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## Families hone their skills making gingerbread houses

Families flocked to the Nobleton Arena last week to build the ever-popular gingerbread house for the holidays. Here Everett and Mark are hard at work on their creation.

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# King Township honours local business owners

By Angela Gismondi

The 2013 Spotlight on Business plaques were presented to four outstanding local business owners at the Dec. 2 council meeting.

The program is part of King's economic development strategy.

King Township Spotlight on Business profiles are presented to local businesses in appreciation of their contribution to a prosperous and sustainable community.

"They are a feature and

are aligned with King's first ever economic development strategy and the need to tell King's story far and wide," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini during the presentation. "The objective is to profile successful businesses as testimonials for attracting new investment and businesses that share our common vision and goals of a sustainable King that strives for a balance of preservation and prosperity."

Criteria for selection of businesses to profile include indications of the



businesses adaptability and sustainability; demonstrated and incremental growth of the business and a demonstrated commitment at being valued corporate citizens.

This year's profile plaques were presented to Robert Dickie of Spark Innovations, Vivian Millard and Sean Fogg of Gimcrack Equestrian Centre, Sheena Henderson of Sheena's Kitchen and Dr. Elwood Hurst of the Nobleton Dental Clinic.

Dr. Hurst began his dental practice in Nobleton in April 1983. The practice is a true family-run business. Dr. Hurst is the main practitioner but he is semi-retired and only works a few days a week. His daughter, who is also a dentist, works at the clinic four days a week. One of his daughters is a receptionist at the clinic and another one is a part time hygienist there. His wife Marjorie manages the books and the accounting. The clinic offers a variety of services in family and general dentistry. Procedures offered at the clinic include extractions, root canals, orthodontics, cosmetic services like whitening and veneers, crowns, bridges, dentures and fillings.

Sheena Henderson is the owner of Sheena's Kitchen, a popular restaurant on Main Street in Schomberg. People in

King have been enjoying the quaint atmosphere of the country kitchen for 20 years. Henderson started the business at Crawford Wells in King City before moving to Schomberg. Her traditional, home-style cooking and popular pastries keeps people coming back again and again. People come from far and wide to try the daily menu which varies with a wide selection of soups, sandwiches, salad, casserole main courses and desserts.

Gimcrack Equestrian Centre was purchased by the Millard family in 2002 with a focus on hunters and jumpers. The facility is located on 40 acres in King's countryside equestrian community. The centre is focused creating a customized, positive experience for both the horse and the rider. The atmosphere on the farm is professional with attention to detail and quality care and training and social with hacking trails, common areas and social events. The main barn has 30 stalls with larger stalls to accommodate horses recuperating from surgery or an injury or giving extra space for a mare and her foal. The centre also features a quarantine barn and six stalls located in two other out-buildings. A grand prix ring is currently being constructed at the north end of the property. It is expected to be opera-

tional by the spring.

Spark Innovations was founded by Bob Dickie in 1988 with the goal of creating innovative product designs with strong intellectual property. The business is located on King Road in the business core of King City. Spark offers one-stop shopping for inventors and innovators. Solutions are tailored to the client whether they require only help with a product design or assistance through the entire process from design to consumer.

Products and services include research with information gathered through brainstorming, focus groups and market

research, concept development, design and engineering, prototyping and manufacturing and guidance through the patenting process.

Spark not only helps clients who innovate and invent, the company also does its own innovating. The company has created innovative tools for the medical and dental sectors. One such product was a small wrench with three different features and was created for dentists to use for implants.

The Township has been releasing the spotlights for three years now, and plans to continue with the spotlight series in 2014.




Local businesses receiving praise from King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini and councillors included Spark Innovations (Bob Dickie, above), Gimcrack Equestrian Centre (below), Sheena Henderson (top) and Dr. Elwood Hurst (Nobleton Dental, right).

Photos by Angela Gismondi



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# Santa ready to give coal to bad drivers

Who doesn't love those huge wet snowflakes flying at the windshield on a dark, country road?

It's like someone whacked your car with a bunch of down-filled pillows.

There's no question that winter is fraught with driving challenges, particularly in this part of Ontario. From Orangeville, through King and Newmarket, we are in Mother Nature's sights when it comes to winter storms.

Highway 400, running through this township, is notorious for multi-car pileups during heavy snowfalls.

I find it so sad when someone is badly injured

of killed in an automobile accident. What a waste. Imagine leaving this world during a drive in to work in the morning.

Most seasoned drivers have seen it all - fog, torrential downpours and winter storms.

Roughly two years ago, I was driving through Bolton, rolling down the south hill towards the four corners. It had snowed and the roads were wet, but not icy. As I approached the intersection and hit the brakes, my car slid sideways, just missing two vehicles in the curb lane. I managed to straighten out and continue on my way.

Next to sliding into a



**Mark Pavilons**

couple of ditches, that was one of the scariest incidents I've had, believing that for sure I was headed for an impact.

Growing up in rural Caledon, I have been in cars that have hit deer, more than once!

There are a lot of white-knuckled drivers out there who simply hate driving in bad weather. No one likes it, but we have to be prepared, simply because we have to drive.

And during the holiday season, there are more cars on the road than normal. If we experience a couple of storms during prime Christmas shopping days, well, the holidays can quickly go from joyous to nasty.

What this means is we have to take extra caution while on the roads this season. It's both a matter of public safety, and goodwill towards others.

It seems driving during the holidays brings out the worst in us.

A recent State Farm survey reveals aggressive driving skyrockets during the holidays.

**King Trivia**

65% of King Township geographic area is contained in the Oak Ridges Moraine.

More than half (54 per cent) of Canadians surveyed witnessed aggressive driving during the winter holidays, with 32 per cent seeing aggressive driving most often during Christmas. Comparatively, only 44 per cent of Canadians reported seeing aggressive driving during summer holidays.

Regardless of the reasons, Canadians recognize that aggressive driving during the holidays is a reality for themselves as well. The survey revealed more than half (55 per cent) of drivers admit they have adverse emotions while behind the wheel during the winter holidays. And, three in 10 Canadian drivers say they are more likely to engage in aggressive driving during the holiday season.

"These new findings reinforce how important it is to keep safety top of mind when driving every day, but especially during increased travel times like the winter holidays," says Chris Mullen, director of technology research at State Farm. "Both negative and positive emotions can affect the way drivers behave and it's vital to focus on the road and practice safe driving behaviours."

Some other key findings include 32 per cent of younger drivers (ages 18-29), 28 per cent of middle aged drivers (ages 30-49) and parents (30 per cent) were significantly more likely to report being provoked or engage in aggressive driving around the major winter holidays, compared to only 9 per cent of older drivers (ages 50 and older) and non-parents (15 per cent).

An impressive 61 per cent of Canadian drivers indicate they have experienced some form of aggressive driving six times or more in recent months.

Aggressive driving in-

cludes a wide spectrum of actions - speeding, running red lights, tailgating, weaving in and out of traffic and failing to yield right of way, among other behaviours, according to Transport Canada.

Research has shown excessive speed increases the risk of collisions, injury and death, and 29 per cent of crashes at signalized intersections were caused by a driver violating a red light (Traffic Injury Research Foundation).

Control your emotions and recognize it's not personal and it's not a race.

When I was younger, getting out and shouting at another driver was one thing. Today, you never know if someone is armed or just plain crazy.

We all know this full well, but it's important to give ourselves more time, even an extra five minutes can make all the difference in the world.

So, as the weather outside turns frightful, try to remain delightful ... let it snow, let it snow ....

**Brain teaser**



Tom is 40, Jerry is 13. How many years ago was Tom four times as old as Jerry?

