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Chamber swears in its 2020 board

The King Chamber of Commerce named its new board, to continue their work through 2020. Mayor Steve Pellegrini swore in board members last week, which included Angelo Santorelli (president), Jay Rider (vice-president), director Kyle Foley and secretary-treasurer David Cross. Turn to Page 8 for more details.

King facilities closed to contain spread of virus

By Mark Pavilons

King has joined the widespread COVID-19 containment measures by closing its facilities through April 6.

The situation is changing daily, with reduced hours and closures becoming commonplace during this state of emergency.

Mayhem ensued following the announcement last week that all Ontario schools will remain closed until April 5. Even King grocery stores experienced panic buying last week as worried people began stocking up on essentials such as toilet paper. Store staff worked tirelessly to restock the shelves which are being replenished.

Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, asked residents to practice "normal grocery buying habits and rest assured that our grocery production and supply chain will continue to provide Ontarians with the food we enjoy each and every day."

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said they take their direction from York public health and new directives from the Province are to cancel all public gatherings of 50 people or more. All March Break and subsequent programs have

been cancelled at King Libraries until Monday, April 6.

King has closed all recreation and cultural facilities to the public through April 5. Programming at these facilities are also cancelled.

The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road is also closed to the public.

All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads.

During the closure, council chambers will be set up for King's Emergency Operations Centre and ready in the event the decision is made to activate.

Citizens can still do business with King on the website at www.king.ca, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at serviceking@king.ca.

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low.

Visit york.ca/covid19 for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information.

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2019 was good year for film, TV industry.

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Panel stresses importance of trees.

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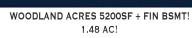
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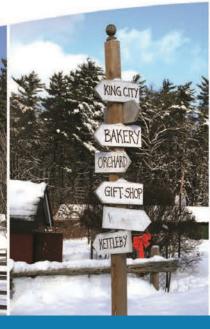
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road ALL COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday, March 23, 2020

6 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Public Meeting: Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment File Numbers: Z-2019-13, OP-2019-05 and SPD-19-64 Applicant: 1986 King Road Developments Inc.

Location(s): 1986 King Road, King City, Part of Lot 6, Conc.3

Monday, April 6, 2020 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, March 25, 2020 6 pm - Sustainability Committee

Municipal Office, 2585 King Road Thursday, April 2, 2020

6 pm - Heritage Advisory Committee Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Parks Operator/Arborist closes March 20
- Recreation League Convenor (casual contract) closes
- Aquatics Instructor/Lifeguard (summer) closes when filled
- Crossing Guard (contract) closes when filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor (PT, seasonal) closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) closes when filled
- Summer Parks positions close when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) closes

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

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click Popular Topics and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES.**

Or visit on the following link https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en

REMINDERS



REMINDER! Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from November 1st to April 15th. On-street parking is prohibited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

If you have a catch basin in front of your property, please ensure it is clear of snow to allow the water to drain. Please do not push snow onto roads.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Half-load restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

2020 Animal Licensing



It's time to renew your dog's life time tag or obtain a new tag for your dog/ cat. Cats are required to be licensed. Complete the online animal licence application at www.king.ca and submit by email. Apply before April 15



Visit **speaking.king.ca** to learn more about traffic calming, take a survey and use a map feature to place pins where you think traffic calming measures would be most effective. You also get to choose which type of traffic calming measures you would like to see installed. The survey will remain open until March, 2020.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



King closes facilities, cancels programs due to **COVID-19** pandemic

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

- · King Township has closed all recreation, library, and cultural facilities up to and including Sun., April 5. Programming at these facilities are also cancelled. Refunds or credits for March Break camps are being offered. Gym memberships will be extended the same length as the closure.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public effective immediately.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads.
- · Some non-essential services may be impacted.

During the closure, council chambers will be set up for King's Emergency Operations Centre and ready in the event the decision is made to activate it.

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Visit york.ca/covid19 for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information. A registered nurse will take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

LOWER YOUR RISK OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS **INCLUDING NOVEL COVID-19**

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TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, INCLUDING COMMON COLDS AND THE FLU:



Wash your hands well and often with soap and water, or with alcohol based hand sanitizer (don't forget to wash your wrists, under your fingernails and in between your fingers).



Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterwards.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.



If you are sick, stay home and avoid crowds until you are well again. Avoid sharing personal items like eating utensils and water bottles.



Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared items using regular household cleaners.

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King moves ahead with its new Strategic Plan

By Mark Pavilons

King's newest guiding document is nearing completion.

Council endorsed the draft 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, which provides priorities, objectives and key actions to guide council for the remainder of the term.

The draft plan sets the context for long-term goals within this short period of time. It defines obligations and commitments to residents and it will further cement the cohesiveness of all other guiding documents. It melds and complements department plans, King's multi-year budgeting process and its corporate plan.

While the Township's Official Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) remain at the top of the hierarchy, the Strategic Plan aligns priorities that impact our citizens.

It's a grass-roots plan, driven by the needs of constituents. That's why it's linked to the term of council.

The priorities were garnered from interviews with the senior leadership team, along with input from a workshop. Performance measures are still being developed for the plan and the final document will be presented to council sometime in April.

An annual progress report will be created and presented to council and the public every spring until the end of council's term. This will provide an update on the plan's progress and indicate whether the goals are being achieves.

A key component to the plan, staff said, is communication. Staff will ensure that both internal stakeholders and the public are aware and committed to the strategic directions.

The successes of the plan will be shared with the public through various

Both the Official Plan and ICSP are the "overarching guiding documents" based on values and King's long-term vision. The Strategic Plan addresses all of the main components of the ICSP, therefore aligning itself with the OP.

Staff have identified priorities in several key areas.

They include mitigating climate change, enhancing natural heritage and promoting conservation. They also involve an investment in infrastructure to bolster internet connectivity. Creating more public spaces and managing debt are also key measures. King is committed to public safety, leveraging technology and improving internal organizational performance. An ongoing objective is to increase community engagement and public awareness.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted the Township is already doing many of these things. The bulk of the objectives change and evolve with each passing year and the efforts are ongoing.

Community activist Mary Muter appeared before council, noting King's overall vision and mission should be front and centre in all documents. This link to all plans will clearly show people just how all the pieces fit together.

She said this is another important document for King and she was critical of the lack of public participation, something she called "pathetic."

Events, services are cancelled

From Front Page

Events throughout the Township have been either cancelled or put on hold. Church services have been cancelled and the Province has requested that all restaurants close and offer take-out only.

The Public Health Agency of Canada has posted guidelines aimed at helping event planners figure out whether to cancel mass gatherings of people as the federal government works to quell the potential spread of COVID-19.

The information was shared with King officials recently. Risk mitigation strat-

egies could include:
• Reducing the number of participants or changing the venue to prevent crowding.

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 Staggering arrivals and departures.
- Staggering arrivals and departures.Providing packaged refreshments instead of a buffet.
- Increasing access to handwashing stations.
- Promoting personal protective practices (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, staying home if ill).
 - Offering virtual or live-streamed activities.
- Changing the event program to reduce high risk activities such as those that require physical contact between participants.

York Region Public Health continues to collaborate with local hospitals, emergency services and other health agencies to ensure prompt reporting and follow up of all individuals who may require testing for COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The Regional Municipality of York is implementing reporting changes to make it easier for media, residents and businesses to stay informed about COVID-19. A dedicated web page will be updated twice daily at 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. that includes information on York Region COVID-19 cases reported to date. This information will be provided in lieu of media releases announcing each new case.

Visit york.ca/covid19 for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-

Mackenzie Health, Southlake Regional Health Centre and Markham-Stouffville have all opened their own COVID-19 assessment centres. The centres are located in or adjacent to each of the respective hospitals.

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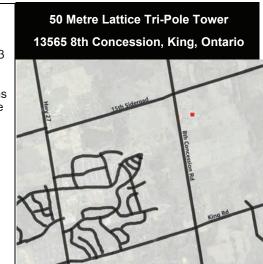
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 - and perimeter security fencing

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~ Michael Connelly

Mixed emotions during family gatherings

Dear Mom, Dad and Sis;

It's been a long time since I thought about you guys. What can I say, I'm not the best at multi-tasking! Life is much more hectic since we last saw one anoth-

But recently I've taken time to pause, reflect and smile. Lexie brought out one of her albums to show family photos to her boyfriend and it was a weird stroll down memory lane.

