Crossley Contracting Ind. Restoration 4** - Brett Lassen 1G, Cameron Bugos 2G, Tristan Floyd 1G, Reese Crevelle 1A. **609 Kumon Aurora-East 2** - Patrick Facca 1G, Kyle Kasak 1G, Liam Patterson 1A, Jack Mayo 1A.

**1004 BMO Bank of Montreal 6** - Nick Heintzman 3G, Kelley Hudson 2G, Josh Bentolila 1G, Josh Bentolila 2A, Justin Killens 1A, Jesse Bentolila 2A, Royce Kirby 2A. **1007 Crabby Joe's 1** - Adam Kiroff 1G, Chris Garagiannis 1A.

**1007 Crabby Joe's 2** - Adam Kiroff 1G, Braydon Jackson 1G, Braydon Jackson 1A, Nick Theodoropolous 2A. **1001 Pizzaville Aurora 1** - Chase Riddell 1G, Andrew Martin 1A, Daniel LaFlamm 1A.

**1002 Inaria 2** - Cole Roffey 1G, Josh Lopez 1G. **1006 Caruso & Company 1.**

**1005 BrokerLink 10** - Ryan Eberlin 4G, Cooper Riswick 3G, Michael Reilly 2G, Jason Eberlin 1G, Cooper Riswick 3A, Jason Eberlin 5A, Alex Cackirvski 3A, Zach Seto 2A, Trevor Best 2A. **1003 Tom & Jerry's 1** - D. Kovac 1G.

**1007 Crabby Joe's 5** - Steadman Dinning 2G, Adam Kiroff 1G, Jamie Cherutti 1G, Nick Theodoropolous 1G, Steadman Dinning 1A, Taylor Brewda 3A, Jamie Cherutti 1A, Brian Puskar 2A. **1008 Danny & Scotty Puck Bandits 1** - J.P. Hudon 1G, Collin Laird 1A.

**1005 BrokerLink 4** - Alex Cackirvski 1G,

Cooper Riswick 1G, Ryan Eberlin 1G, Michael Reilly 1G, Tom Hagias 1A, Kyle Coughlin 1A, Joe Romano 1A. **1007 Crabby Joe's 0.**

**1002 INARIA 3.** **1003 Tom & Jerry's 3.**

### REP LEAGUE

**Novice AA - TNT 6.** **Aurora 1** - Ryan Catania 1G, Michael Crowe 1A.

**Novice A - Innisfil 4.** **Aurora 1** - Alex Morra 1G, Max Reeves 1A, Jake McMillan 1A.

**Minor Atom AA - Aurora 3** - Daniel Gaeta 3G, Evan Vierling 3A, Harrison Bennett 1A. **Stouffville Clippers 3.**

**Minor Atom AA - Tigers 4** - Dylan DaCosta 1G, Jake Adams 1G, Daniel Gaeta 1G, Evan Vierling 1G, Dylan DaCosta 1A, Jake Adams 1A, Andrew Langlois 1A, Carter Beswick 1A, Evan Vierling 1A. **Georgina 2.**

**Minor Atom AE - Aurora 2** - Jonathon Gagnon 1G, Joshua Torres 1G, Carson Tidd 1A, Quinn Spicer 1A, Curtis Manley 1A, Aidan Nitsopoulos 1A, Justin Lacroix, shutout. **Georgina 0.**

**Atom AE - Aurora 5** - Luke Catania 3G, Ryan McCartney 1G, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Ryan McCartney 1A, Jeremy Gonsalves 1A, Tyler Sawyer 2A, Daniel Babcock 1A, Russell Tanaka 1A, Matthew Gram 1A. **Richmond Hill 2.**

**Atom A - Barrie 5.** **Aurora 0.**

**Minor Pee wee AA - TNT 6.** **Aurora 0.**

**Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora 4** - Fin Reeves 2G, Francesco Scuglia 1G, Lucas Surace 1G, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1A, Peter Chimienti 2A, Carson Venneri 1A, Andrew Cundari 1A. **Barrie 4.**

**Minor Pee wee AE - Richmond Hill 3.** **Aurora 1** - Carson Venneri 1G, Fraser Ciocca 1A, Thomas Morra 1A.

**Pee wee AA - Aurora 3.** **Stouffville 1.**

**Pee wee AE - Barrie 2.** **Aurora 1** - Troy Lane 1G, Josh Schmitt 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA - TNT 3.** **Aurora 1** - Evan Cherubini 1G, Jack Pecora 1A, Deven Duguara 1A.