Last week's answer: A "case" can be cracked, etc.

**Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013**

- ~ "Social equality is the only basis of human happiness."
- ~ "Reconciliation means working together to correct the legacy of past injustice."
- ~ "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
- ~ "It always seems impossible until it's done."
- ~ "We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right."

*Letters to the Editor*

**Thanks to the Lions**

Many thanks once again to the Nobleton Lions for treating us to yet another delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, a great evening of entertainment and fun and the opportunity to participate in their support of world-wide Guiding.

We look forward every year to this special event. We truly appreciate your dedication and wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and good health in the coming year!

*Les and Mary Ann Jenkin*

**Girl's honesty praised**

On the day of the Schomberg Main Street Christmas, my daughter-in-law, who had come with her son and his friend as volunteers for this annual spectacular event, lost \$60 in cash (three \$20 dollar bills - you, know, the new slippery kind) as she was changing into her jester's costume to walk in the parade. But she only realized the loss a little while later. After looking in vain for the money on the street, and bemoaning the fact that she most likely would never see the money again - a tough thing for a single parent, especially at this time of the year - a little girl about 7 years old brought the money to the information desk, explaining as she did so that she'd found the money in the washroom. She and her mom refused any reward.

If the little girl and her mom are reading this, let it be known that we will never forget your honesty and kindness. You reaffirmed our belief in the basic goodness of people and we thank you from all of our hearts. And a special thanks to the parents who are raising such a kind-hearted and generous little girl.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas!

*Nikki Hildebrand*

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Results from last week's poll:  
**Do you support rocker Jon Bon Jovi bringing the Buffalo Bills north of the border?**

a) Yes	<div style="width: 40%; background-color: black; height: 15px;"></div>	<b>40%</b>
b) No	<div style="width: 60%; background-color: black; height: 15px;"></div>	<b>60%</b>

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Have you participated in any of King's yuletide festivities?

a) Yes  
b) No

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# Loralea Carruthers to seek Liberal nomination

Veteran school board trustee Loreale Carruthers will seek the Ontario Liberal nomination in York-Simcoe.

"Premier Kathleen Wynne's inspiring, people-centred and collaborative leadership got me into the Liberal Party and I'm excited to join her team," said Carruthers, who serves as a school trustee for the York Region District School Board and on the East Gwillimbury environmental services committee.

In addition to her decade of local leadership in

York Region, Carruthers served two terms as vice-president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, representing all public school boards in the 2008 salary negotiations, reaching a harmonious, collectively-bargained contract with teachers and support staff.

In August, the YSPLA created a candidate-search committee, chaired by Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP and former Legislature Speaker Mike Brown. Carruthers's candidacy was endorsed unanimously by the committee.

"I can't wait to share our Liberal Party plans to create jobs and help people in their everyday lives, especially by investing in transportation to make life easier for commuters and by investing in education to support our young people," said Carruthers.

The riding association is working with the Ontario Liberal Party office to schedule a nomination meeting for early in the new year. In the meantime, those interested in connecting with Loreale's campaign can like her Facebook page, [https://](https://www.facebook.com/LoraleaCarruthers)

[www.facebook.com/LoraleaCarruthers](https://www.facebook.com/LoraleaCarruthers) or email [ElectLoralea@gmail.com](mailto:ElectLoralea@gmail.com).

Carruthers is a public-education advocate, environmental activist and community leader.

First elected in 2003, she chaired the board's \$1.2-billion budget committee for many years. As trustee, Loreale delivers for students and their families, including two new elementary schools in East Gwillimbury in two years, while providing fiscal responsibility and a focus on student success.

Loralea is the past vice-

president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, where she served as an Association spokesperson to the Ministry of Education. As vice-president, Loreale represented all public school boards in the 2008 salary negotiations, reaching harmonious, collectively-bargained contracts with teachers' unions. She continues to serve as vice-chair of the OPSBA Education Program Work Team.

She is a sought-after speaker, especially in the field of digital literacy. In the past few years, she served on working groups for two landmark reports, "What If? Technology in the 21st Century Classroom" and "A Vision for Learning and Teaching in a Digital Age." The reports have been influential in shaping the next phase in Ontario's Education Strategy.

In addition to her work



as a trustee, Carruthers is an environmental and community activist, including sitting on her town's Environmental Services Committee. Loreale was also president of the East Gwillimbury/Newmarket Association for New Residents.

Loralea lives in rural Holland Landing, where she raises two university-aged children.

## Support for agriculture is reaffirmed, but gaps still exist

By Mark Pavilons

While some agricultural operations struggle to compete, elected officials maintain there's a solid backing for the food industry in Canada.

Paul Calandra, Oak Ridges-Markham MP said the recently approved European trade pact is vital in this regard.

"CETA is, without doubt, the most important trade deal that Canada has concluded since NAFTA. It could easily grow Canadian agriculture and food exports to the EU by \$1 billion. Canada exports half of its food production. By increasing the sale of Canadian products in Europe, CETA will directly benefit Canadian farmers and food processors, and will help promote Canada's national, provincial and rural economies.

"Local farmers and the agriculture sector are crucial to our local and national economy. Our agricultural and agri-food sector is one of the most dynamic in the world, renowned as a reliable supplier of safe, high-quality products. The sector employed more than 585,000 people in 2012, accounting for close to 3 percent of Canada's GDP. In 2012, Canada was the fifth-largest exporter of agricultural and agri-food products in the world. The new CETA agreement will create new opportunities for increased sales due to opening a market of 500 million new consumers, this will directly benefit hard-working Canadians through more jobs, higher wages and greater long-term prosperity."

According to York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan, Canada and Ontario are leaders in food production, processing and exports.

"To suggest (as the National Farmers Union does) that we should turn away from foreign markets to sell only to Canadians would result in the impoverishment of our farmers and huge job losses.

"Canada is a significant net exporter of food and food products - which leads to jobs and prosperity.

"Our government is committed to continuing growth in food production for local markets, and exports - for both fresh and processed foods. That is the path to growing rural economies and creating more jobs.

"That is why we have invested in Canada's food manufacturing system; including investments of \$50 million into food processing."

He added the government continues to make strategic investments in all branches of Canada's agricultural industries to stimulate innovation and growth.

King councillor Avia Eek, a Holland Marsh farmer, said that sometimes provincial and federal rules and regulations "make it very difficult for farmers, both large and small, to compete in the global food market that exists. While the local food movement is picking up speed, the reality is that we export and import our food as well."

King Township has done a business retention and expansion exercise for agricultural areas to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our agricultural businesses.

The Food and Farming Action Plan ([foodandfarming.ca](http://foodandfarming.ca)) also outlines action items which can be undertaken by all levels of government.

"I believe a stakeholders discussion (at all levels of government), and including all stakeholders, not just the 'big guys' needs to take place to identify where other gaps may exist that have not yet been captured by existing plans or strategies," she said.

"When you consider that the Golden Horseshoe, which consists of the regions of Durham, Halton, Peel, Niagara and York (including the Holland Marsh) and the cities of Hamilton and Toronto is the second largest food cluster in North America, it really doesn't make sense that our abattoirs, food processing facilities, etc. are shutting down - there is something seriously wrong in the food system."

## King Township Food Bank centres are open this week

The King Township Food Bank will be open this Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9-11 a.m. to serve residents of King Township at four locations. At this time, and at these locations, the distribution for Christmas in King recipients will take place, for all those registered.

New food clients need to call ahead to the Food Bank number 905-806-1125, or email through our website to ensure a food allotment is available and to find out which centre they will attend. Registration is simple, with proof of residency being the only requirement. For more information, please go to [www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca](http://www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca).

