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Citizens plan protest at MPP's office over offender

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By Mark Pavilons

The citizen's group formed to oppose a dangerous offender living in King plans to take their protest to the door of MPP Dr. Helena

The Incarcerate Sex Offenders in Society (iSOSnow.ca) was initially created by a group of individuals to be used as a vehicle to spread information quickly throughout the community.

The group, will visit Jaczek's office at 137 Main Street North, Suite 204, Markham, Feb. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Jaczek is also Minister of Community and Social Services and the group wants her to remove Keith Constantin from the rural Schomberg area facility.

"Let's stand up to her, so (the ministry) reconsiders opening up a place for criminals in our community."

The group contends the group home where Konstantin lives has no trained corrections officers on site. Since it's not close to any police station, response time to the area is estimated at 30 minutes.

"We want to hear by Helena Jaczek feels Christian Horizons is qualified to house these types of offenders ..." the group wrote on its Facebook page.

"We want to know what the future plans are for this facility, as it affects all the residents."

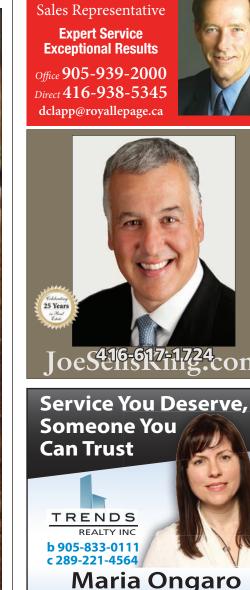
Keith Theodore Constantin was placed in a rural facility outside of Schomberg in December. Constantin was released following a four-year jail term.



Coyotes - friends or foes?

The concern among residents over the prevalance of Eastern Coyotes in King prompted a public session led by experts in the field. A standing-room-only crowd was on hand at the Schomberg Library to learn about co-existing with coyotes. Turn to Page 6 for the full story.

Photo courtesy of Toronto Wildlife Centre





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Heritage plaques explained.

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King Township

COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, February 22, 2016

6:00 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, March 7, 2016 6:00 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Parks Summer Student Operator
- Seasonal Parks Operator (6-month contract)
- Seasonal Parks Operator/Horticulturist (6-month contract)
- Water/Wastewater Operator I
- Economic Development Assistant (student)
- General Manager of Operations

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

COMPETITIVE BIDS

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for competitive bidding opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TAX & WATER DUE DATE REMINDERS PROPERTY TAX

First Installment Due Date: February 23rd, 2016

"First" Tax Notices have now been mailed with installments due on February 23rd and April 25th, 2016. In order to avoid penalty/interest charged to your property tax account. please ensure all installment amounts are paid in full on or prior to the due dates.

WATER BILLS

Due Date: February 10th, 2016

WATER BILLS are now past due. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill. **PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Tax	Water	Bill Payment Options
х	×	By pre-authorized bank withdrawal
Х	X	At most financial Institutions, including via personal on-line banking
Х	×	By cheque
	X	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca

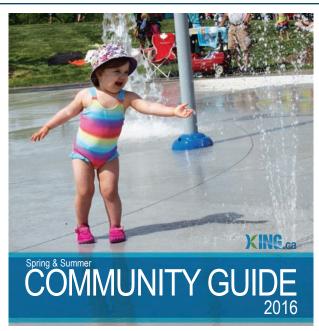
If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire bill.

When making payments electronically:

- Property Tax: enter your 15 digit roll number with no decimal (i.e. 000123456780000)
- Water: enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890)

After hours tax/water payments can be left in the drop box located to the left of the Council Chambers entrance at 2075 King Road, King City.

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD programs are available for both property tax and water accounts. The enrolment form (same for tax & water) is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")



The 2016 Spring/Summer Community Guide will be delivered in the February 25th edition of the King Weekly Sentinel.

A digital copy of the guide is available now at www.king.ca. Program registration begins March 1st.

Early Bird Registration for King Township Summer Camps

New this year King Township Summer Camps will be offering the Early Bird Special exclusively to King Township Residents! Take advantage of this exclusive offer to receive 10% of your summer camp registration. The Early Bird Special will be offered from March 1st-March 15th. After March 15th registration will open up to non-residents and the Early Bird Special will conclude. For more information about summer camp registration please contact Kenzie Van Wagner: Recreation Coordinator Camps & Integration at kvanwagner@king.ca.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AMENDING **BY-LAW TO REMOVE HOLDING (H) SYMBOL**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to consider an amending by-law under Section 36 of the Planning Act to remove the Holding (H) symbol for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-law is the Council Meeting on February 22, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law submitted by Zancor Homes (King South) Ltd. under Planning File Z-2016-01 concerns a 9.77 hectare parcel of land located on the west side of Dufferin Street, south of King Road, known as Part of Lot 4, Concession 3, in the Village of King City as shown on the below map.

The subject property is an approved Draft Plan of Subdivision (file#19T-06K05) consisting of 48 residential lots together with an Environmental Protection Block. The owner has applied to remove the Holding (H) symbol from all the residential zones on the plan. The subject lands are currently zoned Residential Urban-Holding/R1(H) and Residential 4-Holding/R4(H) identified on Map 3, Schedule A to the Zoning By-law. The Holding (H) provisions were primarily established to ensure, amongst other matters, that adequate municipal services are available to accommodate the residential development, and that a subdivision agreement has been executed.

ANY PERSON may attend the Council Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the removal of the Holding (H) symbol. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the approval authority, the Township of King, in respect of the amending by-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the amending by-law is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2016-01 at (905) 833-5321.

> DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016

> > Kathryn Moyle, Clerk Township of King 2075 King Road, King City





Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Special Recognition
- Lifetime Achievement
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Youth Award of Merit

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15th, 2016. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, May 12th, 2016.

Kathryn Moyle, Clerk E-mail: kmoyle@king.ca

REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2016 GRANTS

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2016 must be completed and submitted to the Township by Thursday, March 31st, 2016.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca, or please contact:

Kathryn Moyle, Township Clerk Telephone: (905)833-5321 Township of King Fax: (905)833-2300 kmoyle@king.ca 2075 King Road E-mail: King City ON L7B 1A1



MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 2 Nobleton Library Councillor David Boyd & Linda Pabst

Wednesday, March 23 Schomberg Library Thursday, April 14 Ansnorveldt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Councillor Avia Eek

King City Library 1970 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer

Informal Meet & Greet Discuss Ward/Township Issues

All Welcome!

Amendment application draws widespread opposition

By Mark Pavilons

An application to pave the way for a severance in King City drew widespread opposition during a public meeting Feb. 8.

The bid, for amendments to the Official Plan and zoning bylaw, was criticized for its precedent-setting nature. The proposal, if it proceeds, would ultimately lead to two homes on a half-acre subdivision property.

This drew renewed calls for a ban on severances in existing plans of subdivisions, by residents and King City's councillor Cleve Mortelliti.

While he accepts change is coming to King City, Mortelliti has gone on record opposing severances in "legacy subdivisions." He doesn't buy the intensification argument and says we have to protect and preserve existing communities.

It's unfortunate that applications such as this pit neighbour against neighbour.

"I don't know if we can prohibit severances ... I hope we can," he said.

The application by Mark and Liina Peacock centres on their property at 325 Warren Road. It measures .52 acres and currently there's a two-storey home, attached garage and inground pool on the property. The bid is to split the lot in two and each parcel would measure just over 1,000 square metres and have roughly 25 metres frontage.

King's bylaw dictates that lots must be a minimum of 1,400 square metres in area. This application does meet the minimums in terms of setbacks.

This property was created back in 1977, with another 52 lots along Warren Road. It's at the western edge of Spring Hill Gardens.

According to Stephen Kitchen, King's planning director, a minor variance application was submitted in 2010 to create an additional lot, but it was opposed by staff. Since this 2010 bid, only one other application for severance in King City has been considered.

Staff is awaiting for response from various commenting agencies on the proposal. Kitchen noted more than 70 letters were received in support of the bid, and another 31 in opposition.

Staff recommendations, along with input from residents garnered at the public meeting, will be presented back to council at a later date.

