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Police handle 29 reports of theft, damage to cars

Several cars in the Town of Aurora have been vandalized recently, according to a York Regional Police spokesperson.

In the final week of September, police responded to 29 reports of thefts or damage to cars in a specific area of Aurora.

Reports came from residential areas Yonge to Bathurst and Wellington to Bloomington.

PC Gary Phillips of York Police told The Auroran 19 reports were for thefts from cars, while another 10 involved damage to the vehicle.

As a result, there has been an

increased police presence in Aurora by both uniform and plain clothes officers in an attempt to prevent the crime from continuing.

YRP spokespeople say the public can help by reporting any suspicious activity by calling 911 if you are witnessing a crime in progress or toll free 1-866-8 POLICE for non-emergencies only.

Police are reminding people to never leave valuables inside their vehicles and those vehicles should be locked.

"If possible, park your car inside your secure garage," police advise.



Irene Clement, chairperson of the Aurora Community Arboretum, was on hand last week as construction began on a new north entranceway to the arboretum, located in Aurora's east end, off John West Way. With her is Bryan Rennie of Home Depot, the company that supplied materials and volunteers to finish the job.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



60th

More than 100 people showed up Saturday night for a surprise 60th birthday party for well-known Vic Priestly, left. Among the presentations was a note from the provincial government presented by Newmarket-Aurora Member of the Provincial Parliament Frank Klees.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Mayor has a plan for property

While Aurora has a shortage of parks, a 97-acre parcel of green space is going unused, but perhaps not for long.

At the last Aurora Council meeting, Mayor Phyllis Morris noted that she would be bringing forward a motion at the General Committee meeting this week about the potential use of the Anne Bartley Smith Lands, better known as HighTor.

This space, bordered on the west by Bathurst Street, and on the south and east by the GO train line, has been owned and managed by the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) since 1992.

Ms Smith, and her husband Matthew, were staunch environmentalists.

For years they worked to reforest this property, which they called High Tor, eventually planting more than 19,000 trees, including white pine, spruce, red pine and maple.

When she died in December, 1987, she left the property to the Heritage Trust, at that time called the Heritage Foundation, specifically

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Briefly

Road closed

If you're planning to use Yonge Street next weekend, don't.

The street will be closed from Industrial Parkway South to Henderson Drive/Allaura Boulevard throughout the Thanksgiving weekend while workers replace the railway bridge.

The street will close at 9 p.m. Friday, October 9, and reopen Monday, October 12 at 9 p.m.

Reason for the replacement is to improve GO Transit rail service.

Help again, please

The Thanksgiving Food Drive, for the Aurora Food Pantry, is in full swing, with donation bins in all the major grocery stores in Aurora, but volunteers (adults and students) are needed to sort the incoming food.

The sorting depot runs Saturday, October 10th, 17th and 24th.

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York Highlands Chorus is an award-winning a cappella Sweet Adelines chorus, a group of women who gather Tuesday evenings at the Old Firehall, Newmarket, to sing, share in the harmony of friendship and learn the barbershop art form. York Highlands is always looking for new women who share the love of a cappella music. Call Karen at 905-726-2113 or Vikki at information@yorkhighlands.com.

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.

Every Thursday, Martha's Table serves home-made soup, sandwiches, and dessert in St. Andrew's Hall at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Street. Cost is minimal, and the volunteer-run program enabled the church to give more than \$5,000 to local charities in 2008 alone. You can enjoy lunch, conversation, and a sense of community between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. weekly.

Peace Flame Tree Sculpture committee meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the main floor boardroom of the Aurora Community Centre. For further information contact deborah.campoart@sympatico.ca

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.

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.

Aurora Opera Company's Children's Chorus is a new treble voice choir dedicated to educating, nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls in Grades 1 through 12 and consists of two choirs: Angel Choristers, a training choir for six and seven-year-olds and the Children Chorus, open to eight to 17-year-olds. To audition, contact general director Sarah Kyle at keepsinging@look.ca.

CHAT'S Community Home Assistance to Seniors 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.

Every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11 a.m. it's Story and Playtime at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South for tots (age 0-4 years) and their caregivers for coffee

or tea. Call 905-841-8883 for further details.

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.

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 jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and on Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-841-1352.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. under the direction of Enid Maize.

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps has openings for boys and girls ages 12 to 18. Membership is free. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 138 Larmont Street. For more information, call 905-726-8600.

A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, is again being offered at the Aurora United Church for an eight-week session, from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Wednesday, October 7 and ending November 25. The program is non-denominational and is open for free to all in the community. To register or for more information, contact Mary at 905-727-6984 or kenmar.smith@rogers.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Country Day School, Dufferin Street, in King Township. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per member.

Amnesty International meets at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church in the Rectory (house east of parking lot), 79 Victoria Street. Human rights discussion and letters. New members welcome. For further Information call 905-713-6713.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Appraise your treasures by experts in china, art and silver, brought to you by the Aurora Historical Society. Appraisals, to take place at Hillary House on Yonge Street, are on a first come, first served basis with a charge of \$5 per item with a maximum of four items per family. Appraisals take place between noon and 4 p.m. with all proceeds going to the care and restoration of Hillary House. For further information, call 905-727-8991.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Aurora United Church Rummage Sale. Individual sale held from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Church is located at 15186 Yonge Street at the corner of Tyler.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Aurora United Church Rummage Sale. Bag sale held from 9 a.m. to noon. Church is located at 15186 Yonge Street at the corner of Tyler.

Murder Mystery at Hillary House. The year is 1909 and another murder has taken place at Hillary House! Enjoy a three-course catered

meal in Aurora's Only National Historic Site and watch as the mystery unfolds. Tickets are \$80 per person and include the meal, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Guests are encouraged to attend dressed in period costume. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 905-727-8991.

Haunted Forest, presented by the Town of Aurora, happens in Sheppard's Bush at 6 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance, October 9 for residents and October 16 for non-residents at the Aurora Leisure Complex or the Aurora Recreation Complex.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Aurora Spirit Walk, led by historian David Heard, starts from Wells Street Public School at 8.30 p.m. Walk is almost sold out and if a second walk is necessary, it will begin from the same location at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 905-717-6647.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The York Regional Police Male Chorus will host their 17th Annual "In Harmony With the Community" fundraising concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket. Start time is 7:30 p.m. Performing this year will be the York Region Children's Chorus, the Ottawa Police Chorus, the Toronto Police Association Male Chorus and the York Regional Police Male Chorus. Tickets are \$10. For tickets or info please call 905-727-9676.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

14th annual Christmas Fair and Artisans Craft Sale at Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., brought to you by Our Lady of Grace Catholic Women's League.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street will hold their Merry "Twinkling" Christmas bazaar, from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to ACW Outreach and Parish Needs. Call 905-727-6101 for further information.



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Former Aurora Citizen of the Year, Bud Gilbert, second from right, was honoured by the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge Thursday when they presented him with his 60-year service pin. At the ceremony were, left to right, Very Worshipful Brother Ted McClenny; Right Worshipful Brother Robert Butler; Right Worshipful Brother Harold Foote; Mr. Gilbert; and District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother, R.B. Moreau. In total, the group represented more than 200 years of masonic service in Aurora.

Region involved in food collection

The Regional Municipality of York, in partnership with the York Region District School Board, the York Catholic District School Board and York Region's nine local food banks, Aurora included, launched the 2009 York Region Thanksgiving Food Drive recently.

"Food banks work very hard to assist people in meeting their basic nutrition needs," said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "The depletion of supplies in our food banks means we all have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who need essential assistance right here in our own communities."

The Thanksgiving Food Drive now underway continues until October 16th, and cre-

ates awareness of the many issues that lead to hunger while enhancing efforts among the many partners who donate food, services and volunteer time to York Region food banks.

Each month, more than 5,000 York Region residents use local food banks, and 40 per cent are children.

York Region has been working with local food banks to determine how the Region can support their local food drives.

During the drive, specific campaign assistance includes York Region Emergency Medical Services paramedics helping with food collection and transportation.

York Region will also provide temporary storage of food collected, if required.

In the upcoming months, York will continue to work with each of the local food banks through the Region's annual Community

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Arboretum finally gets its entrance

The Aurora Community Arboretum has another entrance thanks to a group of volunteers and materials from Aurora's Home Depot.

Work on the new entrance was finished last Thursday, after a planned start Tuesday was postponed because of poor weather.

The north entranceway is located on the southeast corner of Industrial Parkway and the St. John's Sideroad.

It will be the entrance from the highly controversial Nokiidaa Trail, which is expected to link to Newmarket in the foreseeable future.

An entrance to the Arboretum currently exists on John West Way, west of the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

According to Arboretum member John Clement an opening ceremony will be arranged to officially mark the northern entrance.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Here’s a few adventures to scare you

There are a few scary things going on this month, and the trouble is, most of the stories are true.

David Heard, who has a booth at the Aurora Farmers’ Market, will conduct an “Aurora Spirit Walk” (maybe more than one) on the evening of October 30.

“The first walk is almost full,” he said Friday. “I may have to hold a second one.”

The first one starts at Wells Street Public School (well, it used to be...) at 8.30 p.m.

If another tour is necessary, and it probably will be, it’ll start from the same spot at 7 p.m.

You’ll hear some pretty incredible stories on the tour, and most, David assures me, are true.

For example:

What if you were visiting a loved one and the sight before your eyes was the chiseled date of your own untimely death?

What if you knew there was a presence in your historical home that seemed to care for your child by turning on a musical mobile above a crib?

