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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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Aurora Farmers' Market will be held every Saturday morning at the Temperance Street parking lot until Thanksgiving. Free space is available for non-profit groups. Contact Nigel Kean at 905-751-0790.

Until September 30, water restrictions are in effect in Aurora. Watering is permitted from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. for even numbered addresses on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days. For further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 4240.

Aurora Community Garden has plots available to grow fruits and vegetables on Allaura Boulevard. For more information call York Region Food Network at 905-967-0372.

Weekly lunches will be held from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Norma Jean Legge Room of the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Call 905-726-4767 for more information.

"Martha's Table" offers comfort food and a sense of community at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Available are hot soup, sandwiches, and dessert in the hall. Church-sponsored initiative runs every Thursday.

Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets on the second Tuesday of every second month, at 7 p.m., at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6773 or info@aurorafair.ca, or visit www.aurorafair.ca.

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.

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.

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

Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church with a variety of speakers. There is also a selection of interest groups. Contact Beverley 905-727-2151.

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

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. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening. For more information, call 905-726-8600.

JUNE 7

Civic Appreciation Awards in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Aurora Public Library in partnership with Aurora Cable Internet presents Q & A, the 10th and last in a series of free computer workshops in the Magna Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register at the Adult Information Desk 905-727-9493 option 4.

JUNE 8-11

Annual Aurora Fair and Horse Show takes place at Machell Park, featuring midway rides, games, horse shows, performing dogs, arts, photography, stage shows, entertainment, free pony rides, exhibits, the Aurora Idol and Fair Ambassador competitions, food, and craft vendors. Fair opens Thursday night, runs Friday night, day and night Saturday and all day Sunday.

JUNE 9

Grand Prix Horse Show, at Machell Park from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring some of Canada's best horses and riders. Public is invited to walk the course at 5.45 p.m. Event is followed by a reception.

JUNE 10

Merlin's Hollow open to the public today, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gardens are located at 181 Centre Crescent in the Centre Street/Industrial Parkway North area of Aurora.

Aurora Seniors' Association presents "A Summer Cabaret" starring Cara Chisholm and Brian Roman at the Seniors' Centre at 7 p.m.

Students needing community service volunteer hours to graduate from high school are encouraged to participate in Parks Spring Clean-Up Days at the Aurora Community Centre today and on June 11 at the Leisure Complex from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 905-726-4760.

Christ Evangelical Church, 7 Lacey Court, will hold a garage and bake sale from 8 a.m. to noon. A fun fair will occur between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. with a all-day barbecue. Call 905-727-3311 for more information.

JUNE 11

Dick Illingworth turns 90 today. An afternoon with Dick is planned at DiNardo's beginning at 2 p.m. Presentations at 4 p.m. Advance tickets at \$25 are now available at R & R Revisited.

Guided walk through the trails of the Aurora Community Arboretum, beginning at 1 p.m. Tours begin at the gazebo near the Leisure Centre. Register in advance at tour@auroraarboretum.ca or call 905-713-0499 for further information.

JUNE 12

Aurora Public Library in partnership with York Regional Police presents Frauds, a free presentation for seniors, families and caregivers in the Lebovic Room of the Library from 1 to 3 p.m. with Constable Kim Majik. Pre-register by calling 905-

727-9493, option 4.

JUNE 13

Women's Centre of York Region will hold its 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Stouffville. Contact the Centre at 905-727-5837 to book your round.

JUNE 14

A free breakfast seminar will be held in the Magna Room of the Aurora Library from 8 to 10 a.m. regarding a Business Improvement Area for Aurora's downtown. Guest speaker is John Kiru, Executive Director of the Toronto Association of Business Improvements. RSVP to Cindy Janzen at 905-726-4740 by June 9.

JUNE 15

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five at Sormeh Beauty Spa, Wellington Street East from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

JUNE 16

Deadline for applications for the Aurora Arts and Culture Fund. Application forms are available from the Town Hall.

JUNE 19

The Environmental Advisory Committee sponsors a workshop on organic lawn care from 7 to 9 p.m. in the West-McKenzie Room of the Seniors' Centre. Pre-register by calling 905-727-8214.

JUNE 21

Aurora Public Library in conjunction with the Seniors' Centre presents the Seniors' Matinee Movie "Bewitched" starring Nicole Kidman from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Lebovic Room of the Library. Admission is free. Pre-register at the Library's Adult Information Desk at 905-727-9493, option 4 or the Seniors' Centre at 905-727-2816.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Merlin's Hollow garden at 181 Centre Street will be open to benefit Hillary House. Admission is \$5 per person. David and Deirdre Tomlinson will be on hand to answer questions about gardening.

JUNE 22

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2006 Golf Tournament at the Westview Golf Club in Aurora. Westview can accommodate 200 golfers. Additional information and application in the March newsletter and spaces will be assigned as forms are received.

JUNE 23-24

It's "Musical Mayhem", a hilarious musical review at the Factory Theatre with curtain on Friday at 7.30 p.m. and shows on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and \$10 for seniors. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

JUNE 23-25

The 2006 Polo Charity Series to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be held

at the Gormley Polo Centre on Leslie Street just south of the Bloomington Sideroad. For information call 905-477-8000 ext. 242

JUNE 24

Aurora Legion Strawberry Supper. 6 p.m. \$8 per person.

A Great Curbside Giveaway begins at 7 a.m. Take unwanted items to the curb and post a sign they are free.

JUNE 26

Yard Waste Collection Day. Yard waste in brown Kraft bags or open rigid reusable waste containers will be collected if left at the curb by 7 a.m. to ensure pick up. For further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447. Also July 24 and August 28.

JUNE 28

Aurora Horticultural Society presents a lecture on "Where Have All The Flowers Gone?" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. 8 p.m.

JUNE 30

Deadline for the sale of only 150 subscriptions at \$30 for three movies on September 11, October 6 and November 6 hosted by the Aurora Film Circuit with all movies shown at the Odeon Cineplex in Aurora. Applications available at the Aurora Library.

JULY 1

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AUGUST 12

Doors Open Aurora provides an opportunity to visit various buildings and businesses in Aurora including the Railway Station, Baldwin's Mill, Hillary House, St. Andrew's College, Trinity Anglican Church and The Auroran. For more information call 905-726-4762.

SEPTEMBER 9

Aurora Historical Society Candlelight Tour of Homes.

SEPTEMBER 22

Theatre Aurora opens its 49th season with the comedy "Educating Rita" at the Factory Theatre. Other productions in the fall/winter line up include "Crazy for You", Dr. Cook's Garden" and "Blythe Spirit".

OCTOBER 20

Celebrate Business Excellence in Aurora hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

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More than \$1,400 was raised in the recent Joe Bowen Bottle Drive for the fight against Leukemia. Some of the participants in the successful event were, left to right, Kitty Hunter, Felix DeCata and Jon Steiner. The event sought to raise more than \$200,000 in front of Ontario's 441 beer stores.
Auroran photo by David Falconer

MPP Klees questions whereabouts of racing bill

Aurora's Frank Klees, MPP for the Oak Ridges riding, called on the provincial government this week to take immediate action to shut down deadly street races.

Klees was reacting to the deaths of Oak Ridges residents Rob and Lisa Manchester, who were killed when their car was hit by a fast-moving vehicle on Yonge Street, near the Stouffville Sideroad.

The couple had been out celebrating an anniversary.

Klees wanted to know why the current government had not followed through on legislation introduced in May, 2003, which provided specific measures to address the street racing issue.

Bill 20 would empower police officers to impound the vehicles and suspect the licences of drivers suspected of engaging in street races; would prohibit nitrous oxide fuel systems connected to any vehicle driven on a public road, and provide for fines up to \$1,000 and six-month jail terms, he said.

"There is no justification for the government's failure to get this legislation passed," Klees said. "They had time to ban pit

bulls, junk food and smoking, but chose to ignore this issue."

Police believe the car that hit the Manchester vehicle was travelling in excess of 140 kilometres an hour.



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Aurora is selected for CHAP program

Aurora has been selected as one of 20 Ontario municipalities across Ontario to implement the Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program or CHAP and CHATS has been selected to lead the program here.

High blood pressure is a serious problem in Canada as it affects about 22 per cent of Canadian adults and is a modifiable risk factor for heart disease, stroke and kidney disease.

CHAP is an innovative program designed to promote cardiovascular health awareness, including blood pressure monitoring amongst seniors.

It is a community-based health promotion and prevention activity for seniors with the care provided by family physicians, pharmacists and involves public health representatives, volunteers, the local media and community organizations.

Inviting patients to have their blood pressure measured in a familiar community setting with assistance from a trained volunteer can overcome barriers to effective monitoring and control of blood pressure.

CHAP will run from September 18 to November

27 in Aurora.

The program is available free of charge to all seniors in the community and offers opportunities for enhanced multiple blood pressure monitoring and health promotion activities around cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Sessions are run in local pharmacies and Aurora's 11 pharmacies are signed on.

CHATS is currently recruiting the 60 volunteers

required.

Clinics will begin September 18 and run for 10 weeks and each pharmacy will offer one clinic per week from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday to Friday.

CHATS will host a kick-off event on Friday, September 8 with the mayor and town council invited.

For more information call Hillary Richardson, CHAP Local coordinator at 905-713-3373, extension 7004.



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Harper's halo may be slipping

Is Stephen Harper real or a phony
In his role as our Prime Minister?
His actions raise many questions,
And his answers could be cynical!
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Prime Minister Stephen Harper finished his first 100 days in office on a high as just about everything fell into place as planned and his ratings started to climb in the public opinion polls.

