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Policeman hurt when motorcycle hits car

A York Regional Police constable was rushed to hospital Sunday afternoon after the motorcycle he was driving collided with a car on Industrial Parkway North.

Trevor Draves remains in Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket today, suffering from broken bones in his foot, and a shoulder injury.

Trevor was driving one of the police motorcycles leading a parade of marchers from the Cenotaph to the Legion branch when the mishap occurred.

According to witnesses, the driver of an SUV in front of the cyclist turned into a parking lot and the motorcycle struck the door of the automobile.

Ambulance and fire officials responded to the call and Industrial Parkway North was closed to traffic following the collision.

The parade marked the end of Remembrance Day ceremonies that had taken place at Aurora's Cenotaph on Yonge Street, during balmy weather and sunny skies.

Royal Canadian Legion officials had invited participants back to the Legion hall for refreshments when the accident occurred.



Aurora's Dorothy "Sub-Lieutenant Nursing Sister" Gummarsall laid the wreath honouring all "Silver Cross Mothers", those who lost a son or daughter in war, during Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph in Aurora Sunday. Here she is accompanied to the Cenotaph by Legion first vice-president Ian Sweet. *Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

Train whistling bylaw a step closer to reality

Perhaps it's because it's been discussed for years, but the recommendation to authorize town staff to proceed with the next steps to eliminate train whistles at all crossings in Aurora was approved by general committee with no discussion last week.

There are a detailed set of instructions approved by Transport Canada that engineers are required to follow with respect to when a whistle is to be activated and the sequence to be used.

The Canadian Rail Operating Rules specify that trains must sound their whistles one quarter of a mile before a level crossing, regardless of the type of crossing warning system that is in place, and must continue to sound their whistles until the train has fully occupied the crossing.

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Santa's parade is ready to roll

It's that time again. The 2009 Santa Claus Parade, a nighttime adventure, is almost ready to roll.

Saturday, November 28th, the parade will start at 6 p.m. from Orchard Heights Blvd., head south on Yonge Street and finish near Murray Drive.

More than 40,000 people are expected to view the event.

School clubs, entertainment groups and marching bands will flood the street in a parade that is expected to take about two hours to pass a single spot.

Professional marching bands from across the Region will also attend.

With just weeks to go before the parade, float participants are preparing their creations.

Prizes will be awarded in nine different categories and floats will be judged prior to the start of the parade.

Float application forms are available on-line at www.e-aurora.ca under the Special Events section.

Applications will be accepted until November 12th.

For more information, please contact Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator at 905-726-4762.

Briefly

Charged with break-ins

York Regional Police may have stopped the numerous car break-ins in Aurora.

Last week, investigators working out of the #1 District Property Crime Unit arrested a suspect wanted for numerous vehicle break-ins and property damage incidents in the Town of Aurora.

On Thursday, investigators located and arrested a suspect in Burlington without incident.

Four others had been arrested earlier.

During September and October, more than 125 vehicle entries and reports of damage to vehicles were reported to York Regional Police from Aurora.

Many of the vehicles were entered through smashed windows.

The suspect arrested last week faces more than 60 charges.

Meanwhile, a 17-year-old youth has been charged following vehicle break-ins in the Kemano Road area.

Last week, a homeowner on Kemano saw a male going through his vehicles, which were parked in his driveway.

The victim confronted the suspect and before the suspect could escape, the victim detained him until police arrived.

Through subsequent investigation it was discovered the youth had broken into a number of autos in the same area.

The person charged is facing eight charges.

Here's what happened

The chairperson of the Aurora United Church Archives Committee, Helen Roberts, has answered the question about what happened to the north tower of the church.

"Here's the facts: In 1893 the cyclone blew down the south spire (the tallest one) and damaged the shorter north spire. Both were replaced with shorter spires but after being struck by lightning on numerous occasions both spires were removed in 1943."

The information, Helen said, came from the "150th Anniversary of the Founding and Dedication of Aurora United Church 1818-1968", a historical sketch by J.B. Bastedo.

Meanwhile, at the church...

A concert to help launch the newly-renovated Aurora United Church will be held November 22nd.

This is a chance for people to see what the church looks like now and hear some great music. The concert will feature a variety of talents from the community.

Beatle music, bells, organs, guitars, pipes, solo voices and choirs will make up the concert, all hosted by The Youthful Spirits.

A reception will begin at 7 p.m. and the 90-minute concert will get underway at 7.30 p.m.

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Photography, by Aurora's Rob Schuetze. will be on display for the month of November at the Skylight Gallery on the third floor of the Aurora Town Hall, during regular business hours. Prints range in size from 12" x 16" to 40" x 60".

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.


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.

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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.

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.

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The author, Marnie Maguire, and Bryan, son of photo guru the late Robert Black, were on hand last week for a book signing in Aurora. The book, "Picture Perfect", is Robert Black's story of how he successfully grew a small business into a photo empire. The reception was held in the Wellington Art Gallery lounge and attended by about 50 people. The book is currently on sale at Aurora's R & R Bookstore on Edward Street. Black, who lived in Aurora, died earlier this year.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Guild needs to maintain its sign in library window

Is the Pine Tree Potters Guild sign located at the Aurora Public Library too big, or is it just not presentable enough?

That was the issue discussed at a general committee meeting last week.

The Guild leases space from the town in the basement of the library.

Their four by six foot sign appears in a basement window at the corner of Yonge Street and Church Street, and has been there in various forms for several years.

Councillor Steven Granger put forward a motion that the Guild install signage that is smaller and less obtrusive.

This would be in keeping with the recommendation from a GC meeting in February 2008, which for some reason was never acted upon.

Councillor Granger worried that having such a large sign was setting a precedent.

Staff noted that the Guild was not opposed to changing the sign, but was looking for direction as to what the committee wanted.

For example, was it the size, or the specific loca-

tion that was an issue?

But it soon became obvious that it was the quality of the sign that concerned some members.

Councillor Al Wilson remarked that "if we're having (a sign), then it has to be better than this". Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas agreed, noting that it comes down to aesthetics, and the current sign needs to be better main-

tained.

Staff confirmed that the current lease allows the Guild to have a sign, but that it needs to be in good shape.

In the end, the original motion for a different sign was defeated, and a new motion approved that would see the current signage remain, with the Guild being advised that it needs to be maintained.

Snow clearing project enters its second year

Imagine a fierce winter storm and an elderly neighbour down the street or around the corner who is shut inside their house and can't get out.

If Aurora residents knew their neighbour needed help, most would gladly walk down the street, snow shovel in hand, to clear a pathway for the trapped resident.

That's exactly what Neighbourhood Network intends to help make happen with the launch of its second annual Snow Removal Program.

This year's program, which starts next Monday, will once again help low-income seniors and disabled residents in the community.

Last year's Snow Removal Program was a great success, matching local volunteers with more than 30 residents.

"People in our community lead busy lives and may not know that a neighbour needs a helping hand," said Neighbourhood Network's John Crowell, an Aurora resident. "During winter storms, some seniors and people with disabilities can become trapped in their homes because they are unable to clear their sidewalks and driveways. That can be a serious inconvenience - especially if they have to see a doctor or other health care professional."

Neighbourhood Network is currently looking for volunteers from Aurora. They will match volunteers with an eligible resident - preferably someone living on their street or in their neighbourhood. Whenever a snowfall exceeds four inches of accumulation, Neighbourhood Network volunteers will clear a path to the resident's front door, as well as clear snow from sidewalks and

remove any snow piled up at the end of the driveway by municipal snow plows.

To qualify to receive the volunteer snow shoveling service, residents must be 75 years of age or older and currently receiving a Seniors Tax Credit, or individuals with a disability documented by an Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) cheque stub or a doctor's note.

In addition, there must be no

able-bodied adults living with the resident.

Residents who need snow removal will be matched according to the availability of volunteers, and those who are not matched will be placed on a waiting list and contacted as soon as a volunteer becomes available.

Interested volunteers and eligible residents should visit www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org or call 905-726-3737.



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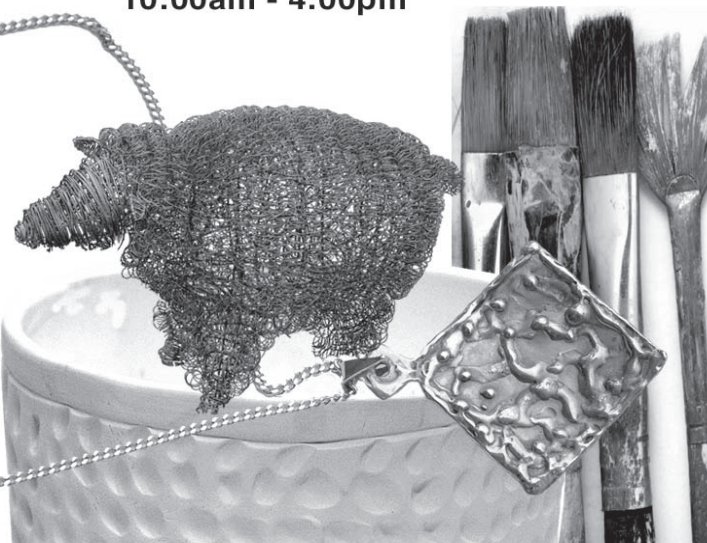
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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Bob Montgomery and the Tiger logo

Went to the funeral Saturday morning for Bob Montgomery, expecting to be the only person there. How wrong was that? The chapel at Taylor's Funeral Home on Davis Drive in Newmarket was packed, and I saw a lot of people I hadn't seen in many years. Too bad you have to go to funerals to see old friends.

Bob, who sold me my first house back in the early 1970s for under \$22,000 died last week after a long struggle with that dreaded disease, cancer.