The King City plan, Kitchen explained, said new developments should be compatible with, and maintain the character of, the existing community. This bid meets all the requirements except minimum lot area.

Planners, representing the Peacocks, tablished neighbourhoods. More than said this application should be considered specific to 325 Warren Road and the modest dwelling proposed. If the amendments pass, a severance bid will follow. He said the current property has one of the largest frontages in the neighbourhood and the new home would be roughly 2,130 square feet.

Other lots in the vicinity range from 500 to 1,400 square metres in area. The newer subdivision to the south have lots less than 800 square metres.

He doesn't see this bid as setting any precedent, noting the Township reviews them on a case-by-case basis.

The frontage, and not the area, Rogers argued, has the most impact at

ground level. Several residents spoke in favour of

CDS hosts medical expert

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, The Country Day School is hosting Dr. Mike Evans, internationally acclaimed healthcare and medical expert known for his work in innovative health messaging conveved through his series of whiteboard videos.

He is a staff physician at St. Michael's Hospital and an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at University of Toronto.

Dr. Evans is the creator of the worldwide YouTube sensation "23 1/2 hours" (https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=aUaInS6HIGo). which has been viewed by more than four million people, and one of the top 10 innovators in health by the Canadian Medical Association.

This talk distills the key message from Dr. Evans's work and answers common questions about the best diet, the best way to get a good night's sleep, and the importance of activity.

His talk starts at 9 a.m. at the CDS Performing Arts Centre. Admission is free, and for tickets, visit www. cds.on.ca/tickets.

the application.

A Warren Road homeowner said the plan would enhance the street and provide more tax revenue for the Township. Another neighbour said with the "monster homes" springing up in the area, a modest home at 2,100 square feet is "no contest."

A Berton Grove resident said there's currently a large void spot on the property and the plans would fill it up nicely.

A Warren Road woman, who spoke to friends and neighbours, said it's a great idea, adding the Peacocks are good neighbours and community members.

A Bennet Drive resident said this lot is one of the widest, so reducing the frontage would be in keeping with existing lots.

Changes are occurring all around them, according to an Elizabeth Grove resident.

A Banner Lane man said there seems to be two sets of standards - one for existing lots and another for small, new subdivision lots.

Dana Anderson, who represented several area residents, led the opposition to the plan.

A planner herself, she said the application should be viewed on both physical and policy contexts.

It's an older, established neighbourhood with mature lots. All of these define the neighbourhood. Over the decades, only three severance have ever been approve in the area.

This change would set a precedent and she stressed the previous land division proposal was also refused.

It simply doesn't conform to the Official Plan and changing the policies for this lot is "not appropriate."

A Warren Road man said this plan would be out of scale and change the character of the subdivision. Others may jump on the bandwagon and pursue similar bids for financial gain if this passes.

A land use lawyer who lives on Patricia Drive, said this bid doesn't fall under provincial guidelines of intensification. This bid, if successful, will encourage further severances which will introduce a "lot fabric that doesn't fit."

A resident environmental lawyer said a planning review looks solely at this lot, and not nearby subdivision lots. To approve this would be "bad planning" and is inconsistent with fundamental themes in King's planning documents.

A man representing an adjacent property owner said an Official Plan amendment is a "significant thing," which suggests the OP is wrong and needs to be changed. The King City Community Brad Rogers, of Groundswell Urban Plan, he charged, reinforces well es-2/3rds of properties in the area are larger than the subject lot, which would end up being the smallest two lots by far.

He urged council to base its decision on what's good for the neighbourhood as a whole. He went as far as saying there should be a moratorium on severances.

Greg Locke, of Concerned Citizens of King Township, said their mandate is to protect and enhance King's rural villages.

It's "sad" to see neighbours at odds over this, adding it could become a "wedge that will open up other applications."

Ian Hilley, secretary for the Kingscross Ratepayers' Association, said they are opposed to severances within existing communities. He urged council to refuse the bid and avoid a "gold rush" that will turn King into the "Klondike."

Resident Bruce Craig said there are

far-reaching implications and he sug- its new OP if it allows such severances? gested that perhaps an interim policy on severances is in order to stem the tide.

Leslie Whicher, co-chair of KRA, said conflict arises out of uncertainty. She warned against allowing this, and other severances, asking councillors to look at the broader objectives of the OP. She said how can the Township defend

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini lauded the residents for their respectful presentations in what could be a charged issue. "King is full of passionate people," he observed.

Mortelliti said it's a privilege for him to "sit in this chair" and serve his constituents.

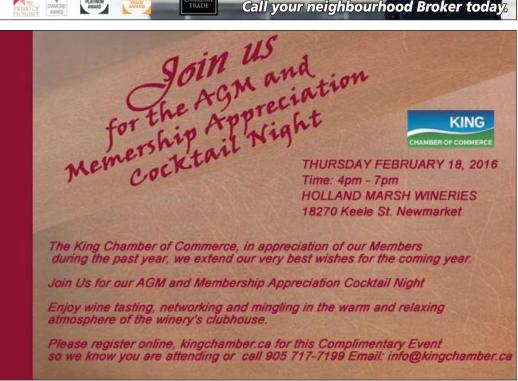


Winter Fest fun

Six-year-old Michael took his sled to Cold Creek Conservation's Family Day festivities on Monday. The Winter Fest drew families out to enjoy some activities in the snow.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte





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"The most important thing is to preserve the world we live in. Unless people understand and learn about our world, habitats, and animals, they won't understand that if we don't protect those habitats, we'll eventually destroy ourselves."

Jack Hanna

It's really funny, when we humans assert ourselves as the top of the food

Funny because we were not only late to the table, but likely got here by acci-

We weren't the first life form to crawl out of the primordial ooze so long ago. No, my friends, we were predated by plants, amoebas, bugs, fishies and all sorts of things that swam, crawled. slimed and flew. We arrived on the scene many millions of years later, much to the planet's chagrin.

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If you watched TV commercials during the Super Bowl, you will now realize we are now the proud creators of the "puppy monkey baby." My faith in my fellow human beings is on shaky ground.

As developed as the GTA is, Ontario is still one, vast province, with plenty of amazing natural, wide open spaces and features. It's equivalent in size to some



Mark Pavilons

European countries and we're admired for our attention to nature and the envi-

King is the largest municipality, geographically speaking, in York Region. At a little over 333 square kilometres, King is definitely a nice chunk of Heaven on Earth. More than 90% of King's landscape is protected under various green legislation. Areas like Happy Valley Forest are home to some amazing creatures, some of which are not found

A lot of residents came were drawn to

anywhere else.

King for its natural beauty and marvel-

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for generosity

The Nobleton Christmas Drive would like to thank everyone who contributed this year to our drive.

As a lot of you know we faced major challenges at the beginning of December with not being able to give out tax receipts this year, due to a change in the schools policies. So for all of you wonderful people and corporations who decided to give anyway I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You made Christmas possible for many families and children in our community.

A huge thank you goes out to the following people:

Tim Hortons (Nobleton), Nobleton Lions Club, Foley Restoration, Rotary Club, King City Chamber of Commerce, Nobleton United Church, Boynton Brothers, Jim & James at Kars, Nobleton Village Association Christmas Tree Lighting, John No Frills, Joe at All Personnel Services, Nobleton Feed Mill, Nobleton School Council, Cristiana & Kevin Deachman and family, Rhonda and Dean Hayhoe and family, Jen Sanginesi, John and Lisa Gibb and family, Susan Beasley, Pam & Andrew Brown, Lynda Rogers, Jim Streb, Sheri & Tim Bernhardt and family, Tom Seymour & Kate Williams, Mrs Doris Ripley.

Special thank you to Mark Pavilons at King Weekly Sentinel for all his support and for all the wonderful articles and pictures supporting the Nobleton Christmas Drive.

I would like to send out a special thank you to Jim Wall, Fire Chief at King Fire and Emergency Services, and all the crew at the fire house. Your constant support and hard work, help make this drive possible. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated. You are a wonderful, caring group of people.

