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Tigers blow out Spirit in six

Despite falling behind in their playoff series two games to one, the Provincial Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team roared back last week to eliminate Stouffville Spirit in six games.



Aurora's Haley Kirk, 11, will represent the Irish Dance Studio in world championship dancing in Ireland next month. Haley, who has been dancing competitively for more than five years, has been to the Canadian and National championships. Auroran photo by David Falconer

They put the cap on their third round of playoff hockey Sunday afternoon, edging the Spirit in Stouffville 5-4.

Aurora had built up a 4-0 lead before the Spirit pulled out all the stops and practically stole the game back.

It was the final match of a three-game winning streak which started last Thursday in Stouffville and continued Friday night in Aurora.

Now, it's on to bigger and better things.

With the North Division title safely tucked away for the second year in a row, Tigers will meet the winner of the Milton-Georgetown series, which would be decided in Game 7 Tuesday night.

Results of that game were not available at press time.

"It doesn't matter who wins," said Tiger spokesman Dave Cooper. "We have home-ice advantage and the next series starts this Friday in Aurora."

Cooper said the Milton-Georgetown series going the sevengame distance can only help Aurora.

Friday's game time at the Aurora Community Centre is 8 p.m. For a wrapup of the final three games in the Aurora-Stouffville series, read Mike McClymont's report on Page 8.

Sorbara says Liberals ready to run Ontario

Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara visited the Aurora Rotary Club last week and suggested the Liberals were about to take over the province.

He told Rotarians the province is on the verge of another election, but the timing is up to the Premier. He suggested it could be as early as May 8th if the April budget is well received.

He said the election is important for the future of the province and the Liberals were going out to win the hearts and minds of Ontarians.

His party was well prepared for the election and deserved the right to govern, he said.

Sorbara said that Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty is ready to take on the responsibility of governing and that he (Sorbara) had returned to politics because of McGuinty.

He said the election is about ideas and the challenge is economics. He referred to what he termed the mismanagement of Ontario Hydro and Highway 407.

The Liberals, he said, will also build a more innovative economy and noted the Ontario economy is based on the automotive industry and the government must be a player in assisting the industry and other industries to become more innovative.

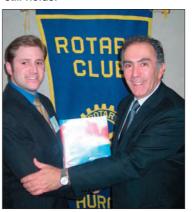
The province must also become involved in building a truly global economy through more trade

opportunities.

Sorbara was first elected in 1985 in York North, a riding held by the Tories for many years.

He said he was a rookie, not a politician, but the party couldn't find another candidate and the job was given to him.

He was re-elected in 1990 and served until 1995 when he returned to the private sector, but was back in active politics again in 2001 when he won the by-election in the riding of Vaughan/King/Aurora, which he still holds.



Incoming Aurora Rotary President Jeremy Martin, left, welcomes MPP from Vaughan/King/Aurora Greg Sorbara to the Rotary meeting at the Howard Johnson last week. A book presentation to the MPP will be placed in the Aurora Library. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

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BOB BLICK

Town's 1st Citizen of the Year dies at 79

Aurora's first Citizen of the Year has died.

Bob Blick, a heavily-involved community participant, died at his Washburn Island cottage near Lindsay last Tuesday night after a short but valiant fight with cancer. He was 79.

"He was the first in line of a longstanding Aurora tradition that recognizes people who have made our town great," said Mayor Tim Jones.

The Citizen of the Year has been selected in Aurora for more than 30 years, the first in 1970, one year after the inauguration of Aurora's July First Birthday Party.

He was, at one time, the backbone of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association, having spent 25 years with that volunteer organization, and he provided weekly write ups without fail to the local newspaper, highlighting the achievements of young Aurora hockey players.

"He was the sports section as far as I was concerned," said editor of the day, Ron Wallace. "Hardly a minor hockey game went uncovered thanks to Bob."

His wife of 56 years, June Gardner, was an active member of the Aurora Opti-Mrs. and Beta Sigma Phi in Aurora, and she belongs to a Beta Sigma Phi chapter in the Lindsay area.

Blick was, for many years, service advisor for Ross Wemp Motors in Toronto.

Besides his wife, June, he is survived by two children, Brenda and Greg, and four grandchildren.

A celebration service was held Saturday in a Lindsay funeral home, and was attended by numerous friends from Aurora.



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MARCH 22

It's Orchestral Fireworks at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora, with the York Symphony Orchestra featuring guest pianist Elissa Miller-Kay. Call 416-410-0860 for ticket information.

Registration for Aurora Optimist Recreational Hockey 2003-2004 season at the Aurora Leisure Complex. 9-11 a.m. Boys and girls born in 1997 and 1998.

MARCH 22/23

Maplefest at Sheppard's Bush. Aurora Lions Club cooking pancakes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MARCH 23

Smart Serve Training Program for beverage servers. 9 a.m. Aurora Legion. Instructor is Julie Geering. \$30 fee includes workbook, test, test processing, certificate and lunch. For further information, call Cheryl White at 905-727-5642

MARCH 24/APRIL 4

Guided tours of Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area. Includes a wagon ride. Call Nadine Partridge at 905-895-1281, Ex. 241 for further information or visit www.lsrca.on.ca.

MARCH 25

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. One of the agenda items is a public meeting concerning proposed changes under the town's schedule of fees for the sale of town publications and to prescribe service charges for administrative matters.

MARCH 27

Free 90-minute seminar focusing on food safety. 7 p.m. Aurora Public Library public meeting room 1. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493.

Casino Rama trip with the Aurora Seniors. Trip includes buffet luncheon. This trip is a fundraiser for the centre and the cost is \$3 per person. Call the centre at 905-727-2816 to register.