He was a resident of Aurora Resthaven at the time, and I had last seen him there a couple of years ago, when I was covering an event organized by Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees.

As a matter of fact, we ran a picture of Bob and Frank on the front page right after the event had ended.

I had no idea Bob was even there, and I'm sure he probably didn't even know who I was.

But because we had spent some time together in the past, I felt it was only right to attend his funeral.

His eldest son, David, gave the eulogy, and I learned a whole lot from it.

For example, I didn't know Bob was born in Hamilton, which explains his love for the Hamilton Tiger Cats football team.

And you're probably wondering why the Ti-Cat logo is on the front of the Aurora Tiger hockey sweater?

Thank Bob for that.

See, Bob, and three other businessmen put up \$2,000 each to create the Aurora Tigers back in the 60s, to replace the former Aurora Bears.

The Tigers played in the old arena that burned down on Yonge Street, next to what is now Aurora's Park Place Manor.

At that time, more than 3,000 people would jam the building, sit in the rafters and anywhere they could find a place to land, just to watch a hockey game.

Far cry from now, when on Friday fewer than 100 people showed up to watch the Tigers lose to Brampton 4-1.

Even when the new arena - a palace in its day - was built, it was hard to find a seat during a Tiger hockey game.

Bob's uncle was Len, team manager of the Hamilton Tiger Cats, and with Len's persuasion, the Ti-Cat management agreed to waive the copywrited Tiger Cat logo for Aurora to use.

But hockey wasn't Bob's main interest.

Years earlier when he was living in Toronto, he went after his main dream...to own a dairy bar.

His dream came true when he purchased Cousin's Dairy Bar on Yonge Street in Aurora in 1951.

You know it better as the Trio Restaurant and today, it's a restaurant called Annalisa Asian Fusion Cuisine & Lounge.

When Bob owned the building, it had an extra bonus. There was a bowling alley on the second floor. The bowling alley later became the "Fiesta Room" and was a popular spot for weddings, New Year's Eve parties and service club functions.

Bob ran the dairy bar downstairs for about 18 years when it was finally purchased by the Spasopoulos brothers, and renamed the Trio.

The brothers once had a place in Richmond Hill called the Three Coins.

When he sold the dairy bar, Bob took a year off to learn the real estate business, and when he went into his new career, toiled for Thomas Shea at Family Trust.

Bob eventually became manager of the Aurora office, probably because of the house he sold me at Tecumseh and Aurora Heights Drive.

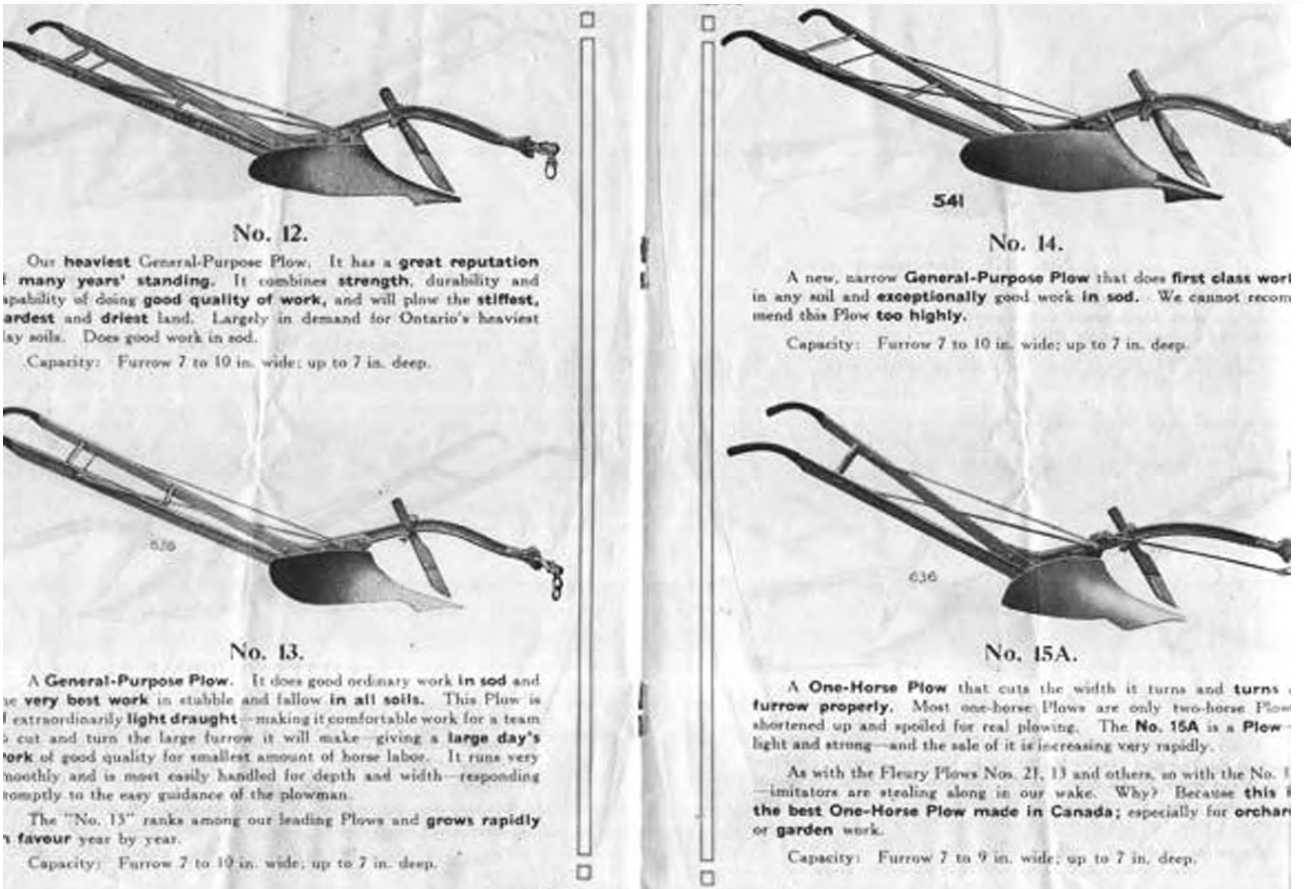
In 1954, he married Shirley Wright, an Aurora girl who attended Church Street School.

When Bob died, they were still married, and it was good to see her Saturday.

Just wish the circumstances were a little better...



BOB MONTGOMERY



Four versions of the Fleury Plow, the plow that made Aurora famous, are seen in this photograph, taken from a pamphlet currently being auctioned off on E-Bay. Manufactured by J. Fleury and Sons, the plows were made on Wellington Street, in the building currently owned by Bacon Basketware, just west of Yonge Street. Fleury Park, south of the Aurora Community Centre, has one of the plows on display there. Thank you to Bob Cooke of Orillia for sending us this photograph.

Letter to the Editor

Public has a right to know what's going on at council

To the editor,

I talked about my problem of discerning between town business to be discussed behind closed doors and that which should not.

It was never a problem until this term.

The issue becomes more obscure once discussion has ensued.

Things said are not recorded.

There is no audio record. Discussion cannot be referenced. It becomes simply a matter of he said- she said.

Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas recently moved to have meetings audio-taped.

The idea went down the tube with the usual lop-sided vote.

The Province recently passed regulations to permit a citizen to demand an investigation of in-camera meetings if they appeared not to be in accordance with regulations.

How would a person know that?

Aurora teamed with several other municipalities to appoint investigators. There didn't seem to be a point. The agenda identifies the issue.

The vote is all that's recorded in camera and if it needs to be confidential to protect the town's interest it cannot be revealed.

What a rigmarole that is. I posted my dilemma about the last in-camera meeting.

Five and a half pages of a six and a half page memorandum, stamped private and confidential, were already in the public record.

I attended the meeting because questions I had on the last page needed answers before I could determine the matter needed closed door dis-

cussion.

There was advice from a solicitor which is generally considered solicitor/client privilege.

On the other hand, I am still searching for the council resolution giving the precise direction which required advice from the solicitor.

I remember direction but not precise wording.

A review reveals the issue was considered at a public planning meeting.

Council received a staff report setting out the position to be taken on an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board. A pre-conference was already scheduled.

Neighbouring property owners were opposed to the development. Staff advice was set aside.

A lengthy resolution, penned at the table by Councillor Evelina McEachern was adopted.

Information was received that the neighbours intended to request the OMB to authorize a Consolidated Board Hearing.

A resolution was passed giving Town support to the neighbours' request.

The Board turned down the request.

The neighbours appealed to the Divisional Court. The Town supported the appeal.

Evidence presented to the Divisional Court indicated the OMB did not have authority to grant a Consolidated Board Hearing.

Regulations were cited by the lawyer for the developer.

The Divisional Court suspended the proceeding and directed the OMB to consider evidence of regulations denying authority to the Board to grant the request.

The OMB did that.

They accepted evidence of

existing regulations prohibiting them from ordering a Consolidated Board Hearing. How could they not?

The request for such a Consolidated Board was once again denied.

Three legal proceedings have been undertaken. Experts attended as witnesses. Expert and legal fees were incurred by the developer and neighbouring opponents.

Legal fees to the Town; \$135,000.

Nothing was accomplished. Zero...Zilch....Nil...Nada...

Amen, my friends.

Still ahead is an Ontario

Municipal Board hearing of potentially two weeks' duration and an estimated cost of \$200,000 for legal fees.

Expert witnesses will increase the tab significantly. The Town's interest must be protected.

I think legal fees will be a fraction of the cost.

I also believe you have a right to know.

To my mind, there is nothing about the public being informed in this particular matter that jeopardizes the town's interest.