On my way to work the other day, I scanned my brain for images of each one of you laughing and it brought a huge smile to my face. I felt calm, almost

As Kim and Liam blew out their birthday candles recently, we all pondered the small, and not so small, milestones in our lives.

There have been a few such celebrations in recent years, events you all missed through no fault of your own.

I haven't had much time to direct my thoughts to you recently - our three ing and challenging at times. It meant trouble-makers are a handful, and I only many long hauls, one or two late nights have two hands!

You are likely keeping an eye on us less tropical beach.

In case you haven't had time to catch Big Guy, I'll fill you in on a few things.



Mark Pavilons

The past four years, with her being away in London, Ontario, has been interestto tend to a sick child, armed with soup!

Lexie would squeeze the stuffings out from your heavenly perch - hopefully, of all of you if only she could. I know it's a massive garden in perpetual full she would spend hours telling you about bloom, or a reclining chair on an end- her travels and volunteer work around the world. I hope you're proud.

I know it's not practical, but please up, or simply weren't permitted by the blow her a kiss from the clouds, and ease her stress and uncertainty as she Lexie, our first-born, is set to gradu- enters the real world. Maybe you could

ate from university. Boy, how time flies. merely dust off her shoulders.

Liam, our clan's only boy, extin-rightful place in the family hierarchy means Oh My God).

While he's stubborn and argumenloves to have fun, enjoys a good steak and to be spoiled rotten. and wants to experience everything life has to offer.

ing to get to sleep. Ah, the laugh of a the times you spent together. Last week, child is pretty much unmatched by any- as Kim's dad was bouncing back from a thing in the tangible world.

the Pearly Gates from time to time, this scenario played out much better turning heads! Feel free to tell the others he's related to you!

and both Kim and I are doing our best I suppose some more frequent talks to guide him in the right direction. Did about our family tree are warranted. I mention he was stubborn?

- he's loved, has food, shelter, friends, a loving family, part-time job and a car. His future will unfold as it should.

that you never got to know him. I know you'd be impressed by his tall stature and broad shoulders. He would have titude, but outside stresses and frustraloved you for all your flaws.

He's likely missed that connection and if there's any celestial way possible, send him a sign or drop by for a visit, if only to look into his eyes for a few mo-

guished 19 candles recently. OMG (that and be noticed. Oh, she's noticed all right!

She's also a fast learner and has a pastive, he's filled with curiosity and ques-sion for art and music. She wants to be a tions about the past, future, life, death veterinarian, she likes bling and doesn't and the infinity of the universe. He mind at all to be the centre of attention,

Mom, she felt your departure profoundly for such a small child. It's been When he laughs from the belly, the 10 years and she still thinks of you often walls shake and I smile, even if I'm try- and sheds a tear now and then, recalling minor stroke, the emotions and mem-Perhaps his squeals of joy penetrate ories came flooding back. Fortunately, than what you had to endure, Mom.

Kyleigh wonders why I don't break He's still trying to find his way in life down or talk about you guys much.

Mom and Dad, I hope your time on The other night I told him not to fret earth was well spent, and you're pleased with how some things have turned out.

While my life isn't as charmed as I would have hoped, I am trying and re-Dad, you never got a chance to see main optimistic. Kim is our rock and I your only grandson. And it saddens me think we both have to let more roll off of our shoulders.

I have no shortage of intestinal fortions take their toll from time to time.

Now that you're up there, you likely know that these things are unimportant in the grand scheme of things.

Mom and Dad, thanks for laying the groundwork for all that has unfolded

Maybe you're both there, just beyond behind us, with hands firmly placed on

Thinking of you!

Editorial

Confidence or apathy in local government?

You can lead a horse to water, goes an old saying, but you can't make it drink. We've come a long way since medieval times when this, considered the oldest English proverb still in use, was penned. And yet it still rings true in many aspects of modern society.

One of those - perhaps one of the most important and yet underrated and neglected – is municipal governance.

While King council chambers do get filled to the brim on occasion, these are few and far between. Most often they're last-minute, Hail Mary attempts by a frustrated group of citizens to vent and oppose some move by the Township.

While this is all part of the democratic process, and King's open door policy, it an be frustrating for both staff and elected officials.

Recently, King moved forward on its new Strategic Plan, a short-term document that basically outlines goals, directions and visions for a set term of council. Sure, its scope is pared down to a four-year period, but it will become a vital tool in King's arsenal of plans, documents and strategies. Combined with King's newly approved Official Plan, Sustainability Plan and Transportation Master Plan, this Strategic Plan will complete the huge municipal puzzle.

There was little or no public input when the plan was discussed recently. One active resident called the lack of public interest "pathetic."

Joseph Pulitzer once said the only way to get "democracy on its feet" is to keep

the public informed about what's going on. In this day and age, information about anything is readily available. Any bylaw, staff recommendation or strategic plan is available in full detail from the Township. You can pop in to the municipal office and get all your questions answered, or you can read through documents on the King website. You can call your councillor, or even Mayor Steve Pellegrini himself - all are happy to respond and lay it all out

This newspaper tries to cover all pertinent issues and matters that impact King residents. We do this on a weekly basis, and even if you miss an issue, our previous issues are all online, on our website.

Maybe the perceived lack of interest by the public means they're confident in the staff and elected officials who run King Township. We hope it's not due to ap-

There's a huge pool of "water" available, please drink from it!

Results from last week's poll:

Do you agree with moves to cancel

public events in light of the

COVID-19 virus?

MP, Editor

THIS WEEK'S

QUESTION

Are you self-isolating

or is it "business as

usual" in light of COVID-19 measures?

Go to our website

and cast a vote!

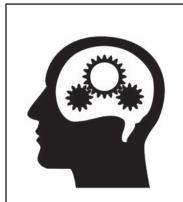
a) Yes

b) No

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ments and see what's in his heart. Kyleigh, our youngest prodigy, is a around me. I may not be the Dr. Spock spunky child, with more moxie than the of child-rearing or fatherhood, or the other two combined! We only wish she'd Dr. Phil in the husband department, but use her powers for good, not planting perhaps my style will suffice. her feet firmly on the ground and placing her hands on her hips, taunting us the scope of human vision, standing to try to move her. As the third born, she's likely heapour shoulders. ing on the assertiveness to assume her TURNING LEMONS INTO ... Y'KNOW. PAPER



PAPER

Thought of the Week

How do we know if pet food is 'new and improved?'

Curious pet owners may have sampled kibble, but when food says it's "new and improved," how do we really know?

King Township Trivia

In 1884 the tannery burned down. It was soon rebuilt, but the new building burned down in 1903 and the firm relocated to Newmarket.



a) Yes

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Canada ranked 'most liveable' for European expats

most liveable non-European country for European expats.

Toronto remains the top Canadian city, with higher liveability scores than the country's capital, Ottawa.

Canadian cities also score better than many cities in Europe. Toronto beats large European capitals such as Madrid, Berlin and even London in the latest liveability rankings.

Canada remains the most attractive

Letter to the Editor

Support businesses

During this time of uncertainty, please stop by the local businesses that you support and purchase a gift certificate. It will provide the store owner with much needed cash at a time when sales are likely at their lowest. When this current situation is resolved, you can then re-connect with those same owners and celebrate.

Canada once again shines as the country outside of Europe for Europeans to take residence for the fifth year running, according to the latest report from global mobility experts, ECA International (ECA).

Fit for royalty with its clean air, free healthcare, low crime and political stability, Canada has retained its high position in ECA's liveability analysis in its annual Location Ratings Report.

ECA's liveability survey of over 490 cities around the world looks at factors including availability of health services: housing and utilities: isolation: access to a social network and leisure facilities; infrastructure; climate; personal safety: political tensions and air quality.