He bragged about the progress his fledgling minority government had made in pushing ahead with the five priorities he promised during the election campaign, tax cuts, getting tough on crime, child-care rebates, a government ethics package and tackling health-care wait times.

The honeymoon is now over and the public is waiting to find out about his second 100 days and what they can anticipate in the future as to where he plans to take the country and what kind of a leader he really is.

Based on his first 100 days in office, he has to be considered a success and deserves credit for acting with speed on his top priorities.

On that score he was Mr. Decisive compared with Martin's image as Mr. Dithers.

The start of his second 100 days has been quite different as he has run into several roadblocks and his direction on some issues is a concern to many progressive Canadians.

These include his dismantling of the gun registry to his dislike of the Kyoto Accord on climate change, his snubbing of Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, his ongoing battle with the national media to his hurried debate on extending Canada's mission in Afghanistan to 2009.

In his haste to get things done, like a bull in a china shop, he has sacrificed reason for haste with little consideration for the long-range circumstances, like decentralizing Canada to make it more Americanized.

He stole a page from President George Bush and the U.S. military by banning media coverage of fallen soldiers returning to Canada and not lowering Parliament's flag to half staff.

His style of leadership has displayed many examples of being a bully with an attitude of "My Way or the Highway" not only to the opposition, but to his own Cabinet Ministers and backbenchers.

Facing a precarious Commons vote on the future of Canada's mission in Afghanistan, he angrily pre-empted the result by announcing in advance that he would unilaterally extend the troops' mandate for a year with or without Parliament's support and threatened a general election.

One of his worst displays was when he acted like a petulant, spoiled little brat who when he didn't get his own way grabbed his marbles and went home.

His hand-picked federal watchdog, Gwyn Morgan, a Tory stalwart and party bagman, was declared unsuitable by a Commons committee to head the body that would supervise the appointment or patronage process.

This resulted in Harper throwing out the baby with the bathwater by cancelling a key part of his own clean-up government promise, claiming he would put reform on hold until he had a majority government and force it through Parliament.

Then there was another public controversy with the parliamentary press gallery, when he cancelled a press conference because the journalists would not accept the PMO's insistence on selecting who could ask the questions.

While many Canadians may not be interested in his power struggle with the press, they are being deprived of what's really happening in Ottawa as the communications team shields the Prime Minister and issues from the media.

When Harper does deem to speak to the reporters he talks down to them from a perch on the stairway, which highlights his obsessiveness with control.

This extends to his Cabinet Ministers and caucus members who are forced to scuttle out of meetings by the back door to avoid the press.

With his actions during the start of his second 100 days of a minority government his true nature and hidden agenda are coming to light, and provide an image of what it would be like with a majority government. Heaven forbid!



Any idea where this is?

This garden is located somewhere in Aurora. If you know where it is, call us after noon Friday, June 9, and specifically tell us the location. In testing this picture, we heard from many who believe it's part of the Town Hall complex. It isn't. And here's another clue. It's on private property. Several people saw this garden last week, and we know who they are, so they can't win. We have a non-alcoholic dinner for two at Jonathan's Fine Dining for the winner.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Letters to the Editor

Money decision obvious: reader

To the editor,

The following are my thoughts as to how the \$35,239,000 (\$34,000,000 + \$739,000), that the Town of Aurora received for the sale of its hydro utility, should be used.

I have read the document prepared by CivicSolutions+ Inc. that is offering some suggestions as to how to spend the money.

I have also read the Capital Asset Management / Reserve and Reserve Fund Report of March 21, 2006, prepared by our town's financial department.

It is a rare opportunity to have such a large sum of money made available to a town and many of the suggested uses would certainly be exciting to realize.

I'm sure various citizen groups can find numerous worthy causes for the money.

However, I think the need and decision are obvious, not easy, but quite clear.

Whereas:

1. If all of the items identified in the Asset Management Report are deemed to be necessary, then proper management will require an additional \$10,800,000 each year in perpetuity.

2. To ignore this report is not a fiscally responsible option.

3. According to the graph on the last page of the Asset Management Report, if the hydro money is not used towards this management, then the town will need to increase taxes or borrow money now, in 2006.

4. Aurora already has \$16,000,000 in debt for the new Recreation Complex and hopefully will not choose to further our debt financing unless absolutely necessary.

5. A one per cent proper-

ty tax increase would bring in an extra \$200,000 in a year.

6. If hydro money is not used towards capital asset management and money is not borrowed, then taxes will need to increase \$10,800,000/\$200,000 = 54 per cent in one year, starting now, with the increase being only for asset management, and taxes will need to stay at that higher level.

7. According to the graph in the report, if the hydro money is used towards capital asset management, then borrowing or a tax increase will not be needed until 2009. If this option was chosen, hopefully, some asset management planning could begin now.

I recommend using the majority of the profits, say \$32,239,000 (almost 3 x \$10.8 million), from the sale of our hydro utility for the repair and replacement of infrastructure to prevent its deterioration as outlined in the Asset Management Report.

Inaction towards the need to set money aside could lead to things figuratively and literally falling down around us.

The remaining \$3,000,000 could be spent on some worthy community project(s) that would enhance the quality of life in Aurora.

In addition, I would hope that by having \$32,239,000 sitting in a reserve fund to be used for asset management that, given it is not all to be used/spent right away, it could still be invested and earn some interest until it is needed for repairs.

There are certainly some tough decisions to be made in the future. Let's make the right ones now.

I appreciate the opportu-

nity for giving input, but the decision seems obvious.

Bob McRoberts
Aurora

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To the editor,

For those of us who read (and I do mean read) The Auroran, we are all very aware of how valuable an "asset" we have in Dick Illingworth.

His keeping us abreast of the goings on in Aurora Council is invaluable

Every so often, however, he comes up with a very special and informative article like in the week of May 30 issue of The Auroran.

His detail of the financial situation of the Town of Aurora is down right scary, if I understand the full meaning of his comments.

But, Dick, can you put some of this information in layman's language? For example, what specifically does "to meet the capital required for the asset management program" mean?

How about a full article on the status of the town's finances, in layman's language, of course?

As a senior on a fixed income, I certainly do agree with your stand on the \$400 per property owner for Dan Carriere's cancer centre project.

Keep it up, Dick

Bob Graham
Aurora



Energy, NIMBY and NOPE

With the recent heat wave, Ontario's energy policy has come into public consciousness once again.

Most polls show Ontarians view energy through the prism of price, reliability and environmental sustainability.

Depending upon the state of the economy, these three items may change in order, but in poll after poll, they always finish in the top three.

According to various published reports, Ontario will need to refurbish, rebuild or replace 25,000 megawatts of generating capacity over the next 20 years.

That represents more than 80 per cent of Ontario's current capacity of about 30,500 megawatts.

The estimate is that this will require an investment anywhere from 25 to 40 billion dollars, depending on what generation resources we choose to build, and when.

Ontario is facing critical decisions regarding the appropriate energy supply mix and also how best to procure new generation.

Inextricably intertwined with these decisions is a need for power that is both affordable and environmentally friendly.

Ontario's future economic wellbeing is tied directly to the future condition of Ontario's electrical supply.

The route that we choose regarding supply will have very serious, material, long-term, cost, productivity and industrial strategic implications for the province.

All this sounds very well and good, but what does that mean here in Aurora?

Will we have the right quantity and mix of reliable power at a reasonable price?

On the supply side of the equation, the biggest issue is the discrepancy between the new generation projects that are announced and the number of these projects that actually get built.

There are a number of projects in Ontario that have been announced, but for various reasons, have not been proceeding.

That brings me to NIMBY - which stands for "Not In My Back Yard" - and as we have seen, we are not immune to this in our own neighborhood.

Witness the 300 MW natural gas fired peaking plant that Northland Power was going to build in Newmarket or the proposed enlargement of the tower and transmission line in Aurora.

I won't speak to the specifics of the transmission line today (I will, though, next week), but the overriding issue is that we do, in fact, need new sources of power in York Region to maintain our standard of living and way of life.

What about conservation? Yes, it certainly has its place, and an important one at that, but people will not really begin to conserve energy until the true cost of production is reflected in the price to consumers.

Renewables are an important piece of the supply puzzle, but only a piece.

Wind, for example, cannot by itself supply base load power and while revered by some, is reviled by others.

This brings me to another acronym - NOPE - "Not On Planet Earth".

For some it does not matter what type of generation technology is employed; they will always be against it, be it nuclear, wind, tidal, coal, natural gas, hydro, biomass, bio-gas, geothermal, solar.

What both NIMBY and NOPE reveal is the critical issue of balancing larger community interests vs. local interests - that is the provincial government mandate of ensuring that the lights stay on vs. local government's right to say no to a particular power project.

It is a delicate balancing act.

Like the health care question, it is very tough to sort out fact from fiction in the energy debate.

All the spin doctors, communication consultants and public relations flacks are being lined up by the various competing stakeholder groups to get their message out as the provincial government considers its supply options.

