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Hillary House murder scene

Now this sounds like fun.

A Murder Mystery Dinner is being planned at Hillary House, Saturday, October 26.

For those of you who know Hillary House, you will know the building won't hold a lot of people, therefore, purchase of a ticket in the very near future is mandatory.

Fewer than 30 spaces are available.

The delicious evening of fun is sponsored by the Aurora Historical Society and it is the group's first ever Murder Mystery Dinner.

Tickets at \$50 per person, purchased in advance, include a four-course meal served by maids and footmen in the ballroom.

That evening, the Historical Society will turn the clock back to 1913.

According to the script, a wealthy mining engineer and entrepreneur, Hermann Kringelhoff, has rented Hillary House while the Hillarys are visiting Ireland.

Rumours abound that Kringelhoff is planning a major investment in Aurora.

Lights have been seen at strange hours of the night at the Fleury Foundry. There are reports of holes being drilled through the floor of the china department in Whimster's store, and there have been strange goings-on under the

floorboards of the Methodist Church.

The Kringelhoffers plan to invite 27 of Aurora's most prominent citizens to join them for dinner, plus none other than William Lyon Mackenzie King, an up-and-coming young politician who is sure to make his mark.

A big announcement is expected, but things do not turn out as Kringelhoff planned.

You can be one of the guests and support Hillary House's fundraising efforts with your ticket purchase.

You will play a specific person who actually lived in Aurora in 1913 and will be sent brief biographical details and instructions in advance.

Two of the guests already booked are Rosemary Schumaker and Ron Wallace, who will be Minny and Charles Lundy.

Charles Lundy was editor of the Aurora Banner in 1913.

"How very fitting," said Wallace, editor of The Auroran.

Tickets should be purchased as soon as possible by calling Hillary House at 905-727-4015.

"A murder mystery at Hillary House with characters drawn from Aurora's past," said a press release. "It's Hallowe'en for adults."



Sporting their own red fire helmets, sisters Cayley, 6, and Julia, 2, Kavanagh, of Aurora, study the real thing during Open House at Aurora's Edward Street station of the York Central Fire Services Saturday. Open House was held in conjunction with annual Fire Prevention Week, currently underway.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



As part of the International Walk to School Day, Aurora Mayor Tim Jones joined hundreds of students from Highview Public School for a stroll down McClellan Way from Henderson to the school last Wednesday. More than 70 schools in York Region took part in the annual event.

Auroran photo by Matt Haggerty

Federal boundaries discussion a yawner

If there is a huge interest in having a proposed federal boundary moved from Aurora's Yonge Street, it wasn't evident last week.

About 20 people showed up for a public meeting to discuss the proposal in a gathering that lasted less than an hour.

No one liked the idea of having a federal boundary slice up Yonge Street from Bloomington to St. John's.

Federal law requires that representation of the provinces in the House of Commons be adjusted after each 10-year census to reflect changes in population.

As a result the number of Ontario MPs would increase from 103 to 106 with two of the additional seats in York Region.

The changes would also be used by the provincial government.

Under the proposal, Aurora is split in half at Yonge Street. The northern portion of the former riding of Vaughan/King/Aurora would become Newmarket/King with the western section of Aurora.

The eastern boundary of the proposed Newmarket/King riding is Yonge Street from Bloomington Road north to approximately the St. John's Sideroad.

The eastern part of Aurora would become part of the riding of Oak Ridges/Markham, which

includes the northern part of Markham and part of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A public meeting by the Electoral

Commission is scheduled at the Sheraton Parkway, Aurora Room

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Klees awarded major portfolio

By RON WALLACE

He has come a long way since his days as "Frank Who".

Aurora resident and Oak Ridges riding MPP Frank Klees became Minister of Tourism and Recreation last week after being sworn in following the resignation of Cam Jackson.

"It was totally unexpected," Klees told The Auroran. "We had hoped the Jackson issue would have been resolved."

(Jackson got caught up in an expense account issue that forced the resignation).

Klees found out about the appointment at 10.30 p.m. Wednesday, and was sworn in by Premier Ernie Eves and Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman at noon Thursday.

"I have confidence that Mr. Klees will be an excellent advocate for our tourism and recreation sectors and will be a solid member of

my Cabinet," the Premier said.

Klees, 51, who was first elected to a provincial seat in 1995, represented the riding of York Mackenzie before restructuring

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FRANK KLEES

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Artist R.N. Staley presents "Nature's Own Forest Art" in the Skylight Gallery at the Town Hall. Also an exhibit of oils and watercolour paintings by artist Ann Judin. Until October 31, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 16

Noted author Ron Brown talks about the "Castles of Ontario" - homes of the past and the people who lived in them at the Aurora Historical Society's general meeting. Town Hall - 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Aurora Writers Group meeting. 7.30 p.m. Aurora Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.

OCTOBER 22

The Aurora Public Library in partnership with York Region Health Services and Transportation and Works hosts a no charge presentation on "Our Local Water Supply" and health issues from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in meeting room #1. As seating is limited call 905-727-9493 to pre-register.

OCTOBER 25-26

Aurora United Church 18th annual Fall Event. Silent auction, crafts, baking, collectibles, toys, clothes, etc. Admission - 50 cents.

OCTOBER 26

Sixth Annual Wells Street Public School Fall Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Town Park and at the school. Features include a Haunted Tower, face painting, pumpkin decorating, Jump Castle, Mummy Wrap, games for prizes, cookie decorating, Where's Waldo? hunt, Monster Mash Karaoke, and more. Event is presented by the Wells Street School Supporters.

Evening silent auction in St. Andrew's Hall at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 32 Mosley Street, Aurora. Tickets covering dessert, refreshments, and entertainment are \$5. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for viewing.

As part of the celebration for Ontario Public Library Week the Aurora Public Library presents the Rag and Bone Theatre performing the Puppet Show "Zoom". From 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. Free admission with a ticket. Visit the Children's Department or phone 905-727-9493 for a ticket.

Murder mystery dinner at Hillary House. Tickets \$50. Reservations and payment in advance required. Limited seats. Call 905-727-8991

OCTOBER 27

The Big Sisters of York hold their 23rd Annual Thrill on the Hill Walk this year with Halloween surprises galore. It takes place at St. Andrew's College with registration starting at 8 a.m., warm-up at 9:45 and the start at 10 a.m. For more information call Katherine Conway at 905-727-4897 extension 305.

Pub Afternoon at the Aurora Legion with Mr. Banjo, Mel Collie and his band from 2 to 5 p.m. followed by fish and chips for \$12, in support of the Legion Seniors. For information call Don Dempsey at 905-713-0342.

OCTOBER 30

The Aurora Public Library presents a discussion on "Investment Scams: How to Protect Yourself" from 7 to 8 p.m. in meeting room #1. Pre-registration is required. Call 905-727-9493.

NOVEMBER 2

The Aurora Minor Hockey Association is holding a dinner and dance at the Tuscany Banquet Centre from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner, dancing and wine. Group table reservations for groups of eight and 10 are available upon request. Tickets are now available from Janine Gabel (905-726-3580), Andrea Bentolilla (905-841-8610) or the AMHA Office (905-727-1480).

Harmony Showcase 2002 presents "Broadway" at the Newmarket Theatre with two shows at 3 and 7:30 p.m. The concert features the talents of TKO, Ontario District Champion Quartet, Voices of Joy, "Elvis Priestley" and the sponsors, the Upper Canada Chordsmen, plus Henry Shannon as MC. Call 905-953-5122 for ticket information. Proceeds to assist the Ontario Harmonize for Speech Fund. Tickets now available at The Auran, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3.

OP review underway

Provincial legislation requires municipalities carry out an official plan review every five years.

In August, council engaged Hemson Consulting to assist in the review and appointed a committee to carry it out.