The next distribution day will be Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014.

King Township Food Bank is incorporated, and a registered charity. Totally volunteer operated, they have been helping make ends meet since 2005, and now serve about 180 people, providing a week of non-perishable foods and food cards every month. Donations are gratefully received.

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## 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

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.king.ca) or contact:

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jparks@king.ca

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

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Township Offices Will Be Closed On Friday, December 20th, 2013 At 4:30 P.M. Due To The Holiday Season

Reopening Thursday, January 2nd, 2014 At 8:30 A.M.

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Seasons Greetings!

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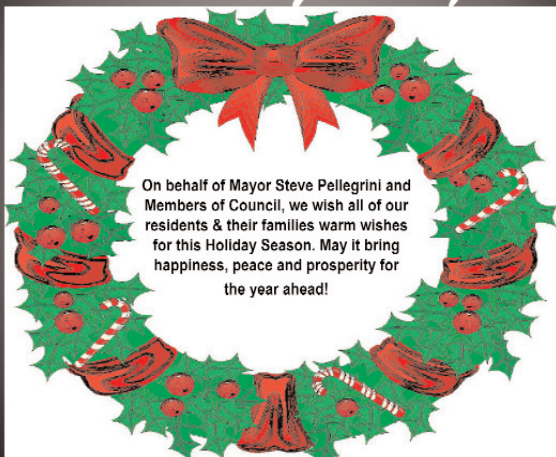
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- Camp Counselor(s)

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## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY



*It was the Night for Fire Safety*  
author unknown

'T was the night before Christmas, when all through the house ★ Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. ★ When down through the chimney, all covered with soot ★ Came the "Spirit of Fire", an ugly galoot. ★ His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern ★ As he looked all around him for something to burn. ★ What he saw made him grumble - his anger grew higher ★ For there wasn't a single thing that would start a good fire. ★ No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree ★ It stood in the corner, leaving passageways free. ★ The lights that glow brightly for Betty and Tim ★ Had been hung with precaution, so none touched a limb. ★ All wiring was new, not a break could be seen ★ And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. ★ The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent ★ That the ornaments used should be fire resistant. ★ The mother had known the things to avoid, ★ Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid. ★ Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass ★ Gave life to the tree - it really had class. ★ And would you believe it, right next to the tree ★ Was a suitable box for holding debris ★ A place to hold wrappings of paper and string ★ From all of the gifts that Santa might bring. ★ The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust ★ As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust. ★ For the folks in this home had paid close attention ★ To all of the rules of good fire prevention.

## WINTER PARKING

Winter Parking Restrictions  
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Waste Collection Calendar 2014

Look for your 2014 Waste Management Calendar in the mail during the week of December 16th to 20th

## 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, Hazelburg, 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](mailto:nobletonsewers@king.ca).



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# Tim Hortons creates smiles again, donates to Christmas drive

By Jeff Doner

When Nobleton Tim Hortons owners Len and Rita Mizzoni were trying to decide which charity would benefit from this summer's smile cookie campaign, they said it was important that it go to a local charity that helps local families.

Enter Mary Buchanan, organizer and founder of the Nobleton Christmas Drive. For years Buchanan

has raised money to help families in Nobleton buy Christmas gifts and other practical goods during the holiday season.

Buchanan was given a Toys R' Us gift card worth \$1,680 from Tim Hortons in Nobleton.

Len Mizzoni said the charity fit exactly what they were looking for when it came to deciding who to give to.

"It's a great cause and Tim Hortons is always

about doing things for the community," Mizzoni said. "It's local and it's a great charity and hopefully this total will grow next year. That's the goal."

People submit their "wish list" to the Christmas Drive and then Buchanan does her best to make it happen.

She said usually people are looking for children's winter wear, a few Christmas presents, turkey dinners and sometimes even

Christmas trees.

Buchanan said she was thrilled when she heard about the Tim Hortons donation.

"That will go pretty

far for us," she said. "It's great."

According to Buchanan, the Nobleton Christmas Drive serves 10 to 25 people or families each

year. If you're interested in making a donation to the Nobleton Christmas Drive, call Mary Buchanan at 905-859-5456.

## King Township has a new corporate vision

By Mark Pavilons

Building on the community-led sustainability plan, King Township has cemented those aspects into its own corporate vision statement.

Council endorsed the corporate vision, mission and value statements, following a presentation by staffers Sara Pupi and Cara Tuch, team leaders on the project.

These principles will be kept in mind when staff makes strategic decisions.

The vision, mission and value statements are integral to a corporate strategy and extensive in-house consultation took place among Township staff and councillors. This consultation is also vital to ensure that staff embraces the concept.

The vision is: "An empowered staff that proudly achieves personal and organizational excellence in the delivery of municipal services."

This inspires employees and will build internal consistency.

The mission is: "Township of King staff will contribute to a safe, sustainable and resilient community by providing superior customer service, quality programs and services, progressive leadership, responsible management while consulting with the community."

This clearly identifies how the Township operates and echoes the commitment to celebrating the vibrant community and quality of life in King.

Core values in the mission include alignment and accountability, customer service excellence, teamwork and engagement, communication, balance, community, integrity and respect. These eight values act like a code of conduct for staff and council.

The corporate statements will provide the framework for staff to work towards as they accomplish the priorities and action items in the sustainability plan. The statements provide an "operational linkage" to the intent of the plan and its principles.

As the implementation process unfolds, "it is intended the statements will assist staff and councillors to continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity in the workplace and the community .."

The statement was launched at a staff function Dec. 10.



Patty Fleetwood, Rita Mizzoni, Mary Buchanan and Len Mizzoni gather to celebrate Tim Hortons donation to the Nobleton Christmas Drive.

Photo by Jeff Doner



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### My baby doesn't have teeth yet. What do I need to know about dental care for my baby at this age?

Dental hygiene should begin even before your baby has teeth. Starting from birth, you should be cleaning your baby's mouth by wrapping a damp cloth around your finger and gently wiping the gum tissue. A soft infant toothbrush and water may also be used. There is no need to use toothpaste until teething begins, since your baby will not know how to spit it out and swallowing fluoride-containing toothpaste can be harmful. Cleaning the gum pads serves two purposes. First of all, this acts to clear any food particles from your baby's mouth. Secondly, getting into this routine allows your baby to become more comfortable with having their mouth cleaned, which will make things much easier when they begin teething and brushing becomes even more important.

Another important way to ensure your baby's good oral health is to never put them to bed with a bottle. Letting your baby fall asleep with a bottle containing milk or juice (or any other sugar-containing liquid) allows sugar to be sitting in their mouth all night which can lead to rampant decay of their baby teeth. This is often referred to as "Baby Bottle Syndrome" and could result in the loss of all their baby teeth prematurely. Even if your baby doesn't have teeth yet, avoiding putting them to bed with a bottle is imperative for two reasons. First of all, dental decay can begin before teeth have even broken through the gums. Secondly, it's important to avoid getting into the habit of going to bed with a bottle because this will be a very difficult habit to break by the time your baby starts teething. If your baby will absolutely not go to bed without a bottle, fill it with plain water instead.

Good oral hygiene is imperative right from birth. Forming regular routines and healthy habits with your baby now will help lead to a lifetime of dental health. If you have any questions about taking care of your baby's early dental needs, be sure to ask your dentist.

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# King Chamber, fire department help make kids' spirits bright

By Mark Pavilons

Youngsters in King will be smiling this Christmas, thanks to toy collections in aid of

the Nobleton Christmas Drive.