What if you found a vintage cast iron toy car in your yard, cleaned off all the mud, placed it on a dresser in your house and when you returned to the room, found it on the other side of the room and you are the only one in the house?

What if you saw what you thought was a spirit of someone recently dead and when you mentioned the loss to a neighbour, you were informed the neighbour saw the same vision?

What if you were visiting the new Aurora Town Hall and you heard music coming from somewhere?

What if you were an artist and you knew of three occasions where your artwork had literally flown from the wall where it hung?

All those things apparently happened in Aurora, and David will speak of most of them on his “Aurora Spirit Walk” the night before Hallowe’en.

Scary, eh?

But wait, there’s more.

The Town of Aurora will hold its annual Haunted Forest in Sheppard’s Bush, Saturday, October 24th, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets, at \$4 per person, go on sale for residents only October 9th and non-residents and residents October 16th at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex on Industrial Parkway North or the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex on Wellington Street East.

Only advance tickets will be sold.

If you plan on attending, you’ll need to bring a flashlight and you need to make a decision or two.

You must choose which trail you’re going to follow: one for little goblins and big chickens and one for those not so faint of heart.

Scary, eh?

You’ll enter Sheppard’s Bush at the end of Industry Street, just south of Mary Street. Industry Street is not to be confused with Industrial Parkway.

A charitable barbecue will be set up on the site.

For further information on the forest adventure, call 905-726-4762 or click on the town’s website.

If you plan to attend David’s scary walk, get more details at www.aurorawalkingtours.com or to reserve a spot on the walk, call 905-717-6647.

Meanwhile, Theatre Aurora transforms into a Haunted Horror Terror Theatre Friday, October 30th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 31st from 1 to 7 p.m..

Admission for the Hallowe’en fun is set at adults \$4 and children \$2, plus a canned food item for Aurora Food Pantry.

Entry tickets are available in advance or at the door, which is located at 150 Henderson Drive.

For further information check www.theatreaurora.com,

When everything is over, I’ll tell you of the poltergeist that invaded my house in Holland Landing back in the 1970s.

If the walk, the forest or the theatre can’t curl your hair, perhaps I can...

Scary, eh??



This photo shows The Auroran’s own Diane Buchanan, second from left, as she, and several cadets paraded from the old high school on Wells Street to the Aurora United Church at Yonge and Tyler Streets. Behind the marchers is the former Aurora Town Hall, built in 1875 and demolished in 1956. It was located at the corner of Yonge and Mosley Streets, and housed the Aurora Fire Department. Last week’s questions didn’t stump Patricia Koller, who knew the old Radial Railway station was located immediately north of the Aurora United Church, and the land is currently occupied by a building housing a couple of eateries; there was one track on Yonge Street; and the rails did go west on Wellington Street, to allow boxcars to carry supplies to Collis Leather on Tyler Street. Prize was a \$100 gift certificate to Oakland Hall Restaurant on Yonge Street, south of the St. John’s Sideroad.

Letter to the Editor

Sher answers her critics

To the editor,

Thanks to all those who are writing letters about me!

My letters were written to applaud good works of many volunteers and good leadership in the Town during the past few years.

However, it seems I have a personal fan base in Town and I wish to thank you all for keeping my name in the papers every week!

Such fame would cost me a fortune and I really couldn’t buy this kind of press! So, thanks.

I am an “apolitical” citizen volunteer being ‘politicized’ by you!

In just the last two weeks six more letters have been published.

Not one writer has contacted me directly. They do not know me.

Unfounded comments are put forth without clarification or communication. They’ve NOT done their journalistic research...

So, as you writers seem to insist that “it’s all about me” let’s get it right. For the record:

1) I live in the hamlet of Snowball: two kilometres west of Aurora where I built a special accessible home for my disabled son.

2) For 20 years I’ve been part of the community in Aurora. Each of my four children attended schools in Aurora and I’ve supported Aurora businesses.

3) I am an active member of the Aurora Seniors’ Association; the Aurora Chamber of Commerce; the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 385; and the

Business Women’s Network of Aurora.

4) I voluntarily served the Town reviving the Canada Day Parade as its Chair for 2008/09; enjoy working with and fundraising for charities and organizations in Aurora.

5) St. Kitts Music is also a full paying-full fledged vendor of the Aurora Farmers’ Market. We’ve been there rain or shine for the past three years.

I voluntarily assist market vendors with promotions and market public relations.

I serve on the executive as the Special Events Coordinator: helping create, promote and organize over a dozen events in 2009 alone.

St. Kitts Music is also a sponsor of the Aurora Farmers’ Market. Politics have indeed been brought into the market – but not by me.

6) It seems my critiquing ‘fans’ do not understand ‘why’ I do what I do. I am paying it forward. Why? I deeply appreciated help I received from volunteers and charities regarding the special needs of my son, Andrew, over the years.

I promised if ever I were able, I would help others.

Now my children have grown - I am doing just that. It brings me JOY – you could say that makes me selfish. It makes me happy. Should I hide or share this? Call me.

Those who know me realize that I am not really the Town Crier or some Ubiquitous Being. However, to my journalistic ‘fan club’: Aurora needs a Town Crier to speak up for its silent majority and defend its tire-

less volunteers, who have oft been treated poorly in letters and blogs.

Also the very idea of being “Ubiquitous” would be a great achievement for anyone.

Do you really think I can achieve this and teach other volunteers to be omnipresent for those in need?

I keenly await the barrage of fan mail that will certainly be published in response to this, my self-serving letter, to give me proper guidance

and helpful answers.

To those other Aurorans I meet daily who stop me to say how much they genuinely appreciate volunteer efforts: thanks for your support and love, which I share with all the volunteers I know!

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**“The Ubiquitous Town Crier”
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

I recently had an e-mail exchange with two Aurora Councillors about ward systems.

Question: do you support or oppose the utilization of a ward system in Aurora?

Stephen Granger: "I am in support of further examining the appropriateness of a ward system and its benefits at this time by allowing the public some first stage input regarding options that need to be considered. I'd also be in favour of requesting council to consider allowing a referendum question to be placed on our next election ballot so as to allow our public the opportunity of expressing their desires for a ward system of governance.

"To be clear I am in support of a ward system which considers proper boundary considerations that are fair to our population distribution and in keeping with maintaining our community integrity and diversity of interests. It is a means by which closer communication and accessibility is made possible to occur between our Councillors and the local area citizens.

"The above being said is not a fast process but rather a well designed governance structure that enables better localized communication to occur on local issues. As a council there are already special advisory committees established that discuss local issues with different voting perspectives, however a ward councillor, could through these committees, further enhance and assist the constituents to better understand and express their input to these committees.

"In my opinion the ward system is an enhancement to the local constituents and their issues while at the same time (acts) no different on general council issues that affect the Town as a whole such as general new business development, budget reviews, organi-

zational changes or enhancements of public services."

Al Wilson: "The ward system has been talked about for some time - as I remember even as long ago as when the population was much smaller.

"I think this is something that the public should decide - how they wish to be represented as we grow and go forward. Therefore I would support a referendum on the next ballot.

"From my experience to date as a councillor I could see both pros and cons for the public as to the organization of how representation is done.

"I think the next question is then how do you organize the wards, ratio of population etc. are just some of the 'details' that pop up.

"More importantly, the driver to any changes should be to provide the public with something that is an improvement for the benefit of the whole Town.

"Something like this I know takes some time to ensure that the proper legislative guidelines and requirements are in place that is something that I will be investigating.

On a different note, the column that I wrote last week elicited the following letter:

Hi Stephen,

It was with interest that I read your column in The Auroran and noticed that you had the misconception that the candles were on graves of some who might have died in battle or some other war related endeavour.

For your information no serviceman or woman of any rank killed during WWII was repatriated. Each candle in the cemetery on that weekend represented a serviceman or woman who had returned from the war to take up civilian life again and has since died.

Councillors comment on ward system

I am sending an attachment, which is the program used at the Legion parade and ceremony on the Sunday - the day after you saw the candles. In it you will see how this Candlelight Vigil began.

I am very glad you made the effort to go and see the candles on that fine Saturday night - they made a splendid display, didn't they?

Sincerely,
Eleanor Thomson, CD
CWAC WWII

A brief explanation...

In the mid-1990s, Penny McLachlan, an employee of Veterans' Affairs Canada in Vancouver, attended a very moving Annual Christmas Memorial to our Canadian soldiers by school children in Holland.

In this ceremony a candle is placed at every Canadian soldier's grave in thanks for the sacrifice those Canadians made to regain Holland's freedom.

After returning home, Penny had a dream - which was to see candles lit across Canada in remembrance of the walking wounded, those who served their country and were able to return home to carry on with their lives in the community. Not all returned whole - many had physical disabilities, others had disabilities, which were not readily visible. But all had scars.

The first year of the program saw candles lit and placed on 1,200 veterans' graves; the next year more than 1,500 candles were lit in British Columbia.

The first Candlelight Tribute in Ontario was held in Sutton in 1999; then it spread to Aurora, then Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Fenelon Falls, Kirkland Lake, and Ottawa. It has also spread to Nova Scotia.

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Letter to the Editor

Wainwright experience "invaluable": MP

To the editor,

As part of the Parliamentary Military Program, I participated in military exercises at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright, Alberta, this past summer.

The objective of the program is to introduce Members of Parliament to the rigours of the Canadian military and to have them experience military life.

The military exercises are conducted by regular army troops for our reservists, some of whom will be deployed to

Afghanistan and elsewhere.

CFB Wainwright is designed to replicate the Afghanistan experience and three replica Afghan villages have been constructed on base.

As part of the experience, MPs are fitted with full uniform upon arrival and embedded with logistics troops that include our very own Queens York Rangers.