Canada has long been an attractive country for expatriates to live, boasting one of the world's strongest economies, booming industry, and a strong focus on entrepreneurship opportunities. Many Canadian cities even outscore European hubs including London, Paris, Berlin and Rome despite the distance from

An additional important factor for Jim Streb mainland Europeans looking to relo-Nobleton cate is that Canada is officially bilingual, with many Canadians speaking ies reviewed in ECA's report. Despite English as well as French, the third most widely spoken language in Eu-

UK nationals make up the third largest foreign-born group in Canada – after India and China - which has attracted a large foreign-born population of approximately 6,775,800 people, with a total 20.6 per cent of the population the highest proportion among the G8 countries.

"Canadian cities have always provided a high quality of life for European expats, with consistently high scores putting Canadian cities above many European counterparts. Harry and Meghan follow in the footsteps of millions of European expats to Canadian cities, namely Toronto and Vancouver, which are relatively easy for European expatriates to adapt to. Choosing Canada to bring up their new family means they will experience lower crime levels, good public facilities, and better air quality," said Neil Ashman, senior location ratings analyst at ECA International.

Toronto, Canada's largest city, fared the best of all the Canadian cit-

extreme weather challenges that face residents and businesses in Toronto the government is making historic new investments in infrastructure to maintain its position as a world class

"Since 2016, the Canadian government has committed \$14.4 billion on modernizing public transport, green and social infrastructure, trade and transportation, making it a consistently attractive city for European's living abroad."

Elsewhere, Copenhagen and Bern have scooped the joint top spot as the most liveable cities in the world for European expats.

Dublin has kept its position within the top 10 most liveable cities in the world. ECA's liveability score of the Irish capital will be well received by expats and the record number of Irish passport applicants last year.

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Township of King

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Notice of Study Completion | Issued: March 13, 2020



King Township has completed the 2020 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) that incorporates updated population and employment forecasts to guide the enhancement of a multi-modal transportation network to the year 2031. With a heightened focus on transportation's role in climate change and updated transportation data, the intent of the 2020 TMP is to review the planned and previously proposed improvements to identify opportunities to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and transit.

This TMP followed Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for master plans. The recommended preferred alternatives were determined and refined on a data-driven process and incorporate extensive public and agency input. These alternatives identify the next steps that the Township can take to improve how people travel within and through the Township.

By this notice, the TMP is being placed on public record for a 30 calendar-day review period in accordance with the requirements of the EA process. The review period will begin on March 13, 2020. Please provide all written comments by April 12, 2020. All comments will become part of the public record of the study, with the exception of personal information

The TMP document is available for your information at: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township's Municipal Centre is closed

to the public until April 6.

The TMP is also available online at the Township's website: tmp.king.ca

Please send your written comments to the Township of King contacts below by April 12, 2020: **Brett Sears**

David Van Veen Senior Project Manager Engineering, Public Works & Building Email: dvanveen@king.ca Phone: 905-833-4056

Senior Project Manager WSP Email: Brett.Sears@wsp.com Phone: 289-982-4752

If concerns cannot be resolved through discussion with Township staff, a person or party may request that the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks make an order for a project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order). Requests must be made in writing to the Minister and the Township Clerk

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3

minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Township Clerk 2585 King Road King City ON L7B 1A1 clerks@king.ca

Comments submitted to the Township of King for the purpose of providing feedback regarding the Transportation Master Plan are collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Questions relating to the collection, use and disclosure of this information may be addressed to Peter Angelo, Director of Engineering, Public Works and Building at pangelo@king.ca or 905-833-4076







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Kathryn Moyle Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement Township Clerk











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Schools are closed, some offering classes online

By Mark Pavilons

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, decided to close all schools through April 5, on the advice of the Ontario's chief medical officer of health. Now that a state of emergency exists, private schools have been added to the list.

"The health and well-being of Ontarians is our government's number one priority.

"Since we first learned of COVID-19 as an emerging public health issue, Ontario has been diligently monitoring the developing situation to protect the health and well-being of all Ontarians. We have also taken decisive action to ensure the province's health care system is positioned to be ready for any scenario."

Lecce noted on the advice from Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the experts at the COVID-19 Command Table, all publicly funded schools in Ontario will be closed for two weeks following March break. This unprecedented order was approved by the Lieutenant Governor

in Council.

"We recognize the significant impact this decision will have on families, students, schools, as well as the broader community, but this precaution is necessary to keep people safe," he said.

Lecce pointed out that experts are working overtime to respond to COVID-19, including moving forward with additional public health measures, which include enhanced access to screening, expanding lab-testing capacity, and implementing new initiatives to keep the public and frontline workers safe. The Province is setting aside up to \$100 million in contingency funding in the upcoming 2020 budget to address challenges related to COVID-19.

"We are further mindful of those who work in other public institutions and buildings. As this situation evolves, Ontario's COVID-19 Command Table is prepared to respond quickly and effectively to any scenario and provide the government with advice on measures to keep the public and frontline workers safe.

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demonstrated remarkable responsive- COVID-19 Command Table, the Minness to COVID-19 and these measures we are putting in place will ensure that we continue to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Ontario and thereby protect children and families across the province."

Schools in King have also altered their plans.

The Country Day School has closed until April 3 and has cancelled all activities and regular classes.

Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities, are protecting faculty and students and working with post-secondary institutions across the province.

"We continue to work with our public health partners at all levels, alongside our postsecondary partners, to protect students and faculty at this critical juncture by providing regular updates on COVID-19 and campus safety.

"In light of recent developments and based on strong guidance from Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the experts at the and considered for extension.

istry of Colleges and Universities will work with Ontario's post-secondary institutions to ensure each campus has a COVID-19 response plan for academic continuity for students and faculty that does not put their health or personal well-being at risk, while ensuring students can continue to receive the world-class education our institutions provide."

Seneca College has suspended classes, opting for online courses for all students through April 5.

All events, social and sporting activities on campus are cancelled, including those off-campus sponsored by Seneca, until the end of April. The situation will be re-assessed at that time.

Further, all organized public events of over fifty people are also prohibited, including parades and events and communal services within places of worship. These orders were approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and will remain in place until March 31, at which point they will be reassessed

Clerks division staff responds to public demands

By Mark Pavilons

The demands on Township staff continue rise year in and year out.

Yet, Clerks department staff rise to the challenge and in the face of record-high inquiries, the number of complaints remains low.

The roles and services provided by staff in the clerks division were presented to councillors recently.

The clerks division is responsible for coordinating and supporting various statutory duties under the Municipal Act, and many other pieces of legislation and municipal bylaws.

The clerks division handles public complaints and review each case in detail. In 2019, six formal complaints were lodged. There were no complaints filed with the Ombudsman, Integrity Commissioner or surrounding closed meetings.

The division also oversees the Nobleton Community Cemetery, along with the parks division. Staff assist families with plots, arranging interments and administering the cemetery operations.

Issuing licences and permits is one of the biggest areas. Staff issue lottery licences, special event permits, noise exemption permits, marriage licences and liquor licences. Marriage licences continue to be popular at the Township. Civil ceremonies are low, but that's likely due to the fact they're limited to business hours, conducted Fridays in the council chambers. Staff are looking at promoting Township facilities for weddings and other ceremonies.

Noise exemptions continue to increase year after year. Staff noted this is a good thing, because it means the public and businesses are more aware of the need for these permits.

Clerks staff also respond to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) sets out legally binding requirements for providing public access to information under municipal control. Requests tend to driven by information concerning particular properties. In 2019, staff handled just over 30 requests.

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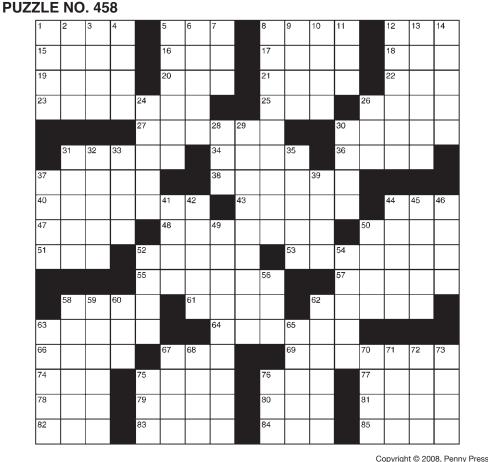
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However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes in most cases.

