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China's Consul General tours King Township

King Township hosted a small delegation of representatives from Toronto's Consulate last week. Mayor Steve Pellegrini was joined by his Township colleagues in showing just what King has to offer. Consul General Fang Li (centre) gets an explanation of the work done at the Muck Research Station on the Holland Marsh by Shawn Janse. Turn to Page 2 for more on the visit.

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Chinese delegation enjoys King Township's bounty

By Mark Pavilons

The sights of King Township were on the agenda for visiting Chinese delegates, during a whirlwind, one-day tour last week.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini guided members from the Chinese Consulate-General in Toronto to a variety of locales, showing King's diversity and charm.

Pellegrini was part of an Ontario mayoral trade delegation to China at the end of May, sponsored by the Canada-China Investment Association.

The mayor said Chinese officials seemed interested in King and the Consulate contacted him about arranging a visit. The mayor agreed, and the event came together very quickly.

Fang Li, Consul General; Yang Shaojun, Consul and Head of the Department of Science and Technology Affairs, Chinese Consulate General in Toronto; Mu Jianfeng, Consul in charge of Inter-Governmental Relations and Press were treated to an informative and cordial visit.

"King is such a gra-

rious host," Pellegrini said. "They have an open invitation."

The mayor said they had some "good, frank discussions" and it was "nice that we've opened a dialogue with them."

The group visited the Bradford & District Produce Ltd., farm and then took in the Muck Crops Research Station on Woodchoppers Lane in King.

Consul General Li was particularly impressed with the facility.

Operated by the University of Guelph, the Muck Crops Research Station is the largest area of organic (muck) soil developed for agriculture in the province, and one of the most intensive areas of agricultural production in the country.

The facilities at this station include a plant pathology lab, greenhouses and computer monitored environment, cold storage facilities to provide the specific requirements for long-term storage of onions and carrots and several sites for field research. There are four hectares of organic soil research plots on site, a further hectare of organic soil, rented from a local grower and located in another area of the Marsh. Recently two



Shown at the Holland Marsh Wineries were Councillor Avia Eek, Roland Nersisyan, Consul General Fang Li, Mayor Pellegrini and Norie Nersisyan. Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Consul General Fang Li (left) pose at the Kingbridge Centre. The Chinese officials were quite taken by the rich Holland Marsh (below).

Submitted Photo



hectares of mineral soil nearby are being used to conduct field trials. Field trials are also conducted in commercial vegetable fields in cooperation with local growers.

Shawn Janse, station manager, pointed out research at the station focuses on the vegetable crops grown in the area, particularly onions, carrots, lettuce, celery and Asian vegetables. The emphasis is on discovery research in crop protection and production, to contribute to improved integrated pest management and integrated crop management of the target vegetable crops.

In operation for 60 years, the station may be small, but it serves many purposes.

Councillor Avia Eek, a Holland Marsh farmer herself, pointed out the station assists Marsh growers on a regular basis. Local farmers can also bring in their crops for analysis, if they discover something wrong.

Collaborative work with seed companies, the

crop protection industry, plant breeders and other scientists continues every year. Cost recovery trials to evaluate new cultivars and crop protection materials are conducted on a regular basis. The facility is GLP certified to conduct residue trials for registration of materials.

The group then toured the Holland Marsh Wineries near Asnorveldt, operated by the Nersisyan family.

The group was treated to an outdoor lunch at Pathways to Perennials in Pottageville, joined by Councillor Linda Pabst. The group received a warm welcome from the

"hat ladies" in attendance.

The group then toured Schomberg and Nobleton and wrapped up their visit with a tour of the renowned Kingbridge Centre.

Consul General Fang Li was appointed Consul General in Toronto in 2012. Prior to that, he served as Ambassador, Embassy of People's Republic of China in the Republic of Moldova (2010-2012); Consul General, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Johannesburg (2007-2010) and Deputy Consul-General, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Houston (2005-2007).






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Are we too busy to care about democracy?

Being blessed can have its disadvantages.

Being a Canadian, with all of its remarkable benefits, comes with a bit of a price.

And that price is apathy. Perhaps not total apathy, but a reliance, a belief, that others are working around the clock in our best interests and protecting us from doom.

Author Marina Nemat, who was imprisoned in her native Iran as a teenager for speaking out against the government, put it best:

We choose a government, put it in place and then go home and pay our mortgage. Our politicians are given money, power and responsibilities and we are surprised when things go wrong. We're just too busy working and arguing with our teenage children.

She's quite right. Today, we are so caught up with our lives - and the constant demands of running our households and our families - that everything else is much lower on our list of priorities.

Canadians are currently burdened with the highest personal debt in history. House prices are at record levels. Cost of living continues to rise. Stress levels are taking their toll and our health is suffering.

So, who has time for politics or trying to make a difference?

We all should. A world-leading expert on climate change, Hans Martin, is also frustrated with our current system and our inaction on the environment. We're educated and have amassed a ton of evidence on the ef-

fects of climate change and environmental toxins, and yet our political leaders seem to be preoccupied with other matters.

And by extension, so are we, for not pushing them and holding them accountable.

Martin points to a lack of encouragement of our young bright minds - our future generations. We have some very talented young people, but our education system and society doesn't really foster excellence. Our youth spend more time on their electronic devices and likely never set foot in a library. They know little about world history or world politics.

It's evident in our current TV programming here in North America. Flip on the tube and you'll find a multitude of reality shows, sitcoms and game shows, but little in the way of educational programs.

Martin put it very well:

"It seems we've given it all up for hamburgers, football and air conditioning."

How sad is that? Again, it may not be apathy, but it's a gradual, continual, dumbing down of our citizenry, and a gentle erosion of democratic principles.

Nemat is passionate when she says democracy needs to be nurtured and maintained and it's very fragile.

In King, I believe the residents have a pretty good handle on things - voter turnout is strong during elections; citizen's groups are active; residents attend council and public meetings; volunteers are strong, and we do promote a green way of



Mark Pavilons

life.

Perhaps our residents are blessed with time and a different set of priorities.

But the majority in our midst do have to worry about their mortgage payments and sending their kids to college or university. We have to worry about car insurance rates and the price of gas.

I have found that new Canadians are the most passionate about our way of life and our democratic system.

My dad escaped his native Latvia at the end of the Second World War, fearing occupation by the Russians. Some of his relatives weren't so lucky, and endured decades of communist rule.

I recall seeing letters he wrote to his family, returned by the Soviet government, with heavy black lines through every other sentence. Any positive comments about life in the west were banned. He was prevented from properly communicating with his relatives.

His distaste for the

Iron Curtain fueled his passion for democracy. He was proud to be a Canadian citizen and not only read the papers constantly, he voted without fail, and always voiced his opinion.

Many Europeans who flocked to Toronto in the 1950s and '60s settled in Roncesvalles, an area that flourished with a multicultural flavour. It was like representatives from every country in the world gathered to celebrate their new home and newfound democratic freedoms.

While those strong European work ethics were passed on, I think subsequent generations of Canadians have become less interested in current events, international affairs and politics in general. The media tends to focus on the wrongdoings of our politicians and senators, further perpetuating the belief that our system is broken or corrupt.

While the media does have an important role to play as watchdog, encouraging accountability, our system is fragile and requires, as Nemat noted, regular maintenance. She said it's as delicate and fleeting as holding water in your hands.

We regularly service our vehicles, have regular health checkups and even take our pets to the vet. Does democracy deserve any less?

During our family chats or discussions around the dinner table, do we mention political events, or important happenings? Granted, it's not everyone's cup of tea, but if our teenagers are to become the next world leaders, we need to foster engagement and political awareness.

My 15-year-old often wonders why a massive bureaucracy is even necessary. I explain the intricacies of our system, and the responsibilities of all levels of government, but she's continually shocked by the huge spending and lack of efficiency.

Out of the mouths of babes.

Regardless of the current state of our system, it's fundamental to our country's operation and evolution.

Our bureaucracy may be bloated, but that too, is our fault.

As the flood waters rise to our waists, isn't it time to take stock and examine what's really important?

Politicians answer to the electorate. It's never too late, or never the wrong time, to remind them of that fact.

We need to set examples for our young, so they become the guardians of our democratic system and the very planet we call home.

Brain teaser



What is better than the best thing, and worse than the worst thing?

Last week's answer: An icicle grows in winter.

Firefighters hold charity car wash

The King Township Fire Association is holding a charity car wash in aid of Heart and Stroke, the Cancer Society, King Township Food Bank and the Firefighters' Benevolent Fund.

The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire hall in King City, next to King City Secondary School.

Trivia
A group of hummingbirds is called a "hover."

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Do you believe we should actively pursue alternative sources of energy such as wind and solar?

a) Yes	<div style="width: 9%;"></div>	9%
b) No	<div style="width: 91%;"></div>	91%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION
Are you concerned about the effects of climate change?
a) Yes
b) No
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Education director outlines plan for new school year

By Brock Weir

Digital learning and harnessing students' passions will be some of the top priorities on the bill as the York Region District School Board gears up for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ken Thurston, director of the York Region District School Board (YRDSB), shared his goals and objectives for the year to come.