The King Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas lunch last week, collecting toys

for the drive. King Fire and Emergency Services gathered up the donations and will donate them to the Nobleton campaign, which sup-

ports needy families across the municipality.

Nobleton Christmas Drive has been going for almost two decades, thanks to Mary "Mimi" Buchanan.

She does this without much fanfare, according to Chamber president Lucy Belperio. It's a pleasure for the Chamber to support these families.

King fire chief Jim Wall said Buchanan is "an amazing lady" who's a real "trooper." Firefighters collected 50 toys from the recent Christmas in King City event, and they'll add those to the Chamber donation.

"You make us look good," he told the audience. "We just deliver the toys."

While the numbers vary, there has been as

many as 30 children on Santa's list. This year, there are roughly 20. Their priorities include outerwear, clothing and toys. At this point, Buchanan said they need monetary donations the most, including gift

cards. The money allows her to "purchase exactly what we need."

For more on the drive, contact Buchanan at 905-859-5456, or email her at mimi\_girl93@hotmail.com.



Mayor Steve Pellegrini and fire chief Jim Wall join the King Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the toy drive in aid of the Nobleton Christmas Drive. Above, Chamber VP Tom Allen makes the presentation to Wall.

Photos by Mark Pavilons



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**ACROSS**

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- 4. Bakery treat
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- 12. Unlock, in verse
- 15. Green
- 16. Fever
- 17. Milky gemstone
- 18. Rose-colored
- 19. Greek letter
- 20. "\_\_\_\_": Warrior Princess"
- 21. Gumbo ingredient
- 22. Zig's partner
- 23. Certain bowler's target
- 25. Title of respect
- 27. Tower or Coast
- 29. Thus
- 30. Property document
- 32. Lab burner
- 34. Fine
- 36. Detect

- 38. Sort of resort
- 41. Earthen vessel
- 43. Pertaining to a time period
- 45. \_\_\_\_ leather
- 48. Chorus syllable
- 49. Cameo
- 51. In the center of
- 53. Conscious being
- 54. As well
- 55. Seed cover
- 56. Scottish girl
- 57. Overcame
- 58. Chair cushion
- 59. Oceanic movement
- 60. Atop
- 61. Unit of work
- 62. Hi-fi
- 64. Moniker
- 66. Ratite bird
- 68. "Look \_\_\_\_ ye leap"
- 69. Minstrel's item

- 71. Jeer
- 73. Flush
- 75. Forewarning
- 77. Period of repose
- 81. Uniform color
- 84. Draw the \_\_\_\_ (limit)
- 86. Spot
- 88. Nothing
- 89. Still sleeping
- 91. Blackthorn
- 93. Soil-breaking tool
- 94. "To Autumn," e.g.
- 95. Beak
- 96. Antitoxins
- 97. Slip up
- 98. Teensy
- 99. Makeshift bed
- 100. Jerk
- 101. Unit of radiation

**DOWN**

- 1. Mountain crest
- 2. Furnish food
- 3. Pluck
- 4. Hired car
- 5. Meeting plan
- 6. Move quickly
- 7. Flirt
- 8. Pitiful
- 9. Maintenance
- 10. Scratch
- 11. Ordinary
- 12. Ricelike pasta
- 13. Bosc, e.g.
- 14. Anxious
- 24. Billiards game
- 26. Imaginative thought
- 28. Extensive
- 31. Facial feature
- 33. Office keyboard user
- 35. Martial art
- 37. Ski race
- 39. Runt
- 40. Soft wool
- 41. Elaborately adorned
- 42. Device for climbing
- 44. Yield
- 46. Hold in a condensed coating
- 47. Chinese association
- 48. Bugle serenade
- 50. Bird at bat
- 52. Horsemanship
- 63. Smell strongly
- 65. One billion years
- 67. Medal of Honor winner
- 70. Except
- 72. Innate
- 74. Food item
- 76. Disorderly
- 78. Clear sky
- 79. Make a goal
- 80. Heating unit
- 81. Recognize
- 82. Mask
- 83. Toward shelter, nautically
- 85. March 15
- 87. Plumber's problem
- 90. Ghostly saying
- 92. Pastoral setting

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For further information on our Men's, Women's, Children & Seniors programs please visit our website!

**Annual King pancake breakfast**

The Township of King Annual Pancake Breakfast is taking place on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 at the King City Community Centre & Arena located at 25 Doctor's Lane in King City from 9 to 11 a.m. Following the breakfast, will be a free one hour skate with the mayor at the same arena.

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### Organizers say thanks for making 19th Main Street Christmas event a hit

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Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work on the day and throughout the year, the community groups and churches who participated, Main Street businesses and residents who allowed us to use their premises and of course especially to everyone who came and took part in the event.

Thanks also go to the King Township departments and staff. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Santa Claus Parade and of course thank you to all the farmers and their families who made the "Parade of Lights" as spectacular as ever.

Our event would also not be possible without the financial assistance received from our many sponsors, who not only donate funds but also equipment and services.

All the directors of Schomberg Village Association hope that this tradition will continue for many years.

Susanne Prince  
Chair, A Main Street Christmas  
Director, Schomberg Village Association  
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## King Township 'plans' set the stage for the future

By Mark Pavilons

Backed by a host of brand new "plans," King Township is meeting the future head-on and well armed.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini updated members of the King Chamber of Commerce at their annual Christmas luncheon last week, noting it's been a very busy 2013 in King.

The Township passed its first-ever economic development strategy Nov. 4 and implementation is well under way. There are a significant number of "action items" and the Chamber was very involved in the process.

Other strategies were put in place, including a master parks plan, a library plan, beautification plan, transportation master plan, development charges study, housing study and a recently launched official plan review.

We need all these plans, the mayor said, noting "if we don't plan, we don't know where we're heading. We have to benchmark ourselves."

The 2014 budget process is well under way and the preliminary budget will be presented to council Dec. 16. He encourages Chamber members and residents to get involved and engaged in the budget process.

York Region tabled its preliminary budget already and this level of government takes the lion's share of tax dollars - 45%.

"Have a say, come out, we appreciate any input," the mayor said.

The over-arching document, the official plan, guides the Township through a 20-year horizon and public input is more than welcome.

The Township and Chamber partnered on the annual business directory and it's going strong into

its third year.

The mayor and council's annual breakfast is

slated for Jan. 4 and it will include a public skate as well.

He encouraged Chamber members to nominate their peers and attend the

AGM slated for Jan. 17.

"Shop local! Get involved!" the mayor urged.

## King's budget preparations in full swing

By Mark Pavilons

As most residents gear up for the holidays, municipal leaders are crunching some numbers, in anticipation of next year's budget.

The process is in full swing in King and the draft 2014 budget and business plan will be presented at council Monday, Dec. 16 starting at 6 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend and ask questions. The draft is available on the Township website (www.king.ca).

Council will consider adopting the budget and business plan at its Jan. 12, 2014 meeting at 6 p.m.

Again, residents are encouraged to attend. The document will be available for review on the website Jan. 9.

You can contact the Township if you'd like more information on the budget and the process. You can also contact Jeff Schmidt, finance direc-

tor and treasurer, jschmidt@king.ca.

Many municipalities struggle with balancing revenue with services - tax hikes vs. service cuts. Fortunately, that's not the case in King.

"We have never cut services, in fact we have made significant capital investments in our infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, sewers, fire trucks and facilities (i.e. skate/ball hockey facility community improvements at the four corners of King City)," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Of your tax dollars, York Region takes the lion's share at 45% with the Township keeping 33%. The school boards absorb the remaining 22%.

So, King has to conduct business with roughly one-third of property tax revenue.