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A new age of retirement living coming to Bolton

By Brittany Grenci

Downtown Bolton is soon to become home to one of the most inviting and luxurious retirement establishments in the GTA – the Sorrento Retirement Residence. To address the growing need for retirement living coupled with the ability to age in place, King Station and InSite Construction Management Inc. (the builder), has developed this unique retirement option equipped with 140 masterfully designed suites, a collection of exciting amenities and impeccable features.

The building's main level has a unique open concept design, allowing residents and guests to freely interact in open lounge and dining spaces. Attention to detail was paramount when designing the building. With a combination of European influenced classic and modern design elements, each section has been carefully planned to enhance the experience. The infusion of natural light throughout the building, to allow in the breathtaking beauty of the surrounding landscapes, has been one of the design team's leading area of focus.

As such, Sorrento is equipped with large windows in suite and in amenity spaces, most notably in the dining and lounge areas as well as floor to ceiling windows in each suite. The use and feeling of the building have been additionally enhanced with large terraces around the building, allowing guests to

enjoy fresh air and amazing scenery.

"Sorrento is an experience. Our goal is to ensure that each resident feels a sense of family and community; this isn't your typical retirement residence," as described by one of the project's owners. Sorrento has an emphasis on residents staying their healthiest through a focus in fitness, lifelong learning and staying active and involved in the local Caledon community.

With so many amenities, there is always something to experience and enjoy at Sorrento. The swimming pool, active and passive gym spaces and free classes promote a healthy lifestyle.

Residents also have access to health professionals, salon, pet grooming area, theatre and so much more.

Sorrento residents are given everything they need to live an independent life on their own terms. Each floor has its own laundry room adjoined by a sitting area with TV and each suite and amenity area has been built with its own independent heating and cooling and air filtration system. These are just a few of the important details that make life at Sorrento even more comfortable and enjoyable for all.

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Your Voice for Business in King



Santorelli serves second term as Chamber president

By Mark Pavilons

The King Chamber of Commerce will continue to fulfill its mandate, with Angelo Santorelli at the helm.

The well known King business owner and community supporter will continue in his position for a second term, as the Chamber announced its new board of directors. A special member appreciation night was held at Holland Marsh Wineries last week to mark the occasion.

Thanks were extended to outgoing board members Tom Allen (2012-2019), Kelly Foley (2014-2019), Brian Speers (2018-2019) and David Huckvale (2019).

Maintaining the course and keeping the Chamber at the forefront in King are this year's board members Santorelli; Jay Rider, vice-president; David Cross, secretary/treasurer, directors Kyle Foley, Manuela Palermo and Zach Shoub. New to the board this year are Joshua Speers and Michelle (Mckay) Frauley.

Santorelli said the past year has been both challenging and very rewarding. Chamber representation and lobbying is important and needs everyone's involvement, he said. The past year was filled with several firsts, including round table discussions and hosting provincial ministers for special occa-

The Chamber provided input on both King's new Official Plan and stressed the importance of employments lands.

The Chamber also provided input into the annual Business Directory, published and distributed through the King Weekly Sentinel.

Business leaders, he said, have a common goal and that's to continue to grow and prosper. It's important that they support and promote one another.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini encouraged more volunteer participation on the Chamber board. He lauded the contributions of past-president and long-time Chamber supporter Tom Allen, who volunteered with the Chamber for the past decade.

The Township and Chamber enjoy a "true partnership" to help businesses thrive in King.

Santorelli, of Trisan Construction, is proud to call King his home. Trisan employs many local residents from the surrounding areas and also presents multiple opportunities for work and growth in the construction industry. Trisan Construction was also honoured to receive the Excellence in Large Business award by the King Chamber of Commerce in the fall of 2017. In 2011, Angelo and his family had the unique opportunity to be a part in supporting and naming of Schomberg's community recreation centre, the Trisan Centre.

Angelo has been a member of the King Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years, as well as participating in the Township's Sustainability Advisory Committee and serving on the board of the Toronto Area Road Builders Association for 3 years.

Jay Rider serves as vice-president. Rider practicing management side labour lawyer and long-term Nobleton resident. As a board member Jay has led a number of Chamber governmental relations and policy initiatives, including obtaining a township-wide Retail Business Holidays Act exemption from Regional Council and the modernization of King's sign bylaw. In addition to his service on the Chamber board, Jay volunteers as the Director of Risk Management and Head Trainer for the King Township, NobleKing and Schomberg



Angelo Santorelli, Chamber president, thanks Tom Allen, past-president, for his 10 years of service to the King Chamber of Commerce.

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David Cross is the secretary/treasurer. David is President of W.B.Cross Co., an installer and integrator of security and home automation products. The company moved to King Township in the mid-1980s and serves clients in the GTA, York Region and Barrie areas. David has lived in King Township since 1958, where he and his wife Marti have enjoyed living and raising their 6 children, first living in Nobleton and then making the big trek north to Schomberg. An active member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, David cochaired the building committee and was also part of the building committee of the then "new" arena in Nobleton. A

committed Christian, he has served as Chairman of the Scott Mission in Toronto and on the boards of the Scott Mission, Tyndale College, and St. Andrew's College as well as the Toronto and North York Hunt.

David has always felt that the best way to make a business successful was to listen to your customer and then provide them with what they want at a fair price; always following up to build a relationship so that the customer feels supported every step of the way.

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ELLA program gets a boost from the minister

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

ELLA, a federally-funded program tailored to give 54 women entrepreneurs from York Region and the Greater Toronto Area the tools and connections needed to grow their businesses, was ushered in at an event last week.

York University President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda L. Lenton along with Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade and Member of Parliament for Markham-Thornhill, was present at the event held at York's Keele campus and spoke to the 54 women business owners who are participants in the program. The launch event showcased how the program will help women entrepreneurs.

Stephanie Florio, one of the entrepreneurs who was chosen, has created a mobile app to help students find jobs. She hopes the ELLA program will help her continue to learn and grow her network.

"You can never know too much and I want to learn as much as possible so that I can continue to grow Swob Inc. I feel so honoured and humbled to have been chosen to participate in the ELLA program. I am excited to work with an incredible group of in-

spiring female founders for the next 6 months," she said.

The ELLA program will support women entrepreneurs by providing them with one-on-one mentoring with top entrepreneurs, hands-on workshops, leadership training, and a community of peers and supporters.

Florio's plans to expand her business, Swob Inc., into the United States.

"Taking advantage of the network and experts in the ELLA program will help me understand what I need to do in order to expand. I am very excited about this opportunity and cannot wait to get going," she said.

"We were thrilled to see close to 200 people come together to celebrate the launch of ELLA, an exciting new accelerator program supporting women entrepreneurs who are ready to hustle and grow their businesses," said Nicole Troster, Entrepreneurship Manager for ELLA, led by York University's Innovation York.

"The ELLA program is deeply rooted in community and this event brought the 54 women from ELLA's inaugural cohort together with mentors, industry partners, government representatives and supporters in their new ecosystem. The ELLA launch event was a celebration of this amazing initiative aimed at reducing gender inequality in entrepreneurship."



Nicole Troster (Entrepreneurship Manager, ELLA), Jenise Lee (Event MC and Founder of PurPicks and CertClean), York University President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda L. Lenton, The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, and Sarah Howe, Director of Innovation York launched the ELLA program.



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Record-breaking year for Ontario's strong film and television industry

By Mark Pavilons

Ontario's trendsetting entertainment industry is mainting its course.

Industry supporters are celebrating the fact that Ontario's film and television industry had a record-breaking year in 2019, with 343 productions. That brought in a whopping \$2.16 billion in production spending for the economy and supported 44,540 full-time equivalent direct and spin-off jobs.

This represents an increase in production by almost 15 per cent from 2018 and more than 7,500 new jobs for Ontarians.