Logistics ensure that our troops have the necessary supplies and that the movement of soldiers and necessities to the conflict is not interrupted.

The experience is as real as it gets.

During the week I flew in a Chinook helicopter, travelled in a high-security LAV4 vehicle and lived on issued rations in the field.

The latter part of the program has MPs reverse roles to become embedded with the insurgents.

I took on the role of a female member of the Afghan village (yes, I wore a burka).

This allowed us to view our forces from the enemy perspective.

I observed the results

of a suicide bomber who rode his bicycle into the village.

The army replicates as closely as possible through theatrics - talcum powder is used to replicate the bomb; after the explosion and the dust clears, the results of injury become part of the exercise.

I saw first-hand our troops' perspective during this 'real life' scenario.

When returning to my 'Afghan village' with a string I was using to weave bracelets for sale to the troops, I was sud-

denly faced with several troops facing me with their weapons pointed.

The reason?

An observant reservist saw the string in my hand and identified me as a possible suicide bomber.

A wake-up call indeed on the realities of military life overseas.

The entire exercise opened up the eyes of myself and my MP colleagues (from all political stripes I might add) to the harsh realities our troops' experience on a daily basis as they serve our country on missions around the world.

As a parliamentarian I am tasked with two responsibilities: 1) budget allocations for the military and 2) decisions on deployment.

For these reasons this experience was invaluable.

Our Canadian Forces are truly outstanding.

They are the best trained in the world, and their reputation is world renowned.

Our Forces deserve our respect and continued support!

Lois Brown, MP
Newmarket-Aurora

Letters to the Editor

Website makes Aurora look like “bi-polar whore”

To the editor,

Recently I was scratching my head when I found that the town was holding "Economic Expansion & Retention" forums. I guess they felt it neces-

sary to waste business people's time and conduct a survey as to better understand why businesses choose where they locate. Are you kidding me? Here's a thought. Take one look at our town's web-

site, just don't make the mistake and stare at it directly. Do you see what I see? It is a disgrace. One glance at the town's website you would think that we present ourselves as a bi-polar whore. "Wer'e

big...but small", "we can be anything you want us to be". As a business owner myself I am very confused as what the Town of Aurora wants to be and what it can offer when it chooses to use an outdated web template

from the mid 1990s. And this in the "Year of Business Initiative". It looks like someone thought to do this as the committee claimed back in May "The Town has planned many activities to support business throughout 2009 including.....re-develop-

ment and launch of a newly improved economic development section on our Town's website" One has to wonder has this been done? Let's hope not. There is much work to be done in patching a large hole in our web presence if the town wants to be as serious as they claim about fishing for and keeping business. We don't have to sell the town as high-tech, but we should at least attempt to be "with it". We also have to appear user friendly. Sadly something both the majority of our current council and website do not reflect. Christopher Watt Aurora

A penny buys a pencil in Pakistan: students

To the editor,

We can change the world, one penny at a time... Grade 7 students at Regency Acres Public School have started an initiative to collect pennies for building schools in Northern Pakistan and Afghanistan. Inspired by the book "Three Cups of Tea", written by Greg Mortenson, we want our community to know that everyone can make a differ-

ence. The P4P program has raised more than 100,000,000 pennies or \$1,000,000 and built more than 100 schools since 1994. That's the powerful difference children make when working together. Our message is that terrorism can be fought with "books not bombs" through education, especially for girls. The best hope for a

peaceful and prosperous world lies in the education of all the world's children. Through cross-cultural understanding and a solution-oriented approach, Pennies for Peace encourages all children, ultimately our future leaders, to be active participants in the creation of global peace. In Pakistan, a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy. We encourage other stu-

dents to join our mission by visiting penniesforpeace.org and registering their school. If you notice a Pennies for Peace jar in town, please leave your pennies and know you have participated to make the world a better place. The pennies will be collected until December 1. Grade 7 Regency Acres students Aurora

Some values may be old-fashioned, but they’re mine, Evelyn maintains

To the editor,

Everyone knows my age. Even the Globe and Mail put it in headlines. I am prepared to concede some of my values and principles may be slightly old-fashioned. But they are mine. I'm not prepared to abandon them unless something better presents. Here's a test; circumstances of a similar nature have caught my attention over a period of months. On a need to know basis, I need to know other people's reaction. Don't forget. I have a seat

on council to keep an eye out for your interest. This week, on a sparse agenda, these items presented. A fervent appeal for food to be donated to food banks for people who do not have enough to keep body and soul together. (5,000 in York Region) Communications from East Gwillimbury Councillor Virginia Hackson, chair of South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority, had some positive news. The first was about a prize for watershed management. It was announced in

Brisbane, Australia, and the chair, Councillor Virginia Hackson and several staff members went there to receive it. Organizations make applications for these "prizes". If you bag one it looks good on an employee resume and campaign literature. The second is an invitation to "festivities" at

Madsen's Greenhouse to celebrate the success of Authority programs to save the environment and "Watershed Heroes". It's not that long since the Authority was able to hire staff only on short contracts because there were insufficient resources to provide full-time employment. Evelyn Buck Aurora

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Letters to the Editor

Rogers has no regard for client, reader says

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter is the final response to Rogers Cable following a back-and-forth battle between a customer and the company. A copy of the letter was forwarded to The Auroran.

Mary Freeman
Office of the President
Rogers
Communications Inc.
855 York Mills Road
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Dear Ms Freeman,

Ever since Rogers threatened to cancel my

She wishes good luck to Thompson's Furniture

To the editor,

Re: Thompson's closing.

As a long time resident of Aurora, I want to thank the Thompson family for the service and support they've given the Town of Aurora over the past 80 years plus. When I saw the sign go

phone number unless I signed on in less than 30 days, I have been trying to get answers - answers that, according to its correspondence, Rogers has at its fingertips, but as yet has not shared.

TV has been sporadic at best - it is a crap shoot what channels will work on any given day.

I have no long distance capability.

Rogers' "Urgent Notice" pinned to my door, informs that you "will be back to pick up full payment".

I envision wrestlers with baseball bats.

Most companies resolve client issues by

working with the client - a "win-win".

Rogers' approach seems to be to ignore the client, while intensifying collection efforts. Interesting!

My last, somewhat intelligible still incorrect, bill shows a net credit of \$12.80 (offset by a late payment charge) instead of the \$110 credit you promised.

Rogers' math is unique: \$154.13 going to \$174 next year is "the same" as \$119.60; substituting SexTV, OutTV, PerTV and Miliary Channel for Oasis, Treasure and Equator; and one phone feature for the 10 I had, constitutes "no change in service".

So, I, too, have moved to Bell.

I get the TV I need for \$50 less, six features on my phone, long distance, and nominally faster internet for about

the same price as Rogers.

Upon receipt of the promised credits, credit for the hours I invested trying to be your customer, and credit for my overpayment to Aurora Cable Internet; you can pick up your hardware.

If I do not receive written confirmation of these credits within 60 days, you can pick it up at the curb.

The sad thing is, it is not about the money - but rather the arrogance with which Rogers regards its customers - the refusal to put anything in writing, the deception and broken promises...things it could not do, were it not a monopoly.

And just to be crystal clear - cancel all of the six accounts you set up for this address.

William Crocker
Aurora

Reader wants class action against Rogers

To the editor,

We need a class action suit against Rogers.

Rogers bought us as subscribers when they bought Aurora Cable.

Now they want to re-contract us. They can't do this.

It is impossible to forcibly contract someone. And contract law is the basis of English Common Law, which is our most civilizing

structure.

Where is this foreign Rogers impetus coming from?

Let us insist on on rights, contracts as protected by our common law.

Zena MacKintosh
Aurora

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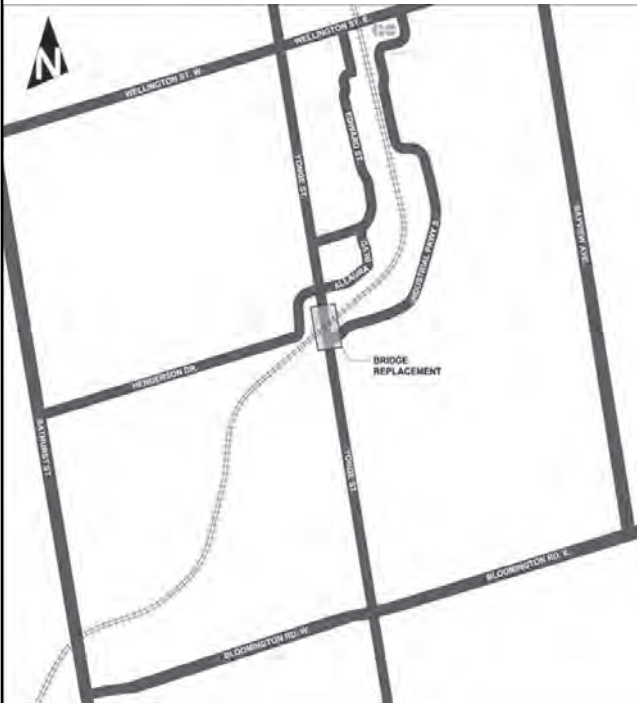
The Optimist Club of Aurora held their Annual Presidents Dinner on Sat. Sept. 26th at St. Andrews Golf Course. Entertainment was provided by the Aurora Idol, Mishaela Kostosky. Pictured are incoming President Ken Banks, Mishaela Kostosky and Past President Carol Bartlet.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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To facilitate this, Yonge St. will be closed from Industrial Parkway to Henderson Dr./Allaura Blvd. throughout the Thanksgiving weekend from 9 p.m. on Friday, October 9, and re-opened at 9 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2009.



