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Moving along at a rapid clip is Aurora's new senior citizens' building, located in the front yard of the Aurora Town Hall. The 14,000 square-foot building is expected to be open by the end of October this year, an event the seniors are excited about. Seniors will be invited to tour the building in the next few weeks, according to Leisure Services Director Al Downey. About half the space inside the structure will be used for the senior centre and other operations; the other half will be available for public use. An emergency operations centre is also being set up inside the building. "If the lights go out everywhere else in town, we'll still have lights there," Downey said. Seniors are currently crowded into a building on Victoria Street that was constructed originally as a fire hall. Future of that building is still unknown. The new seniors' address will be 5 Municipal Drive.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*



Services were held Saturday for popular Len Leitch who suffered a major heart attack and died last week after he had participated in a regular pick-up hockey game. Leitch, of Law Insurance Brokers in Aurora, was an Aurora Chamber of Commerce board member from 1999 to 2002. He was well liked by everyone and was always willing to help with the Home Show, Street Festival and in particular, the Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament. Len leaves his wife, Carolyn and two children Colin and Kirsten.

## Councillor wants another crack at mayor's job

Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean, now serving his second term as a town councillor, said last week he would seek the mayor's chair in next year's municipal election.

"Whether I'm one of several going after that job, or simply going head to head against the mayor," he told The Auroran, "I believe I can win."

Kean made his debut into the municipal arena back in 1997 when he challenged Mayor Tim Jones for the town's top seat.

He lost that race but returned the following term to win a seat on town council.

In the last election, Kean finished a solid second in the council race.

"Speculation is, my running will split the vote, thereby giving the incumbent a better chance at re-

election," he said. "But I don't think so."

Kean said he has heard rumours Councillor Phyllis Morris also wants to have another run at the mayor's job.

Morris, who led the council polls in the last election, ran for the mayor's job in 2000 and finished second in a field of four candidates.

Mayor Jones has held the post for the past 11 years, and while no official word has been received from his office, he has hinted he will run one more time.

"It may be a little early to start the next municipal campaign," Kean said. "But this is what I want to do, so I might as well let people know it."

The next election is scheduled for November, 2006.

### Briefly

#### African Concert

The highly-renowned African Children's Choir will make only one appearance in York Region this year, and it will be in Aurora.

On Wednesday, September 14th, the Aurora United Church, at the corner of Yonge and Tyler, will play host to the concert, and it's free.

Organizers say there is no admission and no ticket sales, but freewill offerings will be accepted.

The Grammy-nominated choir, selected annually from thousands of orphans and disadvantaged children in Africa, delivers a powerful blend of singing, dancing and storytelling to bridge cultural differences and spread hope and joy to audiences throughout the world.

The internationally acclaimed choir has performed before numerous dignitaries and has appeared at some of the world's most prestigious locations.

Currently the choir is on a North American tour.

#### Shoreline Clean-up

On September 10th at 8.30 a.m. a small group of volunteers will meet at Atkinson Park to begin a shoreline clean-up of the McKenzie Marsh, which lines both sides of St. John's Sideroad, just east of Yonge Street.

Construction of the road, and years of motorists throwing junk from cars, have caused the picturesque pond shoreline to require cleaning.

The clean-up has been registered as part of the Toronto Dominion Canada Trust Shoreline Cleanup and still needs at least 15 volunteers to cover the whole area.

If you can help, register online at [vanaqua.org/cleanup](http://vanaqua.org/cleanup) or for more information, call Orianne Brodbeck at 905-841-2149.

#### Bridge marathon

Like to play bridge?

Remember the York County Hospital Marathon Bridge Tournament that was started by Aurora residents Ada Garfat and Dorothy Henry back in 1970?

It has been dormant for a while but it's about to happen again.

While the name is different - it's Southlake Regional Health Centre instead of York County Hospital - the hospital will still be the recipient of funds raised through the event.

Now under the organizational skills of Marnie Chambers - 905-841-9783 - and Eleanor Wynston - 905-841-5637 - the tournament will begin again in October and continue until April, with games scheduled every three weeks.

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# COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

## CONTINUING

Aurora Farmers' Market continues every Saturday in the Temperance Street parking lot until Thanksgiving. Event opens at 8 a.m.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

On the first Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, a satellite constituency office for Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara will be open in the councillors' lounge at the Town Hall. Call 1-877-880-6770 for information.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m. For further information contact Bob Butler at h.butler@sympatico.ca or 905-713-3314.

\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*

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

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

\*\*\*\*

Canadian Federation of University Women welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151

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Dancing at the Legion, 8 p.m. every Friday night.

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Bid Euchre at the Legion 1 p.m. every third Sunday.

\*\*\*\*

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps, boys and girls, ages 12 to 18. Camping, canoeing, target shooting. Free summer camps. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening. For more information, call 905-7216-8600.

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Towns of York Toastmasters Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Park Place Manor, 15055 Yonge Str. in Aurora. For more information see the club web site at www.townsofyourk.org or phone Elena Silaev at 905-726-9750.

## SEPTEMBER 1

Aurora Skating Club registration. 6 to 9 p.m., Aurora Family Leisure Complex, upper level.

## SEPTEMBER 2

Blood donor clinic. Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street at the corner of Tyler, from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

\*\*\*\*

Aurora Seniors +55, Friday night dance at the Seniors' Centre on Victoria Street. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Singles welcome. Call the centre at 905-727-2816 for more details.

## SEPTEMBER 6

Aurora Council meets in general committee at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall. Committee meetings are not telecast but are open to the public.

## SEPTEMBER 7

Aurora Public Library, with Aurora Cable Internet, presents "Searching and Surfing", the first of a 10-part monthly series of free computer workshops beginning at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Register on-line, at the Adult Information Desk or phone 905-727-9493, Option 4.

## SEPTEMBER 8

Aurora Skating Club registration. 6 to 9 p.m., Aurora Family Leisure Complex, upper level.

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Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast at Pathways to Perennials Inc. 4681 Lloydtown/Aurora Road, Kettleby. 7.30 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER 10

Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes sponsored by the Aurora Historic Society with all proceeds going towards the restoration of historic Hillary House. Tickets available at R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street. For more information call 905-727-8991.

## SEPTEMBER 12

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with York Region Health Services, presents "Keeping YorkKids Safe" a free home safety workshop for parents/caregivers of children, newborn to age 6, at 7 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or phone 905-727-9493, Option 4.

## SEPTEMBER 13

Aurora Seniors Art Group starts a new season of art classes at the Seniors' Centre every Tuesday morning from 9.30 a.m. until noon through November 15th. All levels of artists are welcome. Pre-registration is required by calling Seniors Coordinator Diana Dawson at 905-727-2816.

\*\*\*\*

Aurora Council meets in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. starting with Open Forum. Aurora Cable Internet will telecast the council meeting on Channel 10 the following night at 7:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 14

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with FOCUS, York Region Learning Connection, presents "Why Balance Is Needed In Returning To Work", a free career and employability workshop for women. 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or phone 905-727-9493, Option 4.

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Concert by the touring African Children's Choir at

Aurora United Church, Yonge and Tyler Streets at 7 p.m. No admission fee, no tickets, freewill offering.

## SEPTEMBER 17

Annual Magna Hoedown, Magna property, Wellington Street East.

## SEPTEMBER 18

Keep Terry's Marathon of Hope alive by participating in the annual Terry Fox Run.

## SEPTEMBER 19

An eight-week course in Art Drawing and Watercolour (Code 2181261) every Monday night from 7 to 9.30 p.m. at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School. Cost is \$100 and credit cards are accepted. Pre-registration is necessary by calling 905-884-3434 extension 928 or 1-877-280-8180 extension 928.

## SEPTEMBER 20

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast at Baldwin's Steak House, 124 Wellington Street East. 7.30 a.m.

\*\*\*\*

Aurora Council meets in General Committee at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

## SEPTEMBER 24/25

Students needing service volunteer hours to graduate from high school and show their civic pride by helping to make Aurora a cleaner town can participate in the Fall Clean-Up Days. For more information call 905-726-4760.

## SEPTEMBER 27

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

## SEPTEMBER 28

After school Sewing and Cooking classes begin and continue Wednesdays from 3.45 p.m. to 5.30

p.m. until Nov. 30. Classes for ages 10 to 15 years. Cost is \$20 for 10 classes. Sponsored by and held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 32 Mosley St. Aurora. Call 905-727-5011 for further information.

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Aurora Council holds a Public Planning meeting at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers to consider four applications for rezoning.

## SEPTEMBER 30

The final property tax payment for 2005 is due and payment must be made to avoid interest penalties.

## OCTOBER 13

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street. 7.30 a.m.

## OCTOBER 21

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Celebration of Business, DiNardo's - The Mansion. Cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner at 7.15. Call the Chamber at 905-727-7262 for further information.

## NOVEMBER 19

The Trinity Anglican Church Women will hold their Christmas Memories Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring Christmas Gift Items, Baking, Kitchen Cupboard, Jewellery, Attic Treasures and Granny's Treasures.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region Annual Gala Auction at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South. Reception starts at 6.30 p.m. with dinner at 7.30 p.m., followed by a live and silent auction and dancing. Reserve tickets by calling 905-727-1251.