MARCH 28

Dr. Joel Wallach, creator of "Dead Doctors Don't Lie", lectures at the Aurora Public Library, 7.30 to 10 p.m. You must call to reserve a seat, 905-727-2199. Question and answer period follows the lecture.

MARCH 28/29

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Grace Parish annual church Rummage Sale from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday in Lynett Hall on Catherine Ave. Proceeds to be used for parish endeavours.

MARCH 29

Teachers In Recital, 7.30 p.m. Trinity Anglican Church, presented by the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association. Further information 905-727-5727.

MARCH 29/30

Maplefest at Sheppard's Bush. Aurora Lions Club cooking pancakes, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MARCH 30

Registration for Aurora Optimist Recreational Hockey 2003-2004 season at the Aurora Leisure Complex. 9-11 a.m. Boys and girls born in 1997 and 1998.

Visit Trinity Anglican Aurora at 7 p.m. to hear the 75-

voice Tri-City Gospel Chorus as they present an evening of inspirational gospel music.

APRIL 5

Help the Aurora/Newmarket and District Learning Disabilities Association by buying Krispy Kreme doughnuts and hanging flower baskets at the Aurora LCBO store. To place an order for Mother's Day on May 11th call 905-836-6542.

APRIL 5/6

Maplefest at Sheppard's Bush. Aurora Lions Club cooking pancakes 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Second Annual Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge Half Marathon, Half Marathon Relay and 5K Race.

APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt. Crafts between noon and 1 p.m., Easter Egg Hunt starts at 1 p.m, Leisure Complex baseball diamonds on the north end of the property. Cost \$3 per child. Call 905-727-7765 for further infor-

APRIL 25-27

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2003 Aurora Home and Lifestyle Show featuring food and wine at the Aurora Community Centre.

APRIL 26

Get a team together for the Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike Ride for Stroke in Aurora. It's a fundraising event where teams of 29 get together to ride the 30-seater bike (a driver is provided) along Yonge Street. Call Rachel at 905-853-6355 for information.

MAY 10/11

Go back in time 150 years when the first steam train, the Toronto, chugged its way from Toronto to what was then Machell's Corners making the little hamlet the Head of Rail. All kinds of activities around the station as an Aurora Historical Society committee is planning a celebration to mark the anniversary.

JUNE 1

More than 300 booths have been sold for the Eighth

Annual Aurora Street Festival. If you plan to rent booth space, you should know the festival is already 60 per cent sold out. Activities will open to the public at 11 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to book a booth.



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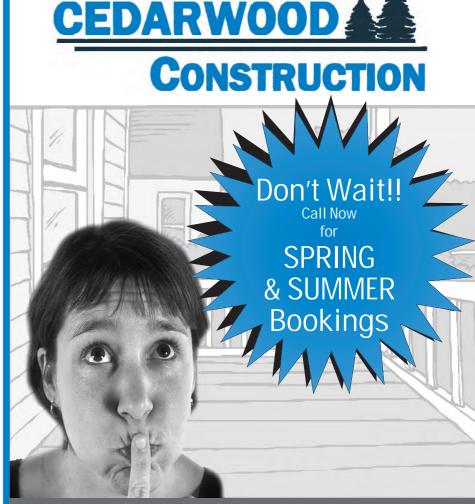
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BOUQUETS to the hard working volunteers of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association, Aurora Cable Internet, the merchants and others who donated articles and the viewers who bid for them at the 12th annual TV auction raising more than

\$20,000 for the association.

BOUQUETS to the Bantam AA Tigers who went undefeated recently to win the International Ottawa Winterlude Championship. The team won four games and tied one to take top place.

BOUQUETS to members of Aurora Council for finally asserting their authority in response to developers. A developer requested council to convene a special meeting during the week of the Spring Break to approve their subdivision agreement, which

council refused. Maybe councillors have finally learned they are elected to run the town.

BRICKBATS to the members of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee for recommending to council that a portion of Confederation Park be transferred to the two school

boards for use as a shared parking facility and bus loop. Giving up parkland for parking, never!

BOUQUETS to the student musicians of Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School as all three concert bands came first in the Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival with the Grade 10 band named Best of Class with a mark of 93 per cent. The Senior Concert

Band and the Senior Jazz Band received Gold Awards and will go on to the Nationals in May.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Library Board for remembering Aurora's first librarian and naming the boardroom on the second floor in the new library after her. It would have been nice if one of the public rooms on the main floor had been named the Marjorie

Andrews Room and another the Del Babcock Room, after a 40-year plus member of the Library Board.

BRICKBATS to the provincial government for failing to play a lead role in the fight against the West Nile virus, as 36 of the 37 health units in the province are affected. This has resulted in Toronto, Simcoe, Hamilton and the four GTA regions

establishing the Central East West Nile Task Force in the absence of provincial leadership.

BOUQUETS to the hard working members of Aurora's Beta Signa Phi chapters who joined with their sisters in Newmarket to raise funds for several local charities and a total of \$15,000 was distributed recently with \$1,500 going to the Community

Safety Village.

BOUQUETS to all the Aurora arts and cultural organizations who take the time to investigate York Region's 2003 Arts and Culture Tourism Grant Program with grants to a maximum of \$5,000 before the end of March. Call Brenda McGowan at 905-

830-4444 extension 1553 for info. Aurora was conspicuous by its absence in 2002 grants.

BRICKBATS to members of the Ontario English Catholic

Teachers' Association for their child-like actions in attacking Education Minister Elizabeth Witmer, after inviting her to

speak at their conference. Whatever support people had for the teachers was blown by their stupid actions.