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They're known as the "Music Makin' Moms", and these four women from Owen Sound performed last week in Aurora at a "Country Corral" at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. They are, left to right, Bernice Gowan, Lynda Kingwall, Louise Teschke and Marilyn McComb.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Postmaster names Aurora

Newcomers to Aurora may be interested to learn how Aurora got its name,

The year 1804 is taken as about the time a hamlet began at the corner of Yonge and Wellington Streets with Robert Machell as the first merchant to open a store at the intersection.

The hamlet became known as Machell's Corners.

Machell is remembered by Machell Avenue, which runs north off Wellington Street West and Machell Park, located across the street from the Aurora Community Centre.

The park was named after him as a result of a park-naming school contest and the winner was his great-great granddaughter.

But one name has long been associated with Aurora and it is that of the first postmaster for the area and the first reeve on the newly incorporated Village of Aurora in 1863 and that was Charles Doan

As postmaster, he named the little village in 1854 after the Roman Goddess of the Dawn and gave Aurora its Coat of Arms, bearing the motto "Sol Meus Testis" or "As The Sun Is My Witness".

According to Wikipedia, the computer encyclopedia, "Aurora is the Latin word for dawn, the goddess of dawn in Roman mythology and Latin poetry. Aurora is comparable to the Greek goddess Eos, though Aurora did not bring with her any resonance of a greater archaic goddess".

With Machell's Corners becoming the Head of Rail in 1853 with the arrival of the first stream train in Upper Canada, Doan sensed the dawn of a new era as a business and trading centre worthy of the name Aurora.

The founder of the Doan family in North America was Deacon John Doan, a Puritan, who arrived at Cape Cod in Massachusetts in 1620.

He settled in Eastham and to this day some of his descendents remain in the Cape Cod area where the Doan Rock is located.

Deacon John was a carpenter and builder by trade

and many of his descendents followed in that trade.

Numerous older homes in the Cape Cod area are attributed to Doan builders.

One of his grandsons, Daniel Doan, left the Puritan faith and became a Quaker.

He left the family homestead in Eastham and moved to Sandwich, about 40 miles away.

Continued harassment and prosecution by the Puritans caused Daniel and his family, plus other Doan family members, to leave Massachusetts for Pennsylvania in 1696.

Daniel prospered and became the founder of that branch of the family from which all the Doans in Ontario came.

He was disowned by the Quakers in 1711 for dealing in astrology.

The American Revolution was a difficult time for the Quakers and the Doans in particular, because of their strong pacifist views.

Moses Doan is believed to have worked with John Graves Simcoe and it is assumed this relationship may have brought members of the Doan family to

Upper Canada.

John Doan and his family were among the first to make the move and in 1807 joined the Yonge Street Quaker settlement in what is now Newmarket.

As a builder, he was almost immediately appointed to a committee to build a new meeting house. It is the one still standing as a historic site on the west side of Yonge Street, south of Eagle.

By this time other members of the Doan family had arrived and settled in the area including John's brother, Ebenezer.

In 1812, trouble arose with the Quakers and John and Ebenezer separated themselves from the Quakers and declined to attend meetings.

Both families moved to Hope, now Sharon, to join the Children of Peace, founded by David Willson.

In 1825, work was started on the Sharon Temple, which was completed in 1832.

It was designed by Willson along traditional lines of three stories for the Trinity, 12 Lantern Towers for the Disciples and the Ark in the centre.

Mayor has plan for High Tor land

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excluding her only heir from receiving it, fearing he would sell the property for development.

Ironically, even in the care of the OHT, whose mandate is to protect Ontario's natural heritage, the property was almost developed by that organization.

In 1998, they put forward a proposal to sell half of the property to developers, claiming the funds were required to protect other natural areas of the province.

After much debate, the deal and various others attempting to divide and develop the property, eventually fell through.

Since then the only sale has been that of three acres along Bathurst Street to York Region for a recently constructed in ground reservoir and pump house.

The town would now like to explore options for Aurora residents to enjoy passive recreational uses of the Anne Bartley Smith lands that would have minimal environmental impact.

At this week's General Committee meeting a proposal will therefore be discussed for staff to be directed to work with the OHT to explore a "custodial relationship agreement", and to report back to Council.

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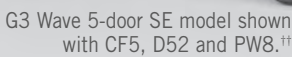
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Ed Coyle, right, retired from Aurora's Home Hardware and was given a grand sendoff last week. Participating in the event were, left to right, Randy, Russ, and Rob Barfitt, owners of the company located on Wellington Street East.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

How Aurora got its name

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march and was arrested in 1837 for his part in the Rebellion.
He was released from jail in 1838.
While imprisoned, he carved two small boxes which are currently owned by the Aurora Historical Society. They were presented in October, 1989, by Paul Doane Bryce.
A very ambitious young man, Charles Doan, moved from Sharon to Machell's Corners to

become the postmaster of Whitchurch Township.
He built Castle Doan at the corner of Yonge Street and Catherine Avenue as the location for the post office. The historic house was later demolished to make way for Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.
Doan built Doan Hall just north of the Yonge/Wellington intersection, where Doane Hall Pharmacy was located for many years. He had a store at the corner which

became the new post office. Doan Hall was demolished in 1963 despite efforts to save it.
The Village of Aurora was incorporated in 1863 and Charles Doan became the first reeve. He retired from business in 1870 but continued as postmaster until 1882.
He died on June 18, 1895. The family bible that his father passed on to Charles was later donated to the Historical Society by the Doan family.

How Aurora looked in 1968

Here's what Aurora was like 41 years ago in 1968.
The Aurora Winter Carnival on January 6 wound up the Centennial Year with more than 1,000 citizens in attendance.
Elsie Duffield was awarded the Centennial Medal for her work with the Aurora Legion Ladies Auxiliary along with Aurora Librarian Marj Andrews and Councillor Dick Illingworth.
On February 21 it was Marj Andrews Night at the Aurora Library as library board members, past and present, paid tribute to the Aurora librarian.
Del Babcock, chairman of the board, reviewed the years and the ups and down of the library. He retired from the library board in 1983 after 42 years, many of them as chairman.
Jim Spragg, a 15-year-old Aurora trumpeter, was guest artist at the Aurora United Church 150th anniversary celebrations. Later he played first trumpet with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.
The Aurora Town Band entertained the residents of Greenacres Home for the Aged in Newmarket.
Aurora Council was caught up in another hot issue and had difficulty making a decision if a group opposing the war in Vietnam should be allowed a tag day in Aurora.
By a 5-4 vote council rejected a proposal to pay for an accumulating pile of claims for flooding in the south end of town in 1967 as the town's insurance company denied any liability.
Councillor Evelyn Buck failed to get Reeve Jim Murray removed from the chair while Mayor Clarence Davis presented reports.
She said the Reeve couldn't control meetings without resorting to police action.
At a previous meeting Murray warned Buck he would call police to have her removed from the building.
Council approved a salary increase for councillors to \$2,000 per year and \$3,600 for the mayor effective in 1969.
George Gathercole, Chairman of Ontario Hydro, officially opened Aurora Hydro's new building on Mosley Street. At that time the cost of hydro for one day was less than the price of a quart of milk.
Dick Buchanan resigned from the recreation committee after 20 years and was made an honorary member.
Many students were unable to get to school as school buses were unable to operate during a bad winter storm and the town's work department carted away 218 truckloads of snow.
Town staff was required to work 14-hour shifts to plow and clear snow from major routes as foot-deep melting snow was hit with falling temperatures and another heavy snowfall.
Lloyd White was named principal of the Aurora Senior Public School.
More than 800 students

from Aurora, King City and Newmarket high schools walked out of classes in an effort to convince Education Minister Bill Davis to change his mind about extending the school year by 10 days.
The Aurora Optimist Club, with 44 members, received its charter at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club with Eric Cullough as president and Bob Blick as secretary.
The Aurora Rotary Club announced plans for a three-day trade show later in the year.
The Aurora Lions Club celebrated its 24th birthday. Guest speaker was Ray Marshall, a past president.
A new secondary school was proposed for Aurora to handle the expected high school population by 1970. The school is now known as Aurora High.
Four paintings were removed from a travelling art exhibit from the Art Gallery of Ontario at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School as parents claimed they were obscene. One of the paintings was reprinted in the local media with the comment that more could be seen on a corn flakes box.
That was Aurora in 1968 - 41 years ago.

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Auroran photo by David Falconer

Soccer squad to play another contest

You may think the soccer season is over, but it isn't true for at least one Aurora team. The Aurora Youth Soccer Club Under-11 Boys will decide Saturday where they will play next year. They'll host a wild card playoff game against Whitby A at the Sheppard's Bush turf beginning at noon. Winner of the match will be promoted to the Level 4 Premiere League next season. It is listed on the AYSC website as the "Game of the Week". Coaching the team will be Gus Menna and Stewart Morrison. They and the players are looking for soccer fans to support the team at the Saturday, October 10 game.

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Beat Buffalo twice

Tigers add four points to totals

The Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team added four points to their totals last week by defeating the Buffalo Junior Sabres twice, once there and once here. The victories gave Aurora sole possession of ninth place in the 15-team league, but most teams ahead of them have played two or more games than the Tigers. On top of the heap is the Kingston Voyageurs, undefeated in nine games so far this season. Tigers have won four and lost two. At the West Seneca Recreation Centre in New York State last Monday, Aurora had no trouble skating to a 9-4 victory. Aurora was led by two-goal efforts from captain David Morley and Mitch Moffatt. Singles came from Nick Vangog, Nick Quinn, Daniel Lisi, Jamie Haines and Adam Moody. Ironically, the recreation centre is located near Highway 400, better known in the area as the Aurora Expressway. Back at the Aurora Community Centre Friday night, Aurora got all its scoring in the first period, then hung on to a 4-3 victory over Buffalo.