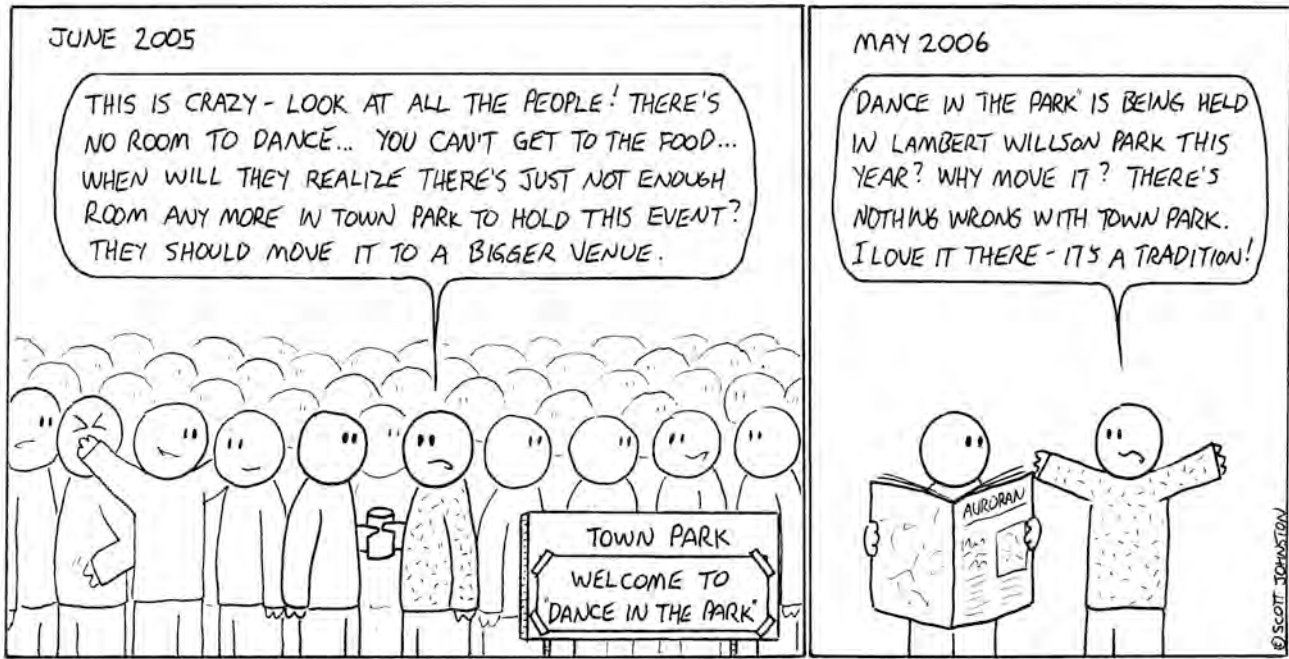
Provincial energy minister Dwight Duncan is set to release the Liberal government response to the supply report that was issued last December by the Ontario Power Authority.

As part of this exercise, the government will undoubtedly unveil its plans for nuclear generation. Although the Liberals enjoy a majority at Queen's Park, it is hoped that a full and vigorous debate on the issue takes place before any action is taken.

I do know one thing: God help us if there is a major power blackout this summer.

Stephen can be contacted at:
stephengsomerville@yahoo.com

Machell's Corners



Letter to the Editor

Golf tournament raises 17 grand

To the editor,

A couple of months ago when Ron Wallace and I sat down over a pop to discuss how to raise money to help fund the renovations of the Aurora Heritage Centre we had no idea as to what to do.

We decided that everyone liked to golf and win prizes.

Then we asked the historical society what they thought about a golf tournament.

When they agreed it would be a good idea we started the planning.

With a committee made up of Sharon Nisbet, Mike Nisbet, Margaret Brevik, Ron and myself we decided

to move ahead and have the tournament.

The date was perfect, May 29th, the course was perfect, Westview, and the dinner would be perfect at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway. What else do we need? Prizes and golfers. No Problem!

We all contacted friends and businesses in Aurora and knew that we were going to be successful.

We had a great cause to work with and anyone who cared about the preservation of Aurora's history was on board.

I would like to thank all the generous and caring residents and businesses who helped make this a great day.

Thank you to Frank Klees, Ron Wallace, Vic Priestly, Belinda Stronach, Westview Golf Course, Home Hardware (Aurora), Bruce Spragg, Backyard Pool and Spa, Joe Lebovic, King Henry Arms Pub, Baldwins, Jonathans, Hillary House, Shoppers Drug Mart, Bank of Montreal, Timberlane, Sean Herbinson, Ellis Studios, Aqua Spa, Hurst Bakery, Miller Construction, PowerStream, Revolutions-St. Andrew Plaza, Cloke Kirby and Smiffys-The Halloween Company.

The tournament was great at Westview and the dinner at DiNardos was amazing as always.

Overall we raised about

\$17,000 towards the renovation fund.

Although we need about a million dollars to complete this project, the tournament was a great start thanks to the generosity of the Aurora residents and businesses.

Thank you to all those who helped in so many ways.

Let's keep the ball rolling and keep Aurora's history in front of future generations.

Next year will be even greater with your help.

**Nigel Kean
Aurora**

ED.NOTE: Nigel is too humble. True, he had help, but he did all the work.



Cathy's Corner

You know you live in Aurora when...

- You dial a wrong number and still manage to reach someone you know. You have a good laugh about it and catch up on what's been happening since you last called each other...on purpose.
- You walk into a shop, see something you like, and the shopkeeper says: "Take it home and try it out. If you like it, come back and pay me." So you do.
- You go to a party and run into most of the people who did the renovations on your house.
- You have the flu, so your neighbour with the snow blower clears your driveway.
- During a blizzard, you tell your son to go out and clear the driveway and an hour later, it still hasn't been done because he's up the street...helping everyone else.
- You find fresh tomatoes, cucumbers and giant zucchinis on your doorstep all summer long.
- You're up on a tall ladder sanding, caulking and repainting your windows and one of your neighbours walks over and brings you his electric sander, his caulking gun, and a gizmo that prevents your paint from dripping.
- The tall ladder that you're on belongs to the neighbour across the street.
- You send your child next door to borrow a cup of milk and he comes back with a litre. You send him for an egg, and he comes back with a dozen. You send him for a cup of sugar and he comes back with a kilo. Finally, you get fed up and send the cake you made next door.
- You run into your banker at the grocery store, your doctor at a fundraiser, and your pharmacist at a wedding.
- You can't go to a bar without running into the kids you coached 10 years ago.
- You can't go to Newmarket without feeling guilty.
- You get excited about Cineplex Odeon coming to town because...well, you don't have to go to Newmarket anymore.
- You ask for a mall and they give you...Wal-mart. You

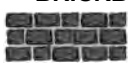
decide to start voting.

- You're up on a scaffold stripping old paint and one of your neighbours walks over and tells you that you're doing it all wrong. He makes a special trip and comes back with a heat gun, stripping tools, industrial strength paint stripper, instructions...and a dozen farm fresh eggs.
- You tell people you've been stripping all week and they say: "Yeah, I saw you."
- One of your son's soccer coaches was the goalie for your husband's team last season.
- Your Over 35 soccer team-mates agree to let your 18-year-old son practice with them. They say he's pretty good and ask you where he got his talent.
- You write a column about your son turning 18 and somebody clips it and mails a copy to the girl who used to babysit him when he was three. She lives in Wales.
- Your daughter looks at the guy who is fixing your garage door and tells you she slept over at his house last weekend. As a responsible parent you ask a few questions and discover he is her friend's father. Your daughter is 7, you live in a small town...what did you expect?
- You know that the Aurora Legion is the "happening" place on Friday afternoons. Best roast beef in Aurora! The beer's not bad, either.
- You care so much who gets elected that you go out and vote. You can't understand why other people don't.
- You care so damned much, you consider running. Eventually, you run, you get elected, and you wonder what the hell you were smoking that week.
- You think "dysfunctional" is normal.
- You read this column and you know exactly what I mean when I say: "You know you LIVE in Aurora when ..."

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:
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By DICK ILLINGWORTH

 **BOUQUETS** to the Upper Canada Chordsmen of Aurora and Newmarket for their \$10,000 donation to the speech therapy program at Southlake Regional Health Centre, bringing their contribution to more than \$23,000. They Sing so others can Speak.

 **BRICKBATS** to the vandals responsible for the damage to the Case Woodlot on Henderson Drive, by tearing up the trails and cutting trees to make jumps for bike riding.

 **BRICKBATS** to the vandals who torched the Habitat for Humanity playhouse, Sponge Bob SquarePants located by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce office, which was to be raffled off at the Street Festival. Without the quick action of a York Regional Police Officer, the fire could have spread to the Chamber office.

 **BOUQUETS** to the members of the Oak Ridges Trail Association for carrying out their annual clean-up of the Case Woodlot on Henderson Drive, as the woodlot is one of the nicest bush walks in Aurora.

 **BRICKBATS** to the federal Immigration Department for deporting a 87-year old sick and blind man to his native Egypt, where he will be persecuted by Muslims for being Coptic. He has five children and grandchildren in Toronto and has been in Canada since 2000. What about all the criminals who were ordered deported but are still in Canada?

 **BOUQUETS** to Omar's Shoes and Rockport Shoes for teaming up on a promotion for Rockport Machine Washable Shoes last month and donating a washing machine to the Yellow Brick House.

 **BRICKBATS** to members of Aurora Council for rehashing the same arguments at council when the TV cameras are rolling as they did at general committee regarding the sale of 2.44 acres of town-owned lands to York Regional Police for a new building. The committee approved the sale and without new information they should accept their defeat.

 **BOUQUETS** to Greg Foster and family, operators of Aurora's M & M Meats, for their participation in many community events and raising funds for various non-profit groups. They recently joined up with other M & M operators to hold a National Charity Barbeque Day to raise funds for the Crohns and Colitis Foundation and raised more than \$3,100.