The current study is aimed at development beyond 2016 and the planning needed to predict growth rates and demand both for residential and employment uses within the town

At last week's public meeting, Ray Simpson of Hemson Consulting Limited presented the first

working document of the five-year official plan review.

Although the public had been invited to hear the preliminary stages of the review only 12 citizens were in attendance.

Simpson pointed out that the purpose of the current study is to review the Town's Growth Management Strategy and examine key strategic official plan policies as they relate to guiding future growth

The growth strategy defined four existing settlement areas with each area defined to accommo-

date growth until 2016. The majority of existing growth is planned to occur in a build-out of the existing settlement area and in the lands east of Bayview Avenue.

Simpson pointed out that during the 1990s, the population of Aurora increased 29,500 in 1991 to 40,200 in 2001 or an increase of about 1,000 per year

The study concludes that to date the growth strategy has achieved most of its objectives. Planning for new residential growth areas based on the strategy has been

undertaken.

Protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine area in Aurora has been strengthened and significant environmental features have been protected. A mixed-use corridor is being created along Wellington Street East and new employment lands have been designated at Highway 404.

Aurora is expected to grow from a current population of 43,200 to 69,000 by 2021 and employment is expected to increase to 30,000 from about 16,800, during the same time frame.



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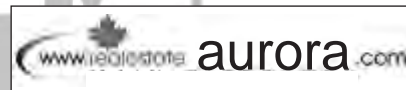
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New name, same run

Time to run through the hills again.

Big Sisters of York was established in the region in 1979 and held its first 10-kilometre run-a-thon in October, 1980, to raise funds for the work of the new agency.

Even though Big Sisters has now been renamed Girls Incorporated of York Region, the run continues.

Known as "Thrill on the

Hill", the 23rd Annual five and ten-kilometre run begins at St. Andrew's College Sunday, October 27. There is also a three-kilometre "Trick or Treat" hike.

Registration takes place at the college starting at 8 a.m. with a warm-up at 9:45 and the run starting at 10 a.m.

It is possible to pre-register prior to October 20 in person at Girls Incorporated,

15171 Yonge Street, or Watson's Family Karate School, 40 Engelhard Drive.

Registration is \$25 until October 20 and \$30 afterwards.

The entry fee is waived with pledges of \$25 or more and children under 10 are free with a registered adult.

For more information contact Katherine Conway at 905-727-4897 extension 305.

Two companies battle for advertising revenue

Last March Aurora Council endorsed a new advertising and sponsorship strategy, which identified potential advertising opportunities within various town facilities, such as the Community Centre and the Family Leisure Complex.

The strategy was designed to produce more revenue for the town.

Over the years different companies provided wall signs, lobby signs and rink board advertising in both facilities.

As a result of the expiration of the contracts, staff initiated a Request for Proposals (RFP) for facility advertising.

And that's when the fun started.

Three firms submitted detailed proposals to the RFPs.

before council to question the staff report. He pointed out his firm had 17 years experience and was currently engaged by 35 municipalities.

He also noted that his firm had guaranteed the town \$13,125 each year of the three-year contract, regardless of how much advertising his firm sells and also that the town would receive an additional \$525 per sign after that. He noted that Boardview had only guaranteed \$2,000.

Last week, staff members reported they had met with Sambrook and had received a letter of credit in the amount of \$13,125, plus a list of advertising clients.

Both Sambrook and Jory Sigesmund, president of Boardview Advertising,

appeared before the committee to present their case.

Sigesmund told committee members that his firm was in its 15th year and was the largest firm of its kind in Canada with a client base of 500 and growing.


After both presentations were received, on a motion by Councillor George Timpson, committee members agreed to recommend to council that the Sambrook proposal be accepted.

His motion was adopted without comment or debate.

However, Sigesmund notified Aurora Council he wanted to re-present his case at this week's meeting, but results of the issue were not available at press time.

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Bigger is not always better

*Urban growth can be expensive,
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Politicians don't seem to care,
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- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

There's a population explosion in Aurora and York Region, as developers build houses on every available piece of land. In many cases local council members are quite willing to go along with the development proposal to prevent an expensive Ontario Municipal Board hearing. But this rapid growth shouldn't spoil the life style, the residential tax base, or the environment of current residents, and one of the best ways to have some control over rampant growth is a well-organized ratepayer group that can look beyond their own backyards. There is strength in unity. This was proven a while back when many of the GTA municipalities banded together when the Progressive Conservative government announced drastic changes to the Development Charges Act to the advantage of the developers.

Participating municipalities threatened to withhold building permits and stop all residential growth, resulting in the province backing down and making some changes pertaining to hard services.

The municipalities didn't get everything they wanted, but the final result was better than first announced. Rather than planning for massive development as proposed by greedy developers and population growth determined by unnamed people living outside the municipality, it's long past time for local politicians to start fighting back. The consequences of continuing to allow unrestricted development in Aurora and York Region have already impacted on local residents in many ways.

Commuters are frustrated with traffic gridlock on the roadways resulting in road rage and aggressive driving. The incidence of asthma-related breathing problems is said to be a direct result of car emissions, no doubt caused by the frequent stops and starts of motorists at stop signs at nearly every corner.

Neighbourhood communities are planned for high density living with narrow lots and narrow streets to encourage people to use public transit, without providing the public transportation.

This results in street after street with mundane housing developments without a tree in site...trees that at one time helped to clear the carbon dioxide in the air to make breathing easier. There is a shortage of classrooms, day care centres, nursing homes, long term care facilities, hospital beds, family doctors and so many other programs and services necessary for day-to-day living.

Rampant growth demands capital expenditures, not all of which are covered by development charges resulting in an ever increasing tax burden on current taxpayers.

There is a need for more recreational and cultural programs and facilities to meet the needs of the expanding population. It was back in June, 1999, when Councillor John West suggested that all future residential development in Aurora be put on hold until such time as there was a resolution to the financial cost to Aurora taxpayers.

Nobody listened. Other members of council said a freeze on residential development would do more harm than good, that the town's tax base would stagnate and that new assessment was necessary.

In other words bigger is better! At the recent conference of the Association of Municipalities on Ontario Premier Ernie Eves made vague promises of more assistance to municipalities, without providing any details. Now is the time for municipalities, especially in the GTA, to band together once again and threaten to stop all residential development until the government makes legislative changes to give more planning powers to municipalities and take away the fear of the OMB.

All citizens would benefit if more care was taken with how residential projects are approved, without destroying the historic features of old, established communities or causing undesirable planning and environmental problems. Bigger is not always better!



This early edition of the Aurora Church Dodgers shows some prominent Aurorans who you may not recognize. We believe the photo was taken just prior to the team's trip to Sweden, but we're not sure of every player. We have identified all but two. Front row, left to right, Lawrence Hutchinson (a professional photographer, he, using time delay, actually took the picture), Joe DeGeer, Joe Hampton, Richard Isaacson, Fred Bolsby, ?, Bob Cree. Middle row, left to right, Brian Knowles, Jonathan Simpson, Bill Diamond, Ron DaFoe, Dave Eldridge, ?, Aub Leslie. Top row, left to right, Jack Vanderploeg, Graham Chapman, Don Anderson, Hugh Bolsby, Bob Murray, Bill Lee, Carl Dow. Care to fill in the two blanks? See the story about the Church Dodgers on page 12.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Whose child smelled of smoke, gasoline?

To the editor,

I was very puzzled to see a fence around the park equipment at Tamarac Green Park - a favourite of my three boys. As we approached the park, we saw the fence around the equipment and my first thought was "why are they replacing this - it's only a couple of years old". That thought was soon replaced by shock, then fury, when I saw what really happened. What kind of filthy trash would stoop so low to burn

a children's playground? Granted, the equipment is insured, but in the long run, who ends up paying for it? That answer is YOU and ME with our insurance premiums. There is one thing I would really like to know. One resident reports the smell of gasoline around the time of the fire. This question goes out to the parents of the trash who committed this crime. What did you do when your kid arrived home stinking of smoke and gasoline?