Aurora got singles from George Lovatsis, Lucas VanNatter, Jeff Vanderlugt and a power play goal from Michael Sardella, as they took a 4-2 lead to the dressing room. Following a scoreless second frame, Buffalo made it close early in the third, but could not find the equalizer, and Aurora picked up the two points. Tigers met Vaughan Monday night in Vaughan, but results of that game were too late for The Auroran's deadlines. Morley added a pair of assists in the Friday contest to keep him on top of the Tiger scoring board. So far, in six games, Morley has 12 points, including five goals and seven assists. He is followed by Vaderlugt, Lovatsis and VanNatter, all tied for second spot with nine points. The first two have scored four goals each, while VanNatter has three. Tigers have three games to play this week following Monday's encounter. Thursday, they meet the Trenton Golden Hawks at the

Duncan Arena where Mitch Moffatt should feel right at home. He was traded from Trenton to Aurora July 20th. Tigers then host the Couchiching Terriers at the Aurora Community Centre at

7.30 p.m., Friday, and are in town Sunday afternoon for a match against the Oakville Blades. That game gets underway at 2.30 p.m. For a look at the scoring plays, see Page 13.

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Atoms edged by Markham, defeat Orillia

Tigers split a pair

The Atom A Tigers had two league games this week, one successful, the other not quite so.

Thursday evening the Markham Waxers came to town for their first meeting of the year.

This is a team that last year played competitively with the Tigers so it should have proved to be an even match.

However, the Tigers came out of the gate flat and struggled for the first two periods.

If not for the strong play of goaltender Mark Carpenter, the score could have easily been far worse than the two-goal deficit the team needed to overcome in the third period.

The only offensive bright spot in the first two periods came when Lucas Dane was sent in on a breakaway and got hauled down creating a penalty shot opportunity.

Dane started his approach and, as reminded by the coaches, made the goalie move first.

Dane went to his backhand but somehow the

Waxers netminder got a glove on it and thwarted the scoring attempt.

During the second intermission, Tiger coaches lit the right fuse because the team came out with passion.

Alexander Simardone took the puck deep and nicely shuffled a pass to Thomas Kostoff.

Kostoff drew in the Markham defender and then released the puck to Colin McGoldrick, who made no mistake scoring for Aurora's lone marker.

As time wound down, Carpenter was pulled in favour of an extra attacker and a minute and a half of fury was unleashed.

The Tigers swarmed the net, peppering shots at the Waxers goalie and did everything but score and Aurora went down to a 2-1 defeat.

Then, on Saturday the Tigers travelled to Orillia to face the Junior Terriers and things were a bit different.

Last year the Terriers were the top team in the York Simcoe loop bowing out in the OMHA finals and

they had the Tigers number in every contest.

Five minutes into the game the Tigers did something previously unattained as they took a lead against the Terriers.

Alexander Simardone, after chipping the puck down the ice, made a nice play to recover the puck and then got a shot off that found the back of the net.

He was unassisted on the play.

Patrick Cruickshank made several big saves to keep the score 1-0.

Early in the second period, the Tigers struck again.

This time Jennifer Steenhorst moved the puck down from the point to Colin McGoldrick.

McGoldrick placed the puck on the stick of Lucas Dane, who finished nicely to give the Tigers a two-goal lead.

Five minutes later, Simardone was at it again.

This time it was a strong breakout play, initiated by Jordan Torres, who passed the puck to Kyle Rice.

Rice worked the puck into the Terriers end and then dropped it back to

Simardone, who made no mistake scoring his second of the night.

Eleven seconds later, Thomas Kostoff ripped the puck past the Terriers goalie after receiving a pass from Robby Graham.

Early in the third period, the Terriers picked up a goal and the coaches reminded the Tigers that they have to play all three periods to win a game.

Aurora responded as Josh Schmitt answered with a solo effort on a shot from the point after working hard to keep the puck in the Orillia end.

Three minutes later, Kyle Rice scored an unassisted goal.

The Terriers scored with 1:06 left on the clock, but the Tigers responded with a late marker of their own when Jordan Torres moved the puck into the zone making a cross-ice pass to Simardone.

Simardone got the puck on net and Kyle Rice handled the rebound for his second of the night.

A late goal by the Terriers made the final score 7-3 for the Tigers.

Junior A's add four points

AURORA 9  
BUFFALO 4

First Period

B - Adrian Copeland (Moore, Playfair) 1.06

A - David Morley (Sardella, VanNatter) 9.28

B - Garrett Moore (Copeland, Gillmiester) 10.32

A - Mitch Moffatt (Morley, Gregorack) 14.53

Second Period

A - Nick Vangog (Quinn, Haines) 2.26

A - David Morley (VanNatter) 5.36

B - Nick Melligan (Zappia, Moyer) 15.33

A - Nick Quinn (Haines, Vanderlugt) 18.33

Third Period

A - Daniel Lisi (Lovatsis) 1.08

A - Mitch Moffatt (Prinsen, Chiarantano) PP 3.38

A - Jamie Haines (Pianos) 6.36

B - AJ Moyer (Certo, Zappia) 7.44

A - Adam Moody (Gregorack, Moffatt) 9.43

AURORA 4  
BUFFALO 3

First Period

A - George Lovatsis 2.22

A - Lucas VanNatter (Sardella, Morley) 3.57

B - Michael Cassidy (Conte, Certo) 8.18

B - Mark Metzger (Ryan) 15.30

A - Jeff Vanderlugt (Trainor, Haines) 15.59

A - Michael Sardella (Morley, VanNatter) PP 19.44

Second Period

No scoring

Third Period

B - Michael Cassidy (Zappia) PP 1.29

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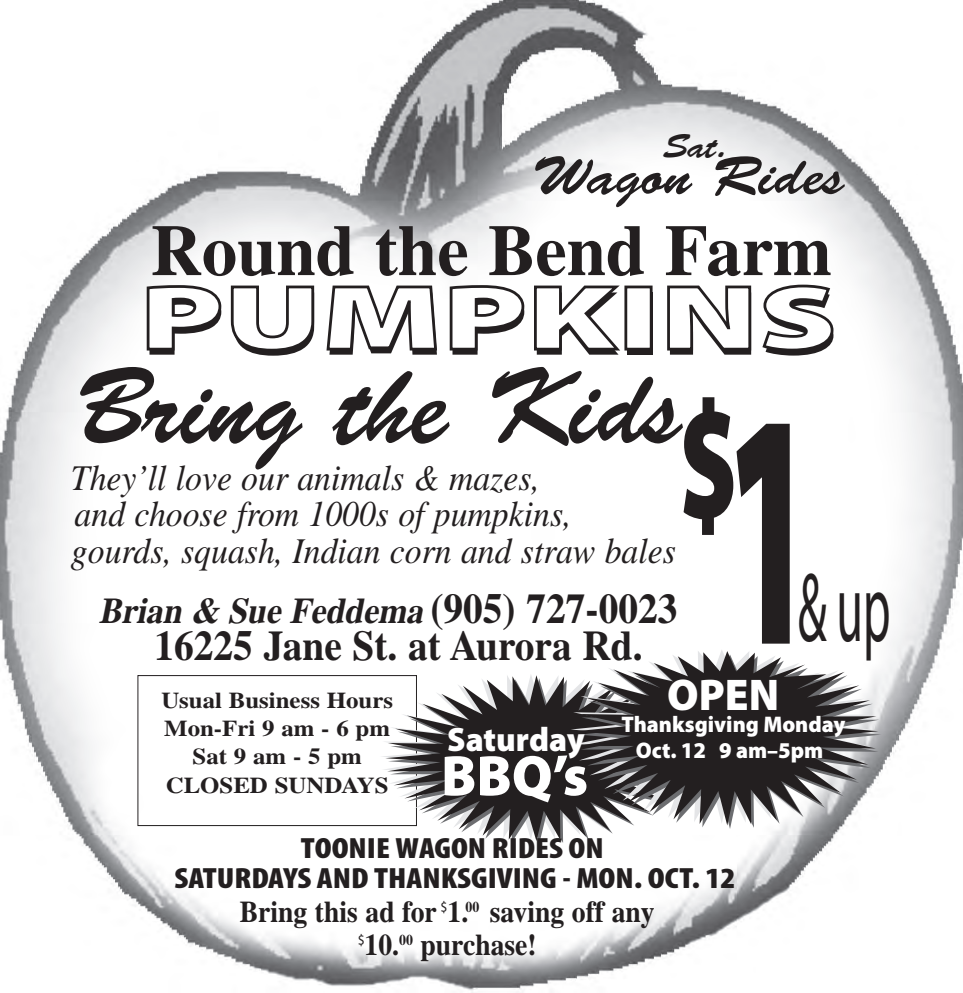
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**106 Pittsburgh Black Timbits 9** - Harrison Bennett 2G, Liam Mahoney 2G 2A, Dante Fanuzzi 1G, Brett Pearce 3G, Adriano Albanese 1G, Brandin Harris 1A, Matthew Cowl 1A, Dereck Avery 1A, Eric Wright 2A, Logan Kidder 1A, Kate Collins 1A. **107 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Timbits 6** - Mitchell Weatherall 1G 1A, Justin Hicks 1G 1A, Jace Jackson 3G, Ethan Joiner 1G 1A, Griffin Charnley 1A, Brennan Johnson 1A, Joe Badali 1A.