Evelyn Buck
Aurora

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Two weeks ago my wife suggested that we should take our five-year-old son to get the H1N1 flu shot.

We had both read the large advertisement in a daily newspaper that stated "Flu shots will be made available first to health care workers, pregnant women, people under sixty-five years of age with chronic medical conditions, children six months to five years old, those living in remote and isolated communities, as well as people living with or caring for those at high risk who cannot be immunized".

As our son does not celebrate his sixth birthday until just after this Christmas, we therefore thought he qualified for the flu shot.

In addition, a friend of ours who has a son that is six months younger than my son, had received the flu shot the day before up in Newmarket.

The clinic at the Ray Twinney Centre in Newmarket opened at 10 a.m. that Saturday morning.

We arrived at the hockey arena at about 9.45 a.m. and there was a big line-up of people.

However, we came prepared.

We were wearing our winter jackets and toques, plus we had plenty of food with us as we thought the whole process would take five to seven hours.

As well, I brought along a soccer ball and mini-football to throw with Ryan.

So, for the first hour or so, Ryan and I played soccer on the parking lot while Julie kept our spot in line.

The line probably progressed 75 feet during this time.

Then Ryan and I threw the football to each other for a while - another 45 minutes or so passed and the line seemed to move at a little (but not much) quicker pace.

During this time we saw two officials.

The first walked down the line to see how long it was. The second person, a nurse, came by enquiring if anyone was pregnant. Those who were pregnant were led to the front of the line.

Our line was slowly beginning to speed up and we could now see the door to the arena. We had now been in line for just over three hours.

A nurse then came by and handed out a flyer to everyone in line and says that they are only giving flu shots to the priority groups identified on the flyer.

The flyer read something to the effect that only "children under five years old" will receive the flu shot.

This contradicted what the newspaper advertisement said, although I did not have a copy of it with me at the time.

My wife asked the nurse about this situation and the nurse replied that the "flu shot will only be given today to children that are under five years old".

As you can imagine, neither my wife nor I were happy at all with this development, but there was nothing we could do, so we headed home.

My question here: Why did we have to wait in line for more than three hours before someone of authority came and told us this?

If someone had told us after 10 or 15 minutes in the line-up that our son was not eligible for the flu shot we

would not have had a problem at all.

However, making us, and others, wait for hours was ridiculous.

Organizing the line-up is not exactly rocket science; the only thing that needed to be done was for some official to go up and down the line every 20 minutes or so, hand out the flyer and inform people.

And we were not the only ones, nor the only location, which suffered from this situation.

According to a newspaper article November 1st, entitled "Confusion reigns in flu-hot clinics", it said "One quietly furious father, holding a young girl's hand, came inside the building after a security guard told him to leave the line because his daughter was five, not younger, as the information stated."

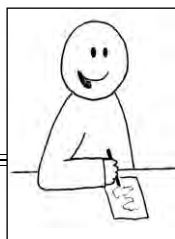
"We have been standing here for four hours, he said. Now people are telling me that I have to leave".

Everyone understands that there are shortages of the vaccine and everyone understands that there will be long line-ups.

And all of us can very much appreciate the pressure the nurses and public officials are under, but the stupidity associated with the organizing of this clinic was not and is not acceptable.

Instead of any explanation, fixing the problem before we have to line up again in a few weeks would be a most welcome solution.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

You never know what fate has in store for you.

A few years ago my brothers and I discovered that our late father had kept a diary during his time as a bomber pilot in WW II.

It makes for fascinating reading, and paints a vivid picture of life during those turbulent times.

One of the recurring, and shocking, messages in it is just how many young airmen were killed during the war.

I knew the numbers were huge, but it really comes close to home through the passages in the diary. You will read about a friend of dad's as they went through training, and roomed together, and spent time on leave.

It gets to the point where you almost feel as if you know them.

Then suddenly the diary notes that he "didn't come back", or "went for a Burton", which was a phrase aircrew used for colleagues that were shot down and killed.

In fact, almost three quarters of dad's friends were killed just during the 14-month period that the diary covers.

It's kind of hard to grasp.

One of dad's best friends during early 1944 was Alex "Red" Campbell, a fellow pilot with whom he trained in Canada, and again in England, before they were eventually assigned to separate squadrons.

Dad's old albums even have photos of Alex from that time.

Unfortunately, and perhaps inevitably, dad's diary listing of July 29, 1944, notes that "Red Campbell went for a Burton last night over Stuttgart".

As far as dad knew, Alex had been killed, like so many



Alex Campbell, left, and Bruce Johnston—April 1943
others.

And here's where fate comes into the story.

When we were in the midst of transcribing and researching the people and events described in the diary, I saw a story about a bomber pilot who was shot down in July, 1944.

The more I read, the more I thought "this can't be the same guy!"

But looking at the accompanying photos from 1944, I knew they were familiar, and a look at Dad's pictures confirmed it - it was Alex Campbell.

Not only that, but Alex had survived the crash behind enemy lines, and was alive and well, and now living just a stone's throw from my house.

Part one of the Campbell story appears on page 9.

Since then the next generation of Johnstons have become good friends with Alex and his wife, who ironically also knew dad through his training in the early 1940s.

During my many visits with Alex I've had the honour of being able to document the story of his final mission from 65 years ago this past summer.

I'm sorry that dad never got a chance to hear the good news that Alex survived that mission, and it's frustrating to know that they spent the next 50 years of their lives living only a short distance away from each other without ever knowing it.

But if I hadn't been in the midst of transcribing dad's diary at the same time I saw that article, Alex and I never would have connected.

So if you see me at the cenotaph at the Remembrance Day service, you know I'll be thinking of my father, and Alex, and all of the other brave men and women who were involved in the wars of the last century, and this one.

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Reconnecting 65 years later

Letters to the Editor

Former supporter seeks answers from mayor

To the editor,

Mayor Phyllis Morris promised a more civil, transparent and responsive local government in her inaugural speech and then one of her formerly biggest supporters (i.e. me) has been permitted to be insulted by a councillor with no recourse and then completely ignored when trying to get answers to the most basic and fundamental questions.

Councillor Bob McRoberts was good enough to ask the Acting Town Clerk/Solicitor to respond to my two earlier e-mails that had received no response, but not even

the deputy mayor seems able to solicit a response to such a simple point as to how the town's website procedures work given the apparent confusion resulting from council's recent actions.

I think it is fair and reasonable to clarify the town's process for updating the town's website given that the recent motion put forward by Councillor McRoberts proposed to remove the offending material concerning Councillor Evelyn Buck was dismissed as a result of being considered to be a "reconsideration" of an earlier motion.

This interpretation of

procedural rules raises the question of how any material posted at council's direction can ever be removed from the town's website if there is no specified termination date at the time the material was directed to be posted in the first place?

I'm at a loss to understand council's current stance on this matter, especially given that so many councillors stated publicly that they want to move on from the self-inflicted mess they have inflicted on themselves and the town with regards to the handling of the code of conduct, the firing of the Integrity Commissioner

and the apparently politically motivated attack on Councillor Buck.

It looks to me like our council's procedural rules may have been once again conveniently bent to suit the mayor's desired outcome.

I also want to confirm if it is the Town's official stance that Mr. Nitkin was fired in part, for falsifying his credentials on his resume, as I am led to believe, the mayor has suggested is the case.

Anyone would agree that is a very serious allegation, but most especially when directed at an ethicist who advises governments around the globe about ethics and good corporate governance practices.

If the mayor was somehow mistaken or misunderstood in her statements to the media in this regard then I think some clarity should be brought to this issue as well given that an individual's professional credentials are at stake here.

If you ask me, the mayor has been caught once again in yet another manipulation of council and quite possibly in a politically motivated attack with no apparent accountability or recourse which makes her opening comments in her 2006 inaugural speech all

the more poignant...

Perhaps you've heard the joke about the little girl who asks: "Mother? Do all fairy tales begin with Once Upon A Time?"

Her mother replies. "No,

darling, there's another series of fairy tales that begin: IF ELECTED, I promise..."

Richard Johnson
Aurora

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To the editor,

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Letters to the Editor

Time to think about vets in institutions

To the editor,

The debt we owe to those who fought for our freedom can never be re-paid. But with certainty, we must never forget the enormous price they paid, with their lives, the injuries they sustained, and the broken hearts that will never mend over the loss of comrades.

What we must at least do in return, is to care like we've never cared before - about those who cared enough to serve in past wars and those who continue to stand on guard for us all.

That caring must extend past each Remembrance Day and throughout the year. It must be extended to those who returned from battle and now need our help - the veterans who served, and those who find themselves side-by-side with veterans in

long-term facilities. They should never have to worry about neglect or harm in provincially regulated institutions, but serious matters of this nature continue year after year as reported by the media and this year has been no exception. One would think that what happened to WWII Veteran John Wilson would be example enough. His death was horrific in the extreme. It should have said, 'never again,' to everyone from government on down who are responsible for the well-being and safety of all veterans and all residents of nursing homes in this province. It's apparent that lessons of the past have not been learned given the ongoing accounts of abuse and neglect and standards not met documented in government

compliance inspection reports. It means Mr. Wilson's story can't be told enough times. The details of this story came from two Toronto newspapers in 2002 and 2003. It's the story about John Wilson. He was one of thousands of teenagers who served our country during World War II. According to his notebook, Mr. Wilson fought in Norway. Mr. Wilson was trapped in a smoking room in a down-

town Toronto nursing home. His cigarette had dropped on his lap and his upper body was engulfed in flames while sitting in his wheelchair. Mr. Wilson was 78. He was partially paralyzed, nearly blind and he burned to death as a resident of a provincially regulated long-term facility. One of the investigating detectives said, "Nobody should die that way, especially not someone who risked his life fighting for his coun-

try." Only because of the determination of the two detectives was a public inquest ordered, and it took two years before that happened. The police photographs were so disturbing, a decision was made not to make them an exhibit in the inquest. No criminal charges were ever laid. No one was ever held responsible for what happened to Mr. Wilson. He and one other wheel-

chair-bound resident were left alone in a room they could not escape from. Testimony indicated that staff had no idea how the men got there. One of the detectives said, "I'm deeply saddened and angry that a man left in the care of the state was left in a position that this could happen to him." We should all be.