His plan builds on the goals and objectives of last year, building on student achievement and success, but also focusing on their wellbeing. "Student Achievement and Wellbeing" is priority number one for this school term.

"The YRDSB is a very high performing board," said Thurston. "We need to continue to dig deeper and make sure we have identified those students who can achieve at even higher levels and, for those who are still struggling, find innovative ways to support their continued enhanced achievement."

Last year's five priorities, he said, have been taken apart, dis-

sected, and now it is time to "put them back together" to find and enhance "engaging programs" for students in all schools across the board. It is particularly important to make these programs "meaningful" to students and tailored both to their interests and learning styles.

"It is about being hands-on," he noted. "For many students, it is about ensuring use of digital literacy and digital means of learning. That's the way of the world our kids are living with. (It's about) bringing the environment into the classroom, but also taking the kids out into the environment, as well as things like social justice.

"Today's youth are so animated and turned on by doing 'good' for those around them and around the world. We so often find you can use that kind of engaging activity to motivate them to learn just about anything."

As the board focuses on student interests to help them achieve their full potential, they are also focusing on their



Ken Thurston

"wellbeing." That, he said, has been a significant shift over the past few years with the Board in that they not only want students to read, for example, but also want to read.

It is all part of a "renewal" of their mission, vision and values, which is priority number two for the 2013-2014 year. The objectives of the school board were drafted in 1998 and implemented in 1999 and, since then, Thur-

ston says the school board and the extensive community in which it serves have both become very different.

The revised "mission, vision, and value statement" will have "widespread" public input from students, parents, and staff and that will be drafted and honed over the next 12 months. They will also focus on making sure these new visions are actually implemented across the board.

"When I take a look at the words of our mission statement, it has served us very well," he said. "Words around equity and engagement of everyone within our system – that didn't get as much attention in 1998 as it does now. Driving around York Region, communities, our families and are schools are quite different than they were 13 or 14 years ago. It is (about) capturing the essence of what the public can count on in the York Region District School Board."

The third priority is to re-engage the community. It is a priority identified at least in part by the troubles that plagued the education system across Ontario last year with labour battles between teachers' unions and the Province of Ontario.

For Thurston, it is about building relationships with staff, parents, and communities. The fact the ultimate say in the labour dispute rested between the unions and the province was something which wasn't always "interpreted" as such

within the York Region Community, but compared to other jurisdictions, York Region was relatively unscathed. Tensions grew, he said, when extracurricular activities were axed, and those concerns were uppermost in the minds of students and parents.

"We came through last year, relative to many other boards, very well in terms of the labour stresses in particular and the stresses that created for our parents and our families," he said. "Aside from one day we were able to keep our schools open and our programs running and maintaining pretty positive relations, relatively speaking with our employee groups.

"However, we want to build on that. We want to make sure that we rebuild any of those strained relationships and also reach out and make sure we rebuild any concerns and any weaknesses that developed with our communities and parents. We're building on an asset here."

EcoJustice report card awards high marks to York and Durham for plant

The Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) has received a B+ grade in The Great Lakes Sewage Report Card, produced by EcoJustice.

The first report, published in 2006, was an analysis of municipal sewage treatment and sewage discharges into the Great Lakes Basin. The 2013 report updates the original report card, noting changes and improvements taking place.

The plant, located on the shore of Lake Ontario in the City of Pickering and jointly owned by The Regional Municipalities of York and Durham, serves more than one million residents, primarily in York Region and in parts of Durham Region.

"The Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant has recently undergone a \$628 million expansion to accommodate provincially-planned and approved growth in both Regions," said York Region chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "Through the use of advanced technology, we meet or exceed all provincial regulatory requirements in place to preserve and protect human and ecological health. This plant is designed and operates as one of the most environmentally respectful plants on the shores of Lake Ontario."

There are no bypass or emergency overflow capabilities within the expanded Duffin Creek WPCP. Only fully treated, clear water is discharged into Lake Ontario – even during large storm events. This means Duffin Creek WPCP only discharges treated water that is measurably superior to what is discharged via bypass at many other large treatment plants on Lake Ontario.

In addition to other treatment processes in place, York and Durham Regions have committed to introduce a 25 per cent reduction in the previous daily discharge limit for phosphorus.

"York regional council is committed to the well-being of our residents and the environment," added chairman Fisch. "The Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant is an example of engineering excellence and the grade received in The Great Lakes Sewage Report Card reflects the environmental efforts of both York and Durham Regions."

Criteria used to rate the plants included:

Population served by sewage treatment plants; receiving water; percentage of combined sewers; level of sewage treatment, treatment description; sewage sludge disposal; bypass and combined sewage overflow release volume and number of events; final treated water testing; sewer-use by-law; current and future sewage management plans; use of green infrastructure and renewable energy; public reporting; Certificates of Approval; expectation for compliance with Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations.

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For information on the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, please visit www.durham.ca/duffincreek.



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Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. August 26, 2013

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Mon. September 9, 2013

5:00pm - **Audit Committee** - Communication of Audit Results for the year ended December 31, 2012

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

NOTICES

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Over the next few years King Township will be replacing our old water meters. Notices will be going to affected residents for the work this year. The initial focus will be Nobleton. Your co-operation with our contractor will be greatly appreciated. This program will assist the Township in leak detection and water conservation. Improvements to Township infrastructure are a benefit to all King residents.

King Township has awarded the contract for this water meter upgrade program to WAMCO Municipal Products. As each phase is implemented, WAMCO licensed meter installers will canvas areas that have been identified for that phase and deliver a copy of the official King Township Notice to Property Owners. WAMCO employees will wear an identification tag and wear a hat & reflective vest with the WAMCO logo.

TOWNSHIP OF KING 11th CONCESSION PAVING

Please be advised that paving and reconstruction of the 11th Concession Road is scheduled to begin shortly. The paving and reconstruction of 11th Concession will occur between Highway 9 to 19th Sideroad; 19th Sideroad to 17th Sideroad; and 15th Sideroad to King Road. The scope of the work will include new paving, installation of guiderails, culvert replacement, and restoration of driveways and other affected areas. Any existing areas that are disturbed during construction will be reinstated.

The Contractor has advised the Township that the proposed works are expected to begin by the end of June of this year, subject to weather and final scheduling. The work is expected to be completed by the end of September of this year.

During the project, vehicle access will be maintained with a single lane through the work areas. Please expect delays if travelling through the work zone and obey flag persons at all times. Short term road closures will be required for some of the cross culvert replacements, however specific notice will be provided by the Contractor in advance of the proposed work. Project Information Signs will be posted at the limits of construction and detour signage will be set up for the local affected areas in advance of the construction.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Marty Zorgel (Construction Inspector, R.J. Burnside & Associates) at 519-217-2718. He will be able to deal with your questions or direct you to the appropriate person.

Contact Information:

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3. Contractor, Fermar Paving: Pat Volpe (416) 574-8503

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CHURCH STREET RECONSTRUCTION

This notice is to advise the residents of Church Street and surrounding areas of the survey and soils investigation work that will be undertaken over the course of the month of August 2013. The Township has engaged the Jones Consulting Group Ltd. to undertake preliminary engineering work and prepare a preliminary design for road improvements.

Construction work is proposed for Summer of 2014 pending final budget approval.

The projected works are scheduled over the month of August, please note, that there will be minor disruption to local traffic, but the road will remain open.

If you have any technical questions regarding the proposed investigation, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

David Van Veen C.Tech
Project Manager
Engineering & Public Works, Township of King
Tel. (905) 833-5321, Ext. 4056
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All Requests for Tenders, Proposals, Quotations and Expression of Interest can be viewed electronically via the Township's website www.king.ca under Bid Opportunities. Questions can be addressed in writing by contacting the Purchasing Coordinator at purchasing@king.ca or via fax at 905-833-2300.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (2013-P07) - Re-purposing of the Schomberg Agricultural Arena and Community Centre

The Township of King is proud to be seeking innovative, creative and sustainable submissions through a Request for Proposal from all interested parties, individuals and organizations for the re-purposing of the Schomberg Agricultural Arena and Community Centre & immediate lands by way of a sale or lease that will result in:

- A tourism/destination based mixed commercial/light industrial use, which may include food or beverage production, retail store, restaurant and community use
- Or
- A Community Health Centre including accommodations and onsite associated services (medical offices, pharmacy) and community use

This RFP document is available on-line at www.Biddingo.com or can be obtained at the Township of King's offices at 2075 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1. The Closing date of this RFP is September 12, 2013 at 3:00pm local time.



WATER BILLS

Water bills for the period April to June have now been mailed and are due August 27, 2013. **PAYMENTS** may be made by mail, in person at the Township Offices, under Online Services on the Township's website www.king.ca or at most financial institutions. When making payments electronically, use your 10 digit account number. After hours water payments may be left in the drop box located at the Council Chambers entrance.