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Ron Wallace, right, editor of The Auroran, receives the "Paul Harris Fellow" award from Gale Brethour and Charlie Flynn at an Aurora Rotary Club meeting last week. Gale is the widow of Rotarian Ross Brethour, whose untimely death occurred earlier this year while he was working with Wallace on production of a magazine to acknowledge Rotary's 100th anniversary. For Wallace's take on the presentation, see Page 4.

## Village a CNE memory

With the 2005 edition of the Canadian National Exhibition fully operational, the annual event won't have quite the same meaning to many Aurora residents as it did in the mid-1980s, when Aurora played a major role.

In those days, Ontario municipalities were invited to apply to take over Heritage Village for a day at the Ex.

In 1982, a CNE vice-president had a vision of a Heritage Village within the CNE as a miniature community.

It would include a Town Hall, a band shell in the park and other community facilities.

The executive worked with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in planning the village and received ministry staff assistance in advising municipalities and encouraging them to participate.

Aurora Day was Thursday, August 21, 1986.

Buses were chartered to transport Aurora residents to the CNE and return. The Aurora Library, Historical Society, Horticultural Society, Aurora Eagles Hockey Club and the fund raising committee for the Leisure Family Complex had displays in the Town Hall.

It had been envisaged that the council chambers in the town hall would be used for an actual council meeting of the designated municipality for that day, but that didn't take place.

The facilities were used by town organizations to display their programs or services instead.

At the band shell, Joan Textiera's Jazzercisers started the afternoon, followed by the Adam Simson Band, Sean Collins and the Cheryl Thomas Ensemble.

Rainstone took over the band shell at 5 p.m., a return performance by the Adam Simson Band, the Ontario Rhythm

Cloggers, Marie Devereau Singers, Theatre Aurora, Judy Roberts and Ted McClenny.

In 1987, Aurora took over the Heritage Village on August 20th and featured the Rotary Club Choir, Theatre Aurora, Woodgate Irish Dancers, Sandra Purdy Dancers and various soloists.

Activities at Heritage Village continued in 1988 and 1989, but as times and people changed in local municipalities and at the CNE, Heritage Village became less and less of a drawing card and the space near the Dufferin Gates was taken over for other uses.

Municipal days at the CNE continued at the band shell as a showcase for local artistic talent, but the concept of a Heritage Village was lost.

At the Aurora Showcase in 1990, two

dance groups, the Young at Heart Steppers and the Star liners were featured.

Also appearing were country singers Gary and Heather Wayne, folk singer Ron Adams and baton twirler Kelly Gohn, Twirl Champion of Canada in 1990.

On the waterfront, another municipal activity was taking place.

It was the Mayors' Sesquicentennial Bathtub Race, and the action was fast and furious, with lots of thrills and spills.

Of the 18 mayors taking place, seven were from York Region including Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth, who finished well out of the money.

For those who participated and the many citizens who attended Aurora Day at Heritage Village, or witnessed the Bathtub Race, it was a grand day at the Ex.



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# Poor Richard

## Vivid memories of days gone by

*Memories come flooding back,  
Triggered by some little thing;  
It could be a song or a story,  
That makes past incidents ring.  
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

It's strange how our memory works, especially as you age.

Some events you want to remember are soon forgotten while little events that happened years before often flash back, triggered by a song or a news item.

The recent obituary of Jim Erskine, OPP Commissioner, was such an occasion.

Several years before as an inspector, in charge of the anti-rackets squad, he cracked the Great Canadian Art Fraud.

His investigations found 91 forgeries of paintings supposedly done by members of the famed Group of Seven.

In order to prove his case it was necessary to track down the original paintings.

One afternoon when I was on duty as Honourary Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at a Queen's Park reception, Inspector Erskine was in attendance.

We were having a chat in one of the rooms when his attention was attracted to a painting on the wall.

It was a Group of Seven original and one that he had previously searched for during his investigations, but couldn't locate.

That triggered another memory of another time I was on duty as an Aide and was instructed to meet the Lieutenant Governor at the front door of the Royal York Hotel for a state dinner.

As I was standing just inside the front door waiting for his car to arrive, a little old lady entered and seeing me in uniform said, "Here, boy, take my bag!"

I took the bag from her, helped her up the steps and quickly handed her over to the first bell-hop I saw and returned to the front door just as the Lieutenant Governor arrived.

The recent feat of Lance Armstrong winning the Tour de France seven times made me remember that back in December, 1999, the Toronto Sun listed Lionel "Big Train" Conacher as 33rd in the Sun's 100 most important sporting personalities and events of the century.

He was a professional athlete at age 20 when he won the Canadian light-heavy boxing championship in 1920.

In 1916 he won the Ontario featherweight wrestling championship.

He also played football with the Toronto Argonauts and in 1921 was selected as the best football player, scoring 15 points in the Argos' 23-0 Grey Cup victory over the Edmonton Eskimos.

Conacher also competed in lacrosse, baseball, track and field and hockey.

In 1950, he was named Athlete of the Half Century.

I was too young in those early days to see Conacher in any of his athletic endeavours, but he was an idol to most young people.

Then in the little hamlet of Trent River on Highway 30 between Havelock and Campbellford, I met him.

He had a large cottage on a high point of land overlooking the river and a little farther up river his brother Charles Conacher and their brother-in-law Harold "Baldy" Cotton, former Toronto Maple Leaf players, had cottages.

I was a regular summer visitor to Trent River since 1924 when I was eight years old as my Grandmother and Uncle Bill lived there.

For my first visit, Mom and Dad put me on the train at Union Station in the care of the conductor.

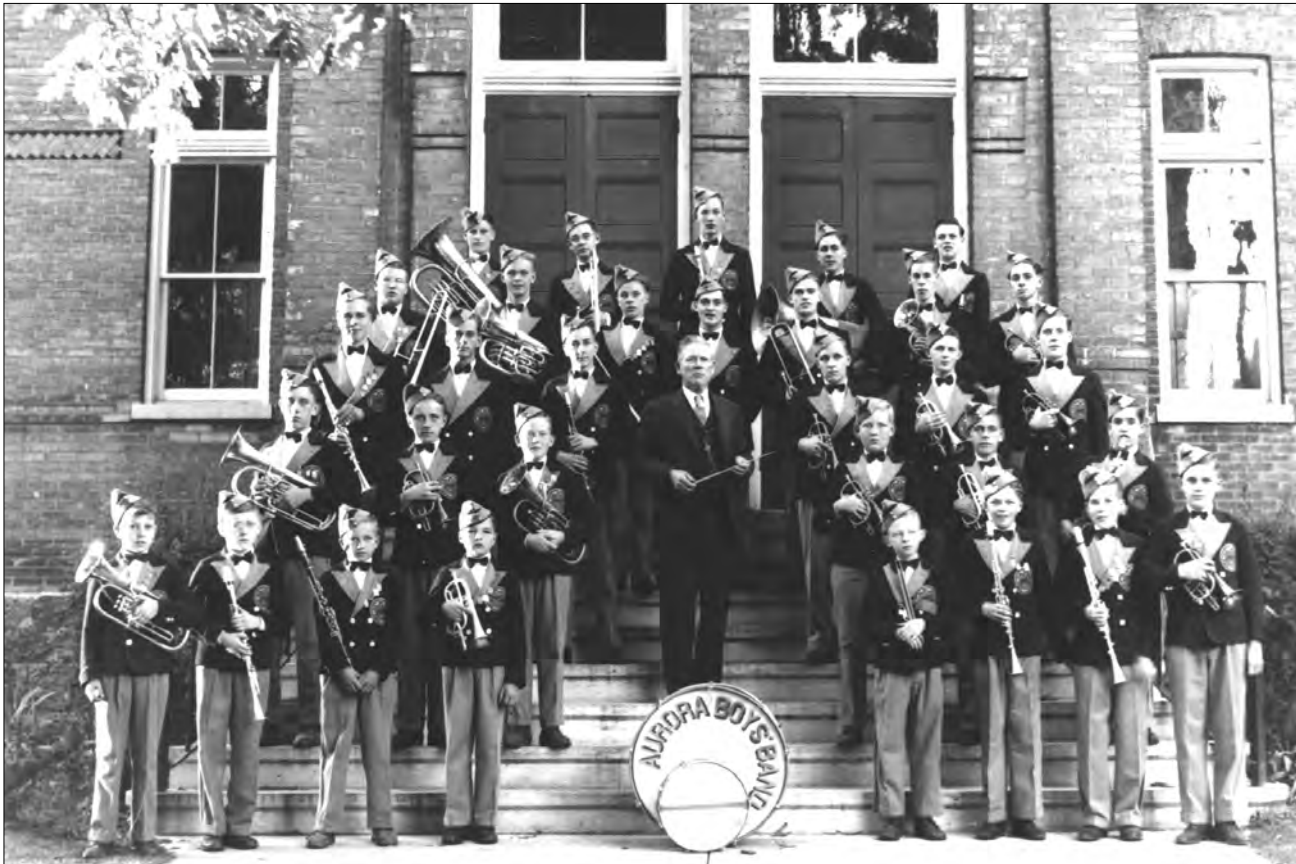
He made sure I got off at Havelock where I was met by Grandma McLaughlin and we walked the three miles to Trent River.

