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Community gathers to usher in the yuletide season

Students from St. Patrick's Elementary Catholic School choir sang Christmas carols at the 6th annual Christmas tree lighting put on by the Schomberg Village Association. For more community events that helped usher in the season, turn to Page 9.

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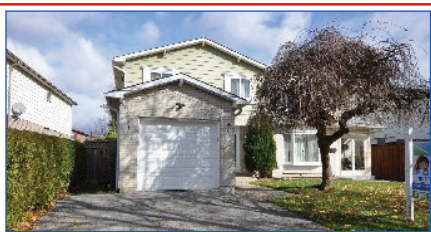
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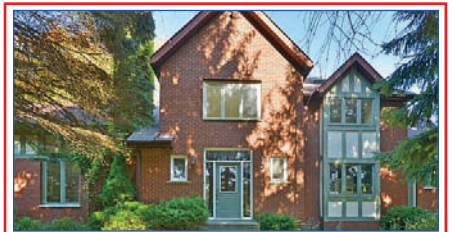
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Residents, council request speed humps

By Angela Gismondi

They may not be warranted but King councillors want to see permanent speed humps installed on streets in King City and Nobleton.

The matter came forward at the committee of the whole meeting Monday. Temporary speed humps were recently removed on Burton Grove, Warren Avenue and Patricia Drive in King City and Hill Farm Road in Nobleton to allow for snow removal over the winter months. Now, Township staff has recommended that permanent speed humps not be installed on those roads as the warrants have not been met in accordance with the Township's traffic calming policy.

Petitions were submitted by residents in support of traffic calming in those areas in the two villages. The petition fulfilled the first warrant in the process. The second warrant is safety requirements and the third is technical requirements.

Residents living on Burton Grove came out to the meeting to urge council to reinstall the only traffic calming measure that slowed down traffic on their busy street. The street is located near the GO station. As a result, a large amount of commuters use the road as a short cut while travelling at high speeds and ignoring stop signs.

Glen Ampleford thanked council for installing the stop signs and the temporary speed humps on Burton Grove.

"Both of those achieved positive outcomes in my view," he said. "I can't for the life of me understand why council would even entertain the idea of not putting in permanent speed humps."

With many young families and small children living on the street, not installing speed humps could have negative consequences, he explained. He added his dog was killed by a car travelling at an excessive speed on the road.

"This is dangerous," he said. "You took away the one thing that kept people from going fast. It's the only way to keep people from excessively speeding. It's the one thing that will keep our kids safe on Burton Grove."

Ampleford stressed that this is a safety issue and that the staff report and studies are irrelevant.

"This is a very serious issue - life or death," he said. "Somebody's going to get killed."

Burton Grove resident Marco Parmiggiano agreed.

"It seems to me that the data in this report is flawed," he said, explaining that the volume and speed studies were conducted only a few days after the speed humps were removed.

"That's because people think there are still speed humps there. Do it in six months and you'll get different results."

He also couldn't understand why it was important that the street have a sidewalk. According to the staff report, that was one of the technical re-

quirements that was not met. Rob Flindall, director of engineering and public works explained that sidewalks would prevent pedestrians from having to walk on the road, which would provide an increased level of safety.

Local resident Carmela Saliva said she was terrified at the thought that the speed humps could be removed permanently.

"The speed humps physically force people to slow down," she said, adding that before the speed humps her and her two year old daughter would have to wait minutes before getting a chance to cross the street. "They give us the confidence and the opportunity to safely cross the street."

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti said he was annoyed by the report.

"I have been struggling with this report all weekend," said Mortelliti. "I feel like we're going around and around in circles here."

He did not agree with staff's position that the speed humps are not warranted on the road.

"The recommendation, I think, is ludicrous," he said. "The report I was expecting was where, how many and how much but once again we get a report that says that staff doesn't like speed humps. We already know what staff's position is on speed humps. If 70 per cent of the residents want them it's the councils responsibility to listen to the public and try to do our best to accommodate them."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini agreed.

"I believe speed humps are the only way to slow traffic down for our community," said Pellegrini, adding some people go right through stop signs. "With a speed hump you have to slow down, no ifs ands or buts about it. I'm 100 per cent in favour of putting speed humps on Burton Grove"

He also pointed out that by installing speed humps, some of the traffic might be diverted to other local roads. Those roads might require speed humps as well.

Pellegrini said traffic calming was identified as a top priority for councillors in the 2014 budget. He asked that the matter be referred back to staff. He also said he wants a speed hump program implemented by March.

There was nobody from Nobleton at the meeting but Councillor Peter Grandilli said he has spoken with the residents.

"I was against speed humps for anywhere in King Township but I changed my mind in the last few years as long as the majority of people on that street want speed humps, we should accommodate them," he said, adding he did not want to wait until the development was complete to install the humps on Hill Farm Road.

"I think they should be installed at the same time as Burton Grove."

Speed humps are estimated to cost about \$2,000 each. Council decided to await a report from staff before deciding how many speed humps there should be and where they should go.

A motion was made to support the installation of permanent speed humps on Hill Farm Road in Nobleton and Burton Grove, Patricia Drive and Warren Road in King City and that staff be directed to report back no later than February 2014 with an installation plan/report for the speed humps.

A motion was also made to consider a "No Through Traffic" bylaw implemented for the intersection of Keele Street and Burton Grove during the hours of 4 to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday. The bylaw will also be brought before council at the February meeting. The motions carried.

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Extracting the joy out of the season

With the start of December, we are now officially boots-deep in the yuletide season.

Many have likely been singing carols for a week or so, simply because they can't wait for the season to arrive.

It is a joyous time, to be sure.

I find it rather odd, and sad, however, that the season kicked off with "Black Friday" sales events, all in the name of capitalism. A tradition of our neighbours south of the border, this American Thanksgiving weekend extravaganza launched the Christmas shopping mania.

And what "madness" it was.

Major malls and retailers opened bright and early Friday morning for the mile-long lines of anxious consumers, eager to snare those "limited supplies" and "door-crashers."

In Bolton, hundreds arrived shortly after 6 a.m. at the local Walmart, hoping to get one of those spiffy TVs.

There were stories of crowded malls, parking woes and even fights among shoppers.

I imagine more people lined up at malls and stores across North America in the past few days than go to church on a weekly basis.

What a strange way to kick off a season of hope, joy and goodwill. I find it almost embarrassing to

be part of a culture that makes finding retail bargains a top priority.

Either we love our deals and simply have to spend, en masse, or there's a widespread need to save money, pointing to an uncertain economic situation.

Either way, it's hardly the way to launch a period of peace and joy.

Fortunately, King saw three separate community events on the weekend that did just that - welcome a season of joy and compassion with friends and neighbours.

King City hosted its second annual Christmas in King City evening of cheer, food and entertainment, along with the lighting of the tree in the new parkette. The well attended street party brought the people out in droves and there were smiles all around. This event has great potential and becomes bigger every year.

Sunday evening in both Schomberg and Nobleton, the trees were lit and residents shared good cheer.

Some may see these as minor token events, but they're much more. They exude character, a sharing nature and giving community.

Getting together and taking time to share in the holiday spirit doesn't have to be a huge extravagant affair. A gathering, like the true meaning of the season, is quite sim-



Mark Pavilons

ple.

The festivities will continue this weekend for A Main Street Christmas in Schomberg, a day-long festival that includes a parade, street entertainment, great food and great friendship.

Again, the meaning behind such events goes deeper than just the costume-clad characters and tractors. It's a sense of who we are as a community - close-knit members of small town Ontario, keeping traditions alive and well. That's what it's all about.

These events have nothing to do with shopping, bargain hunting, or crashing doors of any kind. Sure, if you want to patronize a local business, grab dinner or take-out, that's just a bonus.

A sense of community is fluid and evolves, just as physical developments evolve and take shape.

While people may enjoy their relative peace and quiet and, in some cases, privacy, it's great to get them out of their homes and into our streets and businesses.

People, in general, like to have a sense of belonging, of being part of something bigger.