Ellen Watson
Aurora

Bridge paint job
\$\$ was worth it

To the editor,

In The Auroran October 13 you mentioned the expenditure of \$50,000 by council to paint the bridge. (Railway bridge over Yonge Street). That works out to less than \$2 per household. A reasonable cost to upgrade an eyesore. The real story is: how efficiently the new structure was put in place, paint and all!

A holiday weekend chosen to minimize road traffic flow, with the bridge replaced ready for commuter traffic on Tuesday morning. May we always be so fortunate! Are there pictures? I'm sure your readers would be thrilled to see how the transition was accomplished. B. Craik
Aurora

Mayor, five councillors,
a “write-off”, reader says

To the editor,

David Tomlinson's note to The Auroran on October 27 about the negative letters indicates to me that David is not aware of what is going on with the mayor and the gang of five councillors who follow her every wish. I must admit I voted for the mayor and all eight original councillors on election day. How wrong I was. Grace Marsh resigned and the mayor appointed John Gallo to replace her.

John had run in the election but did not survive. So, who will his vote support? As stated by the editor, there have been only a few positive letters about this council. So of nine votes at election time, I have now three I would vote for again. The mayor and the group of five councillors are a write-off for me. Hope this helps you, David. R.W. Hanes
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Letters to the Editor

Call me, MP tells young constituent

To the editor,

In Mike Fancie's November 3 letter to the editor, he wonders if I consider his generation when contemplating environmental legislation in the House of Commons.

As a mother of two daughters of similar age I am most aware that decisions made today will affect the generations of tomorrow.

This was actually one of my motivations for entering political life.

I can also assure Mr. Francie that I would never vote in favour of an issue that I was personally strongly opposed to.

Based on my experience in the last year as a federal Member of Parliament, I have come to believe that all Parliamentarians have Canada's best interests at heart; they may just disagree on the means to the end.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and our Canadian government are making progress on the issue of green house gas emissions.

We recently announced a new, cutting-edge fully-integrated carbon capture and storage project. Based in Alberta, this project is one of the world's first carbon capture projects and will reduce the carbon

emissions of a coal-fired power plant near Edmonton.

Projects like this not only create new jobs today, but also lay the groundwork for future success while making Canada a world leader in green technologies through clean-energy investments.

Canada is firmly committed to a 20 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020 which will be

achieved through innovative projects such as the Albertan carbon capture and storage facility.

More than \$1 billion has been committed over the next five years to support the development of clean energy technologies and it is expected that this funding will be parlayed into at least \$2.5 billion worth of investment in clean energy technologies.

I can assure Mr. Francie that our government will not

return to the years of inaction on climate change that was typical of the government before ours.

As a young person who as he rightly points out, will be most affected by today's decisions, he is welcomed to telling me more of his views and ideas and I encourage him to contact my office at 905-953-7515 to initiate that dialogue.

Lois Brown, M.P.
Newmarket-Aurora

More to the hockey game than just a photo - reader

To the editor,

I am responding to a photo that was in last week's issue of The Auroran.

This is an action shot of the hockey game that a selection of Bantam boys, including my son, played against a travelling team from Holland. Our boys lost 12-2.

This score and photo does not at all tell the full story.

Our amazing convener, Michelle Harrison, organized a last minute team of house league boys by inviting all the coaches' sons to form one team.

These boys have played against each other their entire hockey career.

What an exciting challenge they rose to.

With only six hours of intense full ice practises, these boys who were previously trained to keep the puck away from each other learned to play smoothly together.

They worked hard and diligently.

They were given Aurora Tiger jerseys with their names on the back.

I know our entire family anticipated this event with great excitement.

There were many fans in the stands and the atmosphere was filled with energy.

Our boys had an enthusiastic welcome onto the ice and constant positive support throughout the game.

What a chance in a lifetime

this game was.

The Holland team was incredible, having prepared for this trip to Canada for two years.

Needless to say, it was an exciting game.

A pizza reception was planned after the game and Michelle asked for baked treats for dessert.

The tables were full of food.

The boys sat at various tables, a mix of Aurora and Holland.

There was happy and constant chatter throughout the evening.

The Holland team was very appreciative of the warm welcome and complimented our boys on their play.

I believe each boy from each

country will not forget this fantastic experience and I'm sure I speak on behalf of the entire team including parents when I thank Michelle and Kevin Harrison for their part in organizing this game.

Also thanks to the other coaches who already volunteer so much who gave extra time to train our boys to work their hardest together for this one-time event.

I wanted to write this letter because while I was happy to see the photo in The Auroran I felt the story behind the photo was worth telling.

Gayle Palmer
Aurora

Remembrance

To the editor,

So young and yet so confident and willing to serve.
His country needed help more than ever he deserved.

In North Africa he found with so valiant a spirit,
And in a moment life changed and a world he would not hear it.

Explosions in the night creating a lightning-like sky
Praying together that their passion would not die.

The enemy would skulk into foxholes' protection
To take away lives in the dark was their evil direction.

He felt persons brush past him in the darkness of night
Now his comrades were asleep and that froze him in fright.

World War One changed his life in one horrifying diversion
A sudden shell blast threw him into silent immersion.

His journey to Canada changed for compassionate reasons
Thank goodness he found friendship at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Remember.

David Heard
Aurora

What Was I Thinking???

Challenge:

Build a mattress store that will showcase the most important piece of furniture in a home (your mattress) in a uniquely beautiful way. Do something different. All mattress stores look alike and their salespeople all act alike – pushy. Oh, remember, #1 - we're in the middle of a recession, #2 - this is one of most competitive industries around and #3 – buying a mattress is about as desirable a purchase as buying snow tires: you've got to do it but you'd MUCH rather spend your money on something more fun!

Who:

After owning a "franchised" mattress store in the area, Debi Chewerda had a ton of experience. Knowing the folks in Aurora, Newmarket and surrounding area would enjoy an upscale looking store without the upscale prices, she consulted Dave Coll from the Connie Post Company, a design firm specializing in home furniture and mattress stores. Why bother? Isn't it just a mattress store? Well, yes, but shouldn't every shopping experience be a good one? This includes the sales staff. There are no pushy sales people here, we educate you about your purchase and have fun at the same time.

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Former Aurora teacher shot down during war

Former Dr. G. W. Williams teacher Alex Campbell was the pilot of a Lancaster bomber during WW II. At least, he was until he was shot down behind enemy lines 65 years ago.

This is the story of that fateful night of July 28, 1944, in his own words.

"We were flying four engine Lancasters out of 514 Squadron in England, and had done twenty-four bombing trips up to that time.

"For this one, there was much concern among my crew that we'd go to Stuttgart, Germany. It was a long, long trip, seven hours and 50 minutes, much of it over enemy territory.

"But at our briefing the curtains were pulled back on this huge map at the front of the room, and there were a few groans, because there, with a big black zigzag line, was the route that was etched in our minds; the route to Stuttgart.

"We had been designated aircraft C "Charlie". It was one of only 300 Mark II Lancasters made. And there'd be one less than that when we got through!

"We took off at 9.40 p.m., and soon joined the rest of the bombers, and flew 'til we were well west of London - lots of trigger-happy anti-aircraft guns there.

"That night we were supposed to have an overcast sky all the way to Stuttgart, but it was not very thick from the looks of it. As we were flying across France within the clouds - this was getting on towards midnight - I said, "I'm going to go upstairs a little, and see how thick this cloud is".

"So we just climbed for a minute or so until we broke out into a clear moonlit sky. The moon was bright, and miles of white clouds stretched below us.

"It looked like it extended quite a ways, so we descended, and found



ALEX CAMPBELL

out that the clouds were only about 500 feet in thickness. As I broke out briefly I was able to see the patchwork of the French farming communities and countryside down below - dark and light patches of the fields - and the odd silvery glint of a river.

"By this time, Ben, the wireless operator, had turned on his radar. He could watch a little screen in his compartment, with a rotating beacon - like you see on the TV weather maps or those submarine pictures.

"He said that we had an enemy fighter plane closing slowly, and more company on the port side, and slightly below us.

"They were flying in the clear sky under the clouds, and were following us with their own radar. They could take their time, because they had the advantage of being able to see what we couldn't see; the end of our cloud cover was just up ahead.

"All of a sudden the clouds ended, 0 and we

burst out into moonlight. At the same instant, Sam, the rear gunner, saw the enemy planes and hollered out; "fighter - port - go!"

"So I proceeded to put the Lanc into a violent corkscrew maneuver, rolling completely up on one wing-tip, which drops the nose straight down, and then rotating the aircraft through 180 degrees, and pulling up again back to port where we were before. You describe a corkscrew shape through the sky.

"That was found to be the most successful maneuver to avoid being shot down by fighters. We had done that many times in our previous missions - and escaped successfully.

"So far.

"At the same moment Sam saw the fighters, they had already fired. There were shells in the air and they were hitting us violently, entering our port wing from below and leaving several elongated holes that ruptured the metal upwards and forwards. The fuel tanks,

containing 1,000 gallons of high octane gasoline, were ripped wide open and set on fire.