During my teen years, I helped my uncle deliver groceries and ice to the cottages and had the opportunity to meet the Conachers and Harold Cotton on many occasions.

I can still remember the Big Train dressed in his shorts with his big hairy chest exposed for all to see.

He, along with Charlie and Harold and their families, took part in many Trent River events, especially swimming and diving at the government docks.

Memories are wonderful, especially as one starts to age as they are all that's left.



This photograph shows the Aurora Boys' Band, who were second place winners at Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition in 1941. All are identified, but only with initials for first names. Here's how the names read. Front row, left to right, H. Foote, R. Rank, T. Brodie, W. Attridge, J. Ransom, H. Case, J. Willis, H. Milgate; second row, left to right, B. Heise, G. Doolittle, W. Bunn, R. Moore (conductor), G. Lee, S. De La Haye, H. Sutton; third row, left to right, D. Nisbet, T. Johnson, O. Richards, H. Pattenden, W. Ransom, W. Babcock; fourth row, left to right, W. Knowles, W. Thompson, C. Williams, G. Fray, J. McGhee, H. Olliver, W. Williams; top row, left to right, F. Rowe, R. Cook, S. Annan, E. Bilbrough, K. Jones. The photo was brought in by Bill Babcock. Thank you.

### From the Editor

# Truly, it was a "gotcha"

#### From the editor,

I think they call it "a gotcha".

I got "gotchaed" real good last week.

As you may or may not know, the Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at Gabriel's on Yonge Street.

Prior to last Monday's meeting, Rotarian Charlie Flynn called about a "photo-op".

"You need to bring your camera to this meeting," he said. "We're making a presentation."

I've always enjoyed going to Rotary meetings...they don't have a lot of members, but they do have some fun characters and it's always a pleasure to spend a couple of hours

with them.

And they've always been pretty good about notifying me about photo opportunities, so attending this meeting would be no different from the others.

Or, so I thought.

I was sitting there, camera at the ready when Charlie got up to announce the club was presenting a "Paul Harris Fellow" award that night.

The "Paul Harris Fellow" is a high honour indeed.

At the meeting was Gale Brethour, whose husband Ross's untimely death occurred earlier this year.

Aha, I thought, she's getting the award, but then Charlie started talking about a male, and how the winner should wear the pin proudly.

So, then I reasoned as I

scratched her name from the list that she would present the award to someone else.

I was right.

Me.

I was the last person on earth I would have guessed to receive this award which says, in part, "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world".

Who, me?

Apparently, yes, as I accepted the plaque, lapel pin and medal of an award seldom given outside Rotary boundaries.

I had graduated into the world of Dick Illingworth and Tim Jones, two other local non-Rotarians who I know

have received this honour.

I was speechless, a moment that Charlie Flynn and others had trouble accepting.

"Imagine," he said, "a politician and newspaperman with nothing to say".

Truly, a moving moment in my life. Thank you, Aurora Rotary Club.

**Ron Wallace  
Editor**

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### Letter to the Editor

# Rotary holds successful tourney

#### To the editor,

On Monday, August 15th, the Rotary Club of Aurora held its Annual Golf Tournament at Bradford Highlands Golf and Country Club.

We had 40 golfers in attendance and a great day of fun and fellowship was had by all.

In addition to the great time had by all, the Rotary Club of Aurora was successful in raising \$2,007.

These proceeds will be used to support the Aurora community.

This tournament would not have been a success had it not been for the generous support of the Aurora community.

The Rotary Club of Aurora would like to send out a sincere thank you to all the

local businesses who made a donation to our Golf Tournament.

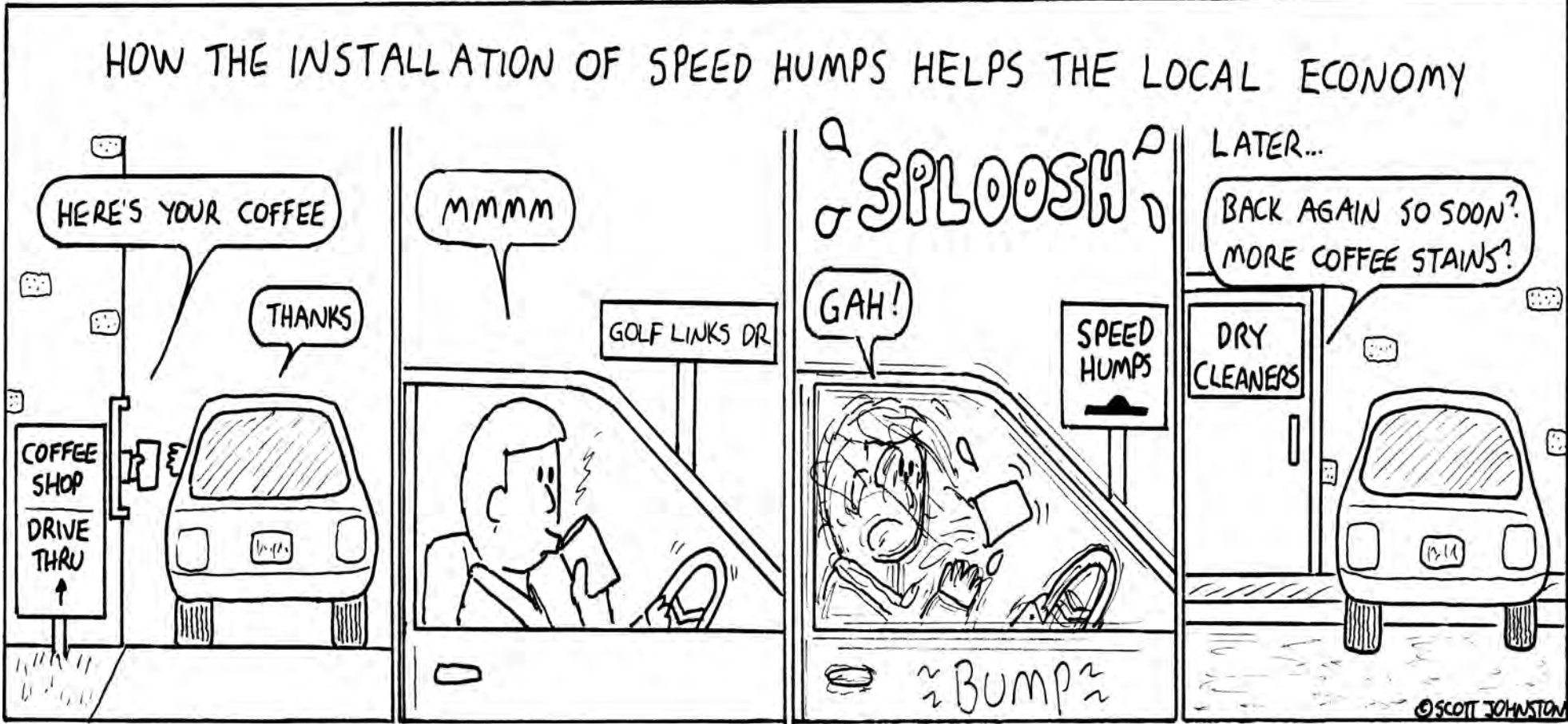
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Once again we would like to thank the above mentioned businesses for their support of the Rotary Club of Aurora's Golf Tournament.

Without your support we could not have raised the \$2,007.

**Golf Committee  
Aurora**



## Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

Recently, I attended the opening of the Region of York's new Waste Management Centre located at 100 Garfield Wright Boulevard in East Gwillimbury.

That's right at the east end of Newmarket.

This Centre was built to handle the Region's three stream waste collection processes which include all of Aurora's recycling, and is comprised of a Blue Box Material Recovery Facility (MRF), a Garbage and Food Waste Transfer Station and an Education Centre.

The Blue Box Material Recovery Facility will employ approximately 40 people.

What is important to note here is that we will no longer be required to sort paper fibre and container materials prior to placement at the curb.

And, we are able to add to our recycling items such as all rigid plastic food and household cleaning product containers, aluminum foil, empty aerosol cans, milk and juice cartons, aseptic packaging including juice boxes and empty paint cans.

The thinking with all the above is that if we make it more convenient to put our recyclables out for collection, we may do more of it.

The Transfer Station will handle more than 150 tonnes of garbage and 100 tonnes of food waste daily to be transferred to facilities as far away as Michigan and Quebec.

And, the Education Centre will be available for school and community groups to see first hand what happens to their garbage, recyclables and food waste once collected.

This project is in partnership with Miller Waste who are involved with a number of municipal waste collections.

Miller is a leader in this area and have worked well with the Region to make this project a reality.

It is hoped with the introduction of this new facility and the improvements with respect to the collection process and content, that York Region will work towards achieving a 50 percent diversion level and we will decrease the amount of waste currently being shipped to Michigan landfill.

Currently, the Region diverts approximately 24 per cent of its waste.

The Waste management facility itself cost \$39 million dollars to construct and in full operation has the ability to divert as much as half of our waste from landfills.

Some facility statistics include:

- \* The Material Recovery Facility, which processes blue box material from York Region residents, is 62,000 square feet in size and will initially process 180 tonnes per day of material, which translates to 45,000 tonnes per year;

- \* This facility has an annual design capacity of 360 tonnes per day, or 90,000 tonnes of material per year;

- \* The Centre also has a waste transfer station which is 32,000 square feet in size. The transfer station will initially process 150 tonnes per day (five tractor trailer loads) of waste which translates to 37,500 tonnes per year. The waste transfer station is designed to process 300 tonnes per day, or 75,000 tonnes per year.

