



#### **By Mark Pavilons**

The bulk of the 100-acre parcel at the corner of King Road and Jane Street in King is up for sale.

The parcel, purchased by Magna International to serve as its new headquarters, is being divided and sold.

According to Tracy Feurst, Magna's global director of corporate communications, their intention has always been to use a portion of that land for a potential HQ building in the future. Their lease on the current building in Aurora goes through 2022.

"Therefore, it makes sense to sell the rest of the land that we don't have intensions on using," she said.

Up for sale are 82.36 acres of employment lands and Magna will retain 20.76 acres for their future head office.

Bidding commences March 1 at 4 p.m.

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According to the listing on Colliers International, the benefits of this property include access to Highway 400 and major corridors in Vaughan. The site has "excellent short-term development potential and medium-longer term potential higher and better use."

When Magna made the announcement in May 2015 to

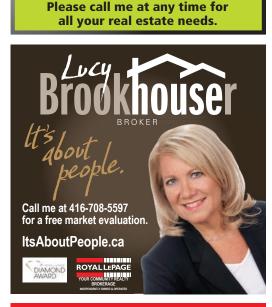
move to King, the municipality was overjoyed. Preliminary plans included their "flagship" corporate office of 200,000 square feet, including research and development facilities, various amenities and underground parking. It was intended to house more than 625 employees.

King's Economic Development office is still excited about the property's potential and is promoting the sale on its website.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini is still optimistic that Magna will follow through when the time is right. Adding more partners to the mix will be beneficial to the municipality.

According to King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte, the federal government is shoring up trade partnerships. The proposed Trans-Pacific trade deal is a pact between Canada and 10 other Pacific Rim countries, which will open up new opportunities for diversifying and expanding trade. Importantly, this agreement will also restore a level playing field on vehicle tariffs that are needed as a result of Canada's trade agreements reached with South Korea and Europe.

If this benefits companies like Magna, their future has become a little brighter.



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#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

#### Monday, February 5, 2018

6 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole Public meeting: Zoning By-law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivisions File Numbers: OP-2015-01, Z-2015-03 and 19T-15K02 Applicant: Bushland Heights Ltd. Location: 13245 Jane Street, King City

#### Monday, February 26, 2018

6 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

#### **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

#### Wednesday, February 7, 2018

6 pm - Committee of Adjustment Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

#### Thursday, February 8, 2018

3 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 and 8, Bradford

#### Thursday, February 8, 2018

7 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

#### Thursday, February 13, 2018

7 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

#### Thursday, February 20, 2018

7 pm – King Township Public Library Board Schomberg branch, 77 Main Street

#### Thursday, February 27, 2018

7 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Please be advised that a report is being prepared for Council's consideration at the Monday, February 26, 2018 meeting at 6pm to recommend that the following properties be added to the Township's Heritage Register:

- 13681 Dufferin Street 13236 Dufferin Street 13331 Keele Street 104 Martin Street 13103 Keele Street 13066 Keele Street 13060 Keele Street
- 13079 Keele Street 13069 Keele Street 2157 King Road 34 Clearview Heights 12720 Keele Street 45 Station Road

The Township of King is currently undertaking a process of reviewing its Built Heritage Inventory to identify properties of cultural heritage value in order to update the Heritage Register as per the Council adopted Work Plan outlined in report P-2016-21. Through this process the above referenced properties have been identified as having potential heritage value and have been tentatively recommended by the Heritage Advisory Committee to be added to the King Township Heritage Register as listed (non-designated) properties based on currently available information and property research.

The listing of a property would not place restrictions or obligations in obtaining a Building Permit for alterations or renovations. Listing on the Register would increase the amount of time (from 10 days up to 60 days) the Township Council and staff has to process and consider a demolition application and explore possible options with the property owner.

The recommendation to consider the addition of your property to the Heritage Register, together with a number of other properties, will be placed before Council at its meeting in Committee of the Whole on Monday, February 26th at 6pm in the Council Chambers in the Township Municipal Offices located at 2075 King Road, King City. Should you or your someone on your behalf wish to participate in the above noted meeting, you may either attend the meeting and ask to speak to the matter, or submit written comments to the Township Clerk in advance of the meeting.

#### For further information

If you have any questions, require further information regarding the property, or concerns with respect to the possible listing of your property on the Township's Heritage Register, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Martelluzzi, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator at the Township offices, either by phone 905-833-4061 or by email at emartelluzzi@king.ca.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION **DRAFT 2018 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN**

Council Chambers located at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

- RE: Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2018 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2018 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 5, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at <u>www.king.ca</u> as of Thursday, January 18, 2018.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact:

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013, Fax: 905-833-2300

- Summer Camp positions (various) close Feb. 2
- Aquatics positions (various) close Feb. 2
- Parks Summer Student Operator (student) closes Feb. 2
- Parks Operator Afternoon Shift (contract) closes Feb. 2
- Seasonal Parks Operator (contract) closes Feb. 2
- Event Support Staff (P/T, contract) closes Feb. 9
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (P/T, seasonal) closes Mar. 5 Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

#### REMINDERS

#### WATER BILLS

Due Date: February 13, 2018



WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

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х	By cheque	
х	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca	_

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When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Water, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890).

After hours 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 program is available for Water & Sewer accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD").



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Seeking Nominations For **VOLUNTEER AWARDS** Closing Monday, March 12, 2018

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thursday, April 26, 2018

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
- Lifetime Achievement
- Special Recognition
- 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. Monday, March 12th, 2018. 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, April 26th, 2018.

Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement Township Clerk E-mail: kmoyle@king.ca



# **MEET THE MAYOR &** WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 6 Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Drive 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Thursday, March 8 Thursday, April 5 Schomberg Library 77 Main Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm Ansnorveldt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Councillor Bill Cober

Tuesday, April 10 Council Chambers 2075 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Councillors David Boyd & Linda Pabst

Councillor Avia Eek

Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & **Debbie Schaefer** 

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# Council demands zero increase in 2018 budget

#### **By Mark Pavilons**

Despite valiant efforts by King Township staff to create a responsible draft budget, councillors have asked for a zero tax increase in 2018.

Treasurer Allan Evelyn presented the draft budget Monday night with a 1.99% increase. That would have resulted in a blended 3% hike, or roughly \$200 more for a home assessed at \$784.500.

Led by Mayor Steve Pellegrini, council wants Evelyn to return Feb. 5 with a zero increase in this year's budget. That won't be an easy task and staff will have to make more than \$550,000 cuts in spending. This year, the Township is saddled with a bill of \$300,000, courtesy of the provincial Bill 148, which impacts salaries, benefits and equal pay for equal work.

"Zero means zero," he told staff Monday night. He won't force people out of their hoems. "We are going to bring it (tax increase) down."

Homeowners are in the second year of a four-year assessment cycle by the Municipal Property Assessment Corp. (MPAC) an independent agency that sets market value rates.

Mayor Pellegrini didn't want a repeat of 2017, when taxpayers were outraged by double-digit increases, despite efforts at the local level to keep tax increases under 3%. The jump in taxes was directly linked to MPAC's updated assessment levels.

Even if the 2018 budget comes with a zero tax increase, some homeowners will still pay more. Modest increases by York Region and the respective school boards, along with MPAC values, will hit King homeowners.

Staff pointed out the 2018 spending levels remain the same as 2017. In order to deliver a budget that was responsible, staff aimed for maintaining service standards; ensuring adequate staffing; planning construction strategically, and focusing on long-term fiscal sustainability.

crease, cuts will likely have to be made to staff hours and programs.

Treasurer Allan Evelyn noted these impacts are dependent on tax rates that have yet to be finalized by York Region. He said preliminary analysis does suggest the regional portion of the tax bill may carry a "disproportionate share of the overall tax increase due to a combination of lower than expected growth in assessment on a regional basis, and higher % increase innet levy requirements for 2018.

In King, staff worked hard to lessen the impact to local homeowners.

A 10% growth across the board in development in King has given the municipality some breathing space.

But while assessment income rose, it's being offset by costs, much of which came as a result of the Province's Bill 148. Salaries and benefits, according to treasurer Allan Evelyn, will increase by \$779,000 or 2.8% Of this, \$300,000 can be directly attributed to the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act 2017 which includes minimum wage hikes. General operations, contracting and consulting services are also proposed to rise by \$468,000.

In order to balance things out, staff reviewed their programs and changes have been made to nine priority programs.

CAO Susan Plamondon noted that the 1.99% hike recommended by staff is "modest," and below the rate of inflation. She added at this level, King can manage its capital program without any major tax hits in the future.

The Township does have a \$1 million tax stabilization reserve, but before they dip into that, the mayor wants staff to find efficiencies.

Some of the most significant changes in the 2018 capital budget are related to major road works north of Nobleton, on the 8th, 10th and 15th Sideroads. Some of the work has been deferred until 2019, resulting in a roughly \$4 mil-

# Township saddled with \$300,000 in added expenses from Bill 148

#### **By Mark Pavilons**

One of the biggest "drivers" in King's 2018 budget is the added costs as a result of Bill 148

Treasurer Allan Evelyn presented the draft budget Monday night. He pointed out King will be saddled with \$300,000 in extra costs, courtesv of the provincial Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017.

The costs include increases to vacation pay, holiday pay, equal pay for equal work. The Act also prohibits outsourcing to save money.

Staff were diligent to find revenue to offset these costs, but Evelyn admitted "this is a real pressure."