BOUQUETS to the region's transportation department for a replacement program to switch traffic lights from incandescent lamps to light emitting diode

Like a good neighbour, State Farm is there. PETER VIRTANEN, CLU

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Getting up in the world

Tony D'Agrosa of Featherlite Industrial Ladders acts as tour director for a group of Aurora Chamber of Commerce members who visited the manufacturing plant on Engelhard Drive in Aurora last week. Company manufactures thousands of various-sized ladders and distributes them throughout the Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Parkland swap for parking lot fails to gain council approval

Due to increased bus and vehicle traffic at both Regency Acres Public School and St. Joseph's Catholic School the school boards have made application to the town to take a portion of Confederation Park for the use of a shared parking facility and bus

After hearing from Rebecca Beaton, President of the Regency Acres Community Association, the Leisure Services Advisory Committee endorsed the redevelopment of Confederation Park in concert with the association and school boards.

In her presentation to council two weeks ago, agreed Beaton Confederation Park should be restored and improved to meet the needs of an aging population with the provision of garden paths, benches, gazebo, tree planting, flower beds and

She also requested that municipal parking in the park be reduced to its original 20 spaces and utilized for park use only and there be no loss of parkland to the school boards.

The advisory committee recommended to council portion Confederation Park be transferred to the school boards for use as a shared parking lot and bus loop as requested, which was not accepted by council.

Staff reported they were working with the school boards and Beaton.

An open house and public meeting are arranged, Leisure Services Director Al Downey said.

Councillor Ron Wallace said he wanted to see maps and charts of just what was being proposed and council agreed that these be prepared in time for the public

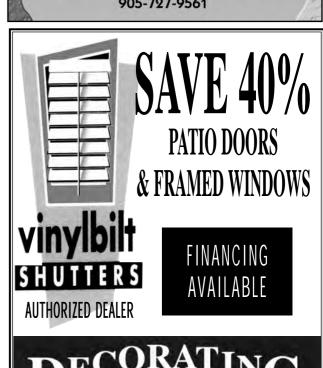
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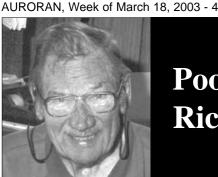


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Poor Richard

Narrow line should not be crossed

Councillors walk a narrow line, As a balance they try to keep, Between policy and administration, And not letting the two meet.

-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

a mistaken idea as to the role and the authority of a councillor.

Some believe they were elected to run all aspects of

When a member of council is first elected there is often

the municipality with a "hands on" approach.

It can often be a difficult lesson to learn that, as councillors, they have very little individual authority, not much more than they had as citizens, except they have a vote in the decision-making process.

It is only council as a corporate body that can make decisions and unless they can convince a majority of council members to support their pet project, the one they promised before the election, it won't be implemented.

Municipal politicians must learn and accept their responsibility to set policy and at the same time ensure the proper machinery is in place to carry out the policy.

One of the major problems often experienced in a municipality occurs when politicians believe they are the administrators of the municipality and start interfering with staff in the carrying out of their responsibilities.

Councillors are the policy making body and should ensure the policy is carried out but that doesn't mean becoming involved with the staff responsible for carrying out that policy.

When I first ran for Mayor of Aurora in 1969, I was employed at Queen's Park with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

One of the comments made at the time by a citizen was that as I worked in Toronto I wouldn't be available if there was a sewer break.

My response was that I didn't intend to look at every sewer break, even if I was in Aurora, as I wouldn't know what to do and would only get in the way of the town's experienced staff who knew what to do.

Council sets policy; staff members carry it out.

Usually when a policy issue comes before council, staff prepares a background paper on the basis of available information and do not, or should not, include political or other considerations. That's the role of elected councillors.

I can remember an occasion back in 1971 during the term of the first regional councillor. Denne Bosworth was York Region's Commissioner of Engineering and I was a member of the engineering committee.

Denne's reports were among the best I have ever seen. They included all the information in such a clear way that it was very easy to understand the problem and the various options presented to resolve the issue. At one meeting and I've forgotten the issue now, but for political reasons, the committee rejected Denne's report.

After the meeting I met with Denne and said how sorry I was about the action taken after he had worked so hard preparing the report.

I've never forgotten his reply. He said it was his job to provide the best professional advice he could, and not allow personal or political considerations to be included, otherwise he was not providing a professional opinion.

At the end of our conversation, he said: "If it makes you feel any better, I agree with the decision you made. But I would no longer be a professional if I let my personal opinion colour the facts".

It is the responsibility of the elected representative to consider the staff report, along with his or her research and knowledge, plus political considerations for the municipality as a whole and vote accordingly and be prepared to ride or fall on that decision.

Sitting on council is not just a case of reading and voting on staff reports. It's a case of getting out and doing some research on your own, such as visiting the site, talking to people, checking with a councillor on another municipality and becoming fully familiar with the issue, so that when you vote, you can do so with confidence.

It's a narrow line between policy-making and administration and neither side should cross it.



Some time ago, the Auroran, in the column Rumours and Rumblings, asked about the soapbox derbies that used to be held regularly in Aurora. Some doubted it, but Heather McKenzie had proof they once were a reality. Here's her son, Gary, in 1961 or 1962, preparing for a race, and, in the inset, achieving success on the Tyler Street race-track. Wheels on his soapbox came from a baby carriage and the steering mechanism was a work of art. A wooden ramp was constructed near Yonge Street, to get the racers swiftly down the course, which ended in the Temperance Street area.

Letters to the editor

Who is listening to us, reader wants to know

To the editor,

What's the matter with you,

This what I'm asking myself when I watch the news.

What do I see? Images from the US-Canada border, and it's almost unbelievable!