- \* The food waste transfer station will initially process 100 tonnes per day (three tractor trailer loads) of kitchen waste. It is designed to process 200 tonnes per day (six

tractor trailer loads) or 50,000 tonnes per year.

Bottom line, we are all encouraged to recycle all that we can to reduce the land filling that is occurring, all for the betterment of our environment.

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# Think inside the box

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](mailto:tjones@town.aurora.on.ca)



## Cathy's Corner



# Simply healthy

If eating healthy is a simple choice, why is it so complicated?

I grew up counting calories, but then I found out that's not enough - you've got to count fat.

Fat comes in grams, not in pounds the way it looks from behind.

But you can't just count fat, you've got to count carbohydrates, because everybody knows that carbs are evil - they make you fat.

That's why, if you like muscle better than fat, you've got to pump iron and count protein.

It makes sense to set up a spreadsheet, but just when everything got "lite" because everyone started counting fat, people started to get fatter!

Now that people have gotten used to milk you can see through and cream cheese that tastes like spackling, we're finding out that eating fat doesn't make you fat!

Good fat is good for you. It's the French fries that won't fit in your pants.

Eggs have good fat. They're rich in Omega-3, but don't eat them if you feel guilty eating creatures that haven't even been born yet.

Poor, defenseless yolks! Ah, what the heck, they're loaded with the bad cholesterol anyway, and if you like them runny, you might get salmonella.

Just drizzle some olive oil over your spinach salad, and you can eat the chickens after they hatch and start to fight back with state-of-the-art weapons like the flu.

In general, a good rule of thumb is: If it's green, it's good for you - unless it didn't start out being green...like bread, for instance.

But just because green is in vogue, don't go turning vegetarian.

You'll have to eat a lot of peanut butter to get your protein, and then your mouth might get glued shut and you'll starve to death.

Avoiding peanut butter means you have to eat beans and that has consequences, too. You'll have no friends.

And what about fat? How is a vegetarian supposed to get enough fat to stay thin?

You'll have to at least eat fish. Except fish is loaded with PCB's, so if you start to glow in the dark, switch back to veggies.

Whenever possible, buy organic, but keep in mind that

organic veggies won't stay fresh until next month the way the waxed ones do. You've got to eat them right away or they'll die.

And you don't want to eat dead food - it'll kill you!

Today, living food is all the rave. If it doesn't say "ouch" when you bite into it, spit it out! But not in public.

However, even if it says "ouch", it might be genetically modified to say "ouch" just to fool you. You can't eat that. You might grow horns or a tail. Or you might start voting.

The only way to be sure is to grow your food yourself. But that's only if nobody in Aurora sprays their grass.

Since just about everybody does, you need to eat more anti-oxidant foods.

This will help with wrinkles too, so start crunching more carrots. You'll need about 40 extra pounds a day if your next door neighbour's lawn is green.

If you start to turn yellow, you might consider juicing some wheat grass and taking a little extra Vitamin C and E.

But not with a glass of wine.

Vitamin E and alcohol are a toxic combination. Besides, new research suggests that Vitamin E is only good for stretch marks, and you probably don't have any of those on the inside of your stomach.

So, it's okay to rub the Vitamin E on the outside of your belly and put the glass of wine on the inside, but don't have more than two glasses or you'll elevate your triglyceride levels. Your doctor will count them and know, and you'll get a lecture.

And watch out for preservatives. Apparently, they don't really help you last longer.

Oh, and are you sure you're getting enough fibre in your diet?

If not, you've got to eat more fruit. But only on an empty stomach, and definitely not on top of cereal with milk. Fruit and dairy get along about as well as Evelyn Buck and Al Wilson, so be very, very careful.

And don't eat bagels. They'll start to grow around your arms and legs. Remember, you are what you eat - look what happened to Ronald McDonald!


So start counting right away because eating healthy is a simple choice.


I just wish it wasn't so complicated.


Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:  
[laughingmatters@aci.on.ca](mailto:laughingmatters@aci.on.ca)





By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Michelle Currie a part-time worker at Tim Horton's on Wellington Street on receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from the company towards her university education in journalism at Carlton University. The scholarship was based on an essay she wrote and the number of volunteer hours she put in over the school year.


 **BRICKBATS** to Aurora's bylaw enforcement officers for failing to take action on signs of all kinds, that block a motorist's view of approaching traffic, when exiting a side street or a shopping plaza. If they are driving around the town, they must see these infractions, unless they sit in an office and work on a complaint basis.


 **BOUQUETS** to anyone who can explain why more attention is paid to remembering V-E Day than V-J Day, when Canadian Armed Forces fought in both theatres of war. Even then with the passage of years, very few remember.


 **BRICKBATS** to Aurora Council for poor timing in the replacement of the badly-needed sound system for the council chambers. They had all summer to schedule the work but the chamber wasn't available for the August council meeting, which was held in the Holland Room with lack of space for residents and no audio.


 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Stephanie Smith on being named by Athletes Canada to its 38-member track and field team to compete in the under-18 world youth championships. The 15-year-old Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School student was a triple gold medalist at the provincial high school championships.


 **BRICKBATS** to the street painters who painted the white and yellow lines on Golf Links Drive with right turns into Tim Horton's, left turns into the plaza and retirement home. You almost need a road map to navigate, especially at night! Overhead signs might help.


 **BOUQUETS** to the 30 cyclists who participated in the three-day event to raise \$50,000 for those suffering by HIV and AIDS in Africa. They tested their strength and determination with a four-kilometre swim, a 15-kilometre canoe ride and a 140-kilometre bike ride that brought them through Aurora.

 **BRICKBATS** to those at the Ontario government for selecting the same TBWA ad agency and its New York-based partner to help create a new image for the province that was responsible for the controversial \$4 million Toronto Unlimited campaign. How to go wrong with confidence!

 **BRICKBATS** to the federal Liberal government for paying out \$35 million to somebody for not building a bridge to the Toronto Island Airport, when the cost of the bridge was estimated at \$25 million. The government refused to reveal where the \$35 million went.

 **BOUQUETS** to Legionnaire Cliff Davies, Aurora Legion's PRO for starting a column in The Auroran about what's happening at the Legion. Betty Butler, who later became the first female Legion President, started a similar column many years ago and congratulations to Cliff for bringing it back.

 **BRICKBATS** to Prime Minister Paul Martin for using the government jet plane at taxpayers' expense for all his travels, including party fundraisers, on the basis the RCMP requires it for security reasons. Legitimate government business is reasonable, but not politics. The party should pay!

 **BOUQUETS** to Mitch Schachter of Aurora for ranking fifth of 32 tennis players from 25 countries around the world to compete in the Masters division of the Maccabi Games, or the Jewish Olympics held in Israel. At home he plays at the Timberlane Athletic Club.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Is there any hope for Aurora?

To the editor,

Our town's Auroran the Week of August 23 is back and man is the reading heavy with titles such as: "Six Hour Parking" "Goodbye Lollipop" yes, it is a bank sign; "Stronach Sheriff for a Week"; "Legion News", "Breast Cancer Battle" raising funds, and "10 groups benefit from Magna Hoedown" the fantastic annual need to be seen drink feast for good causes.

Then the editorial side from Poor Richard "Council needs to Review..." and I realize that with my friend Poor Richard, Council

needs a lot of help on many fronts.

Then my friend Tom Davey, an award-winning writer continually worried about neighbours and of all things grass "When grass is not always greener".

Good to read that his wife is recovering.

Then the well known hard working Mayor's report and this time all about transportation and not sucking up to anything.

"Cathy's Corner" continues to amuse but rarely understandable as to where she is going and where she ends up under the "Impossible Bumblebee".

Then the famous

"Bouquets and Brickbats" by the now famous and forever lasting Richard Illingworth.

One is never safe under his watchful eye but he is "right on" 30% of the time.

Then the enviable letters to the editor.

They call it interactive media with the public at large.

I am not sure how interactive when opinions fly each and every week but mostly in one direction...south such as "I don't dislike people-just politicians" and many more subjects entertaining the Auroran readers and citizens as we close with "Northern Lights went out on this shopping project" and sports.

The front page with a fraudulent experience of a designated expensive good hearted sheriff as well as the mayor mouthing the songs and pretending to play the guitar.

Is there anything new?

Amazing stuff when one receives the paper of the week that everyone grabs to read.

I am sure that within this great town born out of much history and tradition there

has to be more news and great stories or is this it?

Now, don't get me wrong after many decades living within my town, any small good that happens is okay with me.

However, one dreams and wonders for great and spectacular things or is this too much to ask for our sleepy hollow.

Can we begin to ask our faithful letter to the editor writers to be encouraged and excited about the place they call home?

Is it possible to get Poor Richard back on track and find some hope within our local political system? Can we dream the two parts of council members that split council and this town in half to actually join forces as one unit and be encouraged to act for what is right and real for Aurora?

Is there hope for Aurora?

Absolutely.

We the readers and citizens of this great town are bigger and better than any political figure and any letter to the editor writer.