Councillor Bill Cober noted King is responsible for many costs, but some, like the impacts of Bill 148, are beyond their control. He was critical of frequent provincial downloading. This year it was Bill 148, and in 2017, the municipality had to deal with large increases in hydro rates.

To bring the budget in with no tax in- lion reduction in spending. As well, the dential development. Total taxable asplanned skate park in Schomberg will be deferred.

> The main source of income for the Township is property taxes. This is estimated to reach \$30.3 million this year, compared to \$29.8 in 2017. The 2018 budget proposes a net spending of just over \$550,000.

Commercial assessment shows the biggest jump this year – 14.38%. That's followed by a 10.51% increase in resi-

sessment in 2018 is pegged at \$8.59 billion.

All property owners received an assessment notice in 2016 from MPAC, outlining the changes in assessment phased in from 2017 to 2020. This assessment has a direct impact on your property bill.

Residents are welcome to provide input into the 2018 budget to staff prior to next Monday's presentation.

#### Plans for building at Cold Creek move ahead

#### **By Mark Pavilons**

King Township staff have narrowed the list of potential contractors to five, for the planned building at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

The five companies met the pre-qualification criteria for the project.

The project is nearing the tendering stage and this short list is meant to streamline the tendering process. According to staff, it will also "ensure that the quality of the construction expected of our residents is maintained."

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti wanted to the know the cost of the new building.

Chris Fasciano, director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, said staff is still going through the numbers. He estimated it would be between \$860,000 and \$1 million. He added 90% of the cost would come from development charges and the remaining 10% would come from municipal coffers.







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Municipalities like King are hog-tied, trying to contain costs "heaved upon us by the Province.

"Over-regulation by the Province is what we're paying for. Year after year we get punched and we have to pay!"

Cober said taxpayers need to know the source of these downloaded costs, and the fact that the Township can only do so much with its share of the tax dollars.

The Act not only increases the minimum wage, but addresses rates of pay, dates and times employees are scheduled to work and/or be on call, as well as working on public holidays. This will also add to the costs of running King Fire and Emergency Services.

and translate that knowledge into a cost-effective risk management program. getting to the issue of insurance. There are four key steps:

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

#### ~ Michael Connelly

# Electronic distractions may be our undoing

"One way to boost our will power and focus is to manage our distractions instead of letting them manage us."

- Daniel Goleman

The world is filled with distractions. In fact, anything can become one if we let it.

The problem is, our "distractions" are becoming the norm, and we're almost addicted to them, much to the detriment of our lives.

A short 10 years ago, no one ever heard of an iPhone. There were no smart phones, tablets, facial recognition or Siri. Netflix didn't stream into Canada until 2010. Few TV sets surpassed 40 inches and sales of LCD models boomed.

The Internet has evolved from a "passing fad" or additional medium to a vital component of daily life.

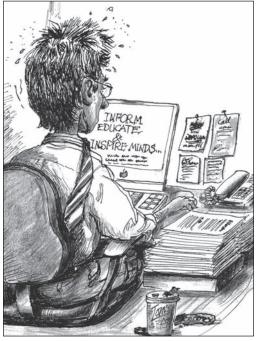
Since 2010, accessing the Internet from our phones has skyrocketed from 23 to 84 per cent. Use of smart phone email has nearly quadrupled from 21 to 79 per cent. The use of mobile apps increased from 49 to 74 per cent. GPS location service use has gone from 12 to 71 per cent.

The percentage of people who stream music on their phone has increased from 13 to 67 per cent.

As you can see, we're addicted to our distractions, at record levels. Although I will admit that GPS is one of the coolest things ever.

Most see this as a good thing. We're much more connected, making society a better, more rounded, happier and safer place. But is it?

I would think that with the world's knowledge at our fingertips, some of those hours spent on iPads and iPhones could be used researching world reli-



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gions; discovering what North Korea is really all about; finding better health practices, and saving the planet from its human inhabitants.

Being more aware and more informed should motivate the citizenry to be more engaged. But that doesn't seem to be happening.

Voting levels here in Canada over past few years have been stagnant at best, declining at worst. We're inundated with the flavour of the day, and bombarded with half-truths, weird stories, depressing events and yes, "fake news".

We devour it all, with an almost voracious appetite.

One would think that such a vast amount of knowledge would increase our intelligence. Being connected to the world should improve tolerance, understanding and compassion.

Is there any evidence of this actually

## taking place?

From what I've seen over the past couple of years, organized hatred is at haviour. I can rationalize anything! its height. Divisiveness is tops and anyone is fair game in the vastness of our create a greater need for diversion and social networks.

supposed to bring us all closer together. away, to a world of bewilderment and In the past, troubles at home centred engrossment.

around work, stress and cost of living. Today, many of these discussions are

no longer taking place, because we're the best of them. I can roam through my glued to our TVs, laptops or smart desktop and find solutions quickly. I can phones. We're surfing the net in search find answers to almost any question in of distractions more than we're talking seconds! around the dinner table.

the last in our household to get my own iPad from my wife as a gift. It has evolved into a totally new appendage. a screen! Yes, I do use it as a distraction, a way to unwind and unclutter every evening. like? Time will tell. At times, I'm so bad that I have my iPad in one hand and the TV remote in the ity, and one-on-one interaction. other!

My wife sees it as an impediment. My attention is fixed on this little screen. support. It will allow us to reconnect in The warm, comforting lights don't the real, physical sense, with eye conjudge, they love! They let me into an exotic virtual playground to test my wit, knowledge and chess skills. This tiny pendency has whittled away at our huwindow on the world lets me shop on- manity. We're meant to get up, get out line and buy cool stuff from around the and be social creatures. We're meant to globe.

Alas, such distractions are becoming one another in times of need. a force to be reckoned with.

has happened to us?

For me, the Internet is my new addic-

#### tion of choice.

Of course, I can rationalize my be-

The increased stress levels today amusement. It's fast, easy and in most We are perpetuating the very worst in cases, cheap. You simply hit a bunch our kind, through something that was of keys or buttons and you're whisked

Sounds enticing, doesn't it?

I can navigate around websites with

But this preoccupation does little to I'll admit I'm guilty of this, too. I was improve my familial relationships. I am going on a strict diet, to shed some unwanted lost hours with my face glued to

> What will the "new me" look

Perhaps we can all use a dose of real-

This lifestyle change is healthy and will, in the end, provide more emotional tact!

You could say that our electronic deexplore and learn. We're meant to help

In the coming months, I think I'll My wife is right; she often is. What leave the phone in the car, and find a nice little diner or coffee shop without Wi-Fi!



# Brown's departure changes little

Editorial

The resignation of Patrick Brown as head of the PC party doesn't change things in the big picture.

Politicians come and go. But it's the parties themselves that remain and endure.

Candidates from all parties are gearing for the election. It's a huge team effort, not unlike creating a Super Bowl championship squad.

In our system, we don't vote for a party leader, and as is often the case, we like our MPP, but don't care much for the leader. That hasn't changed.

Here in King-Vaughan and York-Simcoe, the PC party is represented by candidates Stephen Lecce and Caroline Mulroney. At this point, we have Liberal candidates Marilyn Iafrate and Loralea Carruthers; Trillium Party candidate Roman Evtukh. There will likely be candidates from the NDP and Green parties as well.

Those are our choices. If we like what these people are saying and still believe in the party direction and policies, then they deserve our vote.

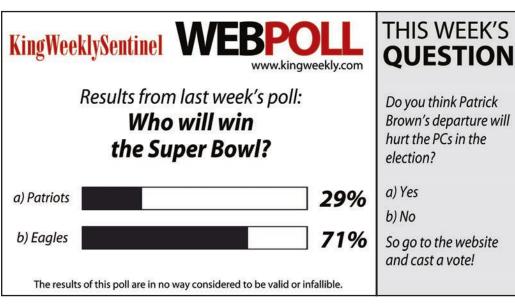
PC candidates are still carrying out themes contained in the "People's Guarantee" platform.

All we can do as voters is elect the best person to represent us at Queen's Park, regardless of the party in power. Our new MPPs are our direct link to the Province. They speak and act on our behalf and they rally behind their constituents, local issues and causes.

If we like what the Liberals have done in the past and support their current policies, then perhaps they should stay in power. If we are not impressed by their track record, and believe their current policies are detrimental, then it's time for a change.

The decision is ours.

That privilege hasn't changed. And that's all that matters moving forward. Cast your vote how you choose. But cast your vote!









# **Brainteaser**

At noon, you look at the clock. The big hand is on the five and the little hand is in between the 3 and 4. What time is it?

Last week's answer: The "rock group" is atop Mount Rushmore.

# King Township Trivia

The early name for Laskay was "Bulltown." A story claims that a bull that was being exhibited at the Fall Fair broke loose and charged the crowd, causing panic.

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# Our pesticide policies run contrary to science

First, congratulations to King Township for becoming Canada's 9th Bee City involving an embryonic program to create pollinator habitat across the township. May the program grow and thrive!

Then, I read about beekeeper, Andre Flys, and his bitter disappointment at the federal government's reversal of an earlier ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, which are killing bees and other pollinators ("Local beekeeper notes Liberal reversal on neonicotinoid pesticides," Jan 25, KWS).

Canada's Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) admits neonicotinoids are "linked to harmful effects on pollinators," then switches the channel to habitat loss, viruses and pests. While true that habitat loss is a huge and growing problem in Canada, encouraged by political expediency at all levels of government, it is the mandate of the PMRA to focus squarely on the detrimental effects of neonicotinoids.