Thousands of people are fleeing from the United States, because their work permits expire, or maybe they never had a work permit, and they all have been advised to leave the country.

But instead of going back to their countries, they just come to Canada.

I first thought that maybe they do have Canadian citizenship, so that's why they are coming to Canada.

But surprise, they don't! So, why are they allowed to enter Canada without a legal document? What kind of country are we? Are we still one of the G7 countries, or have we become suddenly a thirdworld country?

Those persons don't have Canadian citizenship, or Canadian Visas, but the Canadian officials decided to let them in because they have North American experience!

Wow, now the next question is what kind of North American experience?

What if some of those persons are convicted, or are possible terrorists, or are running from the American justice system?

What about the long process that I had to go through in order to get my Canadian Visa?

I had to bring all kind of documents, stating that I haven't been convicted, that I am currently working, I had to bring a letter of employment from my employer, the job description, my University Diploma, and my marks.

All of those don't matter anymore?

Why did I have to pay the processing fee of \$1,500 Canadian? It would have been much cheaper for me just to show up at the Canadian border and say: "Let me in, because I have European experience! ".

Our government in its greed for money is getting insane.

They think only how to make more money in a short term, and then just leave, and let the others deal with the mess that they've created. We are going to suffer all the consequences, us, the ordinary

Singers respond

To the editor,

Thanks so much for finding space in the Auroran for our recent search for new members for the Upper Canada Chordsmen.

Today, as a result, we had four serious inquiries. Without support like this, our goals are hard to reach.

We would appreciate as many repeats as possible over the next several weeks as we endeavour to expand the ranks of the Upper Canada Chordsmen.

Dave McCaffrey, Vocal Coach Upper Canada Chordsmen 905-868-8280 We are already having a lot of problems with the high rate of immigration and the poor infrastructure.

Toronto and the GTA needs more roads, more buses, more trains, more hospitals, more schools...the list goes on and on.

There are already too many of us for the existing infrastructure.

Not to mention that the job market is not in very good condition, and the unemployment is rising.

I live in Aurora and I work in downtown Toronto.

Every day, it takes me more than one hour and a half to get to work and another one hour and a half to come back.

It's the same if I drive or if I take the GO train.

The same unbearable situation is happening in the Health Care system. Yes, we have it free, but I am not able to get any family doctor. All are verybusy, and they don't accept new patients.

What about the big lines at emergency rooms? You can die in there before someone gets the time to look at you.

I am sure that our politicians do not have our daily problems. We are just regular people, with ordinary lives.

I am sure that they don't have to drive in rush hour, or to wait next to their sick child in emergency rooms, not being able to do anything.

I am sure that they get a lot of money from taxes, from immigration, from all new invented privatization.

But what about us? Who is representing us, who is listening to us, who cares about us anymore?

I am waiting for an answer, but not from other people like me, from our elected politicians, the local ones, the municipal ones, from whoever is still listening.

Am I going to get an answer? I doubt it.

Fiona Stephenson Aurora

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Flashing house lights make you easy to find

More than two years ago, I attended an Aurora Chamber of Commerce 'Business After Hours' at Alutron Modules

Alutron is based in Aurora and is an ISO 9001 certified company that designs and manufactures state-of-the-art electrical/electronic control assemblies.

In 2001, Alutron was named 'Business of the Year' at the Annual Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

Subsequently, a sister company, Permaglo Lighting Inc., was formed to manufacture state of the art lighting prod-

At the 'Business After Hours' function, we were shown and had demonstrated various electronic assemblies, which will be manufactured by Permaglo Lighting Inc., that were ideal for the energy-conscious consumer.

In one case, an innovative night-light, Wayfinder 24/7, fits behind a double wall plug in a hallway or bedroom.

In addition to maintaining the full use of the double plug, a soft amber light is directed towards the floor. This electrical night light also has a life expectancy of more than 10 years and consumes only one-fifth of a watt of electricity.

The light source does not generate any heat and, unlike glass bulbs, cannot be broken or damaged. I acquired one of these night-lights and can attest to the facts above as it is still going strong in a hallway where I personally installed

Another leading edge product that is made in the Alutron/Permaglo facility is the 'WayFinder911' illuminated house number.

As I serve on the Region of York's 911 committee, I was particularly interested in this product after hearing stories of firefighters, police and ambulance personnel on their way to an emergency call being unable to locate the home.

In many cases, this delay can mean the difference between life and death.

The 'Wayfinder 911' addresses this difficulty by providing ease of home identification.

The 'Wayfinder 911' is available as a standard illuminated address number or with an emergency locator feature.

Both types are available with either a brass or nickel trimmed frame and with provision for up to three numbers four to six digit addresses can be accommodated but are custom ordered.

The numbers are backlit and electrified through a normal plug-in wall adapter.

Ultra-bright LED amber lights never need replacing and, like the nightlights, use much less power than an average incandescent bulb.

A wireless transmitter located in the home activates the Wayfinder 911 with the emergency locator feature. It is connected to an electrical outlet and a standard phone jack.

This device is preprogrammed to sense when 911 is dialed and activates the address sign to change to flashing

This process can be activated from any phone in the house that is connected through the house phone system (but not an independent cell phone).

The outside flashing red illuminated address numbers can act as a signal to neighbours to alert them to an emergency as well as assisting emergency responders such as the fire, police or ambulance.

There is a reset button that will deactivate the flashing light at any time. Both styles would be of immense value to emergency personnel.

As I am learning from my experience as a member of the 911 committee at the Region, I have come to the conclusion that we can't do enough to protect and to prepare ourselves for an emergency.