**Minor Bantam AA - Aurora 1** - Jared Brown 1G, Zack Phillips 1A. **Georgina 1.**

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# CBC broadcaster coming to Aurora

Brian McFarlane, a broadcaster for more than 30 years with CBC's Hockey Night in Canada, is coming to Aurora.

In honour of the first time his collection has been displayed in one place, McFarlane will attend a reception at the Aurora Cultural Centre Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m.

The centre, together with Heritage Sports Art, presents Score!, a retail show and sale, which features a landmark collection of 225 pieces of original sports art available for a limited time in the blue and red galleries.

These original water-colour paintings of hockey, football and baseball uniforms are a treasure trove of the history of sport.

Each piece is beautifully rendered, spanning the early of days of these teams' sports in the late 1800s through to present day.

Three skilled artists

worked to create this collection, including Tino Paolini, well known to St. Andrew's College students and staff as Head of the Visual Arts Department.

The story starts with lifelong Aurora resident, entrepreneur and visionary Scott Sillcox, who started Maple Leaf Productions in 1993.

He assembled a team of artists to paint more than 1,500 sports uniforms in original water-colours, as well as pen and inks.

The trio of Nola McConnan, Bill Band and Tino Paolini created most of the works.

In the intervening years, these works have become famous - reproduced on everything from posters, playing cards, mugs and more.

Now joined together as Heritage Sports Art, the trio of artists plus Sillcox have banded together to sell the original artwork.

In addition to this col-



BRIAN MCFARLANE

lection, Sillcox has arranged for a series of signed hockey jerseys available for sale, including greats such as Wayne Gretzky and Sidney Crosby.

The retail art show is enhanced with an exhibition of memorabilia from sportscaster Brian McFarlane's own collection.

McFarlane has loaned a number of fascinating exhibition pieces for the duration of the show: a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey stick used in a game in

the 1930s, a stick used by Gordie Howe in the 1960s, and Peter Puck TV memorabilia.

He has also loaned his collection of historical photographs of hockey teams from decades past.

The Aurora Historical Society has supplemented the display with a collection of reproductions of Aurora and area arenas from their own collection.

The show has a limited run, winding up on October 29.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



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## Tigers pick up four points in three games last week

The Aurora Tigers of the Ontario Junior A hockey league picked up four of a possible six points in hockey action last week.

Steven Cook's unassisted power play goal 29 seconds into the 3rd period was the difference on Thursday night as the Tigers defeated the Brampton Capitals at the Brampton Memorial Arena, before only 80 fans.

Goaltender Kevin Entmaa's first start of the season was a 30-save effort.

The only shot that beat him came just a couple of seconds after the first minute of play in the game but Kevin slammed the door shut the rest of

the way.

Also scoring for the Tigers was Ryan Johnson with assists from Evan Fong and Ryan Purvis.

The next night, the Tigers handed the Huntsville Otters a 6-3 decision in that northern town.

Steven Cook picked up right where he had finished off the night before by adding two more goals to his record, while singles were scored by Kevin Shier, Taylor McCloy, Ryan Johnson and Nick Angelo.

Saturday, the Tigers were in Cobourg as part of the Governors' Showcase Tournament and fell 5-2 to the Markham Waxers.

Even though Aurora

scored the first goal of the first and second periods, they couldn't stay ahead of the Waxers and the loss kept Aurora in a fourth place tie with Markham. Both teams have 14 points. However, Markham has a single point more than Aurora as both teams chase the second place Newmarket Hurricanes and division leading Stouffville.