And there are ample opportunities to do just that.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini is always encouraging residents - newcomers and existing ones alike - to get involved, volunteer and shop locally.

There are also many opportunities to give, right here in your own community to help our own.

The local churches, service clubs and food bank hold fundraisers and donation drives this time of year. There's the Nobleton Christmas Drive, too. Think about giving.

My eldest daughter wanted to take her holiday money from her nana and put it toward sponsoring a second child from a developing nation. She's also going on a school mission trip to the Dominican Republic in January to volunteer at a convent and help make a difference. She's been busy collecting donations for the cause. Hopefully she may be able to meet her sponsored child during that trip, something Plan Canada is trying to coordinate.

Lexie is also refraining from purchasing gifts for her family this year. She's creating something special, something sentimental, something meaningful.

Before school lets out for the holidays, she'll be going on an inner-city walk in Toronto, handing out food to the needy and homeless. I may join her.

It's funny being taught valuable lessons by your offspring!

My wife and I have scaled back a bit, more so out of necessity than desire. But again, the season is not about extravagant gifts and stress. It's about family and spend-

ing time together. We go out as a family to community events, simply to soak up the feeling this time of year. This is something that money just can't buy.

If you really think about it, our needs are fairly basic. While I love collecting watches, I don't need another. I have plenty of jewellery, too. Right now, my only hobby centres around collecting and painting miniature spaceships and aircraft.

Fortunately, the message seems to be sinking in across the board at our house. My boy bundle and youngest girl gift admitted their needs this year are much smaller. Perhaps Lexie read them the riot act or maybe, just maybe, they'd rather have their hearts filled than their toy chests.

I've instituted a new rule in the house for the whole month of December - we must start and end each day with a loving sentiment.

That's really all that matters.

Brain teaser



It can be "cracked," opened and found in your basement or in a police station. What is it?

Last week's answer: There are 6 "Fs" in total.

Letter to the Editor

NVA extends thanks for contributions to tree lighting, toy drive

The weather was fantastic, the crowd was huge and the kids were thrilled when Santa arrived.

The Nobleton Village Association and Councillor Peter Grandilli would like to thank all the residents who came out, dropped of a toy, sang Christmas carols, and had a hot chocolate.

The children's choir was fantastic. Special thanks to Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

All donations will be given to the Nobleton Christmas Drive (NobleKids) to help the less fortunate in and around Nobleton.

Our thanks to the Nobleton businesses that supported the event - No Frills, Tim Hortons, Two for One Pizza and Wings, The Office, Grandilli.

A special thank you to the Lions Club for arranging Santa Claus; the King Chamber of Commerce for grocery bags and business directories.

Thank you also to the event organizers - Peter Grandilli, Patty Fleetwood, June MacIntrye and Lucy Belperio.

You gave from your hearts and all was greatly appreciated.

Nobleton Village Association

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a) Yes 100%
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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support rocker Jon Bon Jovi bringing the Buffalo Bills north of the border?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

Mandatory carbon monoxide detectors lauded

By Mark Pavilons

The move to make carbon monoxide detectors mandatory in Ontario comes as good news to King's fire officials.

The Ontario legislature passed MPP Ernie Hardeman's bill (Bill 77) to make carbon monoxide (CO) detectors mandatory in homes across Ontario.

King was actually ahead of the curve.

In 2009 King's fire department created a bylaw that addressed the need for carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in all residential buildings within the Township of King, and with the support of council it was passed as By-Law 2009-25 "A By-Law to Regulate the Installation of Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Existing Residential Buildings Within the Township of King."

"It is comforting to know that all of the residents in the Province of Ontario will be provided with legislation that provides them the same level of protection that our residents have been provided," said captain Keith Wells, fire prevention division.

Bill 77 will become part of the Ontario Fire Code and will equip all of the fire departments in Ontario with the tools that they need to make their residents even safer. The legislation will be enforced by local fire departments in the same manner as the smoke alarm requirements, and failure to install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home could result in a ticket totaling \$235.

According to Wall, King had approximately 33 fire related incidents this year and 10 of those were

structure fires.

Carbon monoxide, known commonly as the "silent killer," is colourless, odourless and cannot be seen. It can be caused by incomplete combustion in fuel fired appliances such as gas or oil furnaces, fuel fired cooking equipment and wood stoves to name a few. These are the very appliances that provide us with the daily comforts with which we have grown accustomed.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can be very similar to the flu and the victim might feel sick, have headaches or tired.

"Our department has witnessed this first-hand with a resident who had been going to the doctors with these symptoms but had no explanation for feeling this way. Our department was called to the residence and took carbon monoxide readings in the home and found levels in excess of 500 ppm," Wells said. "Our firefighters don breathing apparatus once levels in the building are at 35 ppm. The readings were due to a wood burning stove which was not burning properly and was creating emissions of carbon monoxide. The issue was resolved and the story had a happy ending."

"The potential for a different ending was very real if it was left unnoticed."

The only way to detect carbon monoxide in your home is with a CO alarm. These alarms are a relatively inexpensive investment in the safety of your family and can be purchased at most hardware



stores. In fact you can get alarms that are a combination of fire alarm and CO alarm.

"For a number of years our department has conducted a door to door smoke alarm program

throughout the community. This program has our firefighters going into our residents' homes and ensuring that the home has sufficient smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarm installed and tests them to confirm that they are in operational condition," Wells explained.

If you have a carbon monoxide alarm it is important to know that they have a life expectancy of about seven years in comparison to a smoke alarm, which has a life expect-

tancy of approximately 10 years. It is vital that you follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing carbon monoxide alarms and keeping the instructions handy so that you can properly maintain your alarms.

Should your carbon monoxide alarm activate, it is important that you call 9-1-1, leave all windows and doors closed and wait outside of the building for the arrival of firefighters.

King Fire and Emergency Services protects an

area of approximately 333 square kilometres. King is serviced by three fire stations and a compliment of 120 dedicated volunteer firefighters. King Fire & Emergency Services provides fire suppression, medical aid response, rescue services, and fire prevention and public education.

If you have any questions about carbon monoxide alarms, feel free to contact King Fire and Emergency Services at 905-833-2800.

Local politicians weigh in on recall legislation

By Mark Pavilons

A private member's bill to create recall legislation for Ontario MPPs received mixed reaction among local representatives.

Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MPP Randy Hillier introduced his private member's bill that would allow voters to recall and replace their MPPs.

His proposal would permit ousting an elected MPP if, within 60 days, 25 per cent of those who voted in their riding sign a petition. His bill would also prohibit recall campaigns a year before or after a scheduled election.

Hillier's move was likely sparked by the recent behaviour of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini is torn on the issue, but freely admits elected officials have to have integrity and command respect. They represent their communities and the public has high expectations.

"(Politicians) sign up for a role as a community leader," he said. "If you get into this 'calling,' you represent people."

Pellegrini noted that of all the mayors he's known over the years, all have acted in the best interests of their municipality.

He also observed the current "circus" in Toronto has a lot to do with council as a whole. It's not a dictatorship.

Should recall legislation be entertained, it has to include a democratic process. Definitions and reasons to expel an official have to be clearly laid out.

Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP for Oak Ridges-Markham, said she doesn't believe that recall legislation is necessary - that's what elections are for. She said the system relies on the public's memory of the actions of elected officials and the voters' make their feelings known at election time. Regarding the situation in Toronto, city council has made their concerns known and in next year's municipal election, the public will express its opinion.

She said she's surprised that Hillier would introduce legislation that adds red tape to the system.

York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro said she's opposed to the idea, noting it "distracts people in the middle of the term."

She questions the amount of money and effort required for a recall process. She suggested that voters should take more time choosing their preferred candidate at election time.

York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan sees no reason to change the rules.

"Elections have proven to be an effective tool for change when Canadians desire it. There is no reason to change our election system or the confidence convention that serves us well," he said.

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. December 16, 2013

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Mon. January 13, 2014

6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

BUDGET 2014

NOTICE - UPCOMING MEETINGS

2014 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

2014 MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES & BY-LAW

Council Chambers @ 2075 King Road, King City

RE: **Draft - 2014 Budget & Business Plan**

Monday, December 16th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King draft 2014 Budget & Business Plan will be considered at the December 16th, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Monday, December 9th, 2013.