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport. Tourism and Culture Industries joined award-winning actress Wendy Crewson, award-winning director Sergio Navarretta, as well as industry leaders Jim Mirkopoulos (Cinespace Toronto), Justin Cutler (Ontario Creates), Theresa Tova (ACTRA), Peggy Kyriakidou and Jayson Mosek (UNI-FOR), Angela Mastronardi and Monty Montgomerie (IATSE), and Michael Cerenzie and Jonathan Ahee (Stratagem Group) recently to discuss the results.

"Ontario is open for business, open for jobs, and open to the film and television industry," said Minister MacLeod. "These results show that we're building a business-friendly climate where production companies and production service companies can grow.

"In 2020, we are continuing to work with Ontario Creates and the indus-



try to ensure producers at home and around the globe know that there's no better place to create content than right here in Ontario."

Ontario is a leader in domestic film and television production, and is home to a booming foreign production sector. The economic and employment benefits of Ontario's vibrant film and television industry are felt across the province.

The hotspots are across the GTA and cities in southern Ontario. Some the cities and productions are as follows:

Cambridge – The Handmaid's Tale, Madam CJ Walker, The Good Witch, Hardy Boys, The Queen's Gambit, the Dark.

Durham Region – American Gods (season 3), Coroner (season 2), Titans, Anne with an E, Schitt's Creek, The Handmaid's Tale, Secret Society of Second Born Royals, Madam C.J. Walker, Spinning Out and Falling.

Hamilton – Umbrella Academy, Mrs. America, Jupiter's Legacy, Titans, Locke And Key, and the upcoming David Bowie biopic Stardust.

Kingston – DC's Titans, Murdoch Mysteries and Star Trek.

Mississauga – V Wars, Self-Made, Designated Survivor, Dare Me, Shadow Hunters, Titans, In the Dark and The

North Bay – Cardinal.

Ottawa – Curious George, The Last Kids on Earth and Hilda (all animated in Ottawa).

'The government's commitment to growing Ontario's film and television industry means big business for Ontario and a globally competitive production scene," said Karen Thorne-Stone, president and CEO, Ontario Creates. "Our suite of financial incentives, over 10,000 locations, world-class crews, diverse talent, award-winning post-production facilities, and expanding studio space are a huge draw for producers

from Canada, the U.S. and around the world."

Veteran actor and King Township resident Art Hindle has been a proud cheerleader for home-grown talent and resources for decades. Hindle is not only in front of the camera, but he's also vice-president of external affairs for ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists), the union of more than 23,000 professional performers.

"As an actor living in a rural community, I take pride in what we as members of our actor's union, ACTRA, has accomplished in leading the campaign Frankie Drake, Anne with an E and In through lobbying to ensure our political leaders understand the wisdom in creating and solidifying the best tax credits in North America. When both domestic and foreign film/TV productions film in our local areas they bring needed revenue to the local economy.

> "So if you know a local filmmaker, show your support; it will pay off in the long run!"

> Jobs created by film and TV production in the province include technicians (such as lighting, make-up, carpenters, set designers, set dressers and wardrobe experts), production managers and coordinators, location managers, craft services, post-production experts, accountants, performers and drivers.

> Ontario offers tax credits to support film and television production. These incentives play an important role in increasing economic activity and job creation in Ontario while also enhancing the province's cultural profile.

> In February 2020, the government announced a Ministers' Film and Television Advisory Panel, which will provide evidence and advice to the government on industry trends, challenges and opportunities to grow high value film and television production in Ontario and maximize benefits for the province.



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King conference brings awareness to tree preservation

By Julia Galt

set to be a series of town hall meetings, with the inaugural theme "Is Every Tree Important."

A diverse panel of experts, each with their own professional and personal perspective on the topic, met at King City Secondary School to discuss the importance of conservation both

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in and out of King Township. The evening's discussions were moderated by King kicked off the first of what is Mohammad Totah, recipient of a 2019 King Volunteer Award for his work with King for Refugees.

> The consensus among the panellists, and the attendees, was that more needs to be done to conserve trees in King Township and beyond.

Dr. Laura Westra, professor emerita at the University of Windsor, drew from



Panelists Dr. Laura Westra, Dr. Riina Bray, Mr. Avrum Liederman, and Mr. Peter Wynny-

FEBRUARY 15/20 PER KING CITY LIONS

King City Lions boost dog guide program

The King City Lions hosted their 2nd annual Roast Beef Dinner Feb. 15, in support of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Ambassador Beverly Berger and her Dog Guide Lotus were in attendance to accept a \$6,000 donation on behalf of the foundation, while an additional \$2,500 was raised for Dog Guides through the night's silent auction. Guests at the \$25 a plate dinner enjoyed musical entertainment from violinist Aysel Taghi-Zada and cellist Brenton Chan.

Shown above, King City Lions David Beasley and President Jay Harding present Berger with the \$6,000 donation.

her knowledge as in her defence of the trees. She condemned land grabbing by corporations, stating that this practice was ruining the earth for future gener-

"Cutting down trees is a disaster not only locally, but for humanity," Westra

Financial planner Avrum Liederman discussed the surprising financial benefits that trees can bring. In the GTA alone, trees provide \$80 million of savings in benefits each year, working out to an average \$125 per household. Even when maintenance costs are factored in. Toronto's trees return between \$1.35 to \$3.20 for every dollar spent on them. The total value of Toronto's urban forest is valued at \$7 billion, averaging \$700 per tree. Additionally, having a home with a tree near the street will add 10-15% to its resale value. Trees are a wise investment in more ways than one.

Peter Wynnyczuk, president of P&A Urban Forestry Consulting, also spoke at the event. He discussed the environmental benefits trees bring, from their role in stabilizing sand as shelterbelts in the Dustbowl of the 1930s to their ability to mitigate flooding by collecting moisture. In a time of rapid development for King Township, he cited Mississauga's tree bylaw and commitment to sustaining their tree canopy as the bar to aim for.

Atmospheric scientist Dr. Hans Mar-

tin stressed the importance of preserving trees in a time when carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are at the highest in human history. As trees "eat up" carbon dioxide at every age, all are valuable. Martin, a resident of King City, expressed his disappointment in seeing tree stumps, some from trees hundreds of years old, left behind from development work in the town.

Wrapping up the evening's speakers was Dr. Riina Bray, director of the Environmental Health Clinic at Women's College Hospital. According to Bray, trees and the environment are critically important to humans even apart from the physical benefits they bring. Citing the Japanese art of forest bathing, surrounding yourself with the energy of nature, Bray stated that prescribing forest time can be extremely beneficial for patients. Exposing yourself to nature reduces stress, boosts mood, speeds recovery from illness, and can help boost the immune system.

'We are tied with an umbilical cord to the planet," stated Bray. "We have tried to sever it with technology, and that was our biggest mistake, because now we're killing ourselves."

Panellists urged the public to share their needs and opinions with their government.

"Each one of you has a voice," stated Wynnyczuk. "And if you join a choir of similar voices you have the power to implement change."



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Country Day School snowboarders bring home gold

By Robert Belardi

The Country Day School can add a few more medals to their collection.

The snowboarding program won the Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association (CISAA) gold for the second year in a row. It was the fifth consecutive medal for the bovs' team and second consecutive for the girls.

It gets better. Late last month, the most talented athletes from the program, travelled to Alpine Ski Club to compete in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA).

The program walked away with their fifth consecutive OFSAA podium. King City resident Jeevan Gosal won gold for the second year in a row in the individual competition. Another King native, Dillan Walker, finished just shy of the bronze in fourth place; his older brother Cole Walker won gold back in

As a team, the boys finished in first place. Led by Gosal and Walker, the team consisting of Liam Wishart, Ryan Bannerman and Benjamin Smylie got the job done.

The girls' team, consisting of Angelica Tait, Tegan Asprey and Hailey



Fauchere, gave it their all in this year's competition.

CDS's girls' team won OFSAA last season and the boys won the competition two years in a row prior to that.

Since taking over as coach of the snowboarding team in the second year of the program back in 2014-2015, Jennifer Weening spoke with the King Sentinel on the phone while currently on maternity leave, about two of the reasons behind the school's success.

"Parent commitment, and the creation of the culture around the program," said Weening.