On another personal note I have to thank my husband Kevin Lyons who without him and his support this would not be possible.

Thank you again to all who donated and supported The Nobleton Christmas Drive this year. You have no idea the impact and difference you are making in our community and in these families lives.

> Mimi Buchanan/Lyons Nobleton Christmas Drive

> > you think Justin

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good job??

a) Yes b) No

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75%

solace, comfort and peace. They continue to live here because it offers the best Their main sources of food are rodents, of all worlds - modern amenities and along with berries and other things. But conveniences and that intoxicating ru- they're happy to take free food - human ral charm. It's comfort food for the soul trash and food offered by two-legged

fascinated by creatures big and small, hang around, waiting for hand-outs. who travel on two feet or more; who soar

King is home to canids such as the Eastern Coyote. Some people have befear for the safety of their pets and live-

The stereotypical depictions of these animals are largely false. Yes, these opportunistic predators will kill small dogs and cats, but that's rare. I agree rently back on to a large forest. In my that's little consolation to the residents youth, my family had many encounters who've lost their beloved family mem- with deer, raccoons, beavers, ground-

But are the coyotes to blame?

officials to hold a public information ders easy access to our property, so my session last week. Experts from MNR, Coyote Watch Canada and the Toron- labs decide to leap into action. to Wildlife Centre presented facts and helpful hints on how to deal with these creatures, I couldn't help but be taken

of public interest in the matter. With site. This is nature. This is how it has that level of attendance, I was expecting been for millennia. They are not the inan emotionally charged session, com-truders, we are. plete with pitchforks. But this is King. I am constantly amazed at how well our such predators have proven ineffective. residents gather, discuss and deal with Nature has a way of correcting things, problems. We should share our secret especially where man is concerned. with the rest of the world.

informed and likely more comfortable the voids. with sharing our world with coyotes.

Not unlike our own pet dogs, coyotes ture reclaims what man has taken. are devoted parents and mates. They're more than 100 years.

Again, we are relative newcomers to means. their world.

ous vistas. They relocated here seeking seemingly less fearful of humans?

Well, they merely follow the food trail. creatures. While our intentions may be In any rural area, co-existing with good, the worst thing to do is feed wild our fellow creatures is a given. We are animals. That just conditions them to

We also feed them unintentionally. above the trees and live deep under wa- How many of us have bird feeders? They don't just feed the birds, but the discarded seeds attract rodents - mice, rats, squirrels, etc. These are not just cute come frightened by their presence and furry animals - they are food for predatory birds and canids. Animals follow

> I have had my share of contact with wild animals, too.

I grew up in rural Caledon and curhogs, skunks, cows, you name it. In the last two years, I have seen coyotes stroll Growing concern led King Township past our home in the forest. A fence hinonly concern is whether my two yellow

But the few times I witnessed these by their majesty. A little on the scraw-The full house was a clear indication ny side, they were, nonetheless, quite a

Previous methods of dealing with

The food chain can't be dismantled. It Most residents left the session well merely changes shape, reacts and fills in

One day we too may be filled in as na-

Residents can live with our fourcurious and highly intelligent. They are legged friends. We need to be cautious, generally weary of humans and driv- use those big brains of ours to protect en by their survival instincts. They've ourselves and our loved ones. We can been roaming southern Ontario for stake our own territory and show them who's boss, without resorting to violent

I think the world is more than big



THIS WEEK'S **QUESTION** After 100 days, do Trudeau is doing a

Brainteaser

I stink when I'm alive, but smell good when I die. What am I?

Last week's answer: A tie can be both broken and holds on.

King Township Trivia

In February 1972 a major snowstorm left King residents stranded for 3 days waiting for ploughs to clear the road.



a) YES

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Scientific research strives to seek truths

By Hans Martin

The recent (Jan. 21) article on science-based policy by Cam Dahl is con-

Science and scientists do not lead to good or bad decisions any more than the manufacturer of automobiles leads to good or bad driving habits. That's not the purpose of scientific research.

Scientific research strives to develop plain statements that are true. I was involved in scientific research for 30 years in laboratories in Australia, the USA and Canada. Subsequently, I directed a research laboratory of about 60 scientists plus technicians and support staff. We produced scientific information ultimately used by government policymakers, but we did not make policy decisions.

Scientists do not conduct science in a vacuum. Usually research results can be and are replicated or challenged by other independent scientists. Furthermore, the statements are openly discussed in scientific meetings, oneon-one or in public gatherings of hundreds of scientists.

New results are not hampered by borders or domestic policies and regulations. With time the statements are refined and change. This evolutionary process is the essence of scientific inquiry. The evolutionary process can go on for years or decades.

Policy writers usually use current scientific information to formulate their conclusions and action plans while including economic, social, and financial considerations plus intangibles such as ethics, honesty, politics, greed, tradition, influence, power, opinion, etc. Things can get messy. But the science remains the same and evolves at its own pace.

In Dahl's article, we have two fairly well-defined theses which might be stated as follows:

outright," said Tim Gray, executive director, Environmental Defence. "Instead of

building yet another toll highway, the province should invest the money in public

(also called the GTA West) would pave over prime farmland, including a portion in Ontario's Greenbelt, and degrade the headwaters of the Credit and Humber

Following the UN climate talks, Ontario announced a temporary suspension (until spring) of Highway 413's environmental assessment. If built, Highway 413

"The highway is intended primarily to move goods through the northwestern

"Placing a highway on productive farmland then building sprawl subdivisions

Members of the public concerned about the risky Highway 413 can sign a peti-

Faces from King

is how we created the congestion problems we are facing today," Gray added. "Our pattern of growth needs to change to put people and public transit first. Proceed-

GTA, but if built it would attract commuters as well. Numerous studies have shown new highways generate more traffic rather than alleviating congestion,"

said Sony Rai, executive director of Sustainable Vaughan.

tion and order free lawn signs at Stopthe413.ca.

ing with this unnecessary highway represents backwards thinking."

way 413 but to cancel it altogether.

transit."

prove crop yields by reducing the negative impact of insects.

2. Neonicotinoids can cause valuable pollinators like honeybees to die.

We can consider the action of the Ontario government in the context of the two theses. First, both theses are based on scientific inquiry and scientific results. Second, the decision-making is not scientific. The article states: "Unfortunately this was not a science-based decision." Should this be a surprise? It is not expected to be since, unlike scientific facts, policy decision can take into consideration other factors, as I have mentioned. Policy decisions can even ignore scientific information entirely.

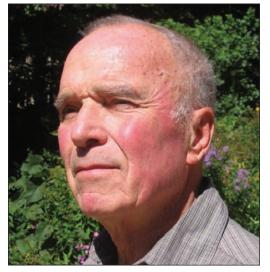
In the present instance the author lists the non-scientific aspects of the use of neonicotinoids, including expense and effectiveness, then finally agreeing that regulations are opinion-based.

The article contains no reference to the regulations formulated in other jurisdictions, notably the European Union. The EU has had a ban on neonicotinoids for about two years. Why did they do it? Imagine the difficulty that confronted the 28 member countries in reaching consensus.

The article has left out reference to non-agricultural impacts of neonicotinoids. Ample reference is made to the loss of productivity on farms and so on but we read no reference to environmental impacts, aquatic and terrestrial as well as human health consequences. There are hundreds of studies of environmental and health impacts in the scientific literature. They deserve recognition.

Towards the end of the article, we come to the discussion of Canada's science-based regulatory system, the PMRA, which "is the envy of much of the world." It appears that it is not quite that good!

Last June, eight Canadian environmental groups sent a joint letter to 1. Neonicotinoid insecticides can im- the PMRA regarding its evaluation



Hans Martin

of Roundup, glyphosate. Glyphosate is contained in 69 registered pest control products (http://www.ecojustice. ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/ PMRA-Glyphosate-comment-letter-June-2015-2.docx.pdf).

The authors were Ecojustice Canada, Canadian Environmental Law Association, David Suzuki Foundation, Wilderness Committee, Ontario Nature, Friends of the Earth Canada, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Chargée de projet - Choix collectifs, agriculture et pesticides Équit-

The letter is extremely negative and critical of the performance of PMRA. The critique includes:

"'Over the last seven years, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (the PMRA) has conducted this re-evaluation largely in private, without inviting any public participation to date."