How can anyone trust the PMRA when its own website provides the following legal disclaimer: "The PMRA does not provide any guarantee of assurance that the information obtained through this service is accurate, current or correct, and is therefore not liable for any loss resulting, directly or indirectly, from reliance upon this service."

The PMRA resembles a revolving door between industry and government, serving industry interests primarily.

On Jan. 26, 2016, Julie Gelfand, Canada's Commissioner of the Environment

#### Letter to the Editor

and Sustainable Development criticized the PMRA, saying "the agency failed to cancel approval for pesticides that it determined as posing unacceptable risks, allowing them to remain on the market for up to 11 years to give companies time to eliminate their inventories or to let customers find alternatives."

Eliminate company inventories of unacceptable risky pesticides ... by selling them for use? Now, the PMRA is allowing this disgraceful and unhealthy situation to continue.

Ms. Gelfand said nine pesticides remained conditionally registered by the PMRA - meaning the manufacturer had not submitted the required proof that they were safe – for more than a decade. Eight of these were neonicotinoid products.

"These products continue to be used extensively in Canada despite widespread concern that they may pose a threat to bees, other pollinators and broader ecosystems," she said.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, neonicotinoids were first registered for use on corn in 2001. Now, the pesticides are found in 99% of the corn crop, 65% of soybeans, 25-33% of cereals, 95% of dry beans and 100% of canola where they help control risks like wireworm, grubs, corn rootworm and con flea beetles.

Intensive, large-scale agricultural production certainly presents some challenges and blindspots, typical of the human desire to mass-produce a product to reap big gains, without

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consequences to the environment and natural food web, including keystone species, such as pollinators who ensure various crops and flowers are pollinated to produce a bounty of food. Eliminate the pollinators ... and then what?

UK studies already identified a problem with seeds to which this systemic pesticide is applied as a coating. Neonicotinoids are described as neuroactive, implying a neurotoxic effect on target insects (though bees and butterflies were never the intended target). The same research showed this pesticide is persistent so it accumulates in soil.

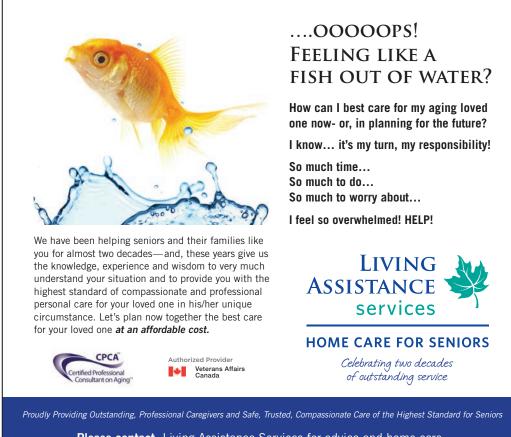
Here's the problem, using corn as an example. When the corn seed develops into a mature plant, the pesticide is present systemically throughout the entire plant to affect unwanted targeted insects, such as corn rootworm larvae that feed on corn roots, while the adults feed primarily on corn silk, pollen and exposed kernels. Yet, the nectar and pollen are also collected by bees to feed to their own larvae.

Bees may prefer to collect pollen

considering the potential deleterious from various wildflowers and blooms, but when a vast monoculture of corn replaces wildflowers, the bees have no choice but to collect "treated" corn pollen. This neurotoxin binds to receptor cells in the insect brain, causing the bees to become disoriented and forgetful, mimicking the symptoms of dementia.

> According to some studies, neonicotinoids are supposed to bind more selectively to insect acetylcholine receptors when compared to equivalent mammalian brain receptors. Acetylcholine plays a key role in memory and learning. What if a person, or child, consumes a steady diet of neonicotinoid-treated agricultural products? Should the government of Canada gamble on a pesticide definitively linked to the equivalent of dementia in bees? There is enough public information available about dementia that ought to make it imperative to ban the use of neonicotinoids, based upon the Precautionary Principle.

> > See 'Urgent' on Page 6



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The Committee is required by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to consider applications requesting audits of candidates campaign finances. Committees may be required to appoint auditors and determine if legal proceedings are required as a result of the auditors' reports.

Applicants with a background in accounting, auditing, law, election administration, and/or public administration are preferred. Applicants should:

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- · have experience working with or as a member of government
- boards, task forces and/or quasi-judicial bodies; and

· have flexibility to attend meetings during daytime and evening hours.

Applicants cannot be candidates in the 2018 Municipal Election nor can they have committed to providing professional advice to any person running for office in any York Region municipality. Applicants also cannot be Members of Council or current employees of any York Region municipality.

The Committee's term of office is four years, beginning in 2018. Successful applicants will receive a retainer of \$400 and a per diem of \$350 (plus mileage).

For more information about the Committee visit Richmond Hill. ca/2018Election or email elections@richmondhill.ca.

To apply, visit RichmondHill.ca/2018Election. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2018.



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# ASK brings community groups together

By Teri Hastings Arts Society King

Arts Society King (ASK) and partner King Township, hosted more than 40 volunteers at the annual community groups meeting on Jan. 24. The theme was "partnerships."

Groups presented what they could offer a potential partner and what they needed from a potential partner. Everyone learned something new about other groups in the community, and how working together could achieve mutual success.

There were many excellent partnership offers made, including space and facilities, ideas and entertainment, shared promotional opportunities, grants, outdoor experiences and more.

At the evening's conclusion, each group was tasked to move forward to communicate with one another, collaborate, partner and prosper.

# Urgent need for global convention

#### From Page 5

In March 2017, the Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition reported: "Health Canada found imidacloprid in water at concentrations 290 times above the level of acceptable risk." Imidacloprid is one pesticide in the neonicotinoid class, and now we know its widespread use has led to contamination of waterways.

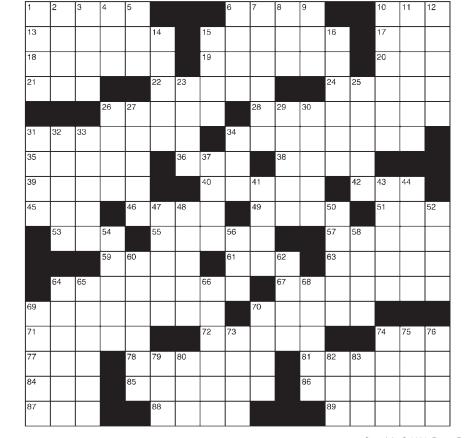
The EU brought in a temporary ban on neonicotinoids in 2013, but it is poised to introduce a sweeping ban. In January 2017, the United Nations' Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food outlined the harm caused by pesticides, arguing it was a myth that pesticide use was needed to feed the world, saying, "Given the failure of the pesticide industry to address, or even acknowledge, the ecological disaster caused by neonicotinoid pesticides, we agree that there is an urgent need for a new global convention."

Canada signed a comprehensive trade agreement with the EU last year. Will the EU be buying Canada's neonicotinoid-laced foods?

Who on earth is in charge here?

*Vicki Hotte* 7th Concession, King

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Solution on page 21

Have you noticed any price increases since the minimum wage went up?



Cale Faddren "No."



Marissa Desson "Not yet, but we will."



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# Hypnosis offers weight loss through suggestion

**By Mark Pavilons** 

The answers to most of our fears and apprehensions rest within us. We all have the power to change our behaviour and a little kick-start if often all we need to help us on the road to success.

For those who have struggled with weight management issues, there's a new tool in the arsenal.

Newmarket's Lawrence Raifman, a retired York region high school teacher, is providing hypnosis to help clients overcome obstacles. Hypnosis has proven successful in everything from stress management to smoking cessation, and now, people can benefit from a tailor-made weight loss strategy.

Raifman, during his almost two decades at King City Secondary School, had students' best interests at heart. He went out of his way to help students and spent the last eight years teaching a program in personalized alternative education. He was fascinated by hypnosis and after delving into the therapeutic uses for it, he was convinced he could help others overcome their problems.

As a certified member of the National Guild of Hypnotists, Raifman helps people with ordinary problems, using tailor-made hypnotic techniques.

Raifman said he loves meeting different people and feels "really good when I can help people make a helpful and healthy change in their lives."

Practised hundreds of years, hypnosis boils down to being receptive to positive suggestion. It's really a self-help method of bringing our goals to the



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Lawrence Raifman's hypnosis can help you achieve your goals.

forefront of our thoughts and making it happen. It's not a magic bullet, but simply a non-invasive way of accessing our inner strength.

It's viewed as a form of communication with the subconscious mind, a concept presented by the father of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud.

People have been entering hypnotic-type trances for thousands of years and many cultures engaged in forms of meditation. Modern hypnosis started in the late 1700s, popularized by German physician Franz Mesmer.

Raifman took a course in the "Virtual Gastric Band Program," created by UK practitioner Sheila Granger.

This non-surgical technique mim-

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ics one of the most common types of weight loss surgery. Gastric banding implanting an adjustable band around the top of the stomach. The band creates a pouch about the size of a golf ball and restricts the amount of food that can be eaten by narrowing the outlet into the stomach.

According to Health Canada, "gastric banding surgery can be an effective way for people to lose weight and improve their health. It is especially effective when patients eat less and change their behaviour around food and exercise."

The agency notes that today, approximately 1 in 4 Canadian adults is obese. Gastric banding is recognized as a viable option, but there are risks to any surgery.

The virtual experience allows you to lose weight without dieting or surgery. It's designed to bring about a permanent in one's eating habits.

Granger noted it's like "flicking a switch in the brain," changing a person's attitude towards food. It helps them regain control over cravings and bad eating habits.