NOBLETON SANITARY SEWER PROJECT UPDATES AND SAFETY REMINDER

School will resume in a few weeks and it's a good time to remind children to be careful around construction vehicles that are in the area for Nobleton's sanitary sewer construction.

We ask residents to remind their children, as they travel to and from school, to exercise caution around the heavy vehicles, and especially that they do not play or climb on construction equipment.

In addition, as everyone gets back to their regular work schedules and routines, there will be additional traffic. Please take extra care while driving.

Residents can expect road closures while sewer construction is underway in Contract Area 5 (Chinook, Hawman, Hazelbury, Henley, Wilsen); Contract Area 6 (Wilkie, Robinson); Contract Area 7A (Faris, Kinsley, Wellington, Parkview, Crestview); Contract Area 7B (Ellis). We apologize for any inconvenience and ask everyone to drive safely on the alternate routes. Anyone with special transportation or medical needs, such as those receiving home-based care, should notify the Township by calling our Project Phone Line at 905-833-4073.

If you have questions about the Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project, please call the Project Phone Line or email us at nobletonsewers@king.ca.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Municipal Offices And Libraries Will Be Closed on Monday September 2nd, 2013 For Labour Day Holiday

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EnviroHome - innovation in new home building

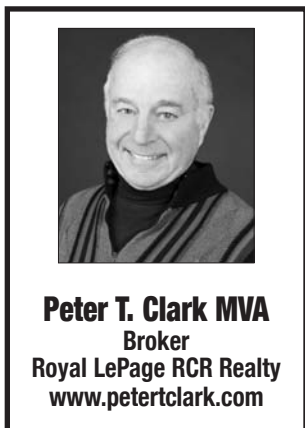
Canada is a world leader in residential construction technology. Builders and housing experts from around the world come to our country to learn new approaches to housing design and construction. EnviroHome projects demonstrate why this is the case.

The EnviroHome Initiative was established in 1994 by the Canadian Home Builders' Association and TD Canada Trust to recognize and support innovative new home builders who are committed to offering consumers homes that are, "better for you, better for your community and better for the environment". EnviroHome builders have met that high standard.

The EnviroHome Initiative is a marketing pro-

gram for R-2000 builders and R-2000 homes. In order to be considered for the EnviroHome designation, the builder must start with an R-2000 home and incorporate proven and commercially available features that enhance the indoor air quality and make the home more environmentally responsible. These features must then be put on display for the public through an open house period, along with literature which explains the features and thereby raises the awareness of the public about R-2000 homes and the many steps that builders are taking to protect and care for our environment.

Any builder that is planning a show home should consider making that home an EnviroHome. Our expe-



rience over the years has been very positive. The extra features of the EnviroHome generate such interest that the Grand Opening of the EnviroHome becomes a media event! Builders will invite local, provincial and/or federal politicians to take part in the opening. CHBA Executive are pleased to

attend and will participate in the events. The media will often attend with newspaper, radio and TV reporters conducting interviews with the builder and the trades people. The home is built to a level above R-2000 and showcases some of the many healthy housing features that can be incorporated, making this home a wonderful "good news" story. People naturally want to be associated with it.

Any home buyer who is lucky enough to purchase an EnviroHome can rightly take pride in knowing that they have purchased one of the most energy efficient, environmentally responsible homes available today.

Each year the EnviroHome designation is only given to a select number of new home projects across

Canada. This initiative was created by builders, for builders to help them increase consumer awareness and sell more energy efficient R-2000 homes. All builders are encouraged to look at the EnviroHome Guidelines and complete an application for their next project.

TD Canada Trust is the national sponsor of the EnviroHome Initiative. To learn more about TD Canada Trust's environmental activities, visit the Friends of the Environment Foundation or TD Canada Trust.

The EnviroHome Initiative is also supported by Natural Resources Canada through the R-2000 Program. To learn more about R-2000 go to <http://www.chba.ca/r-2000.aspx>

Every EnviroHome project includes many Healthy

Housing features, reflecting the research and development efforts of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. To find out more about Healthy Housing go to <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/bude/heho/index.cfm>

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this article. However, the information provided is general in nature and those with specific questions should seek professional advice that meets their particular requirements. Not intended to solicit properties currently listed for sale.

Peter Clark is a Broker with Royal LePage RCR. He can be reached at 905-859-7676, by e-mail at petertclark@royallepage.ca or at his web site [petertclark.com](http://www.petertclark.com).

Stewards pleased Township is on their side in opposing plan

By Mark Pavilons

Recommendations by King Township staff to refuse a bid for a rural banquet facility comes as good news to the citizen's group opposing the proposal.

George Puccia, president of the Stewards of the Moraine Inc., said they're pleased to see that staff recommendations are in line with their stance. The proposed facility, the group has argued from the outset, just doesn't fit in King or within any governing piece of legislation.

The official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment applications submitted by Peter Eliopoulos concern a 49-hectare (121-acre) parcel of land located in the Oak Ridges Moraine at 3550 18th Sideroad. The property is located on the west side of Highway 400 between the 18th Sideroad and Lloydtown-Aurora Road.

The applicant submitted the revised application to the Township in March 2011. The outdoor banquet facility would include three garden areas for the purposes of holding wedding events with each garden having a hosting capacity of 200 persons

(600 person total) together with three designated parking areas planned to accommodate a total of 440 vehicles. Reception areas would be supported by tents and a total of 60 staff. The development also includes a new caretaker dwelling measuring approximately 900 square metres with provision for it to be used as a bed and breakfast establishment. The applications further propose to establish a children's camp for a maximum capacity of 400 users and includes the construction of a mess hall (about 500 square metres) and an activity building (about 700 square metres). Playing fields are also shown on the concept site plan.

Staff did support redesignating the lands from prime agriculture to rural, but this more of a technicality, since York Region had already given the green light to this change.

The applicant filed an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in February on the basis that the Township failed to make a decision on the applications within 180 days.

The staff report, which will be discussed at council Aug. 26, will be the Township's position at the OMB.

Puccia said in his opinion, the Township didn't drag its heels on this application, it simply took time to gather all the pertinent information and data.

While the OMB will receive and listen to the submissions, that doesn't mean it's a slam dunk for opponents.

Puccia said ideally, the applicant would see this as a tough battle to fight, and withdraw the application, saving everyone a lot of time and money.

While the council meeting promises to be action-packed with many delegations, Puccia doesn't see this as "contentious" for the simple reason there's little to no support for the plan.

This issue is the Stewards' raison d'être - residents simply had to draw a line in the sand and take a stand. But Puccia said if future issues warrant, the group will remain operating, ready to fight.

For more on the Stewards, contact Dr. Maret Aun 905-727-6125, maun@rogers.com; George Puccia, 905-713-5555, gpuccia.ca@bellnet.ca; Anthony Mathias, 905-841-1693, agmat@hotmail.ca; David Donnelly, 416-572-0464, david@donnellylaw.ca.

Advertorial

Arthritis: Back, Neck or Joint Pain Advancements in Finding Lasting Relief

If you suffer from Arthritis you need to be aware of effective advancements that can eliminate years of pain, suffering, immobility and frustration.

You may have told your doctor you suffer with one or more of the following: sore, stiff knees, painful achy hips, low back pain, mid back pain, neck stiffness or pain, hand stiffness, shoulder pain or elbow pain.

You may find that your pain or stiffness affects your work, housekeeping, leisure activities, exercise, sports or other activities. You go to the drug store or to your doctor and get pills to help relieve your pain. But you find the pain keeps coming back.

So you go back, again and again, and get the same or different drugs to make you feel better. Your doctor may eventually say... "I've done all I can do - use the drugs to cope with the pain". Alternatively, the doctor may refer you to a specialist who may tell you that surgery is needed or is an option for you.

However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive

nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes necessary, it is considered a last resort in most cases.

You are likely frustrated by having to suffer with the come and go pain but may also be concerned on your dependency on the pills and their possible side effects. You may have heard that there are serious health risks associated with chronic use (or overuse) of pain pills or anti-inflammatory drugs that include damage to the liver, kidneys and gut.

Although the pain killing or anti-inflammatory drugs are designed to numb the pain they do not correct the underlying root causes of the pain.

The most common underlying causes include nutritional problems, postural problems, infections, chemicals and immune system problems.

Medical doctors largely focus on medications to give relief but sufferers need to be aware that there are additional choices available for many cases of arthritis that are effective and safe. These natural approaches have

helped many sufferers improve their lives dramatically.

To help sufferers an upcoming workshop is being provided on Arthritis relief. This eye opening information has helped countless sufferers to feel better, have more mobility, increased flexibility and vastly improved function.

Many sufferers have found the information has led them to remarkable improvements in performing daily activities that include sports and athletics, leisure activities, housekeeping tasks, work duties and taking care of their kids.

"These natural approaches have helped many sufferers improve their lives dramatically".