House address numbers should be clear and highly visible in front of our homes for emergency responders to read. I am also aware of people putting their address numbers on the backs of their houses, as well as the front. This additional insurance may assist the neighbours behind to lend assistance in an emergency situation and provide critical information to the 911 dispatch when calling in the emer-

The purpose of this column is simply to raise awareness of having your homes clearly identified from the street.

There may be other similar products on the market that are worth investigating, however at this point, I am only aware of the Permaglo illuminated number with the 911 flash ability option and as it is not only made in Canada, but in Aurora, I wanted to pass it along.

Alutron/Permaglo Lighting is located at 420 Industrial Parkway South and maintains a web site at http://www.wayfinder911.com.

Machell's Corners



Letters to the editor

We won't run out of eggs this year

To the editor,

The Pathfinders and Junior Leaders of the Girl Guides of Canada, Aurora South District, fundraising for their trip this summer (July 5-13) to Prince Edward Island (eight girls and three Guiders are going).

We ran the Easter Egg Hunt for the Town last year and it was such a success Julie Geering has asked us to take it on again this

Last year we hid

more than 5,000 eggs and with the 400 children who attended, we ended up running out of eggs.

We have ordered more than 9,000 eggs through year Ventura Fine Foods. Ventura sponsored us last year with a donation of 1,500 eggs and are continuing their support with the same donation this year.

We wanted to make sure there was no chance of running out of eggs this year!

The date is Saturday,

April 19, with crafts between noon and 1 pm, and the Easter Egg Hunt starting at 1

It will be held at the Leisure Complex baseball diamonds on the north end of the property. The cost is \$3 per child.

We will have two areas set up - one for children aged 2 to 5, and the second for children aged 6 to 10.

Parents of children under 5 may accompany their children into the hunt area at no charge. If parents of the older children want to accompany their children into their designated area, they will be charged admission.

Parents may either pre-register at the Leisure Complex or register on that day.

There will be special eggs hidden as well that children can turn in for prizes and the Easter Bunny will be there. Great opportunity for photos or videos.

Kate Harvie **Fundraising Chair**

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To the editor,

Normally, the publisher does not write a letter to the editor, but in this case I am willing to make an excep-

Recently, I had surgery at

Centre in Newmarket. York County Hospital, if you remember those days.

I cannot say enough about the care I received.

There is nothing I can think of that they could have done better.

zone" conditions, considering all the construction going on, absolutely everyone I came in contact with, the people who took care of all my pre-op tests, those who admitted me, those who took care of me post-op and sure I went home informed, are all angels in my book.

My care was extraordinary and so were the people who provided it.

God Bless You All.

Rosemary Schumaker

Reader likes mayor's 'mug'

To the editor,

I would just like to comment about a Letter to the Editor sent in by Derk Pierik regarding Mayor's "mug" always being in the paper.

Mayor Tim Jones is reporting to the public on a weekly basis through his column in the Auroran.

There are so many "out of towners" moving into the area, I think it is kind of nice for newcomers and for long time residents to know what's going on in town, and to see their about. mayor's face.

If the seeing the Mayor's "mug" was the biggest problem facing the world today, we sure wouldn't have much to worry

And, by the way, Rose Rank, the column which you say no one reads, the mayor's report, is written another Queen's by Jubilee Medal winner.

in paper Tim Jones was awarded the medal for the same reason as Ben Kestein. Because he cares.

Heather Sinclair former Aurora resident

new holiday for cal news lately?

Has the United States

To the editor,

Re: March 4 Auroran "Anniversary gets GO okay" Since when do we have a Memorial Day in Aurora, or in Canada for that matter? Have I missed some criti-

anyone reads your paper? **Frank Fries** Aurora

finally gobbled up Canada?

Or was this a test to see if

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flying colours. Dozens of people pointed out the error, including the Auroran's Americanborn publisher. She says don't worry; there's no plan to take over Canada.