"Explosive shells also came through and took out part of the windscreen in front of me and the compass. I could smell the rank acrid odour of cordite.

"After that first corkscrew it was hard to manage any more evasive maneuvers. Two engines were on fire, and we had quite a fire all along the port side.

"I kept the plane going, although it wasn't really level, and we were still losing height rapidly.

"We had lost power on both port engines, so I shut off the fuel and put extinguishers on them. This subdued the flames for a while, but they were too far advanced, and they flared up again.

"The fighter, which we got a glimpse of off to starboard, was a Junkers 88. He circled around, and I thought, "boy, he's gonna come around again and finish us".

"And that's just what he did.

"He came up from

underneath and behind us, and started firing. He hit the cockpit, and I'm sure the armour plating in the back of my seat was protecting me. I could envision the top of my head sticking out above it, so I got down as low as I could.

"Bob, a new pilot joining us on his first mission, was badly hit. I got some of the spray off of him - bits of bone and shiny metal in the arm and face. It made it look like I was hit too, but I wasn't. How it missed Jock, the flight engineer, I don't know. He was standing right behind Bob.

"Earl, our navigator, was out of his seat and sitting on the floor when those shells came

through. He got two of them in his leg - hurt him pretty badly - and his instrument panel just disintegrated.

"This latest attack put out one of our starboard engines, and the Constant Speed Unit on the one engine that was remaining packed up. I don't know how many thousand RPM it would reach, but it just screamed like a siren.

"With only moments left before we either fell out of the sky, or our bomb load exploded from the flames, it was time for the eight of us to get out while we could - if we could."

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Tigers get half the points in three games

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team had a chance to pick up six points last week.

They managed half. But lost two more games.

The Tigers played probably their most inspired and focused hockey game of the season in Kingston Thursday night, but could only manage a single point when they forced the Voyageurs into overtime only to lose minutes later on a shorthanded goal.

Final score was 4-3 for Kingston.

With Jeff Vanderlugt playing for Team Canada and George Lovatsis down with the flu, the Tigers had a short bench for this game, but that seemed to inspire them.

The line of Lucas VanNatter, Michael Sardella and David Morley were buzzing all night, constantly pressing in the Kingston zone.

Sardella opened the scoring midway through the first period, converting passes from VanNatter and Matt Chiarantano.

But before Sardella's goal, Curtis Black had to go coast-to-coast to foil a Voyageur opportunity, serving notice he was going to be a factor in the game.

Kingston beat Black on a powerplay late in the first to have the teams tied going to the dressing room.

In the second, Sardella converted a Morley and Chiarantano setup to retake the lead.

The third started well when Alexi Pianosi's wrist shot on the powerplay gave what appeared to be an insurmountable cushion.

But Kingston got to within one with about half the period to play and penalties became a factor. Kingston tied the game with just over seven minutes still to play in regulation.

In overtime, with the Tigers still on a man advantage in the Kingston zone, a blocked Tiger point shot caromed to centre ice to the Voayageur just coming out of the penalty box. The resulting breakaway provided the game-deciding goal.

Friday night, in front of fewer than 100 fans, Aurora fell behind 3-0 and had to settle for a 4-1 loss to the Brampton Capitals.

Aurora, trailing 3-1, tried their old trick of pulling the goalie late in the game, but the idea backfired and Brampton scored into the empty net to secure the victory.

Sunday afternoon, Aurora travelled to Milton and handed the Icehawks a 9-6 whipping.

Tigers captain David Morely registered three points in the game, including a goal and two assists, to earn him the first star and bring him to within one point of the team's scoring lead.

He trails Lucas VanNatter, who is leading the team with 12 goals and 17 assists.

VanNatter scored twice in the game to keep his record on top of the heap.

Tigers would have won the game 10-6, but a goal at the end of the first period was

called back when an Aurora player was standing in the crease when the puck entered the net.

Aurora remains in ninth place in the league with 21 points, two back of Vaughan and four behind Villanova.

Georgetown is on top of the heap with 39 points followed closely by Kingston with 38.

This week, the Tigers have three more games lined up.

Thursday night, they meet Couchiching in a game at Rama, then the following night - Friday, the 13th - they host Villanova at the Aurora Community Centre.

That game begins at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Tigers host Trenton in an afternoon encounter that gets underway at 2.30 p.m. at the community centre.

KINGSTON 4 AURORA 3

First Period

A - Michael Sardella (Chiarantano, VanNatter) 9.18

K - Cole Weedmark (Laliberte, Panagiotou) PP 18.08

Second Period

A - Michael Sardella (Morley, Chiarantano) 7.54

Third Period

A - Alexi Pianosi (Ramkema, McLaughlin) PP 9.45

K - Craig Laliberte (Pearson, Geldart) 10.15

K - Tyler Melancon (Gour, Christmas) PP 12.20

Overtime

K - Kevin Christmas (Burton) SH 0:42

BRAMPTON 4 AURORA 1

First Period

B - Josh Ocampo (unassisted) SH 17.12

Second Period

B - Blake Lovell (Bernier, Mair) PP 17.12

Third Period

B - Josh Ocampo (Scuglia) 14.00

A - George Lovatsis (Sardella, VanNatter) SH 17.30

B - Cody Dawe (Davis) EN 19.52

AURORA 9 MILTON 6

First Period

A - George Lovatsis (Morley, Prinsen) 0.31

M - Evan Matheson (Piett, Walsh) PP 4.13

M - Skylar Ell (Walsh, Periera) 5.38

A - Derek Gregorack (Secco, Vangog) 10.12

A - Sloan Stewart (Moody, Ramkema) 14.03

A - Shawn Clark (unassisted) PP 19.59

Second Period

M - Ben Walsh (Periera, Piett) 3.34

A - Andrew Secco (Vangog, Chiarantano) 4.16

M - James Woodcroft (unassisted) 9.00

A - Michael Sardella (Morley, Pianosi) PP 19.11

M - Vito Carnovale (Woodcroft, Stroz) 19.58

Third Period

M - James Woodcroft (Miller) 1.14

A - David Morley (Trainor) 14.49

A - Lucas VanNatter (unassisted) EN 19.34



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106 Pittsburgh Black Timbits 5 - Liam Mahoney 2G 1A, Kyle Rame 1G, Brandin Harris 1G, Harrison Bennett 1G, Matthew Cowl 1A, Adriano Albanese 1A, Zachary Grant 1A, Kate Collins 1A, Logan Kidder 1A. **108 Philly Orange Timbits 3** - Liam Wilholm 1G, Cole Nip 1G, Andrew Laguardia 1G, Maxx Railton 1A, Jonathan Avgousti 1A.

103 Toronto White Timbits 5 - Joshua Turriff 2G 1A, Christian Romas 1G 1A, Evan Ramasra 1A, Brennan Powell 1G 1A, Graham Woodcock 1A, Anton Sopov 1G. **102 Boston Gold Timbits 2** - Ian Hilgendorff 1A, Alexander Ko 1A, Victor Stanica 1A, Carson Maybury 1G, Justin Lacroix 1G.

103 Toronto White Timbits 5 - Gianluca Santocono 1G 1A, Jake Piper 1A, Joshua Turriff 2A, Brennan Powell 2A, Gage Gonsalves 1A, Anton Sopov 2G 1A, James Sproul 1G 1A, Thomas Raeburn 1G. **104 Los Angeles Purple Timbits 3** - Daniel Walker 1G 1A, Christopher Marton 2G 1A, Ben Fulford 1A, Avery Lee 1A.

403 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 9 - Jack Dion 5G, Devon Mundy 3A, Mark Tait 1A, Hayden Edwards 1G 2A, Stephen McNeil 1A, Kyle Gillies 3A, Roberto Iervasi 1G 1A, Gordon Scott 1G, Callum Gorrell 1G 1A, Vaughan Hewgill 1A, David Robertson 2A, Stephen McNeil, shutout. **411 Colorado Burgandy Danny's Boys 0.**

408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 5 - Christian Ramirez 2G, Keaton Thompson 1G, Nicklaus Reid 1G 1A, Benjamin Pitre 1A, Evan McKenzie 1A, Thomas Morra 1G, Jack Camplin, shutout. **401 Florida Red Chouinard Bros. 0.**

407 Pittsburgh Powder Blue HS Financial 3 - Keegan Fisher 1G 1A, Jacob Leblanc 1A, Cameron Dyer 2G 1A, Paige Crossley 1A, James Samson 1A, Scott Wilson-Smith 1A. **401 Florida Red Chouinard Bros. 3** - Colin Read 1G, Christian Loria 1A, Matthew Lancaster 2G, Leo Branigan 1A, Reese Crevelle 1A.

409 San Jose Teal North York Plumbing & Heating 7 - Cameron Bourne 3G, Chris Walsh 2G, Colin Boorn 1G, Niklas Seidel 1A, Jack Hosmer 1A, Jack Chivers 1A, Ben Godber 1G 1A, Colin Boorn 1A. **405 St. Louis Blue Laurion Law Office 4** - Matthew Carney 1G, William Morin 2G, Austin Hendy 1G, Matthew Brenzel 1A, Sam Speranini 1A, Arnold Tanner 1A.

406 Pittsburgh Black Compass Ins. Brokers 3 - Charles Peters 1G, Jeffrey Crowe 1G, Christian Ramirez 1G, Ayrton Ochab 1A, Conner Crane 1A, Cameron Jackson 1A. **408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 2** - Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G, Keaton Thompson 1G, Dalton Slind 1A.

402 Boston Gold Omar Shoes 3 - Evan Bryan 1G, Jake Carson 1A, Liam DeSouza 1A, Andrew Lamana 1G, Connor DeVogel 1G 1A, Adam Wochenmarkt 2A. **410 Los Angeles Grey McAlpine Ford 1** - Tyler Justice 1G, Adam Vanderkoff 1A, Justin Carcone 1A.