After all we will exercise our rights...or will we?

Marten A. Mol  
Aurora

## Heritage, not historical, committee complained

To the editor,

It seems as if there still is confusion between the Aurora Historical Society and the Town of Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee.

On the front page of The Auroran for the week of August 15, there was a picture of the historic brick building at the southeast corner of Yonge and Wellington streets which, unfortunately, is being covered with stucco.

Your caption stated that a "stop work" order was put on the project following a complaint from the Historical Society.

This action was taken by the Town of Aurora's building department in consultation with the Town's Community Planner and the Heritage Advisory Committee appointed by Town Council.

It occurred because the owner of this building had not followed the usual consultative process established by the Town for projects of this type.

As a result of the Town's action, at least the upper part of the building, with its decorative entablature, will be preserved.

While the Aurora Historical Society supports this entirely, we are an independent, not-for-profit organization.

The Town of Aurora's Heritage Advisory Committee is a committee appointed by council.

Its mandate is different from ours and acts in an official capacity to make sure that the Town's policies regarding heritage conservation are enforced.

Helen Roberts  
President  
Aurora Historical Society



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Letters to the Editor

# Former AC lawyer responds to letter

To the editor,

Some weeks ago, I wrote that French Canadian participation in World War II was simply not because French Canadians refused to fight for Canada, as Mr. Hanes' (letter, The Auroran, August 23) asserted, but that there were discriminatory policies in effect at the time.

Mr. Hanes has now

responded with a vengeance, challenging the sources of my research.

He states: "I do not always believe what is stated on the internet."

Well, frankly, nor do I.

However, a good place to start is the Government's website on "Canadian Military Heritage".

In Chapter 7, there are several pages which deal

with the issue. They are supported by extensive references.

I found it of interest that Mr. Hanes does not challenge my comments; he seems simply not prepared to accept them.

He refers to them as "wild stories" which are not going to change his mind.

He does seem to recognize that discriminatory practices existed in the

forces, yet argues it was fixed by government policy requiring bilingualism in the 80s. Yet he argues against such remedy.

He then further opines that bilingual Francophones were preferred by governments and Crown corporations over bilingual Anglophones.

He cites Air Canada as an example.

This is an absurd

observation.

The number of Francophone executives in Air Canada has never been overly misrepresented.

When you bear in mind that the head office is in Quebec, one could easily expect a greater number.

In fact, the last Francophone president was Pierre Jeannot and that was several decades ago.

I don't recall any others, either before or after.

hen Mr. Hanes says he knows - "I was there in the 30s and 40s when things were happening" - I am a retired Air Canada lawyer. I didn't need to go to the internet to make that observation.

As a final note, while too, do not like our money misspent, I have no problem when it comes to ensuring our citizens' constitutional rights are met.

Guy L. Poppe  
Aurora

# Suddenly, child's ride to school costs money

To the editor,

I live on Amberhill Way (across from the Aurora Town Hall).

My daughter is entering second year at Aurora High School.

Until last year we had free school bussing, and this year I now have to pay more than \$50 a month for a York Region Transit bus pass as they have stopped school bus service in our area

as it now has YRT paid transportation.

That is more than a \$500 a year tax grab that I, as a single sole supporting mother, can't afford.

I have tried to reach the school board's Aurora trustee as I understand she is one of the ones responsible for this decision but she will not return my calls.

Others in Aurora also outside the '4.8 kilome-

tres from school' rule, that are not in the YRT paid transport footprint get free bussing - is it fair, never mind legal, to arbitrarily decide to make certain people pay and not others?

If I can't afford it my daughter has to walk from one side of Aurora to the other.

They should 'grandfather' those already using the system - you can't just stop providing

something that my taxes have paid for and then charge me more for it!

I need help and no one is listening.

Nanett Moylan  
Aurora

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ms Moylan is looking for other parents who may be faced with the same situation. Send an e-mail to RWall9999@aol.com and it will be forwarded to the letter writer.

# Farmers' Market continues to grow

To the editor,

This year has been the most successful in the four-year history of the Aurora Farmers' Market.

Each week we are getting more and more residents visiting and buying the many great products that the market now offers.

In 2005 the market boasts of many new vendors with great produce, baked goods, meats, salmon and crafts.

We are proud to have Canadian artist Deborah Campo with her creative cards and t-shirts.

The market offers organic baked goods and vegetables, smoked salmon, fresh roses, jams and jellies, eggs, honey, bacon and other meats.

The original vendors - Van Hart Vegetables, Cooper Produce and Hurst Bakery - are still there each Saturday.

New this year is a healthy coffee booth.

Please come out and support the local market and while you are there visit the Aurora seniors' booth to pick up the fresh baked goods that they offer and for the next two weeks please

support the seniors by buying the Magna Hoedown Raffle tickets from them.

Also don't forget to get the best bacon on a bun in Aurora thanks to Gabriel's.

By the way, any non-perishable food donations to the farmers' market will be donated to the Aurora Food Pantry.

Nigel Kean  
Aurora



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Lori Seymour

# This calendar reflects her new backyard

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

There are more than flowers growing in Lori Seymour's garden.

The Aurora woman has turned her backyard into an oasis of hope, remembrance and love, all in honour of her friend, Jan Morris.

It started when Lori and her husband purchased a home that had been abandoned by the builder. The backyard was a blank canvas, and Lori set her sights on turning an eyesore into a beautiful retreat.

Along the way, her friend Jan learned she had breast cancer.

"We both loved gardening, and, when I realized that Jan was dying, I decided to plant a garden just for her," she explained.

Jan died on the first day of summer in 1998 and Lori planted the special garden that day.

The results were amazing.

"That summer, everything was bigger and more beautiful than I could remember and Jan's garden was wonderful," she said. "I think she must have had something to do with that."

Soon, more gardens were designed and planted and Lori was growing everything from hostas and ornamental grasses to painted daisies, coneflowers, heliopsis, and many, many more.

It was then that Lori began to photograph the flowers in the gardens. Eventually, she created a calendar that she gave away to friends.

When demand became too high, she started to sell the calendars and donate the profits to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Fast forward to 2005, when the current edition of the calendar has raised \$24,000 for the worthy charity.

The project has garnered some impressive attention.

Lori and her gardens were featured twice in Canadian Gardening magazine, including a feature in the current September issue.

The calendars are also featured on the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's website.

"The more people who know about it, the more money we can raise," Lori said.

Lori Seymour has turned a backyard dirt pile into an important fundraising tool and a sacred place of honour and remembrance.

She insists she's had help along the way, however.

Her website reads: "With all this beauty surrounding me, I know Jan is working her magic, tending to the gardens while I sleep."

The 2006 calendar will be available in early November at R&R Revisited on Mary Street, or you may pre-order a copy by September 15th by visiting Lori's website, <http://www.uniquegardenpics.ca>.

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Week of August 30, 2005



Even though there was no hockey disruption at the Provincial Junior A level, it was nice to see the Aurora Tigers return to action at the community centre Friday night. In their first exhibition game, they edged the St. Mike's Buzzers 6-5 in front of 200 fans, then left two days later for a five-game exhibition series in Russia.

*Auroran photos by David Falconer*

## Tigers win exhibition 6-5 over the Buzzers

Imagine starting your exhibition hockey season in Aurora and finishing it in Russia.

Such is the case for this year's edition of the Provincial Junior A Aurora Tigers, who won their first exhibition game Friday night in Aurora, then boarded a plane Sunday to play five more exhibitions in Russia.

Friday night, at the Aurora Community Centre, Aurora got an overtime goal from Cale Tanaka to squeak past the St. Michael's Buzzers 6-5.

Aurora was led by Jeric Agosta, who notched a pair of goals and added two assists.

Josh McNair chipped in two assists and Tanaka added one of his own. Also scoring for Aurora were Josh Diamond, Jeremy Whelan and Fraser Smith.

Sunday, the team left for Moscow for the remainder of their exhibition schedule.

Over a period of 11 days the Tigers will play five games starting with the Under 20 Team Russia which will be representing Russia at the Worlds, followed by games against the Klin Titans, Jr. Dmitrov, Dynamo Juniors and the Soviet Junior Wings.

Tigers return home September 9th and begin their hunt for the Royal Bank

Cup with their home opener against the Seguin Bruins Friday, September 16th.

Game time is 7.30 p.m. at ACC 1.

Meanwhile, the Tigers recently signed three veteran defensemen to their line-up.

Paul Bortignon, a 20-year-old, who split last season between the Windsor Spitfires and the Leamington Flyers will add some size, grit and stability to the back end not to mention leadership abilities.

Brandon Roshko, also a 20-year-old, brings mobility, sees the ice well and possesses pin point passing skills.

Tigers are hoping his experience of winning the

Sutherland Cup with the Thorold Blackhawks last year will rub off on the team.

Peter Scivilla, a 19-year-old defenseman comes to the Tigers from the Antigonish Bulldogs of the Maritime Junior Hockey League.

Peter is not only fundamentally sound but also possesses the ability to change the momentum of a game with a bone crushing open ice hit.

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# Town still awaiting intersection report

There was no doubt that parking on Gurnett Street had been a problem for some time due to the lack of off-street parking facilities at the medical building located at the corner of Yonge Street and Kennedy Street East.