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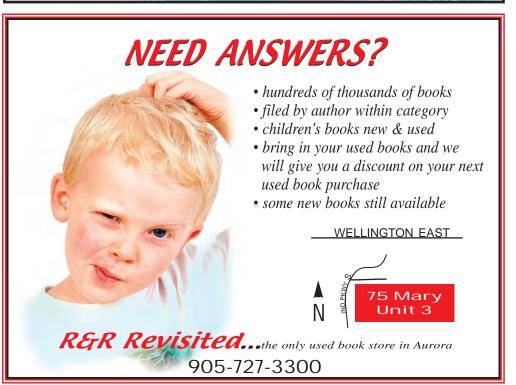
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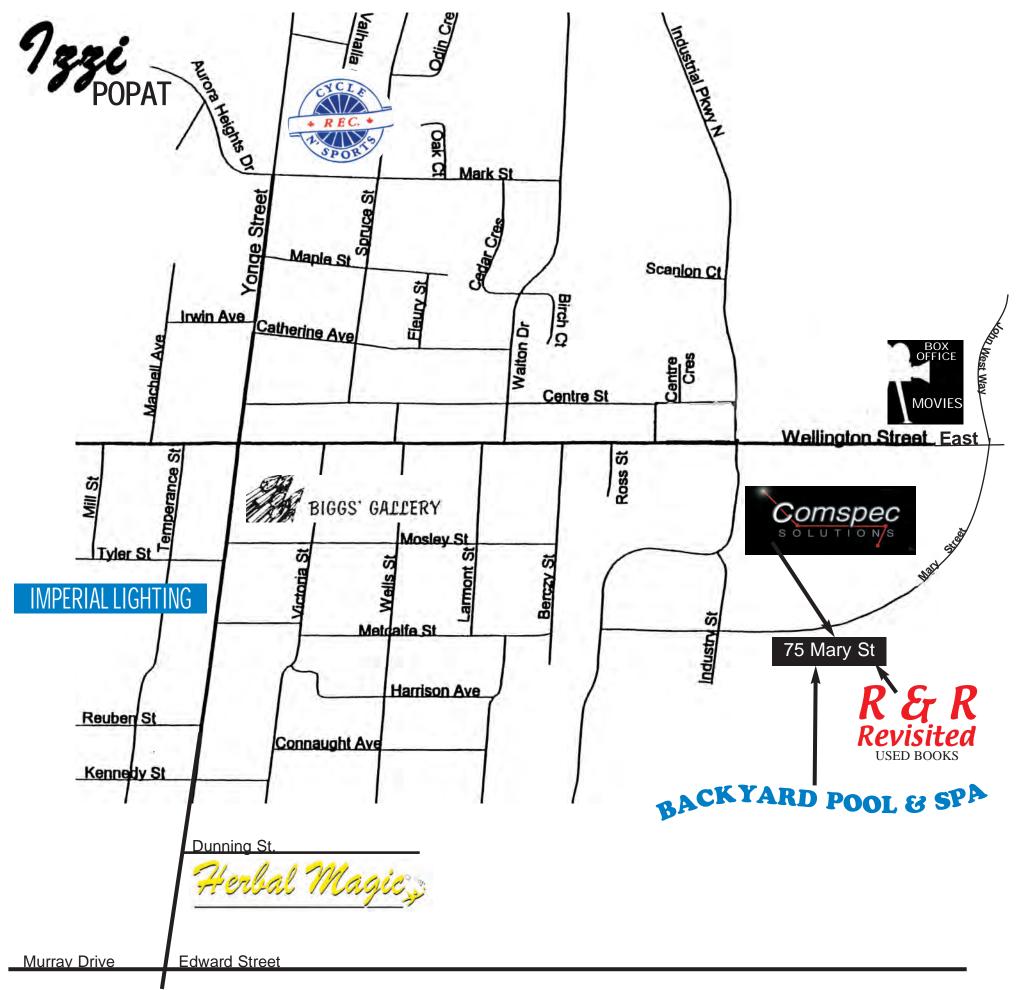
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Auroran Sports



Tigers hang on to division trophy

By MIKE McCLYMONT

The repeat is complete.

The Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey club outlasted a young and feisty Stouffville Spirit squad and repeated as Northern Division champions Sunday afternoon in front of a boisterous Stouffville crowd.

But it wasn't a cakewalk for the victors, who fought back from a 2-1 series deficit last week, to record three wins in a row, including Sunday's 5-4 squeaker to salt the series

By running off three straight victories, the Tigers won the best-of-seven series 4-2, and now await the winners of the Western Division.

Sunday's squeaker proved that Aurora did not want to face a seventh game in the series. If Aurora had any hopes of finishing off the Spirit, they knew they had to work hard from the start and hold nothing back.

"We played well the last two games, we had to come in here and just keep it simple. Any time you go into the opposition's rink, you gotta keep it simple," said Tiger gunner Jordan Brenner.

The Tigers realized the importance of the game and pressured Stouffville immediately, scoring three minutes into the

Jamie Minchella poked the puck out from under Mike Andreoff's pad, skated behind the net and passed to Corey Gault.

With their sole focus on winning, Tigers avoided confrontations. Giving the Spirit a power play was just too dangerous.

Aurora controlled the tempo. Their forechecking and offensive pressure led to Stouffville giveaways. Those factors also led to a Derek Doucette slapshot goal, giving Aurora a 2-0 lead heading into the second period.

In the second, the Tigers continued to push the envelope. Forty seconds in, a Tiger shot hit the crossbar. Stouffville then took a penalty and Brenner tipped Kyle Aitken's shot for a power play goal.

At the 14-minute mark, Jesse Olden rebounded brother Justin's shot and gave the Tigers a very comfortable 4-0 lead.

But it was not to last. Spirit not only answered 21 seconds after Olden's goal, but added two more power play goals to make the game interesting at 4-3.

Fortunately, Sam Skwarchuk scored on a rebound with under two minutes left to give Aurora a two-goal lead heading into the final 20 minutes.

As Aurora focused on defending their lead, they slowed the pace of the game and played clock management. But with a good 11 minutes left, Stouffville scored while shorthanded and pulled to within one.

The game's final 10 minutes saw both teams fight evenly for that final goal. Chris Whitley made some solid stops and



Tigers celebrate Sunday victory

Aurora played smart defense to pull out the 5-4 win.

"They played great," Brenner said. "They're a young, tough team and they got two wins against us. They played us hard right to the end."

The first of the three victories came last Thursday night in Stouffville. It seemed all of Stouffville turned out for Game Four. With the Spirit leading the series 2-1, a lineup out to the parking lot and loads of excitement were featured in the game.

After three days of rest, Aurora pulled out one of their better all-round games for a convincing 6-2 win over Stouffville, to tie the series at

A goal has been scored in the first five minutes of every game this series. The Tigers continued that trend when Justin Olden fed Matt Christie for a one-timer three minutes into the game.

In Aurora's two losses, they were not able to contain Stouffville's power play efficiently. That trend continued early as the Spirit tied the game two minutes later with the man advantage.

Tigers had to fight to stop Stouffville from establishing momentum. Aurora spent more time in the Spirit end than they had in previous games.

"I just think we worked extremely hard tonight," said Tiger winger Matt Christie.

A save by Andreoff caused a couple of Tiger rebounds, and as the puck laid in front of the sprawled goaltender, Christie swooped in for his second goal

But like the first goal, a preceding Tiger penalty led to a Stouffville power play answer. "We had a talk before the game, a couple guys stood up and said we gotta stay out of the box," Christie said.