"The PMRA has been improperly dis-

missive of the assessment of the World Health Organization's conclusion that glyphosate is probably carcinogenic to humans."

"There is no justification for the PM-RA's dismissive approach ..."

"Our concern is that your Proposed Glyphosate Decision threatens Canadians' health with unacceptable risks. Further, we have equally serious concerns with respect to the unacceptable environmental risks of the Proposed Glyphosate Decision on the environment, including at-risk Monarch butterflies and plant species that they depend upon."

"Inexplicably, the Proposed Glyphosate Decision does not consider effects of widespread glyphosate product use on milkweed population and availability in Canada, and the resulting impacts on Monarch butterfly populations."

Coincidentally, the Commissioner on Environment and Sustainable Development released a 31-page audit of the overall performance of the PMRA. It essentially confirms that the PMRA is flawed. In the words of the Friends of the Earth, the "PMRA must go!" (http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/ docs/parl cesd 201512 01 e.pdf).

This does not sound like an organization which is the "envy of the world."

Can we leave decisions concerning neonicotinoids in their hands!?

Dr. Hans Martin is one of the world's leading scientists on climate change, toxic chemicals and other air issues. He has advised both national and international governments. He worked work Environment Canada and most recently for Foreign Affairs before retiring.

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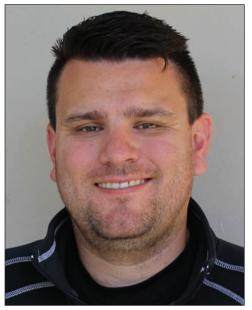
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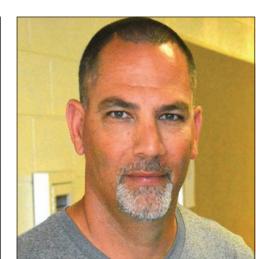
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Natalie Lipnicky

"Yes."



Zito Watkins

"Definitely."

King residents learn about living with coyotes

By Mark Pavilons

Coyotes have been roaming southern Ontario for more than a century.

Residents, especially those in rural King, have to learn to live with these animals and find ways to mitigate conflicts to prevent tragedy.

Concerns have been mounting recently over reports of coyote sightings. King residents have lost their pets to these opportunistic predators, creating fear and apprehension.

To help inform the public, King Township brought in several experts to speak about the Eastern Coyote. The standing-room-only event was held at the Schomberg Library last week, attracting more than 80 residents. Experts from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Coyote Watch Canada and the Toronto Wildlife Centre presented many facts and important tips on how to co-exist with these animals.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the Township is more than happy to take the lead on helping to inform residents. If more sessions like this are warranted, they will be held.

Eva Bobak of the MNR pointed out food supply determines numbers of the Eastern Coyote, who are highly adaptive to fluctuating food sources. They mate for life and breed at this time of year, producing three to nine pups in April or May. The breed has a high mortality rate, with only 50% surviving their first year. The territory of these families average 13.5 kilometres in size and while they don't tend to travel in packs, some families stay together.

They tend to remain in their territory and numbers have expanded with the decrease in their main predators - wolves.

Previous attempts to curb the coyote population didn't work. A "harvest" ac-



tually tends to increase the number of animals.

The covotes have adapted well to urban areas and are most active during the evening. They have come to associate humans with a source of food. Feeding and improper outside storage of food have increased their presence in communities.

She pointed out that livestock kills by covotes are rare. Cats and small dogs can fall prey to them as well.

King resident Shelagh Usher lost her cherished two-year-old Terrier/Whippet mix Monty, to a pair of coyotes in 2015. She subsequently began Coyote Watch King.

Bobak said under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, coyotes can be captured, killed and "harassed" and residents can use agents to trap or kill these animals if they become a threat. There is no closed season and no limit on covotes.

To avoid such drastic measures, she said residents can limit contact and potential conflict with coyotes through a few methods. Limit access to food: secure your trash; keep cats inside and pick up dog feces. Lighting and fencing are also methods to deter access to your property.

When encountering a coyote, Bobak told residents not to feed them; don't run or back away; be vocal and when hiking, and carry a stick or cane.

Coyotes are not inherently "bad" and are "here to stay."

Lesley Sampson, founding executive director of Coyote Watch Canada, said residents have to decide "the relationship you have with these animals."

There are many myths related to these animals and that's why public sessions like this one are so important – to create "nature literacy." People use the terms "coywolf" or "coydog" but these are inaccurate and misleading. We have Eastern Coyotes in Ontario, who don't tend to be aggressive or bold. They can grow to upwards of 44 pounds and are active all year long.

Residents often hear their howls, and believe that's during a kill. It's not. They vocalize to claim their territory and alert other animals.

People feeding wild animals is the main reason they're coming closer to settlements. They're very smart animals and as they become more familiar with humans, they will return. But by

nature, they are wary and even afraid

The community needs to be engaged, she said, to celebrate animals and not be in conflict with them. She pointed out there are other dangerous predators in our midst – owls, hawks and eagles – that will also take small pets.

The coyote is an "eco-thermometer," she explained, noting they are an accurate measure of nature and habitat changes.

"Coyote families matter," she said. "They keep the community healthy."

They are also drawn to their natural food source - rodents. They're "excellent mousers" and can eat upwards of 1,800 rodents per year. Where rodents go, coyotes follow.

Covotes have many good qualities, she pointed out. They are diligent, devoted parents, curious and intelligent. They have been known to steal dog toys and balls for their own pups.

A lethal response to covotes will only bring more animals to the area.

To help deter them, Sampson suggested residents remove bird feeders and seal up holes and crevices that can be used for dens.

In all of her years in field, she's never met an aggressive coyote.

Julia Pietrus, of Toronto Wildlife Centre, said they deal with roughly 20 injured coyotes per year. TWC provides a wildlife hotline, rescue services, medical care and rehabilitation, along with education and outreach services.

They receive roughly 30,000 phone calls per year, making it the busiest service of its kind in Canada.

TWC has a unique relationship with King Township. Last year, they received some 500 calls from King residents and dealt with roughly 50 animals from our area. Many callers simply want advice on how to help an injured animal.

This organization is passionate about helping animals. She pointed out that roughly 2,000 people are killed on Canadian roads every year and roughly a dozen are killed by lightning. One to two Canadians are killed in dog attacks. There have been only two verified coyote killings of humans in the entire history of North America.

"Hazing" is one of the best ways to keep coyotes in check. Loud noises, spraying them with water, and other things can scare them off and let them know who's in charge.

Residents of Carrying Place, a rural estate subdivision, have frequent encounters with coyotes.

One woman said she sees a group of six who traverse her property. She has become reluctant to let her large German shepherd outside.

Another resident said these are not isolated incidents, but are becoming more commonplace.

"It's not normal behaviour," she said.

Another Carrying Place resident said she knows some of her neighbours are feeding the wild animals.

Sampson said this type of "food conditioning" makes matters worse, and people can stop this right away, changing the animals' behaviour literally overnight.

A 30-year resident said when she goes out riding, coyotes are nearby and seem more brazen.

Sampson said CWC does offer resident services and their experts can come to your property to help size up the situation and offer solutions.

She said they would love it if residents supplied them with photos to help catalogue coyotes.

One York Region resident wanted to know who's helping residents as there doesn't seem to be an established system across the region. Sampson stressed it's a "complete

community effort" among residents, special interest groups, municipal and regional governments.

Kathryn Smyth, King's clerk, said staff and council offered this session to help spread awareness. The public session was "step one."

"Our door is open," she said, urging residents to express their concerns to staff.