RE: **Adoption - 2014 Budget & Business Plan**

Monday, January 13th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King adoption of the 2014 Budget & Business Plan will be considered at the January 13th, 2014 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 9th, 2014.

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

Jeff Schmidt, Director of Finance and Treasurer, jschmidt@king.ca

Jeff Parks, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, jparks@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013,
Fax: 905-833-2300

NOTICES

NOTICE OF KEELE STREET AND KING ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

As streetscape improvements continue at the intersection of Keele Street and King Road, the Township asks that residents use caution when using the sidewalk at the southwest quadrant. Residents are also asked to exercise caution when approaching the intersection due to anticipated traffic disruptions.

Completion for all streetscape improvements at the southwest quadrant is expected in the spring of 2014. Anticipated start dates for the intersection improvements at the northwest, northeast, and southeast quadrants are expected in the spring of 2014, with completion in August. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask everyone to drive safely around the on-going construction work.

You will find additional information about the Keele Street and King Road intersection improvements by visiting the King Township website (www.king.ca) and clicking the link provided under the section titled 'What's New?'.

Dated at the Township of King November 27th, 2013

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE - CONTRACT 5

Chinook Drive - King Road to Hawman Avenue

As per a previous notification, Tectonic Infrastructure was to commence work on Chinook Drive south of Hawman Avenue warranting full road closure from November 26th to December 3rd. Due to adverse weather conditions, this work has been delayed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Tectonic is anticipating starting the works on Chinook Drive south of Hawman Avenue on December 3rd. Therefore, barring adverse weather conditions, Chinook Drive between King Road and Hawman Avenue will be closed for approximately one (1) week starting December 3rd, 2013.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during construction. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Courtney Hough, P.Eng., Engineer at Ainley Group (705) 726-3371 or Saleem Khawaja, M.Eng., C.E.T., EIT, Senior Project Manager at King Township (905) 833-4057.

Thank you.



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Join the Youth Group at our next monthly meeting on **Monday, January 13th from 7:30 to 9:00pm.**

At the Nobleton Community Hall (across from the Nobleton Feed Mill)

Join us before the meeting at 6pm for **Free Pizza and Games.**

Be the voice for youth in the community

For more information Call the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department : 905-833-5321

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For more information or to register call the Parks, Recreation, and Culture department at: 905-859-0056 ext: 5228 (between 8:30am to 4:30pm) or email: Recreation Coordinator Magda - mpotoczna@king.ca

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Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project Update and Safety Reminder

As sewer work continues in Nobleton, the Township asks that residents remind their children to exercise caution around the heavy construction vehicles, and especially that they do not play or climb on construction equipment.

Residents are also asked to take extra care while driving around the construction areas.

Road closures will continue 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), and **Contract Area 7C** (south of Hwy. 27 from Parkview). 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.

St. Mary's holds Christmas bazaar Saturday

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
905-859-5174

St. Paul's Church

This year, the St. Paul's Community Youth Group has a junior group and a senior group. This Friday, Dec. 6, both groups will meet at the church. The junior group (Grades 6 - 8) meets at 6 p.m. and the senior group (Grades 9 - 12) meets at 7:30 p.m. So, if you are in grades 6 to 12, come check us out!

Also on Friday, Dec. 6, the Outreach Team will be hosting a Women of Faith Christmas simulcast featuring Max Lucado, Sheila Walsh and Lisa Harper. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 per family and child care is provided. The simulcast runs from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Call the church office at 905-859-0843 if you need

more detail.

Join us Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate Communion. Jeff's message this week - "Stunned Silence." FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our regular NextStep program (for children ages 4 to 6) and KidzKonnection program (for ages 7 to 11) take place at the same time.

Also on Dec. 8, the Mission Team will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child pot luck lunch following the worship gathering. Bring your gift-filled shoe boxes or help pack some at the church. Enjoy a delicious lunch and pray with us as we commission the shoeboxes before they leave on their long journey to their ultimate destinations! Call the church office to let us know you are planning to attend so we can set a seat for you (and your family and friends)!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. St. Paul's will be host-

ing an evening with carol singing and special music. Invite your family, friends and neighbours and come ring in the Christmas season with us!

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

Nobleton Seniors

The winners of the Tuesday evening euchre were Doris Clarkson, Bob Fleury, John Burbridge and Mary Bullock. Most lone hands was won by Doris. The lucky draw winners were Carol Burbridge, Herb Workman, Bernice Tasca and Cathy Kiekelbelt.

Our trip to Orangeville theatre Dec. 15 has been sold out. Thank you all for your support.

Nobleton United

Ho, Ho, Ho. Santa is coming to breakfast at the Nobleton United Church

on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Come and enjoy pancakes, sausages, a beverage, and children receive a Gift from Santa. There will be a free will offering for the King Township Food Bank.

No reservations are necessary, just come between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8 is White Gift Sunday, please bring a non perishable item along with you.

On Monday, Dec. 9 we are having a Christmas pot luck dinner/social. Social starts at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring your neighbour, friend, relative and your favourite dish! What a great way to start the holiday season. There will be a few last minute shopping items for sale. This all takes place at the Nobleton United Church 6076 King Rd. W.

If you need a ride don't hesitate in leaving a message at the church 905-859-3976.

Youth Club

On Friday, Dec. 6, and Fri. Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. local young people can attend the Youth Club at Schomberg Public School. It's free for ages 10-16. Call Nancy Cober at 905-939-2358 for

more info. The Youth Club is sponsored by the Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches.

St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Christmas Family Day takes place Sunday, Dec. 8, following the 9:45 a.m. Mass.

Come join us as we spread the holiday cheer! Lunch to be served at noon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12. Kids 5 and under are free. It's hosted by the St. Mary's CWL.

Nobleton Lions Children's Party

The Nobleton Lions Club would once again like to invite our neighborhood families to our annual free skating party at the Nobleton Community Arena on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For the children we provide free hot dogs and drinks. The younger children will be able to visit Santa and receive a free treat bag. The Nobleton Lions wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to see you there!

Nobleton Skating Club

The Nobleton Skating

Club is holding registration for January sessions. Registration will take place Monday, Dec. 9, 5-7:30 p.m. at the Nobleton Arena. Please be sure to register, as spaces are limited.

We offer Canskate, Skate Canada's learn-to-skate program, on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. We also have a power skating class Fridays from 5-6 p.m. New for January, for our brand new, younger skaters, is a Parent/Tot Canskate session. A skater, and one parent can participate in the class together! This is something new we are trying, aimed at parents wanting to improve their own skating, and also for our very young skaters who may be a bit more hesitant to head out on the ice alone. Both parent and child must pay the Skate Canada fee, along with the program fee. Helmets are mandatory for both parents and children.

Our January session of Canskate and Power skating runs from Jan. 6 to April 12, with April 12 being our year-end showcase celebration! For more program details, please visit our website at www.nobletonskatingclub.com, or call our office at 905-859-4943.



Father Paul Hancko blessed the montage of Mary at the school celebration.

St. Mary family celebrates expansion

By Mark Pavilons

There's a really big family tucked away on quiet subdivision streets in Nobleton. And it just got bigger.

Students, staff, parents and dignitaries gathered last week to officially celebrate the recent expansion to St. Mary Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Joanne Bortolussi said this is a milestone in the school community. She's overjoyed by the expansion and all of the new classrooms are filled, accommodating all 471 of her "children" in this close-knit school family.

"There's a buzz of excitement in the air" at the school and this culmination of efforts was thanks to a great many people. Bortolussi lauded school board officials, staff, students and the tireless efforts of those who served on the blessing committee.

Bortolussi said the school prepared for months as they wanted to showcase student talent.

To that end, the audience was treated to a video presentation and liturgical dance, songs and a drama presentation "The Important Thing about St. Mary School."

As a tangible reminder of this occasion, the school commissioned a unique montage of Mary, made up of all the students' photographs.