The parents financially supported the program to hire professional ski coach and owner, of Mixed Movements, Andrew Robertson, to provide proper training and preparation for these competitions. The school has currently superseded the parents and taken on the payment now. Robertson has been a part of CDS, for the past seven years.

"We've had parents over the last few years, purchasing extra medals to make sure that every member of the team that wins CISAA gold, silver or bronze takes home a medal," Weening

Parents attend the hills to support the children. Former King City residents Paul and Julia Sward, began the purchasing of backpacks and hoodies for the program, adding the apparel in support and growing the culture of it.

The students have added their own contributions. The snowboarder's, meet to wax the boards on days of the competitions, and solidify what it means to be a part of a team.

This sport is one of the leading examples of a tight-knit community. The camaraderie has been exceptionally strong within CDS, and also between petitor for years to come

the other teams.

Everyone gets along with everyone. It's a laid-back atmosphere.

Although snowboarding can be argued as one of the most unknown sports in high school competitions, it is most certainly growing. Weening learned to snowboard back in high school and said there was very little opportunity anywhere for it. Student athletes have a huge opportunity to compete in high levels of this sport right through school.

She stated that the school's program can feed into amateur programs outside the classroom that children have the chance to compete in events such as Snowboard Cross.

"If you're not doing this with your school, you may not even know that stuff is out there," Weening said.

With a prosperous snowboarding program finding success in recent years, it might be safe to judge, the school will continue to be a fierce com-

Aurora King Baseball is getting ready to go

By Robert Belardi

Rep teams are finalized and house league registration is open before Aurora-King baseball hosts its first pitch on Tuesday, May 19.

Rep and select teams are formed once the previous season is complete in Ontario. This method makes it easier for coaches to choose their roster, begin winter training right away and get sponsorships well in advance. As for house league, teams are formed closer to the year.

The Aurora-King Baseball Association (AKBA), has 17 high level baseball clubs. You'd imagine trying to organize this all is not a walk in the park.

There are 13 rep clubs, two select team's and one elite team from the ages of 8U

With that in mind, there is a lot of excitement heading into this season, most notably, the U15 Elite team.

This will be the first time the association is fielding an elite team in the Elite Baseball League of Ontario (EBLO). The elite league is a higher level than triple-A. It fields teams between the ages of 15-18 years old.

At the helm of this club is manager Jordan Keon. Keon explains how this opportunity is amazing for Aurora-King baseball as a whole.

"Looking at the association as a whole, it's a good stepping stone for a lot of the younger teams can see that as a target as they go through the ranks," said Keon.

"At a Grade 9 high school age, that will be an opportunity for them to play at that level, in town, instead of having to leave and go play elsewhere."

As a team, the players will be travelling to the United States this year for a tournament in Cincinnati. This five-day tournament is an excellent chance for the players to experience American baseball clubs and learning how to take care of themselves for a few days while enjoying high-level baseball.

"Over half of our players are from the Aurora-king area, you know, we have attracted some out of town players as well to fill up our roster. So, we should have a competitive team and I'm really looking forward to that," explained Keon.

When Aurora and King merged into one association more than five years ago, most of the players came from Aurora. Now, there are a lot of players coming from the King area and outside of both towns to play the sport.



Photo courtesy of Starting Gate Communications

Canadian team takes 4th at event

The Canadian Show Jumping Team comprised of Erynn Ballard of Tottenham, Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, Eric Lamaze of Wellington, FL; and Sam Walker of Nobleton, placed fourth in the \$290,000 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of the United States of America on Feb. 16, at the CSIO5* Palm Beach Masters in Wellington, FL.

Canada was sitting last among the eight teams contesting the \$290,000 Longines FEI Jumping Nations CupTM of the United States of America following the opening round of the two-round competition. Demonstrating why show jumping is anything but predictable, the Canadian Show Jumping Team clawed its way back to fourth place in the final standings with an improved second round performance.

As the lead-off rider, Foster did her job for Canada by delivering two fault-free rounds riding Figor, a 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (VDL Groep Zagreb x C-Indoctro) owned by Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms LLC.

Making his Nations Cup debut, 17-year-old Walker jumped two strong rounds that belied his young age. Having incurred four faults in the opening round, Walker and his recently acquired mount Kel'star du Vingt Ponts, an 11-yearold black Luxembourg gelding (Kannan x Landor S) owned by Castlefield Sport Horses Inc., came close to delivering a clear the second time out when a rail fell at the final fence on Irish course designer Alan Wade's track.

After a difficult first round that saw Ballard put 16 faults on the scoreboard riding Fellini S, the pair returned to deliver a much-improved second round performance. Ballard, 39, and the 10-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood gelding (Vermont x Rash R) owned by Ilan Ferder were clear until a rail came down at 11b of the double combination for four faults.

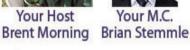
Riding in the anchor position for Canada as he has done so many times before, 2008 Olympic Champion Lamaze, 51, was off to a rocky start when Coco Bongo stopped at the second fence. With four faults for the refusal, a rail down at 11a of the double combination, and two time faults for exceeding the time allowed of 76 seconds, Lamaze finished the first round with a total of 10 faults.

Being the master that he is, the three-time Olympic medalist returned to jump clear the second time out with Coco Bongo, a 15-year-old bay Rheinlander gelding (Caretino x Calido) owned by Artisan Farms LLC and his own Torrey Pines Stable, leaving Canada to count four faults in the second round. When added to the 14 faults from the opening round, Canada finished the day on a total of 18 faults.

When other countries began dropping rails, Canada slowly climbed its way up the standings and ultimately finished the day in fourth position overall. A jumpoff was required to determine the winner, as both Great Britain and the United States had completed two rounds of jumping tied at eight faults apiece. Twotime U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Beezie Madden riding Darry Lou went up against Alexandra Thorton and Cornetto K. Both women were clear in the jumpoff, but Madden's quicker time of 33.11 seconds versus the 36.34 seconds posted by Thorton clinched it for the home side.











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COVID-19 cancels remaining King Curling Club action

By Shellee Morning

By now everyone is aware of the safety measures that have been put in place for the protection and well-being for the community and its residents from the Covid-19 virus. Prevention for continued spreading of coronavirus has led to the closing of the Trisan Centre's doors, but not before the Men's League's Annual Ryder Cup Invitational.

The top 4 men's teams from Alliston, Barrie, Bradford and King participated in the 2 draw Ryder format event. A total of 64 curlers in total enjoyed 3 games, lunch and prizes that would significantly end their season for curling this year. Total points from all 4 teams for each club were accumulated to the final score and determine the winner.

For an unprecedented third time in a row, Team Bradford came out on top with a commanding score of 154.25 points. Finishing in a solid second place was Team King with

112 points. Third went to Barrie with 98.75 and Alliston finished in 4th with 67. Congratulations to all participants, the ladies league volunteers, ice technician, event sponsors, and to the event's co-ordinating team for another very successful Ry-

King Curling Club was well under way towards another exciting season finale, but with the untimely closing of the facility, it has left playoff championships incomplete. All events - day league's closing fun games and the year-end banquet and awards - are all cancelled. In a way, it leaves you with the feeling of "unfinished business," but there is as they say "light at the end of the tunnel."

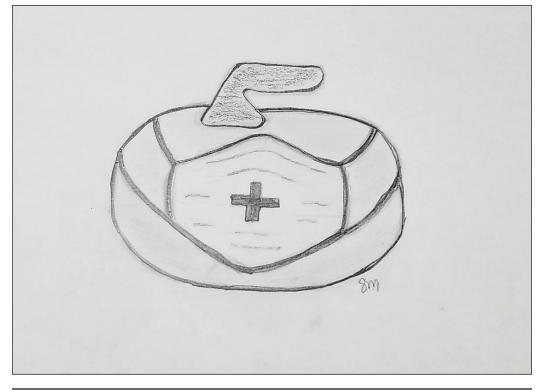
There is (approx.) 208 sleeps before the opening of the 2020-21 season, the 10th anniversary of the King Curling Club. The memories we've made will be shared and carried on towards the new teams and new friendships that await us all in the coming season.