**105 St. Louis Blue Timbits 9** - Sam MacLeod 2G 1A, Carson Klein 3G, Daniel Gaeta 2G 1A, Ethan Medeiros 1G 2A, Jackson Galbraith 1G 1A, Jake Iwai 1A, Curtis Manley 1A, Andrew Pearce 1A, Valerie McColl 1A. **101 Florida Red Timbits 3** - Liam Graham 1G, Alexander Kok 1G, Nicholas Giorgio 1G, Dante D'Antonio 1A, Alexander Arcuri 1A, Gavin Hunter 1A.

**102 Boston Gold Timbits 2** - Carson Maybury 1G, Caden McHenry 1G, Francesco Dinardo 1A, Alexander Ko 1A. **104 Los Angeles Purple Timbits 2** - Owen Lalonde 1G, Devon Bourrie 1G, Zoe Rodger 1A.

**103 Toronto White Timbits 6** - Gianluca Santocono 2G, Riley Klugerman 1G, Jake Piper 1G, Graham Woodcock 1G 1A, Joshua Turriff 2A, Aiden Nitsopoulos 1A, James Sproul 1A, Gage Gonsalves 2A, Evan Ramasra 1A, Christian Romas 1G 2A. **108 Philly Orange Timbits 5** - Nolan Michelberger 1G 1A, Clayton Hodgson 2G 1A, Jonathon Avgousti 2G 2A, Cole Nip 1A, Kazuki Negishi 1A.

**610 Los Angeles Grey AHPA 4** - Bradley Snoulton 1G 2A, Johnny Sherwood 2G 1A, Christian MacGillvray 1G, Brenden Ruuskanen 1A, Andy Butler 1A. **606 Pittsburgh Black Rival Concepts 1** - Mitchell Law-Heese 1G, William Ashton 1A, Parker Jackson 1A.

**609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 6** - Joey Hodgson 2G 1A, C. Screech 1G 2A, J. Screech 1G, N. Hatzitolios 1G, T. Simpson 1G, M. Boorn 3A, Y. Kakush 1A, L. Bulmer 1A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 3** - Hunter Jones 2G 1A, Brett Diamond 1G 1A.

**608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 4** - Nicholas Pearce 1G 1A, Matthew Neice 1G, Micheal Walsh 1G, Nathan Dinatale 1A, Colin Dyer 1G 1A. **601 Florida Red Rogers 3** - Austin Waite 2G, Alexander MacKinnon 1G, Jack Bishenden 2A, Patrick Bourrie 1A.

**603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 6** - Troy Foster 1G 2A, Matthew Carcone 1G, Jason Omand 1G, Connor Tripp 2G 1A, Jacob Fenchak 1G, Nicholas Scougall 1A. **604 Los Angeles Purple 2** - Mitchell Haak 1G, William Stroud 1A, Ryan Donovan 1G.

**606 Pittsburgh Black Rival Concepts 4** - Will Ashton 1G, Parker Jackson 1G, Lucas Ackerman 2G. **603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 2** - Daniel Cariou 1G, Jason Omand 1G, Troy Foster 1A.

**610 Los Angeles Grey AHPA 7** - Johnny Sherwood 3G 3A, Christian MacGillvray 1G, John Barber 1G, Bradley Snoulton 1G 1A, Alex Sesto 1G, Carter Goan 2A. **608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 1** - Matthew Neice 1G, Christian Pearce 1A, Grant Kavanaugh 1A.

**609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 5** - Joey Hodgson 1G 1A, Y. Kakush 1G, N. Hatzitolios 1G 2A, D. Hope 2G, Carter Eby, shutout. **601 Florida Red Rogers 0.**

**605 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club Of Aurora 2. 602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 1** - Andre Cristillo 1G, Ryan Batten 1A.

**607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 2. 602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 1. 804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company**

**4** - Tyler Futterer 2G, Luc Martineau 1G, Brian Langdon 1G 1A, Chris Downs 1A, Mark Pressaco 1A, Gregory Milligan 1A, Thomas Mcdonald 1A, Duncan Eveleigh 1A. **807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 2** - Matthew Reeves 2G, Ethan Cullen 1A, Ian Chappell 1A.

**808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 5** - Russell Johnson 3G, Michael McCreesh 1G 1A, Drew Bryan 1G, Scott Wheeler 2A, David Roberts 1A. **805 St. Louis Blue AHPA 1** - Riley O'Brien 1G, Lucas Marek 1A.

**806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 3** - Eric Bulloch 2G 1A, Justin Stevens 1G, Scott Dunlop 1A. **805 St. Louis Blue AHPA 2** - Riley O'Brien 1G, Lucas Marek 1G, Jonah Blaser 1A, Matt Walker 1A.

**811 Colorado Burgandy 4** - Dylan Indos 1G 3A, Josh Lawlor 2G 1A, Nicholas Holliday 1G 2A. **802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 2** - Quinn McGowan 1G 1A, Michael Liscio 1G 1A, Andrew Roche 2A.

**807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 5** - Dakota Stone, shutout, Christopher Sanita 1G, Brayden Babineau 2G, Matthew Reeves 1G, Matthew Sanita 1G 1A. **806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 0.**

**801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 1** - Stephen Faiello 1G, Justin Chalmers 1A, Jake Arcangeli 1A. **812 Dallas Kelly Green 1** - Matthew Roach 1G, Oliver Jones 1A.

**813 St Louis White 3** - Keith Jarvis 1G, Kienan Osborne 1G, Jason Mizuguchi 1G 1A, Mitchell Waite 1A, Morgan Walker 1A. **811 Colorado Burgandy 3** - Josh Lawlor 2G, Tyler Indos 1G, Dylan Indos 1A, Quinn Harris 1A, Tyler Abushinov 1A.

**813 St Louis White 3** - Jimmy Brookes 1G, Kienan Osborne 1G, Jason Mizuguchi 1G, Alex Harrison 1A, Mackenzie Smith 1A. **801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 1** - Stephen Faiello 1G, Parker Baile 1A.

**808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 5. 803 Toronto White Orr & Associates 3** - Bailey Mlller 2G 1A, Liam Devlin 1A, Zachary Kroll 1A, Daniel Antoniel 1G.

**901 Florida Red Aurora Chyrsler 2. 904 Los Angeles Purple 2.**

**904 Los Angeles Purple 4. 906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 1.**

**902 Boston Gold CW Coops 3. 903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 2.**

**906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 6. 902 Boston Gold CW Coops 2.**

**905 St. Louis Blue 5. 903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 3.**

**901 Florida Red Aurora Chyrsler 4. 905 St. Louis Blue 3.**

**1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 3** - Colin Munn 1G, Louis Lamanna 1G, Evan Casselden 1G, Michael Reilly 1A, Caleb Gould 1A. **1010 Los Angeles Grey 2** - Matthew Bishop 1G, Matthew Schmitt 1G, Jake Boyle 1A, Eric Abel 1A.

**1013 St. Louis White 2** - Jamie Hawkins 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G, Spencer George 2A. **1002 Boston Gold 2** - Wesley Seminara 1G, Robert Revington 1G, 1A, Jonathan Boehmer 1A, Paul Tuck 1A, Cameron Kearley 1A.

**1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 2** - Jamie Cherutti 1G, Chris Tambos 1G. **1003 Toronto White CAA 1** - Matthew Miller 1G, Spencer Palmer 1A.

**1009 San Jose Teal 4** - Paul Keilty 1G, Chris Tillsley 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G, Ryan Jones 1G, Cory Blom 1A, Michael Bar 1A, Stephen Thompson 1A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 4** - Jesse Cappel 2G 1A, Jay Lamont 1G, Dillon Cappel 1G, Kenton Gamble 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A.

**1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 4** - Taran McGowan 1G, Christian Davies 2G 1A, Egan Fennell 1G, Tanner Brewer 2A, James Chappell 1A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 2** - Andrew Wilkins 1G, Steven Foss 1G, Corey Jeffery 1A, Shaun Kenyon 1A, James

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**1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 3** Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1G, Matthew Mears 1G, Ryan Antoniel 1A, Joe Lombardi 1A. **1004 Los Angeles Purple 1** - Daniel Howie 1G, Brendan Strachan 1A.

**1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 8** - Josh Bentolia 2G 2A, Chris Blumreisinger 1G 2A, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Ryan Antoniel 1G 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1G 1A, Brandon Giniotis 2G, Justin Killens 3A, Matthew Mears 2A, Alex Payne 1A. **1002 Boston Gold 2** - Michael Mourtanos 1G, Mark Tanel 1G, Cameron Kearley 1A, Anthony Decesare 1A, Christian Avolio 1A, Wesley Seminara 1A.

**1001 Florida Red 5** - James Harkin 1G, Kyle McCreedy 3G, Scott Quagliarini 1G, Sean Takahashi 1A, TJ Ground 1A, Tyler Lamantia 1A, Michael Wood 1A. **1013 St. Louis White 1** - Jamie Hawkins 1G, Chris O'Hara 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1A.

### Rep Games

**Novice AA Tigers 7** - Evan Pringle 3G 1A, Tyler Sawyer 2G, Ryan Cunniam 1G, Malcolm Johnston 1G, Luke Jarvis 1A. **Barrie Colts 2.**

**Novice AA Tigers 5** - Evan Pringle 3G 1A, Ryan Cunniam 1G, Malcolm Johnston 1G, Cooper Judson 1A. **TNT 3.**

**Novice A Tigers 3** - Stefanie Baxter 1G, Sam Ashton 1G 1A, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Brendan Sanford 2A. **Barrie Colts 2.**

**Novice A Tigers 3** - Andrew Park 1G 1A, Stefanie Baxter 2G, Myles Vasilevski 1A, Jack Campbell 1A, Matthew Gram 1A, Sam Ashton 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 2.**

**Schomberg 5. Novice AE Tigers 2** - Justin Harbaruk 1G, Evan Robertson 1G, Harris Goan 1A, Jessica Jollimore 1A, Anthony Iacovetta 1A.