In June, 2004, the Aurora Traffic Safety Board recommended a multi-way stop at the intersection of Kennedy Street East and Gurnett Street.

It was also recommended that parking be prohibited on the east side of Gurnett Street from Connaught Avenue to a point 40 metres north of the corner.

This brought objections from residents on Gurnett Street and a request that if the bylaw was enacted it apply Monday to Friday only when the medical centre was open.

It was finally agreed on July 22, 2004, to enact a Monday to Friday bylaw for a six-month trial period causing Councillor Ron Wallace to comment that he had requested a similar six-month trial period for the Kennedy Street West/George Street intersection two years previously and was still waiting for a report.

Later the TSAB recommended parking be prohib-

ited on the west side of Gurnett Street from a point 15 metres south of Kennedy to Cousins Drive and a point 15 metres north of Kennedy to a point 15 metres south of Connaught Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The enacting bylaw was given two readings and the third reading was postponed at the request of Councillor Wallace who pointed out

there was a need of citizen input due to dissatisfaction of some residents.

By November, 2004, there was still a considerable difference of opinion on the parking issue by residents and Wallace was successful in requesting a review.

The multi-way signs are in place at the intersection and the No Parking signs have been posted for more

than a six-month period but there has been no word of a review as stipulated by council in more than a year ago.

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## HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

**U8B- AUGUST 17- STINGER CUP-** Lime 11 (I. Reid 3, J. Battiston 2, C. Cann 5) vs **White- Scott Corbett Royal LePage York Realty** 0; **SEMI FINAL 2- Yellow** 4 vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 2; Red- Priestly Demolition Inc. 2 vs **Royal- Summers & Smith** 1; **U8G- AUGUST 8- STINGER CUP SEMI FINAL- Silver** 4 vs **Purple** 3; **Royal- Laurion & Assoc.** 2 (R. Glynn 2) vs **Red** 1 (M. Maynard 1); **Forest- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd.** 2 (E. Mittlstaedt 2) vs **Teal** 5 (S. Gibson 3, C. Mueller 2); **Sky** 1 (S. Shaefer 1) vs **Kelly** 1 (H. Schiafone 1); **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 1 (S. Anderson 1) vs **White** 1 (N. Mangialardi 1);

**AUGUST 10- Red-** 2 (J. Steiner 1, K. Braunstein 1) vs **Kelly** 0; **Forest- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd.** 1 (N. Crouse 1) vs **Royal- Laurion & Assoc.** 1 (A. Abbaglio 1); **AUGUST 15- Silver** 3 (G. DiPedi 1, J. Smith 2) vs **Royal- Laurion & Assoc.** 4 (R. Glynn 2, E. Thompson 1, A. Abbaglio 1) ; **Red** 5 (J. Steiner 3, K. Braunstein 1, M. Maynard 1) vs **Purple** 0; **Teal** 1 (M. Gans 1) vs **Sky** 1 (A. McNern 1); **Kelly** 1 (M. Lykos 1) vs **White** 1 (E. Reel 1);

**U9B- AUGUST 29- STINGER CUP- Champions Sky- The Packaging Group** 4 vs **Finalists Red- Scotiabank** 0; **U9G- JULY 26- Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 0 vs **Red- Summit Mechanical** 3 (C. Cheung 3); **Kelly** 4 (E. Baghel 2, M. Minchella 1, M. Quadrini 1) vs **Orange** 2 (M. Cugini 2); **Royal** 7 (O. Roberts 2, T. Sziraky 1, E. Pitters-Fisher 2, J. Horner 2) vs **White** 2 (K. Jones 2); **Yellow- Rotary Club of Aurora** 0 vs **Maroon** 2 (C. Carmosino 2); **AUGUST 9- Red- Summit Mechanical** 2 (C. Cheung 1, O. Angeleski 1) vs **Kelly** 2 (S. Foran 1, M. Minchella 1); **Royal** 1 (J. Horner 1) vs **Maroon** 3 (C. Corrosion 1, A. Zoril 1); **Sky** 2 (E. McDiarmid 1, J. Levy 1) vs **Orange** 5 (M. Szwec 1, M. Cugini 2); **Teal** 0 vs **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 6 (T. Lerner 3, J. Denieuwe 1, L. Schilter 1, L. Seminara 1); **Yellow- Rotary Club of Aurora** 4 (G. McCreesh 2, A. Martin 1, E. Bourne 1) vs **White** 2 (C. Kavanagh 1, D. Mikkelson 1); **U10B-AUGUST 9- Sky- The Packaging Group** 6 (T. Braunstein 3, V. Ruscica 2, M. Longhin 1) vs **Teal** 2 (A. McDonald 1, J. Redmond 1); **Yellow** 4 (M. Warner 1, N. Farquharson 1, N. Nisbet 2) vs **Orange** 4 (Z. Kercz 2, C. Mulhern 1, Z. Ferry 1); **Kelly** 2 (K. McIntosh 1, A. Clark 1) vs **Purple** 3 (T. Scougal 3); **Red- Scotiabank** 1 (B. Hankins 1) vs **Forest- CIBC** 3 (R. Dowling 2, P. Steiner 1); **White** 3 (R. Baskin 1, F. DeBuono 2) vs **Royal- Tarcova Precast Ltd.** 1 (W. Brogan 1);

### U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	7	2	4	25
Orange	7	3	3	24
Yellow	5	2	6	21
Red	6	4	3	21
Sky	6	5	2	20
Royal	5	6	2	17
Teal	5	6	2	17
White	5	7	1	16
Purple	4	9	0	12
Kelly	3	9	1	10

**U10G- AUGUST 8- Kelly- Continental Granite** 4 (D. Tonelli 2, M. Baile 1, A. Dodaro 1) vs **Red- Wall Savers Ltd.** 1 (A. Brunet 1); **White- Canadian Riterate Energy Corp.** 4 (E. Nerbas 1, E. Thomson 3) vs **Teal- Omar's Shoes** 4 (S. Osmond 1, K. Kiraly 2); **Sky** 0 vs **Champagne** 5 (M. Denault 1, Young 1, Meza 2); **Royal- CIBC** 2 vs **Forest- Aurora Cable Internet** 2; **AUGUST 17- STINGER CUP- Yellow** 4 (S. Marsden 2, S. J. 1, #13 1);

### U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Champa	11	0	2	35
Yellow	10	2	2	32
Red	8	4	2	26
Kelly	7	3	4	25
Forest	5	6	2	17
Royal	5	7	2	17
White	3	5	6	15
Navy	4	8	1	13
Sky	3	9	2	11
Teal	0	12	1	1

**U11B-AUGUST 12- Forest** 2 (J. Dundas 1, M. Tenuta 1) vs **Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 7 (K. Lukezic 2, E. Ludwig 2, E. Foxwell 1, B. Kirasack 1, V. Duggan 1); **LEAGUE GAME- Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 5 (K. Lukezic 1, B. Kirasack 1, J. Caroso 1, V. Duggan 2, M. Aird Shutout) vs **Forest** 0; **AUGUST 17- Royal** 4 (L. Dredger 2, B. Wilson 2) vs **Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 2 (C. Bamford 1, A. Cackirovski 1); **Teal** 3 (L. Varone 1, T. White 1, L. Niblock 1) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 2 (M. Lacoub 1, D. Lashbrook 1); **AUGUST 22- STINGER CUP- Yellow- Lukezic Inc** 3 (C. Bamford 1, R. St. Germaine 1, B. Kirasack 1) vs **Royal** 1 (C. Riswick 1);

### U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Yellow	8	2	2	26
Royal	6	2	4	22
White	6	4	2	20
Teal	6	6	0	18
Red	2	8	2	8
Forest	2	8	2	8

**U11G - AUGUST 11- Royal** 1 (L. St. Germain 1) vs **White- Auto Camping Ltd.** 1 (S. Tate); **Yellow** 1 (V. Ourmis 1) vs **Kelly** 1 (R. Knetsch 1); **Sky** 0 vs **Teal** 4 (J. McNamee 1, N. Grande 1, E. Herschorn 1, E. Manassis 1); **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 0 vs **Forest- Bayer** 3 (B. Cardelli 1, F. Lamanna 1, J. Costa 1); **AUGUST 24- Royal** 3 (G. MacIlraith 1, S. Baczynski 1, E. Wood 1) vs **Yellow** 0; **Sky** 1 (L. Rennie 1) vs **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 3 (M. Masci 1, S. Byron 1, S. Klein 1); **White- Auto Camping Ltd.** 1 (R. Funston-Clark 1) vs **Forest- Bayer** 1 (J. Costa 1); **Teal** 1 (C. Kyle 1) vs **Kelly** 3 (R. Knatch 2, S. Kuncan 1);

### U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	9	3	2	29
Red	9	4	1	28
Forest	8	4	2	26
White	7	2	5	26
Royal	5	6	3	18
Teal	5	8	1	16
Sky	3	9	2	11
Yellow	1	11	2	5