In many cases, sufferers have found that they been able to avoid unnecessary surgery. As a community service this workshop is free. The workshop will be held on Wed Aug. 21, from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. at the King West Wellness Centre 141 King Rd., Unit 10, Richmond Hill. Seating is limited.

To make reservations call 877-344-2785.

Sharpen your skates and hit the rink in Nobleton

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

Join us Sunday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. as we welcome Robyn Elliott to the

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pulpit once again. This is Robyn's last Sunday with us this August.

Her message this week - God At War. FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our informal summer NextStep program (for children ages 4 to 6) and KidzKonnection program (for ages 7 to 11) take place at the same time.

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 Catholic Church

August 25 is St. Patrick's Cemetery Mass at 2 p.m.

Sept. 4 is Baptism class

at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

The Bratislava Boys Choir Concert is slated for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at STM.

The soup & bake sale will be held after mass St. Mary's Church on Sept. 22.

October 5 is the blessing of New Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, at 5 p.m.

Nobleton Seniors

We begin our new year on Sept. 3 with afternoon euchre starting at 1 p.m. and evening bid euchre at 7 p.m. September 10 will be our first regular evening euchre starting at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy a good card game with refreshments following.

Nobleton Speed Skating

Try speed skating for

free! Skates provided! Summer sessions at Tri-san Centre on Sunday, Aug. 18 and Sunday Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. Early registration and skate fitting starts at 4 p.m. Discounts on season registrations before Aug. 31.

The King Speed Skating Club offers recreational and competitive speed skating for all ages. Speed skating is the perfect way to get fit and have fun. It's also a great cross-training activity for many sports like hockey, cycling, skiing, figure skating, and in-line skating.

You don't need to be fast to enjoy the sport. You compete against your own, personal, best time.

Regular ice times during the season are Tuesdays (7-8:30 p.m.) and Sundays (4-5:30 p.m.) at Nobleton.

For more information, go to www.kingspeedskating.com or call 905-859-0056, ext. 5232.

Nobleton Skating Club

It's hard to believe that another summer has come and gone. So, that means it's time to get back to the rink for skating!

The Nobleton Skating Club has been offering skating lessons to the community since 1958! We will also be holding registration on Monday, Sept. 9, and Wednesday, Sept. 11, both days 6-8 p.m. at the Nobleton Arena.

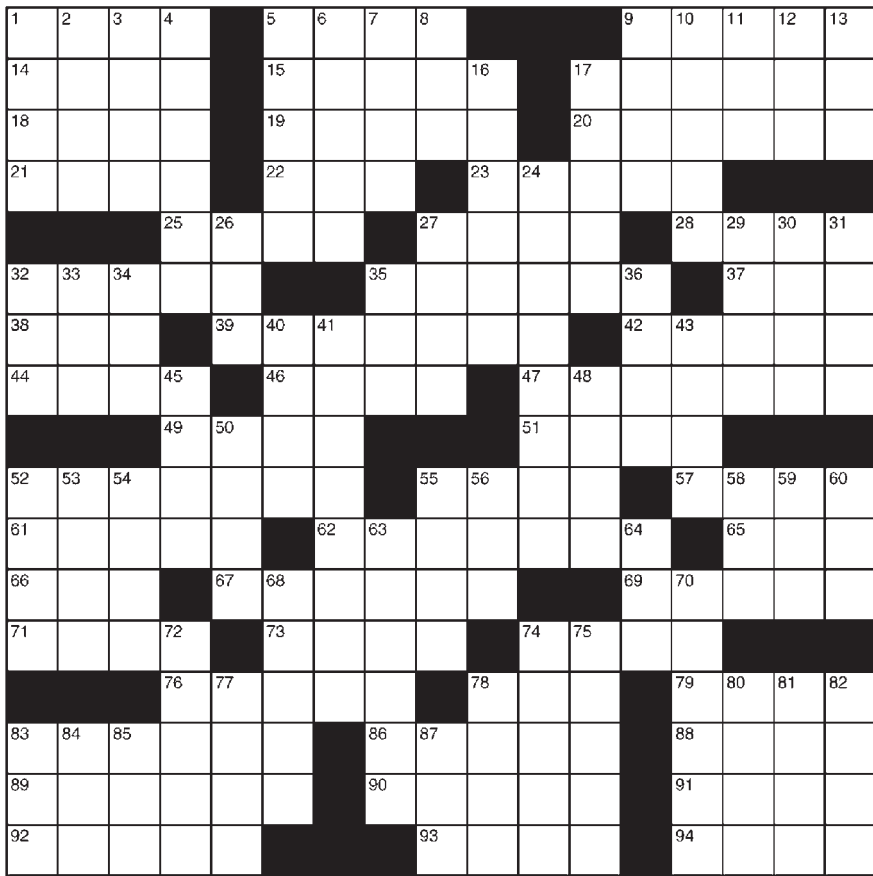
Our Canskate sessions are offered Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Can-

skate is Skate Canada's learn-to-skate program. We offer two different sessions of Canskate; the first session runs September to December, and the second one, January to March.

Our STARSkate session runs as one season from September to March. We finish the season with a showcase, to celebrate the season's accomplishments of our skaters. Please visit our website, www.nobletonskatingclub.com for the complete schedule and pricing details. Feel free to call our club office and leave a message, and one of our volunteers will return your call. You can reach us at 905-859-4943. Remember, all it takes is a pair of skates!

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ACROSS

1. Unhurried
5. Grandma
9. Printer's proof
14. Certain lamp
15. Audible
17. Prejudiced
18. March 15
19. Fellow
20. Ascend
21. Wordy birdie
22. Mighty tree
23. Student at The Citadel
25. Little deduction?
27. Long tooth
28. Steersman's place
32. Street urchin
35. Dakota
37. Drowned valley
38. ____ on (urge)
39. Argument

DOWN

2. Lord's wife
3. Baking place
4. Pungent condiment
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6. Assuage
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8. North Sea bird
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Marian procession in Nobleton

Once again, on Aug. 11, a procession through the streets of Nobleton marked the celebration of "The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

It is one of the principal feast days of Our Lady which is celebrated annually around Aug. 15 by the Roman Catholic & Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

As it has become a tradition in Nobleton, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was carried by the Heralds of the Gospel accompanied by clergy, representatives of St. Padre Pio Group, St. Mary's CWL, St. Mary's K of C and the faithful. This year the procession was enriched by the members of Polonia Brass Band that played religious songs.

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King City United congregation raises funds for flood victims

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

We welcomed our guest musicians "New Direction" from Emanuel United in Brampton. We were pleased that they could share their musical leadership with us.

Rev Evelyn has been friends with this group since 1981. They opened our service with a medley of songs and a great selection throughout our service, including a unique arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer."

Rev. Evelyn concluded her 4-week series on A.C.T.S. Remember that synonym? In The Lord's Prayer we hear each aspect - Adoration, Hallowed be Thy Name. Confession, forgive us our trespasses. Thanksgiving, for Thine is the Power and the Glory. Supplication, as we forgive those ... This is when we pray for others. We look away from our own needs and surround another person with strength and peace.

Rev. Evelyn told us about whom she had met on Facebook. His story was of his two grandsons who had been in a terrible car crash. He was asking for prayers for them. Micah had been airlifted to a children's hospital in Atlanta.

Soon the waiting room was filled with family and friends. They soon formed a prayer circle, lifting up their prayers for Micah's recovery. Eventually he was healed enough that he is now returning to school. Our prayers do make a difference. Take time to say a prayer for someone you know, or a stranger. Make a difference in someone's life. Strength your own faith because you did.

Rev. Evelyn and Rev. Nicola Skinner will be starting a youth group on Wednesdays after school at All Saints Anglican Church beginning Sept. 11. What's needed are floor hockey sticks, nets, balls, board games (all pieces included) and volunteers. Please help out with this much-needed activity. Donations may be left at King City United for Rev. Evelyn. Call our church office to leave your name to volunteer, 905-833-5181.

Saturday, Oct. 5. is our celebration of 50 years of Building Community in our present church building. The event will be held at Oakview Terrace and Reception Centre, 13256 Leslie Street between Bloomington and Stouffville Roads. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30.

If you know some former members please inform them. Bring your family members - especially those who attended Sunday school in those good old days. It will be a

great reunion with lots of memorabilia and pictures. Tickets are \$40 per person. Tables of 8, 10, 12 can be arranged. Tickets are now available and can be reserved by calling Nancy in our church office, 905-833-5181.

Rev. Evelyn will be on vacation to Sept. 5. Rev. Ross Carson will be on call (York Pines church) through their church office, 905-727-8118. Rick McKinley will lead our worship Aug. 25. Sandra Kirby and Rosemary will be leading a hymn festival Sept. 1. Do join us for our Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Bring summer visitors and family along. 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. See you there.

Fred would be most interested in receiving your suggestions, comments, input, digital pictures fjesty@hotmail.com for posting to our website www.kcuc.ca. Items for local papers send to donaldelly@sympatico.ca or call 905-833-5954.