Father Paul Hancko handled the blessing and told the youngsters gathered: "there is no school without you."

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini presented certificates of congratulation from both King Township and York Region.

He noted a strong school is the foundation that students need to succeed in life.

Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek brought praise from the provincial government, stressing they are strong supporters of Ontario's education system.

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King residents present arguments at OMB hearing

By Mark Pavilons

Does a banquet hall meet the definition of a recreational use?

That was one of the main talking points at the Ontario Municipal Board hearing last week, into the appeal by Peter Eliopoulos.

Eliopoulos is proposing an outdoor banquet facility and children's camp on a 49-hectare (121-acre) parcel of land located at 3550 18th Sideroad.

That application was unanimously refused by King councillors back in August, leading to last week's appeal at the OMB.

The scope of the hearing was limited to whether an outdoor facility such as this is permitted under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and whether it's considered

"recreational" in nature.

George Puccia, president of Stewards of the Moraine, said he's comfortable the residents, through their lawyer David Donnelly, presented the evidence and made some good points regarding their opposition to the proposal. They contended the facility is neither a permitted use nor a recreational use.

The Stewards are hoping for a "fair decision," one that may come as early as December, or mid-January.

While optimistic, Puccia admitted you never know "what weighs heavy on the minds" of hearing officers.

Should the OMB officer agree with the Township regarding planning issues, then there would be no point in arguing use is-

sues, and the matter (in its current form) would end.

The group, Puccia vows, will keep monitoring the issue and the property.

"It's critical we defend the intent of the (ORM) legislation," he said.

Lay witnesses were heard early last week, including directly affected residents, a representative of Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) and Greg Locke, chair of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT).

Locke said King Township, with 80% of its lands on the Moraine, is not a jurisdiction for a facility like this that will "so blatantly violate the spirit, goals and dictates of the ORMCP."

He also explained this proposal violates almost every aspect of the Township's Integrated Commu-

nity Sustainability Plan.

"We are convinced that there are significant risks to the sensitive environment of the Oak Ridges Moraine and to the fabric of King Township's rural communities," Locke said. "Approval of this application, for the reasons stated above, would represent a harmful precedent to other sensitive lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine and violate the citizen-led values and planning goals within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan."

The closing arguments from both sides went back to how to define recreation - whether it should be activity based or based on land use.

The Township argued the purpose of Section 38 of the plan is physical activities, when it comes to "recreation." Community

show their opposition to the application.

Donnelly said the ORMCP is not a development plan, but rather a conservation plan. Protection of the environment is paramount.

Both sides agreed the decision on how this is interpreted will affect how the ORMCP is interpreted in the future. It's a precedent-setting case.

Resident Susan Behariell attended the proceedings and extended her thanks to the congregation of York Pines United Church and the Rev. Ross Parsons, Councillor Debbie Schaeffer and the several dozen other residents of King who came out to

show their opposition to the application.

"While we in the audience could not participate, our mere presence spoke volumes to the board and will certainly be taken into consideration," she said.

"The Stewards of the Moraine deserve the gratitude and support of every resident of King and, in fact, all Ontarians concerned about the health of the Moraine."

Michael Melling, who represented the applicant at the hearing, had no comment on the process or particular arguments. He said typically, OMB decisions are rendered within 30 to 60 days.

Ridership key to GO service's future

By Mark Pavilons

The phrase "use it or lose it," continues to echo in King.

It's especially true when it comes to the GO bus service for residents.

The service was launched as a pilot project in January 2013, so it's marking its first anniversary.

Average weekly ridership hovers in the 20 person range, and it's estimate total ridership in the course of the year was roughly 3,725.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, a proponent of the service, said more people need to take advantage of the service.

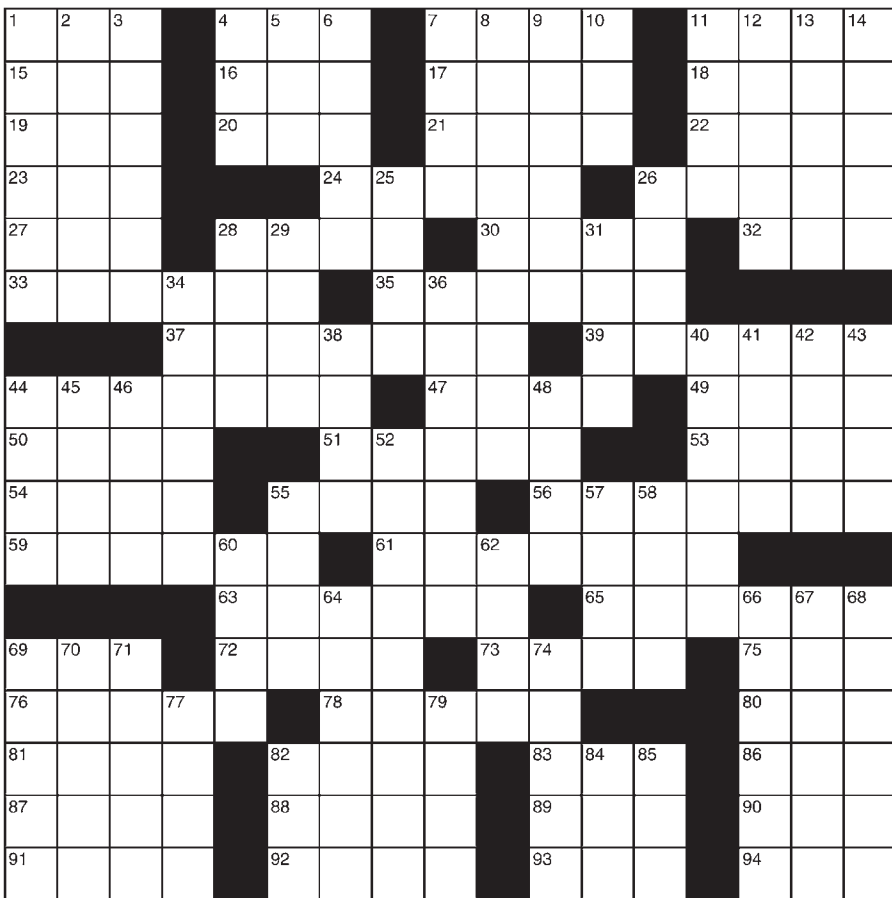
Minor tweaks were made during the first couple of months with regards to specific stops and directions.

While ridership continues to grow, it may not be enough.

"Last year we introduced the YRT bus Route 61 to connect all our villages and residents and to provide a means to access the greater transit network and to alleviate the major parking issue with the King City GO station," according to the Township website. "It is absolutely crucial that this service is well used or the route will be discontinued!"

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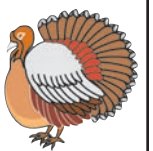
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- 55. Alcohol lamp
- 57. Phonograph record
- 58. Evidence
- 60. Palm drink
- 62. At the top
- 64. Ancient Egyptian symbol
- 66. Echo
- 67. Come to light
- 68. Distanced
- 69. Toil
- 70. Desert plant
- 71. Manners
- 74. Moroccan capital
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- 84. Before "blastoff"
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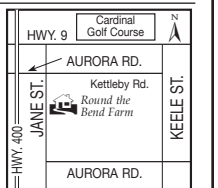
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Community celebrations usher in the season

By Mark Pavilons

It's official – the yuletide season has begun in King.

The second annual Christmas in King City is drew the crowds Saturday evening and visitors got to stroll along the closed-off portion of Keele.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, councillors Cleve Mortelliti and Debbie Schaefer presided over the official tree-lighting ceremony in the new parkette at the southeast corner next to Hogan's. This will be the newest focal point for future event. Schaefer said it's "fun to be part of a new tradition."

Visitors enjoyed displays, musical entertainment, great food and horse-drawn carriage rides. Local youngsters also caught their first glimpse this year of Santa himself.

The event was presented by the King City Business & Community Association and The King Parks and Recreation Department.

The lights came on Sunday in both Schomberg and Nobleton.

The sixth annual Schomberg tree lighting brought out the residents, who were entertained by student singers from St. Patrick School. This event was sponsored by the Schomberg Village Association.