**Georgina 5. Minor Atom AA Tigers 3** - Andrew Jorgensen 2G, Anthony Magnante 1G 1A, Jamie Stewart 2A, Nicholas Rountes 1A.

**Minor Atom AA Tigers 7** - Nate Legros 3G, Andrew Jorgensen 1G, Ben Spittle 2G 1A, Taylor Tuck 1G 1A, Jamie Stewart 1A, Anthony Magnante 2A, Ty Boisseau 3A, Michael Thibeault 1A. **Newmarket 3.**

**Markham 4. Minor Atom A Tigers 1** - Andrew Cundari 1G.

**Minor Atom AE Tigers 10. Newmarket 1.**

**Georgetown 6. Minor Atom AE Tigers 0.**

**Minor Atom AE Tigers 10. East Gwillimbury Eagles 1.**

**Minor Atom AE Tigers 5. Burlington 4.**

**Georgetown 5. Minor Atom AE Tigers 3.**

**Minor Atom AE Tigers 11. East Gwillimbury Eagles 0.**

**Minor Atom AE Tigers 4. Richmond Hill Stars 3.**

**TNT 4. Minor Atom AE Tigers 1.**

**Markham Waxers 2. Atom A Tigers 1** - Colin McGoldrick 1G, Thomas Kostoff 1A, Alexander Simardone 1A.

**Atom A Tigers 11** - Colin McGoldrick 1G 4A, Thomas Kostoff 2G 1A, Alexander Simardone 1G, Alex Wyndham-West 1G 4A, Reid Carpenter 2G 1A, Lucas Dane 2G 1A, Eric McGhie 1G 2A, Jordan Torres 1G, Robby Graham 1A, Alexander Simardone 1A, **Schomberg 0.**

**Richmond Hill Stars 2. Minor Peewee AA Tigers 2** -Jack Pecora 1G, Keegan Matthew 1G, Patrick Servideo 1A, Cameron Morrison 1A.

**Barrie Colts 4. Minor Peewee AA Tigers 1 - James Wyndham West 1G.**

**Minor Peewee A Tigers 3. Stouffville**

**Clippers 1.**

**Minor Peewee A Tigers 4. Innisfil Winterhawks 2.**

**Minor Peewee A Tigers 5. Barrie Colts 1.**

**Richmond Hill Stars 4. Minor Peewee AE Tigers 2** - Connor Downs 1G, Jeffrey McKay 1G 1A, Tyler Williams 1A.

**Minor Peewee AE Tigers 7** - Tyler Williams 2G 1A, Jeffrey McKay 1G, Michael DaCosta 2G 1A, Zach Fletcher 1G 2A, Nicholas Sansalone 1G 1A, Connor Downs 1A, Christian Arcuri 3A, Cameron Anderson 3A, Jordi Severini 1A. **Georgina 2.**

**Peewee AE Tigers 4** - Riley Weller 2G, Joseph Battiston 1G, Sandy Hudson 1G, Ilya Sapoznikov 2A, Jeff Stobo 1A, Michael Fisher 1A. **Orillia Terriers 1.**

**Peewee AE Tigers 1** - Daniel Middleton 1G, Michael Fisher 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

**Minor Bantam AA Tigers 2** - Spencer Green 1G, Nick Scott 1G, Brett Thiessen 1A, Shadoe Storm 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Ryan Manson, shutout. **Markham Waxers 0.**

**Orillia Terriers 5. Minor Bantam A Tigers 3** - Graham Robinson 2G, Liam Beresford 2A, Nathan Nealon 1A, Justin Pirie 1A, James Johnston 1G, Tait Snedeen 1A, Evan Jackson 1A.

**Minor Bantam A Tigers 2** - Zac Cowl 1G, Evan Jackson 1G, Austin Persaud 1A, Tait Snedden 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A. **Richmond Hill Stars 1.**

**Minor Bantam AE Tigers 1** - Brayden Beswick 1G. **Richmond Hill Stars 1.**

**Stouffville Clippers 2. Minor Bantam AE Tigers 2** - Brayden Beswick 1G, Alec Ground 1G, Nicholas Steiner 1A.

**Bantam A Tigers 1** - Matthew Pryse 1G, Kyle Fedec 1A, Quincy Ing 1A, Ethan Slimkowich, shutout. **Stouffville Clippers 0.**

**Bantam A Tigers 4** - Braden Casselden 1G, Hayden Trask 1A, Andrew McDonald 1G 2A, Matthew Pryse 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G, Quincy Ing 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1A, Daniel Jones 1A, Colton Lee 1A. **Innisfil Winterhawks 1.**

**Bradford 5. Bantam A Tigers 2** - Ryan Baskin 1G, Evan Romano 1G, Andrew McDonald 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1A.

**Bantam A Tigers 2** - Hayden Trask 1G, Ryan Baskin 1G, Eric Archibald 1A, Quincy Ing 1A, Jonathan McConnell 1A. **Barrie Colts 1.**

**Bantam AE Tigers 3** - Andrew Stobbe, shutout, Jimmy Brookes 1G, Massimo Longhin 1G, William Brogan 1G, Connor Moody 1A, Jeffrey Lam 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 0.**

**Bantam AE Tigers 6** - Casey Severini 1G, Massimo Longhin 1G, Christopher Tsianos 1G 2A, Chris Cherubini 1G, Zach Ferry 1G 1A, Connor Moody 1A, Connor McQuillan 1A, Eliot Harkin 1A, Jeffrey Lam 1A, Sam Steenhorst 1G. **TNT 1.**

**Minor Midget AA Tigers 4** - Andrew Papousek 2G, Ty Brochu 1G, Thomas Hagias 1A, Adam Balaban 1G, AJ Killens 1A. **Markham 2.**

**Minor Midget AA Tigers 5** - Andrew Buchanan 1G, Mark Robertson 1A, Ty Brochu 1G, Rory MacNeil 1A, Evan Collict 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G, 2A, Sean Nishimura 1G, Chris Youtoff 2A. **TNT 2.**

**Minor Midget AA Tigers 5** - Andrew Papousek 2G 1A, Ty Brochu 1G, Sean Nishimura 1G, AJ Killens 4A, Tom Hagias 1A, Adam Balaban 1A, Rory MacNeil 1A, Christopher Bull 1G, 1A. **Richmond Hill 3.**

**Richmond Hill Stars 4. Minor Midget A Tigers 3** - Brendan Beresford 1G, Josh Klinowski 1G 1A, Matt Melito 1G.

**Richmond Hill Stars 6. Minor Midget AE Tigers 4.**

**Ajax 4. Minor Midget AE Tigers 1** - Taylor Butler 1G, Graham Joiner 1A.





The Aurora Youth Soccer Club wound up its regular season last week by hosting the annual John Traganitis soccer tournament. It was estimated more than 3,000 people were in Aurora for the event. The 2009 edition of the tournament included more than 100 all-star squads from all over the province in both genders from ages eight to 18.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

# Atom A Tigers open season with a bang

The Aurora Atom A Tigers began their regular season play with a big weekend recently.

In their home opener they met the Schomberg Red Wings.

This is the first time these teams have played not having met in the past few years so the Tigers coaching staff had no specific plan to start this game.

"We have had these players working hard in the pre-season and have been asking them to work on the little things," Coach Kevin Allen said. "So far they have responded well and we expect nothing less in today's game."

Obviously, the team did respond as they scored early and often against the Red Wings, en route to an 11-0 victory.

With smart passing and heads-up decision making the Tigers dominated the game and limited the Red Wings shots on net.

Tiger scorers were led by Thomas Kostoff with three, Alex Wyndham-West, two, while Reid Carpenter, Alexander Simardone, Lucas Dane, Kyle Rice, Eric McGhie and Colin McGoldrick added singles.

Mark Carpenter won the first shut-out for the Tigers.

The following day the Tigers travelled to East Gwillimbury to play the Eagles and handed the hometowners a 3-1 setback to keep their win streak alive.

The coaches were concerned with the potential letdown after such a convincing win the night before, but their worries were for naught.

The Tigers came out of

the gate flying. Applying early pressure they did everything but score. Multiple scoring opportunities, crashing the net and pouncing on rebounds were the watch words for this tilt and they opened the scoring in the first period when Reid Carpenter dug the puck out of the corner passed back to Clayton Allen.

Allen launched a puck toward the Eagles net and Alex Wyndham-West scooped up the rebound wrapping around the back of the net, tucking it in nicely on the opposite side.

With the puck seemingly spending most of the time in the Eagles' end, the Tigers continued to pepper the opposing goalie with shots.

If not for the great effort of the Eagles' goalie, the Tigers could have easily scored several more goals.

In the second period, the Tigers again showed great hustle.

Midway into the period, the Tigers struck again when Reid Carpenter found the back of the net after taking a pass from Thomas Kostoff and Alex

Wyndham-West.

The biggest plays of the period however belonged to Tiger goalie Patrick Cruickshank. After a defensive miscue, the Eagles had a two-man breakaway.

Recognizing the danger, Cruickshank decided to charge out with an aggressive poke check, knocking the puck away.