King City Travel Club

The King City Seniors Centre Travel Club reminds all members that tickets are available for the following upcoming trips:

Wednesday, Oct. 16 is the Credit Valley Explorer. The day begins with a delicious brunch at the Globe Restaurant in Rosemont, then enjoy a scenic tour

by train through Ontario's greenbelt. Light snack and refreshments served on board. Last, but not least is a coach tour through Orangeville to look at tree carvings around the town.

Thursday, Dec. 5 is the Geritol Follies' "Christmas Magic."

At the Dutch Mill Country Market, we will enjoy a hot lunch including dessert, tea and coffee. In the afternoon we will go to the McIntyre Theatre at Mohawk College for a matinee performance of the Christmas Magic show.

We require a firm commitment for this trip by Oct. 1.

For details on all trips, call Carol Field at 905-833-3324 or James Hepworth at 905-833-5870.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

What an exciting August we're having at St. Andrew's. Last Sunday we were pleased to have Dr. Peter Ross, an elder from St. Andrew's, Newmarket and his wife Verna who presented a captivating drama depicting a conversation between Luke, (the author of the Gospel according to Luke) and a woman called Sarah from Bethany. They were excit-

ed about Jesus's parables and the fact that He goes out of His way to bring His lost "sheep" back to the fold and how there is great rejoicing in Heaven when this happens.

We look forward to Peter being with us again next week. On Sept. 1, Debbie Mathers, our Interim Moderator's wife, will be back to lead us in worship.

This Thursday St. Andrew's is bringing the devotional time to the King City Lodge residents at 2 p.m. Join us in the parking lot of the church at 1:30 p.m. for car pooling.

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with a fellowship time following in the lounge. Last Sunday we celebrated all those with birthdays in August. It seems we have quite a few!

Sunday school classes will resume in the fall once the children are back at school, but children are always welcome to join us in the sanctuary. A children's activity is available during the summer worship services.

Our Welcome Back BBQ will be Sept. 15. Further information to follow! We hope you can join us.

Prayer takes place before the worship service on Sunday mornings at

9:45 a.m. and the Ladies' Prayer Group meets early most Tuesday mornings. Please call Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391 to check summer times.

Should you need pastoral care please call the Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers our Interim Moderator and pastor at St. Andrew's, Newmarket at 905-895-5512 or Kathy Patterson, clerk of session at 905-833-0391. If you have any prayer requests or praise items, questions, concerns or need a ride, call the church at 833-2325. We have a ramp on request to accommodate accessibility. We're located at 13190 Keele Street, two blocks north of King Road. We look forward to worshipping with you.

Meeting, flower show Aug. 26

The Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society's upcoming August meeting and flower show to be held Monday, Aug. 26 in the Nobleton Community Hall starting at 8 p.m. Guest speaker is Susan Beharriell, society member and member of the Sustainability Committee. She will speak on "creating a wildlife friendly garden."

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Author's story inspires others to cherish human rights

By Mark Pavilons

A lesson in the importance and fragility of democracy came from an inspiring source recently at the Nobleton library.

The passion and strength of author Marina Nemat captivated a full house at the library for the event sponsored by the Nobleton Library Book Club. All eyes were focused on Nemat as she led the audience through a roller coaster ride of her life's journey.

The native of Iran relayed the story of how her youth and life's direction came to a screeching, horrific halt following the 1979 Iranian (Islamic) Revolution, which ousted the western-friendly Shah and replaced him with the infamous Ayatollah Khomeini.

The royal reign of the last Persian monarch was replaced by a harsh Islamic Republic.

Under the Shah, Nemat and her friends experienced the same things as Canadian teens – they spent summers by the sea; danced to the Bee Gees; read Jane Austen and watched U.S. TV programs. While she was a Christian growing up in a predominantly Muslim culture, she never felt different or out of place.

In those days, Iran was

an educated country and women would become whatever they wanted. She had plans to become a doctor.

Then, in 1978, anti-Shah demonstrations began, soldiers and tanks appeared. Violence ensued.

After the Shah was exiled, they returned to school, and hoped everything would be back to normal. Nothing could be further from the truth. The first evidence of the horror to come was a new principal at her school, a young, inexperienced 18-year-old woman whose job it was to implement the Islamic cultural revolution. The former principal was executed.

Life went on, Nemat said, but Marxist ideology became vogue and teens of the time believed it was "cool." Times were good for roughly one year as they enjoyed freedom among the chaos. And then the "ground disappeared from under your feet."

New laws were written and the new system established.

"Horror happens little by little," she stressed. "We lose our liberties little by little."

In Iran they were trying to create a democracy, but it failed before it ever got off the ground.

Free speech was cur-



tailed as newspapers were shut down and journalists fired. Dancing, singing and holding hands became "illegal."

The hostage crisis, where 52 American diplomats were held for 444 days, focused international attention on Iran.

The months and years that followed saw protests, civil unrest and the rise of the Revolutionary Guards, the all-powerful force charged with protecting the country and influencing every aspect of Iranian life.

Nemat said mass ar-

rests became commonplace by 1981 and each day at school, another desk was empty. How bad can it get? they wondered.

"Things can get really bad, really fast," she observed.

One January evening in 1982 officers arrived at her home and took her away at gunpoint. She was 16.

She was taken to Evin Prison, where she was blindfolded, interrogated and tortured.

Authorities were looking for one of Nemat's acquaintances and questioned her about attending

protests and speaking out against the government.

That was enough to garner a death sentence, but hers was reduced to life. At the time, some 90% of the prison's inmates were under 20.

She spent more than two years in prison and survived due to the affections of a prison guard, who she was forced to marry. His family obtained her release, and after he was killed, Nemat married her current husband. They came to Canada in 1991.

Nemat's story is important in many ways. She tells her tale not to garner sympathy, but to make a point. Democracy is as fragile as holding water in your hands.

How does democracy die? she asked the crowd. She then asked how many have heard of Canadian Bills C-10, C-30, C-31 or C-64 – pieces of legislation that impact civil liberties.

Nemat notes we elect a government, put it in place and then go home and pay our mortgage.

Our politicians are given great power, money and responsibilities and we expect them to do the right thing. "And when something goes wrong, we're surprised," she said.

Democracy needs attention and maintenance but the reality is for most aver-

age citizens we're too busy going to work and "arguing with our teens."

She told the audience to image what society would be like if our federal government outlawed "fun." Similar to what happened when she was young, our teenagers would hit the streets in protest, but parents would remain concentrated on life's demands.

Nemat never considered herself a political activist, but she was always a strong supporter of human dignity and human rights.

During her incarceration, she said the women spoke about what makes us all human. This, and her happy memories helped keep her alive.

Her memoirs and speaking engagements are so her friends won't be forgotten. It's also preventive medicine of sorts.

Nemat's first book, Prisoner of Tehran, has been published in 27 countries. In 2010, she published After Tehran: A Life Reclaimed.

Nemat was awarded the first Human Dignity Prize in December 2007 by the European Parliament and the Cultural Association Europa 2004.

For more on her story, visit her website, www.marinanemat.com.

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Highway 7 Viva bus rapid transit service opens in York Region

The Honourable Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure; Bill Fisch, chairman and CEO of The Regional Municipality of York; and Rob Prichard, chairman of Metrolinx, announced that the first 2.5 kilometres of bus rapid transit (BRT) in Richmond Hill have opened.

Viva rapid transit service now runs on the centre median, or rapidway, along Highway 7 in Richmond Hill from Bayview Avenue to Highway 404. An additional 3.9 kilometres of rapidway along Highway 7 from Highway 404 to Warden Avenue will open in 2014.

"The Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area is facing a gridlock crisis that is costing our economy an estimated \$6 billion a year and is compromising the quality of life for residents," said minister Glen Murray. "If not addressed, this problem will continue to grow as our population increases and further burdens our economy. The Ontario government is taking action by moving forward with the largest transit investment in a generation to get the region moving."

"Opening this segment four months ahead of schedule surpasses our goal and provides an immediate advantage to our growing number of transit customers," said York Region chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "We will continue to work hard to complete the remainder of the rapid transit project over the next five years, bringing over 37 kilometres of rapidways to York Region."

"York Region has been a wonderful partner as we work together to improve transit, reduce congestion and improve the environment," said Robert Prichard, chair of Metrolinx. "This project shows clear progress as we continue to invest in The Big Move and get the Greater Toronto and

Hamilton Area (GTHA) moving to alleviate the congestion on our roadways."

The transformation of this section of Highway 7 included building wider boulevards, planting more trees and shrubs, and adding dedicated

bike lanes.

The stations include arched glass canopies inspired by transportation architecture from historic and modern European examples. The 27-metre glass canopy offers protection from the elements, including a

nine-metre enclosed and heated waiting area. The stations also complement the existing Viva technologies, including off-board fare collection, GPS navigation, real-time information, Presto, new card readers and traffic signal priority.

Safety and accessibility features include textured surfaces near platform edges, level boarding from the platform to the bus, a public address system for updating riders and an emergency call button.