404 Los Angeles Purple Mastermind Toys 9 - Owen Bourrie 3G 2A, Jacob Fulford 1G 1A, Matthew Glionna 3G, Matthew Vassos 2G 1A, Dane Kerkkamp 2A. **408 Philly Orange Paragon Asset Management 6** - Jack Camplin 2G, Keaton Thompson 1G, Nicklaus Reid 1A, Thomas Morra 3G, Brayden Pitre 1A, Raffaele Parente 2A.

407 Pittsburgh Powder Blue HS Financial 6 - Cameron Dyer 4G, Matt LeClair 1G 1A, Jacob Leblanc 1G 1A, Scott Wilson-Smith 1A, Noah Cepelak 1A, James Kypreos 2A. **405 St. Louis Blue Laurion Law Office 2** - Matthew Carney 1G, William Morin 1G, Matthew Brenzel 1A.

607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 4 - Kyle Bryden 2G, Chris Aldis 1G 1A, Geoffrey Siow 1G, Matthew Colucci 1A, Steven Modreano 1A. **603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 3** - Connor Tripp 2G, Christopher Ottman 1G, Tyler Wilson 1A, Daniel Cariou 1A.

604 Los Angeles Purple 6 - William Stroud 2G 2A, Eric Cumiskey 1G, Ryan Donovan 1G, Bradley Snoutlon 1G 1A, Tarek Koudmani 1A, Ermerson Cepelak 1A. **601 Florida Red Rogers 4** - Patrick Bourrie 2G, Michael Imseis 1G, Bryn Burbank 1G.

603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 2 - Connor Tripp 1G, Tyler Wilson 1G, Daniel Cariou 1A, Daniel Cariou 1A. **605 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club Of Aurora 1** - Ben Kissack 1G, Lukas Ruscica 1A.

610 Los Angeles Grey AHPA 7 - Carter Goan 1G, Matthew McGann 1G, Alex Carter 2G, John Barber 1G,

Michael Montesanti 1G, Derek Keun 1G, Johnny Sherwood 2A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 1** - Bradley Adams 1G, Chris Aldis 1A.

602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 6 - Randy Sutton 2G, Ryan Batten 2G, David Kangas 1G 1A, Chris Broughton 1G, Riley Callaghan 2A, Rory Hamilton 1A, Andre Cristillo 1A, Harrison Lambrinos 1A. **608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 1** - Matthew Neice 1G, Colin Dyer 1A, Jakob Schuster 1A.

601 Florida Red Rogers 5 - Austin Waite 1G, Bryn Burbank 1G, Michael Dowling 1A, Tommy Allan 1G, Patrick Bourrie 1G 2A, Michael Imseis 1A, Joshua Divincenzo 1A. **605 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club Of Aurora 2** - Ryan Ouwroules 1G, Aaron Rival 1G, Ryan Simmons 1A, Evan Nichols 1A, Blake Holtby 1A.

608 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 6 - Matthew Neice 3G, Micheal Walsh 2G, Colin Dyer 1G, Jacob Hagias 1A, Grant Kavanaugh 1A, Nathan Dinatale 1A, Michael DiLosa 1A, Matthew Ciancio 1A. **607 Pittsburgh Powder Blue Diamond Groundskeeping 1.**

601 Florida Red Rogers 2 - Austin Waite 1G, Bryn Burbank 1G, Alexander MacKinnon 1A, Jesse Joynt 1A, Joshua Divincenzo 1A, Carmelo Santino, shutout. **603 Toronto White Aurora Orthodontics 0.**

610 Los Angeles Grey AHPA 7 - Johnny Sherwood 2G 4A, Alex Carter 1G 1A, Brenden Ruuskanen 1G 1A, Alex Sesto 2G, Derek Keun 1G, Bowen Reid 1A. **605 St. Louis Blue Rotary Club Of Aurora 3** - Ben Kissack 1G 1A, David Leeper 1G, Adam Hofmann 1G, Evan Nicols 1A, Darren Tree 1A, Ryan Simmons 1A.

602 Boston Gold Tilemaster 2 - Ryan Batten 1G, Andre Cristillo 1G, Stewart Reid 1A, Randy Sutton 1A, Rory Hamilton 1A. **604 Los Angeles Purple 1** - Bradley Snoutlen 1G, William Stroud 1A.

609 San Jose Teal Backyard Pool & Spa 4 - Matthew Hall 1G, Joey Hodgson 2G, Jake Schacter 1G, Mitchell Law-Heese 1A, Lucas Bulmer 1A, Joel Robinson 1A, Yosef Kakush 2A. **606 Pittsburgh Black Rival Concepts 3** - Lockhart McMann 1G, William Ashton 1G, Anthony Loduca 1G, Christian Baggio 2A, Giorgio Venosa 2A.

813 St Louis White 4 - Kevin Willert, shutout, Jimmy Brookes 1G 1A, Morgan Walker 1G 1A, Dustin Partenan 1G, Mackenzie Smith 1G, Alex Harrison 1A, Jason Glionna 1A, Dylan Sutton 1A, Kienan Osborne 1A. **812 Dallas Kelly Green 0.**

813 St Louis White 5 - Alex Harrison 1G 1A, Morgan Walker 2G 1A, Dustin Partenan 1G 1A, Keith Jarvis 1G, Adam Petit 2A, Dylan Sutton 1A. **810 Los Angeles Grey 3** - Declan Johnson 2G, Collin Laird 1G, Micheal Roell 1A, Carson Dupuis 1A.

808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 2 - David Roberts 1G, Scott Wheeler 1G, Russell Johnson 1A, Michael McCreesh 1A, Austin Megit 1A. **804 Los Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 1.**

805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 2 - Thomas Scougall 1G 1A, Nick Moffatt 1G, Tyler Hindley 2A, Mark Pressaco 1G, Chris Downs 1A, Duncan Eveleigh 1A. **807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 1** - Matthew Warner 1G, Christopher Sanita 1A.

803 Toronto White AHPA 3 - Bailey Miller 2G, Sajjad Akbar 1G, Liam Devlin 1A, Christopher End 1A, Jordan Stephenson 1A. **809 San Jose Teal 1** - Brian McDonald 1G, Brady Wilson 1A.

802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 3 - Carter Hammett, shutout, Michael Liscio 1G, Michael Perryman 1G 1A, Alex Seto 1G, Quinn McGowan 1A, Max Brown 1A, Mitchell Arnold 1A. **810 Los Angeles Grey 0.**

811 Colorado Burgandy 4 - Tyler Indos 3G, Quinn Harris 1G, Josh Lawlor 2A, Nick Holliday 1A. **812 Dallas Kelly Green 2** - Matthew Roach 2G.

807 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 4 - Matthew Sanita 4G, Mitchell Palmer 1A, Michael Bitzos 1A, Kieran Cullen 1A, Chris Frappier 1A, Ethan Cullen 2A. **803 Toronto White AHPA 3** - Liam Devlin 2G, Bailey Miller 1G, Ian Coschi 1A, Jordan Stephenson 1A, Daniel McDonnell 1A.

805 St. Louis Blue Orr & Associates 2 - James Powell 1G, Cody Mulhern 1G, Michael Moffatt 1A. **801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 1** - Parker Baile 1G, Justin Chalmers 1A, Joseph Veneziano 1A.

806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 3 - Brendan Elliot 1G, Justin Stevens 1G, Brian Pedron 1G 1A, Robert Ruscica 1A, Trevor Stephens 1A. **804 Los**

Angeles Purple Caruso & Company 2 - Brian Langdon 1G, Duncan Eveleigh 1G, Mark Pressaco 1A.

806 Pittsburgh Black Continental Ingredients 4 - Jonathan Caporusso 1G, Michael Hosmer 1G, Robert Ruscica 1G 1A, Justin Stevens 1G, Brian Pedron 1A, Nicholas Bertrand 3A, Patrick Tardiff 1A. **801 Florida Red A.D.C Aluminum 2** - Parker Baile 1G, Justin Chalmers 1G, Stephen Faiello 1A, Andrew Boehmer 1A.

802 Boston Gold Manhattan Trophies 4 - Kyle Nice 2G, Alex Seto 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Andrew Roche 1A, Max Brown 1A. **808 Philly Orange Pizza Pizza 1** - Michael McCreesh 1G, Alexander Gouthro 1A.

901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 6. 903 Toronto White Optimist Club of Aurora 0.

906 Pittsburgh Black Ruff N Redi 5. 905 St. Louis Blue 3.

904 Los Angeles Purple 4. 905 St. Louis Blue 4.

902 Boston Gold CW Coops 5. 904 Los Angeles Purple 1.

902 Boston Gold CW Coops 7. 901 Florida Red Aurora Chrysler 2.

1002 Boston Gold 3 - Mark Tanel 1G 1A, Jonathan Boehmer 1G, Wesley Brown 1A, Michael Mourtanos 1A, Wesley Seminara 1A, Nicholas Orsatti 1A. **1009 San Jose Teal 2** - Dylan Skelton 2G, Rosario Arcuri 1A, Robert Anderson 1A, Michael Bar 1A, Cory Blom 1A.

1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 4 - Jamie Cherutti 1G, Chris Tambos 1G 2A, Jake Hindley 2G 1A, Tyler Cassack 1A, Cody Benson 2A, Adam Stubbs 1A. **1001 Florida Red 3** - James Harkin 1G 1A, Michael Wood 1G, Sean Takahashi 1G, Michael Bernier 1A, Michael Takahashi 1A, Kyle McCreedy 1A.