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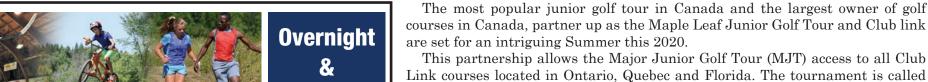
Ages

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Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, Club Link join forces

By Robert Belardi



the MJT ClubLink series that will offer some unique pricing for the Junior members and for families to become Club Link members moving forward. The MJT ClubLink series is a five-course tournament, that will begin at Humber College PGM by Taylor Made at Hidden Lake Golf Club in Burlington on May 9 and 10. The competition will host another four events at Caledon Woods Golf

Club in Bolton on May 30 and 31, followed by Glendale Golf and Country Club June 13 and 14, Georgetown Golf Club on June 28 and 29 and the final stop at Station Creek in Gormley August 30 and 31. The entire nation-wide tournament will feature 90 events in total in 2020. There will be 18 stops in Ontario for Juniors aged 11 to 19 and a Mini Tour from

ages seven to 12. Registration is open now for all the events and discounts will be awarded to those who provide their ClubLink membership number.

"We are pleased to support the development of young talent through our partnership, and grow the base of golfing families," explained Brent Miller, vice-president, corporate operations and member services at Club Link.

"Golf is not only a competitive sport. It is a game for life. Families that adopt golf into their lifestyle reap the benefits of time spent together with a likeminded community that leads to lifelong friendships. We look forward to hosting MJT competitors and their families at our clubs this season."

Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour is a non-profit organization and the only national junior golf tour run by the PGA of Canada Professionals as well as the 'Road to College Golf' in Canada.

All the information can be found on the MJT website, at https://www.mapleit.





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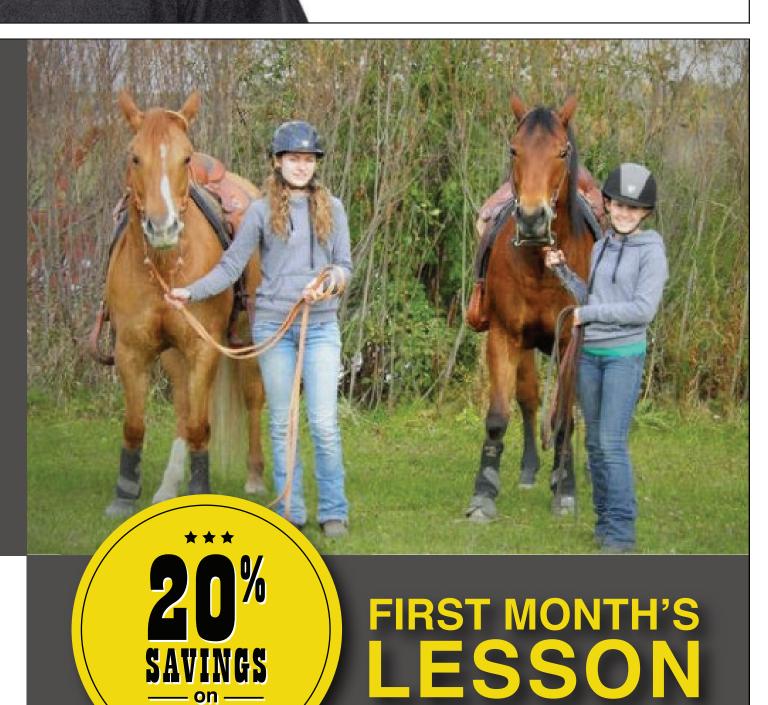




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The women's prayer group has resumed meetings at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd. and gathers on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. The condo community is on the south side of King Road and meetings are in the small dining room on the main floor. Departure time is optional but please try to arrive just before 9 so as to be let in. Prayer is powerful and whether it is illness, anxiety or life situations for yourself or someone else, consider adding your voice to this ministry. For more information contact Deana at 905-833-5375.

Tea and talk meets on Friday mornings at the Sunset Grill (1700 King Rd.) at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to come out and join ly Bible study nights. We will provide in a cup of coffee or tea and some con-

versation. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

Website at kcuc.net. Sermons are available on our website. Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

King Bible Church

The list below is a summary of regularly scheduled events, which will return once things return to normal.

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 Grade 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in Kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

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Our children (JK-Grade 5), Junior it-led text for our present time! High (Grade 6-8) & Senior High (Grade 9-12) classes will meet downstairs.

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

The list below is a summary of regularly scheduled events, which will return once things return to normal.

Visit https://presbyterian.ca/coronavirus for updates.

Morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. Children will stay in the sanctuary with their family. The preaching schedule was changed so that the Rev. Dr. John Vissers stepped in for his wife Lynn last Sunday. Psalm 91 was his text - a Spir-

The Women's Prayer Circle will meet Tuesday morning at the Condo -80 Burns Blvd. from 9 to 10 a.m. It's a great way to start your day! Philippians 4:6&7. Not able to join us, but interested in other locations or times? Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391.

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For pastoral care please call the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738. Our church office phone number is 905-833-2325. We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd.

Horticulture By John Arnott

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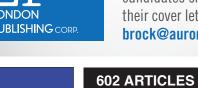
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These lovely flowers of earliest spring are native to the foothills of the Caucasus Mountains which lie between the Black and Caspian Seas

In my front garden they push up through the still frozen ground their grass like leaves forming a protective pointed cocoon around stem and bloom until the flower buds are safe above ground These miniature bulb iris grow about 3 to 4 in./8 to 10 cm high,each bulb producing 1 long lasting flower.

Once flowering is finished the narrow leaves will continue to grow until they're around 6 in./15 cm high. Leaves should never be picked or cut down as while still green they are replenishing the bulb's food supply for next season - no green leaves mean no flowers. Once the leaves turn yellow they can be cleared away and mulched.

Once leaves die back they disintegrate quickly leaving little or no trace so mark where the bulbs are planted so you won't dig into them by accident - both hints go for most bulbs!

These harbingers of spring should be planted in the fall and within a few years a few bulbs will produce many new ones forming delightful patches of spring bloom. Iris reticulatae, easy to grow and care for perennials prefer light sandy soil but will do well in average garden soil that drains well and has had some compost or composted cattle manure dug in. Plant bulbs 3 in./8 cm deep and the same distance apart in a sunny location especially at this time of year.

Cold weather and/or spring snow will not harm the plants although it could damage the blooms so I have some small, light evergreen boughs on hand to quickly and gently cover them if wintry conditions should return.

Please note, the March meeting of the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society/Garden Club scheduled for this coming Monday evening March 23 in the Nobleton Community Hall has been cancelled due to concern over the continuing COVID-19 outbreak.

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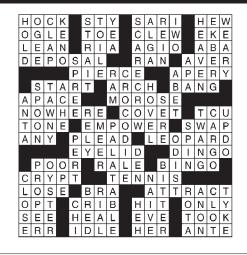
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Car buying has come a long way since automobiles were first made available to the masses. Over time, drivers' options in regard to available vehicles have increased and the methods of paying for vehicles has changed. While many facets of the car buying process have slowly evolved over time, one relatively recent change has had a dramatic effect on how motorists shop for their vehicles.

The internet has changed much about how products are bought and sold, and cars are no exception. A 2017 study from Root & Associates/CDK found that 53 percent of consumers said they were "very" or "extremely" likely to conduct an entire car purchase online. Some consumers feel there are advantages to buying vehicles online, but those who have never done so should keep a few pointers in mind as they shop for their next car or

• Comparison shop in person. Comparison shopping is a savvy move for consumers regardless of what they're buying, and it can be especially beneficial to online car shoppers to begin doing so in person. According to the 2016 Beepi Consumer Automotive Index, 87 percent of Americans dislike something about car shopping at dealerships. In spite of that discomfort, visiting a dealership gives car buyers, even those who fully intend to buy online, a chance to test drive various vehicles and experience certain features for themselves. Buyers can then use these visits to inform their online buying decisions.

• Focus your search on local dealerships. The internet has connected consumers to businesses on the other side of the globe and vice versa. While buyers might find great deals on cars being sold by dealerships hundreds, if not thousands, of miles away, it's often wiser to focus searches on local dealerships. Dealers often offer incentives like free loaner cars or service discounts, but those incentives only benefit buyers if they live in close proximity to the dealerships where they purchased their vehicles.