Aurora will be meeting the Stouffville Spirit in their next game in that town this Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Then the Tigers host the Waxers in a

match at the Aurora Community Centre Saturday night, in a match that begins at 7.30 p.m.

Thanks to an assist Saturday, Robbie Lepine kept his flimsy one-point lead in the Tiger scoring race. He has 11 points, one more than Nick Angelo, Jeff MacPherson, Ryan Johnson, and Adam Moody, all who have 10 points so far this season.

Ryan Johnson, Steve Cook, and Taylor McCloy have each scored six goals for Aurora.

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# Aurora runner sets personal best at Chicago marathon

Aurora runner Drew Brims posted a personal best last weekend when he took on the Chicago Marathon, coming in 17th out of 466 participants in the 60-64 category.

Mr. Brims began taking a serious interest in running in 2005, first tackling what was then known as the Hartwell Run, and later the Toronto Half Marathon before running his first full marathon the following year.

He chalked up his most recent achievement as simply the result of "training a little bit harder".

"I was supposed to do more speed work, but right in the last few weeks of my training, I

[experienced] excess fatigue," Mr. Brims told The Auroran Friday. "As you go through training you accumulate fatigue and what was happening to me was in the last few weeks where I should have been doing speed work, I was having trouble with my hamstrings and was told not to do any speed work."

"All I could do was distance work and so I felt that might compromise my ability to come in with a personal best in Chicago. Actually, it didn't seem to bother me at all. I was planning to do it in three hours and 40 minutes or less and I came in at 3:42 so I was pretty pleased with that."

Pleased or not, however, Mr. Brims said he was surprised by his performance considering how sore his legs were at the start of the day after "doing more walking than he should have" touring around Chicago.

"But the legs held right up and until the last five kilometres I was doing pretty well," he said.

With his personal best in the books, Mr. Brims said he is not keen to rest on his laurels.

Running, he said, is an addiction for him.

When a problem with his Achilles tendon flared up, putting him out of running for over eight months he said he could-

n't wait to get started again.

"I get up at 5.30 in the morning, step out my door and go for a run five or six days a week," he said. "It just gets in your blood."

This "addiction" has fuelled Mr. Brims to undertake marathons across North America.

Having now run the Chicago marathon and conquered Boston twice, he said he feeds off the energy from spectators in these events.

"You get a lot of energy coming out of the crowds and they're cheering you all the way," he said. "It is just amazing. Probably the one that stands out the most would be the Toronto Marathon I ran three weeks after the Scotiabank Marathon in October 2006. I did that in under four hours which I was really pleased about."

The Chicago Marathon was just the latest stepping stone in achieving what is, for now, Mr. Brims' ultimate goal.

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# Iacovetta scores eight, Novice AE wins tourney

The Aurora Tigers Novice AE hockey team won their own tournament by winning all five games they played, including winning a "nail bitter" in the final against Whitby.

The game went into 13 overtime periods before Aurora's Ayden Whilby settled things for the novice team.

Aurora won the Black and Gold Tournament thanks to the eight-goal effort of David Iacovetta.

In their opening game,

Aurora downed Oshawa 6-1, based on the three-goal effort of George Rappos, Jr.

Singles were scored by Lucas DePalma, Riley Pearl, and Iacovetta.

In the second game, played the next day, Aurora defeated Whitby 4-1 based on singles from Lucas DePalma, Chris Childerhose, Iacovetta and Matteo Rossi.

Later that day, Iacovetta was at it again, scoring three goals as Aurora

dumped Woolwich 5-1.

Singles went to Rappos, Jr. and DePalma 1G.

In the semi-final game, Aurora met Woolwich again and this time, defeated that team 5-2.

Again, Iacovetta scored three goals to pace the winners, while singles went to Rossi and DePalma.

In the final game for all the marbles, Aurora edged Whitby 2-1 as the heroes were DePalma and Ayden Whilby.



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# Author coming to Aurora

Noted self-help and parenting author Barbara Coloroso is bringing her Parenting with Wit and Wisdom program to Aurora next week, in an evening hosted by the Aurora Montessori School.