1006 Pittsburgh Black 9 - Dillon Cappel 2G 1A, Kyle Rojas 3G, Adam Gitto 1G, Jordan Adams 1G 1A, Benjamin Pringle 1G, Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Justin Dickerman 2A, Jesse Cappel 1A, Matthew Semeredy 1A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 4** - Marcel Lamanna 2G, Craig Bennett 2G, Andrew Osmond 1A, Michael Reilly 1A, Caleb Gould 1A.

1003 Toronto White CAA 2 - Ian Weston 1G 1A, Ryan Laird 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1A. **1008 Philly Orange Aurora Home Hardware 2** - Christian Davies 1G, Tanner Brewer 1G, Egan Fennell 1A, Marlon Young 1A.

1011 Colorado Burgandy Graystones Restaurant 7 - Dylan Cross 2G 1A, Chris Blumreisinger 1G, Lucas Cristillo 2G, Greg Lacroix 1G, Ryan Antoniel 1G, Brandon Giniotis 3A, Alex Payne 1A, Matthew Mears 1A, Chase Riddell 2A, Joe Lombardi 1A. **1013 St. Louis White 5** - Jamie Hawkins 1G 1A, Tyler Jensen 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G 1A, Chris O'Hara 1G, Stephen DiNallo 1G, Adam Clark 2A, Spencer George 1A.

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1010 Los Angeles Grey 3 - Ben Slimkowich 1G 1A, Tristan Miller 1G, Jake Boyle 1G, Nick Zebrowski 1A, Dylan Jolivet 2A, Matthew Schmitt 2A. **1012 Dallas Kelly Green Envirocar 0.**

1003 Toronto White CAA 8 - Jarret Meron 1G, Ryan Laird 1G 2A, Stephen Newby 2G, Ian Weston 1G 2A, Matthew Miller 3G, Scott Sturges 1A, Evan Campbell 2A, Kevin McCrudden 1A, Spencer Palmer 1A, Chris Dynes 1A, Eric Roell 1A. **1006 Pittsburgh Black 2** - Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Adam Gitto 1A, Zachary Samonas 1G, Jay Lamont 1A.

1004 Los Angeles Purple 3 - Jacob Giacomazzo 1G, Lucas Hargrave 1G, Brendan Strachan 1G, Ryan Kennedy 1A, Zachary Andrews 1A, Carter Schaefer 1A, Cameron Meikle 1A, Daniel Howie 1A. **1005 St. Louis Blue Sentia 0.**

1002 Boston Gold 4 - Kevin Wheeler 3G, Jonathan Boehmer 1G, Devin Scudds 1A, Mark Tanel 1A. **1007 Pittsburgh Powder Blue 0.**



Rep Games

Barrie Mini 3. AuroraTyke Select A 1 - Carter Beswick 1G.

Ajax 1. Aurora Tyke Select A 1 - Evan Vierling 1G.

Innisfil Winterhawks 8. Aurora Novice A Tigers 2 - Jeremy Gonsalves 1G, Stefanie Baxter 2A, Andrew Park 1G 1A.

Aurora Novice AE Tigers 5 - Anthony Iacovetta 3G, Harris Goan 1G, Luke Catania 1G, Colby Prymych 1A, Rony Wahab 1A, Kyle Fowler 1A, Thomas Childerhose 1A. **Markham Waxers 2.**

Aurora Novice AE Tigers 6 - Luke Catania 1G 1A, Ryan McCartney 1G 1A, Justin Harbaruk 1G, Anthony Iacovetta 1G, Harris Goan 1G, Alex Sandras 1G, Jack Patterson 1A, Rony Wahab 1A, Thomas Childerhose 1A, Warren Hill, shutout. **Markham 0.**

Aurora Novice AE Tigers 2 - Justin Harbaruk 1G, Harris Goan 1G, Kyle Fowler 1A. **Schomberg 2.**

Aurora Novice AE Tigers 6 - Justin Harbaruk 2G 1A, Evan Robertson 2G 1A, Alex Sandras 1G, Ryan McCartney 1G 1A, Harris Goan 2A, Owen Romano 2A, Rony Wahab 1A, Colby Prymych 1A, Noah Johnson 1A, Jack Patterson 1A, Kyle Fowler 1A, Hunter Wong, shutout. **Orillia Terriers 0.**

Markham 3. Aurora Minor Atom AE Tigers 3 - Luke O'Keefe 2G, Fin Reeves 1G, Jaedon Jackson 1A.

Georgina 2. Aurora Minor Atom AE Tigers 1 - Luke O'Keefe 1G.

Barrie Colts 5. Aurora Minor Peewee AA Tigers 0.

Barrie Colts 4. Aurora Minor Peewee AA Tigers 2 - Shaun Broad 1G, Graham Sanford 1G, Daniel McConnell 2A.

Aurora Minor Peewee AE Tigers 5 - Cooper Hewgill 1G, Michael DaCosta 1G, Tyler Williams 1G 1A, Nicholas Sansalone 2G 1A, Michael Jollimore 1A, Matthew MacDonald 1A, Cameron Anderson 1A, Jordi Severini 1A, Cole Chapman, shutout. **Markham Waxers 0.**

Waterloo 2. Aurora Minor Peewee AE Tigers 0.

Georgian 1. Aurora Peewee AA Tigers 1 - Nathan Romanchych 1G, Matthew Leroy 1A, Jake Appleby 1A.

Newmarket Redmen 5. Aurora Minor Bantam AA Tigers 0.

Aurora Minor Bantam A Tigers 5 - Paul Neophytou 2G, Connor Cowl 1G 2A, Zac Cowl 1G, Liam Beresford 1G, Graham Robinson 2A, Jack Caldwell 2A, Justin Pirie 2A, Evan Jackson 1A. **Markham 1.**

Aurora Minor Bantam AE Tigers 6 - Brayden Beswick 3G, Nathan Sinclair 1G, Ben Ashton 1G, Scott Kostin 1G, Kyle Nice 3A, Ryan McGoldrick 1A, Gabe Oulahan 1A. **Stouffville Clippers 1.**

Aurora Bantam A Tigers 5 - Colton Lee 1G, Quincy Ing 1G, Vincent Ruscica 2G, Eric Damecour 1G, Braden Casselden 2A, Andrew McDonald 1A. **East Gwillimbury Eagles 3.**

Aurora Bantam A Tigers 6 - Matthew Pryse 1G, Quincy Ing 1G, Eric Damecour 2G 1A, Daniel Fiori 1G, Hayden Trask 1G 1A, Vincent Ruscica 2A, Daniel Jones 2A, Jonathan McConnell 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A. **Markham Waxers 4.**

Aurora Bantam AE Tigers 2 - William Brogan 1G, Zach Ferry 1G, Connor Moody 1A, Sam Steenhorst 1A, Trevor George 1A, Christopher Tsianos 1A. **TNT 2.**

Innisfil Winterhawks 2. Aurora Bantam AE Tigers 2 - Massimo Longhin 1G, Trevor George 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1A, Eliot Harkin 1A, Zachary Ferry 1A.

Georgina 2. Aurora Bantam AE Tigers 2 - Chris Cherubini 1G, Paul Steiner 1G, Christopher Tsianos 1A, Eliot Harkin 2A.

Newmarket 6. Aurora Bantam AE Tigers 1 - Zach Ferry 1G, Paul Steiner 1A, Casey Severini 1A.

Stouffville Clippers 7. Aurora Minor Midget A Tigers 1 - Tyler White 1G.

Richmond Hill Stars 3. Aurora Minor Midget A Tigers 1 - Brian Puskar 1G, Matt Skoulikas 1A, Cooper Riswick 1A.

Bylaw would curtail train whistling

From page 1
With four level crossings in Aurora, and an increasing amount of rail traffic, that makes for a lot of whistling.
But eliminating them has been a complex process due to both the rules and regulations surrounding this requirement, and the number of players involved, including Metrolinx, Transport Canada, Canadian National Railway, and the Town of Aurora.
The latest requirement

in this process has been a Whistle Cessation Study - Safety Assessment, which was recently completed by AECOM Canada Limited.
The study looked at the road crossings at Engelhard Drive, Wellington Street East, Centre Street and St. John's Sideroad, as well as a pedestrian crossing just south of Wellington St.
The assessment identified a number of deficiencies that needed to be addressed.
Discussions with Metrolinx and Transport Canada have since identified fixes and alternatives that meet the intent of the standard without compromising public safety.
Some \$20,000 in capital funding to address the site improvement requirements in the deficiency report has already been approved.
The next step in the process is for the town to complete the deficiencies, advise residents of its intent to pass an Anti-Whistle Bylaw, and contact specific interested organizations.
Metrolinx will then forward the documents to Transport Canada for their final review.
With Transport Canada's approval in hand, and insurance in place, Metrolinx will issue the instructions that the whistles not be sounded.
It is expected council will approve the recommendation at their meeting this week.

Monday Night hockey results						
TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Rec Cycle N' Sports	6	0	1	30	14	13
Highland Chev-Cadillac	4	1	2	22	15	10
Baldwin's	4	3	0	27	26	8
Law Insurance Brokers	2	3	1	19	26	7
Masterclean Contracting	2	3	2	18	20	6
FPL Aggregates	2	4	1	18	22	5
Tom & Jerry's	1	4	2	19	24	4
Priestly Demolition	1	5	1	18	24	3
WEEKLY RESULTS						
Highlands Chev	2		Baldwin's			5
Tom & Jerry's	2		Priestly Demolition			4
Law Insurance	4		Masterclean			2
FPL Aggregates	1		Rec Sports			2

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Daily many of us drive a vehicle. We use our cars for work, for school, and for leisure purposes. People often take their driving privileges and vehicles for granted. Take a moment to think about how difficult your life would be if something you rely upon so much was taken away from you or violated.