The York Viva BRT project received \$1.4 billion from the province, and is an example of The Big Move in action – Metrolinx's 25-year plan to implement a common vision for transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. The project is being implemented by Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario. For more information about The Big Move, visit bigmove.ca.

York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

(YRRTC) is responsible for the planning, design and construction of the full vivaNext rapid transit network and related infrastructure to deliver on the transit priorities set out in the York Region Transportation Master Plan. YRRTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary and share capital corporation of The Regional Municipality of York. The vivaNext plan is a key component of the vision outlined by Ontario's Places to Grow Act, which aims to manage growth in a sustainable and environmentally-friendly way that enriches communities. For more information, please visit www.vivanext.com.

Open casting call at Blackhorse

The Blackhorse Village Players Theatre is looking to add new talent for their upcoming season!

All closet actors, wannabes, and those with stage experience are welcome to audition for "The Game's Afoot," a whodunnit comedy by Ken Ludwig.

Both men and women of all ages are encouraged to participate on the following dates – Tuesday, Aug. 27 and Thursday, Aug. 29.

Doors open at 7 pm. No preparation is necessary, just a willingness spread your wings and have fun while reading from the script!

The Blackhorse Theatre is located at 17272 Mount Wolfe Road and Highway 9.

For more information please contact Catherine at 905-936-3238 or email info@blackhorse.ca.

The word around King

Are you looking forward to September and a regular schedule?



Ceilidh Grant

"Actually, yes, because it's my birthday in September. But I'm not excited for school."



Heather Hurst

"As much as I don't want to say yes, the routine aspect has its benefits, but I don't want to say good-bye to summer."



Conor Grant

"No, not at all. I hate school and the summer was fun. Today I went to Canada's Wonderland and that was my favourite."

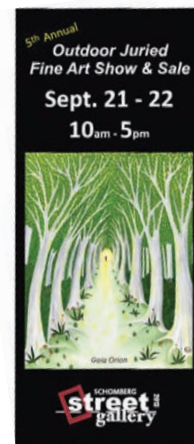


William Woodroof Hurst

"I'm excited to go to a new school, but I'm not really excited for school itself. I'm not ready for summer to end."

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United Way campaign hopes to raise \$30 million

United Way York Region (UWYR) announced an unprecedented community goal to raise \$30 million in 3 years – so Jenny, and thousands like her, can get the support they need close to home.

The announcement was made Aug. 17, amidst hundreds of eager paddlers ready to compete at the Toromont CAT Dragon Boat Festival.

Daniele Zanotti, CEO, UWYR, said: “Once a week, for three years, Jenny woke up at 5 am, two kids in tow, waited for a bus on the outskirts of East Gwillimbury, and traveled south to a second then third bus to get her daughter the mental health supports she needed – in Scarborough. Because there just wasn’t anything in her neighbourhood.

“Imagine the help Jenny and her family needed – close to home,” said Zanotti. “Imagine a network of care and support in every neighbourhood – Vaughan or King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill or Aurora. In three years, we will know we have succeeded when people and families in municipalities across this region



can say, ‘there is help in my neighbourhood.’”

“The demand for services across our region is outpacing our supply – stretching an already slim network of agency partners,” said Helen Murray, board chair, UWYR. “And in every municipality, residents told us that what makes communities great is social infrastructure: places where people can go and find the help they need. This is why we are launching a three-year

campaign to raise \$30 million: to ensure appropriate frontline services in every neighbourhood in York Region. Because we know communities with supports and services are more likely to benefit from better health, higher educational achievement, and better economic growth.”

Barbara Bellissimo, senior vice-president and chief agent, State Farm Canada, and 2013 campaign chair, expressed support for this aggressive

three-year plan.

“Our volunteer team of corporate and community leaders is excited by this bold goal. And thanks to all of you ... and the individuals and businesses that have already committed to partner with us, we have an opportunity to make great neighbourhoods across this region even greater for all.”

Bellissimo also thanked the event’s title sponsor, Toromont CAT, a company who has lent its name to

this event for six years.

Andrew Quattrociochi, P&S marketing manager, Toromont CAT is proud of his company’s deep-rooted sense of corporate responsibility and long-standing partnership with United Way.

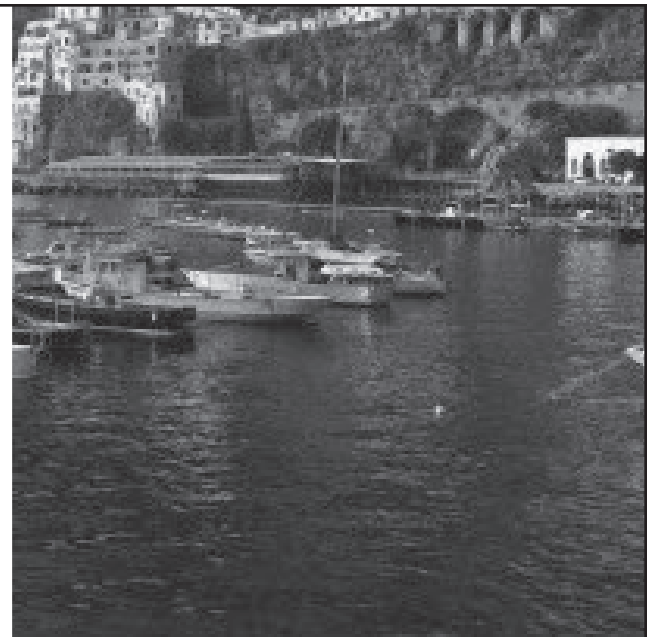
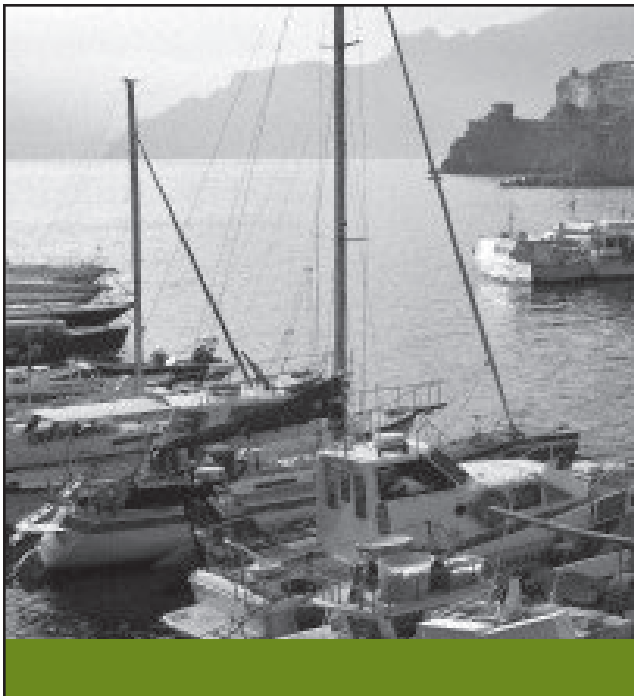
“Toromont CAT is truly a leader in the community and to giving back. In fact, our biggest philanthropic contribution in terms of time and money has been to United Way York Region – having raised over \$2

million dollars to date for their important work in the community.”

Additional event sponsors included Platinum sponsors Acklands-Grainger Inc., IBM Canada and Seneca College and Gold sponsor State Farm Canada.

This year’s Toromont CAT Dragon Boat Festival raised \$120,000. Congratulations to Acklands-Grainger Dragon Masters for winning the coveted A Division Championship at the annual Toromont CAT Dragon Boat Festival in support of United Way York Region.

United Way York Region serves nine municipalities Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Whitchurch-Stouffville. In addition to its traditional role of supporting agencies to meet urgent needs, United Way is working to tackle the root causes of social issues. To help strengthen York Region’s quality of life, United Way is uniting people and resources on three priorities: moving people from poverty to possibility, helping kids be all they can be, and building strong neighbourhoods.



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Nobleton Karate rewards students at summer grading

Nobleton Karate held two mini summer gradings Thursday, Aug. 8.

A group of very dedicated students trained very hard in the summer heat to advance to the next rank.

Sensei Giancarlo Esposito honoured the following students with special awards:

Mario Barbieri and Kayla Piccirillo won Most Improved Awards in the Senior and Junior classes respectively.

Alejandro Huard-Tordecillas won the Leadership Award.

"I am so proud of Alejandro," Sensei Giancarlo said. "I recall his first tournament this past December. A shy, nervous boy reluctant to perform in front of judges and people, he needed to go deep inside to pull out every ounce of courage to do his kata. That was the turning point for him – he faced and conquered

his fear and has progressed rapidly since then. With excellent form, focus and behaviour he sets an example for the rest of the students and is always encouraging of the other children."

The teachers at Nobleton Karate take character development very seriously and will be implementing a very rigorous program in the fall designed to extend into the home and school.

Congratulations to all the students that progressed to the next rank.

The following are the successful graduates.

Yellow Jr. Stripe – Zion Lee.

Yellow Stripe – Maxim Huard-Tordecillas, Julia Marks.