Of course you will not report your kid because then you would end up liable for the damage. Well, I have news for you. This is just the beginning. Your kid is an arsonist. What will your kid target next? Will it be your neighbour's shed? Perhaps the recycling bins behind No Frills Plaza will be blazing on Saturday night. Hell, it could be a house down the street, and your kid could add 'murderer' to his or her title. Deal with this now before

someone dies because of your kid. I am utterly disgusted.

Greg Jones
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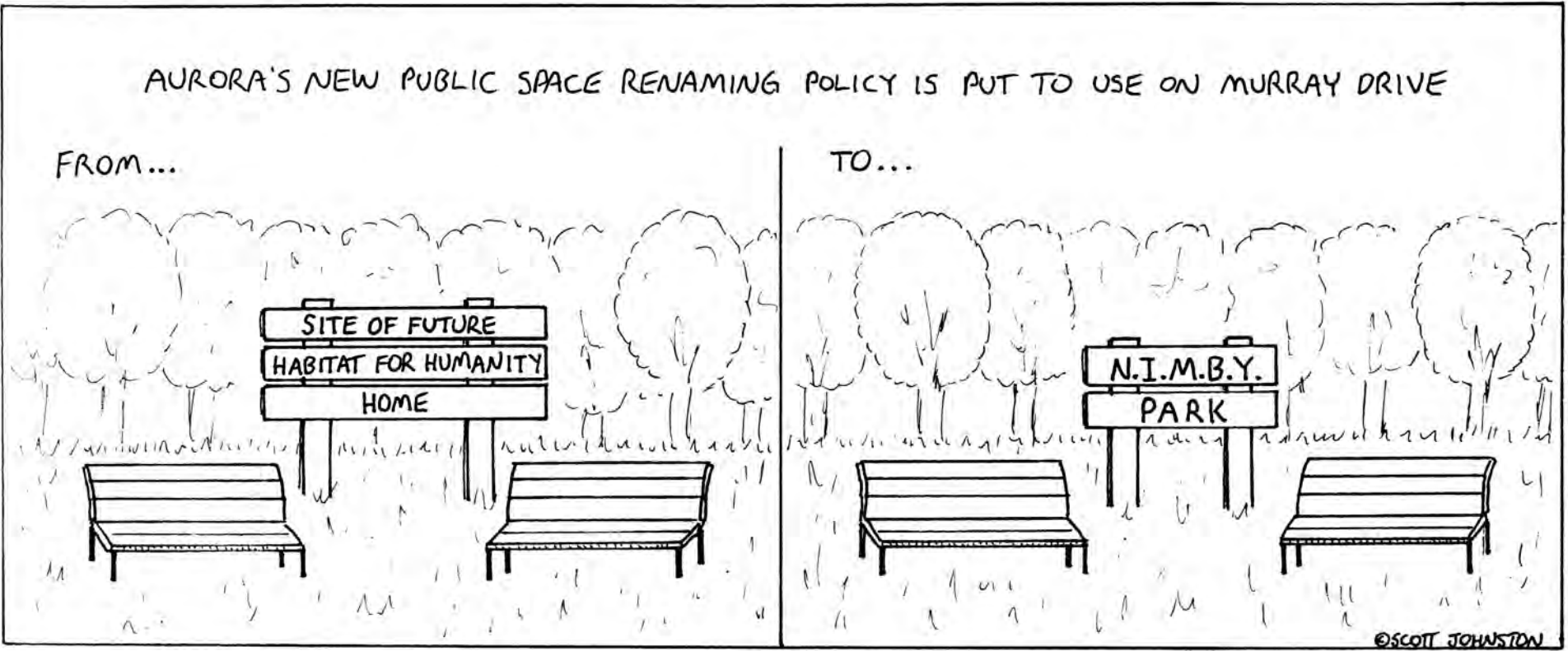
To the editor,

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors who made the La Spiga/Tuscany Golf Tournament for the Southlake Regional Health Centre such a success this year. Special thanks to the hole sponsors - The Auroran, Ab Cox Pontiac Buick, La Spiga

(Newmarket), Tuscany, McAlpine Ford, Colonial Chev Olds (Newmarket), Mecsmart Systems and the Mitsou Family. Thank you also to Robin Pearce and Kathy Roster at Aurora's St. Andrews Valley Golf Club for their help and guidance in running the tournament. Mike Ingrosso (La Spiga/Tuscany) and I,

as co-chairs, will be donating a cheque for \$8,202.46 to Southlake at the Aurora Council meeting this week. This is another example of the kind of support that the residents and businesses of Aurora give to so many charities. Nigel Kean
Aurora

Golf tourney raises \$8,200



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Haven't seen child in "park" in 14 years

To the editor,

I read with amazement and shame that our town fathers saw fit to listen to and vote according to the view of a minority in the case of the small piece of land proposed for the use of Habitat for Humanity - that organization dedicated to helping the deserving. Due to my husband's early death, I was a single parent struggling for years to give my children the best life I could. The thing I yearned for

and dreamed of was a home of my own. But, to have a home almost in one's hands and to have it snatched away by "them that has" must be heart-breaking indeed. The argument I've heard against the proposal is that the land has been used by children as a park! Nonsense! In the 14 years of frequently passing it, I've yet to see children playing there. Reason two: there are no other green spots around. About ten houses (or fewer) away is a larger lot

though which the creek runs. This green belt runs behind all our houses and children do play there. Third, the lot is in danger of having cars going out of control on the bend, ending up on the lot. It hasn't happened yet to my knowledge and if the likelihood exists, surely we should keep the young ones off. I think I may have seen a senior sit on the benches there once or twice. The benches could be moved to the entrance to the green belt.

A miracle happened - I do now have a home - and all I can do is wish the same for others to whom life has not been generous. I ask the Town to rethink this vote. Olive Marshall Aurora

ED. NOTE: In earlier discussions, the Town had agreed to move at least one of the benches to existing green space and erect a barrier on the Murray Drive curve - similar to the ones at Murray near Kennedy -

How could we not return something?

To the editor,

I have very mixed emotions when I consider the Habitat for Humanity proposal. I agree completely with Gail Livitsanis and Jane

Neilsen's letters to the editor published in The Auroran October 1. Is Aurora so closed-minded and snobbish that a wonderful idea to help others should be shut down over a park bench? I, too, travel Murray many times a week and never see the open green space in use by the young or old. It seems a shame that we could not decide to use .2 acres for this project and still leave 3.8 for green space. Aurora is a wonderful town and so many of us live well above the average. How could we not give something back? On the other hand, I used this as an example to explain to my six-year-old

how great Canada and democracy are. Ron Wallace voted with his heart which I respect and commend him for. The other councillors listened to the outcry of the people and voted with what the majority wanted. I am comforted to know that the people are well represented and that we are blessed to live in a democratic society. But, could we not open our hearts and minds? Is it possible to reconsider the proposal but for a different location in Aurora or have the people decided that no location of Aurora is suitable?