Minutes after that, on a penalty shot, Cruickshank again proved to be a solid brick wall.

The Eagles attacker moved in toward the net and took a great shot but Cruickshank flashed the leather and stole the goal, maintaining the Tiger lead.

Early into the third period, Thomas Kostoff, working hard and digging at the net poked in the loose puck to give the team a three-goal bulge on the Eagles.

The only blemish on the day came with a Tiger in the box and five seconds left on the clock when the team was unable to clear the loose puck, so the Tigers settled for a 3-1 win and an early season undefeated record.

## Rugby playoffs

# Aurora Barbarians romp to 42-8 quarter-final win

The Aurora Barbarians Rugby Club played a methodical, even paced game combining good defence and offensive skill in trouncing Stoney Creek Camels 42-8 in quarter-final action of the McCormick Cup Saturday at Fletcher's Fields in Markham.

The McCormick Cup is symbolic of rugby supremacy in Ontario senior men's competition and features clubs from across the province.

Although poor weather all week had threatened the field conditions, the grey skies brightened two hours before game time and a light wind created a fast track that favoured the smaller and faster Aurora club.

Spreading the ball wide and with quick hands, the Barbarian runners created space and opened up holes in the Stoney Creek defence.

The offensive spree featured three tries from

Andrew Ziricino returning from injury, and singles from winger Jeremy Campbell, fly-half Aaron Holt, prop-forward Dan Resnick and Dr. G.W. Williams. Secondary School graduate Neil Dunn.

"It may have looked easy but Stoney Creek is a very physical team," Dunn said. "I'm glad we had the dry field. It only gets harder from here on in."

The local club will now face Toronto Scottish RFC who defeated

Brampton Beavers 27-24 in overtime.

That game will be on Saturday, October 24 at 3 p.m. at Fletcher's Fields.

The other semi-final match up will feature Oakville Crusaders which squeaked by the Irish Canadians Rugby Club 11-8, home to Peterborough Pagans.

The upstart Pagans defeated Brantford Harlequins 24-19 to become the first Division B club to make it to the semi-finals since the Ajax Wanderers did it in 1999.



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A highly-successful "Jitterbug Ball finds an Oasis" was held at Carrying Place last Thursday with proceeds helping fund programs offered by Hospice King-Aurora. In the top photo, former Aurora mayor Tim Jones, shares time with King Township Mayor Margaret Black, Mayor Black will seek the federal Newmarket-Aurora seat for the Liberals in the next election. Meanwhile Aurora resident Stephen Forsey, a member of the Hospice board of directors, enjoys the evening with his wife, in the centre photo. In the bottom picture, Jamie and Joy Barron, of Barrons in Aurora, also attended the festivities.



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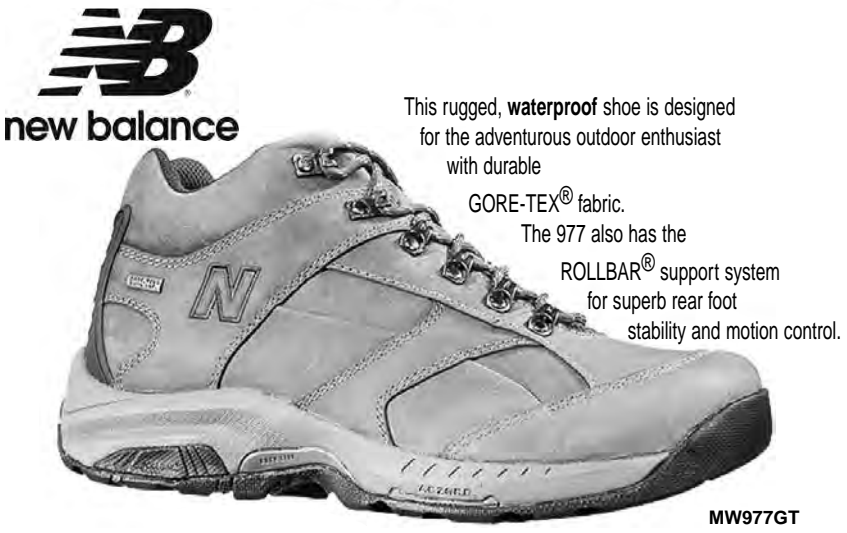
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William Gillette (played by Jeff Naworynski, in white) attempts to deduce which of his guests, Bobby Carlyle (Mark Rival, standing at centre), May Dison (Kirsty Campbell, standing at right), Lilly Warner (Diana Wilton, seated on left) or Louise Parradine (Ann Green, seated on right) is out to get him, in Theatre Aurora's production of "Postmortem, now playing at Factory Theatre. Photo by Bert Wheeler

*"Postmortum" now playing*

# Theatre Aurora murder/mystery will keep the audience guessing

By SCOTT JOHNSTON

If you suspected that someone you knew was trying to kill you, what would you do? Most of us would call the police.

But if you're William Gillette, famous for your stage portrayal of Sherlock Holmes for 30 years, the solution is elementary; simply invite them all over to your mansion for the weekend, and solve the mystery for yourself - hopefully, before you become the victim.

Which will prevail; deductive reasoning or a loaded gun?

To find out, simply take in Theatre Aurora's latest mystery/thriller "Postmortum", now playing at The Factory Theatre.

Set in the early 1920s, this play by Ken Ludwig has a large enough ensemble that there are plenty of suspects, but not too many that you don't get a feel for each character, and their relationship to their host.

The play is well cast with veteran players.

Jeff Naworynski as central figure William Gillette, is convincing in his portrayal of a man who has everything under control, even when he's being shot at.

As for the suspects,

played by Mark Rival, Kirsty Campbell, Anna Pele-Draper, Chuck Therrien, Diana Wilton and Ann Green, each of these actors plays their part so well that you are kept guessing right to the end.

Two of them, Mr. Rival and Ms Campbell, are no strangers to murder/mystery roles, having appeared together in the recent Theatre Aurora production of "Murder in Green Meadows".

The detailed set has many surprises, and the audience is treated to a variety of lighting and special effects.

The play, directed by 18-year veteran Gail Henderson, was much appreciated by the large preview audience.

If you want to match your wits with a master sleuth, or just sit back and enjoy the ride, you won't be disappointed.

Evening performances of Postmortem continue

at Theatre Aurora, 150 Henderson Drive, on October 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17, with a matinee performance on October 11.

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The Aurora Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is a not-for-profit Christian-led initiative.

The event will focus on praying for elected officials, business leaders and the residents in Aurora.

The Vision of the Aurora Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is, "Prayer as the Foundation of a Peaceful and Secure Community".

The event begins at 7 a.m. at Dinardo's Banquet Hall on Industrial Parkway South and costs \$25, which includes breakfast.

Community leaders will be joined by members of the community at this first ever breakfast meeting. Musical guests include Joe Likuski, Tom Doherty, Sarah Kyle and Rick Theriault.

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## Senior Scape

### Seniors enjoy dress rehearsal

By BRIAN WARBURTON

The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) has always had strong connections to Theatre Aurora and now, at the dress rehearsal for the Theatre's latest play, "Postmortem", another powerful link has been forged.

Ushering patrons to their seats was Judy Buchanan, a leading member in today's ASA no less, and if that was not surprise enough, the Aurora Theatre Production listed her as the producer of the play.

Judy recently produced "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" for the ASA, a play well received by all who saw it, so it is was more a case of the unexpected than a complete surprise to find Judy producing for Theatre Aurora.

So with great pleasure and without reservations, I offer congratulations to Judy for her role as producer with Theatre Aurora.

Theatre Aurora has directed support to members of the ASA for many years thus enabling members to enjoy great live theatre.

All dress rehearsals are important because of the essential process of searching for flaws that may exist, and realizing ways of presenting the play at its sophisticated finest.

The dress rehearsal provides the first live audience for a play, and the perception of the audience in this process, renders their reactions as an integral part of the process fine tuning the

play.

The play, which is a Mystery/Thriller runs until October 17th, and was very well received by the approving audience.

Ron Coe, who is among the leading personalities in the wood shop, invited me in to the shop to view a project in progress.

The project turned out to be custom made decorative Halloween items for the Town's festivities at Sheppard Bush.

The project is not completed yet but it is progressing well and originated with a request from the town for 26 feet of picket fencing, a guillotine, and two sets of stocks, the kind once used by courts of law to lock up public mischief makers.

The project is constructed entirely of wood.

Ron is an enthusiastic personality and he and the other wood workers enjoy this kind of challenge, which suits their appetite for enjoyable novelty employed in concert with their talents.

It will be interesting to see how the town uses the models.

The popular program 'Woodworking with Grandkids' is run by this same group, is among a list of projects growing steadily, and bears testimony to the group's enthusiasm and creative talents.

The Neighbourhood Network volunteer snow removal program is expanding its program for seniors and persons with disabili-

ties for the 2009-2010 winter snow removal season.

If you are disabled and expect to require assistance, call 905-726-3737, and determine if you qualify for the program and if you do, please register for it sooner rather than later.

This program matches volunteers with residents of both Aurora and Newmarket who qualify for it, and since it requires careful administration to be effective, it clearly needs the cooperation of those in need to identify their needs accurately and early.

You must be 65 years of age or older or disabled in some manner, with no other resident at the address able to perform the service.

Seniors are returning from holidays in increasing numbers and with the leaves turning to the colours of autumn, indoor activities grow steadily more popular.

With the onset of fall and more inclement weather looming, the weather now is certainly not the kind to spend outdoors for too long; perhaps now is as good a time as any to get involved with the ASA in one or more indoor activities; find one that invigorates the body or mind or both and leaves an appetite for more.

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