The game was tied, but the Tigers were not ready to give up just yet.

Late in the first frame, Corey Gault backhanded the puck off the boards and sent it towards the net. The blind shot eluded everyone and gave Aurora a 3-

Half a minute later, Justin Olden carried the puck down the ice and fed an open Matt Christie, giving Christie a hattrick in the first period. More importantly, it gave the Tigers a two-goal cushion.

"Coach (Williamson) made a change and put me on the left wing with the two Oldens. We have a similar style. They were just tough drive-to-the-net goals," explained Christie.

Aurora poured it on in the second. Justin Olden led a Tiger rush and got his third assist on a Will Wellman one-timer goal.

Though Aurora put 11 men in the box in the second period, they managed to fight off every penalty. Aurora's forechecking, tough defense and some gutsy efforts contributed to the limited Stouffville opportuni-

Aurora's sixth goal came on a Derek Doucette point shot.

The Tigers regained the series lead with a come-frombehind 3-2 Game Five victory Friday in Aurora.

Aurora played without sniper Scott Goheen who suffered a chin injury Thursday night in

The Tigers started off on the wrong foot. With Stouffville out hustling Aurora early, the Tigers gave them a man advantage six minutes into the

When on the power play, Stouffville's bigger lineup comes in handy. They're able to stand in front of Whitley and take punishment from the smaller Aurora defense. So as they've done all series long, Stouffville scored a power play goal and took a 1-0 lead.

The Spirit immediately added to that lead a minute later against the disinterested Tiger squad.

"We always seem to get a slow start on these guys. They come out ready to play," said Tiger power forward Sam

Aurora began the second period down two men and had five Tigers squished into the penalty box, but they managed to fight off both penalties and began to battle back at even strength.

With nine minutes to go in the period, Sam Skwarchuk scored a Tiger power play goal. Skwarchuk just recently returned to the lineup after being out with a foot injury. He flew in and found the rebound for Aurora's first goal.

The Tigers tied the game with 58 seconds left in the second. Justin Olden finished a beautiful triangle pass from Kyle Aitken and Matt Christie.

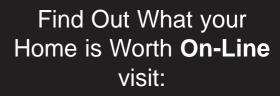
Aurora happened to celebrate the goal right in front of the Spirit bench. That led to punches being thrown and a couple of ten-minute miscon-

Aurora took over in the third period. Playing with all the momentum, the Tigers took the lead for good. Sam Skwarchuk slipped by two Spirit defenders but fell to the ice in the process. While on the ice, he used his stick to bat the puck to a charging Jordan Brenner for the game winning

"Brenner's a hard working guy, he's always going to the net. I knew I drew two guys towards me, I just threw the puck towards the net. I didn't really see (Brenner)."

So the Aurora Tigers retain their Northern Division title and march on to the fourth round to face either Milton or Georgetown. Brenner has no preference.

"We've never really seen those two teams, but we've had scouts watching them. We think we're the best team in the league and we'll accept any challengers."



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Old man winter may not have been everyone's best friend this year, but he at least kept the skaters happy. Aurora's several outdoor rinks are usually big ponds of water during the March break, but this year the ice was hard and fast most of the week. Obviously several people took advantage of the phenomenon. In the top photo, skaters attack the ice at Machell Park, but Sunday afternoon it was ball hockey on pavement.

Goaltender records perfect tournament

The Central York Girls LaPrairie Sharks won gold in the Peewee House League division of the 15th Annual Burlington Girls Hockey Spring Break Tournament held recently.

The exciting championship game went into double overtime before Lauren Renaud scored to win the game 1-0 against a tough Kitchener team.

Kylie Smith and Katherine Rizzi assisted on the winning goal.

Special mention goes to goalie Sharks Meaghan Anderton who recorded the shutout, keeping intact a perfect record, since she did not allow a single goal during the entire tournament.

The Sharks won their first game 3-0 against Hagersville on goals by Lauren Renaud, Katherine Rizzi and Meghann McGowan.

In game two, the Sharks beat Stoney Creek 5-0 with two goals by Laura Ariganello and singles by Katherine Rizzi, Stephanie Clarke and Kylie Smith.

The Sharks blanked Burlington 6-0 in game

three with Lauren Renaud and Sarah Fiorini scoring two goals each.

Singles were scored by Kylie Smith and Meghann McGowan.



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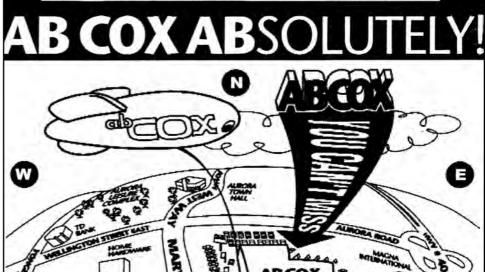


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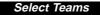
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Atom AA (1) vs Ajax (2)

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Minor Bantam AA (2) vs Oshawa (3)

Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Chris Blom 1G Tyler Pettes 1A Matt Boyd 1A Neil Kileeg 1A

Minor Bantam AA (5) vs Oshawa (4)

Connor O'Grady 1G,1A Matt Boyd 1G,1A Mike Pantalone 1G,1A Chris Blom 1G,1A Harrison Jones

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Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Oshawa (1)

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Minor Midget AA (3) vs Ajax (1)

Mike Jack 1G Kyle Robinson 1G Jordan Ofield 1G,1A Shawn Beer 1A David DelZotto 2A Michael Osborne 1A Tyson Dover 1A. Aurora wins series 3-0 and advances to the OMHA finals

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Annual General Meeting

The AMHA Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Tuesday May 6, 2003 at the Aurora Community Centre Auditorium.