Nancy Nanos Regency Acres Aurora



Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

York Region - working for us

It is not uncommon for "The Region" to come under criticism by local councils and residents. It is my feeling that this criticism is more from a lack of understanding of what "The Region" does for us, as opposed to anything specific. Regional officials understand that, and, to try to offset this misunderstanding, Regional officials make many appearances at local council meetings to describe service levels or receive municipal feedback on their services in our municipalities. Recently, Aurora Council heard from regional housing officials and transit officials describing their challenges in our town as well as in the Region as a whole. We also heard from the Region's Water and Wastewater director who spoke about our water issues. Lately, you may have noticed some publications at the Town Hall and other public places, or even delivered through the mail, to assist us in knowing what our Regional tax dollar is doing for us. Much of this included road works. Your Aurora tax dollar is divided into three parts. For this tax year, 28.8 cents of every dollar stays in Aurora to address our parks, recreation, roads maintenance and reconstruction, garbage, fire services, library and other local services. Another 28.6 cents goes directly to the Board of Education as directed by the Province. And, the biggest share of your tax dollar, 42.6 cents is directed to the Region. Regional initiatives that affected the budget to our benefit this year include: - The reconstruction and beautification of Wellington Street

- Increased and improved transit routes
- Script ride for those who are unable to use conventional transit
- Water hook up to Toronto (albeit after the water ban was lifted) to help address future water requirements
- A third police district, car and officers to patrol Aurora
- A greening strategy which includes the ability of the Region to secure land in partnership with numerous groups to preserve our natural heritage
- Waste management strategies to address the closure of Keele Valley including the operation of a state of the art single stream integrated Material Recovery Facility.
- Improved emergency medical services

Other Regional areas of responsibility include: community health programs, long term care, economic development, social housing, social assistance; family and children's services. As your Regional representative, I am the Chairperson of the Administration and Finance Committee, and also sit on Transportation and Works, Transit, Fire Services, 911, Audit committees, and represent Aurora and the Region at the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance. Through these committees I have seen a lot of progress in the areas of transit, emergency services, and road reconstruction, which, when considered in combination with our Town and the educational budgets, kept our overall tax increase to 3.5 per cent last year. And this includes the improvements we have experienced locally with our fire and library services. If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at tjones@town.aurora.on.ca

Mayor's Tourney was best ever

To the editor,

On behalf of the recipients of this year's Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic, I would like to thank the many sponsors, golfers and participants who turned out to make this year's event the best ever. My thanks to the committee comprised of Larry Allison, Linda Boenheim, Chris Catania, Christine Gardner, Don Harrison and

Marc Neeb for their efforts and to Lance Brown and Wendel Clark for participating and lending support. Finally, I would like to thank Mayor Tim Jones for continuously missing the green on the Mayor's hole thus providing the participants more opportunity to win a prize. What a sport! Steve Hinder Committee Chairman

Aurora strikes gold but only for little while

It was October, 1977, when Mayor George Timpson announced he was 99.9 per cent sure Company "X", an American-based industry would come to Aurora's industrial park.

He said he was unable to provide any information about the identity of the company as the American board of directors had not yet made a final decision.

In January, 1978, the secret was out.

Engelhard Industries of Canada, a precious metals firm, located in Toronto for the past 42 years, was the first company to purchase a site on the east side of the town's industrial park.

The company paid the town \$300,000 for the 7.2 acre site with an option to purchase an adjacent three acres, on which to build their \$2.4 million manufacturing and administrative centre.

Construction was started in the spring of 1978 with the official opening in October, 1979, although production started in July.

The company had 140 employees at that time, many who lived in the north end of Toronto and moved with the company.

Engelhard Industries was a totally integrated operation, incorporating the refining of precious metals and the manufacture of products containing precious metals.

By the time the plant opened there were close to 200 employees, several from the local area.

As assayers, refiners and workers of precious metals such as gold, silver and platinum, the company manufactured about 1,000 different products for a wide variety of industries.

The New York based company operated facilities in 42 countries with total revenues of \$7 billion in 1977.

At the official opening, visitors had the opportunity to tour the plant and some were even able to hold a 25-pound bar of 99.99 per cent pure gold worth at that time \$147,138.03. About 50 similar gold bars sat in the vault.

Staff advised that technically Engelhard was just like a miniature steel mill, but working with very valuable precious metals. The security system was elaborate and sophisticated, inside and outside the building.

In April, 1980, Engelhard decided to exercise its option and purchased the additional property to construct a 20,000 square-foot addition to its 89,000 square-foot plant.

During 1980 the gold market was very volatile with the price of gold changing by as much as \$100 to \$200 per day, which impacted jewelry operators disastrously, resulting in stores carrying a very limited inventory.

However, due to the diversity of products manufactured by Engelhard, it was business as usual.

One of the most delicate operations carried out at the plant was the cutting of gold coins.

Engelhard was responsible

1978

for making the blanks, which were shipped to the Canadian Mint in Ottawa and stamped with the design of Canada's gold coins. Every scrap of metal was gathered up for recycling.

Labour trouble hit the plant in November, 1981, when the 130 unionized workers picketed to protest what they claimed was an illegal one-day lockout by the company.

The plant was closed for one day for inventory. The union protested to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

In late January, 1982, an independent arbitrator ruled the company had every right to close down the plant for inventory.

Even though the firm maintained a low profile, continual involvement in Aurora's activities was considered an important part of the firm's operation.

Labour trouble struck again in April, 1985, when roughly 100 employees walked the picket lines.

Following four days of mediation, the unionized workers voted to strike, with wages as the main issue. After a week on the picket line, the workers returned with a settlement of a pay freeze for 1985 and a four per cent increase in 1986.

Monday, November 17, 1986, was "Black Monday" for 80 Engelhard employees as their employment was terminated due to a cutback in production for economic reasons.

The 140-member staff was reduced to 60 people. Included in the 80 terminations were 31 salaried staff. One of the reasons for the cutback was the loss of the Canadian Mint contract as the Mint decided to manufacture its own gold coins.

The company's Aurora manufacturing facility never recovered and like Sterling Drug and Tetra Pak, finally closed its doors.

Probus picks new president

Doug Andrew has been named the new president of the Probus Club of Aurora, following recent elections.

Other executive positions include Ron Gibson, past president; David Lackie, vice president; Marilyn Munslow, secretary and Jim Liddy, treasurer.

Marion Baggett, Daisy Hurst and Rena Snowdon will handle the program while Al Davie, George Woolley, Mel Mitchell and Bud Gilbert are in charge of membership and telephone.



Famed foursome - This motley group set the pace at the recent Aurora Mayor's tournament held at Silver Lakes Golf Club. They include, left to right, Lance Brown, sports director for CFTO, Bruce Heffer, who looks a lot like Mayor Tim Jones, Wendel Clark, former Toronto Maple Leaf hockey player and Paul Chapley. Tournament raised more than \$40,000 which will be shared among five groups.

Mayor's tourney draws 152 golfers

The 5th Annual Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic, held recently at Silver Lakes Golf Club, is being billed as the "best ever".

"A full field of 152 golfers participated in what was once again an extremely successful event," said tournament committee chairman Steve Hinder "It was the best ever."


Lance Brown, CFTO Sports Director, returned for the third year in a row to act as emcee for the event

and was joined by former Toronto Maple Leaf captain Wendel Clark, who was representing the Community Safety Village of York Region.

The tournament featured a "Closest to the Mayor" hole (you had to be there) along with a number of other "fun" events.

But, the real winners were the five charities who shared \$40,000 from the day's event, Safehaven, the Aurora Agricultural Horse Fair and Show, CHATS and the Aurora Seniors Centre as well as the Community Safety Village.

Money raised brings the five-year total for the event to more than \$140,000.




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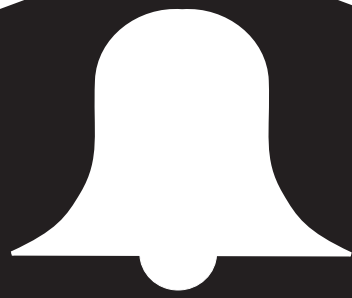
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Aurora Church Dodgers: the name fit the time slot

You rarely hear the name now but for more than 30 years, the Aurora Church Dodgers was a well-known hockey team with the same type of fame as the Flying Fathers....well, maybe not quite.