 **BRICKBATS** to the Ontario Ministry of Health for rushing into Bill 102, the Transparent Drug System for Patients Act without fully discussing the implications with the pharmacy industry. Many pharmacists claim if the Bill is enacted, some will have to close down or reduce services.

 **BOUQUETS** to the 220 students from the primary division of Devins Drive Public School for developing a new "Devins Dragon" logo for the school. It's quite a dragon.

 **BRICKBATS** to the more than 2,000 motorists who continue to speed, drive while impaired, fail to use seatbelts, and disregard traffic lights and stop signs as York Regional Police issued 2,013 tickets during Canada Road Safety Week.

 **BOUQUETS** to the group of Cardinal Carter Catholic High School students who drafted a bill to protect young workers which received second reading at Queen's Park. Statistics show an average of 42 young Ontario workers are injured, made ill or killed on the job every day. (See Page 15).

Letters to the Editor

Reader seeks “middle ground”

To the editor,

Just as I suspected, Mr. Dickie's latest outrage as regards bicycle paths and ramps was more of the same biased argument.

He has neglected to try and see the other side of things, and painted any alteration to green spaces with the same wide brush.

I am swayed a bit by his polemic and rhetoric, but not too much.

And Mr. Dickie should also read more carefully, as I did not use the word quaint, as it designates a bourgeoisie sensibility that I don't adhere to.

I can't stand that word, just as I can't stand one-sided arguments.

The woodlot is protected and managed. Overall, this is a good thing. But it is also not only a good thing. Morality should not have to be legislated.

Unfortunately, when it comes to green areas, it does, proving the adage that common sense is not common enough. But what of the middle ground?

If the woodlot has been damaged, why not find out why, and search for a viable solution, instead of ringing the alarm bells Mr. Dickie is

so fond of sounding?

We are not talking about an arsonist, a spray painter, or an accoster here. We are talking about some kids trying to make some bike ramps!

The bike ramps at the other end of Aurora were built and then bulldozed last year, and now are built again.

This speaks to the failure of 'band aid' solutions. I went to these trails and interviewed some of the builders of these trails.

In fairness to Mr. Dickie, they did concede that they didn't wholeheartedly agree with the way the builders of the South Case Woodlot did their job, and they preferred to stay away from those ramps. As for their ramps, they were adamant that they did not cut down or break any tree, only using fallen branches and trees that were there. Did they dig and pile a bit? Yes! Of course!

And they have a good thing going.

I asked them what it would be like if the current spot was flagged off, and no more trails were created.

They agreed that this would not only be fine,

but a good idea. So with a little open mindedness and understanding, middle 'paths' can be reached.

I would be more than willing to ask the Parks Dept. and Ministry of Environment to 'do the same' and lighten up. In fact I will be doing just that.

Mr. Dickie states that, 'cutting trees and stripping ground cover by digging holes causes unnecessary erosion which damages the bush to a great extent.'

Mr. Dickie has an almost spell binding talent for stating the obvious. But, unless he is a Luddite, I would like to welcome him to the current century.

Do I hear himself righteously proclaiming that his generation has peacefully cohabitated with the land? He talks about me 'kidding,' but I ask, "who is kidding whom?"

I was born in the day, Mr. Dickie, but it was not yesterday. Do you see all the houses around you? The strip plazas? The entire infrastructure? The clean and waste water systems. The lights? The one thousand and one other things I could name. How about the

automobiles?

This land was here, alone, long, long, before Mr. Dickie and his by-law enforcers. It was here eons before the Parks Dept. and the Ministry of Environment both! Mr. Dickie, are you prepared to give the land back to the Red Indian? Until then, your self-righteousness, if ultimately examined, in all its trains of thought, does not become you, someone who obviously does care what goes on.

Pictures do not tell a whole story either. Dour black and white pictures of a tree stub especially.

I could go take '55' pictures like you did, only mine would be in colour, vibrantly hued I might say, and of the youth riding through paths such as can be found here.

In any event, I will concede that such trails are at times made too far and wide, and without the proper care.

But I propose a solution, a proverbial middle way.

I propose that the Town get together with the youth and that a proposal is made to design and create a trail/ramps area that would satisfy both the bikers and anti-rampers such as Mr. Dickie.

It could be of a moderate size, sectioned off, and maintained. If the town can allow all these houses to be built, it can surely find a way to manage a few bike ramps.

Established neighbourhood reference “vague”, reader says

To the editor,

I have just read through both the “Revised panels” and the “Running list of draft action” from the town's Strategic Plan open house on May 31st.

I noticed that there were a couple of vague references regarding infill homes, but nothing specific about identifying “established” neighbourhoods for the purpose of protecting them with the same vigilance as identified Heritage neighbourhoods have received.

I do appreciate that there are steps that have been taken, and I do realize that “Rome wasn't built in a day”, but is this enough?

To me, it doesn't sound terribly specific.

It was pointed out to me a couple of months ago that in order to make effective changes regarding important issues with the town and its future plans, changes must be put in black and white in the form of the “official plan”.

I'm concerned that if we miss the boat this time this 'monster home' issue will be delegated to a back burner until the next official plan is written.

By then it may be too late to stop the desecration of established neighbourhoods in general, and my street in particular, since our lot sizes are very desirable for builders to continue what

has already been started.

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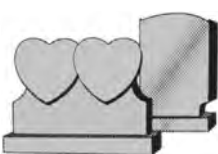
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Letters to the Editor

Decision neither fair nor professional

To the editor,

At last week's Planning Meeting an application was presented which comprised three commercial units at ground floor and 15 one and two-bedroom apartments in a five storey building. The site is sandwiched between Craddock Park and the commercial centre where Hurst Bakery is located. To the north and east it is buffered by green belt. To the west is Yonge Street and commercial development. The proponent started

working with the planning department in January to determine how to accomplish his objective in accordance with Aurora's policies and principles. A planner, an architect and the owner were involved in the preparation of the plans and the design of the building. The planning fee was paid in the amount of several thousand dollars. The site was posted. Time was expended and the work proceeded. No calls were received by the planning department

from concerned neighbours. No requirement to provide factual answers to questions not asked. No concerns were expressed by commenting agencies. The building concept, combining commercial and residential components is in accordance with town policies. The provincial concept for intensification in urban core was accommodated. To the north and east, the building is buffered by Craddock Park. To the south, as mentioned is commercial and to the west is Yonge Street and commercial.

Four people at the meeting came from Valhalla Court. One from Spruce Street. They said it was flood land. It isn't. They said there was no buffering. There is. They said there are parking problems. Not due to a non-existing building. They said it was an eyesore. No design was presented. They said there is traffic on Yonge St. That's the purpose of Yonge Street. They said there was no accommodation for snow storage. There always is. Originally, five councillors and the mayor were present at the Planning Meeting. Councillor John West left after the second presentation. Five members were present. Councillor Nigel Kean moved and it was seconded and three members of council voted to send the application back for a second public hearing. June's Public Planning agenda is full and the next such meeting will be on the eve of an election. The next available opportunity for this application will be January. That will be 12 months from the time of the initial contact with the Town of Aurora to process about as simple and minor an application on Yonge Street as can be imagined. Not by any stretch of the

imagination can this action be considered either fair or professional. Not by any stretch of the imagination can this action be considered an efficient use of planning resources provided at considerable expense by the taxpayers of Aurora. Not by any stretch of the imagination can this process be regarded as conducive to the goal of providing efficient fiscal management in the best interests of the people who live and pay taxes in this community. No member of Aurora Council can take any professional pride or satisfaction in what was done in the name of this community at last week's Public Planning meeting. Evelyn Buck Aurora

Peel incinerator policy doesn't help recycling

To the editor,

Recently, I attended a public information session on the Durham/York residual waste study. In my comments I indicated that I "somewhat agree" with building a "thermal facility" (incineration) to process waste left over after recycling and composting. I was not totally

comfortable. My discomfort had a lot to do with the fact that the recommended incineration options were not explained to the session participants, such as the mechanics, the pros and cons, etc. Also, the presenters raced through the presentation and deferred all but a few questions to the subsequent question period. Since then, I found out about the aspect of incineration that is an issue in Peel Region: the private operators of the incinerator were given written undertakings that they would be paid penalties if Peel Region did not deliver at least a certain tonnage of waste to them. That flies in the face of what I view as the prime objective in the waste disposal issue: to reduce waste to the greatest degree possible; to reduce the creation of waste, and to increase the re-use and recycling of what waste has not been reduced at source. So that is a considerable downside of incineration, this need to supply at least so much waste to the incinerator on an ongoing basis. I may have the wrong feeling about this incineration issue, but it is not for want to be informed. I don't like surprises after the fact. Maybe it would be a good idea to have an educational session for the public and for Aurora Councillors on this issue, with all the pros and cons on the table. That was my suggestion in the written comments I made after attending the information session on May 9. I still think that is a necessary ingredient if you ever wanted to make solid decisions, and wanted to have the public onside when it comes to actually building an incinerator in our back yard. Klaus Wehrenberg Aurora

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Garbage containers prove we use them

To the editor,

What a difference a garbage container makes! Litter is something that really bothers me, and the lack of garbage containers on Yonge Street in our Town of Aurora is also upsetting to me. In fact, I have been in contact with Mayor Tim Jones on several occasions about this problem and have also written the editor of The Auroran in the past. I am very pleased to now see containers at a few bus stops and especially the Viva stop at Yonge and Dunning where the litter build-up was disgraceful. Out of frustration I had even resorted to placing a large cardboard box at the bus stop and personally emptying it a few times before the plastic container appeared. The reduction in the amount of litter is remarkable. Remember the saying, "if you build it, they will come". Well, this situation proves "if you provide a container, people WILL use it". I know the plastic containers are just a temporary solution until a more permanent solution can be arranged, but a big thank you to the person/department responsible. Let's keep Aurora tidy.