Board of Directors

A number of key positions on the AMHA Board of Directors need to be filled for the 2003/04 season. These positions will be voted upon at the AGM. Please see the AMHA web site for further details.

2003 - 04 Registration

Registration for current members of the AMHA, YSE or Opti for the 2003/04 AMHA season will take place on Sunday April 6, Monday April 7 and Sunday April 13. See the AMHA web site for details.

Coming Events

House League Banquet Mar 29/30, 2003

Rep Banquets Apr 26, 2003

Annual General Meeting Tues May 6, 2003

House League Final Weekend

The House League Schedule for the final weekend is now available on the AMHA web site.

AHPA Used Hockey Equipment Sale

The annual AHPA Used Hockey Equipment Sale will be held from 8:30AM to Noon on Saturday September 13, 2003 in the ACC1 Auditorium. Equipment drop off dates are 7PM to 9PM on Thursday Sept 11 and Friday Sept 12 in the lobby of ACC1

RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS New Year's Day in Aurora back in 1886

In 1886 New Year's Day in Aurora was reported as being quietly spent by the residents.

The old habit of the gentlemen of the town making several calls and drinking as much wine and spirits as possible seemed to be dying out.

A large number of young people patronized the roller rink located on Machell Avenue on the site of today's Parkview

Others visited Baldwin's Pond, at what is now the foot of Hillview Road, and skated to the music of the Silver Cornet

A 1987 WISH LIST

In December, 1986, the Mayors of York Region were asked for their wish list for 1987. Aurora's Mayor John West wished for rental accommodation to be built on Yonge Street and the completion of a second housing co-op.

He asked to see "a second parking lot built behind the stores on the east side of Yonge Street, like the one built on the west in 1966 to alleviate Yonge Street traffic jams caused by parked cars".

The completion of the Industrial Parkway to the St. John's Sideroad should act as a bypass to Yonge Street and he wished for more industrial lands to be rezoned, following the success of the three town-owned industrial parks.

WHEN AURORA CELEBRATED OKTOBERFEST

Back in 1987 Aurora had a very active Kiwanis Club.

For the previous 10 years the club sponsored the Oktoberfest and hosted another successful event at the Community Centre on September 19, 1987.

The band they had in 1977, the Remnants, who play all German Oktoberfest music, returned for the 1987 event.

The proceeds went to the Family Leisure Complex and Whipper Billy Watson Catscan Fund.

When the Kiwanis Club dissolved through lack of membership, Oktoberfest disappeared with the club and both were sadly missed.

AURORA POETS MAKE THE HEADLINES

Reflection on life was the main thrust of two Aurora poets who won awards in 1981 in a creative contest.

Aurora writer Sharon Crawford placed second and freelance writer Beverley Seabrook Steven received an honourable mention in the contest sponsored by Phoenix Rising Magazine.

The magazine was a Canada-wide quarterly geared towards psychiatric patients and prison inmates. Steven said her poetry spanned 10 years and is a reflection on life.

Crawford's poetry picks at some of the downers in life and admitted that when depressed, she was more prolific in poetry writing.

LET'S MOVE THE BELL

Back in 1985 Aurora resident Lou Pinkerton expressed concern that the bell from the first train to arrive in Aurora back in 1853 wasn't more visible. It was located in front of the old library on Victoria Street, fenced in and not very vis-

Let's move the historic bell to the Yonge Street entrance to the new library, or better still why not give it a prominent place at the old Church Street School, now that it is being

(ED. NOTE - Okay, Dick, but let's be sure it is the bell off that first train. Many believe it isn't.)

SOME PROBLEMS NEVER CHANGE

In December, 1978, town council had to put a leash on its dog control bylaw.

Due to citizen complaints, then as now, council was considering a bylaw prohibiting dog owners from taking their dogs for a walk without a leash.

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Staff advised that the Dog Licensing and Poultry Protection Act didn't mention leashes, but said the dog owner must keep his animal under control.

It was suggested that if council members were concerned about dogs roaming at large, they should lay a charge under the legislation and leave it up to the owner to prove to the court his dog was under control.

The issue of dogs on leashes was a hot one at the time with some residents and council members arguing that many unleashed dogs didn't cause a problem, as they were obedient and stayed by their master's side.

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OBITUARY

BLICK, Robert John

BLICK, Robert John, long time resident of Washburn Island and formerly of Aurora, in his 79th year, quietly went to meet his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, after a short but valiant fight with cancer. Bob was the loving husband of June Elizabeth Gardner for 56 years. Beloved father of Brenda Denis and her friend Wayne Hawton of Little Britain and Greg and his wife Paula of Grafton. Devoted grandfather of Candace (24), Christopher (22), Jacqueline (21) and Catherine-Anne Vanessa (19), who each brought him joy. Dear brother of Arthur (Eileen) of Amherstburg and Jesse of Lakefield. Dearly remembered by his brother-in-law Robert Gardner (Noreen) of Aurora. Bob was the Town of Aurora's first "Citizen of the Year" in 1970 and he was involved with the Minor Hockey Association for over 25 years. In 1994, he retired to his cottage on Washburn Island and the surrounding golf courses for which he loved. Bob will be acutely missed by his friends at the Port Perry Legion, Crestwood Golf Course and especially by his faithful collie, Sassy. Bob will forever be remembered for his gentle and teasing manner, his positive attitude and his devotion to his wife, children and grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service to celebrate Bob's life was held at the Stoddart Funeral Home, 24 Mill St. Lindsay (toll free 1-877-427-8434) on Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service in the chapel. If so inclined, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Internment later at Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.





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