Ernie Batson, then recreation director and arena manager, in 1968 asked a group of local professionals and businessmen who liked to play hockey to rent the 11 a.m. to noon hour ice time at the community centre every Sunday as the ice was available.

The name Church Dodgers suddenly became inevitable.

The Dodgers were composed of 23 Aurora and area men between the ages of 30 and 45 of all professions and trades, but with one thing in common, a love for hockey.

Not that they were all that good at it...but that part didn't matter.

They weren't the only group who liked to don skates and get out on the ice to recall the days when playing hockey was a major activity.

In January, 1970, Larry Keffer invited a bunch of older guys to come out and have some fun.

The group of hydro employees and others rented the ice at the community centre every Thursday night at 11 p.m. There were no referees, no offsides and few rules - just fun.

In February, 1972, the Church Dodgers took on the NHL Oldtimers as part of Aurora Minor Hockey Night with 1,900 fans in attendance.

The final score was 11-7 for the Oldtimers with Ron "Choo-Choo" Wallace in goal...although the audience is still wondering what he was doing there.

It was a good game and gave a financial boost to minor hockey in Aurora.

It was said the Dodgers sabotaged the arena power system ending the game early as the building was plunged into darkness.

In October, 1973, plans were made to travel to Leksand, Sweden, to play five games in different cities, including Stockholm.

Batson arranged the series and the cities involved were the same as those visited by an Aurora midget team in 1971.

Making the trip were pharmacist Richard Isaacson, lawyer Tom

1968

McPherson, taxi driver Len Perkin, writer Jonathan Simpson, doctor Bill Diamond, building contractor Graham Chapman, photographer Lawrence Hutchinson and salesman Bob Murray.

Also planning to make the trip were repairman Hugh Bolsby, firefighters Fred Bolsby and Joe DeGeer, Dave Eldridge, Brian Knowles, Don Anderson, George Dell, Ron Dafoe, Aub Leslie and Carl Dow.

In January, the Church Dodgers took on the Flying Fathers in a game advertised as the "Saints and Sinners" with all proceeds going to the Whipper Watson appeal to help pay for a therapeutic pool at York County Hospital.

The exhibition match resulted in the Flying fathers winning 16-9.

The Dodgers participated as a warm-up for their trip to Sweden in March.

Several celebrities were in Aurora for the game including York-Simcoe MP Sinclair Stevens, CTV newsman Harvey Kirck, Newmarket Mayor and game official Bob Forhan and wrestlers Sweet Daddy Siki and Angelo Mosca.

In Sweden, the Dodgers played five games and lost all of them including a game against the Stockholm Atlas Copco team.

It was such a joyful trip the Swedish team started to plan for a return to Aurora.

In February, 1975, the Aurora Church Dodgers were one of 56 Oldtimer teams who participated in the first National Hockey Tournament for Oldtimers in Peterborough.

The team did as was expected by losing every game in the three-day tournament, but they made quite an impression in Peterborough with their bright yellow jackets.

In April, 1975, they journeyed to Pointe Claire, Quebec, for an Oldtimers' Tournament and lost both their games, the first to Quebec 10-0 and Ottawa 9-1.

In January, 1976, the Dodgers kept their winless streak intact as they lost 6-4 to an oldtimer team from Leksand before more than 1,000

fans at the Aurora Community Centre.

Later that month, the Dodgers broke a long-standing tradition by winning two games out of four in Niagara Falls.

They continued their winning streak in April, 1976, in Pointe Claire, Quebec with two victories, one of them a shutout, thanks to the goaltending abilities of Pete Kelly.

By September, 1977, Aurora had three other 35-year and older hockey teams including the Class of '57, the Old Sweats and the Oldtimers.

The Aurora Old Sweats participated in the first oldtimer hockey tournament sponsored by the Church Dodgers at the community centre.

The tournament was a financial success as approximately \$1,500 was raised for the Aurora Rotary Club. The Dodgers lost the opening night game 6-3 to the Old Sweats. That loss was followed by three straight wins.

In April, 1978, the Flying Fathers returned to Aurora to play the Dodgers in a benefit game to raise funds for the Aurora Library building fund. The Flying Fathers defeated the local team 11-6.

In September, 1980, the Dodger's 4th annual Oldtimers' Tournament took place. As co-sponsors with the Aurora Rotary Club, the Dodgers didn't enter a team but Aurora was well represented by the other three teams.

The games and the competitions continued over the years, as the "more mature" hockey players played for fun and their

love of the game, and at the same time raised funds for worthy causes.

The Dodgers played every Sunday until the summer of 1998.

Without any warning or consultation, they were advised that they had been bumped and the only ice time available for them was from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. every Thursday

Team members were naturally upset at this dictatorial move on the part of the town.

When the information was received in August, 1998, Aurora lawyer Tom McPherson, a team member, wrote to Mayor Tim Jones and then CAO Mark Neeb regarding the loss of the Sunday ice time.

On November 25, 1998, when McPherson appeared before council, accompanied by several team members, he told council members that there had been no response to his letters.

In his brief to council McPherson noted at least one group had been granted prime ice time even though only 35 per cent of the membership were Aurora residents, contrary to council policy that at least 80 per cent must be Aurora residents to qualify for prime ice time.

He pointed out that 85 per cent of the Church Dodgers were residents of Aurora and that 95 per cent had lived or worked in Aurora for several years and 100 per cent did business in Aurora.

There was no explanation as to who made the decision to bump the Church Dodgers after 30 years in the same time slot.

Who were the Church Dodgers?

Two members had been selected as Citizens of the Year, the late Fred Bolsby, a long-time Aurora firefighter, and Lowell McClenny, recently retired from the York Regional Police Service and a member of the Aurora Police Force prior to the creation of the regional force. Both were original members of the Church Dodgers.

Six other members served or are serving on Aurora Council including Peter Healy, Herb

McKenzie, Walt Davis, Ron Simmons, Richard Isaacson and Ron Wallace.

Other members included former NHL hockey player Bob Wall and former barber Larry Keffer.

In addition, there were 63 other area residents who, at one time or another donned the Church Dodger sweater. Today, some of the members play Tuesday nights in an over 50 league, and a few play Friday mornings in an over 60 league.

But even now these seniors don't have exclusive Aurora ice. On Tuesdays one of every three games is played in Newmarket, while all Friday games happen in Oak Ridges.




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Three big wins for Aurora Tigers

Even though there was plenty of new netting at the Aurora Community Centre, the Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team made no mistake hitting the one that counted, as they clobbered the Thornhill Rattlers 9-1 Friday night.

The game marked the middle of three wins for the locals last week and the installation of the protective netting above the glass at both ends of the Centre following the lead of the National Hockey League.

Long time Tiger fans seemed not to notice much of a difference.

Corby Hannan, a lifetime Tiger fan, watched the whole game behind the netting.

"It's definitely safer," he said.

Thornhill, being the babies of the league, were taught many lessons in their 9-1 loss.

Aurora started Chris Whitley in net and he was rarely tested as his Tiger defense protected him impressively.

In the first period, the game seemed as if it would be a tight, low scoring affair, but as Player of the Game, Mike Fiume put it, "they (Thornhill) are a new team,

we had to feel them out. Coach (Marty Williamson) told us just to play our game".

Play their game they did. Aurora opened the scoring when Fiume scored his first of two goals.

The second period was much more explosive as the Tigers poured five more into the Thornhill net.

Sam Skwarchuk got it started with a power play goal on a rebound from Derek Doucette's initial shot.

Scott Goheen made it 3-0 when he received a beautiful cross ice pass Mike Fiume.

The scoring continued a minute later with a similar goal as Steve Downie scored, assisted by Jordan Brenner.