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Customer rep at PowerStream a quick study

To the editor,

Re: Hydro Payment

Normally, I would have had three bills to pay on July 10th. I only received one. I called PowerStream to ask about the other two. Customer service rep said, "I'm a Markham girl - I don't know how to access the Aurora system." I told her that she had better find out, because she would probably get many calls that day. She must have learned quickly because she came back with my

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Performers in the upcoming "Musical Mayhem", scheduled for Aurora's Factory Theatre, are (seated left to right) Ruth Yateman, Adam Miceli, Sarah Parkin and from left to right in the back row, Aurora's Alex Crowther, Kaitlyn Killoran, Karine White and Kyle Merrithew and the "nerd couple" in the middle at the right are John Michael Scapin and Stephanie Wilson. The hilarious musical review opens Friday, June 23, with a performance at 7.30 p.m. then continues Saturday with two shows, at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and \$10 for seniors. For tickets, call 905-727-3669.

This year, you'll vote for a four-year term

Aurora voters go to the polls November 13 to elect a council to provide governance of the municipality for the first of a four-year term of office, so it's important that voters exercise their franchise.

Voting in municipal elections in the past has been dismal with the normal turnout about 33 per cent or one out of every three potential voters.

Voter apathy at municipal elections is not a new phenomenon.

In 1970 then Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough said, "democracy needs to be lived by every citizen so as to create the moral and spiritual atmosphere in which governments must operate".

He pointed out that elected representatives have to be assisted, inspired and sometimes prodded by public opinion if they are to provide the environment and conditions which citizens desire as a lifestyle.

Prior to the 1982 municipal election, the first for a three-year term, Municipal Affairs Minister Claude Bennett authorized an expenditure of \$800,000 to fight

voter apathy due the government's concern about low voter turnout, but the campaign had little effect.

In the 2003 municipal election in Aurora voter turnout was 32 per cent compared with an average municipal voter turnout of 34.8 per cent across the region.

This was the first election in which Touch Screen Voting was used in Aurora.

To prepare for the election, council might consider establishing a task force to examine the issue similar to one in Newmarket.

Composition of the proposed task force would be up to council and it is suggested they consider the appointment of three or four former or current municipal politicians and six or eight interested citizens with terms of reference to be determined.

If any action is to be taken, it should be done before the summer recess so the task force can get to work with a report in September.

Meanwhile, the candidate list for those running for council continues to slowly grow.

Latest entry is realtor Eric McCartney.

He joins Bob McRoberts, Aime Martin, Grace Marsh, Steve Grainger, Alan Dean, Glyn Jones and Stan Rycombel, in the war for the eight available seats.

Meanwhile, incumbent councillor Nigel Kean will battle Mayor Tim Jones for the office of mayor.

There has been no word of the intentions of other incumbent councillors, although Councillor Ron Wallace has stated he would not seek re-election.



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Opening September 29 and continuing on selected evenings until October 14 is the Willy Russell comedy "Educating Rita".

The musical in the subscription series is "Crazy for You" with book by Ken Ludwig and music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin

including Someone to Watch Over Me, Embraceable You, I Got Rhythm, Naughty Baby and They Can't Take That Away From Me.

It opens November 24 and continues on selected evenings until December 9.

Starting the New Year is the mystery thriller "Dr. Cook's Garden" by Ira Levin, opening February 16 and continuing until March 3.

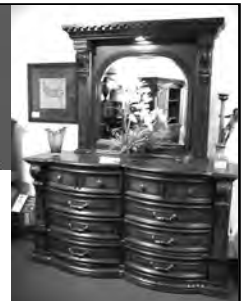
The subscription season ends with Noel Coward's comedy "Blithe Spirit" opening May 25 continuing until June 9.

This is Noel Coward at his sparkling best as he tells about a novelist who invites an eccentric medium to his home to learn the language of the occult.

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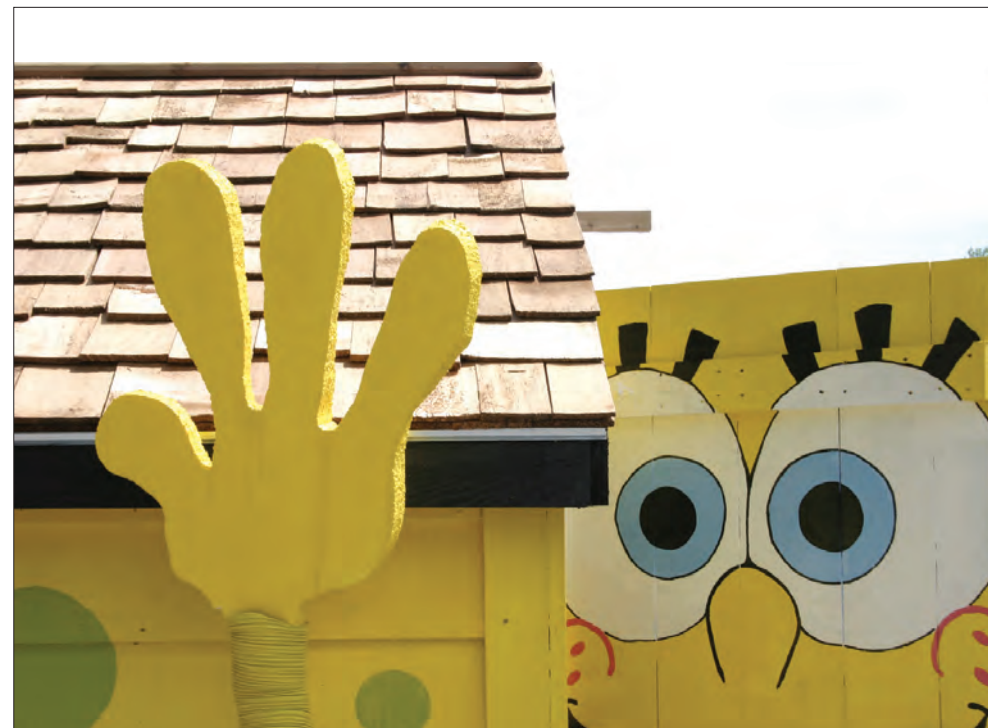
Everywhere you looked, it was wall-to-wall people



John Firman and MP Belinda Stronach enjoy one of the seven playhouses that will be raffled off to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.



Stilt walkers, which have become regulars in the street festival, gingerly made their way through the crowds.



Sponge Bob's playhouse, destroyed by fire a couple of weeks ago, was rebuilt just in time to go on display with six others as part of a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

With crowds estimated at somewhere between 40,000 and 50,000, the 11th annual World's Longest Street Festival on the World's Longest Street is being hailed today as the "best ever".

Perfect weather drew thousands of people to the six-hour event, and festival chairman Sean Herbinson called the afternoon "awesome".

"I'm totally delighted with the way everything worked out," he said. "I use a face test where I watch people's faces...and everyone was smiling."

The Aurora Optimist Club weren't as fortunate as their planned street dance the night before finally had to be cancelled when a persistent day-long rainfall just wouldn't go away.

Their planned entertainment - the Thursday Night Jam - insisted on playing anyway, so they moved the show indoors to Charley FitzWhiskey's, where a party lasted throughout the evening.

Not all who bought tickets in advance, however, showed up, and the Optimists said anyone still holding a ticket will have it honoured next year when they try again.

Meanwhile, the rain finally gave up Saturday night and Sunday's weather couldn't have been better. The sun shone most of the day and the heat was not unbearable.

Herbinson paid tribute to the "block captains", those in charge of getting the vendors to their proper locations.

"They, and the staff at the Chamber of Commerce, are the ones who do all the work," he said.

Monday morning, it was learned that a playhouse constructed by Aurora Cable Internet won the "people's choice" award,

even though workers were still building it after the street festival began.

It was one of seven playhouses that will be raffled off as a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

Another amazing feat was the return of Sponge Bob's playhouse. It had been destroyed in a fire set by vandals a couple of weeks ago, but was rebuilt in time to enter the festival Sunday.

The playhouse had been on display beside the Aurora Chamber of Commerce building when it was torched.



MP Belinda Stronach doesn't think she'll get a vote from this friend.



The photo on Page 1 came from the top of Central York Fire Services' new platform truck, which extends up 100 feet. Our photographer, David Falconer, took the ride to the top, and with knees knocking, came up with the Page 1 shot.



Aurora's Klaus Wehrenberg was on hand Sunday to entertain the crowds.



Overseen by a stilt-walker, these Liberals, MPP Greg Sorbara, Aurora's Ben Kestein, and MP Belinda Stronach, took a moment out from their hectic schedules to pose for pictures. Politicians, including Aurora's Frank Klees, had booths in the six-hour event.



Famous Toronto Sun columnist and host of 740 Radio's The Way We Were, Mike Filey was in town Sunday with his historic Pontiac. He was part of the successful classic car show at the south end of the street festival.

Auroran photos by
David Falconer
and Ron Wallace

Westview legend dead at 95

From page 1

He served 28 years as head pro at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club and celebrated his 25th anniversary there in 1972.

According to a newspaper report, Noble was known to sports writers as "Gentleman Joe".

He enhanced this reputation, the newspaper said, on one occasion by allowing his opponent to have an hour's rest. This occurred during his semi-final match in the Miller Trophy Championship, when he was playing against Al Balding who became violently ill after completing the first nine holes.