In Nobleton, the third annual tree lighting took place at the gazebo next to the library. Visitors enjoyed treats, music and a visit by Santa, too at the event sponsored by the Nobleton Village Association and Nobleton Lions. They also collected donations for the Nobleton Christmas Drive.

Photos by Mark Pavilons & Jeff Doner



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Nobleton No Frills' savvy customers understand value

By Mark Pavilons
It's all about the customers. That's how the owner of John's No Frills in Nobleton sums up his first year in business. John Ciarallo is not only pleased about his venture and investment in his new community, he's quite optimistic that he'll continue to serve King for a long time to come. He sees many familiar faces at his store and loyal customers hail from

across King and surrounding areas like Bolton. "The future looks really good," he said, noting he can't wait to see the finishing touches put on the plaza, that will soon be home to retail stores, an LCBO and Scotiabank. The LCBO is slated to open mid-January and he sees this as a way for people to shop locally. Once the plaza fills, it will also create local jobs. The first year wasn't without its challenges,

mainly from construction along Highway 27 and within the mall itself. While Ciarallo would have liked the buildings finished sooner, it will be really nice when it's all said and done. He praised the Township for its design standards, as well as Tribute for its commitment and minimal disruption. Councillor Peter Grandilli has also been helpful in addressing issues, Ciarallo said, who's made the move to Nobleton from

Bolton. Now that he's a local resident he's beginning to see things differently. While he admits traffic on Highway 27 can be challenging at times, he's pleasantly surprised at the well mannered motorists in the sea of cars. Ciarallo has spent a great deal of time and effort developing his staff and offering meaningful employment opportunities. His customers have come to know just what a discount store has to offer and "it's a pleasure to do business with people who

understand value." The store's slogan of "Won't be beat" translates to dollars and cents. A family will see the savings immediately when they shop at No Frills and in this day and age, every penny counts. The store remains as clean and well organized as the day it opened. Ciarallo said since this was his first year in the community, ordering items and gauging consumer needs has been tricky. As well, seasonal items have to be ordered well in advance and the Christmas offering was

booked back in July. Nevertheless, Ciarallo draws on his decades of experience and promises this will be a great yuletide season. He's pleased at the local growth and development across King, noting the municipality is blessed with "good civic leadership." Being a good corporate citizen, No Frills is a strong supporter of the King Township Food Bank, local schools and the Nobleton Lions Club. It is all about people and the community.



John Ciarallo is thrilled to be ushering in the season at No Frills, which marks its first anniversary in Nobleton.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

Beckett knows all about oysters

By Bill Rea

When it comes to learning about oysters and oyster excellence, Barney Beckett is the man to talk to. He has been running Barney's Oyster Excellence out of Caledon village, specializing in catering private parties — "any event, any party with just oysters." Beckett explained that he left the construction trade after about 30 years and took a bartending course. That was followed by a job at a local pub, where he found himself shucking oysters. "I saw the interest of it," he said. "It's becoming more of an interest. People like it. It's something different to have at your event." He added they can be used for just about any occasion. "They go with anything," he said. Beckett also said there is an entertainment component too, complete with stories and jokes, along with anecdotes he's learned about oysters. "I enjoy being around people," he said. "I've always got a story." There's more information about Barney's Oyster Excellence at <http://oysterecellence.com>.





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ASK sets its sights on delivering its mandate

By Mark Pavilons

Fostering inspiration, understanding and appreciation for the arts, heritage and nature in King takes a concerted effort by many dedicated groups and individuals.

Providing that top-shelf leadership and programming is what Arts Society King (ASK) is all about.

Armed with some new board members and a revamped business plan, ASK plans on meeting its mandate and turning a profit, in the years to come.

ASK held its well-attended AGM at the King Museum, proving just why they're the go-to arts and culture organization in the region.

Out-going president Geoff Simpson said it takes a team effort to support the arts and present the annual arts festival. He mentioned sponsors and partners that include the Township of King, King Music Centre (for use of the Postmasters House), TRCA, U of T and horticultural societies, to name a few.

Simpson provided an annual review, which included a visioning ses-

sion, the creation of the ASK business plan, grant details, ASK's presence at many local events, the impact of Mosaic magazine and the banner program in King. The group's list of activities and events is impressive, indeed. They include the spring studio tour and the massive month-long ASK Festival in June and July. Family Nature Days, new this year, were a huge hit.

The use of Nobleton's Postmasters House was a great benefit to the organization, but the property was sold recently. With help from the Township, ASK will likely settle into its new home at the King Museum.

"It's awe-inspiring what this group accomplishes," Simpson said.

Brent McLean provided the treasurer's report, noting they earned a profit of \$9,600 for the fiscal year ending in September. They would like to see all of the events ASK provides to generate a profit in the neighbourhood of 20% in order for them to be sustainable.

Grants, particularly a sizeable one from the Ontario Trillium Foundation,



Arts Society King welcomed a new slate of officers to carry out the organization's mandate for the next two years.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

accounts for roughly 53% of the group's revenue.

Lynda Rogers presented the business plan, which includes four major objectives. They include generating a profit by the end of 2015; fulfilling the requirements of the Trillium grant; obtaining a

charitable donation number, and increasing events and their profitability.

This fluid document is a work in progress, she said, noting it changes constantly as the group moves forward.

Community involvement is the backbone of ASK, and they're always finding new ways to interact and share arts and

culture with residents and visitors. They may have to implement some small changes in order to continue providing those top-level programs.

Leading the charge in the 2013-2015 term is the new board - Sue Iaboni, president; Denny Starritt, vice-president; Lynda Rogers, past-president; Sheila Middleton, secretary. They

are still looking for a permanent treasurer. Directors include Irene Bayer; Sharon Bentley; Ann Livingstone; Chirstine Paige; Liina Peacock; Jennifer Peers; Murdene Pozdrowski; Elaine Robertson; Cathy Webster; Dr. Art Weiss; Tom Wray. Councillor Debbie Schaefer joins as a Township liaison and Mayor Steve Pellegrini was named an honorary director, charged with helping to spread the word about ASK.

Iaboni said she originally got involved in ASK shortly after moving to King in 2007. She thanked Geoff and welcomed the "new faces" who will provide excitement and energy to the organization.

ASK values the support by King Township in their events and their transition to the Museum.

ASK is not sustainable without Trillium funding at this point, Iaboni observed so they have some challenges ahead. But they have many fundraising ideas and a wealth of new families in King to reach out to. They are creating sponsorship packages and will introduce a music and food program - Winter Bites - in the new year.

"We have a lot going for us," she said.

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SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Schmberg Cougars down Orillia, lose to Stayner

By JEFF DONER

The Cougars had something to prove this week, wanting to bounce back from a couple losses and make sure last week was just a blip on the radar.

They did that at home on Thursday night in a home matchup against the Orillia Terriers in a 3-1 win.

"I thought we played good tonight and had some hustle, lots of chances, but Orillia is playing better hockey right now, so we had to be prepared for them. We had a good couple of practices this week," said head coach Jim Egerton.

"Last week the Erin game wasn't our best, but the game in Stayner I thought we played well enough to win that game even though we got out-shot. We still had a chance to win that game."

In the first period against Orillia, Kevin Sarrazin gave the Cougars a 1-0 lead on the power play at 9:55 with Blake Culley picking up the lone assist.

Orillia evened things up just minutes later, but the Cougars used a

strong second period to get ahead and keep it that way.

Kiefer McIntosh and Declan Lampe each scored in the second period to put the Cougars up 3-2. There was no scoring in the third despite Schomberg having to kill off a couple five-on-three situations.

Goalie Taylor Ewart earned the win stopping 21 shots.

"Taylor Ewart made some big saves tonight and we got some timely goals, but I think we probably could have had more goals tonight – their goalie played well," Egerton said post-game. "But a win is a win and that's what we needed to get back on track."

McIntosh, who scored and provided a spark for the Cougars throughout the game, was happy with the way his team played.