The Tigers dominated the period with tremendous defense and smart puck handling.

When asked why the Tigers were so dominant, Fiume gave the credit to "experience and good discipline, we can play with everyone".

The final two goals of the period came 22 seconds apart, the first from Matt Christie assisted by Justin Olden, and the next, Jesse

Olden from Fiume.

The Rattlers spoiled Whitley's shutout bid, but not before Aurora had gone ahead 8-0.

Fiume got his second of the night and Jame Minchella added the second marker.

Simon Barq responded with Aurora's ninth of the evening after Thornhill ruined the goose egg attempt.

On either side of Friday's home game, the Tigers added two more victories to their record, defeating arch-rival Newmarket Thursday night 3-1, and Ajax 5-1 Sunday.

The Tigers travelled up Yonge Street Thursday to play the second of six games they will play against the Newmarket Hurricanes during the regular season.

Newmarket had defeated Aurora in overtime last week...so the Tigers were looking to even the series.

Both teams showed some tentativeness throughout the first period, trying not to make any mistakes that could cause the first goal.

The period was evenly played with Aurora outshooting Newmarket 10-9.

Matt Bahen scored a power play goal late in the

period, set up by Justin Olden, giving Aurora a 1-0 lead after 20 minutes of play.

The second period was played almost identical to the first, with both teams doing their best to keep their opponent off the score sheet.

An unfortunate giveaway in the Tiger end allowed Newmarket to tie the game late in the second.

Shots on goal were also tied at 13-13.

Both Chris Whitley for the Tigers and Sean Samuel for the Hurricanes made some incredible saves to keep their teams in the game.

Aurora seem to have some jump in the third, outshooting Newmarket 10-6 and outscoring them 2-0.

Bahen collected his second goal of the game, set up by Skwarchuk and Goheen.

That was followed with an insurance marker by Corey Gault, set up by Rob Godfrey and Jordan Brenner.

With the Tigers down to four defenseman due to injuries and Whitley playing solidly in net, Aurora held off any last minute heroics by Newmarket to take the game and even the series.

Sunday, the Tigers played an afternoon match against the Ajax Axemen.

With both Aurora and Ajax coming off back to back wins, they were looking to extend their winning

streaks.

The Tigers opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Sam Skwarchuk, set up by Scott Goheen and Matt Bahen.

Justin Olden's hard shot from the point gave Aurora a 2-0 lead, and a goal by Jordan Brenner late in the first finished the scoring for that frame.

Aurora seemed to dominate the second period, getting a number of opportunities to extend their lead.

A beautiful tip in shot by Steve Downie, set up by Jesse Olden and Mike Fiume gave the Tigers a 4-0 lead early in the second.

Matt Christie followed that goal set up by Jamie Minchella and Justin Olden and Aurora led 5-0 lead after two periods.

Aurora kept the pressure on for most of the third but Ajax did finally manage to beat starting goaltender Lance King with a power play goal at the 12:45 mark of the third.

The Tigers return home Friday night to play host to the Wexford Raiders. Game time is 8 p.m.

GAME SUMMARIES

AURORA 5 AJAX 1

1st Period
AUR: Skwarchuk (Goheen, Bahen) 6.18
AUR: Olden (Godfrey, Gault) 13.31
AUR: Brenner (Gault) 19.59

2nd Period
AUR: Downie (Olden, Fiume) 4.59
AUR: Christie (Minchella, Olden) 6.26
3rd Period
AJX: Rust (Glode) 12.45

AURORA 9 THORNHILL 1

1st Period
AUR: Fiume, (Barq, Olden) 12.10
2nd Period
AUR: Skwarchuk (Doucette, Olden) 3.24
AUR: Goheen (Fiume) 9.35
AUR: Downie (Gault, Brenner) 10.36
AUR: Christie (Minchella, Olden) 17.09
AUR: Olden (Fiume, Barg) 17.31
3rd Period
AUR: Fiume 1.08
AUR: Minchella (Knobel, Fiume) 6.29
THRN: Gelinis (Altshuler, Goldenberg) 7.39
AUR: Bar (Olden, Goheen) 9.00

AURORA 3 NEWMARKET 1

1st Period
AUR: Bahen (Olden) 14.29
2nd Period
NEW: Leone (Hanoun) 15.13
3rd Period
AUR: Bahen (Skwarchuk, Goheen) 6.57
AUR: Gault (Godfrey, Brenner) 10.17

With files from Michael McClymont and Kevin Collins

Barbs meet their match, lose 47-7 to Balmy Beach

The Aurora Barbarians Ontario Rugby Union 1st Team (Keenan Division) had a tough first game in the Marshall Cup playoffs, losing 47-7 to Balmy Beach (Toronto).

Beach plays in the Marshall Division during the regular season, one above the Keenan Division.

While the Barbs expected a hard match, they hoped to keep it closer.

The first half provided some hope when Aurora answered an early Beach try with one by scrum-half, Marco DiGirolamo, to tie the score 5-5. However, Beach kicked for posts every chance they got and scored one more try to make it 21-5 at the half.

In the second half, it was virtually all Beach as they added four tries. The Barbs move into the Consolation pool, playing Ottawa's Bytown Blues October 19 at Fletcher's Fields.

Meanwhile, the Aurora Barbarians ORU 2nd Team (Keenan Division) lost 25-0

to Barrie 2 in the Division 2 playoffs.

While Aurora had plenty of speed, they just couldn't put the passes together.

Barrie used their big forwards to maul the ball up the field into scoring position.

Round robin play resumes October 19.

The Aurora Barbarians Toronto Rugby Union 1st Team's season ended in a fight-filled loss to the

Toronto Nomads at Fletcher's Saturday.

The game saw red cards shown by the ref to both teams (meaning players were suspended from the games).

When the dust settled, Aurora was on the wrong end of a 41-5 score with Paul Payne scoring the lone Aurora try.

The Keenan Cup is an elimination playoff so Aurora is now finished.

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Peewee A (3) vs Georgina (4)

Chris Finlay 1G Josh Meron 1G Ryan Finlay 1G Ryan Campbell 1A Jeremy Cohen 1A Colton Horner 1A Jesse Coote 1A

League Games

Novice A (3) vs Orillia (8)

Dylan Woyslaw 1G Brian Puskar 1G Ethan Benson 1G Marshall McGaffey 2A Jody Nonnewitz 1A

Novice A (0) vs TNT (4)

Novice A (1) vs Richmond Hill (5)

Dylan Woyslaw 1G

Novice AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (4)

Taylor Chick 1G Trevor Best 1G Ryan St Germain 1A Chris Youtoff 1A Brett Wilson 1A Mitchell Harris 1A

Minor Atom A (2) vs Innisfil (2)

Matthew Mears 1G Brandon Pedersen 1G Eleeza Cox 1A Tristan Miller 1A Stephen DeMarco 1A

Minor Atom AA (1) vs Uxbridge (1)

James Harkin 1G Dylan Kovacs 1A Craig Johnson 1A

Minor Atom AA (3) vs Whitby (3)

Ben Hanlon 1G Justin Nice 1G Kyle McCreedy 1G Barclay Goodrow 1A Dylan Kovacs 1A Craig Johnson 1A

Atom AE (0) vs Newmarket (3)

Atom AE (6) vs East Gwillimbury (1)

Andrew McKay 3G,1A Michael McGolrick 2G Matthew Pellegrini 1G Tyler Tisdale 4A Evan Jones 2A Johnny Haralampopoulos 1A Matthew Semeredy 1A Marcel Lamanna 1A

Atom AE (2) vs TNT (1)

Marcel Lamanna 1G Tyler Tisdale 1G Matthew Semeredy 1A Michael McGolrick 1A Miles Curtis 1A