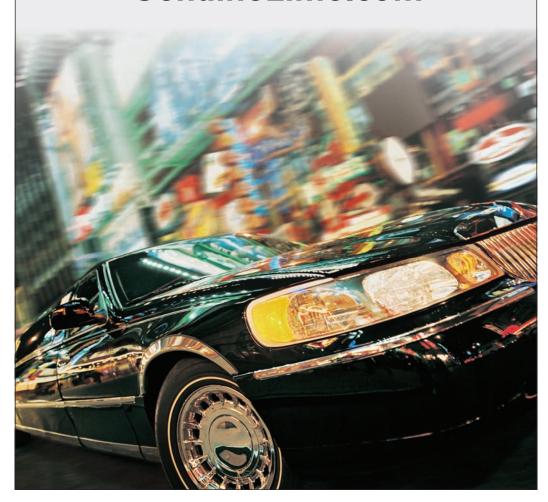


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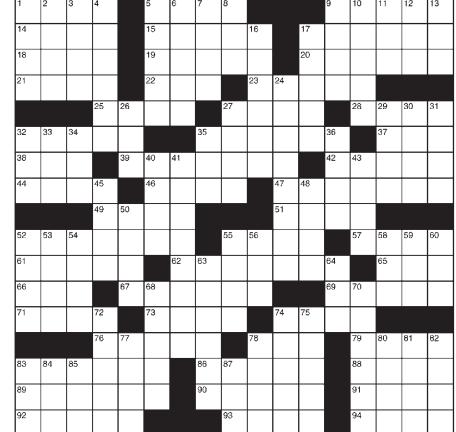
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Seneca College is delighted to announce a \$100,000 donation from TD Bank Group to support the development of the TD Bank Group Elder Financial Planning program, as well as the expansion of Seneca's King Campus.

"Elder financial planning will be a central component of financial service practices in the years to come," said Karen Murkar, Chair, School of Accounting and Financial Services at Seneca. "TD's support will help us provide Seneca graduates with the skills to serve this growing demographic, giving them a competitive advantage as they begin their careers in a very competitive field."

The program will include a suite of resources for financial services students that focus on elder financial planning, such as an online training module, a speaker series and student

"Advisors with expertise in finances for seniors are in growing demand, and we are pleased to help students get a step closer to their career goals by strengthening education," said Rina DeGrazia, vice-president Central Market, TD Bank Group.

Shelley Smith, financial planner at TD Bank Group, answered student questions about the new TD Bank Group Financial Planning program at Seneca on Feb. 4.

"We're excited to support this innovative and timely elder financial planning initiative and provide our communities with resources to make strong financial decisions."

TD's gift also includes capital funding for Seneca's King Campus infrastructure expansion, which will include additional academic and recreational space, laboratories and a learning cen-

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What does a shingle plaque tell you?

Peter Iaboni Chair, King Heritage **Advisory Committee Chair**

Every place has its own story as to how it came to be. As you walk through King's villages and hamlets, you can get some clues about the history of each from the shingle plaques mounted on some of the heritage buildings.

On the plaque there is a date, a name and a profession. It's generally assumed that this tells you when the house was built, who built it and what that person did. The plaques are not just there for the tourist who is interested in history.

For many of today's homeowners the plaque is testimony to their pride in their property's history. And as you would expect, those home owners want the information to be accurate and meaningful.

Recently, the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC, the administrator of the plaque program) was approached by two property owners who had researched their properties and uncovered that the plaques on their homes were inaccurate or at least not as meaningful as they could be. In one case the indicated date was year of property acquisition and not house construction; in another, there was simply evidence that the house was built much earlier.

Although the name was accurate in terms of identifying the first owner of the property there was a far more significant person who bought the house shortly after its construction and subsequently lived in the house for a number of years. The current property owners wanted new, revised shingles.

The HAC reviewed the evidence and agreed. Furthermore, HAC discovered

there was inconsistency across the plaques on these very issues i.e. what date to inscribe and who to acknowledge. As there was no policy for the plaque program HAC has developed a comprehensive policy.

Date should reflect year of construction. As for whose name should be on the plaque, the policy is that an historically significant owner, early in the life of the house, should take precedence over the actual builder.

Other points – The first plaque and corrected plaques are provided at no cost by the Township; replacements are available for a fee. New plaques will only be offered to properties which are listed on the Heritage Registrar

To read the full policy you can contact the Heritage Planner.

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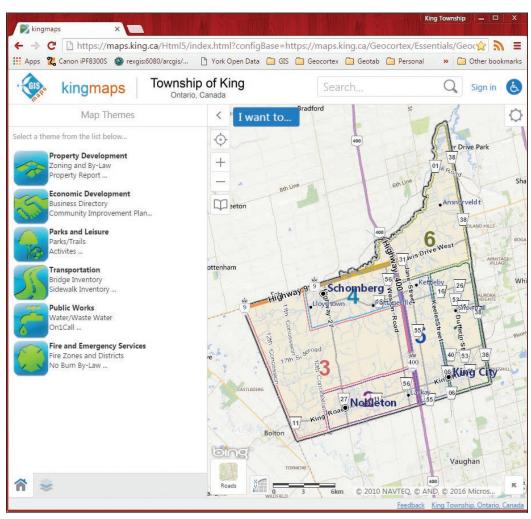


In the next article, we will review Main Street, Schomberg house is 23 years

Photo by Alicia Turner







Township has interactive 'kingmaps'

By Mark Pavilons

Residents and visitors alike can get a different view of our township, thanks to an innovative interactive map.

The Township launched "kingmaps" so people can view a myriad of information about the township, its features, developments, amenities and much more.

With the click of a mouse, you can find out your waste collection schedule; visit the nearest soccer field, or find out what your taxes are. You can access public transit information and learn about future developments in your village.

Greg Czajko, King's GIS coordinator, said this new self-serve resource is accessible via PC, tablet or mobile phone, Simply visit www.king.ca/kingmaps and you're on your way.

Not only does it provide a host of information, it accesses Google Street View and there are 360-degree panoramic photos of various facilities across King.

The information and online features will continue to evolve. Mayor Steve Pellegrini praised staff for their contributions.

"I'm totally impressed," he said, adding staff will continue to develop and improve the website's content.

YRDSB holds workshops to ease transition of Syrian students

By Jake Courtepatte

York Region's teachers and staff are looking for any way possible to ease the transition of incoming Syrian refugee students.

In a collaboration between the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario and the York Region District School Board, around 20 teachers and staff took part in a workshop in Aurora recently to learn more about how to handle a situation they have never before

"We wanted to do something to help with the influx of Syrian refugees," said ETFO-YR executive member Lynda Hockley. "It's not something we've ever encountered before. It's a unique situation. Although some of them have already arrived, we wanted to make sure that we are as well prepared as possible.'

As of the last update, Hockley said that the school board is expecting a total of roughly 100 new Syrian refugee students. The board is looking to not only assist the students in their needs in the classroom, but socially, emotionally, and academically.

"In a situation like this, everybody is working together to assist everybody. We're assisting our teachers, and our teachers are assisting not only the incoming students, but the existing student body with acceptance, understanding, and integration."

Among the topics covered in the first workshop is one that is outside of the school, in assisting families with integration into the region.

"They've come through reception, or will have, but now they are going to be part of our school families," said Hockley. "We want to make sure that our teachers know where to direct them in any part of the community, because they will look to us for answers."

"We know, as teachers, that we often do more than just the typical role of teaching the three R's. We're looked to for guidance."

The workshop, complete with a slide show presentation, was an open-minded approach with discussions on language barriers, differing educational requirements, and social differences. One teacher even brought up the situation as an opportunity for current students to learn Arabic, citing that a il War, with Canadian Prime Minister

quick Google search brought her to a Justin Trudeau meeting the first group translation chart she could hang in her classroom.

"It's some really rich and productive development for the teachers, because it is so specific," said Hockley. "We've all had new students, and some I'm sure have had students come from war-torn countries. But we want to make sure that everyone is prepared."

Hockley said the ETFO-YR is expecting and hoping that more workshops will be conducted to cover a broader range of teachers.

"Really, what we focused on for the first workshop were the teachers who directly had students coming into their classrooms. We're hoping to reach a lot more students and staff after the success of this conference.'

The reception by the teachers has so far been a positive one.

"One teacher couldn't make it today, so she sent a replacement to take notes. They're happy to do it ... they all want to be here and get this information. There's fabulous dialogue going on."