It seems they've made good use of the money.

The Township spent \$9.43 million on the Nobleton Sanitary Sewers and concurrent works (phase one). A little more than \$2.2 million went to improvements to Concession 11, from Highway 9 all the way down to the 15th Sideroad.

An asphalt top course was applied to the King City sewers at a cost of \$768,424. The Skateboard and Ball Hockey Park came in at \$650,000.

The Township purchased one single axle and one double axle dump truck, costing \$500,200.

The culvert on the 16th Sideroad, east of the 11th, cost \$350,000.

The Township spent \$250,000 on the soccer field at Holy Name (King Dufferin Subdivision).

Those projects totalled roughly \$14,182,414.

The mayor is adamant about contributing to the Township reserves on an annual basis.

What do you call someone who's an engineer, a project manager, and a black belt in karate?



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## King house prices are tops, TREB says

By Mark Pavilons

King residents know this municipality is a leader in many respects. And it can add top house prices to its list.

According to transactions for November from the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB), average price for home sales in King topped \$1.1 million last month.

Sales were relatively low at 15, but those homes amassed \$17.4 million in sales. While the average priced topped \$1 million, the medi-

an price hovered around \$975,000. There were 40 new listings that month.

King's closest rival in the high-end homes was Richmond Hill, with an average sales price of \$752,000. The 234 homes sold in November collected a total of \$176 million.

Oakville, with an average price of \$711,000 and a median price of \$612,000, was next on the list. The 176 home sales collectively earned \$125 million.

Nearby Vaughan came in fourth

with an average price of \$691,000. The 295 homes sold in Vaughan in November topped \$203.8 million.

Next was another York Region neighbour - Aurora - with average prices in the \$679,000 range. The 66 home sales last month in this area earned \$44.8 million.

These York municipalities pushed our region to the top of the list in the province.

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# Dazzling dwellings usher in the season at home tour

By Mark Pavilons

Visitors to King's first holiday home tour left in wide-eyed wonderment at the magical scenes laid out before them.

What better way to usher in the holiday season and raise money for charity?

Visitors had the unique opportunity to visit seven-decorated homes in King/Vaughan in their holiday best with proceeds going to Women's Centre of York Region.

The two-day home tour, sponsored by Intercity Realty Inc., Brokerage, showcased five homes in

King and two in Vaughan. From Weston Road the Kingcross, to Country Club Drive in King City, guests were thrilled by the spectacular decor in these homes.

At the converted 1860s Presbyterian church on Weston Road, decorator Catherine Ger said she complemented the homeowners' historic treasures, which included a working spinning wheel. She added garland, angels and other decorations to the windows, table setting and mantle. She balanced the colours and brought out the character of the existing pieces in the home.

Homeowners, designers, florists, realtors and local business owners came together to support this cause.

Local florists, designers and realtors joined in to host a fun-packed charity event featuring a magnificent display of homes decked in their holiday best for all to enjoy. To round out the event, guests were treated to a holiday shopping boutique where unique gift items were available for purchase.

"This event is just the start of great things to come. By joining forces with community-like minded partners, we are proud to give back and help enrich the lives of many people here in York Region," said Alda Neves Dubé, Intercity's director of marketing. "Through hard work and support, this event will make a lasting impact on the surrounding community. Together, we can help raise much needed funds for

the Women's Centre of York Region to improve the quality of life of these women."

Each designer was given the challenge to come up with a holiday theme, based on the décor and style of the home. From traditional to ultra-modern to country, the homes glittered at night and dazzled during the day with layers of colour and festive décor.

"The homes were very warm and inviting. I loved the decorating ideas and I think the event showcased King and Vaughan's different home styles beautifully," were some of the comments made from tour guests.

The Women's Centre of York Region is dedicated to providing programs, counseling and support services to women who have been affected by abuse or financial challenges. For more information visit [www.womenscentreyorkregion.com](http://www.womenscentreyorkregion.com).



Designer Catherine Ger (left) was pleased to work with a converted church. Margaret Campbell of Campbell Interiors and realtors Kim Nichols and Stefanie Konidis (top right) at one of the houses in King. Realtor Sara Hamilton, Jean Bisnaire owner of Niche Decor and Barb Read (right).

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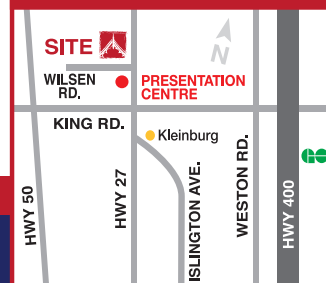
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# Lions host family skate and visit with Santa

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
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### St. Paul's Church

This year, the St. Paul's Community Youth Group has a Junior group (Grades 6 to 8) and a Senior group (Grades 9 to 12). This Friday, Dec. 13, both groups will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for a Christmas dinner. So, if you are in Grades 6 to 12, come check us out!

Join us Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. Jeff's message this week - "He Lived To Tell." 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 Sunday, Dec. 15th at 7 p.m. St. Paul's will be hosting an evening with carol singing and special music. Invite your family, friends and neighbours and come ring in the Christmas season with us!

The Ladies Who Serve group will meet Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 9:30 a.m. for quilting. They are always looking for extra helping hands so please come join them!

The Circle of Friends Ladies Pot Luck will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Bev at 905-859-5325 if you plan to attend.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at or visit our website at [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca).

### Nobleton Seniors

The winners of the afternoon euchre were Martha Majik, Ruth MacInnis, Judy Boughen and Herb Workman. The most lone hands won by Ruth. The evening bid euchre winners were Iva Rhind, Ann Courts, Betty McConnell, Bernice Tasca. Three players went to the moon - Ann Courts and George Wardlaw went twice. The next bid euchre will be Dec. 17 combined with regular euchre. There will not be afternoon euchre on the 17th. The regular euchre players will play Dec. 10 and Dec. 17.

### Nobleton United

Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Youth Club at Schomberg Public School. Ages 10-16. No cost. Call Jack Campbell at 905-939-2992 for more info. The Youth Club is sponsored by the Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 to 8 p.m. Sharing the Spirit of Christmas at Nobleton United Church. Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing. Refreshments afterwards. Donations (money or food) accepted for the King Township Food Bank. All welcome.

Sunday, Dec. 22 at 11:15 a.m. Advent 4. We look forward to Christ's birth.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve at 8:30 p.m. Traditional carols and scripture readings. Candlelight for last carol. Communion will be offered.

### Youth Club

On Friday, 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

Christmas Mass schedule - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - 5 p.m. St. Mary's Church, 8 a.m. St. Patrick's Church, 7 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, 9 a.m. Latin Mass at STP, 10 p.m. St. Mary's Church 9:45 a.m. St. Mary's Church.

### 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!

### Christmas Drive

It's time to spread some cheer around to families in need this holiday season. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the Nobleton Christmas Drive, now in its 18th season, is active again to ensure that all children in our community have a happy Christmas.

The Christmas Drive supplies families in need with a turkey dinner, outerwear, clothing and gifts for the children. If you would like to help out, monetary donations, big or small, are gratefully being appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off in an envelope marked "Christmas Drive" to Nobleton Public School, or mailed to: Nobleton Public School, 13375 Highway #27, Nobleton Ont., L0G 1N0. Cheques can be made payable to Nobleton Public School.

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# SPORTS

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## Cougars back in third place after notching 3 points

By JEFF DONER

The Schomberg Cougars were looking to rebound after losing three of four games and they did just that against the Alliston Hornets and Huntsville Otters last week.