Ms. Coloroso, the author of several best-selling books on topics as varied as parenting and international genocide, will appear on stage to impart "solid practical advice for parents of children from toddlers to teenagers."

Her advice will show how to use chores, sibling rivalry, bed time, and even toilet training to "create a home environment in which children can become self-disciplined, compassionate, responsi-

ble, resourceful, resilient human beings who can act in their own best interest, stand up for themselves, and exercise their own rights will respecting the rights and legitimate needs of others."

According to Ms. Coloroso, the keys to good parenting are giving children a sense of "positive power" in their own lives, treating them with respect, giving the opportunity to make decisions, teaching them to take responsibility for their actions, and learn from their own mistakes and successes.

At the Tuesday, October 25 event, Ms. Coloroso is expected to lead the audience in topics ranging from creating and maintaining a positive "home

climate", using "simple rules to help stop trouble before it starts", power struggles, critical life messages, discipline and punishment, keeping your cool, RSVP (reasonable, simple, valuable, practical consequences), and "buffering children from sexual promiscuity, drug abuse, and suicide."

"Parenting children to think and act ethically is threefold: giving them ways to care deeply, share generously, and help willingly; curb their inclination to hoard or harm; [and] stop in its tracks anything that fuels hatred," said Ms. Coloroso. "Holding children accountable for what they do that causes harm, what they fail to do to care, and for what they turn a

blind eye to, says we care deeply about them."

"It also says that we believe they are capable of acting with integrity, civility and compassion. That will require resolve on our part and discipline on theirs."

Barbara Coloroso's presentation will take place in the Aurora Montessori School's gymnasium on Tuesday, October 25 from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

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Members of the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) were faced with responsibilities with which few were well versed when the ASA incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 2006.

Confronted with running the not-for-profit ASA, the Board of Directors (BoD) as a group and individually, were challenged with tasks and assignments with which, while the directors had plenty of eagerness, some had little or no experience and relied on enthusiasm to an inordinate degree.

Regardless of experience, the Seniors' Centre once it opened, flourished with members elated with their newly built centre, and while the old centre holds memories of the past, the present new building is where the majority want to spend the years of retirement.

Among the multitude of new tasks, confronting the BoD with occupancy of the new building was the assignment of fund raising, which fell to Flo Murray who performed excellently with flair and success in a very difficult assignment.

Among other initiatives, she organized the 'Brick Sale' and raised thousands of dollars with this project, which required perseverance and great patience but ultimately, Flo triumphed.

At this time, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) received little attention among directors, and discussions to apply for funding received the support of few directors initially.

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However, we lacked clarity on which organizations qualified to apply for funding and eventually the assignment to make application to OTF fell to me, who briefed by OTF officials on how to proceed, accessed the Internet to supplement my knowledge.

Following instructions closely and not knowing what to expect, subsequently and to everybody's great surprise, the application met with success and delighted seniors received funding in full.

The application included a pool table, table tennis and badminton equipment, a video projection screen, indoor carpet bowling equipment, patio furniture, woodworking tools and machinery.

This equipment and two sewing machines and computer equipment together with software and licenses, proved to be an integral component in the original equipping of the Seniors' Centre, to a standard to match the building and the desires of the members.

Most of this equipment finds use daily and all expenditures proved successful and will continue to do so into the near and even deep future.

Additional funding applications made to OTF and to New Horizons (NH), a Federal Funding Agency, proved successful, and now the ASA has submitted a new application to NH for an outdoor bocce court, appliances for the ASA kitchen, a large wall mounted screen/projector for the West McKenzie Hall and sound barriers to the Priestly room.

Notification of how the

application fares is not expected until 2012, but anticipation of success is buoyed by the ever present optimism of proactive seniors finding ways to build the twilight years to the best they can be.

Each time an activity receives new equipment, members are exhilarated, and each will take a turn to experience the improvement new equipment brings.

All of the equipment in the Seniors' Centre is used extensively and the simple pleasure that members create by their own activities is difficult to quantify, but conversations with seniors leaves no doubt that pleasure runs deep.

