

Meggahoe squirts settle for second

The pitcher-catcher battery of Lynn Harrison and Candace Eng picked up Most Valuable Player awards as their Meggahoe Excavating-squirt girls' rep softball team placed second at a recent tournament held in Chinguacousy.

The Stouffville squad dropped its opener, then defeated Streetsville, Kingston, Chinguacousy, Pickering, and Barrie in the sweltering heat before running out of gas in the championship game against Oshawa.

Other standouts for the Stouffville team included: Sarah Chubbuck, Erin McMicking, and Blair Wilkinson. The team's star shortstop Hannah Smith suffered a broken ankle sliding into home plate in Stouffville's opening game loss.

The Meggahoe crew sports a season record of 16-5.



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The Legion Ladies Auxiliary have run blood donor clinics since 1964. From left, standing are: Aldine Sinclair, Marjorie Smith, Gladys Clarkson, Marion Murphy, Aurelia Smith. Sitting are, from left: Ruth Sheppard, Dorothy Huard, Doris Farthing and Minnie Jackson.

Giving blood at Friday's clinic at the Legion is going to be a piece of cake. The Women's Auxiliary of Stouffville Legion Hall #459 invites participating donors to celebrate 30 years of saving lives by enjoying a slice of delicious anniversary cake, courtesy of Mayor Fran Sainsbury, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Sinful Sweets in Success Square.

"We started out with one clinic in 1964," recalled Marion Murphy, one of six auxiliary members who have been involved in organizing the clinics from day one. "We ran two a year from '65 until '72, when we started to do three."

In 1987, the number was increased to the present four, which are held upstairs in the Legion hall on 9th Line North in January, April, July and October.

Originally, the clinics took place downstairs at the Legion and 139 units were collected at the first one in 1964. Sadly, the number of donors has not increased significantly as the population has grown, Murphy observed. "You'd think the numbers would grow, but I've heard all clinics are down."

Ironically, while factors such as AIDS have undoubtedly played their part in discouraging donations, stringent regulations as a result of these problems have made donating and receiving blood safer than ever before.

"We've reached 200 (donations) once or twice and in 1990 we had 236," said fellow auxiliary member Aurelia Smith. "At our last clinic in April we had 139."

These days, the volunteers who register patients must take an examination as

well as periodic refresher courses. They are also required to sign forms guaranteeing that all donor information will remain strictly confidential.

Researchers have recently discovered the body replaces blood faster than was originally thought and it is hoped this will lead to increased donations, said Smith. "As of May 1st you can give blood every 56 days instead of every 70 days."

While a lot of donors attend sporadically, one local individual has given more than 100 units, said Smith. "We also have a number who have given 35 to 50 donations. Anyone who donates 35, 50, 75 or 100 times is honored by the Red Cross at a special day in April."

Organizing clinics is a major undertaking requiring approximately 35 volunteers, whose jobs range from telephone calls and registration to providing refreshments for donors. Among the most faithful supporters of the clinic are the Masons of Richardson Lodge 136, said Murphy, "and it's always been the Ladies Auxiliary that runs it. We never have outsiders."

"We pay for all the food, the Ladies Auxiliary sponsors it and the Legion provides the hall," Smith added. The auxiliary also provides a baby-sitting service to encourage young mothers to attend.

"Last year we were presented with a citation from the Red Cross," Murphy said. In it, the auxiliary was recognized for its dedicated work and outstanding support to the Red Cross blood donor program.

When you donate blood, your donation can save a child with leukemia, an accident victim or someone with a blood disorder. It's a gift that's so easy to give, yet it can mean the difference between life and death.

Other founding members of the clinic who are still active in the auxiliary are Doris Farthing, Mary Hamerston, Marjorie Smith and Aldine Sinclair.

Friday's clinic runs from 2 to 8:30 p.m. Mayor Fran Sainsbury will be attending at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and provide a record number of donations to celebrate 30 years of saving lives.

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