Take a few extra precautions and keep your vehicle and property safe.

Canada ranks high in Auto thefts and while Ontario is not the highest province, it is however a problem that can be prevented. On average, it takes a car thief 30 seconds to "jimmy" a lock or "punch" out a door lock.

In Ontario over 52,000 cars are stolen a year. 60% are recovered in what are called transportation crimes (used and dumped). The remainder is the result of organized enterprise auto theft. What does that mean you ask? This is when your car is stolen and all the valuable parts are "stripped or gutted" and sold on the Black Market and in some cases back to auto-body shops.

The OPP statistics show that the cost of auto theft to the public is \$1.2 billion a year. This equates to \$48.00 per insurance policy holder.

With the holiday season approaching combined with shopping, thefts from vehicles will increase. A thief will look for the best

opportunity, and if shopping bags, wallets, GPS or even cell phones are visible in the vehicle, they will become a valuable target of theft.

Some people do not lock the doors of their cars. This only encourages people to open these unlocked doors to see what is inside. Many neighbourhoods in Aurora have had a rash of opportunistic auto content thefts.

The good news is that all of this can be avoided. You do not have to fall victim to theft. The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) insists that everyone who owns a vehicle follow three very basic steps:

- **DO NOT** leave any valuables visible in your vehicle. Store your valuables in the glove box, center console or trunk.
- **REMEMBER** to lock all your doors when you leave your vehicle unattended.
- **PARK** somewhere that is well lit. Criminals tend to stay away from vehicles that are parked in those areas.

Common sense? YES!
Hard? NO!

York Regional Police have another important seasonal reminder: Do not go outside to start your vehicle and come back in to have your coffee, leaving your vehicle running and unattended. This entices thieves to steal your car right out of your driveway. For pollution reasons you should not allow your car to idle, but if you must

have a warm car, invest in a remote-starter. Most starters will not allow you to put the vehicle in gear without the key in the ignition, and the doors remain locked and some have a timed auto-shut off feature.

So please, don't do something that you're going to regret. A few simple actions will not have you saying, "I should've, I could've or I would've." Do what is smart, **Lock it, Hide it, or** if not you might just **Lose it.**

For more information on any of the above listed information, you may contact your local Police Station. Our police provide a pamphlet regarding theft of vehicles and theft from vehicles. **"SHOULD, WOULD, COULDA"** is published by Ontario Associations of Chiefs of Police through donations of various sponsors.

Or visit York Regional Police at www.yrp.ca or the Ontario Provincial Police at www.opp.ca.

Thank you for taking the time to read this public service message and please pass this information to your family, neighbours and friends.

On a last note, in the time it took you to read this article (approximately 3-5 minutes) a vehicle was stolen in Canada. The current rate is 400 vehicles a day.

Author: **Mario Conte**

PACT

(Police and Community Together)

We are looking for new committee members. If you are looking to serve your community please contact us by email at: aurorapact@gmail.com

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Senior Scape



The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) held their annual Haunted Halloween lunch Wednesday at the centre, with the mayor in attendance.

She, assisted by an enthusiastic crowd, was charged with the task of judging entrants in a costume contest and the winner, protruding noticeably at the front, was aptly termed, Barefoot and Pregnant, but refused to be identified.

All of the costumed contestants were great and the crowd let them know it.

A Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance is planned for November 15th, from 2 to 5 p.m., and you are invited.

Charles and Lucille Sequeira will share the duties of DJ for this event.

They will look after the music which is always open to last minute adjustments to allow for viable requests.

The music program will consist of selections from South America including the Cha Cha, Mambo, and

Rumba, plus such other old time favorites as the Waltz and Quick Step, Foxtrot with line dancing included as the night proceeds.

Refreshments will be sandwiches, scones and biscuits with coffee and tea.

This Sunday afternoon Tea Dance is expected to be very popular, and is scheduled for a time that appears to accommodate many dancers, therefore please take note, seating is limited by safety regulations to 100.

Consequently, please purchase your ticket (\$5) at the front counter early.

The computer club is an interested, active and well organized group that offers general programs each Tuesday starting at 10 a.m.

Occasionally, experienced and inexperienced computer operators are plagued by a problem or two, which often yields to advice garnered in the environs of this ASA computer club general meeting.

Often the questions can be answered in layman's lan-

guage by other computer operators.

If you have a question or questions, you need only to attend and during the meeting you will be invited to ask your question.

You will receive an answer if anybody has it and if not; you will receive direction on how to find it.

The last column indicated the Towns Windrow program has been discontinued for lack of clients.

Well, all is not lost, not for seniors or the disabled who expect to require some assistance once old man winter starts to dump snow on us.

Winter can be intolerable once snow mounts up reinforced at times, with capricious winds to compound insurmountable problems for those unable to deal properly with such torments.

Neighbourhood Network is expanding its volunteer snow removal program, which seeks to match volunteers with registered clients.

You must register and you

will be matched with a volunteer, providing a volunteer is available.

So the system is not perfect, but it does exist and with an influx of sturdy and willing volunteers, much can be done to improve conditions when snow conditions render exiting the driveway, difficult, dangerous or totally impassable.

Phone 905-726-3737 to see if you qualify for assistance and for prospective clients to register and receive more information.

Phone the same number to swell the volunteer base and so turn this initiative into a powerhouse of social volunteering in Aurora.

When the snow comes, the volunteers moving snow will be heroes of the emergency.

More volunteers and early registration represent the organized power and strength of our caring society.

Good administration will ensure the value of this program.

Volunteers are the absolute lifeblood of this com-

Costume winner still incognito

By BRIAN WARBURTON



Aurora's Tim Hortons outlet made this cheque presentation to the Women's Centre of York Region recently. Taking part in the celebration were, left to right, Shelley Chidlow, Community Engagement Coordinator for Women's Centre of York Region; Diane Bond from Tim Hortons; Brian Elliott, Tim Hortons

store owner; and Elizabeth Kelly, from the Women's Centre of York Region Board. The donation was the result of a cookie campaign, run by Tim Hortons.

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When artist Robert Bateman, left, came to Aurora last week, he made a special trip to the Wellington Art Gallery where he caught up with his friend who owns the gallery Emil Simon. They are standing in front of a Bateman painting known as Old Fort Tiger.

COMING EVENTS

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

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.

Christmas Bazaar at St. Andrew's Church, Aurora, includes a traditional "spud" lunch prepared by St. Andrew's Guild. The annual event, held in the hall at the corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets, begins at 10 a.m. and continues to 1.30 p.m., with the lunch starting at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8; \$4 for children aged 4 to 9.

The Ninth Annual Silent Auction and Bake, presented by TOAST (Town of Aurora Staff Together) will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Centre, 1400 Wellington Street East. All proceeds will be donated to the Children's Aid Society "Holiday Hero Program" to help families in Aurora. Leaf Tickets, gift baskets, household items, baked items, will be available. If you would like to donate call 905-726-4370.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The Aurora Seniors Association Dance Committee invites the public to a Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance at the centre from 2 to 5 p.m. Music provided by Lucille and Charles Sequeira. Price is \$5, which includes refreshments. Sign up at the reception desk, but hurry as seating is limited to 100 people. For further information call 905-841-1494.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7 Lacey Court, has scheduled a bazaar from noon to 3 p.m. at the church. Included will be attic treasures, Christmas items, local businesses with tables, tea/coffee and home made goodies. All proceeds go towards the church's outreach events benefitting the children and their families of Aurora.

An art show and sale, featuring the work of Aurora's own Dorothy Clark McClure, will be held at the Hollandview Trail Retirement Community, 200 John West Way, from 1 to 4 p.m. A wine and cheese reception, complete with entertainment, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lobby.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

JackKryn France is hosting a "Decorating with Style" fundraiser for Women's Centre of York Region, twice today: 10 a.m. for coffee and 5 p.m. with wine and cheese. Fundraiser will feature two designers talking about solving decorating problems. There will be food and raffles with all proceeds going to Women's Centre of York Region. For more information or to register for the event, contact rita@jackkryn.com. JackKryn is located at

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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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

From 1 to 4 p.m., Hillary House will be decorated by members of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society. Fires will glow in the fireplace, the smell of mulled cider will fill the air and the sound of familiar carols will be heard. There will be games and crafts for children, home-made refreshments and maybe even a visit from Old St. Nick. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for accompanied children. Hillary House is located at 15372 Yonge Street, Aurora. All proceeds go to the care and restoration of Hillary House National Historic Site. For more information, call the Aurora Historical Society at 905-727-8991.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

At 7.30 p.m. the ballroom of Hillary House will come alive with a performance by local Auroran music group Sommerset. Refreshments will be served. Tickets to this event must be purchased in advance and are \$20 each, with Aurora Historical Society members receiving a discounted ticket price. For tickets and more information call the Aurora Historical Society at 905-727-8991. Space is limited.

A Candlelight Christmas will be held at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum on Woodbine Avenue, south of the Aurora sideroad and you can attend the tour at either 6.30 p.m. or 8 p.m. Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required. Adult tickets are \$15 and children are \$10. For further information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

The Dr. G W Williams Students' Council will host the second annual Spring Rummage Sale again next year. Stay tuned for details.

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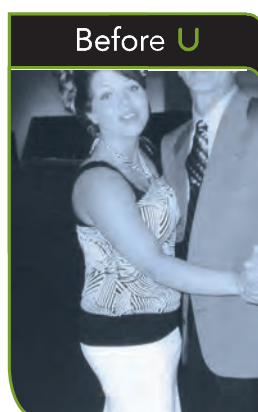
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