**U12B- JULY 25- Forest** 8 (S. Nagindas 2, S. Dinning 2, C. Boyce 2, C. Annear 1, S. Watson 1) vs **White- F. R. Custom Metal** 1 (B. Rumball 1); **Yellow** 8 vs **Royal** 1; **Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 6 (T. Brewer 2, K. Karamchi 2, J. Figueiredo 1, J. Peters 1) vs **Teal** 2 (L. Battiston 1, R. Vela 1); **AUGUST 8- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 4 (T. Breweer 2, K. Karamchi 2) vs **Royal** 0; **Forest** 7 (D. Skelton 2, C. Boyce 1, L. Ratchev 2) vs **Teal** 0; **Yellow** 10 (D. Kovacs 5, C. Freitas 2, R. McFarlene 1, A. Jalaidis 1, B. Thompson 1) vs **White- F.R. Custom Metal** 4 (R. Rumball 2, D. McConnell 1, A. Keresz 1); **AUGUST 15- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 8 (K.Karamchi 2, J. Peters 4, J. Lennie 1, J. Figueiredo 1) vs **Yellow** 5 (R. McFarlane 1, C. Freitas 2, B. T Joe a long 1, L. Weber 1); **Forest** 2 (D. Skelton 1, S. Dinning 1) vs **Royal** 1 (J. Deleo 1); **AUGUST 17- STINGER CUP- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 5 (T. Brewer 2, K. Karamchi 3) vs **Forest** 2 (S. Nigindas 1, S. Watson 1);

### U12B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	12	2	0	36
Forest	12	2	0	36
Yellow	7	7	0	21
Royal	6	8	0	18
Teal	4	9	1	13
White	0	13	1	1

**U12G-AUGUST 11- White- BMPS** 0 vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 2 (J. DiCosmo 1, B. Cackirovski 1); **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 1 (J. Bever 1) vs **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 2 (K. Matheson 1, N. martineau 1); **Royal- Magna International** 5 (A. Morisani 3, A. green 2) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (M. Hulbert 1); **AUGUST 16- STINGER CUP FINALS- Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 4 (N. Martineau 3, J. Nerling 1) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone**

**Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 0; **AUGUST 18- Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 0 vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 2 (V. Marshall 1. K. MacEachern 1) ; **White- BMPS** 1 (M. Nisbet 1) vs **Royal- Magna International** 4 (A. Morisani 2, L. McBride 2); **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 2 (N. Martineau 2) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 4 (A. Rulli 2, M. Hulbert 1);

### U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	8	2	4	28
Sky	7	1	6	27
Yellow	5	4	4	19
White	5	8	1	16
Kelly	3	6	4	13
Royal	3	10	1	10

**U13B- AUGUST 9- Yellow- Barb Blaser Remax** 4 (P. Che 2, P. DeLuca 1, D. Eveleigh 1) vs **White- Dial Tone Communications Inc.** 9 (J. Davis 2, C. Flynn 1, I. Gasic 4, M. Lamanna 1, C. Webster 1); **Forest- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (M. Orschel 1) vs **Royal- Wall Savers Ltd.** 5 (T. Sikura 1, A. Osmond 1, R. Bagshaw 1, J. Seto 1, M. Tuck 1); **AUGUST 11- Forest- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (J. Chappell 1) vs **WSSC** 8 (J. McKendrick 2, A. Park 2, W. Copp 1, J. DeSouza 1, E. Gilmore 1, M. Smith 1); **AUGUST 18- WSSC** 2 (J. McKendrick 2) vs **White- Dial Tone Communications Inc.** 4 (A. Colacitti 1, J. Davis 1, S. VanDisk 1, M. Zawada 1); **AUGUST 23- Royal- Wall Savers Ltd.** 2 (T. Coll 1, J. Steo 1) vs **White- Dial Tone Communications** 5 (S. Bridges 1, J. Davis 1, C. Flynn 1, C. Wessler 1, B. White 1);

### U13B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	10	3	2	32
White	9	5	1	28
WSSC	7	7	2	23
Yellow	5	7	3	18
Forest	2	11	2	9

**U13G- AUGUST 9- Teal- Aegis Engineering** 1 (O. Chappel 1) vs **Royal- Strategic Technologies Consulting** 6 (C. Zuber 1, K. Evelyn 1, A. Coulter 4); **White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (S. Saccone 1, D. Beddard 1) vs **Red- SSL Group** 2 (J. Camisuli 1); **Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd.** 2 (K. Panetta 1, C. Martens 1) vs **Yellow** 0; **AUGUST 16- White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 1 (J. Semkowich 1) vs **Forest- Nantucket Woodworking Ltd.** 2 (P. Sides 1, S. Dilena 1); **Yellow** 1 (M. Todd 1) vs **Royal- Strategic Technologies Consulting** 1 (A. Coulter 1); **Red- SSL Group** 2 (N. Richmond 1, J. Cammisuli 1) vs **Teal- Aegis Engineering** 2 (S. Juffs 1, T. Christopoulos 1); **AUGUST 22-STINGER CUP FINAL- Yellow** 3 vs **White- Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2;

### U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Yellow	8	1	4	28
Royal	7	2	4	25
Forest	5	5	3	18
White	3	5	5	14
Teal	2	5	6	12
Red	1	8	4	7

### U14/U15B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Teal	7	0	2	23
Royal	5	2	3	18
Red	4	4	2	14
Forest	4	5	1	13
Yellow	1	5	4	7
White	1	6	2	5

**U14G- AUGUST 17- Forest- Pizza Pizza** 3 (R. Ettinger 2, S. Polsinelli 1) vs **White- Pizza Pizza** 6 (N. Bailey 2, S. Pozzebon 2, K. Burke 1, J. Matheson 1); **Teal- Pizza Pizza** 5 (J. Williams 3, A. Kerr 1, D. Emery 1) vs **Red- Pizza Pizza** 0; **Royal- Pizza Pizza** 1 vs **Yellow- Pizza Pizza** 7 (E. Hayzelden 1, E. Bongard 1, K. Perry 1, L. Pitts 2, K. Uetz 1, T. Zona 1);

### U14 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Teal	8	4	0	24

Red	6	3	3	21
Yellow	6	4	2	20
White	6	5	1	19
Royal	5	6	1	16
Forest	1	10	1	4

**U15/19G M/W- AUGUST 8- STINGER CUP- Teal** 3 (M. Druzina 1, A. DeCastro 1, N. Muelggler 1) vs **Yellow** 1 (G. Letourneau 1); **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 3 (K. Herbinson 1,J. Callaghan 1, A. Fata 1) vs **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 2 (D. Digiacomma 1, K. SDequin 1); **AUGUST 10- Teal** 2 (S. D'Aguilar 1, K. Hamm 1) vs **Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 2 (A. Durant 1, A. Paul 1); **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 1 (M. Coll 1) vs **Red- Quality Intergrators Corp.** 0; **Yellow** 3 ( A. Digiambattista 2, A. McConachie 1) vs **Forest- Forever Young Hair Studio** 2 (K. Sequin 2); **AUGUST 15- STINGER CUP FINAL- Teal** 2 (S. D'Aguilar 2) vs **White- Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 0;

### U15/U19G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	8	2	2	26
White	8	2	2	26
Teal	5	3	4	19
Yellow	5	6	1	16
Forest	3	8	1	10
Red	2	10	0	6

**COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS - U16 Boys** - Congratulations to our **U16 Boys Rep Team** coached by Anthony Vadori for winning the **Ottawa Royals Invitational Tournament**. The **Stingers** won 2 - 0 in the semi-finals against the home team **Ottawa Royals** and finished strong with a 9-0 win against **Niagara Falls** clinching the championship. **MVP was A. Hintz**.

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Aurora has several medical halls with doctors' offices and other medical facilities scattered all over town, but back in the late 1880s there was just one, located on Yonge Street just south of Wellington.

Martha Machell sold the property to Henry J. Hartman for \$1,000 on November 25, 1885. Born in 1853, he received his training as a pharmacist in Toronto.

He graduated in 1876 and began practice in Newmarket the same year. In 1876 he came to Aurora to work for D. W. Doan and in 1885 he built his own drug store.

He was a descendent of one of the early Quaker families that settled in the Aurora area.

His grandfather, John Hartman, came to Canada from Pennsylvania in 1809 to settle in Whitchurch Township.

His son, Joseph, was reeve of Whitchurch before Aurora was incorporated as a village. He was also Warden of York County for six terms (1853-59) and a Member of Parliament.

The intersection of Bayview Avenue and

Wellington Street East is known as Hartman Corners.

Joseph's son was Henry, the pharmacist. He started to build his own drug store in 1885 but before the building was finished, his health failed and he sold the property to Dr. J. R. Rutherford.

The imposing structure was the only three-storey building in the area and became a landmark because it could be seen from such a distance. It became known as Aurora's skyscraper.

Charles Willis managed the drug store for Dr. Rutherford. As Willis was not a qualified pharmacist, the doctor came in at the end of the day to fill the prescriptions.

The Willis family eventually took over the business and ran it for three generations.

At the turn of the century, Dr. Ford Butler, a dentist, had his offices on the second floor where Dr. Rex Sedore practiced for many years.

The Orange Lodge occupied the third floor in the early days, and later by the Aurora Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Today, the building is for

sale again.

Facing west on Yonge Street, the building is attached to smaller 19th century buildings on both sides.

The two upper floors are symmetrical in design and divided by four long shallow brick columns that run from the top of the first storey to the cornice and emphasize the height of the building.

A large, three-sided bay window is located in the centre of the second floor, flanked on either side by a single window. There are four windows on the third floor.