Collecting three of four possible points moved the Cougars back into third place in the Georgian Mid-Ontario Junior C standings, 10 points behind the first place Caledon squad and five behind Alliston.

On Thursday night the Cougars amped themselves up for a big match-up against the Hornets at the Trisan Centre.

The Hornets came out to an early 2-0 lead, but the Cougars dug deep and forced their way back into the game with goals by Ryley Egerton and Blake Culley before the first period concluded.

Alliston regained the lead in the second period and the Cougars once again replied on a nice back-hand goal from John Gage at 14:23. Christian Muenz and Declan Lampe were credited with assists on the tying goal.

With the score locked in a 3-3 tie,

both teams came out in the third period looking to gain an advantage on the scoreboard.

There was no scoring in the third period which sent the game into overtime and eventually the shootout.

Alliston's first two shooters scored and the Cougars were blanked, giving the Hornets a 4-3 win.

But the Cougars weren't all doom and gloom about the loss post-game.

"I think we really bought into the system and played a man-on-man game, which was our goal, and worked as a whole unit instead of individually," said forward Chris Wilson.

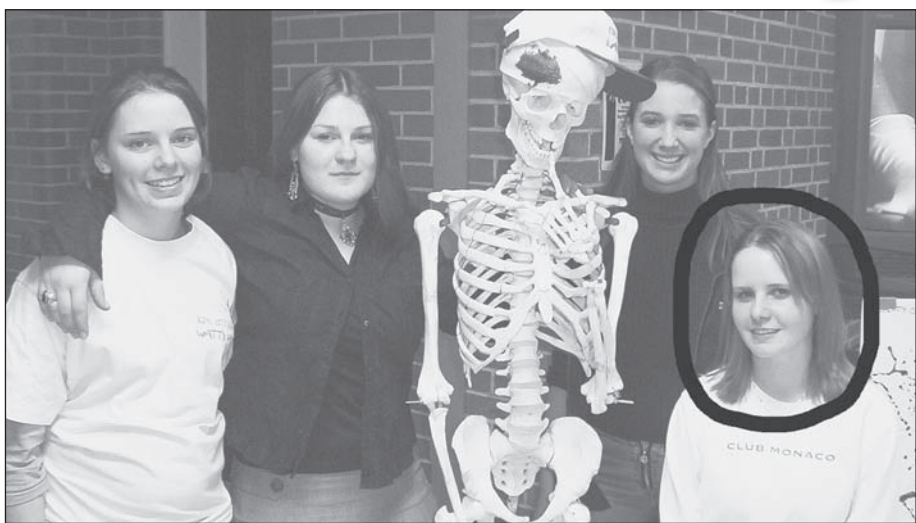
"When you play tougher sometimes it seems like the game can get away from you a bit, but I think we held it together when we needed to and our goalie held us in there."

Defenceman Kevin Sarrazin agreed with Wilson and felt his team was ready to compete with one of the league's best teams.

"Preparation is key in this league and I think tonight we prepared very well for the game and we got our heads into it early," he said. "We had a bit of a rough start, but we bounced back fairly quickly. The game could have



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gone either way, but I think our effort was there tonight and I think if we keep this effort level for every time we play these guys we should come out with two points."

Both players also gave kudos to goalie Taylor Ewart, who made 32 saves with several at critical points in the game.

"Tay is a great goaltender. He made some big saves," Sarrazin said. "If he wasn't playing as well as he did we wouldn't have even been in that game. He had some great stops and it's unfortunate that we couldn't pull the two points out for Tay, but it could have gone either way."

#### Otters dumped

Earlier in the season, the Cougars defeated the Huntsville Otters 6-2, but knew they had to be ready if they were to leave with two points in hand.

They were down 1-0 early in the first, but the Cougars stormed back with four goals from Egerton, Nicholas Chaykowsky, Brandon Falsarella and Muenz in the second.

Muenz scored his second goal of the game at 13:11 in the third and Blake Culley added a power play marker to give the Cougars a 6-4 win.

Garett Taylor got the win in net for Schomberg with a 20-save effort.

The Cougars return home on Thursday night against Midland, a team they have beaten three times this season by a combined score of 28-4.

"We've always got hyped up to play Midland and as long as we don't come out thinking it's point night we should come out with two," said Sarrazin. "We don't really look at the standings; we're going to prepare the same way every night."

For more information visit <http://jrccougars.pointstreaksites.com>.



# Local tyke rivals skate to a 7-7 draw



Schomberg Red Wings and NobleKing Knights skated to a 7-7 draw in tyke action Saturday.

By JEFF DONER

The Schomberg Red Wings LL tyke 2 team traveled to King City to visit NobleKing Knights LL 1 squad on Saturday and both teams skated their way to a riveting 7-7 tie.

Early on it seemed the Red Wings had the Knights' number, as Schomberg scored their way to a 5-2 lead after the first period.

But the Knights skated hard and where unwilling to let the game get away from them, scoring two in the second to make it 5-4 and then three in the third

period to knot up the score.

Christopher Stewart scored a whopping four goals for the Knights, while Michael Deangelis, Robert Torriero and Andrew McFarlane also scored for the Kings.

The Red Wings also got some strong offence, with Dawson Frank netting a hat trick, Justin Curuk scoring two and Jason Graham and Connor McMahon each adding a goal for Schomberg.

Making sure their team stayed in it right through, Max Zemp tended goal for the Knights, while Walker Bain backstopped the Red Wings in the tie game.



## Peewees crowned champions

Congratulations to the Schomberg peewee rep Red Wings on being Tournament Champions in this year's Red & White tournament, with a thrilling 4-1 victory over the Listowel Cyclones. Shown are (back row) Luciano Panezutti, Jess Hunt (assistant coach), Adam Rhode, Cameron Sutherland (trainer), Eric Smith, Nick Furlano (assistant coach), Tyler Jacobs, Wesley O'Hara, Jackson Bain, Ethan McNaughton, head coach Bob Hunt, (front row) Dylan DiGirolamo, Reed Spinola, Sam Howe, Stuart Barber, Riley Edwards, Davis Zimmer, Cameron Kokelj, Aaron Fraser.

## King skaters at regionals

King skaters did their club proud at the recent Special Olympics Regionals this year.

This year it was a qualifying year so King club skaters will likely be selected to go on to the Provincials next year.

Chelsea Ricci-Martire (Level 1 Women's Freeskate) was 1st in Elements, 2nd in Solo, taking 1st overall.

Megan Morse (Level 2 Women's Freeskate) placed 1st in Elements, 1st in Solo for a 1st overall.

Connor Woolsey (Level 2 Men's Freeskate) was 1st in Elements and 1st in Solo, for a 1st overall.

Julia Attwell (Level 2 Women's Freeskate) took 5th in Elements, 5th in Solo for a 5th overall.

Alessandra Iaccovoni (Level 3 Womens Freeskate) was 1st in Elements, 1st in Solo for a 1st overall.

Megan Morse (Level 1 Dance Flight 2) earned a 1st in Dutch Waltz, 1st Baby Blues for a 1st overall.

Alessandra Iaccovoni (Level 1 Dance Flight 1) was 1st in Dutch Waltz, 1st Baby Blues for a 1st overall.

Megan Morse & Connor Woolsey (Level 1 Pairs) were 1st in Elements, 1st in Solo for 1st overall.

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# Champions crowned in Friday night curling

By SHELLEE MORNING

Friday night curling has wrapped up the Social League's first half season concluding with their final play-off round determining its 2013 champions.

The early draw hosted the top 8 teams of the league while the late draw featured teams 9 through 16.

Scheduled on sheet two for the championship title were teams Barber against Bradley, both of which finished in top spot on their respective draw.