• See the car in person. Looks can be deceiving, and that applies to vehicles being sold online as much as anything else. If possible, buyers should see a car in person before buying it. Buyers who have found a car they're interested in should email the dealership that's selling the vehicle to arrange a test drive. Emailing tends to be the favored way to communicate, as buyers may find themselves inundated with calls if they contact dealers over the phone. Buyers who cannot see a car in person but want to buy it anyway should familiarize themselves with return policies if the car does not meet their expectations upon delivery.



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone 416-917-0406

The decision has come through the Archdiocese of Toronto to cancel all masses effective immediately (including The Way of the Cross) in both St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Mission for this weekend and until further notice.

Kindly go to www.archtoronto.org for the Cardinal's letter and more updates.

There is always a time of conversation over coffee and refreshments following the service. We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship, and teens will be comfortable in the worship gathering. Don't hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The following is a list of regular events that may return when things get back to normal. Contact the church for more.

The Community Youth Group meets every Friday at 7 p.m. The youth group is for those in Grades 7 to 12. This program is aimed at providing a safe and caring environment where teens can

have fun and learn about God. Our focus is on fun and developing a sense of camaraderie and care for each member of the group, while at the same time devoting some time each week to a Bible lesson or Bible life application. Some of their latest activities have been watching a movie that has just been released on DVD, Overcomer distributing clothes that had been collected for the Inn from the Cold Program. Coming up will be a weekend away at Pioneer Camp. Regardless of the activity, you are sure to find a welcoming community focused on living out our relationship with Jesus. Bring your friends along. Follow our Instagram account, "4:12.youth.group," to stay up to date on current events.

A2J (All to Jesus), our program for kids in Grades 1 to 6, will be meeting at 7 p.m. A2J will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the following months. Feel free to come, and bring your friends along.

We have LifeConnect Groups (smaller groups meeting to encourage and deepen our faith in each one's life journey). A Men's LifeConnect Group meets on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the church in Room 3. If you are available on a Thursday morning, why not consider joining our study? We will be covering a wide variety of topics. A

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Palgrave.

The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group of men and women that get together at 1 p.m. to do quilting. The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the focus is on knitting. All handcrafted items are donated to various mission projects. Please join in if you enjoy handcrafts, or even would like to learn how!

We are blessed at St. Paul's to have diligent librarians that have worked for years on creating an amazing library, one that keeps expanding with new books, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as DVDs based on true life stories, and more. It is said that what goes into a mind comes out in a life. What you read, watch and listen to really matters! Please feel free to borrow from our church library which will certainly help stretch, grow and encourage you.

Jeff's messages are posted at www. passionatelyhis.com each week. They are also available for viewing on Facebook Live, on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) and its You-Tube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), and our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca. For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Nobleton United Church By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

This has been quite a week. Like many of you, I have been glued to social media and news trying to keep up on the latest COVID-19 information.

After much consideration, we decided to go ahead with our past Sunday service, taking some intentional measures to reduce the risk of being in a pub-

Women's LifeConnect Group meets on lic space. Our small group distanced themselves where possible, we chose to exchange the peace without physical contact, and we suspended the after service social time. Some people chose to remain at home, a decision that I respect and has my blessing. My hope is that those who are the most vulnerable will take all possible precautions.

Please contact our Facebook page, or the office for up-to-date information.

All non-essential meetings have been cancelled. Unfortunately, that meant we cancelled the Difebo Pasta dinner. If you purchased tickets and have yet to be reimbursed, please leave a message at the church and we will contact you to make sure this happens. The dinner will be rescheduled for a later date.

Messy Church was cancelled for March, the next scheduled date is April

During the season of Lent, I have been working through Wondrous Encounters, Scripture for Lent by Richard Rohr. For those following along, I will be available at the office between 9:30 and 11 on Tuesday to discuss any insights you may have.

On Palm Sunday, April 5 we will once again host an Easter Egg Hunt after the Sunday Service. Please mark this fun family service on your calendar.

Good Friday service on April 10 will be held at Palgrave United at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday services are just one tradition of the church but being the church is much more.

The Moderator of the United Church of Canada writes the following regarding the church: "It's lived around the world, and in our homes; it acts, when our hearts reach out, it keeps going, wherever there is one disciple of Jesus or two, or three.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

King Township has closed all of its buildings to through April 5. This includes the King City Seniors Centre.

Effective until further notice, all activities at the Seniors Centre are cancelled. Please watch this space for when activities will resume.

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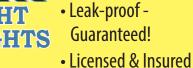
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If there is any way we can be the church for you, especially during this time, please reach out to us. My e-mail is ministernobletonschomberg@gmail. com.

Nobleton tennis club

The 2020 tennis season is around the corner. Registration for membership is now open. Junior summer camp registration is now open, register early as camps fill up quickly. New this year we will be offering afternoon camp as well as the previously offered morning camps. To register for summer camp and for adult/junior/senior/family summer memberships please visit nobletontennisclub.com, all registration is online.

NTC offers inter county team play (teams are currently being formed), tennis lessons for adults and juniors, house league, round robins, socials, clinics and more. Visit the website for more information.

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Now with mid-March we have about an extra hour of daylight and the solemn church season of Lent has begun. Is there a connection? The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants you to know there really is for the name Lent is not based anything religious but rather on lencten the old Anglo-Saxon word for spring as well as the month of March and from which we

get our modern English words length, lengthen and lengthening – the daylight hours are lengthening and spring is here

In some early Christian communities Lent was not observed at all. but when fasting before Easter became a widespread practice the length of the fast differed from place to place and from one generation to another.

St Ireneus of Lyons (130-200 AD) wrote that some Christian communities fasted for just 1 or 2 days before Easter while other Christian communities fasted for 40 hours commemorating the actual time Jesus lay in his borrowed

By the mid 3rd century many Egyptian Christians, especially in Alexandria, fasted for 6 days while Christians

Schomberg Should Know

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

Horticultural Society

The executive members of the Society have been monitoring the situation in regards to the COVID-19 virus very closely and we had to cancel the first meeting of the year which was to take place on March 24.

We will be continuing to monitor the outbreak and keep you informed on the status of our future scheduled events.

> **Schomberg United Church** By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

This has been quite a week. Like

in Rome held a 3-week fast.

It was in 325 AD when Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor, convened the Council of Nicaea in what is today Turkey to discuss a wide range of Christian issues that the Lenten fast became 40 days in length in recognition of the 40 days Yeshua spent in the semi desert of ancient Judea (modern Israel) communing with God, praying and fasting before he began his ministry. Some biblical scholars question whether or not this 40-day desert event actually ever happened as there were no witnesses and it is not recorded anywhere that Yeshua, who had yet to have any followers told anyone. These scholars seem to suggest that the entire incident was added to the Yeshua story by 1st century gospel writers for dramatic af-

many of you, I have been glued to social media and news trying to keep up on the latest COVID-19 information. All non-essential meetings have been cancelled. Unfortunately, that meant we cancelled the Senior's Lunch for March. We look forward to the next one being held on Friday, April 24 at Kitchen-Breedon Manor.

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Earth Hour 2020

This year Earth Hour 2020 is March 28 and the good people of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection ask that you turn off your lights and join them in the Marsh from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Little things can make a difference!

fect long after he was no longer around.

Gradually, Christian communities extended the fast by several days then 2 or 3 weeks but it took years before the 40 day observance became widespread. And back then this fast was known by its Latin name Quadragesima meaning 40. And still is outside the English speaking Christian world.

By the mid-medieval period the Anglo-Saxons now known as the English were calling the month March and the season spring. Then lencten was shortened to Lent and came to refer only to the 40-day pre-Easter fast.

There was a practical side to the Lenten fast as in northern, eastern and central Europe in medieval times by this point in the year food supplies put aside for winter into early spring use were running low. As Church officials realized having a 40-day fast in place would help make these dwindling supplies last into the new spring growing season. And managing on less food for a good reason, especially a religious one, was more acceptable to the mind than going without food because there was no other choice.

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