"We took the tempo to them right off the bat and then we kind of let off for a couple minutes when they got their one goal," he said. "After that we just took it back to them and never looked back."

After losing a couple games the previous week, McIntosh acknowledged it was crucial for the Cougars to rebound.

"It was very important especially



since we're playing Stayner on Monday. They're a good team and we just lost to them the other night, so we want to go out there and kick there butt," he said.

"We've just got to move our feet. They're a big strong team, but as long as we can move our feet and get around them it'll be no problem."

Stayner overpowers

The Cougars were confident heading into this one on Monday night, but it didn't turn out the way they had hoped it would.

By the time the third period rolled around, the Cougars found themselves in a deep 4-0 hole.

They pushed hard and tried to mount a comeback, outshooting the

Siskins 15-5 in the third, but the damage had been done.

They were, however, able to get some offence going. McIntosh scored on the power play with 11 minutes left in the game on a goal assisted by Declan Lampe and Brandon Yorke.

Blake Culley then made it 5-2 at 13:50 again on the power play, but the Cougars ran out of time quashing a possible comeback.

This week the Cougars will face another big test when they welcome the Alliston Hornets to the Trisan Centre on Thursday night at 8:30 p.m.

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Little Rockers display big enthusiasm

By SHELEE MORNING

Every Wednesday and Thursday a string of “Little Rock” curlers begin to arrive at the rink, some walking from school, for their 4 p.m. practice to learn the art and skill of curling.

A total of 42 Little Rockers ranging in age from 6-12, are learning to deliver, sweep, and judge weight of the stones. Coaches Julie Oakley and Diane Russo have been working with the youngsters on skill practice along with actual game play in their scheduled session once a week.

Of course every athlete needs a bit of protein before a workout, so before hitting the ice, the little rockers begin with a snack in which the parents take turns in providing, followed by a small discussion about the “word of the week” – something for which they will be learning for that day. A group warm-up of stretches and running on the spot is conducted then they head off to the ice for the skill that has been chosen for the day.

The enthusiasm and high energy is contagious among the kids as well as the laughter and good cheer when a great shot or attempt has been accomplished. A 2-end game concludes the session followed by a cool-down exercise then the kids head back upstairs for the all-important hot chocolate that awaits them. The winners of the game “get” the hot drinks for their opponents by bringing it to the table for them.

The Little Rock League also selects a “Little Rock Star” each week recognizing star quality for improvement, goal reaching, and skill accomplishments.

King Curling would like to recognize and congratulate this week’s Little Rock Stars – Davis Forrest and Jenna Giustizia. Davis executed perfect T-Line

weight during the skill of the day practice last week – 3 times! T-Line weight is the accurate amount of throw during delivery in which the stone must stop on the t-line in the centre of the house.

Five-year-old Jenna Giustizia has also been awarded Little Rock Star this week for working very hard on how to deliver the stone when pushing out of the hack. The stones weigh 20 pounds, a bit smaller from the standard adult rock which weighs 40 pounds. It’s quite an accomplishment for a 5-year-old.

Julie Oakley, head coach of the Little Rocks says: “The coaches and kids are having a great time, and as a coach, it is so satisfying to have a group of kids that want to learn the game. They ask great questions, listen and are always striving to do better.”

The coaching staff for all the youth programs are strictly operated by volunteers and Oakley has some very experienced curlers in her rink that are ready, willing, and able to help these youngsters each week. Diane Russo leads the Thursday Little Rock group with the help of Greg Switzer while Cindy Phillips and Barb Davis come out to help Oakley.

Exciting hit and roll

Our feature game on Thursday night mixed team entry was on the early draw with Team Howard against Team Groombridge.

The action began very quickly with a steal of 3 points in the first for Howard. The squad returned to follow by a take of 4. Skip Diane Howard and her team of husband, Gary Howard, Heidi Beck and Skid Crease were in the comfort zone of the house and seemingly in control of the game.



Jenna Giustizia, 5, has been selected as one of the leagues Little Rocks Stars of the week for her hard work on learning how to deliver the rock.

Skip Doug Groombridge, a veteran curler who should never be underestimated, kept his team of Lou Ann Curtis, and Brenda and Bryce Clark in the cool for the next few ends, slowly chipping away at the score board.

The highlight of the game was a missed shot in the 6th end by Team Howard, resulting in a hit that removed one of Groombridge’s buried rocks that was frozen on the button, but left an open shot for the opposing skip. Skip Doug followed with a text book perfect hit and roll that sent a rock right back to where his previously rested to take 2

for the end.

Without the hammer and only down by one heading into the last end, Groombridge felt that the game made a decent turn around and anticipated the new adrenaline his team now had, would certainly produce an exciting finish. As the final end made its way to completion, it would be Howard with the final stone collecting 2 and win the match 8-6.

With stellar sweeping, accurate weight, and precision shot making, the curling on sheet 2 was “Pro-worthy.” And as the old saying goes, “it’s never over, until the last curler has thrown.”



Davis Forrest was also awarded The Little Rock Star due to his superb efforts when practising Tee-Line Weight. Davis’s rock stopped on the Tee-Line 3 times.

Local athletes win awards at Pickering College

Pickering College’s fall sports program has concluded for the season and the 2013 fall athletic award recipients have been announced. The students from King City who won awards include:

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NobleKing midgets down Innisfil foes 5-1

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It was a back and forth match for the majority of the first two periods, as both teams were held scoreless after the first.

The Knights would be the first to get in the board at 7:25 in the second period to take the lead,

but it was the third period when the Knights really broke out, netting four goals to put Innisfil in a hole.

Will Stanton scored two in the period for the Knights, while Owen Adley added two of his own.

Kyle Persons started in net for the Kings and looked solid throughout, making some big stops to keep his team in the hunt for the win.

This Knights squad will now look to keep that momentum rolling when they face the Lefroy Ice-breakers on Dec. 6.



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708 DEATHS

ALEXANDER: Arch. At Riverwood Retirement Home, Alliston, on Sunday December 1st, 2013. Arch Alexander at 90 years of age, beloved husband of the late Mary (Knihnicki). Loving father of Gary and his wife Trish, Lauren Riordan, and the late Randy. Remembered with love by his grandchildren Kevin and Keith Riordan and Riley and Devin Alexander. Pre-deceased by his 13 brothers and sisters. In memoriam donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, 112 Commerce Park Drive, Unit 1, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 8W8 would be appreciated by the family. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B49

708 DEATHS

VERMEER: Antje (Honingh). On Tuesday, November 26, 2013, Antje (Honingh) Vermeer (aged 93) passed away peacefully to be with her beloved husband, the late Dirk Vermeer (Jan. 27, 2003); loving mother of Rev. Cory Vermeer-Cuthbert and Winston Cuthbert, Marlina Vermeer-Korittko and the late Ulrich Korittko, and Gary Vermeer and Astrid de Groot; very proud Oma of Rory and Thomasina Cuthbert, Cassandra and Brianna Vermeer-Korittko and Lina and Levi Vermeer; oldest sister to Geertje, Jake, Jenny and Gretha and the late Willem and Jan; well-loved "nicht" to many in the Netherlands. Antje was an avid member of the Women's Institute in both the Netherlands and Canada, a member of the United Church of Canada, the Caledon Singers and the Vaughan Historical Society. She was a skilled and prolific needle worker; we all enjoyed her hand-knit socks; she was always a front row enthusiast at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Alliston, never missing a concert or church service; she happily sang along - "Let me call you sweetheart." In Mom's honour, donations may be made to the Tottenham United Church building fund or to a charity of your choice. Visitation was held at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, Ontario on Friday November 29, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Service of celebration of Antje's life was held on Saturday November 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the Tottenham United Church, 26 Mill Street East; Brian Nicholson officiating. Interment immediately following the service at Mt. Tegar Cemetery. B49

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708 DEATHS

KING: Karen Ann. Peacefully at her home in Newmarket on Thursday November 28, 2013. Karen (Power), at the age of 48 years, beloved wife of John King. Loving mother of Christopher and Ashley, and Jesse and Matt. Remembered with love by her grandson Colby. Beloved daughter of Marie and the late Ray Power. Fondly remembered by her siblings: Debbie Smith, Brian Power, Barb Showers, Andrew Power, her nieces and nephews: Tyler, Shelby, Daniel, Kevin, Jacob, and Sarah, and her extended family and friends. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday December 4, 2013 from 12 pm until time of memorial service in the chapel at 1 pm. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B49

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York approves housing plan

York Region is a great place to live. It also has a high-cost home ownership market, the lowest proportion of rental housing in the GTA and an extremely low vacancy rate.