Atom A (2) vs Stouffville (4)

Louis Lamanna 1G Dylan Cross 1G Ryan Jones 1A

Atom A (1) vs Markham (4)

Justin Brown 1G Derrick Hamner 1A

Atom A (4) vs Richmond Hill (0)

Derrick Hamner 2G Jeffery Sanderson 1G Justin Brown 1G Dylan Cross 1A Paul Keilty 1A Wesley O'Beirne SO

Atom AA (6) vs Richmond Hill (0)

Jesse Cappell 2G Dillon Cappell 1G Spencer Arkell 1G,1A Andrew Whitley 1G James Mildon 1G,1A Luke MacLeod 2A Max Lerner 2A Kevin Zacharuk 1A Kyle Murphy 1A Scott Smyth SO

Atom AA (4) vs Ajax (1)

Taylor Nuttall 1G Stephen Dinallo 1G Jesse Cappell 1G Dillon Cappell 1G James Mildon 1A Kevin Zacharuk 1A Max Lerner 1A Kyle Murphy 1A

Atom AA (3) vs Barrie (1)

Dillon Cappell 1G,1A Spencer Arkell 1G James Mildon 1G Kyle Murphy 1A Stephen Dinallo 1A Kevin Zacharuk 1A Taylor Nuttall 1A

Minor Peewee A (3) vs Markham (0)

Michael Morson 1G Tyler Rundle 1G Brett Dutchyshen 1G David Bar 1A Andrew McDonald 1A Ryan Constable SO

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Quenton Hunt 2G,1A Matthew Joynt 1G Anthony Ranieri 1G,1A Michael Morson 1G Darrell Evans 1G Luca Ghegin 2A Brett Dutchyshen 1A Cory Blom 1A Andrew McDonald 2A Carter Hassard 1A

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Andrew McDonald 1G Anthony Ranieri 1G Matthew Joynt 2G Darrell Evans 1G Michael Morson 2A David Bar 2A Quenton Hunt 1A Carter Hassard 1A Brett Dutchyshen 1A

Minor Peewee AA (5) vs Uxbridge (2)

Jimmy Lyons 1G Tyler Hanlon 1A Zach Giusti 3A Brent Waites 1G,1A Matthew Mikhail 1G,1A Marcus Tocchet 2G Connor McQuestion 1A

Minor Peewee AA (9) vs Newmarket (4)

Matthew Mikhaill 1G Johnny Borsellino 3G,1A Jimmy Lyons 1G Sean Fennell 1A Marcus Tocchet 3G Connor McQuestion 1G

Minor Peewee AA (15) vs Oshawa (0)

Tyler Hanlon 4G Matthew Mikhail 4G Sean Fennell 2G Brent Waites 2G,5A Johnny Borsellino 2G Adrian DiRosa 1G

Minor Peewee AA (7) vs Uxbridge (1)

Johnny Borsellino 1G,1A Alex Denault 3A Tyler Hanlon 4A Brent Waites 3G David Roper 1A Marcus Tocchet 2G,1A Matthew Mikhail 1G,1A Adrian DiRosa 2A

Peewee A (7) vs Stouffville (4)

David Cigana 3G Chris Finlay 2G,2A Ryan Campbell 4A Colton Horner 1G Ethan Davenport 1G Curtis Robinson 1A Jeremy Cohen 1A Josh Meron 1A

Peewee A (4) vs Newmarket (1)

Jeremy Cohen 2G,1A Steven Keane 1G,2A Chris Finlay 1G Josh Meron 1A Jake Hurlbut 1A

Minor Bantam AA (8) vs Ajax (2)

Kevin Shetler 2G,1A Jake MacDougall 3G Aaron Mansbridge 1G,2A Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Matt Boyd 1G,2A Mike Englehutt 1A Harrison Jones 1A Tyler Pettes1A Neil Kileeg 2A Ryan Fennell 1A Connor O'Grady 1A Tyler Virgoe 1A Mike Pantalone 1A

Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Richmond Hill (4)

Mike Pantalone 1G Jake MacDougall 1G,1A Ryan Fennell 1G Connor O'Grady 2A Michael Osuszek 1A

Minor Bantam AA (2) vs Newmarket (2)

Michael Osuszek 1G Ryan Fennell 1G Michael Englehutt 1A Harrison Jones 1A Connor O'Grady 1A Jake MacDougall 1A

Minor Bantam AA (5) vs Pickering (2)

Michael Osuszek 2G,1A Jake MacDougall 2G,1A Connor O'Grady 1G Harrison Jones 1A Matt Boyd 1A Kevin Shetler 1A Tyler Pettes 1A

Bantam AE (9) vs East Gwillimbury (1)

Scott Daly 2G,1A Mark Short 1G, 1A Zach Andrews 1G, 1A Matt Kerr 1G,2A Sean Fodey 1G,1A Brandon Polsinello 1G Kyle Fitkin 1G Mike Parkhill 1G Mike Bentley 3A Corey Berube 1A Brent Gallagher 1A JordanWilliams 1A

Bantam AE (10) vs East Gwillimbury (0)

Scott Daly 3G,1A Matt Kerr 1G,2A Mike Bentley 1G,2A Brent Gallagher 1G,1A Kyle Fitkin 1G Corey Berube 1G,1A Jordan Williams 1G Sean Fodey 1G Derek Lynham 1A Tyler Fyfe 2A Mark Short 1A Timi Sotoadeh 1A Zach Timbers SO

Bantam AE (4) vs TNT (7)

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Bantam AE (2) vs Orillia (5)

Corey Berube 1G Brandon Polsinello 1G Mike Bentley 1AKyle Fitkin 1A Sean Fodey 1A

Bantam AA (3) vs Markham (6)

Nolan Rundle 1G Michael White 1G Vincent Davenport 1G Cal Simmonds 1A Patrick Bowie 1A Sean Mulroy 1A

Minor Midget A (0) vs Stouffville (1)

Minor Midget A (3) vs Innisfil (5)

Craig Murphy 1G Ryan Kines 1G Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G Chris Statchuk 2A Craig Waites 1A Reed Neagle 1A

Minor Midget AA (5) vs Stouffville (4)

David DelZotto 2G,1A Jordan Ofield 1G Ryan Bryce 1G Shawn Beer 1G Kyle Robinson 3A Kyle Johnson 1A David Kennedy 1A Tyson Dover 1A Daryl Osborne 1A Mike Jack 1A Tommy Hurley 1A

Minor Midget AA (2) vs Newmarket (1)

David Martyn 1G,1A David DelZotto 1G Kyle Robinson 1A Shawn Beer 1A Michael Osborne 1A

Minor Midget AA (14) vs Pickering (2)

Ryan Bryce 4G Jordan Ofield 2G,2A David Delzotto 3G,2A Shawn Beer 1G,2A Mike Jack 1G,2A Tommy Hurley 1G,2A Matt Cleverdon 1G,2A Daryl Osborne 1G Kyle Johnson 2A Tyson Dover 3A Kyle Robinson 2A David Kennedy 1A David Martyn 1A

Minor Midget AA (9) vs Markham (2)

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Midget A (6) vs TNT (2)

Gary Domanico 2G,1A Ryan Angotti 1G, 2A Sam Battaglia 1G Sean McCartney 1G,1A Chris Amato 1G Alex Lekkas 1A Julian Matamoros 1A

Midget A (1) vs Newmarket (4)

Steven Black 1G Ryan Angotti 1A Adam Chale 1A

Midget A (3) vs Innisfil (7)

Chris Amato 1 G Steve Black 1G Sean McCartney 1G Mark Jarman 1A Gary Domanico 1A

Midget AA (5) vs Peterborough (4)

Jared Pignataro 1G Mike Keon 2G,2A Joey Leo 1G,1A Mark Smith 1G,2A Justin Ffrench 1A Andrew Robertson 1A Scott Hurst 1A