Over four-million refugees have been driven out of Syria by the Syrian Civto come to Canada at Toronto's Pearson Airport in early December. Premier Kathleen Wynne said Ontario is on track to receive 10,000 refugees by the end of this month.

LSRCA showcases 2015 achievements

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and elections for chair and vice-chair recently. Returning for a second term as chair is Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe.

"Receiving the continued support of my colleagues on the board of directors means a great deal to me," said Mayor Dawe. "This past year as chair of LSRCA has been a highlight in my career and I'm thrilled to continue on in that role. I expect 2016 will be even more exciting as the authority begins implementing our new five-vear strategic plan."

Newly elected to the position of vice-chair was Councillor Richard Simpson from the Town of Innisfil.

"During my time with LSRCA, I have been impressed with how the board and staff respond to issues and challenges and look forward to my expanded role," said Simpson.

This year also marks the beginning of a new chapter for LSRCA. with the launch of its new 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, "Vision to Action, Action to Results." It includes a new vision and mission.

The authority's 2015 annual report was also released at the AGM. It details highlights of the authority's achievements over the past year. Besides the stand-out accomplishment of completing its Strategic Plan for 2016, the annual report details research findings, outreach efforts, and community-driven restoration projects.

The authority's Strategic Plan, 2016-2020, "Vision to Action, Action to Results" and annual report and are both available online at http:// www.lsrca.on.ca/news/2016/new_

January donations bring a great start for the King Township Food Bank

Registrants will be attending the three centres across King to pick up their food and cards between 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 in accordance with the regular monthly schedule.

Please note that the next distribution will be Saturday, March 19, the Saturday ending March Break.

Registrants are reminded to call the Food Bank number (905-806-1125) if they will NOT be attending a monthly distribution to keep their registration active. Anyone needing some assistance with food is welcomed to call the Food Bank so that arrangements can be made to deliver food to the appropriate centre. Proof of residency in King Township is the only requirement to register.

In January, Alloro Fine Foods added their surplus produce to the vegetables being donated by Hillside Gardens. The Stonemill Bakehouse again donated artisanal breads for all registrants to enjoy.

For February, The Stonemill Bakehouse, Hillside Gardens and Dorio's Bakery are donating bread and produce choices, along with buns from the Nobleton Lions.

King Township staff have donated a number of winter coats which were cleaned, thanks to Foley Restoration, and are ready to be given away at February's distribution along with clothing from Justice and general donations of new items (like socks and underwear) and clean, gently used winter items. This is the second "Free For All" event to help those struggling to make ends meet.

January donations bring wonderful start to 2016!

St. Patrick School collected over \$1,000 with Christmas sales of candy canes; huge thanks to them for this initiative. King Curling Club held a food drive to benefit the Food Bank, with over \$600 of food going onto the shelves. Kingbridge Centre added donated food and \$125 from a staff event to their generous corporate donation of \$500. Earlier in January, King City Firefighters presented a cheque for \$1,000. Locale's Christmas in King City participation resulted in a cheque for \$631.60. Alloro Fine Foods held a Tail Gate BBQ on Super Bowl Weekend, bringing in \$330 for the Food Bank.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone 905-859-5174

St. Paul's Church

The Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Check here for details or contact our Youth Leader Taylor Scott at scottie_tay@yahoo.ca or 289-338-2539.

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings each month from September to May. It starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 9 p.m. It promises an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun.

The King Township Food Bank will be open Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series entitled -"Practical Love." Jeff's message this week - "A Cup of Cold Water."

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Ladies Who

Serve group will meet for an afternoon of knitting at the church starting at 1 p.m. Interested? Please join them.

FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time. Taylor Scott has begun a program for the youth following the worship gathering. It is called 4:12 Unplugged. It is a chance for teens to hang out, drink hot chocolate and ask tough questions about God and to talk about the sermon message. A fun, laid back way to get connected in the church.

Jeff has a blog and he records his weekly messages there after worship each Sunday. Anyone interested in listening to his messages can go to www. passionatelyhis.com to hear them.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Feb. 21 is the date of Nobleton's annual general meeting. We have our regular Sunday service at 11:15 a.m., then lunch, then the meeting. All are welcome to attend. We value everyone's opinion. The Joint Board will be recommending that we give a donation to the local King For Refugees organization. If any individual wants to donate to this worthy cause, one option would be to write a cheque to Nobleton United Church with "King For Refugees" on the comment line. Our church would issue tax receipts and donate this money to the group.

Feb. 21 is the second Sunday of Lent. Lent is a serious time (40 days) before the happy time of Easter. Jesus prayed and fasted in the wilderness for 40 days. In order to really understand Lent, you have to have suffered a time of trouble. The Lent period, as our Minister Brian Nicholson said on Sunday, would be the time for "Learning to put one foot in front of the other with grace and with

Friday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. is the famous Pasta Dinner with pasta sauce and meats balls from Gino DiFebo's heritage Italian recipe. This event is

Mark your calendar for the Lenten conversations on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.: Feb. 24, Mar. 2, and Mar. 16. On Feb. 24, at Schomberg United Church, after the light lunch of "Hot Soup and a Bun." we will listen to the "Front Porch Harmony" who will perform a variety of music, both jazz and popular, and we will discuss the "Spirituality of Music." This is a free event and if you have ever heard the "Front Porch Harmony," you will know that this is a treat.

Sunday April 3 is Minister Brian Nicholson's last Sunday with us. He has decided to retire and move to Australia! We will certainly miss him. Everyone is welcome to come and wish him well. We will have a lunch afterwards.

Nobleton United is looking for three or four student volunteers (teens or 20s) to operate AV equipment, especially our power point presentations. We would give two community hours for each Sunday service, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., as this would involve setting the equipment up, running it and then storing

it. We can train the volunteers to operate the equipment. Only one volunteer would be needed each Sunday. If you are interested, please email nancy@ hopkinson.ca or phone 905-859-0761.

Our February Messy Church focused on the story of Noah and the Ark and the theme of second chances. There was wooden boat building (thanks to Bob Sharer, who shaped and sanded the wooden pieces for the children to screw together), origami paper boat building, rainbow construction, water play with boats in a baby bath, rain stick making with dried peas to sound like rain when it tipped over, giant ark puzzle making, as well as food and time to socialize and to play ping pong. A total of 24 people attended, with ages ranging from babies to grandparents. All enjoyed the choices of activities.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. We are located at 6076 King Rd., north side, about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear of the building, an accessible ramp at the rear of the building, chair lifts for the 7 steps to get up or down and accessible washrooms.

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- 2.) Why Is It Needed? "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).
- 3.) Who Paid For It? "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24).
- 4.) How Can You Receive It? "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Sin, at its core, is a refusal to give worship to our creator God.

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Snowboarding teams win CISAA gold, silver

By Jen Weening and Paul Sward

The CDS boys' snowboarding team won CISAA gold and the girls' team won CISAA silver last week at Alpine Ski Club. As a result, both senior boys' and girls' teams qualified for OFSAA on March 3 with the boys taking the 2nd place spot and the girls earning the top spot.

Last year, our boys' team qualified by virtue of CISAA hosting OFSAA and therefore were allowed to bring their fourth place team as well.

"This jump in our standings says so much about our athletes' commitment to improvement and excellence. I am so proud of this team, and seeing them with all of their medals was incredibly gratifying," said head coach Jennifer

According to parent coach Paul Sward: "The shortened season meant

there was a lot at stake and with points and a half being awarded for individual and team performance, it was anyone's championship to win."

U14 racer Jeevan Gosal recorded the 7th fastest time on the hill for all boys competing and clinched our team win after we lost two other high level boarders to bad conditions, ruts and slush.

Rebecca Train saved her best race of the season for the Championship (and her home turf, Alpine). Her 5th place finish earning just enough points to propel our girls team to a silver medal season championship.

Highlights from the Championship (season-long points standings with over 120 boarders vying for the top spots): L2 Open Boys

Lucas Venere - CISAA silver med-

U14 Girls

Anna Croxon – 5th overall in Grand



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Slalom (GS)* and 2nd overall in Slopestyle (SS).