Joe has also been referred to by the press as the "cigar-smoking pro from Thornhill".

He began smoking cigars at the age of 33, but gave them up a couple of years later.

Noble, almost a fixture around Westview, was giving golf lessons the day before he fell.

In earlier times, when the golf season was over, Noble was a badminton pro.

At the age of 17 he was the professional at the Granite Club and served there for 10 years before retiring from the game to devote all his efforts to golf.

During his badminton career he made several trips to the United States with Jack Purcell, the outstanding



JOSEPH NOBLE

Canadian player who for many years was the world badminton champion.

As a caddy when he was 10 or 11, Noble would make 25 cents lugging bags for 18 holes.

"As caddies at private courses they were allowed to play a round of golf once a week and then if they showed promise, they were promoted to become club cleaners in the pro shop," according to the Globe & Mail.

Noble got his first job handling that chore at the Rosedale club in north Toronto when he was 17, and after a couple of years he became an assistant pro

there, sanding down the era's wooden-shafted clubs and performing other chores for the head pro, Jim Johnstone.

Services were held for the local legend last Thursday from Thompson's Funeral Home.

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Members of the 140 Aurora Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets held their 17th annual ceremonial review recently at the Aurora Community Centre in front of a large crowd. Reviewing the troops, bottom photo, was William (Bill) Coyle.

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For cancer centre

Tournament raises \$395,000

Thanks in part to Aurora residents Brian Larter and Bryan Black, nearly 300 golfers at the Rogers Southlake Partners in Health 2006 Golf Tournament last week raised a record \$395,000 to help build a cancer facility at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Larter was chairman of the volunteer organizing committee and Black was a member.

Emcees for the evening portion of the event were Mike Cooper and Erin Davis, radio co-hosts of CHFI's morning show on 98.1 FM.

York Region has been identified by Cancer Care Ontario, the advisory body to the Ontario government, as one of the areas in Ontario most in need of cancer care.

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Seniors get Trillium grant

Charles Sequeira, President of the Aurora Seniors Association, appeared before council recently to report that their application for a Trillium Foundation grant had been approved in the amount of \$44,400.

He said the grant would be used to purchase new computers for the seniors' computer room, equipment for the seniors' workshop, patio furniture and a pool table.

He added that the

grant could be in doubt as the operating agreement with the town had not been signed and the seniors needed it done.

He added that although council had previously agreed the seniors could obtain sponsors of rooms and components of the seniors' building, the agreement with the town remains unsigned.

Staff was directed to investigate and report to council at the next general committee meeting.



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For further information, please contact Barry Bridgeford at Corporate Services (905)727-3123 ext. 4219 or email elections2006@e-aurora.ca.

Bill passes two hurdles

Making history, ensuring safety

This fall, civics students at Aurora's Cardinal Carter Catholic High School might find themselves studying a bit of legislative history made by those they meet in the halls.

Recently, Bill 95, developed by 10 Carter students, unanimously passed second reading in the provincial legislature.

With final approval of the bill hoped for this fall, the students will enter history as the first to have one passed at Queen's Park.

Bill 95, the Employment Statute Law Amendment Act, adds a section to the Employment Standards Act, 2000, and requires the Ministry of Labour to develop a poster and booklet for young workers informing them of their rights.

As well, employers must distribute and display the materials.

"It's been a lot of hard work," said Giulia D'Agostino, one of the teacher advisors for the bill-making team.

The team is participating in Making the Grade, a CBC initiative to get young people involved in politics.

The second reading followed an intense and prolonged process.

The Cardinal Carter group decided to develop the young workers' rights idea into a bill, along with two other ideas.

Of the three, the bill-making team managed to get a politician's support for only Bill 95.

Andrea Horwath, NDP MPP for Hamilton East, presented it to the legislature

as a private member's bill in April.

Behind the scenes, the bill-making team received free advice from a professional lobbyist.

Acting on it, the students sent out letters and made personal phone calls to every Ontario MPP.

As well, the team asked students, teachers and parents to sign a letter on their behalf, which they sent to their MPPs.

In addition they met with Aurora Mayor Tim Jones; Belinda Stronach, Newmarket-Aurora MP; and Vaughan-King-Aurora MPP, Greg Sorbara.

"I felt like 007," D'Agostino, a 26-year-old teacher of civics and history said. "I had another life going on."

The project brought lots of media attention, including the CBC which broadcast its evening news from Cardinal Carter's atrium.

With the bill unable to be read for a third time until the fall and not at all if an election is called, Bill 95 is at a standstill.

However, the students are lobbying once more, this time to hasten the process.

The bill has already made its mark.

The Ministry of Labour has posted a special section on its website offering advice to young workers on protecting themselves.

"This has been a really empowering thing for the whole school to see that student's voices can be heard with a little dedication and hard work," D'Agostino said.



People responsible for getting a bill through second reading in the Ontario legislature are shown here. They are, front row, left to right, Michelle Pereira, Lauren Babic and Carly Carrigan; back row, left to right, Natasha Burrow, Vanessa Flemming, instructor Giulia D'Agostino, Lori Lucignani, Amanda Piron and Kristina Karakolis. Bill has one more hurdle to jump before it becomes law.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



Dogs, handlers to be honoured at ceremony

This Sunday, June 11, the ceremony may be interrupted with a lot of noise.

More than 50 St. John Ambulance therapy dogs and their handlers will be honoured for their efforts made in places like Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill.

The event will take place at Park Place Manor on Yonge Street in Aurora, beginning at 2 p.m.

Aurora Mayor Tim Jones will present certificates to the dogs and their handlers.

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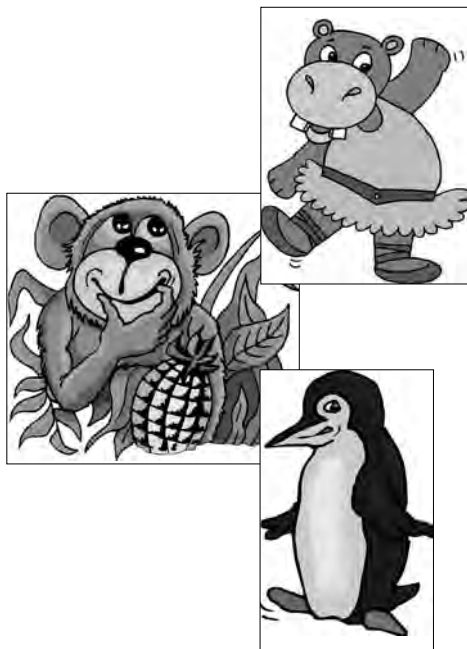
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The Town's selection for its "Preserve Aurora" collection was this watercolour of the now-defunct Queen's Hotel by Bud Switzer. Admiring it is John Russell. Hotel once sat on the northeast corner of Yonge and Wellington and was replaced by a bank. Watercolour was part of the Aurora Seniors' art show held recently at the new seniors' centre.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



Longer hours at the centre

The Aurora Seniors Association in tandem with Town Council has blazed a pathway to a seniors' centre in Aurora, second to none in newly constructed modern architecture, its location, which is on the Arboretum Parkway, and in furniture and equipment, which is improving while we enjoy what we already have.

Recently we took possession of two new sewing machines and the ladies who utilize them are delighted.

Martha has nothing on our fine group of ladies, who employ their talents constructing a variety of crafts in addition to industrious aptitudes for sewing and embroidering beautiful fabrics for all manner of use and occasions.

Our senior ladies have all it takes to bloom, blossom and bear fruit in the form of their excellent handiworks.

And they do all this while enjoying excellent conversation.

And the fun never stops; last week I played pool on a table so new we have not yet paid the bill.

There were about a dozen or more men playing billiards/pool/snooker on four tables, easily enough equipment to accommodate all who wished to play.

The atmosphere was alive with friendly banter and anybody would be at home among these friendly men.

Extended hours are no longer a promise, they are a reality, and the magic dates, times and programs are Mondays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesdays 9 a.m.- 9 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.

Recreational badminton or pickleball/table tennis happens Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m., practice dance sessions follow that until 7.45 p.m., then the evening ends with ballroom dancing lessons until 8.45 p.m.

On the first and third Fridays of the month, there will be a dance from 8 to 11 p.m., and on the second and fourth Fridays recreational badminton or pickleball will take place.

So in effect Fridays continue as before, Mondays and Thursdays gain an hour, Wednesdays gain two hours and Tuesdays are open until 8.45 p.m.

The computer room is in process of receiving installation of new computers, equipped with XP professional.

It will be ready sometime very soon, but please understand problems might arise and require attention.

The billiards room will be open to men and women, and we hope to see lots of new players.

Times and activities will be expanded as demand increases.

You must be a member of the Aurora Seniors Association to enjoy the benefits offered by the Association.

Farm readies for polo action

For three days this month, the Gormley Polo Centre, just south of Aurora, will feature the Annual Polo Charity Series to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Teams from various cities will mount up June 23-25 for fast paced action.

Polo enthusiasts, spectators, families and friends are attracted to the game, often referred to as Hockey on Horseback.

This unique fundraising event, "Polo for Heart" is a long time partnership between the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Toronto Polo Club and the many volunteers who normally raise about \$300,000 annually. Since its inception it has raised close to \$4 million for heart and stroke research.

In 1959 a group of young riders in the Toronto area including Aurora's Jim Elder and Tom Gayford participated in the Pan American Games in Chicago where their horses were stabled at the Oak Brook Polo Club.

On their return they contacted Mike Sifton and it was agreed the riders would give polo a try.