Raifman said the program involves four sessions. He relaxes clients and walks them through the process, as if they're actually having gastric banding.

It's a "nicely designed program," that allows your body and mind to work together to achieve success.

You can continue to eat normally, but in moderation. Every successful weight loss program involves several components.

Raifman said his clients boast an 80% success rate. He admits he's not a counsellor or therapist, but he helps people open their minds and be receptive to change. Each session is tailor-made to the client, who has to be committed to making the change.

During hypnosis, a person is said to have heightened focus and concentration. Raifman stressed people are not "asleep" during hypnosis and he can't make you do anything you wouldn't do in a waking state. Hollywood and stage performers exaggerate the power of suggestion for theatrics.

"Everyone can be hypnotized if you're open," he said.

Don't be surprised if you emerge from hypnosis feeling like a million bucks!

If you'd like to find out more about the Virtual Gastric Band Program, or other services offered by Raifman, visit www.healthymindshypnosis.ca; call him at 416-809-9754 or email info@ healthymindshypnosis.ca

# **Residents complain about** sporadic rural mail delivery

#### **By Mark Pavilons**

Some rural King residents are frustrated by sporadic mail delivery. Charlotte Livingston, who lives on 19th Sideroad, between Bathurst and Dufferin, rallied her neighbours recently, after poor service.

"My neighbours across the street and my husband and I have had on going issues with delivery," she said. "We declined the push to go community mailbox a few years back. Very glad we did not give way to Canada Post then.

"The mail does not come in the summer when someone is on vacation. The mail does not come when the weather is deemed too bad."

Livingston stressed their residence is also the head office for a business and the lack of timely mail delivery has affected their billing.

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According to a spokesperson from Canada Post, local delivery was impacted when a few employees were hit by sudden illness last week.

"We utilized additional help and continued delivery. All deliveries are up to date and regular employees have returned to work," said Sylvie Lapointe.

She urged residents to contact customer service at 1-800-267-1177, or open a ticket on-line at www.canadapost.ca.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer also experienced some delivery woes. She called the King City post office and was told staff were sick and other carriers had to be brought in. Schaefer said he under-

stands things have caught up.

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte admitted this is not an isolated incident, but the problem in this case may be due to individual carriers. She has spoken to Canada Post officials who vowed to work with residents to address the problems.

Schulte said there have been issues in rural King in the past, mostly in Ward 6. Schulte said she worked with Councillor Avia Eek in the past to find solutions.

Door-to-door delivery was suspended in King back in March of 2015. The move to community mail boxes was intended to make Canada Post more sustainable.

Changes announced last week by Canada Post won't have any impact on rural delivery in King. According to Schulte, improvements are coming to service for seniors and those with disabilities. They will be receiving ramped-up accessibility to their mail.

The other "good news" in the changes is in redirecting profits back into Canada Post so it can reinvest the money and be more sustainable.





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Sizzling blues is the perfect warm-up in February

#### By Brock Weir

The Aurora Winter Blues Festival is set to return once again this February with a month-long series of events designed to bring some "hot blues" to our cold nights.

Benefiting Blue Door Shelters, CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), and Music Aurora's "Youth in Music" program, the seventh annual festival will present "Journeymen Blues," featuring the line-up of Steve Strongman, Jack De Keyzer and Michael Schatte at St. Andrew's College's Ketchum Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 23.

This "killer lineup" will be followed the next evening with a "throwback tribute" to the album Mad Dogs & Englishmen, saluting the music of Joe Cocker and Leon Russell, with special guests The Dan McKinnon Band.

That, however, is just the main

urse.

There will be plenty of appetizers throughout the month of February to whet your appetite, the first being Feb. 3 from 7 to 11 p.m. with the annual Blues Bash, held again this year in the showroom of Highland Automotive professionals.

"This year, the Blues Bash will showcase Sons of Rhythm," said Music Aurora's Greg Smith, who launched this year's Festival at the Aurora Public Library with Aurora Winter Blues Festival (AWBF) co-founder Jamie Macdonald. "I think people will love their energy and people will be up on the dance floor absolutely loving those guys. For me, that is going to be a personal highlight. It's a very local, grassroots kind of evening with local talent and a great way to support our local charities. If you're coming for the first time, come out on Feb. 3 to get a taste of what the Aurora Winter Blues Festival

#### is all about.

The 2018 Blues Bash will see some changes from previous years. In the past, the event has put on two stages of music throughout the dealership, but this will be consolidated into one large main space next month showcasing both the pros, and the local youth talent who have become a mainstay of the party.

The party continues Saturday, Feb. 10 with a free guitar workshop from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Magna Room of the Aurora Public Library, hosted in conjunction with The Arts Music Store and, next door in the Lebovic Room, a free song-writing workshop at the same time.

Festivities shift over to the Aurora Cultural Centre on Thursday, Feb. 15 where the seven-time Juno-nominee Ken Whiteley takes the stage with Freedom Blues, a menu of songs set to "address both contemporary and historical struggles for the freedom endemic to a healthy, progressive society."

Music will then blow the roof off the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Feb. 17 when Soul Benefit, featuring Steve Falk and Friends, will host a dance to benefit the Legion's ongoing Raise the Roof Campaign.

All throughout this time, pop-up performances will be taking place courtesy of the 33 1/3 Record Store at Bayview Avenue and Hollidge Boulevard.

The popular record store is a firsttime partner with the AWBF and both parties are excited about the new relationship.

"They have come on as a sponsor this year and it will be exciting because they will be at the Festival theatres on the Friday and Saturday with a wide selection of vinyl from the Blues genre and patrons will be able to browse and look at some amazing vinyl," said Smith.

Which brings us back to the main course.

St. Andrew's College's Ketchum Auditorium will be the setting for the Aurora Winter Blues Festival proper beginning Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24. "Journeymen will bring together three top Canadian male blues artists who have paved the way for many people in the blues industry to make a living," says Mr. Smith of De Keyzer, Schatte and Strongman. "They are on the road and perform 200-plus nights a year and are very active, very talented individuals. On Saturday, with a tribute to Joe Cocker, Leon Russell and their album Mad Dogs & Englishmen, we will

have a 13-piece band with some of the top performers in Canada in the blues industry."

This all-star line-up on the Saturday will be opened by The Dan McKinnon Band.

"St. Andrew's College has been a phenomenal partner," said Smith. "We had a few technical challenges last year, which have been addressed, and they have been very open to working with us in terms of the technical programming of their equipment to provide an even better experience for our patrons this year. We hope everything will be bigger and better than it was last year!"

For more information on the Aurora Winter Blues Festival, including dates, times and tickets for the Blues Bash, main stage events, and everything in between, visit www.awbf.ca.



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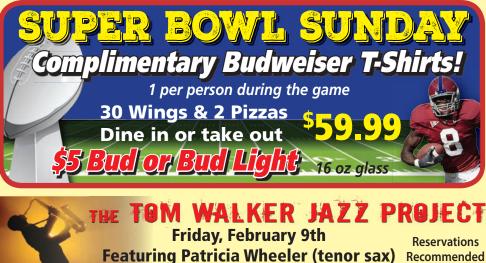
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# Spreading kindness during February

#### **By Mark Pavilons**

King residents have hearts of gold.

On young girl and her family epitomize the idea of paying it forward.

February is an important month, especially if you have a family member with a heart condition. Love is celebrated on Valentine's Day. February is also Heart Month.

Let's wear red for congenital heart defects on Feb. 2. February 7 to 14 is Congenital Heart Defect Week and Heart and Stroke Foundation kicks off their canvassing campaign as well.

February is also the month of kindness with Feb. 17 being designated as "Random Act of Kindness Day."

It would only make sense for the "We Believe in Abby" team to want to make an impact in the month of February. Abby Eveson, now  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ , was born with a complex congenital heart defect. During her third open heart surgery, the family shared that they were doing random acts of kindness to spread positive energy around their daughter and to help make the world a happier place. The idea caught on and people continue to be inspired by Abby to pay it forward through random acts of kindness.

"We Believe in Abby" is taking the opportunity this February to spread awareness about congenital heart defects and to spread kindness throughout the whole month. The charity, not registered at this time, has teamed up with local cafes in the King's three largest towns - Sugar & Spice Bakeshop and Cafe in Schomberg, The Roost Cafe in King City and Layered in Nobleton.

According to Rebecca Eveson, each cafe will be displaying a bulletin board that will have coupons offering a free coffee or treat. Individuals will have the opportunity to redeem and coupon but also purchase a coupon to share with someone else. The coupon can either be left for someone random, or you can buy it for someone specific and write their name on it.

To help end Congenital Heart Defect week and on the day of love, Feb. 14, the first 50 people who purchase a beverage from one of the listed locations will receive a free sugar cookie, donated by The Cookie Duchess from Schomberg. And Layered will provide their own gluten free cookies.

## This notice was approved by the **Ontario Superior Court of Justice**

A class action on behalf of students of the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf ("Drury"), the Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf ("Whitney"), and the Robarts School for the Deaf ("Robarts") and their predecessors (collectively, the "Schools"), has now settled.

If you attended Drury at any time between September 1, 1963 and August 23, 2016, Whitney between September 1, 1938 and August 23, 2016, or Robarts between September 1, 1973 and August 23, 2016, the proposed class action settlement will impact you.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

The Province of Ontario and the plaintiff have agreed to settle for a \$15 million settlement fund. The settlement includes legal fees, disbursements and applicable taxes, which will be deducted from the total settlement amount.

There will be a court hearing on April 30, 2018 at the Superior Court in Toronto to decide whether the settlement of the lawsuit and lawyer's fees should be approved.