First end both squads traded good shots and take-outs. Skip Steve Bradley was left with an open hit for a point, but second; Karl Davis burned the rock (meaning he touched the stone which is automatically removed from play) putting the team down by 2. By the 3rd and now tied at 2, team Bradley put on the pressure leaving Skip David Barber a draw to the 4-foot ring against 3 Bradley stones to collect one. During the 5th, Vice Barb Davis for the Bradley team made a great tap from the top of the rings setting their stone on the button and behind cover that eventually led to a steal and the go ahead score 5-3.

Claude Lalonde of Team Bradley and Margaret Ann Smith of Team Barber started the 6th with a pair of great guards setting the tone for draws and hits. By skip stones, Skip Barber tried an angle raise on one of his own but over-curling handing another steal for Bradley. In the 7th,

Ron Ivany and Miriam Firth played great under pressure setting up the rings for their skip after a missed take-out by Skip Bradley closing in on the score 6-4.

The story was nearing its end, and everyone had to wait and see how this one was going to finish. Barber now riding on a bit of adrenaline and Bradley was trying to remain focused on the job at hand. Keeping the house clean was top priority for Bradley as they were up by 2 and with the hammer to seal the win. You could have heard a pin drop when Barber executed a deep guard to count 2. Skipper Bradley threw his first rock with perfect weight and calmly removed the opposition stone.

Barber's second attempt at the exact same shot left it up to his sweepers Smith and Firth to scrub the pebble for all its worth but, the rock came up a millimetre short. The game was over as Bradley opted to not throw his last stone leaving the score at 6-4 for the title and the championship win.

The feature game for the consolation prize included Team Groombridge versus Team Donaldson.

Veteran curler Doug Groombridge skipped his team of Don Smith, Dana Schuller and Patti Agnew while rookie Skip Ian Donaldson led his team of Maria Ruska, Michelle Zaina and Mike Murphy. End for end, both teams seemed to be evenly matched with the asking of guards and take-outs. Groombridge with his light weight take-outs and Donaldson with



Friday night Social League championship winners are Vice Barb Davis, 2nd Karl Davis, Lead Claude Lalonde and Skip Steve Bradley.

Photo by Ian Donaldson

his great ice reading kept the score board at an even pace throughout the game.

All eight members arrived with their A-game collecting respectable points when needed. By the end of the 7th, the sheets of King were treated to yet another nail-biting finish to determine the winner.

One by one, stones were ticked, wicked, and removed. Guards were placed neatly by both team's front end. Stone removal began with the seconds then the vices were left

with come-arounds setting up the house for their skips. Groombridge and Donaldson were both rewarded by the outstanding performance of their team members and could not ask for more. The last stone counting belonged to the Groombridge team for the winning score 7-6 and the consolation title.

Congratulations to the winners and for the entire Friday night league and staff for great curling during the first half.

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April 7, 1935, Kirkland Lake, ON  
December 1, 2013, Orangeville, ON

Beloved husband of Diva. Devoted father to Brian Jr. (Mary Francis), Dante (Sarah) and Cara. Brian Leaves 6 grandchildren and his brother, Bevan. Brian was preceased by his father and mother, Ernest and Florence and his brother, Ian Anderson.  
**Funeral will be private.**  
**A Life Celebration is planned for early 2014.**

Family contact:  
[bd.anderson@sympatico.ca](mailto:bd.anderson@sympatico.ca)  
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Dad, Mom, Corena, Lynette and Families. B50

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BRANDON, JEANNE, JULIENNE. The Brandon family expresses sincerest gratitude to all who made our mother's passing a beautiful and sensitive occasion and helped fulfill her every wish. Special thanks for support, prayers, and kindness go to Deacon Robert Suthers, the eucharistic ministers and CWL members of St. James Parish, musicians Miguel, Gregory, and Janice, and of course, Fr. Gerry Dillon of Henry Carr Farm, Rod Abrams, and the staff serving Essa Unit, Simcoe Manor, for their tremendous contribution. All condolences from neighbours and friends are deeply appreciated. B50

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**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at York Pines Church**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a Christian service celebrating the birth of Jesus, held during the season of Advent.

The original service consisted of nine lessons with carols and hymns interspersed with the readings. This format was originated by Edward White Benson, Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, England for use on Christmas Eve, in 1880.

Originally, the nine lessons told the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and, the birth and Incarnation (the Word made flesh) of Jesus. The nine lessons are the same every year and the order in which they are read has not varied since 1919.

The original liturgy has been adapted and used by other churches around the world.

The version used at York Pines United Church begins with a reading from Isaiah, which speaks of comfort and hope for God's people. The ninth reading, the culmination of the lessons, begins with the statement, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The nine lessons are traditionally read by members of the congregation. The carols are sung by the choir, and the hymns by both the choir and the congregation.

The best known version of the Lessons and Carols is that presented by King's College, Cambridge. They presented their first "Lessons and Carols" service on Christmas Eve, 1918. The British Broadcasting Corporation has broadcast this service from King's every year but one (1939), from 1928 to the present. Some traditions are worthy of being preserved.

The public is welcome to attend worship at York Pines on Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. for the "Nine Lessons and Carols service." The choir, under the direction of Ted Anderson, director and organist, will give leadership.

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# Help yourself and others through Nurture U classes

By Mark Pavilons  
 You can pamper yourself and help a worthy cause at the same time. King's Nurture U, led by Adina Smolcic, is offering a couple of events

to ease the stress, and help the less fortunate. Nurture U is offering a holiday season Yoga Nidra (deep relaxation). Smolcic explained this ancient practice begins with 20 minutes of gentle yoga movement and transitions for the deeply relaxing and restorative Yoga Nidra. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Feel free to bring a pillow. Pre-registration is required and spaces are filling up quickly. Email [adina@nurtureu.ca](mailto:adina@nurtureu.ca).

It will be held Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Kingbridge Centre, 12750 Jane Street.

This event is free, but donations are being accepted in support of changing the lives of orphans in Nairobi, Kenya.

Nurture U is holding donation-based meditation in the new year.

No experience necessary and there's no need to sign up. Bring a yoga mat, cushion or blanket to sit on.

Donations will be collected in support of [Life4kids.org](http://Life4kids.org).

Meditation runs after evening yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays on a regular basis. It begins Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 9:15 to 9:45 p.m. at the Kingbridge Centre.

Smolcic said she selected Life 4 Kids because its founder Amelie Sorensen is a good friend

and incredible human being. After a trip to Nairobi, she sold her home and belongings, left her safe life here, to create a home for orphan boys - "Life 4 Kids." She keeps her overhead costs low so that funds are used for the kids, food, shelter, etc.

"There are not many people I know who would give up a comfortable life and home to move to such an unstable and unsafe environment to help orphan children,"

Smolcic observed. "She works with boys who, when left on the streets, are repeatedly violated at night by older boys who were also orphaned. The heart-wrenching stories are many, however, Amelie's work is changing lives. She has boys who are moving on to high school and want to work with Life 4 Kids when they complete their education. The circle of healing continues to the next generation. This is love

in action and I am drawn to support it."

Smolcic began supporting Life 4 Kids two years ago and then offered it to the community through Nurture U fundraising efforts. Total donations contributed so far amount to roughly \$3,000.

For further information please contact Adina at 416-939-6097, [adina@nurtureu.ca](mailto:adina@nurtureu.ca) or visit [www.nurtureu.ca](http://www.nurtureu.ca).

## The word around King

What do you really want for Christmas?



**Anthony Lus**

"A Nintendo 3 DS so I can play games in 3-D!"