The activities and pro-

grams listed in the Town literature as available, is close to 70.

Some activities jump to the front in popularity and meaningful or useful content of subject.

Others pass time, often quietly but with enough adherents to stay the course through many years.

The profusion of card games attracts adherents over long periods, and affords time for play.

Dancing provides music with physical contact and the choice of the finest music recorded.

Table tennis, badminton, snooker, billiards and pool, all offer skill games with hand to eye coordination, and seem well dispersed throughout

the world.

Competitors in the Seniors' Centre keep these games alive and well and each game returns this favour to the competitors.

Volunteerism is of first importance to seniors, many of whom need the help offered freely by their fellow members.

If the component of volunteerism was or became absent in the Seniors' Centre, the glow of life in the Centre would dim dramatically.

Where would we be without volunteers?

The wheels would fall off and everything would halt.

It would be almost as if the transformers failed and we lost power.

Volunteers support the Seniors' Centre and each other enormously and do it quietly without fuss.

At times, they receive recognition but other times recognition is sadly absent, but regardless, they carry on and these few words recognize their contributions to fellow seniors and the good life we all enjoy.

For those who live long and well, seniority is the inevitable outcome, and while seniors look back with fond memories to younger years, the merit of freedom from work, especially when combined with good health and accentuated by a plethora of pleasure time activities, stands as a triumph to a good life.

# Application a success

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## COMING EVENTS

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The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket.

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The Optimist Club of Aurora meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Legion. New members are welcome. Call 905-727-5012 for more information.

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The Aurora Lions, since the sale of their hall at 33 Mosley Street in August, have moved to their new meeting place at the Aurora Legion in the Coulson Hall where they have three meetings per month. The second Monday of the month is the dinner meeting at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday is the business meeting at 7.30 p.m. and the fourth Monday is a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. The club is welcoming people to come out to the meetings to see what the Aurora Lions are all about and consider joining the Lions and reach out to the community in many events. For further details go to our website at [www.auroralionscanada.com](http://www.auroralionscanada.com).

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The Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday night at Gabriel's Restaurant on Yonge Street. New mem-

bers are welcome.

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Meet for lunch and a sense of community at Martha's Table, based in St. Andrew's Hall at Aurora's Presbyterian Church. The thriving, volunteer-run program reopens September 1. Lunch, featuring soup, sandwiches, and dessert, is offered between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Net receipts go to local charities. The hall is on the corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets

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The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

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Aurora's Air Cadets meet every Tuesday night at Cardinal Carter School from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and offer a program for 12 years and older boys and girls.

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Queen's York Rangers Army cadet corps has openings for boys and girls aged 12 to 18. The group parades every Friday night between 7 and 9 p.m. There is no membership fee and those in high school can earn community

service hours through the program. For further information, call 905-726-8600.

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Aurora Opera Children's Chorus welcomes treble voices. It is a choir dedicated to nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls ages 5-17. Contact the general director at [keepsinging@rogers.com](mailto:keepsinging@rogers.com).

\*\*\*\*

Community Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) is looking for volunteers to assist with the activities in its Adult Day Program. The positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at its Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

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Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. the Pioneer Club for boys and girls, age three to Grade 4 and the Junior High Club for boys and girls, Grades 5 to 8, will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. For more information call 905-841-8884.

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A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at [jhoffmann@sympatico.ca](mailto:jhoffmann@sympatico.ca).

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Scottish Country Dancing on Friday morn-

ings mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome. For more information, call Agnes at 905-841-2747.

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street, south of Wellington. For more information call 905-830-9205.

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Masonic Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at the Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

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Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee Club at 9 a.m. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080 for more information.

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Gamblers Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night at the Aurora Legion at 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

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Canadian Federation of

University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley Varcoe at 905-953-9709.



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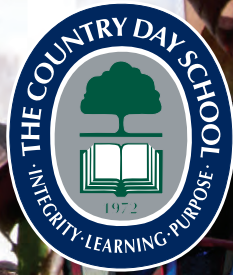
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