There is no money available now. If the court decides after April 30, 2018 that the settlement should be approved and you are part of the lawsuit, you can then make a claim.

You are affected by the settlement if:

- you attended or resided at Drury or its predecessor as a) students from September 1, 1963 to August 23, 2016
- b) you attended or resided at Whitney or its predecessor as students from September 1, 1938 to August 23, 2016;
- attended or resided at Robarts or its predecessor as students c) from September 1, 1973 to August 23, 2016;
- d) you are a family member of someone who attended one of the Schools between March 31, 1978 to August 23, 2016, and that person was living on or after August 10, 2013; or
- you are an estate trustee for a person who was a student at e) one of the schools during the time periods described above and that person was living on or after August 10, 2013.

To receive a full copy of the proposed settlement or receive a more detailed long form notice, please contact Crawford Class Action Services at 1-855-823-0656 (TTY: 1-877-627-7027), or by email at Schoolabuseclassaction@crawco.ca

The lawyers acting for the class are Koskie Minsky LLP. You may also contact Koskie Minsky LLP at 1-877-309-9111, or by email at SchoolAbuse@kmlaw.ca

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Maple resident Roman Evtukh is running

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# **Trillium fields candidate in King-Vaughan**

#### **By Mark Pavilons**

The ranks of the Ontario Trillium Party continue to swell, and has a legitimate foothold in provincial politics.

Roman Evtukh, former president of the King-Vaughan PC Riding Association, has moved to the Trillium Party, to run in King-Vaughan in this year's provincial election. Evtukh was among 24 Conservative faithful who fled in a "mass exodus" - the likes of which has never been seen before.

The two dozen former PC directors have formed the King-Vaughan Trillium Riding Association. According to Leader Bob Yaciuk, this unprecedented move came following accusations of unconstitutional interference by the party executive in the nomination process to elect a PC candidate for the riding of King-Vaughan last fall.

To date, there are slightly over 600 former members of the King-

Vaughan PC Riding Association who ability to listen to residents' concerns are "crossing the floor" to the Trillium Party of Ontario. Yaciuk said the party has roughly 36 candidates so far. and hopes to name upwards of 60 before the election starts in earnest.

"I am extremely proud to see people look towards the Trillium Party of Ontario to be that refuge in an increasingly cynical view of politics in Ontario. We are Something Different – Something Better."

He added that Trillium candidates are all about doing important things, and not being important.

Yaciuk said Evtukh is genuinely honest and will fight the good fight in this riding.

"My parents taught me to stand up for what I believe in and I would rather fight a flawed system than be a yes since. man today to a bully," Evtukh said.

He added he's energetic and very positive about the campaign and his first foray into politics.

His strong interpersonal skills and

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make him a good contender.

Evtukh has lived in Maple since 2011.

The Trillium Party of Ontario had its first seed planted in 2014. It was at this time that the Liberals of Ontario and the Progressive Conservatives where battling it out to be in charge of what was left of our province.

It was Yaciuk, with several others, who realized there was little faith in either the Liberals or Conservatives.

Most of this attitude - anger at best, and indifference at worst – was founded in an absolute distrust that any of the current political parties had earned any hope of being credible.

The Trillium Party has grown ever

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The Trillium Party of Ontario believes every family should feel they can enjoy the pleasure of home ownership if they desire.

"The job of the government of Ontario is to facilitate the wishes and dreams of their citizens, not define them," according to the party website.

Yaciuk also said they are adamantly against "whipped votes" and the very existence of party whips.

# **MP Deb Schulte** hosts family skate

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte is hosting a Family Day skate on Monday, Feb. 19 from 2-4 p.m. It will be held at the King City arena on Doctor's Lane in King City.

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# **Carruthers seeks Liberal nomination**

school trustee and recent chair of the York Region District School Board, announced today that she will seek the Ontario Liberal Party nomination in York-Simcoe.

"There just comes a time when you need to say enough is enough and you need to step up. I did that when our school board faced serious issues, and I worked to right the ship as chair. Today, our riding needs an experienced, local leader who understands our local needs firsthand," said Carruthers.

"We need to invest to improve traffic congestion and work to improve access to education, to raise wages and ensure high-quality health care," she added. "With decades of local experience advocating for people here in York-Simcoe, I'm ready to use that experience to fight for our communities at Queen's Park.

"I want to salute Julia Munro for her years of public service as our local MPP, and wish her and John well in her coming retirement. Her community service began as a local teacher, and it has always been a pleasure working with her over the years representing our local communities on shared issues.

"I know our growing communities need continued representation by an experienced, local leader who understands the issues our riding faces firsthand from living here, someone who has worked to improve our schools, enhance our public services and protect our natural environment. I am ready to contrast my local experience and judgement with the Conservatives' parachute candidate."

Carruthers is a public-education champion, environmental activist and community leader. As the Ontario Liberal candidate in the 2014 provincial election, she increased the York-Simcoe Liberal vote to the closest result in over four decades.

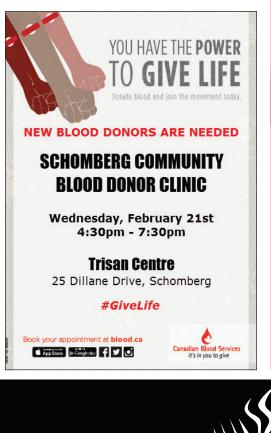
She is a four-term trustee on the York Region District School, representing a rural area in a largely urban school board. First elected in 2003, Loralea delivers for students and their families, including two new elementary schools in East Gwillimbury in two years, while providing fiscal responsibility and a focus on student success. Following a troubling period for the board, Loralea stepped up and won election as chair. Under her leadership, the board aggressively worked to address equity

Loralea Carruthers, a veteran local concerns and improve public accountability. She was widely praised for her leadership in putting the board back on track, including winning the Human Rights Award from the National Council of Canadian Muslims.

> Carruthers is also a former vice-president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, where she served as an association spokesperson to the Ministry of Education. As vice-president, Loralea represented all public school boards in the 2008 salary negotiations.

> In addition to her work as a trustee, Loralea is an environmental and consumer activist, including working to improve the Tarion Home Warranty system and as a long-time member of her town's Environmental Advisory Committee. She was also president of the East Gwillimbury/Newmarket Association for New Residents. She is a former member of the East Gwillimbury Public Library Board.

> She has lived in rural Holland Landing for decades, where she raised her two adult children. Professionally, Carruthers worked at large advertising agencies, handling multi-million-dollar accounts as a media supervisor, manager and lead negotiator for major clients. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and French and earned a Master's of Education from UOIT.







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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop 905-590-0054 wsue52@hotmail.com

#### Schomberg blood clinic

The next Schomberg Community Blood Donor Clinic is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

We found collecting blood last year was certainly a challenge, due in part to the change in frequency for females donors, who now must wait three months between donations, rather than two, as it was determined that females need more time for their iron levels to recover after donating blood. The well-being of our donors is a top priority, so while this change was a good move to benefit our donors, it has left us needing to "replace" the females who can't donate as often with new donors, willing to make saving a live a part of their routine.

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As a result, the February clinic is booked at just 57%. I encourage those who have never donated to take the first step — take the Eligibility Quiz at www.blood.ca and donate if you can. The need for blood never stops and one day it may be you or someone you love who needs it. Your donation can help save a life.

Weather continues to affect our collections nationally. The so-called "weather bomb" that hit Atlantic Canada earlier this month caused the cancellation of our clinics in five cities. The impact of those uncollected units is still being felt across the country as we all encourage donors to find their way into a clinic to help "build up the bank" for all Canadians.

#### **Schomberg United Church**

Tonight (Feb.1) from 7 to 9 p.m. is movie night at Nobleton United. "Call of the Forest, the Forgotten Wisdom of Trees," a beautiful documentary featuring scientist Diana Beresford-Kroeger, has been nominated for the Rob Stewart Award for Best Science or Nature Documentary at the 2018 Canadian Screen Awards. Have you heard of "forest bathing" in Japan? Just being in the presence of trees has been proven to lower heart rate and blood pressure. There is plenty of parking at the rear of the church. There will be refreshments afterwards.

This Sunday, Feb. 4, our service will be held at Kitchen Breedon Manor at the usual 9:30 a.m. service time with the message "Renewed Strength." We are also celebrating Black History Month throughout February. All are welcome.

Schomberg Youth Club continues its Friday night games and activities at 7 p.m. at Schomberg Public School. Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches provide this popular (secular) program free to all area youth ages 10 to 16. There is also a learn-to-

play guitar program with basic guitars available. The music program is provided by Nobleton's Barry Simpson and Bolton's Dennis Kowal. Contact Jack Campbell at 905-939-2992 for more information.

Minister Carol-Ann Chapman will lead a Lenten study for six weeks, starting on Feb. 20, 10 to 11 a.m., in Nobleton United.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held with Nobleton on Sunday, Feb. 25, after the 11:15 a.m. service at Nobleton United and after a light lunch.

Schomberg United meets at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breedon Manor on the first Sunday of the month. For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com and click on the Schomberg United link, or call 905-859-3976. Messages are picked up regularly.

#### Trust your gut

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Dr. Reinthaler is a licensed Naturopathic Doctor working alongside the health care team at Nobleton Physiotherapy. Although she runs a general practice, she has a passion for digestive health, hormones, as well as pediatric concerns.

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Common digestive concerns are bloating, constipation, IBS & IBD, heartburn, diarrhea and cramping.