TOURNAMENTS

Minor Atom A (1) vs Innisfil (2)

Matthew Mears 1G Spencer George 1A Chris Piron 1A

Minor Atom A (9) vs Hespeler (0)

Matthew Mears 3G,1A Brett Matthews 1G,1A Spencer George 1G,1A Steadman Dinning 1G,1A Stephen DeMarco 1G,1A Cody Weese 1G,1A Josh Beaton 1G Brandon Pederson 1A Jack Steffan 1A Tristan Miller 1A Eleeza Cox 2A Jamie Casey SO

Minor Atom A (10) vs NobleKing (5)

Spencer George 4G,1A Matthew Mears 2G,1A Jamie Hawkins 1G,2A Cody Weese 1G,1A Patrick Jones 1G Steadman Dinning 1G Brett Matthews 3A Josh Beaton 3A Eleeza Cox 2A Chris Piron 1A Stephen DeMarco 1ABlair Cuthbert 1A

Minor Atom A (6) vs Bradford (0)

Eleeza Cox 2G,1A Matthew Mears 1G,2A Tristan Miller 1G,3A Spencer George 1G

Steadman Dinning 1G PatrickJones 2A Blair Cuthbert 1A Jamie Hawkins 1A Jack Steffan 1A Jamie Casey SO

Minor Atom A (6) vs Innisfil (1)

Markham Waxers Earlybird Tournament Champions Steadman Dinning 3G Matthew Mears 1G Chris Piron 1G Eleeza Cox 1G Brett Matthews 1A Patrick Jones 1A Spencer George 1A Jamie Hawkins 1A Tristan Miller 1A

Minor Peewee AA (1) vs Markham (3)

Chric Stankiewicz 1G Brent Waites 1A

Minor Peewee AA (3) vs Whitby (2)

Sean Fennell 1G Zach Giusti 2A Marcus Tocchet 1G Tyler Hanlon 1G,1A Chris Stankiewicz 1A Johnny Borsellino 1A

Minor Peewee AA (8) vs Stoney Creek (1)

Tyler Hanlon 1G Johnny Borsellino 1G,2A Connor McQuestion 1G Jimmy Lyons 1A Marcus Tocchet 1G Adrian DiRosa 1A Matthew Mikhaill 3G Brent Waites 1G,1A Sean Fennell 1A Zach Giusti 1A

Minor Midget A (6) vs Ajax (2)

Reed Neagle 2G,2A Craig Murphy 1G,2A Chris Statchuk 1G,2A Ryan Kines 1G,1A Bryan Osuszek 1G 1A Jamie Marton 1G Craig Waites 1A Andrew Jamieson 1A PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs Stouffville (3)

PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G,1A Ryan Kines 1G,1A Jamie Marton 1G,1A Chris Statchuk 1A Andrew Jamieson 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs Grimsby (3)

Corey Hopkins-Straker 2G Ryan Kines 1G PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1A Andrew Jamieson 1A Chris Statchuk

Minor Midget AA (4) vs Orangeville (1)

Kyle Robinson 2G Shawn Beer 1G Daryl Osborne 1G Jordan Ofield 1A Mike Jack 1A David Kennedy 1A

Minor Midget AA (0) vs Toronto Aeros (5)

Minor Midget AA (7) vs Kanata (2)

Shawn Beer 2G,1A Kyle Robinson 1G,1A David DelZotto 1G,2A Jordan Ofield 1G,1A Ryan Bryce 1G,1A Tommy Hurley 1G Mike Jack 1A

Minor Midget AA (0) vs Markham (4)

Midget AA (2) vs Ajax (1)

Andrew Robertson 1G Dan Nacarato 1A Mike Keon 1G Mark Scriver 1A

Midget AA (1) vs Tecumseh (6)

Mark Smith 1G

Midget AA (2) vs Brampton (3)

Joey Leo 1G Mike Keon 2A Dan Naccarato 1A Mark Smith 1G

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The AMHA Office is located in ACC1. Office hours are:

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AMHA Dinner and Dance

The AMHA is holding a Dinner and Dance at the Tuscany Banquet Centre from 6PM to 1AM on Saturday November 2, 2002. Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner, dancing and wine. Group table reservations for groups of 8 and 10 are available upon request. Tickets are now available from Janine Gabel (905-726-3580), Andrea Bentolilla (905-841-8610) or the AMHA Office (905-727-1480).

Rumours & Rumblings

Hawkins Day in Aurora

Toronto declared October 4, 2002, to be Ronnie Hawkins Day in Toronto, but back on April 27, 1985, it was Ronnie Hawkins Day in Aurora.

He took over the Aurora Community Centre and attracted more than 2,000 people.

It was the time of a provincial election and it was a major change for Aurora and York North as Liberal Greg Sorbara defeated veteran incumbent Progressive Conservative Bill Hodgson.

The Liberals had taken over the community centre for a political rally and to hear a message from Liberal Leader Dave Peterson.

Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth was at the centre to greet Peterson on his arrival.

The mayor was invited to enter the centre with Peterson and Sorbara and ended up on the stage with them and the Hawk to join in the singing of a rousing "Bo Diddley".

It was Dick's last singing engagement, as he was advised several times not to give up his day job..

ASKING FOR IT!

On October 2, 1972, Aurora Councillor Pete Miller walked right into it.

Irked by some comments at the council meeting he mused aloud; "Sometimes I wonder why I bother coming to these meeting".

Always quick with a comeback, Councillor Elmer "Doc" Henderson replied with; "So do we".

CLERK THOUGHT HOLDUP WAS A JOKE

It isn't a recommended course of action, but back in July, 1979, a young employee at Becker's store in Aurora scared off a would-be robber because she thought the whole thing was a joke.

A man entered the store with a women's black scarf covering the lower part of his face, but didn't cover his long, curly red hair. He approached the counter and demanded money.

Thinking it was someone she knew, the clerk told the intruder "Come off it, Red, you can't pull a trick like that on me".

The man turned and walked away without a cent.

The attempted robbery was only reported to police after the clerk met the person she thought was the one who pulled the joke, only to find that he had been nowhere near the store at the time.

REMEMBERING ELMER THE SAFETY ELEPHANT

Many former Aurora students will recall the distinctive green Elmer flag flying over their school and the Elmer safety program.

In June, 1983, Elmer the Safety Elephant was run over by provincial government spending restraints.

The Ministry of Transportation said it was abandoning its \$30,000 a year support of the safety program known to thousands of Ontario school children.

Ministry officials said it was too expensive to keep distributing thousands of Elmer posters and colouring books free of charge.

The Ontario Safety League, which had been involved in the program since its inception in the early 1950s, tried to keep Elmer alive by looking for sponsors to help fund the program.

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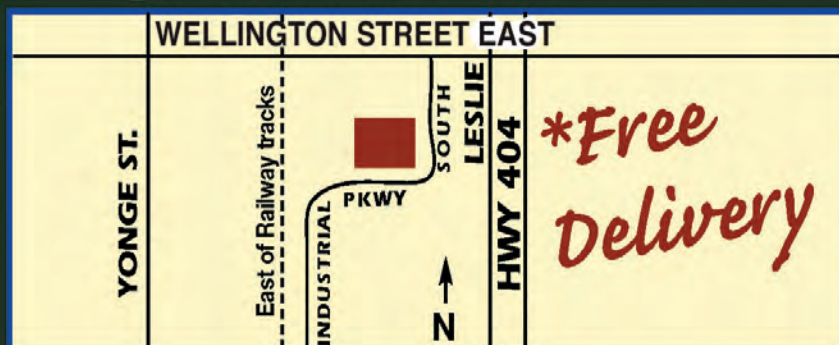


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