Yellow Belt – Virginia Coloumbe, Owen Lewis, Kayla Piccirillo and Isaiah Lee.

Orange Stripe – Steven Gardonio Jr. and Alejandro Huard-Tordecillas.

Orange – Sarah Fazari, Mario Barbieri and Steven Gardonio Sr.

Green Stripe – Lorenzo Rossi.
Green – Francesco Attioli and Cathy Esposito.



Junior (above) and senior (top) students at Nobleton Karate excelled at the recent grading, making all their hard work pay off.

Submitted Photos

On Route road hockey tournament a big hit

By JEFF DONER

Instead of sitting in weekend traffic on highway 400, many exited at the On Route rest stop by King road for the Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer tournament on Saturday.

Shawn Burt, chief hockey officer for the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, said the weekend tournament was a huge success.

"It's going great," he said, with an intense game going on behind him. "We have four teams of at least 10 players here today. This is sort of a warm up for the event that happens on Sept. 28 down at Ontario Place. We've got about 40 players here that have probably raised collectively just under \$10,000 and we're hoping to send them all to the main event."

Burt said that the main event is much larger, with teams and players coming from all over North America to participate.

"It's a dawn to dusk road hockey marathon and we're aiming for about 140 teams and looking to raise about \$2.5 million dollars. The event itself is now the world's largest road hockey fundraising event. We've raised \$6 million in two years since our inception across Canada."

Aside from the hundreds of players that are drawn to the event, 60 celebrity participants will also be on hand including: former NHL enforcer George Laraque, Hockey Hall of Famer Marcel Dionne, Tyler Stewart of The Barenaked Ladies and many more.

"They come down, they're draftable and the top fundraising team picks whomever they like, all the way down to 25 and we distribute the remaining players to the other teams," Burt explained. "We have a lot of fun. It's very Canadian and it's all great money for a great cause."

Aside from his own team "Tenacious D,"

Burt said there isn't much representation from King thus far and encouraged people in the area to put some teams together.

"We'd love to have a few more teams, especially from this area. It's a real good hockey area," he said. "We have teams from all across Ontario. We've had teams from California, New York, Washington, D.C. It's an event that is very local, but also has that mass appeal. It's predominantly 416, 905, 519 and 705, basically the better part of Ontario."

Those in attendance were also lucky enough to get a free autograph from Toronto Maple Leafs great Wendel Clark and former Leafs forward Mark Osborne.

There were also prizes and raffles for people to bid on.

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The Scotia McLeod peewees were finalists in the SOBA tournament. Shown are (top, l to r) coach Mike Murphy, Thomas French, Gavin O'Brien, Noah Orlandi, Andrew Dinopoulos, Coach Rick Brunato, Jake Bernhardt, Tyler Radell, Max Orlandi & Coach Tim Bernhardt, (front) Matthew Murphy, Jonathan Brunato & Jonah Orlandi. Absent were Benjamin Harbridge, Brendan Grammenz, Coaches Kelley Harbridge and Robert Radell.

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Scotia McLeod peewees finalists in tourney

By Wayne Rudnitski
VP-KTBA

It was an exciting and successful week on the base paths for KTBA baseball teams.

The Scotia McLeod peewees made the final in the SOBA Intact house league tournament.

The Husky Bantam King Cobras kept the undefeated dream season alive while advancing to the playoff semi-final.

And the Grignano Racco peewee King Cobras also notched a win in playoff action.

Yes, the King Cobras baseball teams are getting even hotter than the weather is expected to be this coming week – and they are hitting their stride at just the right time. So don't forget to head out to your local ball park to see some high quality minor baseball – you don't want to miss this action!

Senior Rookie playoffs

On Aug. 14, Omnivex King Cobras went to Routley Park to face Vaughan's X-Mid Truck in their third playoff game. Both teams were undefeated in the playoffs heading into this game. For the first time this year

(for Omnivex), the first inning ended with a score 0-0, as both teams were unable to get more than two hits.

The second inning was a bit different. William Swanson and Sean Gunnip quickly got on base and were brought home by Daniel Sansone. Tyler Oletic also scored off a base hit by Massimo Amodio. Just as Omnivex started to get their batting together, Vaughan was looking to do the same. The second inning ended with low score of 3-3.

The top of the third was cut short for Omnivex, as they only managed to bring in Swanson to take the lead by one. Although Vaughan managed to score two runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead, Omnivex showed great defensive skills as Swanson would scoop up two consecutive ground balls and make two nice throws to Nathaniel Bannister at first to get the last two quick outs.

Going into the top of the fourth Omnivex was down by one and was in need of some big hits. With two on, and two outs, Omnivex was unable to cash in those runs as their final batter stuck out which ended the game in a 5-4 loss – Omnivex's first loss in the playoffs. Despite the loss, Omnivex, played well and the Player of the Game is William Swanson.

See 'Peewee' on Page 20

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708 DEATHS



Haddow, Marian Sylvia
Peacefully at Riverside Glen Retirement Home, Guelph on Saturday, August 17, 2013, Marian Sylvia Haddow, Guelph, formerly of Bolton, beloved wife of the late Leonard Haddow. Loving mother of Cynthia (deceased); Gregory and his wife Diane, Cambridge; Cameron and his wife Lesley, Erin. Adored grandmother of Andrew, Alyssa and Josephine; Sara and Braeden. Dear sister of Marjorie and Orval Fretz and predeceased by Ken Petty. Dear sister-in-law of Dorothy Petty. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) Friday morning, August 23 from 10 o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at 11 o'clock. Following a reception at the funeral home, interment Whitevale Cemetery, Pickering. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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708 DEATHS

FORBES: Carol Ann at the age of 70. Passed away peacefully on August 14, 2013 at Southlake Hospital after a battle with lung cancer. Loving wife of John Alexander Forbes and loving mother of John Edward (JJ) Forbes and Kathleen Normoyle. She will be sadly missed by all who knew Carol. Her nieces B.J., Judy and nephew Tom. Predeceased by her mother Audrey Batten and her father Ted (Flash) Batten. Carol was cremated and her ashes will be spread in the bush where she loved to have a bonfire and watch the animals. We are planning to have a celebration of Carol's life on May 23rd weekend in 2014. All are welcome to come. Best wishes only. To be held at our home, 1415 Sideroad 10, Tottenham from 2 - ?. 905-936-2076. Any donations go to Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston or the Schomberg Cougars Hockey Club. B34

PTACEK: Edward. Peacefully at Hamilton Health Sciences, Juravinski Hospital on Friday August 16, 2013, in the arms of his loving wife, Edward Ptacek, Caledon East, in his 76th year. Beloved husband of Shirley Ptacek, for 56 years. Loving father of Debby Ryan and Wayne Edward Ptacek. Cherished Poppie of Stacey, Todd, Scott, Devin, Ryan, Ella and Olivia. A private family funeral service was held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street South, Bolton, followed by cremation. C34

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For foodies, we all wait for September. The last of the summer produce is harvested along with the first apples (we'll have to wait for the queen of all apples, the Spy Apple until late September), squash, onions, and yes even pumpkins.

Speaking of pumpkins, we will be participating in the York Region Pumpkin Pie Trail on Saturday, Sept. 21 holding a free culinary workshop on everything pumpkin. Pumpkin is not just a decoration, it is a seriously underrated vegetable. We will be making and sampling savoury roasted pumpkin, variations on pumpkin soup and of course pumpkin pie. The workshop will take place between noon and 4 p.m. in the church basement of All Saints Church.

Pumpkin pies will be available for sale at the Farmers' Market on Sunday, Sept. 22. Join us for pumpkin palooza!

This coming market Sunday we will be introducing the Artisans' Market. Come see what the local artisans have to offer. The Artisans' Market will be held on the front lawn of All Saints Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next markets will be held on Sept. 22 and Oct. 20, which is our final market day.

We look forward to seeing you at the Farmers' Market this Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

The ABCs of golf for family caregivers

Caregiving Matters is pleased to announce a two-year project to encourage women family caregivers to join in for fun, recreational nine holes of golf, golf clinics, prizes and recognition.

This project will include live workshops, live webinars, website videos and DVDs.

In its first year, they will partner with Cardinal Golf Club for two evenings of Ladies Night Golf and the second year we will partner with Carrying Place Golf & Country Club, also for two evenings of ladies' night golf. Both clubs are located in King Township.

These will be special celebratory evenings where the focus will be on golfing and thanking family caregivers for all they do.

Our goal with this project is to encourage

women family caregivers to come explore the game of golf. Golf is a very social, lifelong recreational sport that is an ideal "escape" for family caregivers. Being physical active is a great way to reduce caregiver stress and prevent burnout.

Organizers hope that active golfers invite and bring their families and friends to these evenings. We are especially excited to introduce golf to women who have never played before or for those who have given up golf, but would like to get back at it. To encourage new golfers to join us, we have a limited number of free golf club rentals and sleeves of balls available.