This is a free event, with the possibility of a free gift basket giveaway. This all happens on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Nobleton Public Library (8 Sheardown Drive).

#### Paint & Sip

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# Cougars draw Hornets in PJHL playoffs first round

#### By Jake Courtepatte

It's a case of deja-vu for the Schomberg Cougars, though they hope this year's PJHL playoffs will produce different results.

For the fourth year in a row, the Junior C Cougars will face off against the Alliston Hornets in a postseason series, the third time they will meet in the first round.

Schomberg drew the Hornets after dropping their final two games of the season to the Hornets and the streaking Penetang Kings. Thursday's match-up with the Hornets saw the Cougars bring them to the brink in a 3-2 final, making for what should be an exciting best-of-seven series.

Adriano Mamone was stellar between the pipes in the first period, stopping all 20 shots he faced in the frame, before giving up the game's first goal early in the second period.

Schomberg's Lucas Brockie tied it up just under two minutes later, before both teams exchanged one more apiece to bring the score to 2-2 after two periods.

Some rough stuff in the third was what did Schomberg in, allowing a power play goal around the midway mark, a hole they failed to dig themselves out of.

The season wrapped up on Friday

with a 5-1 loss to the Kings, with Derek Neilly notching the only goal of the game for the Cougars.

Despite a sweep of the season series at the hands of the Hornets, the Cougars have proven time and time again to be capable of running with the big dogs, having also taken Alliston to overtime in November in a 5-4 loss.

They managed one win against the Hornets in the first round of the 2016-17 postseason, falling in five games, while the 2015-16 season saw a sweep of the Cougars.

The long-time rivals met in the league final in 2014-15, with the Hornets coming out victorious.

The best-of-seven series opens Thursday in Schomberg at the Trisan Centre, with puck drop set for 7:30 p.m.

It then shifts to Alliston for games two and three on Friday and Monday, before returning to Trisan for game four next Thursday.

Elsewhere around the Carruthers division, the top-seeded Stayner Siskins will face the Orillia Terriers, the Caledon Golden Hawks will face the Huntsville Otters, and the Penetang Kings will face the Midland Flyers.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.schombergcougars.com.



The Schomberg Cougars (white) will face the Alliston Hornets in the first round of the PJHL playoffs.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

# Back-to-back cup wins for Eric Lamaze

For the second week in a row, Canada's Eric Lamaze and Chacco Kid won the \$35,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup held each Thursday of the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Having laid claim to victory in Round II, Lamaze and Chacco Kid returned to the International Arena on Thursday, January 25, to win the \$35,000 CSI3\* WEF Challenge Cup Round III.

Lamaze, a three-time Olympic medalist, was defending his title, as he had also won the WEF Challenge Cup Round III in 2017 riding Houston for owner Artisan Farms. His victory on Jan. 25 marked the 25th WEF Chal-





The King Rebellion opened their OMHA playdowns last weekend, with five teams representing the township at the provincial level.

## Rebellion ready for inaugural playdowns

#### By Jake Courtepatte

The season standings are set, and the King Rebellion are out to prove themselves among the province's best.

In the organization's first season, five Rebellion teams punched their ticket to the OMHA playdowns.

The youngest representatives of King in the provincial showdown, the minor peewee Rebellion, have drawn a tough match-up with the Orillia Terriers, so far dropping the first two games of the opening series.

The major bantam Rebellion have jumped out to a two-game lead over the Bradford Bulldogs, while the midget AEs open their series with the Ajax Knights at Nobleton Arena on Friday.

The midget As dropped their first two games to the Bradford Bulldogs, while the juvenile squad is yet to determine their schedule, and will do so when the regular season completes next week. lenge Cup win of Lamaze's career, tying him with McLain Ward of the U.S. for the most all-time wins.

Canadian course designer Peter Grant set the tracks for week three, which yielded 26 clear rounds from an 84-horse starting field. Lamaze turned in an impressive jump-off performance, jumping clear in a time of 40.02 seconds that would prove unbeatable.

Marilyn Little of the U.S. came the closest to catching Lamaze, stopping the clock in 41.37 aboard Clearwater while four-time U.S. Olympic medalist Beezie Madden placed third with a time of 42.28 seconds riding HHS Her-

cules. Two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC, also jumped double clear to finish fourth with a time of 42.46 riding Brighton for Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms.

Lamaze once again found himself leading the WEF Challenge Cup victory gallop with Chacco Kid. Paired with Lamaze for two years, the 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Chacco Blue x Come On) is owned by the Chacco Kid Group, comprised of Sara and Rick Mershad, Carol and Ludi Sollak, and Carlene and Andy Ziegler.

"To compare the two different weeks, I thought the course last week was more technical, only producing nine clear while today's course was more straightforward with a generous time allowed," said Lamaze, 49.

"I'm really happy to have Chacco Kid in my string of horses, and I'm really happy for the Chacco Kid Group to be rewarded with two wins in a row with this horse that they entrusted to me," continued Lamaze. "Last year I didn't really take any chances with him in the jump-off, but now he's learning to go fast so I thought 'why not?.' This is an opportunity to get to know your horse and to take some chances. If you are ever in a situation where it is the largest prize money or the biggest competition in the world, you're going to feel better taking some risks as you know that you've done it before."

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Skip Jakob Schneider and sweeper Rick Yates during Wednesday night's Social League. Team Schneider went on to win the evening's game and sit in a 6-way tie for 5th in the league standings.

Photo by Shellee Morning

# One-way granite galore in curling

#### **By Shellee Morning**

The outside sheets (1 and 4) resulted in some extreme performances and high scoring games on both draws of the Wednesday league, consequently displaying some very lopsided scoreboards. Up until this past week, Sandee Fennel, member of the league, reported that most games had been very close this season with the deciding point being left to the skills of the skip and their meticulousness shot making. Do the rocks have GPS navigating systems inside? Some may think so as a way of explaining the heavy one-sided scoring.

Sheet 4 featured the teams of Rhind and Sinclair, both of which are more than capable of winning due to the strategic play of their Skips Wayne Rhind and Thomas Sinclair. Sinclair has been on the winning side of League Champion earlier this season (Sunday Social League) and Rhind too has had experience with eminent Championship style of play. Both know what it takes to hoist the trophy and what it means to earn the title.

Rhind tied for 3rd and Sinclair just two points back, were about to hold nothing back in this game of matchups. Rhind seemingly in control with a 5-0 lead after 3 ends didn't feel sorry for his opponent as with each end he applied pressure and created the Earl, will always be found with smiles most difficult of shot for Sinclair in on their faces and just plain happy scrambling to find a point. Sinclair,

er Sinclair successfully set the house up after a rare miss by Rhind for the tricky "in-off" shot to the button for the point.

The level of difficulty for this shot ranks right up there with the triples and run-backs, and Sinclair manufactured a beauty for the point. The Skipper would only be able to achieve one more for the count as Team Rhind tightened the grip and headed for the 7-2 victory.

Karl Petersen and his crew of Dean Teasdale, Lloyd Bloom and Norma Jean Frans played against Fausto Mussato and his company of Shelley Courneya, Kim Koteff and Sharon Dorney on Sheet 1. Petersen collected 1 in the opening frame then rebounded with a steal of 3 in the 2nd for the 4-0 lead. Mussato re-grouped for a single changing the board for a 4-1 tally and remain in the hunt. Petersen would allow Mussato only one more and closed out the contest 7-2.

There would be one other lopsided draw that night between Team Schneider and Team Kolb. The happy go lucky group of Kolb struggled from the get-go as Skip Jakob Schneider brilliantly guided his squad of Ginny Ross, Rick Yates and Cameron Ross towards their 8-1 triumph. Skip David Kolb and the husband and wife team of Robert and Patricia Lostracco, along with Pat for the opportunity to play. The Kolb

summoned for his team's support to pursue points, and more than once "just missed" by mere centimeters for the called shot and the counting stone. During the 4th Sinclair and his team of Jim Power, Lisa Hutchinson and Rog-

team's upbeat personalities are always a pleasure to play with and will no doubt turn the tables in their match.

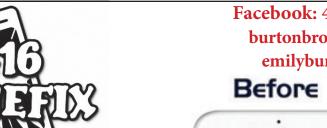
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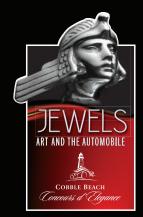














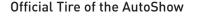






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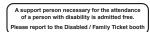




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# King's Corners

#### **King City United**

The 4th annual Pasta Dinner & Concert with the musical stylings of Sandra Kirby and her brilliant accompanist, Oleg Samokhin is Saturday, Feb. 10 with dinner at 5:30 and the concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the dinner/ concert or just \$20 for the concert. The theme is "Come Fly With Me! Songs of Travel and Romance."

They're kicking it up a notch as there will be a video camera on the piano so that no matter where you sit, you can watch Oleg's fingers dance across the piano keys! This is one event you should plan to attend.

Do you enjoy a good breakfast and a chance to make new friends? Join us for "Tea and Talk" at King City Sunset Grill at 10 a.m. on Fridays. We are usually the group sitting just inside the entrance. You don't have to attend King City United Church to attend "Tea and Talk" (actually you don't even need to have tea).

King City United holds worship services every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. There is Sunday school for the young people after the children's story during

worship. King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For more information, call our Office Administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website: www.kcuc.ca

#### **King Bible Church**

We welcome you to join us for worship service on Feb. 4 as Pastor Mark will be starting our new sermon series "The Five Solas" with "Scripture Alone."