The most striking feature of the building is its heavy brick cornice along the roofline. It projects over the rest of the building.

The building is still a dominant feature of Aurora's downtown and has one of the most intricately detailed facades to be found along the street.

# "Museum" painted around old pumper

Aurora residents are familiar with the town's first motorized fire truck, a 1926 International, acquired in 1927, as it is seen at many community events, including the July First and Santa Claus Parades.

It served firefighters and citizens for many years before it was replaced by more modern equipment.

Firefighters lost track of the old truck until it was found rusting away in a farmer's field. It was rescued by Aurora's volunteers and brought back to town in May, 1971.

With tender loving care volunteers refurbished the ancient pumper and

brought it back to working order. While no longer used to fight fires the truck was used extensively for community events.

However, it had no place to call home.

When the Edward Street station was expanded to provide additional bays, including an ambulance bay, there was a small space left over that appeared to be an ideal home for the International.

It didn't seem right that the historic vehicle should be housed in a small room with blank walls, so after many bull sessions among firefighters an idea emerged.

Why not have a mural painted on the blank back wall of the bay depicting the original firehall at Mosley and Yonge Streets, constructed in 1875, where the pumper had been housed in its earlier days, they mused.

Art students at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School jumped at the chance to work on the wall under the direction of art teachers Lynne Majid and Andrew McClure, son of Aurora

artist Dorothy Clark McClure.

The mural is 17 by 20 feet and is based on an old photograph of the building which was demolished in 1956.

In its heyday, the building also served as the Town Hall, library, farmers' market, police office, jail and at times a classroom.

The mural was part of the fire department's contribution to the 200 Years Yonge celebrations.

It created the right atmosphere for the display of other artifacts which could be displayed in the area for a mini-museum of the history of the Aurora Fire Department.

The official unveiling of the mural took place in June, 1996, and is available for viewing by the public on Open House Days during Fire Prevention Week or other occasions or by special arrangements with the fire staff.

A visit to the mini-museum to see the mural, the 1926 pumper and the artifacts will provide a picture of Aurora as it used to be.

## Ball tourney set for Aurora

The Aurora Major Mosquito Jays will play host to this year's edition on the Ontario Baseball Association playdowns. Activity will take place on the Leisure Complex diamonds over the Labour Day weekend, September 3 to 5.

On the Sunday, the Toronto Blue Jays organization will be on hand with their Blue Jays on the Road show, which includes games and prizes.

Teams participating include Guelph, Bolton, Whitby, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, and London.

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## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

# Aurora girl wins energy award

It was back in June, 1985, when Annette Green of Aurora received the Suncor Energy Award from the Honourable Andree Champagne, Minister of State for Youth, during the closing ceremonies of Senergy '85: the Suncor Youth Symposium on the Power of Light.

She was the winner of the York Regional Science Fair held earlier in the year and by doing so joined 60 other award winners from across Canada arranged by The Youth Science Foundation.

The all-expense paid trip to the symposium in Ottawa allowed the winners to search for new applications for lasers, assisted by scientists and engineers from government, academia and business.

The symposium marked the 25th anniversary of the laser.

### HOME TOWN TEAM FINALLY WINS

In April, 1983, the Aurora Sinclair Stevens Tories major rep hockey team made hockey history.

By defeating Markham 4-3 in the finals in the Annual Aurora Minor Hockey Atom Tournament, they became the first Aurora squad to win a home town hockey tournament.

Aurora had hosted the annual atom and bantam events since 1970 when an Aurora team was championship finalists in the bantam tournament and consolation finalists in 1982.

The Stevens Tories lost only two games all season in tournaments, playoffs and regular season games.

The victory gave the team their fourth tournament crown having previously won events in Unionville, Newmarket and Brussels.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO SPELLING BEES?

At one time spelling bees were popular in Aurora schools and with Aurora organizations.

Students were given a word to spell and if they got it right they remained standing, but if they misspelled it they were eliminated.

The spelling bee carried on until only the winner was left.

The Aurora Knights of Columbus was one of the town organizations to sponsor an annual spelling bee for Aurora students.

In March, 1976, three Aurora youths were winners in the local contest and went on to compete in the Barrie finals.

They were Denise Haak of George Street Public School for winning first prize and \$20, Bobby Rusk of Regency Acres Public School in second place and \$10 and third with a \$5 prize was Becky Bridel of St. Joseph Separate School.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING A NO-NO

It's hard to believe that when affordable housing was difficult to find in York Region, there was a major division between York Region and the area municipalities, including

Aurora, over an affordable housing policy.

In a June, 1993, report the region pointed out that 80 per cent of the region's homes were detached, far more than most areas and that the region's housing needs were changing with more varied types of families and the existing housing stock didn't cater to the changing need.

It was also pointed out that there were few affordable homes for workers resulting in businesses being reluctant to locate in the municipality if most of the employees had to commute.

While local politicians admitted affordable housing was needed, they objected to higher levels of government dictating their housing policies.

They argued that the provincial policy demanding at least 25 per cent of affordable housing in every new subdivision was overbearing and unrealistic.

It never happened and 12 years later the people are still searching for affordable housing and commuting farther and farther to their place of employment.

### BRINGING BACK MEMORIES

Just recently an obituary appeared in the national press about the death of Frank Moores, former Premier of Newfoundland, which brought back memories.

In April, 1972, he visited St. Andrew's College in Aurora as the Reviewing Officer of the Cadet Corps at the 68th annual inspection ceremonies.

St. Andrew's was no stranger to Mr. Moores as he was a student there and a Cadet Captain in the Cadet Corps.

He was accompanied on the inspection by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Robin Wilkie.

### BERCZY STREET MARKET

In July, 1982, Jack Bentley and Stuart Barfitt opened the Berczy Street Market which provided bargain hunters with good old-fashioned prices from eggs to antiques.

It was managed by Svend Nielsen, an Aurora greenhouse operator.

Located in a former Sisman Shoe building, currently a tile store, the market was open every weekend and an auction was scheduled once a month.

The old building, used to produce shoes until about 1970, was in good structural condition, but required extensive interior renovations.

When complete, the market combined a country market charm and old-fashioned prices.

Vendors sold a variety of goods from clothing, produce, plants, dried goods, pottery and antiques.

The market brought some excitement to shopping, but it didn't last long.

Today, the Aurora Farmers' Market, in the Temperance Street parking lot, comes close to the former Berczy market.

It operates every Saturday morning until Thanksgiving.

# Art classes resume in September

Senior citizens interested in learning new skills and creating works of art are invited to join the Fall Art Classes with Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure and the opportunity to exhibit paintings in the 12th Annual Art Show and Sale in May next year.

Classes start September 13 at 9.30 a.m. and continue until noon every Tuesday until November 15 at the Seniors' Centre, either at 52 Victoria Street or its new location south of the Town Hall.

All levels of artists are welcome.

As the class size is limited, it is suggested interested parties register early by calling Seniors' Coordinator Diana Dawson at 905-727-2816.

The course is sponsored by the town's Leisure Services Department and has

been taught by McClure since 1991 with many of the students returning year after year.

"It's never too late to learn," she said. "You can experience the magic of painting and the gift of creating."

Art lovers attending the Magna Hoedown on

September 17th will have an opportunity to see one of McClure's paintings which she donated to the Seniors' Centre.

It will be auctioned at the Hoedown with proceeds going to the Seniors' Building Fund.

The painting is "Moonlight, Vogler's

Cove, Nova Scotia" and is an acrylic on paper.

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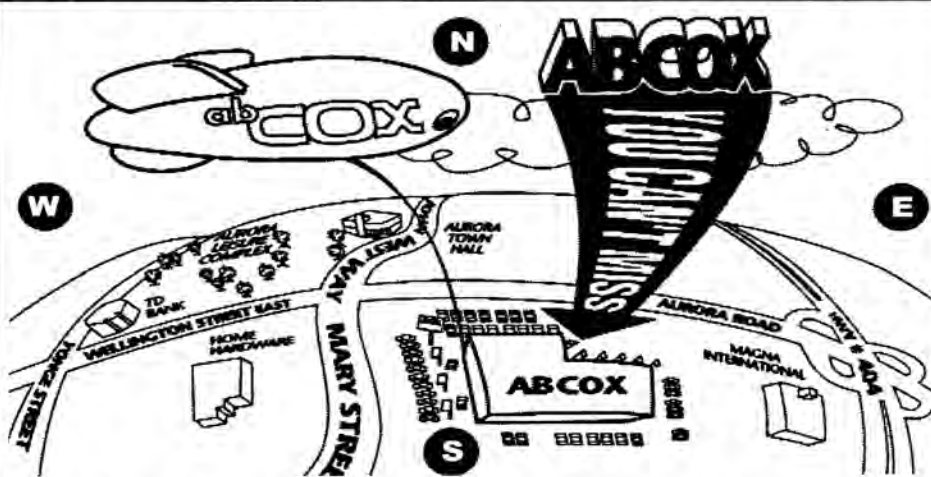
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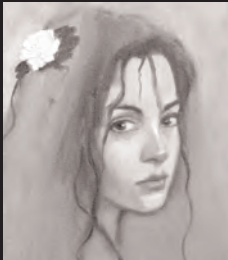
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