

Letters

Success of hockey event measured in smiles

Dear Editor,

During the Christmas Break my son and many other children from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association House League had the opportunity to participate in the annual Christmas Hockey Tournament.

The success of the event was measured by the smiles and enthusiasm of the participants.

I know it takes a lot of time to put on such an event, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank the convenors, coaches and sponsors for the

effort in making the tournament a reality.

Due to the high cost of running a tournament, i.e. ice time and championship and participation awards, the organizers were not sure if they would be able to have the Christmas Tourna-

ment this year.

Without the generous support of the Stouffville Progress Club, Stouffville Lions Club, Ballantrae Lions Club, Parents of the S.V.B. Minor Atom Clippers, Stouffville Optimist Club, Stouffville Kinsmen, Michelle's

Snack Bar, Stouffville A&P, Stouffville I.G.A. and Coca Cola there would not have been a tournament, and the children would have missed out on a rewarding experience.

Susan Harmsen
Stouffville

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Teenager doesn't think town's streets are safe

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the streets of this town. I do not believe that they are safe at all, due to the crude behavior of the teenagers that roam around causing problems. The majority of them are just incredibly mouthy, then there's the extremely violent ones who terrify me when I walk by.

I'm 15 years old, I attend Stouffville High, I stay out of trouble and I don't think it's fair to kids like me to be so scared of kids like them. It's also sad that society is labelling us all because of the way that these teenagers are presenting themselves.

You can't even glance in the direction of one of their little packs without getting vul-

gar obscenities thrown in your face. Stand up for yourself and all of them will be on top of you like a pack of wild dogs.

People may say "kids will be kids", but I think it's all gone way too far. We can't keep on ignoring the problem, but that's what all the adults seem to be doing and I am so sick of it. I'm tired of being scared, not only for me but my little brother, my younger cousin and all the others that are getting picked on constantly.

It seems to me that the kids are out of control and the adults have lost their control. Something has to be done.

Sunny MacLean
Stouffville

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