The average cost of a new single-detached home is more than \$700,000 and virtually no new private-rental housing has been built in the last decade.

To address this, York regional council approved the draft 10-Year Housing Plan, Housing Solutions: A place for everyone.

"Regional council is committed to finding appropriate housing choices for everyone," said York Region chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "With an increasing and diversifying population, creating successful housing options depends on the support and engagement of government, housing providers, community agencies, the housing development industry and the community."

This begins with having a full mix and range of housing options that meet the needs of all residents and workers. To create appropriate housing options, the plan's four goals and 60 actions encompass rental markets and home ownership. The goals are to:

- Increase the rental housing supply.
- Sustain the existing rental housing supply.
- Support home ownership affordability.
- Strengthen the homelessness and housing stability system.

The plan also builds on previous regional investments. From 2002 to 2012, regional council:

- Created 734 new affordable-rent units with a total investment of \$153 million.
- Provided \$29 million to social housing providers for building repairs and accessibility upgrades.
- Invested \$52 million in programs and services supporting low and moderate-income residents.
- Directed \$32 million to social housing providers for building repairs and accessibility upgrades.
- Established a policy framework supporting housing affordability.
- Established the Human Services Planning Board of York Region to find collaborative solutions to help people make ends meet, with work focusing on affordable housing and economic self-sufficiency.

The final 10-Year Housing Plan will be presented to Regional Council for approval in early 2014 and will incorporate feedback from stakeholder consultations.

Southlake fundraising ball raises a 'staggering' \$810,000

Behind a sea of masks, the Southlake community demonstrated an incredible generosity at the Nature's Emporium Masquerade Ball for Southlake, held Nov. 2 in Vaughan. The goal was set at \$115,000.

The exciting evening included a lavish cocktail reception and gourmet dinner featuring delicious organic and natural food made possible thanks to Nature's Emporium. Entertainment included can-can dancers, surprise draws, a live band and dancing, and once-in-a-lifetime items in the silent and live auctions. The highlight of the live auction was the introduction of the new 10-bedroom Residential Hospice, scheduled to open its doors in 2015, six of which were fully furnished and equipped thanks to the staggering generosity of live auction donors, who were clearly moved by the need for end of life care in our community.

"The Southlake community has shown its profound commitment to excellent healthcare for our community and its great compassion for families dealing with the end of life of a loved one," said Neila Poscente, president and CEO of the Southlake Foundation. "The passion with which donors embrace our hospital is truly

moving, and they demonstrated their generosity yet again at the Nature's Emporium Southlake Masquerade Ball".

Under the leadership of a volunteer Committee which worked together for almost 18 months, the event had a spectacular

new venue, and was filled with engaging activities including an oyster bar, photo booth and many more surprises. The hard work and dedication was well worth it as these volunteers watched the magical night unfold.

"Our guests had a won-

derful evening, and we all benefit from having a world class health centre in our area," said Wendy Neal, member of the ball steering committee. "Our family is forever grateful for the amazing care that we have received and will continue to receive at

Southlake."

That success translates into improved care at Southlake. Proceeds from this year's event will support Southlake's urgent priorities, especially a second MRI.

"While Southlake has a well-deserved reputation for clinical excellence,

especially in cardiac and cancer care, you can't treat it if you can't find it," said Poscente. "The new state-of-the-art second MRI for Southlake will allow 5,000 more scans per year, and it is estimated to reduce wait times a staggering 76% in the first year alone."



RBC boosts NobleKing Knights

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Horticultural society holds AGM, presents awards



The Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society held its AGM and awards night Nov. 25. The winner of the Novice Cup was Margery Hunt. It was presented by Mayor Steve Pellegrini. The President's Awards were presented by President Deborah Socol. Shown are president Deborah Socol, Blair Day, Barb Downey, Sheila Middleton, Maria Pedersen. The group's executive was sworn in by assistant director of York West Society, Barb Downey. Shown are (l to r) Kathy Ball, Dennis Ball, outgoing President Deborah Socol, incoming president Lorraine Feast, 2nd vice-president John Bot, Gordon Berry, Ingrid Elliott, Serena Edmunds, John Arnott, Barb Downey.

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Many events in King to enjoy the holiday season

By Mark Pavilons in the holiday spirit across King Township.

There are plenty of opportunities to share From church concerts and visits by San-

ta, to public skating and crafts, families can come together to enjoy the season. Fundraisers are also the call of the day, to help those who need it most in our community.

The King Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Christmas Luncheon and Toy Drive Thursday, Dec. 5, starting at noon at the Cardinal Golf Club on Highway 9. Tickets are \$40 for members, and \$50 for non-members.

Enjoy roasted turkey with all the trimmings, as well as beef striploin, pasta and salmon. RSVP by calling 905-717-7199 or email info@kingchamber.ca.

The Chamber presents its 5th annual Children's Christmas Toy Drive and are asking members and residents to donate a new, unwrapped toy to put under the tree. Members of the King fire department will distribute the toys to children this season.

King's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is offering a family gingerbread house building workshop, Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the Nobleton Arena. All supplies will be provided, but space is limited. Call 905-833-5321, ext. 5223 or email

jbell@king.ca to register.

There's public skating at all three arenas in King. King City offers it Saturdays 5:30-7 p.m.; Nobleton provides it Saturdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and you can skate at the Trisan Centre Sundays from 2-3:30 p.m. The cost is only \$2.

The King Township Historical Society is presenting its annual

Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at King City United Church.

On tap is a fabulous, festive mix of country, folk and classical music, courtesy of Janet and Jonathan, Stephanie Kramer and Jennifer Enns Modolo.

Tickets are \$20 each, and children 12 and under are admitted free. Call Heather at 905-503-

4940 or Diana, 905-859-3965 to reserve a seat.

The Nobleton Lions present their annual free children's Christmas party, Saturday, Dec. 14. It runs 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Nobleton Community Arena. Children receive free hot dogs and drinks. The younger children will be able to visit Santa and receive a free treat bag.

The word around King

What do you have planned for the holidays?



Fabio Lus

"Cocooning by a good warm fire and having lots of family time."



Jacqie Pritchard

"We're going back to the UK for Christmas, but we try to discover some new things in all the villages."



Simon Pritchard

"Going to the different Christmas things in the small communities and towns before going to the UK."



Betty Lus

"We've got 22 people coming over and we also roast chestnuts every year."

Ronan Realty joins Coldwell Banker real estate network

Coldwell Banker Real Estate announced that Ronan Realty Ltd., a multi-office operation headquartered in Tottenham, has joined the Coldwell Banker network. The established local real estate firm has 75 highly productive and experienced real estate professionals, in six locations throughout central Ontario.

The firm will operate as Coldwell Banker Ronan Realty, effective immediately and joins the global Coldwell Banker network of 3,000 residential real estate offices and over 84,000 brokers and sales professionals worldwide.

Owner Marc Ronan announced the company's new affiliation in a company-wide kickoff meeting at the Gibson Centre in Alliston, attended by Goldwell Banker Canada national leadership.

"Our company has a strong work ethic and is known for its reputation, commitment to customer service and advanced technology," said Ronan. "After careful consideration, we made the decision to align with Coldwell Banker because they offer deep resources to help us grow and develop within the Canadian marketplace and delivered the greatest value to our company."

Under its new banner as Coldwell Banker Ronan Realty, the company will continue to operate out of its six current office locations in Alliston, Barrie, Nobleton, Orangeville, Tottenham and Wasaga Beach, under the direction of Marc Ronan, broker of record Gladys Craine and broker/manager Paula Carney.