As the club grew, so did Sifton's Commitment to the sport. Polo became "Mike's Baby". In 1965, he purchased the Fox Den Farm and transformed it into one of the best indoor polo facilities in North America.

With the addition of an outdoor field, competitors began to enjoy the summer season as well.

The 1970s was a period of growth for the club as it continued to attract new players. In the late 1970s a decision was made to sponsor a charity event which later evolved into Polo for Heart.

Mike Sifton died in 1995 but the legacy of polo was passed on to his three sons, Cliff, Mike Jr. and Derek, all who live in the Aurora area, and the partnership with the

Heart and Stroke Foundation and Polo for Heart has carried on.

The Polo Centre is located on Leslie Street just south of Bloomington Road. For further information call 905-477-8000, extension 242 or the Heart and Stroke Foundation at 905-853-6355.



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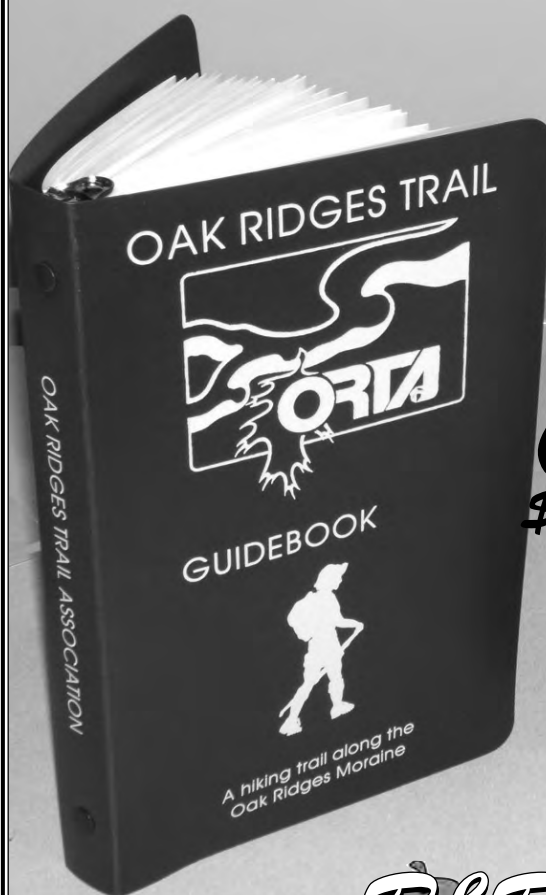
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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Stevens wanted to launch newspaper in York

In January, 1989, Sinclair Stevens who provided much grist for the mill in the world of journalism over a government conflict of interest inquiry, decided to launch his own paper in York Region to be called the York Planet.

Stevens said at the time it was too early to make an announcement, but the rumour was the Planet would be part of a franchise system with the front section containing national and international news and would be the same for all papers.

The second section would be more local and would be different for each of the franchise operators. It never appeared as planned.

The Planet was published a few times but it soon disappeared.

Journalism, the law and politics was in his blood as after high school he studied journalism at the University of Western Ontario and on graduation worked for the Toronto Star covering City Hall and the police beats before attending law school.

STUDENT AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

In April, 1994, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce announced a partnership between the Chamber and the York School Boards to add business issues such as punctuality and dressing smartly to the education curriculum.

Going beyond the co-op placement, the new Chamber Education Committee matched businesses with classes and the possibilities were only limited to the imagination of the teachers, students and participating business people.

The partnership was designed as job sharing but also included human resources and ideas to assist in preparing students for the challenges they would face in the workplace and the global society.

It was seen as a win/win program to provide a better source of well-trained potential employees through meaningful input into school programs and through exchange visits between the classroom and the business.

Whatever happened to it and were any partnerships arranged?

Maybe it's worth trying again.

IT CAN BE FRUSTRATING

One of the most frustrating experiences can be when a former municipal politician, especially one who believes strongly in parliamentary procedures and in council's procedural bylaw, switches over to the press gallery.

Watching former Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth in the press box at either the regional or Aurora Council meetings is sometimes more entertaining than what's taking place at the meeting.

He sits on the edge of his chair muttering away about

the errors being made by members of council or the chairman, sometimes loudly enough to be heard, and he has yet to learn that he should remain silent no matter how frustrating it gets.

CAR RALLY A GREAT WAY TO FIND KETTLEBY

Back in the 1960s, newsman Ron Wallace, relatively new to the Aurora area, participated in a car rally and says that during the afternoon drive he discovered places like Kettleby, Laskay, Pottageville and Lloydtown.

He points out that a car rally is not a race as you have to find the proper number of check points and arrive at each one at a certain time, so if you arrive at one early you lose points as you were likely speeding.

The winner in each category is the driver who checks in at the most checkpoints with the fewest penalties.

He didn't say where he finished, but he found Kettleby. Whatever happened to the car rally?

TRYING TO CONTROL GROWTH

In February, 1971, a month after the advent of regional government extended Aurora boundaries, council was split on a development proposal from Wimpey Homes for a 1,000 person development that would extend the Aurora Heights subdivision into what used to be King Township.

The planning committee recommended that any proposed development outside the 1970 town boundaries be deemed premature because of the potential overload on the town's sewage plant.

According to the committee, the only exception would be for estate developments on lots of two acres or more and serviced by septic tanks.

Councillor Walt Davis argued that council was discriminating against the working man and such a policy would limit Aurora's development to high-priced homes on country estates.

Other members of council argued that all plans should at least be considered by council and referred the recommendation back to the committee for reconsideration.

LACK OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Last November Councillor Damir Vrancic expressed concern regarding a recent house fire in the Steeplechase Avenue area, where there are no fire hydrants.

He requested a report outlining the areas in Aurora not serviced by fire hydrants, and what resources were available to fight fires in these areas.

Was the report ever produced or any follow-up action taken?

TOWN HISTORY STORED IN A BOX

In February, 2002, Councillor Nigel Kean questioned why the pictures of former heads of council dating back to 1963 were moved from the ground floor adjacent to the council chambers.

He pointed out most residents only visited the ground floor of the Town Hall and the pictures should be returned.

No one seemed to know why the pictures were moved.

At one time the pictures were hung on the ground floor but for some reason were removed and stored away in a box.

When questions were asked they were retrieved and hung on the second floor.

They are now in their rightful place on the ground floor, adjacent to the committee rooms.

WAS COUNCIL APPROVAL EVER GIVEN?

Ever since the Province downloaded some of the Courts to the Region in January, 1999, there has been a

conflict between the region and local municipalities regarding governance, operations and revenue sharing.

The pressure on the regional tax levy was \$1.8 million in 2002 and 2003.

During preparation for the 2004 budget, regional staff predicted the tax levy pressure would increase to \$1.9 million in 2004 and \$2.3 million in 2005.

Regional council agreed to flat-line payments to local municipalities based on 2003 levels until such time as more extensive review could be carried out.

A formal review was requested by Markham this year to address the issues and all local municipal CAOs agreed to participate in the review at a cost of \$125,000 to be shared 50-50 with the region. Aurora's share was \$6,900.

The consultant's report and recommendations were received in December, 2005, and are currently being reviewed by the CAOs of the local municipalities and the region and subsequent to these discussions the CAOs will report to their councils.

While the review was no doubt necessary, when was the expenditure of \$6,900 approved by Aurora council in open session?

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There were 5,805 families living in Aurora in 1986 with 5,425 husband and wife families and 555 single parent families and 1,745 persons living in private households. There were 6,661 occupied dwelling units in 1986.

In that year there were 7,266 urban and 270 rural Aurora residents employed and there were 542 urban and 23 rural employment establishments within the municipality.

A total of 5,190 Aurora residents were employed within York Region including 2,360 in Aurora, plus 2,870 in Metro Toronto, 295 in Peel and 90 people elsewhere.

Aurora had 5,050 single detached homes in 1986, 702 semi-detached and duplexes, 244 row, and 1,275 apartments.

Average house prices in the fall of 1986 were \$127,000 for a detached bungalow, \$195,000 for an executive detached two-storey, \$160,000 for a standard two-storey, and \$101,000 for a standard townhouse.