**Abe Pritchard**

"I'd like a Wii U because I like to play video games."



**Tabatha Pritchard**

"A Pandora charm. It's a bracelet that you collect charms for."



**Samantha Lus**

"An iPad, very much because I like playing games on them and to make movies."



## Holy Name hosts Santa

Holy Name Catholic elementary school in King City hosted its annual breakfast with Santa event. Vincent and Anthony didn't pass up a chance to visit with St. Nick.

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# Churches prepare for special Christmas services

## King's Corners

King City United  
By Eleanor Fry

We continue with our "In The Midst Of Angels" Advent worship. We listened to the message about the Angel Gabriel and how he came to Mary, telling her she will become a mother. He could sense her fear. "Do not be afraid," he told her.

How many times when we are about to embark on

a new path does fear well up within us? Do not be afraid. Nothing is impossible when you have faith. Last week the world lost an incredible light. The life of Nelson Mandela embodied the words of Isaiah and Gabriel - "With God all things are possible."

He worked tirelessly to bring peace to his country, to end apartheid. He spent 27 years in prison. He worked with the man who ruled so brutally during that time and was able to put an end to it. He was quoted as saying "It always seems impossible until it is done." Our lesson

- keep forgiving, keep loving, keep accepting, keep treating each other with justice.

We are so blessed with our ministry of music. As we gathered, we listened to Dorothy's bell choir present the old favourite "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emanuel." Then we were blessed with an amazing rendition of "Mary, Did You Know." This is a very deep feeling song from years back. Sandra's presentation was amazing. Thanks so much to all.

You will find envelopes at the back of the sanctuary for "Christmas In

King." There are upwards of 70 families in need in our township for the Christmas season. You will also find gift cards for the food bank. Donations of any amount, big or small, are gratefully accepted up until the end of the year.

December 15 - Advent III, Sunday school presentation and pot luck. December 22 - Advent IV Christmas Sunday. Carolling 1 to 3:30 p.m. If you like to sing carols, join in. If you know of someone in the community who would enjoy hearing the carolers call Serena 905-833-2707. Enjoy cookies and

hot chocolate back at the church.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of carols, a thoughtful quiet time to remember what Christmas is really about. We close the service surrounding the sanctuary with candle light, singing Silent Night.

Saturday, Dec. 14, is our Lunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$6.50, family, \$20. Enjoy soup and sandwich, dessert. Bake table, cookie walk, silent auction, bid on gingerbread house, sleigh, presentation by

Dance Dreams studio, and, of course, Santa. All in our community are most welcome to join in and enjoy a fun family time.

As we continue journeying through Advent do join us for Sunday worship with Sunday school, 10 a.m. Enjoy Reverend Evelyn's messages, always lively and meaningful, as we anticipate the birth of Jesus and what He brings as He enters our lives. Stay for refreshments and fellowship after. 50 Elizabeth Grove.

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# Seniors hold their AGM in King City in January

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## Seniors AGM

The King City Seniors will hold their Annual General Meeting on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014 at 2 p.m. in the Seniors Centre. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the proceedings. The 2014 board of management will be elected and installed, and applications for vacancies on the board will be accepted at the meeting. For further information, contact Carol Field at 905-833-3324 or Vince Cancelli at 905-833-6305.

## King Bible Church

Join us this Sunday, Dec. 15 as Pastor Mark Nowell continues our Christmas series Christmas with Grace with "The Most Expensive Christmas Ever."

We have Celebration Zone available downstairs for kids aged 2.5-Grade 7. We also have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-2.5.

Please join us on Tuesday, Dec. 24 as we celebrate Christmas with our candlelight service. This would be a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends and family. Re-

freshments are served at 6:30 followed by the 7 p.m. service.

## 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. After the service we invite you to stay for coffee.

Our Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 7 p.m. and will be presided by the Rev. Dr. John Vissers. This is an early service, making it a lovely time for families to be together as we welcome the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We hope you can come and enjoy this special time with us.

Thanks to all who contributed to making the Christmas Pot Luck Supper and Children's program last Saturday such a wonderful time. Everyone had such a lot of fun that even Santa was so relaxed, he decided to take his hat off and make himself at home. Thank you Santa for paying us a special visit!

The deRoos family lit the Advent candle of Peace for the second Sunday in Advent and Alison Skinner and Kathy Patterson sang a duet, A Christmas Blessing, by John Purifoy. Rev. Vissers' sermon was entitled, "A Word for All Seasons," based on John 1:1-18 where we see that

Jesus, the Christ, is the Word, for all seasons, for all mankind.

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.

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.

## All Saints By Nicola Skinner

The wisdom at church this week came from the mouth of a 5-year-old at the Children's Chat. They were asked what they knew about Nelson Mandela, and Isabella very quietly stated that he was very important because he taught us to think differently about the way we see one another. How true!

Mandela walked the path of forgiveness and reconciliation in a Christ-like manner. It still brings

a lump to many a throat to recall his inauguration as South Africa's first democratically elected president with his former prison guard standing behind him. That is reconciliation in action.

This Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. we invite you to Lessons and Carols for Christmas. We are not quite King's College, Cambridge but actually we do a pretty awesome version of this magnificent service, with a host of professional singers who come to swell the ranks of our choir for the evening and sound like the heavenly chorus. And then there is the candlelight to add the ambience of this beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story. Join us for your favourite carols and the story of God come among us.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. we are offering a Blue Christmas service in our chapel. This is a quiet service, especially helpful for those who have lost loved ones in the past year. Write the name of a loved one on an ornament to hang on our memorial tree, and we will remember them in the prayers. The chapel is accessed from Doctor's Lane.

Our first Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion and Nativity Pageant. The 10 p.m. service is a traditional candlelit Holy Communion.

Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets for the Yule Market on Satur-

day, Dec. 7. The winner of the Mennonite quilt was Peggy Belcher. Paul Ward won the gingerbread bird house, and Liz Henshaw must have bought a lot of tickets since she won both the Afghan throw and the necklace. Winners will also be notified by telephone.

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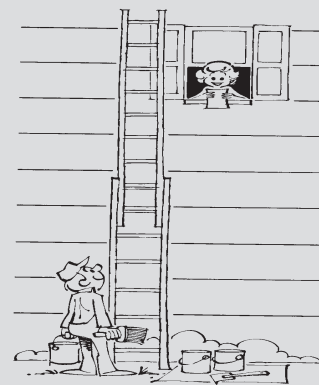
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More than 1,000 local kids will reap the rewards of last week's Country Toy Tea, organized by families of Country Day School.

Bringing together volunteers and organizers from King, Aurora, Newmarket and beyond, this year's installment of the annual tradition, hosted by Kelly MacDonald, collected Christmas and Hanukkah gifts for Leeder Place Family Shelter, Pathways of York Region, Sandgate Women's Shelter, the Women's Centre of York Region and the York Centre for Youth & Family.

Sponsored in part by the King Weekly Sentinel, the event featured not only tea, but a special holiday concert by students from Pickering College, and a fashion show from injoy boutique, Want Boutique, and Aqua Beauty Emporium.

Toys and gifts were collected by student elves (above) Alexandra Nichols, Jane Stanton, Maddy MacDonald, Kendall Langston, Brittney Nichols, Paige Ofield, Emily Burrows, Holly Nichols, and Emily Killops. (centre).

This year's event was organized by Stacie Stanton, Kim Nichols, Denise Clark, Judy Totten, Linda Brown, Maureen Ofield, Leslie Ewing, Molly Fitzpatrick, Amanda Langston, and Kelly MacDonald (right) Pickering College provided entertainment not only with their choral voices, but also on the strings.



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