Tegan Asprey – 6th overall in GS and 8th overall in SS. and 1st overall in SS.

U14 Boys

Jeevan Gosal - CISAA U14 gold medalist in GS and 5th overall in SS.

Sam Henderson – CISAA U14 silver medalist in GS and CISAA gold medalist in SS.

Scott McCann - 3rd overall in GS and 3rd overall in SS.

Liam Wishart - 7th overall in GS and 4th overall in SS.

U16 Girls

Jillian Sward – CISAA U16 gold medalist in GS and CISAA U16 gold medalist in SS.

Kitt Empey - 4th overall in GS and

CISAA U16 silver medalist in SS. Dava Gosal – 6th overall in GS and

3rd overall in SS.

Rebecca Train – 7th overall in GS and 4th overall in SS.

U16 Boys

medalist in GS.

Ethan Lavis – 4th overall in GS and March 4.

4th overall in SS.

Wilson O'Neill - 7th overall in SS. Tristan Forster – 8th overall in GS

Jake Keslick – despite a broken arm

– 9th overall in SS.

U20 Boys

Alex Sward - CISAA U20 gold medalist in GS and 10th in SS.

Willem von Schilling – 8th overall all

Jackson Empey – a solid start to the season with an 8th place finish in GS Jackson was taken at Devils Glen, out by injury in an icy parking lot at Craigleith Ski Club the following week-

Last week's CISAA success was followed by the team's participation in the first-ever CISAA snowboard cross event yesterday at Sir Sams Ski Hill. Seven CDS riders (Alex Sward, Willem von Schilling, Ethan Lavis, Jillian Sward, Kitt Empey, Daya Gosal & Rebecca Train) earned one of the 16 possible spots on the CISAA-representing Cole Walker - CISAA U16 Silver OFSAA teams. The inaugural OFSAA snowboard cross event will take place

Look out OFSAA - here we come!



Red Wings hanging on in playoffs

By Jake Courtepatte

In their quest for back-to-back provincial glory, the Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings are not making it easy for themselves.

It was deja-vu for the perennial powerhouse in the first round of OMHA playoffs. cruising through the Newcastle Stars in three straight games for the second year in a row to earn a spot in the quarterfinal series.

And once again, there they meet the Loyalist Jets. That is where the similarity has ended between this year's squad and the one that made a trip to the semis look easy

The Wings quickly fell four points back of the Jets in the first-to-six-points series last week, just one win away from ending their season. However, their resiliency has brought the squad right back into the thick of the competition.

Returning to Trisan Centre on Saturday, the afternoon crowd was adamant in not seeing their team go down in three straight. The goaltending duo was stellar throughout the first period, with neither giving an inch on either side in a scoreless frame. Mitchell Harknett had perhaps the only quality scoring chance of the frame, a wraparound that beat the Loyalist tender but with the net coming off.

The puck was back on Harknett's stick early in the second, sent in alone on a breakaway but losing the handle on the shot. More Red Wings action followed, with Calvin McHugh thinking he opened the scoring on a wrist shot mid-way through the second, but the pick trickled over the line after the referee blew a quick whistle. A word with the ref did not get McHugh or a frustrated Wings squad anywhere.

Finally, in the dying minutes of the period, Dan Giglio found himself wide open in the Loyalist slot and had plenty of time to find an open corner.

They continued to press in the third period instead of falling back defensively, a tactic that worked out when Luca Germinario found a hole through traffic with five minutes left. Giglio notched his second of the game in the final two minutes, giving his team the 3-0 victory.

A slim 1-0 win on the road the next day kept the playoff hopes alive, drawing the Wings back even with four points apiece. In the event of a tie in Schomberg on Saturday, the series will return to Loyalist on Sunday for a sixth and deciding game.

Puck drop Saturday is 3 p.m. at Trisan Centre.

Our family, the Ford family ... and you

The Lambton Shore Predators have already booked their semifinal ticket with a sweep of the Belmont Rangers. The winner of the Red Wings/Jets series will take on the winner of the South Bruce Blades and Central Pert Rep.

For schedules, visit www.schombergminorhockey.com.

Eric Lamaze welcomes Chacco Kid

Eric Lamaze has acquired Chacco Kid, a 10-year-old chestnut Oldenburg gelding. The 2008 Canadian Olympic Champion has formed a group of owners, known as the Chacco Kid Group, to secure the horse for Canada. Along with Lamaze, the owners include Rick and Sara Mershad, Ludi and Carol Sollak, and Andy and Carlene Ziegler.

"It is a horse that Simon Delestre told me about at the Geneva horse show in December," said Lamaze. "His father, Marcel, has been training the Colombian team, and they felt it was an interesting horse and decided to purchase it. The horse flew from Colombia to quarantine in Miami, and then came to me with the idea to get it legged up, either for Simon to ride or to be sold. The horse really impressed me, and I put together a group to buy him."

The Chacco Kid Group is comprised of Lamaze's long-time supporters, Andy and Carlene Ziegler of Artisan Farms, where Lamaze is based year-round. Ludi and Carol Sollak have had horses with Lamaze over the years, and were looking for a new opportunity after recently selling Brooklyn Blues to young Canadian rider Mackenzie Edwards. Rick and Sara Mershad are new owners for Lamaze. Their daughter, Gabriela, began training with Lamaze last fall, sparking an interest in joining the Chacco Kid Group.

"I think Chacco Kid is a very special horse and incredibly talented," said Lamaze, who won individual gold and team silver medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. "He's had experience up to the 1.50m level in Colombia and had some good wins. He does not have 1.60m experience yet, but I think he has everything in him to be an incredible horse. I think he's going to go all the way and do big things."

Chacco Kid joins a strong lineup of horses in Lamaze's stable. In addition to his 2015 Pan American Games team gold medal mount, Coco Bongo, Lamaze is also competing at the top level with Check Picobello Z, Fine Lady 5, Houston, Powerplay, and Rosana du Park, all owned by Artisan Farms in partnership with Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable.

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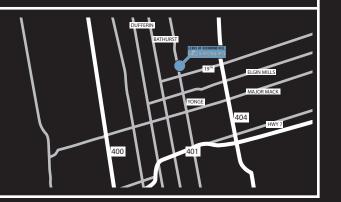
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Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton meets for worship service every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we meet in the United

Church building at 6076 King Road, Nobleton. See www.immanuelreformed.

On Friday, March 4, at 7:00 in the United Church building (6076 King Road, Nobleton), Bruce Vrieling will lead a talk about "Internet Safety/Guarding Your Hearts and Homes." This talk is open to the public; all are welcome!

Nobleton Lions Club

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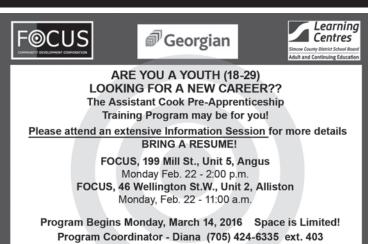
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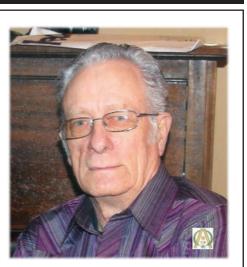
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Meredith, Claude William

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Passed away Sunday, February 7, 2016 at the age of 75. Survived by his family: sister Betty (Glen), brothers John (Dee), Roger, Jack (Thresia), Robert, Harold (Agnes) and several nieces and nephews. Claude was a long-time resident of Dawson City Yukon, where he was employed for many years and a dedicated member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers. No service by request. Should family and friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, www.cancer.ca, 565 10th Ave W, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 9Z9. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.springfieldfuneralhome.com

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708 OBITUARIES



Dieter Potschka, 75, of Aurora, Ontario, passed away peacefully on Tuesday February 9, 2016 at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

Born in East Prussia on January 19, 1941 to Katharina (Swars) Potschka and Heinrich Potschka. Beloved husband to Heidi. Lovingly remembered by his sisters Sabine and Ingrid (and late brother Gerhard). Loving father to Christine (Brian), Ralph and Petra. Opa will be remembered with love by his grandkids Brennan, Dylan and Genna. Long time resident of King City where he was well known to the community for fixing everything from lawnmowers, cars, chain saws - you name it!! He happily did this in his spare time.