Please take advantage of our excellent children's ministry. Our Sunday morning "Celebration Zone" provides age-appropriate programs for children aged 4 to Grade 8. Our children's program is staffed by screened volunteers who care about your kids! The children in JK-Grade 8 will be in the service for the beginning until they are invited to go downstairs.

If you have children aged 0-3 then we invite you to bring them to our beautiful and safe nursery facilities which are located on the lower level.

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KBC Big Football Game Party! Men, we invite you to our annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb. 4; game time is 6:30 p.m.

The buffet meal starts at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10. Arrive early and bring a friend! Contact Robert Hume or Steve Heise for any information. Signup sheet is now available.

#### St. Andrew's **By Kathy Patterson**

Lots of exciting things are starting up this month at St. Andrew's and we hope to see you there!

We welcome our friends from the HanWool Presbyterian Church, King City who will be using one of our classrooms for their youth worship time led by Soong Huh starting Sunday, Feb. 4. We are so thankful to be able to partner with HanWool in this way.

Under Lynn Visser's leadership, Coffee and Conversation starts up again on Tuesday mornings at the church from 10-11 a.m. and Soup and Conversation takes place in the early evening, 6-7 p.m. Two options to enjoy fellowship while learning more about God's word.

We're looking forward to Sunday, Feb. 25 with the Rev. Dr. Robert Dean leading us in worship, followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting over lunch, and then "Messy Church" at 5 p.m., concluding with a communal supper. So, mark your calendars!

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for children up to Grade 6 running concurrently. Join us after the service for refreshments and a chance to chat.

The Rev. Dr. John Vissers took the service last Sunday, preaching about "the Baptism of Jesus" from Matthew 3:13-17. What a wonderful passage of scripture! We were given much to think about. Lynn Vissers will be taking the February 4,11 and 18 services.

The World Day of Prayer is the first Friday in March 2. St. Andrew's is the King City host church this year. We will be looking at Suriname, South America. Plan on being with us that Friday afternoon. More to follow.

How can we at St. Andrew's bless you? Would you like to pray with someone? Need resources on prayer? Let us know. God has promised to hear and to answer our prayers. He also has promised to never leave us!

Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries at the office or at 905-833-5762 or contact our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738.

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#### **All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage**

An invitation: As we finish the church year and prepare for Lent and the celebration of Easter, All Saints Anglican Church would like to invite newcomers to consider making our welcoming and open church your spiritual home. Especially if you are a former Anglican and would like to renew your acquaintance with our historic worship tradition.

We offer worship both from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Book of Alternative Services (BAS). The over 400-year-old BCP with its beautiful language is used at the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion in All Saints historic 160-year old chapel. It is an intimate and peaceful time and, as at all of our eucharists, all are welcome to partake in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At 10:30 in the main church we have a sung Eucharist with choir, there is Sunday school, and there is a coffee time at the end of the service where parishioners mingle and visit.

A unique highlight of our form of service is the way the gospel is presented. Dr. Elizabeth Green, our incumbent, is a biblical story teller. She memorizes the Gospel each week and performs it by heart. This is a powerful way of reconnecting us with Christ's teaching which was initially preserved as an oral tradition. Scripture was meant to be told and retold. Through biblical storytelling, we reconnect with the original oral tradition through which scripture was passed down through the generations. She belongs to the international network of Biblical story tellers which has a branch in Canada and thousands of members worldwide. An inspiring and friendly experience awaits you at All Saints on Keele street in the heart of King City.

# Great Escape author at dinner

You are invited to attend the 2018 Spring Dinner hosted by the Vaughan Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

The event will take place Tuesday, April 17 at the Da Vinci Banquet Hall, 5732 Hwy 7, Woodbridge (1 block west of Martin Grove Road).

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and bar will be open. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. A three course sit-down dinner will be served.

The cost is \$50 per person (a portion will go to the CFUW Vaughan Education Fund).

This year's guest speaker will be Ted Barris, who will discuss "The Great Escape: A Canadian Story.

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So, the story that everybody thinks they know, now finally gets the proper telling, based on Barris's many years of interviewing, research and acquisition of diaries, letters, documents and never before seen photography.

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#### St. Paul's Church

Do you wonder how you can make your faith and your job connect? Come to St. Paul's for a "Work As Worship" day-long retreat on Friday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This simulcast will feature prominent business leaders and faith leaders, including Patrick Lencioni, who will help us understand what it means to live out our faith even in the workplace. The cost to register is \$25, and it includes lunch! Go to stpaulsnobleton.ca to register. See you there!

Guys, you're invited to come out to the Men's LifeConnect group which meets Saturday mornings at 9 for about one hour. We watch a half-hour online message and then discuss what it means and how we can apply it in our lives. The message is delivered By Pastor Mark Hughes of the Church of the Rock in Winnipeg who uses humour extensively to make his points. So, guys, resolve to invest one additional hour a week (that's less than 1%) in your spiritual growth.

The Community Youth Group takes

Feb. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

or Vince at 905-833-6305.

King City Senior's Centre activities

**By Carol Kanitz** 

A reminder that Destinations 2018 will take place at the Centre on Wednesday,

Agnes (905-841-7390) or Jayne (905-853-1436) are now taking reservations for

Please call Agnes or Jayne if you are interested in a trip to Rama in February.

Easter is early this year so our annual pancake supper will take place on Tues-

day, Feb. 20. There will be two sittings – 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are now

available at \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. Call Mary at 905-833-0448

the first trip of the year. We will travel to the Showplace Dinner Theatre for an

all you can eat buffet followed by a performance of "A St. Patrick's Day Kitchen

Party." This will take place on Friday, March 16. The cost is \$99 per person.

They will have the details. There are signup sheets at the Centre.

Be sure to check out our website - www.kingcityseniors.ca

special activity planned). Come join in the fun. 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. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month, through May. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series through John. Jeff's message this week is titled "Born Again." Following the service we have a great time catching up with each other over coffee and goodies.

Jeff's messages are posted at www. passionatelyhis.com each week. They are also on Facebook Live and are available on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) for viewing.

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

#### St. Mary's Church

The Valentine's Dinner Dance is on Friday, Feb. 2. Reception at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for adults place every Wednesday night at the are \$100 (\$40.00 tax receipt provided).

church from 7-9 p.m. (unless there is a DJ, door prizes, silent auction, open bar, antipasto, pasta, entrée, dessert, fruit. Please contact Robert Laurendi at 905-859-8306 or Linda Freira, 905-859-4958 for tickets, or the parish office.

26th annual Lift Jesus Higher rally.

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37-39). Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front Street West. Adult Rally: \$25, Youth Rally: (13 to 18) \$15.

#### **Nobleton United Church** By Nancy Hopkinson

Join us tonight (Thursday, Feb. 1), 7 to 9 p.m. for the film "Call of the Forest, the Forgotten Wisdom of Trees." This beautiful documentary featuring scientist Diana Beresford-Kroeger has been nominated for the Rob Stewart Award for Best Science or Nature Documentary at the 2018 Canadian Screen Awards. The film follows Diana from the sacred sugi and cedar forests of Japan to the great boreal forest of Canada, as she investigates our profound biological and spiritual connection to forests. Diana shares the history and legacy of these old growth forests. Have you heard of "forest bathing" in Japan? Just being in the presence of trees has been proven to lower heart rate and blood pressure.

The film is 1 hour, 22 minutes, and will be projected on the wall screen and connected to the church's sound system. Afterwards, we invite you to have some refreshments and discuss the film with others. Donations are accepted to help cover the licensing costs.

On the Sunday, Feb. 4 worship service, the message will be about "Renewed Strength Through God."

Carol-Ann will lead a "Lenten Study" on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10-11 a.m.

The next Messy Church is Feb. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. The theme "Love God" will be related to the story of the prodigal son and how his father treats him on his return. There are crafts and table

tennis for the first hour, a short interactive story until 6:15, and then a dinner with raw veggies and dip, fresh fruit and something hot from the oven. Children must be accompanied with a responsible adult.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Sunday, Feb. 25, following the service and a light lunch.

We are having our famous Pasta Dinner with meatballs (Gino DiFebo's heritage Italian recipe) on Friday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. The meal includes salad, buns and dessert (canned fruit, ice cream and a special crispy Italian wafer cookie called pizzella). Tickets are \$20 per adult, and \$45 for a family (12 and under). For tickets call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The meal is organized by Gino & Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. There is only one sitting, so call ASAP to reserve your seats. This is a lovely occasion. There is time to talk to your neighbours. There is also the fun of door prizes.

Last Sunday was very special as Ethan Laverty, son of Sarah and Ryan, was baptized. We enjoyed a celebration lunch afterwards, complete with cake.

If you are interested in reading some sermons that our minister Carol-Ann Chapman has given, please visit our website and click on the "Message from our Minister" button.

If you would like to meet our minister casually, come to Nobleton's Tim Hortons on Wednesday mid- morning. She plans to be there, if she is not needed elsewhere.

Our worship services are at 11:15 a.m. Sundays at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The Nobleton United Church office is normally open on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. Nobleton United is on the north side of the King Rd., 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 and accessible washrooms. More on Page 23



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#### **Nobleton Lions**

The Nobleton Lions Club has a very busy spring planned, beginning with the annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13. Guys, pay attention, this will be the night before Valentine's Day. Do we need to say more? The location is downstairs at the Old Community Hall just north of the arena between 5 and 7:30. Prices remain the same as last year at \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under – great value for your dining dollar! Please come out and help your Lions Club support the community. Admission proceeds will be donated to the Nobleton Skating Club.

The Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 27. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.walkfordogguides.com After that comes the Nobleton Lions Annual Fund Raiser on June 3. This year the event is a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This is the major fund raiser for the Lions Club, with proceeds planned to go to numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to call Jim Kassam at KARS on King Rd west of Hwy. 27 at 859-5277.

Watch this space for further details as the events get closer, and why not check out our website at www.nobletonlions.com Also, you could look us up on Facebook or Instagram.

Free advertising is available to non profit groups in and around Nobleton via the electronic sign at the library. Contact the Township of King for details on how to get your message up there at no charge.

Your support is greatly appreciated by the Lions and those who we support, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve."

# King curlers mark Burns night

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#### **Robbie Burns Night**

#### "Aye, it's a great day to be Scottish!"

Sir Gerry Duffy once again devised an evening to celebrate the likes of Robbie Burns, the famous Scottish poet. Duffy, the hard core "Scotsman" himself, cooked a traditional feast in honour of the poet that include the notorious dish of Haggis and "nips" (Turnip a.k.a. Rutabaga). With salutes in customary style of whiskey and poem, Chef Gerry out did himself for an evening of Robbie Burns Day. Duffy commented that he is "absolutely amazed" at the interest and participation that the curlers bring each year in the 3 years he's played host of the event."

Down on ice level the finest of tartans could be found with kilts by the dames and plaid vests or hats by the gents. The rocks in conventional fashion continued with the sound of hits and of course the usual cry of hurry hard, gave one the sense of playing this beloved game in the land and hills of Scotland itself.

The Friday social league, which is being enjoyed by the new group of curlers from the Learn to Curl program held earlier this year, is displaying quite the impressive round of play. Highlights include a double takeout by rookie Bill Baron, a timely and well-placed guard by first year curler Tony Komljanec, and Skip Fiorenzo Gagliardi who executed a shot that most of us would dream about. With a sea of guards up front and the opposition stone in counting position, Gagliardi threw the out-turn with peel weight and glanced off a rock in the 8 foot. It then angled across the house to knock off the intended target for the hit and stick to count for 2! The Lions Club is seeking new members at this time. If you are interested in helping your community become a better place to live while having lots of fun, please call Bob at 416-522-9675.

#### **Nobleton Skating Club**

This is the 60th anniversary of the Nobleton Skating Club, and it is small fundraisers like this that have helped the club to make it to 60 years. We would really appreciate your support.

As well, don't ever think it's too late to skate! Though our current session of Canskate is underway, we are happy to prorate any new memberships joining part way through the session. Please skate with us in January when we have a new session beginning.

Canskate, our learn to skate program, is offered on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Registration is open and is available through our website, www.nobletonskatingclub.com.

#### Ladies Volleyball

We play Thursday evenings from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Nobleton and are looking to add a few players to the roster. If you enjoy playing recreational volleyball and are looking for a social activity, call Glenda at 416-561-6016.

#### Lloydtown Parish By John Arnott

As the church season of green Epiphany turns the corner into the solemn church season of purple Lent it is a busy time in the life of the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown (the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, Christ Church, Kettleby, St. Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg) with planning meetings, wardens meetings, the preparation of vestry reports, planning of church services and the Christian connection to up coming secular celebrations.

Lauds, the affectionately nick named "dawn yawn" services continue 6:30 until 7 a.m. Tuesday mornings at St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg. These quiet, candlelit early morning devotions are based on Morning Prayer and all are welcome – bring tea/coffee with you from home or picked up at Timmy's if you like!

St. Mary Magdalene's vestry packages will be available at the church by Sunday, Feb. 11.

Hosted by the men the popular Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday supper famed throughout the parish will once again be held in the lower level of St. Mary Magdalene's on Feb. 13.

On the following day, Wednesday, Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday, also St. Valentine's Day), Anglican youth are legally excused from school to attend Ash Wednesday church sponsored activities. All day learning and fun activities for kids of the parish will be held at St. Mary Magdalene's on that Wednesday and the Christian connection to St. Valentine's Day will be explored.

A service of Holy Communion with the solemn "Imposition of Ashes" will be held on Ash Wednesday evening a starting at 7 p.m. again at St. Mary Magdalene's.

Regular Holy Communion services in the parish continue Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Christ Church, Kettleby's church hall on Kettleby Rd. mid way between Keele and Jane Sts. with coffee/tea following for those who wish to stay following the service and at 11:15 a.m. in St Mary Magdalene's, 116 Church St. Schomberg.





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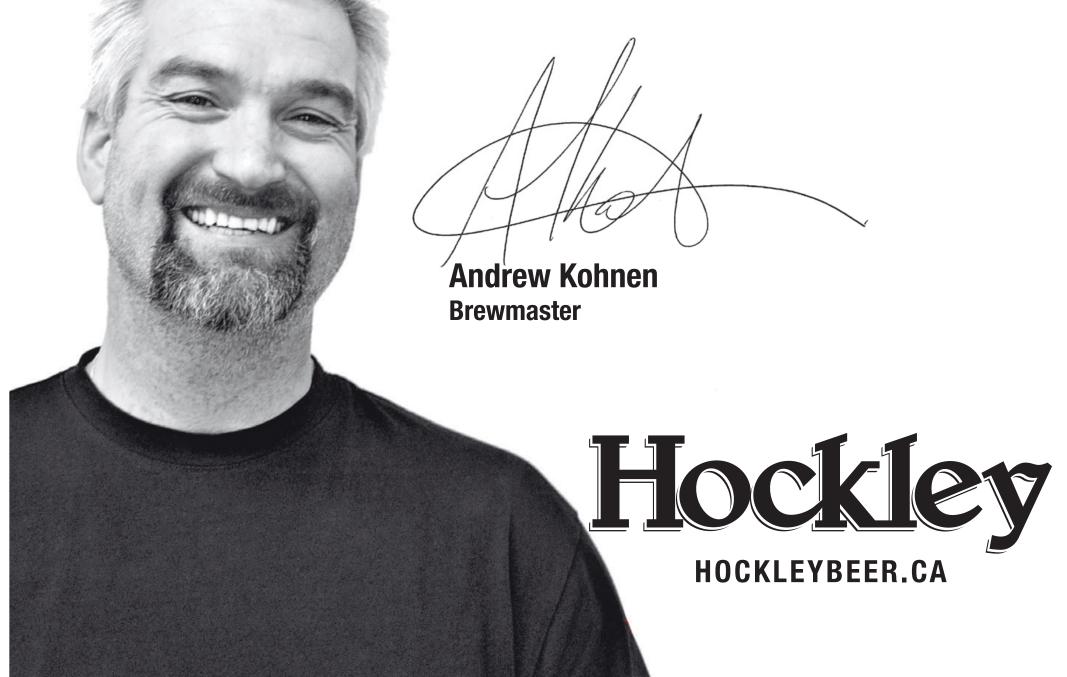
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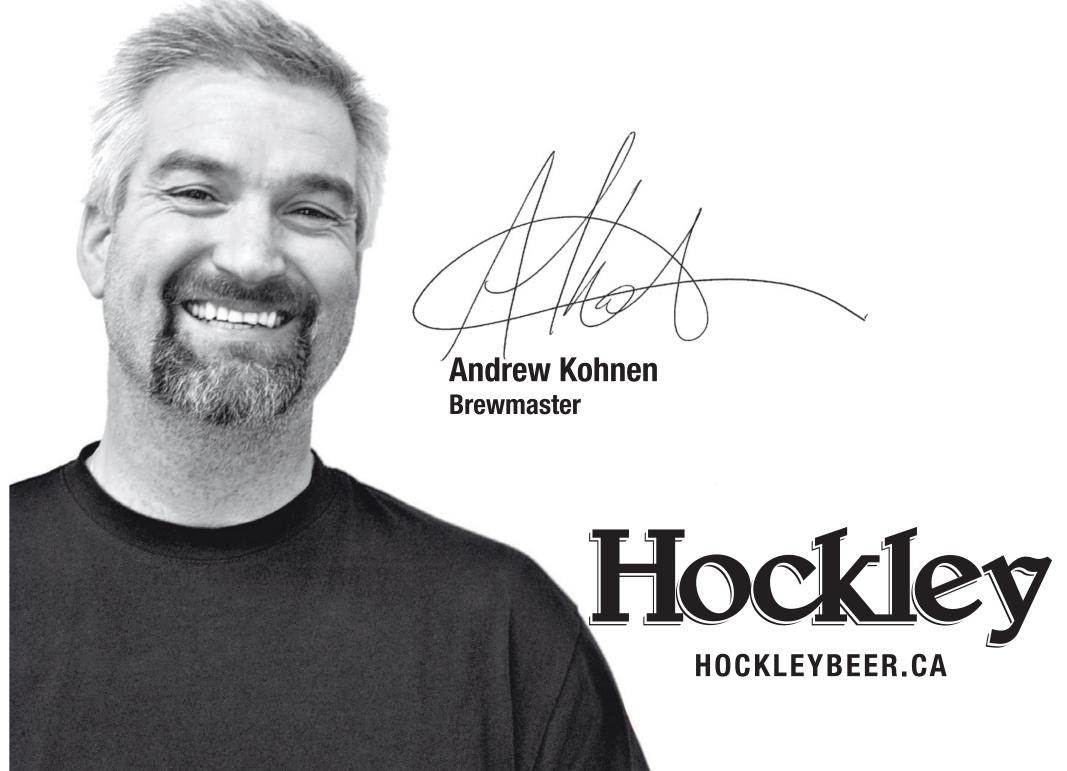


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