The company plans a grand opening celebration to be held at a later date. "We are delighted that Ronan Realty has chosen to affiliate with Coldwell Banker," said Andy Puthon, president of Coldwell Banker Canada Operations ULC. "Marc Ronan and his well established and respected team serve a diverse suburban and rural market. Their productive sales force and locations throughout Central Ontario will be a welcome addition to our network. We are proud to welcome Coldwell Banker Ronan Realty, and look forward to working together to grow our presence in the thriving Canadian market."

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St. Andrew's welcomes the 'Vissers team' to pulpit

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Remember when we could look out at the sky and see millions of stars?

Sometimes they were a sparkly road map on a cold winter night. Now there are so many lights in subdivisions, shopping centres, the airport, we may catch just a glimmer of a planet in the twilight sky.

Stars are an Advent sign of hope. Some may wish upon a star, but our hope is on the star that calls to us to follow on our Advent journey.

On the first Sunday of Advent we lit the first blue candle of the Advent wreath, the candle of Hope. Rev. Evelyn's message was based on the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Zechariah is finally given the honour of lighting the incense in the inner sanctum of the temple. The voice of an angel comes to him to tell him that he and Elizabeth are to become parents, even in their old age. They will have a son to be called John. He will become known as "John the Baptist." They will raise this child to prepare the world for the message that Jesus will bring. They will share their words of hope, of joy.

In Advent we come to the darkest time of the year and we light candles. We light them to dispel the dark. Turn on your Christmas lights because they shine as Hope and Joy. Join us for our Advent services. Dec. 8 is Advent II. We will hear about Mary and her conversation with the angel. At 1 p.m. we will be sharing in a carol service. The vocal and bell choirs will both be participating. Lots of carols for all to sing. An offering for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines will be taken. December 14 is lunch with Santa, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6:50 for adults, \$20 per family (2 adults, 3 children). Soup, sandwich, dessert, pizza for children. Our famous "Cookie Walk" – buy a cookie tin and fill it for Christmas gifts or entertaining, a bake table, donations for the silent auction needed. Call Serena at 905-833-2707. Live auction for gingerbread houses, sleigh, huge gingerbread cookie, presentation by "Dance Dreams" and, of course, Santa. This is a great family time. Tickets also available at the door. December 15 is Advent III – a presentation by the Sunday school then a pot luck lunch. We eat well at this church. December 22 is traditionally our Christmas Sunday. We will hear about the angel's message to the shepherds. From 1 to 3:30 p.m. a group of carolers will be out. If you know of a shut-in or anyone who would like to hear the car-

olers, please call our office. December 24 is our Christmas Eve service. Lots of carols and a story. We end our worship with candle light around the sanctuary, singing "Silent Night."

Join us as we worship through Advent. Sunday at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. Join in coffee for time to get acquainted and enjoy fellowship. 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. Information for our website, send to fjesty@hotmail.com. Check us out at www.kcuc.ca. Reverend Evelyn McLachlan kcucmin@bellnet.ca office, 905-833-5181 or kcuc@bellnet.ca.

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King Bible Church

Come and join us on Tuesday, Dec. 10 for "Christmas in Art and Music." Tom Hayes will highlight the paintings of the masters and his wife will play the carols. We will begin our time at 1 with refreshments and fellowship. Come join us and invite your friends.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us this Advent season. Our worship services are at 10:30 a.m. with "kids' time" running concurrently. Nursery care is also available. Stay afterwards for a time of fellowship over coffee.

Last week, the first Sunday of Advent, St. Andrew's welcomed the Viss-



St. Andrew's welcomed the Vissers team this past Sunday – the Rev. Dr. John Vissers and his wife Lynn, who started their year-long ministry with the congregation.

Photo by Jeff Doner

ers team – the Rev. Dr. John Vissers and his wife Lynn, who started their year-long contract with us. This arrangement will provide us with continuity in the pulpit, pastoral care and support as we continue to be open to God's leading for St. Andrew's. The Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers from St. Andrew's, Newmarket will continue to be our Interim Moderator. We appreciated Councillor Debbie Schaefer being present to welcome the Vissers.

The lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope was by Dr. Riina and Liam Bray. Rev. Vissers' sermon was entitled "Where does the Story begin?" a thoughtful question to pose at the beginning of Advent – the beginning of the Church Year. The scripture passage was Mark 1:1-8.

The Christmas in King gifts have been collected at St. Andrew's and the children were thrilled to place the gifts and food hamper items under the Christmas tree, followed by a prayer of dedication by Rev. Vissers. These gifts were then collected and taken to be sorted for distribution on Dec. 14.

The "Tree of Warmth" is in the church narthex where donations of mittens, socks, scarves and hats along with tins of homemade cookies can be placed for distribution by Evangel Hall. The Christmas gift box for King City Lodge residents is in another corner of the narthex. Please mark whether the gift is for a male or female. These gifts will be taken to the Lodge Dec. 15.

The congregational Christmas potluck and Sunday school party is this Saturday, Dec. 7 starting at 4 p.m. with supper at 5 p.m., followed by a visit

from a special visitor and Christmas carol singing, concluding around 7 p.m. We'd love to have you join us.

Prayer is key at St. Andrew's. The Ladies' Prayer Group continues Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Church narthex. We'd love to have you join us.

Should you have any prayer requests, praise items or any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 905-833-2325 or call Kathy Patterson, clerk of session or our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers at 905-895-5512. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility.

All Saints By Nicola Skinner

Christmas is around the corner and the streets are beginning to twinkle with their merry lights. Here at the church we are celebrating Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas which prepare us for the coming of Jesus Christ as a light into the world.

We are reminded that Jesus came to illuminate for us the ways of God; peace, mercy, justice and love. We aim not to be so wrapped up in wrapping, that we forget the meaning behind the giving of the gifts. If life is a bit too busy right now, maybe you could carve out an hour for yourself and come to "Soul Training" for Christmas led by the Rev Sandor Borbely. On Wednesdays – Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at 7 p.m. spend an hour in guided meditation and leave feeling refreshed in spirit. You can come to all three or just one.

The Good Yule Market

happens this Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for some incredible baking, arts and crafts, gourmet jams and jellies, and a scrumptious lunch. Then on Tuesday, Dec. 10, join us for the annual Community Christmas Dinner. Anyone is welcome, especially those who are alone at Christmastime. Come and enjoy a phenomenal dinner with all the trimmings. Just call the church office to book your seat.

If you can only come to one service this Christmas and you're not around on Christmas Eve, we strongly recommend you attend our beautiful service of Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. For this occasion we bring in professional singers to swell our choir and raise the rafters with voice and organ. Great music, carols and candlelight. This is a Christmas treat.

We also offer a quiet and meditative Blue Christmas service on Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the chapel at 7 p.m. This is a good time to remember loved ones.

Christmas Eve services are at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion and a wonderful nativity play performed by the young people of the parish, and at 10 p.m. our traditional candlelit Holy Communion. You are welcome.

All Saints is an inclusive and welcoming Anglican church in the heart of King City. We strive to be a community of compassion and hope, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Service times are 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and we are located at 12935 Keele Street, King City. See www.allsaintskingcity.com. Please leave messages at 905-833-5432, and I will return your call.

Schomberg celebrates A Main Street Christmas

By Mark Pavilons

Schomberg has officially ushered in the holiday season.

The lights were turned on Sunday evening on the "Main Street Christmas Tree."

The 6th annual community Christmas tree lighting included entertainment by the St. Patrick's School choir and Stephen Ruppert.



This event was sponsored by the Schomberg Village Association.

The annual Main Street Christmas takes place this Saturday, Dec. 7 from 3-9 p.m.

At 4 p.m. the Santa Claus parade kicks off the festivities at this family event along historic Main Street. Costumed strolling carolers, a town crier and Ebenezer Scrooge evoke a bygone era. Musical entertainers, jugglers and fire-eaters will fascinate the crowds.

Visit with Santa and his reindeer, and maybe have your picture taken. Watch ice sculpting; shop for crafts and sample local Christmas fare – baked goods, roasted chestnuts and hot apple cider.

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