At his request, a cremation will take place with a small family memorial to follow in the Spring.

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King City United has a busy March planned

King's Corners

King City United By Eleanor Fry

Reverend Evelyn's message asked us "Where Is Your Heart?"

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a young man rushed up to him, fell on his knees, and asked "What must I do to inherit Eternal Life?" Jesus told him to sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor. This man had many possessions, so he walked away grieving. Selling everything he owned and giving the money to the poor would

ence God's love in a new way. It demonstrates our complete trust in our faith. When there is a challenge before us in any part of life it is so easy to fall into a negative attitude. "It can't be done. I don't like it. Let someone else do it."

Negativity turns us away from our faith, as we see with the rich young man. He didn't want to let go. Remember – we have the opportunity to "let go, and let God," then all things are possi-

A picture speaks a thousand words! Check out the latest newsletter. It is full of them. Thanks to Earle for your huge effort to have it ready for Valen-

have allowed the young man to experitine's Day. After working until 3 a.m. scones, cookies, a photo booth with DA to make vour deadline, you did it. If vou don't receive it on line, stop in to pick one up in our Narthex. Pass it on to your neighbour. Spread the news of all the happenings at King City United Church.

We enjoyed a yummy pot luck lunch after our Valentine's service. Thanks to all who set up, decorated, cleaned up, and especially contributed the food. With singing and a Valentine's quiz, fellowship is always good. Did you know Valentine was eventually be-headed?

Afternoon UCW meets Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel. The theme is "Thoughtfulness." This is open to all women. Enjoy a cup of tea and some goodies after.

Thursday, Feb. 18 is worship day at King City Lodge 2 p.m. Sandra and MaryLee will lead the residents in music and singing in Rev. Evelyn's absence this week. Anyone can join in. They do enjoy visitors.

Our music department also meets on Thursdays, Bell choir at 6:45 p.m. and vocal at 8 p.m. If you enjoy music they really need some more people. Try out ringing or singing. Sandra leads the bells and Rosemary leads the vocal choir. Both of them are very willing to help you get started. Only one night a week plus Sundays. Please consider it to help with the beautiful Easter music.

Tea and Talk happens every Friday at Sunset Grill in King City at 10 a.m. to 11:30. Just a group of those who like conversation and to get to know someone you didn't really know before. Enjoy breakfast, or just a tea/coffee. See you there.

World Day Of Prayer. Friday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church. This year we learn more about Cuba, the people, their way of living, their beliefs. Refreshments after.

Sunday, March 6 a Farewell to Downton Abbey Tea, running 2:30 to 4 p.m., props, quiz. Come dressed as one of your favourite characters, or 1920s style or for a tea party. Just an afternoon of fun and laughter. If you have a fancy tea pot or lace or linen table cloth we could borrow, we would appreciate it. Free will offering. Please RSVP to 905-833-5181, or email kcuc@bell.ca.

Dates to remember. March 18 is the Irish Dinner, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$5 for children.

Sunday, March 20, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. is our Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Ruth Schoenhardt to achieve her Golden Cord in Girl Guides. 10 a.m. Palm/ Passion Sunday with Communion. March 24 at 7 p.m. is Maundy Thursday Worship at All Saints Anglican Church

March 25 at 10 a.m. is our Good Friday Worship at KCUC with St Andrew's. March 27 at 10 a.m. is our Easter Worship at KCUC.

April 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. is our Electronics Recycling Kick-Off. Start sorting all that electronic stuff you haven't done anything with - yet.

April 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. is our Scrapbooking day. Note all these special dates and choose one or all that you would like to attend. We have a busy time and lots of fun at KCUC.

Join us for Sunday 10 a.m. worship service with Sunday school. Stay for a time of fellowship with cookies and tea/coffee. 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For any information call 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bwllnet.ca Reverend Evelyn McLachlan. email kcucmin@ Bellnet.ca

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 21 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our sermon series "Gospel Shaped Outreach" with "How should we pray?"

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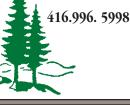




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King City seniors plan many outings

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We have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

Join us for games, crafts, stories and singing in Kidszone. Join us for Truth Lab investigations this year. It's for Grades JK to 6 and runs 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

King City Seniors' Club

Wednesday, March 9 we travel to the famous Old Mill for an exciting mystery theatre performance. We start with a buffet lunch in the main dining room. The intrigue heightens around dessert time when we meet some colourful characters. The plot thickens when someone dies. The suspects are spread throughout the room, sitting right at the tables among us, and with the help of a detective, we get to participate in solving the mystery. For tickets contact Jane Hepworth at 905-833-5870. The cost is \$109 per person.

Tuesday, April 5 we take a tour of the Ontario Christian Gleaners' facility where we will see volunteers preparing, processing and drying produce which will be shipped to third world countries.

Next, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Old Marina Restaurant with a beautiful view of Puslinch Lake. Then it's off for a tour, by motorized tram, of the Toyota Manufacturing plant in Cambridge where we will see how the high-end Toyota Lexus vehicle is assembled.

For tickets contact Jane Hepworth at 905-833-5870. The cost is \$81 per person.

Friday, Feb. 19 is our monthly Potluck Lunch at the Centre. Everyone is welcome so come out and bring a

friend. There's no charge, and the food is always great. The festivities get under way at 12:30 p.m. and we ask that everyone bring along a main course or dessert.

The first Thursday of the month is our movie night at the Centre. The fun starts at 6:30 so mark your calendars for March 3 and come out and join us. The March movie will be announced in the coming weeks.

Dufferin Marsh skate

The Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection is holding their 10th annual Community Skate and Bonfire on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 3 to 6 p.m. on the marsh in Schomberg off Dr. Kay Drive if ice conditions allow. Please bring your shovel to help clear the ice! Come out and enjoy a fun family time with hotdogs, marshmallows and hot chocolate. Donations accepted to support our work. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

York Pines

The York Pines Church announces its sponsorship of a workshop on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is entitled, "Aboriginal Cultural Competency." It is presented by staff from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres in Toronto. The workshop is intended to help non-aboriginals to understand better the cultural background of First Nations' peoples.

Historical elements will be presented using a slide show, but the emotional scars will be felt through a simulation exercise. The cost of the workshop is \$40. This amount includes your lunch. Enrollment is limited to 60 persons. The payment of your registration fee secures your place. Please send your cheque to the York Pines United Church, 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, Kettleby, L7B 0G3.

church at 905-727-8118.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care take place during the worship service.

We have been blessed to have Pastor John Mills with us this month. He will continue to be with us most Sundays through to the end of March, however John Vissers will be with us again March 6 (Communion) and March 27 (Easter Sunday).

The Ladies' Prayer Group continues Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Join us to pray or quietly reflect. It is such a blessing to be together and as God has promised, He is with us, hearing and answering our prayers. Let us know how our God can bless you.

Our church is located at 13190 Keele

For more information please call the St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. www.standrews-kingcity.ca

All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

The Wednesday services at 11 a.m. will continue throughout Lent, followed by a Soup and Bun Lunch.

The second performance of the Christmas Pageant has been postponed for a week or two.

There will be a special meeting for the servers, with training, this Sunday, Feb. 21, after the 10:30 a.m. service.

February 26 and 27 is an area youth snowtubing event for ages 9-17 with St Paul's Innisfil. Cost is \$25. For more information please contact Kristen in the office.

If you are unable to get to church due to illness or mobility issues and would like a home visit or communion, please call the church office at 905-833-5432



Messy Church

Despite the weather, a group of eager people attended Nobleton United Church's Messy Church in January. Shown are (I to r) Margaret Brookes, Cathy Castator, Heather Patterson, Chantal Patterson, Laurie Kolb with Claire's Jack, Victoria and Joe Kolb, Claire Purvis and Islay. Missing from photo, Olivia and Alf Budweth.







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