These "ladies nights" will be casual, non-competitive events. Cardinal's golf pros will conduct two free group clinics each evening,



prior to the shot guns. There will be a reception held after playing golf to congratulate and honour the women family caregivers who participated in the evenings. As a special bonus, family caregivers will have the opportunity

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Two evenings slated for this year are:

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m.; at the East Wing Course. The cost is \$49 per twosome.

The next one will be Monday, Sept. 23 at 4:30 p.m. at Kettle Creek Course. The cost is \$29 per twosome.

The events include golf clinics, 9 holes of golf, cart, reception, prizes and caregiver recognition. This is a savings of more than \$65 per twosome. Pull carts will be used on the Kettle Creek Course unless drive carts are required.

Cardinal Golf Club is located at 2740 Highway 9 (Davis Drive).

Make sure to register early as space is limited. You can register in person at the pro shop,

at Cardinal, or go to cardinalgolfclub.com and register under the "Upcoming Events" tab.

For more details contact Mary Bart, chair of Caregiving Matters at 905-939-2931.

Caregiving Matters is an Internet-based registered Canadian charity offering education and support to family caregivers. The majority (90%) of their work is done on-line and by leveraging technologies, 10% is done through producing local educational events.

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Peewee Cobras lose by a single run in the finals

From Page 16

He was great at bat, going two for two and also scoring twice, and he showed tremendous fielding skills as well.

Peewee tournament
On August 9-11 the Scotia McLeod King Cobras traveled to Hamilton for the 2013 Select Ontario Baseball Associations (SOBA) Intact House League Tournament. Scotia McLeod ended up in second place after the preliminary playoff round and then won a come from behind game against Burlington in the semi-final to face the undefeated East Hamilton team in the final. The final game was

described by all as the best game of the tournament and after 6 innings Scotia McLeod just came up short by a score of 4-3 and were awarded finalist trophies.

Scotia McLeod's Tyler Radell was selected by SOBA as the Best Defensive Player of the Tournament and was awarded a new glove. Coach Tim Bernhardt was proud of the extra effort put out by his team in the tournament and was always encouraging the players for the entire weekend to strive for their best efforts. It really paid off as it was a tremendously cohesive team effort that brought about the final results.

Peewee playoffs
The Grignano Racco Chartered Accountants King Cobras traveled to Vaughan to face the Boston Pizza Vikings on Aug. 14 and kept their playoff winning streak alive with an 11-7 win.

The Cobras shut out the opponent in the first two innings when starting pitcher, Ben Brown, threw 4 punchouts. Catcher Marshall Moore closed out the first inning by picking off a runner with his cannon throw to Daniil Bacalear at third. Logan Hall helped the cause by bagging an infield fly for the third out in the second inning. The Grignano Racco squad

started strong at the plate and scored 10 runs in the first two innings. Hall, Brown, Moore, Luca Panziera, Daniel Grignano, and Nick Galifi all crossed the dish on doubles by Moore and Brown and on singles by Brown, Grignano, Bacalear, Moore, Galifi, and Tristan Vosylius. Ryan Sutherland-Pace also helped rack up the runs with a pair of walks.

Moore hit the rubber for the good guys in the third inning and quickly shut out the Vikings with a double play on an infield fly to Grignano at first, and a whiff. The Grignano Racco defence helped limit the opponent to two

runs in the fourth inning, when short-stop Grignano hauled in an infield fly, Vosylius scooped a grounder, and Panziera made a sharp play at first. Grignano recorded the only run for the Cobras in the fourth inning, with his keen eyes and aggressive base running.

In the fifth inning, Panziera took to the mound for the Cobras and threw 3 strikeouts, but not before the Vikings scored 5 runs. However, it was too late the King Cobras had already sealed their win with their early rally at the plate! Player of the Game goes to Logan Hall for his keen defensive play and for going

2-for-3 at the plate as the leadoff batter.

Bantam playoffs
On Aug. 12, the undefeated Husky King Cobras played against KRCMAR, Vaughan's most competitive team, managing only 5 hits and experiencing their most nail-biting game of the season yet!

In the first Marchetta, Long and Kandelas plated three runs while sluggers Cameron and French collected solid RBI singles. Vaughan retaliated with four runs to take the lead.

In the 2nd inning the Cobras were held scoreless, while Vaughan chalked up another run.

See 'Husky' on Page 21

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Husky Cobras seem unstoppable in playoff action

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The Cobras blew the game wide open in the 3rd, scoring five runs with back to back walks from Cooney, Galt, and Long. This time Kandalas and French supplied the hitting with deep singles and an RBI each advancing Husky to an 8-6 lead.

The 4th and 5th innings were tough on Husky bats with Pignataro having the only hit! Then Vaughan scored in the 4th – leading to an exciting “anyone’s game” bottom of the 5th with the Cobras up by a run! Hearts pounded as Vaughan had the tying run on third and the go ahead run on 1st. But with the

runners’ attention focused on the catcher, Husky’s quick-thinking pitcher MacDonald picked him off with a swift throw to Ritter to end the inning and the game! A remarkable 8-7 finish for team Husky!

The Player of the Game was French for his 2 singles, 2 RBIs, and 2 runs scored which accounted for “half” of the Husky total runs!

The Husky King Cobras then won their third consecutive playoff game 13-10 against Vaughan Bar-mac in a short four inning game played on Aug. 14, earning them a spot in the semi-finals!

Special mention in this game goes to Eric Mar-

chetta who commanded the mound and pitched one and a third scoreless innings, Zack Long for a tremendous throw from left field to catcher Mac MacDonald to record an out at home, and Leighton Costanzo who was the only player to go 2 for 2 at the plate with two deep singles. It has been a remarkable season for Husky and we wish them good luck in their quest for the championship!

KTBA Player of the Week Honours

The KTBA Player of the Week honours go to Tyler Radell of the Scotia McLeod King Cobras Pee-wee team. Radell earned

Best Defensive Player of the SOBA Intact House Tournament. His leader-

ship helped to carry the single run to the heavily favoured East Hamilton final where they lost by a squad.

Rockford's golf tourney aids Camp Awakening

Join the fun in Rockford's Bar and Grill Golf Tournament, playing at Silverlakes Thursday, Aug. 22. This annual charity tournament supports the work at Camp Awakening, a registered charity providing integrated summer camp; outdoor recreation & leadership programs for youth with physical disabilities. They serve children and youth between 9-24 years of age. They offer four different programs at camps across the province of Ontario during the summer months of June, July & August. Campers and program participants have a wide range of disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, juvenile arthritis, epilepsy, spinal cord injury, acquired brain injury, vision loss and amputation.

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Hundreds participate in annual dragon boat festival fundraiser

By Jeff Doner

Hundreds of amped up and enthusiastic participants and spectators were out for the Toromont CAT Dragon Boat Festival for the United Way York Region at Seneca College King Campus this past Saturday.

An incredible 28 teams representing different municipalities, community groups, sponsors and businesses from all over York Region dug deep and wildly paddled their way to the finish line to help raise \$120,000 and awareness in support of United Way in the community.

But it's just the start of a much larger campaign that has many excited about the challenge, as United Way York Region CEO Daniele Zanotti enthusiastically announced a three-year campaign goal to raise \$30 million.

"Historic, bold, ambitious, never been done before and scary as heck goal, but so necessary in our growing region," Zanotti said to a raucous crowd before the races. "We have an unprecedented opportunity to change lives in our neighbourhoods, not only for this year, but for decades to come."

"Imagine a network of

care and support in every neighbourhood - Vaughan or King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill or Aurora. In three years we will know we have succeeded when people and families in municipalities across this region can say, 'there is help in my neighbourhood.'"

According to the United Way, last year they helped 28,557 children and youth with educational and recreational supports, after school programs, leadership counseling and more.

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Fun and awareness

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King Mayor Steve Pellegrini was also on hand for the event and was thrilled with the community reaction and support for the event.

"The enthusiasm for the annual event has built up not only within the Township of King, but surrounding areas," he said in a release. "Teams from all over have come together to participate in

this friendly and spirited competition, to raise money for the United Way of York Region and to enjoy an amazing day of dragon boat racing."

Although the day's events were about having fun and raising awareness, Zanotti reiterated the dire need for services and help within York Region.

"The demand for social services is outgrowing the supply," she said. "What makes a neighbourhood

great, more than roads, sewers and stores are places where people can go get involved and find the help they need. We know that communities with formal and informal support have better health, higher educational achievement, better economical growth and lower crimes rates. We know that with friends like you, we can make our great neighbourhoods in this region even greater for all."



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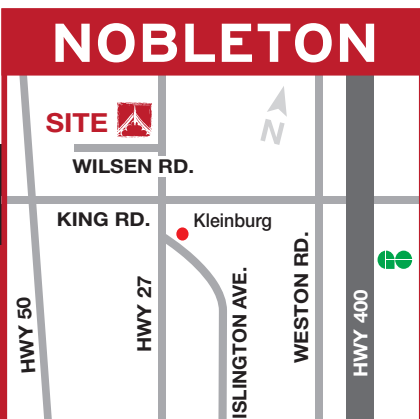
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