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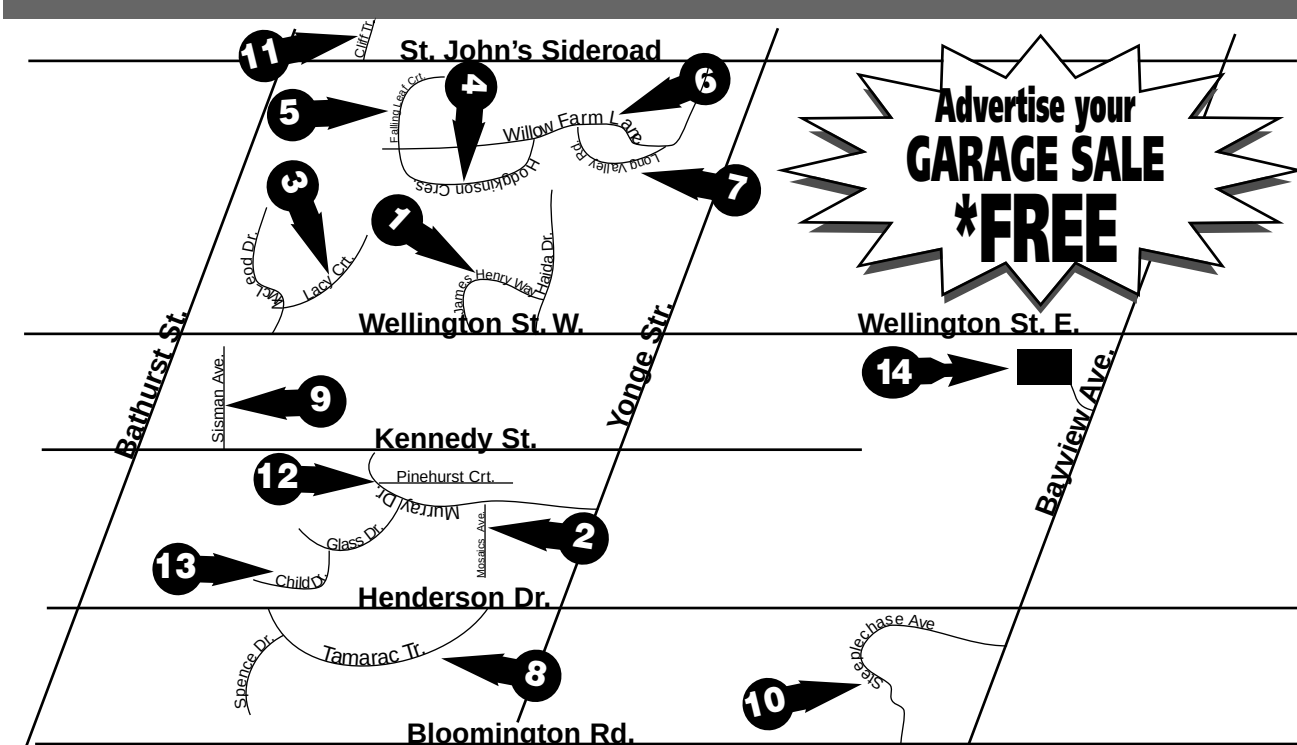
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- 5) 36 Falling Leaf 9 a.m. on.
- 6) 49 Willow Farm Lane
- 7) 58 Long Valley Rd.
- 8) 70 Tamarac Tr. 8 - noon
- 9) 23 Sisman Ave. 9 - 3 (Rain Date June 11)

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- 10) 51 Steeplechase (June 10 & 11) 10 - 2
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 - 12) 7 Pinehurst Cr. 8 - 2
 - 13) Child Dr. STREET SALE 8 - 3
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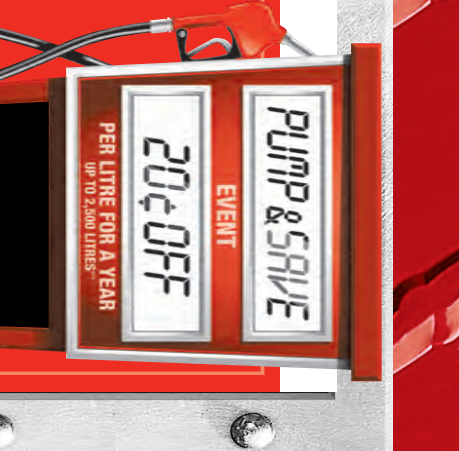


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- Saturday and Sunday all day

Horse Shows

- Grand Prix Horse Jumping Competition Friday pm
- Heavy Horses (Saturday) • Miniature Horses (Sunday)

Kid's Activities

- FREE Pony Rides • Balloons, Face Painting
- Farm Animals • Pet Show on Wheels
- Campo Kid's Art Camp • Pulsars Gymnastics activities

Kid's Games

- Mini Hay Bale Tossing • "Aurora Fair Fear Factor"
- Loonie-in-a-Haystack • Kid's Tractor Pull

Entertainment & Stage Shows

- DogSmart Performance Team • Bandaloni the One-Man-Band • The Ben Show-Juggling & More!
- Professional Entertainment by Connie Scriver and her band Saturday night • Pulsars Gymnastics Show
- Ausom Kids musical performances
- Jaymor Dance Studio Show

Competitions

- Fair Ambassador • Aurora Idol • Prince & Princess of the Fair • Junior Arts, Crafts & Photography
- Adult Photography • Soap Box Car Display Competition • Mutt Show • Monopoly Mini Tournament • Jelly Bean Counting Contest

Animals

- Alpacas • Birds of Prey • Performing Dogs • Pet Show
- Mutt Show • Pony Rides • Sheep Herding & Shearing Demonstrations • Toronto Police Dogs • Family Farm
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Arts & Crafts (Friday to Sunday)

- Artist's Showcase • Heritage Crafters
- Campo Kid's Art Camp

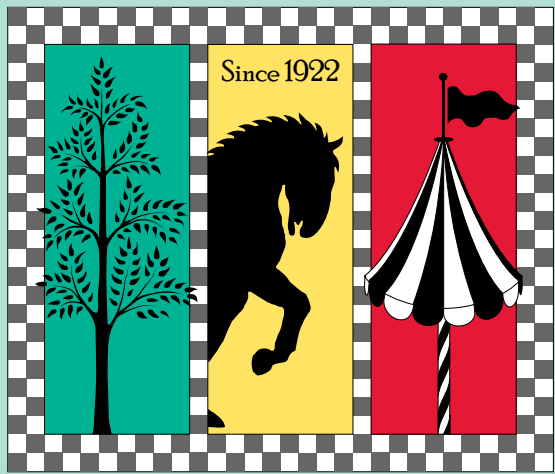
Vendors (Friday to Sunday)

- Craft Vendors • Food Vendors

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Thurs. June 8th: 4:30 to 10:30 pm

Fri. June 9th: 4:30 to 10:30 pm

Sat. June 10th:

Daytime: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Family Fun Night: 5:00 to 10:30 pm

Sun. June 11th: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Admission:

Thursday Night: No Admission

Charge: Loonie-Toonie Night

Friday Night: Fair Admission is included with the Pay-One-Price Midway. For Fair Events only including Grand Prix Competition: Adults \$5.00, Seniors & Kids: \$2.00

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Thursday June 8th

4:30 - 10:30 pm Loonie-Toonie Midway. No Admission charge.

Friday June 9th: Evening

4:30 - 5:30 pm DogSmart Performing Dog Show

4:30 - 10:30 pm Pay-One-Price for Midway Rides - includes Fair Admission*

5:30 - 9:00 pm Grand Prix Horse Jumping Competition. Reduced admission charge.

* \$20.00 In Advance, \$25.00 at the Gate. Advance tickets can be purchased at Aurora Leisure Complex, IGA and R&R Revisited Book Store at 75 Mary Street, Unit 3.

Saturday June 10th: Day Events

10:00 Opening Ceremonies Parade starting at south end of Machell Park

10:00 on Heavy Horse Show - throughout the day

10:00 - 11:30 Monopoly Tournament

10:30 - 11:00 The Ben Show-Juggling

10:45 - 11:00 Birds of Prey Presentation

11:00 - 12:00 DogSmart Performing Dog Show

11:00 - 1:00 Kid's Art Camp

11:30 - 12:00 Pet Show on Wheels

12:00 - 12:30 Pulsars Gymnastics Show

12:30 - 1:00 Line Dancing-Join In!; Sheep Herding Demonstration

12:45 - 1:15 Children's Games including Kid's Tractor Pull

1:00 - 1:30 Ausom Kids Musical Performance

1:15 - 1:30 Birds of Prey Presentation

1:30 - 2:00 Aurora Idol Competition Semi-Finals

2:00 - 3:00 The Ben Show-Juggling; DogSmart Performing Dog Show

2:00 - 3:30 Monopoly Tournament

2:15 - 3:00 Children's Games including Kid's Tractor Pull

2:30 - 2:45 Birds of Prey Presentation

2:30 - 3:00 Pet Show on Wheels

2:45 - 3:15 Sheep Herding Demonstration

3:00 - 3:15 Mutt Show Registration

3:15 - 4:00 Mutt Show

3:45 - 4:00 Birds of Prey Presentation

4:00 - 4:30 Line Dancing-Join In!

4:00 - 5:00 DogSmart Performing Dog Show

4:30 - 5:00 The Ben Show-Juggling

4:30 - 6:00 U-Who the Clown-Balloons & Face Painting

Revised
Schedule!

Saturday June 10th: Family Fun Night

5:00 - 5:30 Ambassador Speeches

5:30 - 6:00 Prince & Princess of the Fair Competition

6:00 - 6:30 Ambassador Awards; Aurora Idol Finals

6:30 - 7:00 Ausom Kids Musical Performance

7:00 - 7:45 Connie Scriver First Set "Redneck Woman"

7:45 Aurora Idol Winner Announced

8:15 - 9:00 Connie Scriver Second Set "Fleetwood Nicks"

9:00 - 9:30 Line Dancing-Join In!

9:30 - 10:15 Connie Scriver Third Set "Whodathunkit"

10:30 Fair Closes

Sunday June 11th

10:00 on Miniature Horse Show - throughout the day

10:00 on Antique & Classic Car Show-Registration by 10:00am

10:00 - 11:00 DogSmart Performing Dog Show

10:00 - 11:30 Monopoly Tournament

10:30 - 11:00 Pet Show on Wheels

10:45 - 11:00 Birds of Prey Presentation

11:00 - 11:30 Sheep Herding Demonstration

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2:00 Soap Box Car Display Competition

2:00 - 2:15 Birds of Prey Presentation

2:00 - 3:30 Monopoly Tournament

2:30 - 3:15 Children's Games including Kid's Tractor Pull

3:00 - 4:00 DogSmart Performing Dog Show

3:30 - 4:00 The Ben Show-Juggling

4:00 Junior Art Competition Awards

5:00 Fair Closes

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